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You won't find any good ol' boys inside USA Bar B Q & Grill on Novi Road just south of 14 Mile Road. You won't find any yechaws or buddas in denim overalls either.

Instead you'll find Steve and Gloria Simich serving up a sweet and tangy Texas-style barbeque on a patriotic menu that includes a Great Lakes salad with Michigan dry cherries, New Mexico Nachos and Hawaiian coconut chicken. "This country is in my heart," declared Steve. "I always dreamed of coming here."

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**A new face at Parkview**

There will be a new face in Parkview Elementary's main office next school year, as current Novi Meadows Assistant Principal Jennifer Michos will take over for Joe Imrick as Principal.

Michos started out her focus in education at Hope College in Holland Michigan and graduated with a degree in learning disabilities. She will begin her new job on July 1.

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**And now for the finals**

The Novi Wildcats boys' tennis team can easily answer the question of how to get to Midland for the state tennis finals.

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## Aluminum firm picks Novi

### Alcan Inc. to open new plant, headquarters

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Alcan Inc., the second largest aluminum company in the world, announced plans Tuesday to later this year open a new manufacturing plant and North American automotive headquarters in Novi.

Construction has already begun on the 52,000-square-foot building at 46555 Magellan Drive north of 12 Mile off West Park Drive. Workers in the facility will manufacture advanced aluminum bumpers for the firm's automotive customers in North America.

Company officials anticipate the plant to start production in early 2004.

"We hope to move the first week in October and have a formal groundbreaking in March or April 2004," said Michael Kelly, vice president and Global Program director, Alcan Automotive.

The firm will lease the building and may expand the new head-

quarters in the future. "I think it's a big step and an exciting step," said Kurt Wolfensberger, executive vice president of Alcan. Wolfensberger is also president of the company's Engineered Products Group.

"This will be the seed for future growth in North America. We hope this will be the first of more plants in North America," he said.

The new headquarters will house engineering, sales and administrative personnel currently located in Farmington Hills. The move is expected to take place during the fourth quarter of this year.

The Novi facility will have the capability to produce more than one million aluminum bumpers a year. Initially, the building will provide jobs for more than 60 hourly and salaried employees, with about 45 new jobs being created.

Alcan executives considered

about 120 locations in the United States before selecting Novi, said Hugo Hagen, president of Automotive Structures in Alcan's Engineered Products Group.

They found Novi attractive because of its proximity to the Big Three - General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and DaimlerChrysler.

"I think it's fascinating we're doing this in the heart of the automotive market," Wolfensberger said.

The new facility is part of a planned expansion of Alcan's North American automotive operations, which includes the establishment of a new structural products group.

Those working in this group will engineer and market aluminum bumper systems and other structural subsystems.

"Alcan already is North America's leading supplier of aluminum sheet," Wolfensberger said. "These new developments mark the company's emergence here as a supplier of lightweight structural assemblies as well."

Initial bumper contracts include two vehicles with major European auto manufacturers in 2004 and two vehicles with major North American auto companies in 2005.



Hugo Hagen

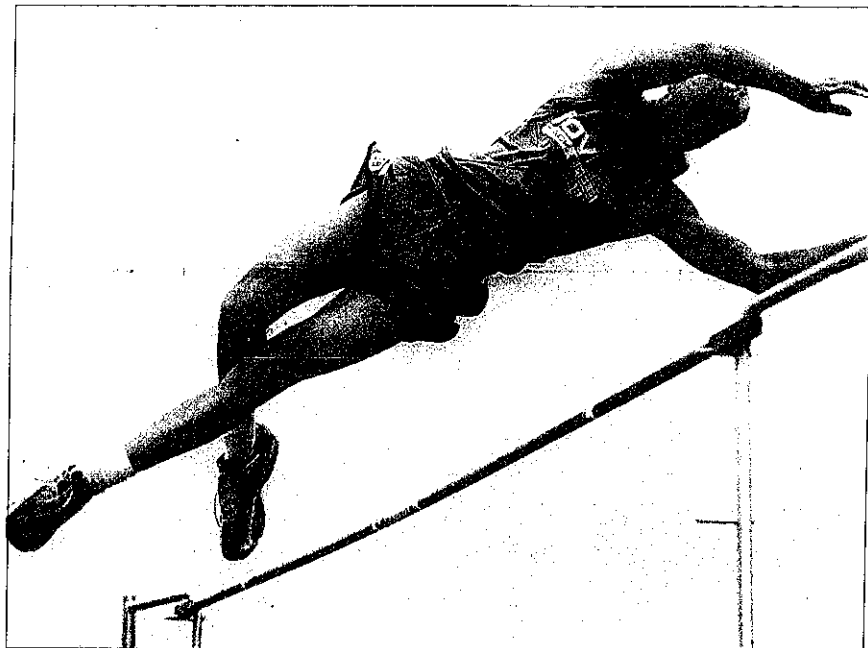


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### High-flying 'Cat

Novi pole vaulter Dan Thelen clears 10'9" in last Friday's regional track meet at Milford High School. He ended up clearing 12'6" to take second place and move on to the state finals. See story on page B1.

## Nancy Davis takes over for retiring Rita Traynor

### Board hires new assistant superintendent of Academic Services

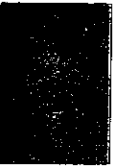
By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Community School District's Board of Education has hired Nancy Davis as Dr. Rita Traynor's successor as assistant superintendent of Academic Services starting on July 1. Traynor announced her retirement earlier in the year.

Davis, who has been working with public education for 29 years, will be earning \$115,000 per year. She worked in the Michigan Department of Education for 13 years and was in

the school improvement office when it was created back in 1987.

"I think this job is going to be a wonderful culmination of a lot of the experiences that I have had over the last two decades in my career," Davis said. "I think I will be able to culminate the information and the knowledge I have about curriculum, staff development, school improvement and my technology background. I think it's really going to come together nicely here in Novi. I know the staff here is excellent, and I really see my job as supporting them as they continue to learn and grow and help do good things for students and make student achievement number one."



Nancy Davis

Davis worked as a high school administrator in both East Lansing and Holt. She has also worked at the intermediate school level in Calhoun County, which is where the Battle Creek, Marshall and Albion school districts are.

One impressive fact that Davis can boast is that in her current position of executive director of the Michigan Virtual High School, she took charge of developing, from scratch, the first virtual high school in the state of Michigan. It is now regarded as the second largest virtual high school nationally, serving about 70,000 students in the state in a variety of courses and online text tools.

"I have had a pretty good experience in recent years in technology integration," she said. "My background is secondary education. I started out as a high school teacher in Midland, Michigan and have done a lot of work in the elementary and middle school level as well. I worked for the State Department of

Education in doing school improvement, Title I, reading and math programs for the elementary schools and I have been a chair of numerous North Central Accreditation Teams across the state.

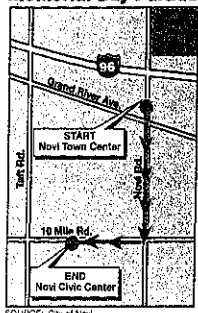
Davis considers herself a pretty seasoned veteran of public school education. "My husband is a superintendent, so we have a lot of things to talk about and share and I have learned a lot from him," she said. "I'm very impressed with Novi and I have always regarded Novi very highly. I have even visited Novi during my career to work in different aspects of the program here. I am extremely pleased and honored to be chosen to try to fill Dr. Rita Traynor's shoes, which is going to be a pretty hard act to follow."

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Nancy Davis  
new assistant superintendent of Academic Services

### Memorial Day Parade



## Memorial Day spirit coming to Novi

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

The City of Novi Memorial Day Parade is only days away and more than 50 entries are ready to hit the streets, paying tribute to the U.S. men and women who lost their lives serving our country and those still missing in action.

"We are excited about this year's event," said Tracie Ringle, City of Novi event and marketing coordinator. "Our 2003 parade will serve to bring special recognition to those who have served our country."

The annual event taking place on Monday, May 26 will begin at the Novi Town Center on Crescent Drive at 10 a.m.

Participating marchers, riders and bikers will make their way south on Novi Road, turning west on 10 Mile where the parade will conclude with a special memorial service in front of the Novi Civic Center.

The roads composing the parade route will be closed until 11:30 a.m.

Ringle said some of the confirmed parade entries include the Redford Bicycle Club, the Troy Lakeshore Men's Drum Line and Color Guard, and every-year favorites like the Cub Scouts, Lions, Rotarians and homeowners groups.

"We have a lot of returns and some new entries," Ringle said.

The memorial service immediately following the parade will feature a guest speaker from the American Legion, wreath laying, a gun salute, performances by the Novi Chorale and high school band and more.

Also as part of the festivities, area children age 4 and older are invited to participate in the Second Annual Bike Decoration Contest. Awards will be given for the best decorated bike, most patriotic ride and best helmet, Ringle said. Really, everyone will be a winner because all kids and their snazzy bikes will be a part of the parade.

Participants and their parents should meet at the Novi Town Center staging area at 9:30 a.m. on the day of the parade.

Parents and guardians of the younger bikers will be asked to accompany their children along the parade route, and those in charge of the older participants will be asked to meet their kids at the Novi Civic Center following the parade. Helmets are mandatory.

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### MEMORIAL DAY

When: Mon., May 26 at 10 a.m.

Route: Parade starts at Crescent Drive and Novi Road (Novi Town Center) and proceeds south along Novi Road, turning west onto Ten Mile to the Novi Civic Center

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Novi fire fighters extinguish a blaze last week causing more than \$20,000 worth of damage.

## Home lost after fire rips through interior

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

No one was injured in a city fire May 13 causing \$25,000 worth of damage to Jack Frickleton's Novi home, fire officials said.

The dollar amount of estimated damage includes the contents of the mobile home and exterior impairment.

Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said the owners are looking at a total loss.

Crews from Novi Fire Department's Stations One and Four were sent to 26221 Georgia Avenue at 12:30 p.m., where they found flames shooting out of Frickleton's mobile home.

Frickleton told fire fighters he'd been burning papers in his fireplace all morning and had stepped outside his home for a few minutes before he noticed it was on fire.

Lenaghan said it appears that heat from the fireplace's flue ignited the surrounding walls, setting the living room ablaze. He said that while the fire was confined to the mobile home's living room, there was extensive heat and smoke damage throughout the structure.

Lenaghan said the blaze was under control in about 20 minutes, and the scene was cleared and secure at 2:15 p.m.

"Actually a couple of neighbors turned on their garden hoses and held them in place, and they kept the fire down," he said.

The chief said the neighborhood assistance helped control the fire before fire fighters arrived.

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## POLICE REPORT

### Roving retailers?

Novi Police received a call last week after a suspicious resident saw a van filled with teens in her neighborhood. The Novi resident called police on May 12 at about 3:10 p.m. after watching a white van with Nevada license plates drop of a large group of teens near 10 Mile and Willowbrook roads. The caller believed it was a group of solicitors. An officer checked the area, but was unable to locate the van nor could he find the teens.

### Powerful paint

A Novi teen wanted a good car wash after her vehicle was hit by a powerful paint ball. A Novi officer was dispatched to Walgreen Drug Store on 10 Mile and Novi roads on May 10 at

about 10:30 p.m. after receiving the call. Upon arrival, a 16-year-old Novi female told the officer she was driving in the area of Village Wood and Heatherbrae at about 10 p.m. when her vehicle was hit. She believed the shot came from a backyard behind a large red wooden fence. The teen told the officer she did not see who fired the shot. The officer noticed yellow paint on the passenger side of the car and told the girl to wash it off as soon as possible. He then went to the neighborhood the teen spoke of, but was unable to locate anyone nor could he find a large red wooden fence.

### Loopy Goosey

According to a police report, two concrete geese wearing their

Easter best are loose in Novi. A woman living in the 22000 block of Barclay Drive called police on May 11 to report her missing geese. The 37-year-old female said she last saw the two geese on her front porch on May 10 at about 8:30 p.m. as she left for the night. She told police the porch sitters were wearing Easter outfits. When she returned home at about 1:30 a.m. the geese were gone. The woman said her mother was home at the time and did hear the dogs barking, but didn't think much of it. Police checked the area, but were unable to find the geese, by birds.

### Horrible hiders

On May 11 at about 12:40 a.m. a Novi police officer noticed some fresh tracks in the

mud leading from a dirt drive into the woods north of 12 Mile Road west of Haggerty. After following the tracks into a field behind the wooded area, the officer saw a group of five individuals standing together. As he approached the group, three of the individuals took off running into the woods toward 12 Mile Road. The officer made contact with the two remaining individuals. He immediately noticed beer cans on the ground around them. The 18-year-old male from Farmington Hills and the 18-year-old female from Northville said they each had two beers a piece. The male blew a .08 and the female blew a .07, during preliminary breath tests. Both were taken to the station and arrested.

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# Wixom fire chief prepares to answer last call

The last of Wixom's original fire fighters looks to retirement

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

George William Spencer was there in 1959 when the Ford Motor Company helped establish the Wixom Fire Department by donating a shiny new pumper truck and recruiting a score of men to run it.

"I just wanted to help. I just wanted to be of service," said Spencer.

Now, 44 years later, the man who thought "farming would last forever," and that fire fighting would be a sideline is stepping down as fire chief July 1.

Over the years Spencer has seen the department grow from an unpaid volunteer organization to a paid, on-call force of 37 with four full-time employees using state-of-the-art equipment and buildings.

Before the Wixom Fire Department was formed, fire fighting duties in what today is a 9.7 square mile city were shared by Novi and Commerce Township.

"We had about 10 runs the first year. Now we have 10 runs a day," said Spencer, noting that 86 percent of his department's calls for service in his community of slightly more than 14,000 residents are medically related.

Being a fire fighter, said Spencer, "just came natural. When you're brought up on a farm, you learn a lot about handling and transferring water."

While the Spencer family didn't chop down the first trees in Wixom, there's probably not a soul in town who can remember a time when there weren't Spencers living on Pontiac Trail, Spencer's grandfather, George Dunham Spencer, moved up from Ohio just after the Civil War.

George D. arrived in what was then known as Sibley's Corners at the beginning of his boom days. Not long after his grandfather arrived, the Flint and Pere Marquette Railroad laid tracks through town, transforming

Wixom into a cattletown, complete with several hotels.

It's said the railroad also ended the city's boom days when sparks from a passing train set the city ablaze one Sunday morning in the 1920s. The town didn't start to grow again until Ford built its sprawling assembly plant on Wixom Road next to the then-nearly-completed 1-96 freeway.

George W. credits the fact there's not been a major structure fire in the town in more than two decades to the four-point inspection program he established. Today the department's inspectors check each of the city's 800 businesses annually.

He also points proudly to his ambulance service, which can get a unit on the road within 90 seconds of getting a call from dispatch.

George W. sits most straight in his chair when he talks of the scores of men and women who have served in his department and then moved on to full-time careers in fire fighting across Southeastern Michigan.

"We're the Toledo Mudhens for the Detroit Tigers," he laughed. His son, George V., is fire chief in Addison Township and his daughter, Judith Overway, is an emergency medical technician (EMT) in Grand Rapids.

George W. started his rise in the Wixom Fire Department in 1961. "They called me into the office and I thought they were going to can me, because I thought I wasn't doing all that much with the department," he recalled. Instead, they made him assistant chief. At the time, he and wife Pat were school bus drivers for Walled Lake Schools.

In the department's early years George W. farmed, managed the family's airport and did a number of other things. "There was no money involved in this," he recalled.

By 1975 the department had outgrown its original home in

Wixom City Hall and the community built new fire houses on Pontiac Trail and Wixom Road. George W. took command of station two on Pontiac Trail. He was promoted to chief in 1978 and two years later he became the department's first full-time employee.

Over the years he became a licensed EMT, a state fire inspector and a certified instructor. Training became the core value in what became Spencer's department.

"We've never had a serious injury among our fire fighters while on duty," he said. The department built a state-of-the-art training facility at its Wixom Road Station in 1990.

Spencer said the department took the step to foster closer training with surrounding fire departments. "If something major broke out, none of us could handle it by ourselves," he said.

The department has also become, in a way, his second family. "My deputy chief's been with me 30 years. My assistant chief's been with me 25 and my captain's been with me 20 years." Although the city has advertised for a new chief to replace Spencer, it's believed it will first look very closely within the organization.

Though he was raised to be a third-generation dairy farmer, Spencer said he doesn't regret the passing of the family farm. "That was hard work, seven days a week, starting at 4 a.m. and going 'til 6 p.m., except for planting and harvest time when you just went 'til you were done."

His feelings about leaving the department he's largely built are more mixed. While Spencer, who'll be 72 in January, said he's achieved all his goals in the department and it's time for someone else to step up to the plate, he also said, "it is hard, really hard because of the family we've developed here."

Spencer's not sure what he'll do in retirement. Perhaps play a little more golf. "I don't feel any differ-

ent than I did when I was 20," he insists, though he admits it's a bit harder to bounce back from an early morning turnout.

He said he's confident about the crew he's leaving behind. "They'll handle it," he said flatly.

"I've been blessed. I've been really blessed," he said.

Current and former Wixom fire-fighters will have a chance to give "The Chief" a proper send off June 19. They'll be gathering at Bakers of Milford, 2025 South Milford Road, for his retirement party.

Tickets for the event are \$25 a person, which includes dinner, beer, wine and a gift. The event will run from 6-11 p.m., with a sit-down dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets will only be available through the Wixom Police and Fire Departments through June 10.

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The old Ford pumper behind George Spencer went into service the same year he was promoted to fire chief in Wixom. While the truck is staying with the department, Spencer has decided it's time to start a new phase of his life and he's retiring July 1.

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# Two construction projects slated for completion

By Victoria Sadlocha  
STAFF WRITER

Maneuvering around Novi without noticing construction projects is a hard task, but the list is about to become shorter as two more noticeable projects are scheduled to wrap up late next month.

The city's Fire Station 4 and Training Center at W. 10 Mile and Wixom roads tops the list. City officials said the station's interior work and concrete flooring is near completion and the training tower has been formed.

Officials are hoping for a Saturday, June 28 community grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"We're looking forward to it," said Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan. "It is a long time coming."

Lenaghan said the new station and training center will offer the department a lot more space, storage, advanced training and service capabilities and educational opportunities.

Offering a community gather-

ing place for educational seminars like fire prevention is an aspect of the new facility the chief anticipates for the future.

Classrooms equipped with audiovisual equipment will make their home in the new station, facilities existing stations do not offer.

Fire Station 4 will also serve as a backup emergency operations center for the city.

The project was significantly delayed after James Chen's Greystone Construction Company officially defaulted on the project in February 2002.

The \$1.9 million project, including a 10,800-square-foot station, stood one-third completed at the time Greystone stopped working.

Project Control Systems, Inc. replaced Greystone Construction Company and resumed work on the W. 10 Mile and Wixom roads project after Labor Day last year.

Also scheduled for completion is the Nine Mile Road Bike Path.

"Nine Mile pathway connection from east of Novi Road remains on schedule for completion the end of June," said Novi Assistant City Manager Clay Pearson.

Construction on the boardwalk portion of the path running along the south side of the road between Chase Farms and Novi

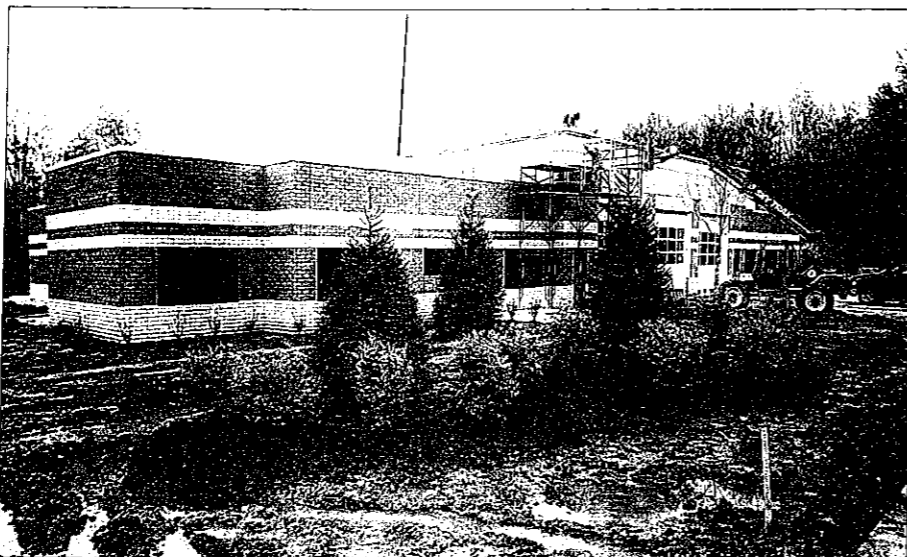


Photo by John Heider

Work continues Monday morning on the completion of Novi Fire Station #4 on Ten Mile Rd.

Road has been ongoing as weather permitted.

Pouring of the concrete portion of the path began last week west of the railroad crossing.

The project generated a good deal of public scrutiny because of the price tag attached to the project, dividing many residents into groups of those wanting

more bike paths throughout the city and those who don't.

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## Aluminum firm picks Novi

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strength and improved safety in vehicles.

Alcan employs 53,000 people in 41 countries that are part of six business sectors. Second in the industry only to Alcoa, it's the number one producer of rolled aluminum with \$12.5 billion in revenues.

The firm recently merged with Swiss aluminum manufacturer Aluminex, the leader in space-frame, thin wall castings, components and fixtures.

Alcan is the leader in unibody

sheet and hybrid structure technologies. The "new" Alcan is a strong, global player in the growing market for automotive aluminum technology and products.

Alcan executives' vision is for the company to become the lead supplier of aluminum-based, lightweight solutions to the global automotive market.

Company officials see industry growth in the manufacture of engines, wheels, chassis and suspension products, and structures and body panels.

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## NOVI CITY BRIEFS

### Teen Volunteer Program

Applications are being accepted through tomorrow, Friday, May 23 for the Novi Public Library Summer Reading Program. Students in the sixth grade and older are needed to volunteer two hours a week June 23 through Aug. 1 to help with the program. Volunteer assignments will be scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis as the applications are returned. All volunteers must attend one 45-minute orientation session before the Summer Reading Program begins. Orientation sessions will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4, and Thursday, June 5. For more information, contact a Youth Services librarian at (248) 349-0720.

The goal of the group is to protect water quality and the overall health of the river environment in Novi through proactive involvement in public participation education and stewardship programs. For more information or to register, call Dave Maurice, City of Novi GIS/Environmental Services Manager at (248) 347-0499 or by e-mail at [dmaurice@ci.novi.mi.us](mailto:dmaurice@ci.novi.mi.us).

Renaissance Festival, Michigan State Fair, Oakland County Waterford Wave Pool/Red Oaks Wave Pool and Six Flags Great Escape/Chicago. Discounts vary depending on destination. Adult tickets for Cedar Point are \$32.50, resulting in a \$10.45 savings for Novi residents. Visit the parks and rec department inside the Novi Civic Center for a list of prices or call (248) 347-6400.

### Petition filing

Tomorrow, May 16 is the first day nominating petitions will be accepted by those wanting to run for City of Novi mayor or city council representative. Petitions will be accepted at the city clerk's office and the deadline is Friday, June 6. For more information, call (248) 347-6456.

### City offices closed

All city offices, the recycling center and the Novi Public Library will be closed Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. All offices, the center and the library will reopen Tuesday, May 27.

### River Protection Group

All area residents interested in protecting natural resources are invited to attend the first meeting of the River Protection Group. The meeting will take place 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 27 inside Novi Civic Center Conference Room C. Playing an active role in developing this group, participants will have the opportunity to review the scope of the protection of our rivers, participate in all the activities and decide on a group name.

### Amusement Park Tickets

Discounted tickets to popular amusement parks are now available at the City of Novi Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry. Tickets to the following parks are available: Battle Creek Fall Blast, Cedar Point, Crossroads Village Flint, Six Flags World of Adventure, Greenfield Village & Henry Ford Museum, Kings Island Cincinnati, Michigan Adventure Muskegon.

### Calling all Veterans

On Sunday, June 22 at 1 p.m., the City of Novi will recognize the men and women of our community and the surrounding area serving in the armed forces from 1945 to 2003 at the Veteran's Recognition Day event. This event will honor veterans of the Cold War, Grenada, Panama, Desert Storm, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Somalia and Kosovo. Additionally, we recognize that



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Lang Shuker, left, Ron Hennin and other members of a Canadian Armed Forces contingent salutes during the National Anthem at last year's Korean War Veterans Recognition Day ceremony at the Novi Civic Center.

many men and women in our area have been called to active duty from the Reserves or National Guard Units and, while they may

not be able to attend, we would ask that their families join us so we can honor them. Contact the City of Novi Community

Relations Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 or (248) 735-5628 for a registration form for this event.

## Novi Ice Arena kicks off adult hockey registration

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

For the first time since the Novi Ice Arena opened its doors in 1998, the house will be running the adult hockey program. The current outside contractor is wrapping up its last season of spring hockey and Novi Ice Arena is taking registrations for the 2003-04 season.

Sue Bray, the arena's business manager, said the team fee is \$5,400 for a 13-to-15 man squad and guarantees at least 26 games, although winning teams could find themselves still battling it out

in the playoff through the end of March. Bray said an initial \$500 deposit is required for each team and the balance will be due at the first and fifth game of the season.

Each team will be slated for one game per week. Games will consist of three 15-minute running time periods. No games will be scheduled on Super Bowl Sunday, holidays or during Monday Night Football. "We learned our lesson," laughed Bray.

The arena will be taking sign-ups through the mandatory captain's meeting Aug. 26. League play is slated to begin Sept. 9 and continue through the playoffs in

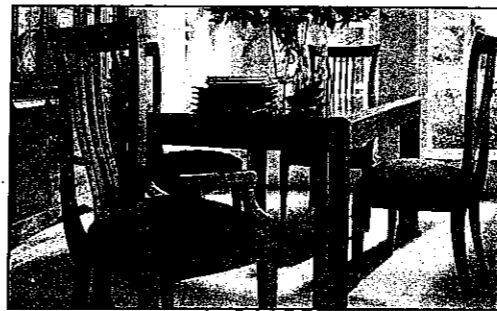
March. The Novi Ice Arena's new adult team leagues will include:

- 18 & Over Novice on Tuesday nights
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- 30 & Over on Wednesday and Thursday nights, and
- 40 & Over on Sunday nights.

Bray said the leagues features will include excellent game times; no checking; a focus on fun and even competition; and trained scorekeepers.

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# Power company moves headquarters into Novi

By Phil Foley  
STAFF WRITER

It's not the latest addition to a long line of Tier 1 and 2 auto suppliers to make their home in Western Oakland County, but International Transmission Company (ITC) is all about power.

The soon-to-be Novi-based, privately-held company was formed in February when DTE Energy divested its high-voltage transmission line network in Southeast Michigan and the Thumb area. ITC, which now belongs to the New York City investment companies Kohlberg, Kravis & Roberts and Trinaran Capital Partners, with a minority interest owned by company management and employees, now looks all the electric transmission lines with a capacity greater than 120-Kilowatts in DTE's 12-county footprint.

ITC Vice President for Strategy and Business Development Linda Blair said Michigan's other major electric utility, Consumers Power, sold its transmission facilities to another company about a year ago.

She noted that while the other transmission company covers more square miles, ITC's area represents more than 80 percent of the state's population, so it carries a higher load.

Initially headquartered in Ann Arbor, Blair said the management team opted to relocate to Novi because it needed more space with major freeway access and amenities. "This was sort of the

natural place to look," she said. Construction crews are now renovating 25,000 square feet of space once occupied by Hewlett-Packard in the Orchard Hills Office Park at Eight Mile and Haggerty Road. Blair said ITC has taken a five-year lease on the entire second floor of the building. "We see this as our permanent corporate home."

The first of 50 ITC employees are slated to move from the company's Ann Arbor offices to Novi in September. Blair said within the next six months, ITC's employee count should expand to 75 with 25 people located at its technical operations center in Ann Arbor and the balance in Novi. Within a year, she added, ITC foresees having a workforce of 100, with three-quarters of that number in Novi.

The new company is headed up by Joseph Welch, president and CEO, Edward Rahill, vice president - engineering; Blair; James Cytulski, vice president - operations; Joseph Dudak, vice president - resource and asset management; Larry Brunzel, vice president - federal affairs; and John H. Flynn, vice president - general counsel. Most of the management team are former DTE Energy executives and between them, a company spokesman said, they have more than 140 years of management experience in the industry.

Blair said that while it's premature to discuss specifics, ITC has an "aggressive growth plan" that includes improving carrying capacity in the region as well as

acquiring other transmission facilities in other parts of the country. She noted that there has "not been any sizeable investment (in transmission facilities) since the 1970s and that's led to a lot of congestion."

She said ITC is in the enviable position of hold several transmission corridors that were originally purchased in the '60s and '70s, but never built on. That, she said, means ITC could cut the approval time for building new transmission routes from 10 to three years.

In the short term, ITC has a yearlong contract with DTE to maintain its transmission facilities and right-of-ways. However, Blair said ITC plans to eventually subcontract that work, since the management team does not see that as part of their core business.

"We're about engineering solutions to improve system reliability," she said.

"Because the transmission of electricity is our only business," said Welch, "we are intensely focused on investments in infrastructure and engineering solutions that will result in greater efficiency in the flow of electricity, better system reliability and lower overall costs."

ITC owns 2,500 miles of overhead and underground high-voltage in a 7,500 square mile area, serving 4.5 million people. For more information, visit [www.itc-trans.com](http://www.itc-trans.com).

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## Welcome to Novi

Novi Chamber of Commerce Board Member Keith Wilson (left) and President Nora Champion help Flagstar Bank Manager Demetrius Constantine and Regional Manager Dave Baukema cut the ribbon opening the bank's newest branch May 14.

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## BUSINESS SHORT

Two join local brokerage firm

Leonard & Company, the largest Michigan-based, independent, full-service investment brokerage firm, announces two new additions to its Novi branch staff.

The new employees include

David Lockyear and Diane Holden, according to Jim Currier, Chief Operating Officer.

Lockyear lives in Canton and formerly worked for Falmestock & Co. He has 15 years experience as an investment professional.

Holden resides in Livonia and has more than 19 years experi-

ence, most recently with ABN AMRO Financial Services. A graduate of Cornell University, she earned her MBA from Wayne State University and is a Certified Financial Planner.

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# CLASS NOTES

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## School Board selects new Parkview principal

■ Jennifer Michos takes over for retiring Joe Imrick

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

There will be a new face in Parkview Elementary's main office next school year, as current Novi Meadows Assistant Principal Jennifer Michos will take over for Joe Imrick as Principal.

Michos started out her focus in education at Hope College in Holland Michigan and graduated

with a degree in learning disabilities. She will begin her new job on July 1 and will earn \$99,992 per year.

"My degree in learning disabilities kind of goes with my philosophy that I really believe that all children can learn," she said. "They all have strengths and weaknesses and they may learn in different ways, but I really feel that we all have the ability to reach every child in education."

As she begins her transition from Meadows to Parkview, Michos is more excited with every passing day. "I'm looking forward to the challenge and the journey with the Parkview staff," she said. "It will be great to be with the kindergarten through fourth grade level students again

and just to create that foundation and to know where they are headed. I'm really excited to have that opportunity."

Michos was hired at Novi Woods as a Special Education Teacher in 1994 before she moved on to Novi Meadows and finally to Parkview. She has made the most out of her experiences at each job.

"When I was hired at Woods, I just was elated and excited to work with that age group and that's where I felt most comfort-



J. Michos

able," she said. "About two months into the school year they offered me a full time position at Novi Meadows and I soon fell in love with this age level. I was a Co-Teacher, so I taught with two other teachers and I had a case load of kids."

After her first year of teaching, Michos went back to school for a masters degree in instructional design and technology with an emphasis on technology through Michigan State University. When that was finishing, a new opportunity came up. "I found out about the Galileo Leadership Opportunity," she said. "They were beginning this cohort of teacher leaders and I became part of that group. That just broadened my horizons in terms of what

capacity I have as a teacher leader. That led my scope and my horizon in terms of what a teacher leader can do within a building. It wasn't just about my classroom, it started to see more of a big picture."

From Galileo, Michos learned about leadership and how to handle change. "As most know, in education, things are constantly changing and how does one react to that change?" she asked. "It can really give you a proactive way of handling what we deal with in regards to change in education. There are a lot of mandates in No Child Left Behind and Education Yes and we have to respond, but most importantly, keeping in mind that the students best interest is our number one focus. I think it's good to show that we are

being held accountable as educators and we want all students to achieve."

Her position at Novi Meadows was a big transition from being in a classroom and moving into an administrative position. "They say give it three years to feel comfortable, but now I'm ready to move on to the next thing," Michos said. "I just felt that now is such a great time for me to do that and I'm one who loves to take on a challenge. I feel that I'm very motivated and eager to learn at Parkview."

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## Deerfield Family Fun Fair

Over 700 students and parents participated in the Deerfield Elementary School Family Fun Fair on May 9. For two and a half hours, Deerfield was transformed into a kid's paradise as students jumped in moonwalks, played carnival games, won prizes and ate food. Hundreds of students had pretend injuries bandaged at the Boo Boo Clinic and several dozen cakes were won at the cake walk. A volunteer staff of over 15 artists painted bears, spiders, dinosaurs and rainbows on the faces and arms of nearly every student that attended the fair. Here, Kindergarten Logan Flynn is all smiles as she gets a rainbow painted on her arm.

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# Lee Murdock entertains and educates with folk music

■ Songs go along with Village Oaks fourth grade curriculum

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

In a unique and entertaining manner, musician, songwriter and Great Lakes balladeer Lee Murdock from Kaneville, Ill., reinforced the Village Oaks fourth grade curriculum with his visit to the school last Thursday.

Murdock sang songs called "Crack Schooner," "Moonlight," "Hansesville," "Hall Away Joe," "Shanandah," "The Lumberman's Alphabet," "Yankee Brown," "Mermaid of Ontario," "Red Iron Ore," "I'll Save Her Up" and "Buster and Hangin' Johnny," all of which had something to do with the Great Lakes region and the many different aspects of it.

"I visit schools in Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, all the Great Lakes states," Murdock said. "I do performances in elementary schools and high schools, libraries, historical societies, museums and civic events."

Kelly Adams, mother of Village Oaks fourth grader Alora Adams, gave money out of her own pocket to bring Murdock to the school. "This is my daughter's last year in this school and I thought it was a great gift," she said. "We went to see him last year when he played in Novi and my daughter and her friend absolutely loved him. In the fourth grade here they work on a huge Michigan project and the fact that he does Michigan folk songs and Great Lakes songs really tied into the project."

According to Murdock, a major reason why he enjoys visiting schools is because, as a kid, his elementary school didn't have many assemblies and he thinks that the kids can benefit from them. "It wasn't until later on in high school when we started having assemblies," he said. "It wasn't that we were necessarily deprived; it was just a little different experience then it is now. Now, with the media being so savvy, sometimes I take a look at it and it is a way to really enrich what is taught in the classroom. It is one thing to read a story in a book, but it's another thing to hear the humor interaction in song."

Murdock explained that the kids may not necessarily remember every song he sang, but there might be something that each student can take away from his presentation that they may not even notice until much later in life.

"That comes from just from being able to work in a controlled way in closed quarters with their classmates and singing a song," Murdock said. "That gave them a little bit of a sense of what I call hand-over-hand experience as opposed to something you might get from a book. I think what I do really enriches the students' curriculum. This program that I did is really like a musical geography lesson because it talks about the Great Lakes and many different aspects of it. I try to sing songs from different parts of the Great Lakes Region, the lumber industry, the mining industry, and that's really to give a little bit more depth or at least to give a different perspective from the text book and the classroom experience."

For more information on Murdock's performances, visit [www.leemurdock.com](http://www.leemurdock.com).



Ballad Lee Murdock visits Village Oaks Elementary School last Thursday morning singing songs of the Great Lakes' region.



Photo by John Heider

Pantomiming hoisting a Great Lakes' ship's sail, Village Oaks students sing a 20th century shanty along with balladeer Lee Murdock during his visit last Thursday morning.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Ready, Set, Paint Father's Day Contest!

In honor of Father's Day, Ready, Set, Paint!, the paint-your-own pottery studio in Novi, is asking students of Novi Schools, ages 6 to 12, to write and tell in 100 words or less what makes their dad the coolest, bravest or funniest.

The first place winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Ready, Set, Paint!, followed by four winners who will each receive \$25 gift certificates.

The deadline to enter is Friday, June 7, and all entries should be mailed to Ready, Set, Paint!, Novi Town Center 20664 Ingersoll Drive Novi, MI 48275 or dropped off at the studio, Monday through Sunday.

### Foundation golf outing

Novi Educational Foundation's 8th Annual Golf Outing will take place on Thursday, June 26, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Links of Novi. All proceeds from the fundraiser will enhance educational opportunities for

Novi students by providing support for student enrichment programs, scholarships, classroom equipment, teacher grants and staff development.

One of only two annual fundraisers for the non-profit foundation, the popular event includes lunch between the 9th and 10th holes and dinner. Participants may register as individuals, as a foursome, or as a hole sponsor. This year hole-in-one sponsorships are provided by Varsity Lincoln Mercury, Marty Feldman Chevrolet and Tom Holzer Ford.

For more information or registration, please call Bob Schram at (248) 449-1203.

Founded in 1986, the Novi Educational Foundation encourages excellence in teaching and learning by supporting programs which are above and beyond what the district can provide. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer community Board of Trustees. The annual golf outing and a winner-takes-all raffle which will be held in the fall, are the primary sources of funds.

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# Madcap Productions brings life-size puppets to VO

■ Elementary students witness interactive puppet presentation

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Village Oaks students were mesmerized as Madcap Productions Puppet Theatre, a Cincinnati-based company which travels to schools throughout the Midwest, brought its production, "Taller than Tall Tales with Paul Bunyan and Friends," to the school last Wednesday.

The team of Jennifer Hickok and Tara McNulty is just one of many that has traveled to states such as Missouri, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

"That's just this year," Hickok said. "Tara has also been to New York and Florida and there have been teams that have gone to North Carolina. We stay pretty much regional, but it's a pretty wide region."

Hickok explained that for the whole show, the two women use 10 puppets. One of them is Johnny Appleseed, which is a three-foot hand-in-mouth puppet that appears on the top of a roof. "The children love him because he falls off several times, so there is a little bit of physical humor there," she said. "He introduces the storytellers of Mabel and Pauline, who have a corn bread contest."

While the cornbread is getting ready, the two decide to tell stories. The first one they tell the children is called "Wiley and the Hairy Man."

**There aren't any messages or anything like that. It's just pure fun."**

Jennifer Hickok  
Madcap Productions Puppet Theatre

Hickok said there are currently five or six tours on the road; some tours only have one person while others have three. There is also a studio staff of five or six that stays in Cincinnati and all the puppeteers are another 10.

For their production, Hickok and McNulty told the story of Mabel and Pauline, two wacky country storytellers, and their pal Johnny Appleseed.

"Our puppet show explored tall tales of different regions," Hickok said. "Paul Bunyan is from the west and Wiley and the Hairy Man is prevalent throughout the south. The show was set in the Appalachia Mountains where the oral tradition is very strong. It usually goes along with the kids' reading programs, like folklore or tall tales. There aren't any messages or anything like that. It's just pure fun."

The new story is "Paul's Test O' Strength," where a boy is pulled out of the audience to play Paul Bunyan. He is dressed up into a muscle shirt and his nemesis is Big Eared Beau. "When Big Eared Beau loses the match, he gets so mad that his ears blow off," Hickok said. "They are attached with Velcro, one of our favorite materials to use. We also pull a teacher up and put big floppy ears on her and she is Big Eared Beau. It's all really fun and the kids love it too."

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Madcap Theater's puppeteers Tara McNulty, right, and Jennifer Hickok present their "Taller than Tall Tales" to Novi's Village Oaks Elementary students last Wednesday afternoon.

## WL BRIEFS

### Down to earth

Sheryl Maties, art teacher at Walled Lake Middle School, and six of her students transformed the windows at the Farmer Jack store located on Commerce and Union Lake roads. Using the theme, "Down to earth goodness," they painted trees and bushes of fruit into a welcoming scene for the store's grand re-opening.

WLMs student artists on the project were Dasha Dokshin, Justin Romitzky, Jennifer DeClerck, Jess Gilbert, Gordie Delphy and Aaron Jokinen.

As well, Dave Rogers, Walled Lake Central High School instrumental teacher, and the Central jazz band students performed at Farmer Jack recently.

### Jackie's Nine

Katelyn Barry, Clifford Smart sixth grader, has worked to overcome some obstacles. She wrote an essay about her life for "Jackie's Nine," a contest based on the values Jackie Robinson lived by. Robinson was the first, black, major league baseball player who played for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947.

Barry applied "Jackie's Nine" to her life and was named a finalist in the contest. Sharon Robinson, Jackie's daughter, wrote Katelyn a letter and sent her a tee-shirt. "Each year I have my sixth grade language arts class enter this contest. This is the first time I've had a student selected as a finalist. I'm proud of Katelyn," Sheryl Stahl, Smart teacher, said.

"I learned that being determined help me face my obstacles, press on and make friends," Barry wrote in her paper.

### Pioneer Days

Jennifer Bond's third grade class will present a historical performance on the Walled Lake community, Wed., June 4, 7 p.m. at Glenary Elementary. Students will take on roles of settlers, Native Americans and share information about the history of Walled Lake.

"The students have helped revise the script based on what they learned during Pioneer Days a few months back," said Bond. "They had a 'best' high speaking on some things. We are looking forward to sharing our information with the community."

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# Novi fourth grade pupils take the fifth

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Fifth grade students at Novi Meadows acted as tour guides to fourth graders from each Novi elementary school last week to familiarize the fourth graders with the school that will be their new surroundings next school year.

Parkview Elementary fourth graders kicked off the week with their Monday visit, followed by Deerfield on Tuesday, Village Oaks on Wednesday, Novi Woods on Thursday and Orchard Hills on Friday.

According to Novi Meadows Fifth Grade Teacher Glen Walthall, the fourth grade classes visited in the mornings each day.

"The kids are paired up with a classroom of fifth graders and we pair up children in the fourth grade with children in the fifth grade as buddies," he said. "They sat through a presentation by the principals and the counselors so

they could have an overall view of what they will encounter during their visit."

After the presentation, all the students came back to the classrooms where fifth grade student council members went over unique and important aspects about Novi Meadows.

"The students then went on a tour, which we actually call a scavenger hunt," Walthall said. "That is where a fifth grader walks around with a fourth grader and shares them the different parts of the building and with each different place they go, they explain what it is and they rip off the name of it from a paper they receive. They put it in an envelope, and when they come back together, they fill out a puzzle. So, there is a puzzle where they might have a description or a clue and they have to decide which place they have visited goes with the spots and they glue it down."

Village Oaks Fourth Grade

Teacher Christine Sparling, whose class visited on Wednesday, believes that the activity is very worthwhile. "We do it so there won't be anxiety over the summer," she said. "This has been going on now for a couple years and I think it really helps."

Walthall agreed. "It's an activity that the kids do together and it's nice because my fifth graders remember this time last year," he said. "The parents will also come to the school on May 28 and the fourth grade children will then take the parents on a scavenger hunt. The process is just a way to not only get the kids interested in coming, but to demystify what their next step is in their educational experience."

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at rkhuri@hi.homecomm.net.



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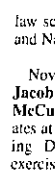
**Fiesta!**  
Deerfield Elementary School students celebrated Cinco de Mayo with a musical tour of Mexico and Central America, courtesy of Harpbeal a Ypsilanti-based musical education troupe. Musicians Donna Novack and David Eversole got the toes and hands of five hundred students tappin' to the rhythms of Latin music. Students played many fun and exotic instruments, and also learned about the culture, geography and history of Mexico and Central America. Memorable moments from the assembly included the students and teachers enthusiastically singing and dancing to La Bamba and the Macarena. Ole! Here, Novack explains how harp strings create sound to students Rylie Davis and Connor Daly.

## ON CAMPUS

Novi residents Dr. Zafar Shamoon, son of Allah and Ulfat Shamoon, and Dr. Yvonne Will-Murphy, daughter of Kurt and Geraldine Will, recently received Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degrees from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in May. Shamoon is beginning a residency in emergency medicine at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital. Will-Murphy is beginning a residency in general surgery at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital.

Novi residents Jacob Kohn, Jacob Roe, and Justin McCurdy were among the graduates at Kettering University during December commencement exercises.

Kristin Shea of Novi was among the graduates at Alma College during commencement exercises this spring 2003.



Angela Pantaleo

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**That's not Darth Vader**  
Fourth graders from Orchard Hills take a break in front of a suit of armor as part of their visit to the Detroit Institute of Arts.

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## House OK's anti-spam bill

The House on Tuesday unanimously approved legislation, co-sponsored by Rep. Craig DeRoche, that is designed to crack down on spam e-mail.

"This is great news for everyone in the state with an e-mail account," said DeRoche, R-Nowi. "Unsolicited e-mail or spam is annoying whether it is received at work or home. It wastes time, reduces productivity, and costs consumers and businesses money. This bill will penalize those who do not follow the rules."

House Bill 4519 mandates that the four characters "ADV:" be placed at the beginning of an e-mail subject line for unsolicited commercial messages regarding the sale, lease or exchange of goods, services or property.

Other provisions require the sender to:

- State its legal name, address, and a toll-free phone number in the e-mail message;
- State the sender's internet domain name;
- Provide a free and convenient method for the recipient to be removed from the sender's mailing list; and
- List its return e-mail address.

The measure also prohibits senders from:

- Misleading recipients by tagging the e-mail with a false point of origin;
- Misrepresenting information contained in the e-mail; and
- Continuing to send messages to people who do not want to receive them.

The language includes a definition of pre-existing business relationships. If a computer user registers on a Web page, then receives promotional e-mail from the company or organization sponsoring that page, it will not be regarded as spam.

In addition to being subject to civil penalties, violators could be guilty of a misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of one year in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine. Repeat violators could be found guilty of a felony carrying a maximum four-year prison sentence and/or \$25,000 fine.

Each e-mail is considered a separate violation. Recipients and e-mail service providers can file civil suits against violators.

The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.



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**Secret handshake?**  
President George W. Bush greets Michigan State Rep. Craig DeRoche at Detroit Wayne County Airport during his recent visit to Michigan.

**Road work pauses for holiday**

Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) Managing Director Brent Bair announced that all RCOC road and bridge construction projects will be suspended at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 23, for the Memorial Day holiday.

Work will resume after 6 a.m., Tuesday, May 27.

"The Road Commission wants to ensure that its roads are as free of obstructions as possible during this period because of the increased holiday traffic we typically see on the Memorial Day weekend," Bair stated. "That should help to ensure safe and convenient holiday travel for motorists in Oakland County."

Bair also prohibited the hauling of earth-moving equipment and other large contractor equipment on county roads during the holiday. Many lane closures will be eliminated for the weekend.

The parade will be announced by Casey Ambrose and Marion Clifton.

The parade is opened to the public and starts promptly at 11 a.m. Pontiac Trail (from East Walled Lake Drive to Maple Road) and a portion of Maple Road will be closed for the parade route. For more information, please contact city offices at (248) 624-4847.

Chip Quaney is vice chairman Parks & Recreation Commission for Walled Lake.

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The American Cancer Society is hosting Relay For Life in our community again, this year in two locations - Ford Field in Northville and City Hall Field in Walled Lake. We hope you'll join us at one of these events, and help our community continue to fight cancer.

There are many ways that you can get involved, including:

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**Pallin' around**  
Orchard Hills Elementary School student Nozomi Kamiko meets her pen-pal Charlene Lenseschmidt last Wednesday afternoon at the Novi Senior Center. Dozens of pen-pals met their fellow writers for the first time face to face and exchanged smiles and gifts.

## Love your country? Then love a veteran

Is Memorial Day weekend a time for rest and relaxation? You bet it is.

But is that all it should be? Contrary to the *lazy Memorial Day weekend* writing sports *writers*, you've been inundated with there's more to Monday than just an extra 20 percent of a new patio furniture ensemble.

Memorial Day is a hallowed day in American life. Made so by the tens of thousands of soldiers who served valiantly in the name of freedom and democracy the world over. Spend just five minutes with any veteran, and chances are you'll hear a story that makes you wonder if one day a year of recognition is really ample.

No, it's not. And that's why saluting our veterans past and present on Memorial Day is so critical. It's not often we show our appreciation to the men and women in uniform. Doing so this weekend isn't much to ask.

Yes - there is plenty of time to fire up the grill, play a game of baseball, plant flowers or relocate the snow shovel to the deepest recesses of the garage. Everyone needs a break, and we hope residents will take advantage of the opportunity to do so.

Unfortunately, for many families across the country - including many in our own community - this weekend is not quite as jubilant. Many husbands, wives, sons and daughters are on active duty overseas, protecting the very freedoms we hold dear. They are literally half a world away, removed from backyard barbecues and the boatlifts they'd like to be a part of. Others are prone to hospital beds, marring wounds and injuries sustained in combat. And still others have made the ultimate sacrifice - the giving of their very lives. For those brave souls and their friends and relatives, the warmth of the unofficial start of summer takes on an entirely different meaning.

Here's hoping for a strong showing at our Memorial Day parade.

...and thank you, veterans.

## GOVERNMENT

Per reader request, we have compiled a list so you can get in touch with your local and regional senators and representatives. Their accessibility allows you as readers to voice your concerns directly and allows them to better represent their districts. If you feel we have missed anyone, contact us at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113.

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## What's your organization up to?

I caught some flak a couple of weeks ago because a reader thought this newspaper was giving a little too much ink to the Novi Rotary Club's jazz concert next month.

I'll plead guilty to trying to get something in weekly regarding this event, but I'm not sure an apology is in order.

So how about an explanation?

Yes, I'm a Rotarian.

Yes, I'm a huge jazz fan.

Yes, I want to see the Novi High School auditorium packed. But there are other reasons for getting the word out.

First, this is a huge event for Novi. To have the most popular jazz trumpeter in the world - Wynton Marsalis - play at our local high school is remarkable.

Second, to have a community organization like the Rotarians take the gamble to sponsored this effort is noteworthy as well.

Third, proceeds from the concert are going to a very worthy cause - the eradication of polio.

Fourth, this event is about as "community-oriented" as it gets. The Rotarians are calling on many businesses and individuals to step up to the plate to make this a success. From feeding and housing the musicians, to transporting them, to coordinating parking and traffic, to promotion - this event is way more than just Rotary.

All that said, there are many, many events throughout the year that are equally important and to Novi.

In our recently-published Novi Community Guide, there are five pages of civic groups and organizations listed.

I know the majority of them have fund-raisers and other types of events that need to be publicized.

That's one of the key functions of this newspaper. We are here to provide the information this area needs in order to function as a community.

But that requires your help.

Our unwritten motto or policy is this: "If it comes in, it gets in."

That means if somebody takes the time to submit something for publication, we do everything we can to make sure it gets in the paper (assuming it concerns the Novi area and is not libelous).

Yes, we have a staff that is out on the streets in touch with folks, but please don't assume that's enough.

We need you - the readers - to let us know what's happening so we can spread the word.

If your organization is working on a project, tell us and we'll tell Novi.

In fact, we can even do a "profile" of your organization that will give readers an in-depth look at how your group functions, its history and its future.

As a side note, we have a new writer on board who will be handling those. Her name is Pam Fleming, and you can read all about her below.

**Cal Stone**  
He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or at cstone@ht.homecomm.net.



Michael Bouchard

## She has a passion for writing and this area

I would like to introduce myself as the new "swing" reporter covering business and community news for Novi, Northville and the surrounding area.

A resident of the Detroit area since 1991, I've lived in Northville since 1994 and love this area that reminds me so much of the rolling hills of my hometown - Evansville, Ind.

Although I'm a Hoosier at heart, I love Detroit, and, after living here for more than a decade, I think it often gets a "bad rap" when it's one of the most vibrant and exciting cities in America.

My journalistic endeavors began when I became the managing editor of my high school paper at age 16.

As a student in the era of Woodward and Bernstein and the Watergate scandal in Washington, I yearned to be in the "voice of the people" in my idealistic youth.

After graduating with a degree in journalism from Indiana University, I worked at my hometown paper. Other jobs and situations took me to Tennessee, Missouri and then Michigan.

I also worked in public relations for more than 15 years, but came back to the newspaper business in 2000.

Since then, I've covered automotive and business beats, city council and police beat, most recently in Romulus and Van Buren Township. I was also fortunate to have worked for HomeTown newspapers in the past at the *Insider Business Journal*.

It's great to be "back in the saddle," so to speak, and to be with one of the premier communications companies in the area.

I look forward to covering business and community news in the Novi/Northville, Walled Lake and Wixom areas and hope that those on my new "beats" will be calling me and e-mailing me with lots of story ideas.

It's a worn-out cliché, but still true in this case - I've got ink in my veins. I look forward to being the "voice of the people" in this area.

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# OTHER OPINIONS

## Special treatment heralds industry trouble

Here's a pretty good rule of thumb that an industry is in trouble: It rushes off to the government pleading — on whatever grounds seem most expedient and politically attractive — for special treatment.

The best example is the railroad industry, in the 19th century the titan of the American economy. But as years passed, the industry lost sight of the fact that it was in the service business. Its practice of arrogantly administering rates to market its special products and to the captive led inevitably to the rise of more efficient, cheaper competitors: trucks, airplanes, automobiles.

And so the railroad industry leaned on the Congress time and again to pass special protective pieces of legislation, ultimately winding up in a wholesale bailout through which the government took over the assets and liabilities (mostly the latter) of the industry. The taxpayers are still paying the tab for all this and the railroad industry is no healthier.

A recent example has to do with the airline industry, whose big players for years made up for their very high cost structure by gouging their best customers — business people who have to make last minute reservations and get in and out of their out-of-town meetings in one day.

When air traffic dropped to a trickle after 9/11, that strange noise you heard in the background was the corps of airline industry lobbyists rushing to ask Congress for a multi-billion dollar bailout. With air traffic remaining stagnant and low-cost competitors making money, the big airlines are now threatening to declare bankruptcy in a governmental protection against ownership is, the less competition there will be and the likelihood is that quality (whatever that is in the TV business) will go down. And the role change now being considered by the FCC certainly will increase media ownership competition.

What's likely to happen? Some evidence comes from the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which purported to deregulate the radio business "in order to increase competition." It hasn't worked out quite that way. In Detroit, for example, two national radio companies own half of the major radio stations. In smaller cities, Clear Channel or Infinity Broadcasting are basically the only games in town.

Newspaper readers may sense an uneasy similarity between this proposal and the passage of the oddly named Newspaper Preservation Act in 1930. The product of special interest lobbying by an industry beginning to experience competition from television and the rise of community newspapers like this one, the NPA's purpose was to relax the anti-trust laws to allow two big city daily newspapers to combine their business, manufacturing and sales operations while allowing their editorial functions to remain separate.

The idea was that a daily newspaper, facing the possibility of failing in the competitive marketplace, could combine with another to form a "joint operating agreement" so as to "preserve editorial diversity."

A leading example of the JOA was the creation in 1986 of the Detroit Newspaper Agency, which owns both the Detroit News and the Detroit Free Press. Skeptical readers in Michigan may wonder whether relaxing the competition between the News and the Free Press has increased the quality of either.

In other examples, JOAs are now beginning to unwind, with the richer partner putting the weaker one out of business but paying them a continuing share of monopoly profits. Most people think the ultimate effect of the Newspaper Preservation Act will be to both reduce competition between newspapers and then to reduce the number of papers left.

All of which makes me wonder whether the forces of the free market are not a lot more powerful than the heavy handed efforts of failing industries to extort special protection from the government.



Phil Power

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) 953-2017 or at ppower@homecomm.net.

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## GUEST COLUMN

### It's time we pay tribute to our heroes

This month has two special days of remembrance that have made in common. National Police Memorial Day as designated by the President and Congress was on May 15. This is the day we remember the police officers that have given their lives in the line of duty. May 26th is the day we remember the men and women of our armed forces.

Winston Churchill once said, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

There are thousands of soldiers abroad today, many from Michigan, whose lives will be forever changed having been embroiled in battle and witness to friends lost. They, more than anyone, understand the value of their mission as they have had an opportunity to witness the tragic results of an oppressive government.

We also remember the men and women who daily put their lives on the line to protect us on the homefront. Sept. 11, 2001, reminded us of what our police officers do every day, as they put their lives on the line for complete strangers. With each challenge, every outcome is unforeseeable. Last year alone, our country lost 148 police officers and 98 firefighters, seven of which were in Michigan. Those heroes' commitment to the protection of others was unwavering.

Some wonder aloud, "Why do they do it?"

am reminded of President Reagan's speech on the 40th anniversary of the D-Day invasion. He said, "You were young the day you took these cliffs. Some of you were hardly more than boys, with the deepest joys of life before you. Yet you risked everything here. Why? Why did you do it? What impelled you to put aside the instinct for self-preservation and risk your lives to take these cliffs?"

Answer, it came from faith, and belief. It was loyalty and love. The men of Normandy had faith that what they were doing was right, faith that they fought for all humanity, faith that a just God would grant them mercy on this beachhead or on the next. It was the deep knowledge — and pray God we have not lost it — that there is a profound moral difference between the use of force for liberation and the use of force for conquest. You were here to liberate, not to conquer, and so you and those others did not doubt your cause. And you were right not to doubt. You all know that some things are worth dying for. Our faith, and belief, and our first responders for their sacrifices. Each day they face these dangers so that we may live freely.

As we move forward during these times of unrest, when new threats to our security both abroad and at home surface each day, let us give thanks to our soldiers and our first responders for their sacrifices. Each day they face these dangers so that we may live freely.

Michael Bouchard is sheriff of Oakland County. He can be reached at (248) 858-3000.

## LETTERS

**Kudos to city employees**  
I had the opportunity to attend the May meeting of the City of Novi Homeowners Association last week. The purpose was to listen to the questions and concerns of the Novi residents in attendance.

The president of the association, Ron Boron, had invited two city employees to address the group. Cindy Uglow of Neighborhood Services and Lt. Tim McNamara of the Novi Police Department each made presentations to the group.

This is to express my appreciation for Cindy and Tim's efforts over and above the call of duty. They start their workdays as most of us do, early in the morning and put in a full day. For these two Novi employees, a full day goes into the evening. This meeting started at 7 p.m. and lasted until 8:30.

Cindy answered many questions ranging from mosquito control to city ordinance enforcement and everything in between. She was direct and cheerful in her responses and clearly demonstrated that she enjoys her job.

Tim was a pleasure to observe as a "cops cop." Tim was born to be a police officer and we are lucky to have Tim, and other officers like him, in Novi. Tim has complete knowledge of the city and is a 24-hour-a-day cop. He covered so many interesting topics I will not even try to list his agenda. I will tell you his presentation skills are excellent and down to earth.

In my years of service on the planning commission and now City Council it has been my pleasure to meet many of the people that work for the city. They all do a great job with the leadership of City Manager Helwig, and I just thought I would thank them publicly.

**Lou Csardas**  
Novi City Council

**Isn't that double taxation?**  
The State of Michigan is once again trying to find some new adjectives to put before the word "tax" to apply to its residents. Governor Granholm says these are all "just tax loopholes" that need to be closed. How disingenuous!

For example, take House Bill 4574, which seeks to tax the citizens' well-earned income of Michiganians from Michigan wells. Guess what? Michigan already taxes the production or output of these wells via its so-called severance tax. Michigan taxes oil, natural gas and condensate. The rates of taxation are different for each of these well products but they all were very substantially increased in 1980. From a low of 2 percent to as high as 6 percent. I believe, which affected interested readers can independently verify for themselves.

Please understand that many Michigan royalty recipients are just "little guys" who may not even own the land. In many cases, the 1 percent of the total royalties paid is less than 1 percent and their royalty income is certainly no substitute for a job.

Obviously, a tax on royalties in addition to the severance tax already levied would be double taxation by the State of Michigan on Michiganians.

**Bruce W. Butske**  
Novi

**Soccer tourney a success**  
On behalf of the Novi Jaguars Soccer Club, I wanted to take this opportunity to recognize Mary Caruso for her extraordinary leadership in directing the second annual Novi Jaguar Invitational Soccer Tournament held May 9-11.

Thanks to the efforts of Mary and her team of volunteers, more than 2,000 players and coaches representing 136 teams from throughout Michigan and the Midwest enjoyed an extremely well-run event. Players, coaches and fans alike were treated to top-notch soccer facilities and competition at both tournament sites - Novi Community Sports Park and Schoolcraft College.

The coordination among the soccer club, volunteers, local police departments, the City of Novi Recreation Department, and Mayor Clark and the Novi City Council was simply outstanding. The resulting economic boost to the local restaurants, hotels and shopping outlets was a welcome added bonus, and further tribute to Mary and her terrific team of volunteers.

Based on the immediate feedback from participants and visitors to this year's tournament, we expect an even bigger invitational in 2004. Thank you to Mary and to everyone who helped make this year's tournament such a success.

**Mike Stratton, President**  
Novi Jaguars Soccer Club

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# LCJO & Marsalis - they're coming to swing in Novi June 18

The Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis will play two shows (7:30 and 9:30 p.m.) on Wednesday, June 18 at Novi High School auditorium (see page 5B for details). This is a Novati Rotary Club event, sponsored by K.K. Associates.

In the upcoming weeks before the shows, the Novi News will take a look at the LCJO and the 15 band members that make up one of the most respected ensembles in jazz today.

Andre Hayward (trumpet) was born in Houston, Texas in 1973. He started playing trumpet and tuba at age 11, performing in his junior high school jazz band and studying with local trumpeter Steve Bayer. Mr. Hayward attended Texas Southern University and landed his first engagement with Roy Hargrove, touring with the trumpeter in Europe. Summers spent performing at Walt Disney World gave him the opportunity to perform with many noted singers, including Joe Williams, Diane Schuur, Barbra Streisand, Chloë Sevigny, and others.



Mr. Hayward performed with the late saxophonist Kenny Carter for five years, and has performed and/or recorded with Illinois Jacquet, Russell Gunn, and the Ellington Orchestra under Mercer Ellington. He has been a member of the LCJO since 1999.

Carlos Henriquez (bass) was born in 1979 in the Bronx, New York. After having studied classical piano in junior high school, he started playing bass at The Juillard

School's Music Advancement Program. Mr. Henriquez entered LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts, where he performed in the LaGuardia Concert Jazz Ensemble, which earned first place in the 10th LC First Annual Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Band Competition and Festival in 1996, and second place the following year. Mr. Henriquez has performed with artists as diverse as Steve Turner, Eddie Palmieri and

Tito Puente, Carlos Santana, and George Benson. He traveled with the LCJO during its 30-city Summer 1998 tour through the United States, Canada, and Japan. Mr. Henriquez was also featured in the LCJO Fall 1998 World Tour which traveled to 33 cities in Europe, South America, and the U.S. Since then, he has recorded, toured, and performed with artists including Wynton Marsalis, Gonzalo Rubalcaba, Danilo Perez,

and Celia Cruz. Richard Doron Johnson (piano) was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. At age five, he was introduced to the piano by his father, a gospel pianist in their church. At age 18, he entered the Berklee School of Music in Boston, Massachusetts. During this time, he gained experience performing in upscale New York with musicians such as Milt Hinton, Bobby Watson, and Ed Shegansky. He also worked

with Herb Pomeroy, Billy Pierce and Roy Hargrove. Upon graduating from the Berklee College of Music, Johnson entered the Boston Conservatory, where he earned a Masters' degree in Jazz Pedagogy in 1997. In April 1998, Richard participated in the Thelonious Monk Institute Southern American Tour as part of the United States Cultural Presentation at the Presidential Summit in Santiago, Chile. In May of 1999, Johnson graduated from the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz Performance. In May 2001, Johnson led his own trio on a two-month tour in South and Central America. In addition to performing with Wynton Marsalis, he is currently a member of Russell Malone's quartet and Irvin Mayfield's quintet.

Ryan Kisor (trumpet) was born on April 12, 1973, in Sioux, City, Iowa, and began playing trumpet at age four. In 1990, he won first prize at the Thelonious Monk Institute's first annual Louis Armstrong Trumpet Competition. Mr. Kisor has crisscrossed Europe with the Carnegie Hall Big Band, and toured and recorded with Marcus Roberts and Joe Lovano. He also can be heard on several acclaimed CDs produced by the Jazz Composers Collective, including the Herbie Nichols Project's Love is Proximity and Dr. Cyclops' Dream, and Ben Allen's Medicine Wheel. Third Eye and Riding the Nuclear Tiger, as well as recordings by Wynton Marsalis, Wyllie Gordon, and others. His latest CD, Sidewalk Meeting, featuring his new ensemble Odson, was released 2001.

## ANNIVERSARY



The Cains

Charley and Dot Cain of Novi celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house party given by their family and friends at the Novi Civic Center on May 4.

The couple were married May 2, 1953 at Conch's Chapel in Camden, Tenn. Mr Cain was born in Camden, Tenn., worked for Ford Motor Co. for 11 years and was a co-owner of Tool Shop in Wayne,



Mch. Mrs. Cain

and worked with her husband at the Tool Company. They have been residents of Novi for 34 years.

The couple's children are Greg Cain (deceased), this wife, Michelle Bogusky (re-married), Wynon; and Drama (Sean) Furlong of Plymouth. They have five grandchildren, Christy Cain, Katie Cain, Daniel Furlong, Kegan Furlong and Nolan Furlong; and three great-grandchildren, Natalie, Melissa and Ricky.

## SENIOR CALENDAR

<b>Thursday 5/22</b>	9 a.m.-12 p.m. Massage Therapy	<b>Tuesday 5/27</b>	9 a.m.-12 p.m. Massage Therapy
9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Computer Class-Intro to Windows	9:30 a.m. Line Dance*	9 a.m. Panera bread	9:30 a.m. Line Dance*
9:30 a.m. Travel Meeting	12:30 p.m. Lunch	11 a.m. Crafts & Asian Pacific	11:00 a.m. Brain Boosters* Health Dept.
12:30 p.m. Novi Before "The Mall"	12:15 "Bride"	11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Bingo held in Activities Room	12:30 p.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Line Dance-Beginners	2 p.m. Line Dance-Advanced	1 p.m.-3 p.m. DANCE	
<b>Friday 5/23</b>	9 a.m. Stretch & Strength will be held at the Novi Civic Center	<b>Wednesday 5/28</b>	9 a.m. Stretch & Strength
10 a.m. Body Recall-Cancelled	11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. School Shop Open	10:30 a.m. Quilting	11:00 a.m. Blood Pressure
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Advanced ticket required	12:30 p.m. Bingo-Cancelled	11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sundry Shop Open	12:30 p.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. "Clogging"	12:30 p.m. Dupli. Bridge		
<b>Mandy 5/26</b>	Senior Center Management Office Lunch Service Transportation Closed for Memorial Day		

\*Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All other activities will take place at the Meridian Commons Community Center. Note: ALL TRIPS will depart from the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Rd. Phone (248) 347-0414.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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540. Ages are 25-35 and 35-45. PHONE: (517) 552-0673 or visit www.quickdateinfo.com

**Jazz Concert**  
DATE: Wednesday, June 18  
TIME: 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi High School Auditorium  
DETAILS: JCK & Associates

**Henry Ford Health System Alternative Medicine Learning Series**  
DATES: Wednesday, June 25  
TIME: 7 p.m.-9 p.m.  
LOCATION: Henry Ford Medical Center, Novi, 40000 Eight Mile, one block west of Haggerty  
DETAILS: \$5/yr. class. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.  
PHONE: (248) 380-6201 or www.henryford.com/cim

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**How to get a job**  
DATE: May 22  
TIME: 1-3 p.m., 3-5 p.m. or 5-7 p.m. (sign up for one only)  
LOCATION: Oakland Commons building, 20700 Civic Center Drive, Ste. 150, Southfield  
DETAILS: The KPM Group—a full service woman owned staffing firm specializing in both temporary and permanent placement is holding an interviewing workshop and will offer sessions on resume and cover letter critiques, visiting of "tricks" interviews between KPM recruiters, interview attire information, "do's and don'ts" of what to say/in an interview, video presentation on interviewing, hot industries in the current economy, and ways to uncover inco-

**Arts and Treasures Weekend**  
DATE: June 7-8  
LOCATION: Fountain Walk, Novi  
DETAILS: Looking for Artists/Crafters for the Novi Lions Arts & Treasures show. Along with the craft show, there will be a free Children's Art Village, free entertainment and more.  
PHONE: Individuals interested in a booth at the craft show should contact Jerry Koonce, at (248) 348-0531.

**Friends of Maybury State Park Meeting**  
DATE: Tuesday, June 3  
TIME: 7 p.m.-9 p.m.  
LOCATION: Classroom building, 8 Mile Entrance, at the park.  
DETAILS: General Membership Meeting to plan interpretive programs for the balance of the year. Public welcome.  
PHONE: 248-347-0899.

**Pediatric Endocrinology Unit**  
Registration begins at 8 a.m., Run begins at 9 a.m., Walk begins at 9:30 a.m., register before May 14 so placed in a special drawing.  
PHONE: For more information, call Emily Barton-248-344-4182 or Kendall Ziegler-248-344-4780.

**Quick Date**  
DATE: Tuesday, June 17  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi  
DETAILS: Meet 10-15 new people for five minutes each. It's fast-paced, fun & exciting! Pre-registration is required. Cost is

## CITY OF NOVI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants for appointment to the Beautification Commission, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission, Planning Commission and Stormwater Management & Watershed Stewardship Committee on Monday, May 19, 2003 beginning at 1:30 p.m.

If you are a qualified voter in the City of Novi and interested in volunteering to serve on a City board or commission, applications are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, at (248) 347-0455 to receive an application by mail or fax, or by calling (248) 347-0455 to request an application to print out an application. Please submit your application by Monday, June 2, 2003, to allow time for scheduling appointments. Interviews are 15 minutes each, all City Council meetings are televised.

(05-0815/22/29 & 05-05-03 NN 54933) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

**NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 03-015**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rinnich Construction Group is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow a construction office trailer at 30575 Thurlane Mile Road (Ridgeview Centre) from the date of the meeting until November 30, 2003.

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 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2003 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 May 28, 2003.

SARAH MARCHIONI  
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY  
(248) 347-0415

**NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 03-013**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Koger Company is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the outdoor display of plants, multi-miscellaneous summer merchandise, etc. at 47650 Grand River Avenue (Koger - Westmarket Square) from the date of the meeting until August 31, 2003.

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 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2003 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 May 28, 2003.

SARAH MARCHIONI  
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY  
(248) 347-0415

**NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 03-011**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that St. James Catholic Church is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow three (3) tents for a golf away party for the pastor at 46325 Ten Mile Road, The tents will be erected from Friday, June 20, 2003 until Monday, June 23, 2003.

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 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2003 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 May 28, 2003.

SARAH MARCHIONI  
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(248) 347-0415

**CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment 98-18, 181, was published in error in the May 8th edition of the Novi News. The Planning Department apologizes for the confusion. Please note the correct date of public hearing below.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 11, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 98-18, 181.

An Ordinance to amend the City of Novi Code of Ordinances by amending the Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of creating a new Article 27, authorizing review and approval by the City Council and regulate equal housing opportunities particularly suited to the needs of persons entitled to reasonable accommodation under law and to encourage innovation in land use and variety in design and layout.

All interested persons are invited to attend. The proposed ordinance is available for review at the Planning Department. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI, 48375, until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2003.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION  
LYNN KOCAN, SECRETARY  
(5-22-03 NN 58456)

**NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 03-012**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Beck-Nowi LLC is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow a sales trailer at 25311 Beck Road (Kirkway Place) from June 28, 2003 until June 20, 2004.

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 Wednesday, May 28, 2003 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 May 28, 2003.

SARAH MARCHIONI  
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY  
(248) 347-0415

**NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 03-014**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lifestyles HotSpring Spas is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow a late sale at 42875 Grand River Avenue (Main Street) from June 19, 2003 until June 22, 2003.

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 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2003 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 May 28, 2003.

SARAH MARCHIONI  
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY  
(248) 347-0415

**NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS HOUSE DEMOLITION**

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for House Demolition according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., prevailing Eastern Time, Wednesday, June 4, 2003, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI  
CAROL J. KALINOVIC, PURCHASING DIRECTOR  
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.  
Novi, MI 48375-3024

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "HOUSE DEMOLITION" BID AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informality or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

CAROL J. KALINOVIC, PURCHASING DIRECTOR  
(248) 347-0446  
(5-22-03 NN 58442)

**NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS THOMPSON GLASS BUILDING DEMOLITION**

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Thompson Glass Building Demolition according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., prevailing Eastern Time, Wednesday, June 4, 2003, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI  
CAROL J. KALINOVIC, PURCHASING DIRECTOR  
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.  
Novi, MI 48375-3024

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "THOMPSON GLASS BUILDING DEMOLITION" BID AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informality or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

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**CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING**

The Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment 98-18, 154, was published in error in the May 8th edition of the Novi News. The Planning Department apologizes for the confusion. Please note the correct date of public hearing below.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 11, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment 18-154 - Gateway East (GED) District:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD ARTICLE 24 TO ORDINANCE NO. 37-18, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, TO ADD THE DESIGNATION FOR THE GE GATEWAY EAST DISTRICT TO THE SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS CONTAINED WITHIN SECTION 2400 OF SAID ORDINANCE, TO AMEND FOOTNOTES AND TO ADD THE SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS CONTAINED WITHIN SECTION 2400 OF SAID ORDINANCE, TO AMEND SUBSECTION 2509.06 AND 2509.08 OF SAID ORDINANCE, TO ADD THE DESIGNATION FOR THE GE GATEWAY EAST DISTRICT TO REGION 1 OF THE SCHEDULE REGULATING FACADE MATERIALS CONTAINED WITHIN SECTION 2520 OF SAID ORDINANCE, TO CREATE THE GATEWAY MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, OFFICE, AND LIMITED COMMERCIAL LAND USES, AND TO PROVIDE AN OPTIONAL TOOL WITH GREATER FLEXIBILITY TOWARD THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE GATEWAY EAST DISTRICT BY AUTHORIZING USE OF PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT OPTION) REGULATIONS.

All interested persons are invited to attend. The proposed ordinance is available for review at the Planning Department. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI, 48375, until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2003.

(5-22-03 NN 58457)

## IN THE SERVICE

Navy Fireman Lee F. Billia, son of Lauren and Barton Billia of Wallied Lake, recently returned from a 10-month deployment to

the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, homeported in Everett, Wash.

## OBITUARY

**Charles E. Stewart**  
Charles Stewart of Appleton, Calif., formerly of Wallied Lake, died May 18, 2003. He was 75. Mr. Stewart was born May 13, 1928 in Steel, Mo. to Frank Stewart and Myrtle (Edwards) Stewart. He lived in Wallied Lake 31 years, then moved around Michigan while working for the state government. He was a retired plumber and heating inspector, a journeyman plumber and a police officer for the City of Novi. He had worked for the city of Novi from 1974-1984 as a plumbing and heating inspector, then worked for the state of Michigan until his retirement. He was a past president for FIAM, a member of the Masonic Order, a Shriner, a member of the American Legion and a member of the Plumbers Local Union 898. He was also a WWII veteran of the United States Army. Survivors included his wife, Anna Stewart; his daughter, Peggy (Kent) Owen of Rockford, Ill.; his siblings,

Maud Boomer of Arkansas, Delna (Johnny) Carter of Mo., W.T. (Opal) Stewart of Arkansas, and Pat (Virginia) Stewart of Texas; and three grandchildren, Anna, Julie, and Mary Oden. Anna's children also survive him. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Bernice, with whom he raised a daughter, in Wallied Lake, and his siblings, Frank Stewart, Lex Stewart, Max Stewart, Rex Stewart and Georgia Atkinson. A funeral service will be held Saturday, May 24, at 11 a.m. at Cascade Funeral Home, 122 W. Dandridge, Northville. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Pastor Wesley Dixon, of Torrey Road Baptist Church in Fenton, will be the officiant. Interment will be at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Arrangements were made by Cascade Funeral Home in Northville. Memorials may be made to Torrey Road Baptist Church in Fenton.

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Are they fruit, or are they a vegetable?

If we are going to be technical, tomatoes, eggplant, and peppers are fruits. So says the botanist. But as cooks we treat them as vegetables, in every respect.

The three share similar cooking characteristics: All can serve as the principle ingredient for a dish, or act as a natural background for more assertive flavors such as garlic or anchovy, and all form natural containers for stuffing with whatever ingredients we wish.

The tomato is by far the most popular of the three. The tomato is native to the "New World." However, for quite some time after its discovery, it was thought to be toxic and therefore not used in western kitchens. Varieties range from the cherry to the beef-steak. The sweetness or acidity depends largely on the type.

Plum tomatoes purchased as Romas, are long, have particularly meaty flesh with minimal juice and are used principally for soups and sauces. The round common tomato

has a bit more juice, thicker skin and is good for slicing and stuffing.

The very juicy varieties seldom make it to the market and are sent to commercial packers for juice production. A ripe tomato is fragile and perishable so much of the crop is picked while still green and firm. Green tomatoes are kept in refrigerated storage until they are sent to the "ripening rooms" where the temperature and ethylene gas is monitored to produce bright red beautiful tomatoes. Unfortunately, they have little or no taste.

We have all enjoyed actual vine ripened tomatoes. There are few pleasures greater than eating a sweet, fresh tomato in the same manner as you would an apple. Also, sliced tomato salad with a touch of olive oil and vinegar

sprinkled with salt and pepper, or sautéed hot from the oven slathered with butter and topped with tomatoes (the world's simplest sandwich) are delightful.

The ways to enjoy the fresh vine ripened tomato can go on and on. Choose firm tomatoes with a deep color and smooth surface. Tomatoes freeze well for use in later months. Yellow tomatoes are becoming more popular due to their lower acidity level.

Eggplants belong to the same botanical family and probably originated in Asia. Most are deep purple, but white, tan, green and lavender varieties are available at different times of year. The sizes of eggplant vary from very small to cantaloupe size. It is preferable to leave the skin



Chef Brady

on when cooking, unless it is very tough. Nutrients and color are lost with peeling. Many people salt their eggplant to remove bitter juices. This

step is only necessary if you have tasted the eggplant and deem it necessary. I feel it is an extra step and have never been disappointed by omitting it.

Eggplant is also known for absorbing large amounts of fat when sautéed or fried. I have eliminated the frying step, opting to broil slices (even breaded) and

then proceed with the recipe from that point. The results are excellent - no calories from fat and no greasy taste.

Sweet peppers are members of the capsicum family. The most familiar being the bell pepper, known for its shape and grown in shades of green, red, yellow, orange, and purple. All bell peppers are green before they are ripe, and naturally, become sweeter as they ripen.

The American Anaheim, the Yellow Banana Pepper and the Mexican Poblano are mild chili peppers, and are used fresh as vegetables. All can be used in place of sweet peppers. The fiery hot Jalapeno is to be treated with respect. Use sparingly and wear gloves when handling. Peppers

are eaten raw, baked or roasted and peeled. They are a nice ingredient for grilling or stir-fry.

The uses for tomatoes, eggplant and peppers are incredible. They are integral ingredients in many international recipes. They blend well with other flavors. Onions, garlic, herbs and robust spices compliment their flavor.

With the summer season soon to be upon us, try and find every reason to utilize these fruit-vegetables.

Mary Brady is a certified executive chef and co-owner of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in the Novi Town Center. If you have culinary questions or comments for chef Mary Brady, you can contact her via e-mail at [djbistro@aol.com](mailto:djbistro@aol.com).



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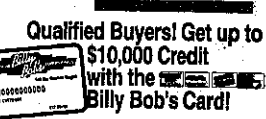
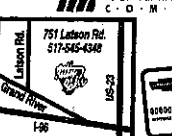
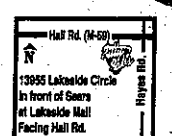
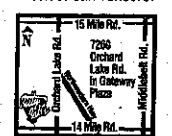
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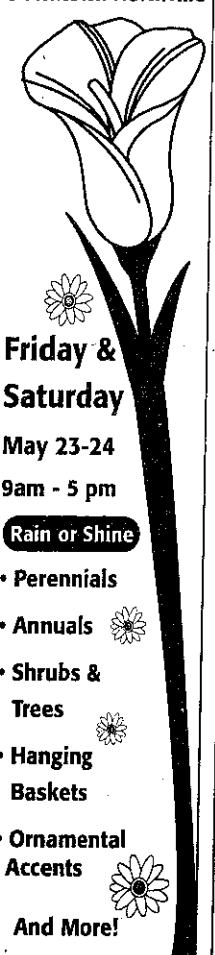


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# And now for the finals

## Wildcats are KVC champs, now headed to Midland for first-ever state finals tourney



Photo by John Helder

Novi's Steve Chiang is on his way to defeating Northville's Lance Dehne 6-3, 6-2 during last Friday morning's MHSAA regional tennis tournament at Livonia Stevenson High School.

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Excuse me, could you tell me how to get to the MHSAA State Tennis Finals?

Practice. Practice. Practice. The Novi Wildcats boys' tennis team can easily answer the question of how to get to Midland for the state tennis finals. For them, they plan on hopping on a bus and taking a well-deserved ride up there to show everyone just what Novi tennis is all about.

With a third-place finish in the Regional tournament, most teams would have found themselves dismissed from the state finals run, but not Novi. The talented crew of netters, under the coaching guidance of Jim Hanson, earned 20 points to secure a place at Midland to compete with the best

of the best for the first time in school history.

"It's the first time ever for the boys' program," Hanson said. "All eight flights have been strong throughout the year. It's been our strength. In the regional, all eight flights scored at least two points."

And one flight was even the champion of the Regional. Novi's own Joe Lynch and Chris Kovacinski earned the right to hoist the regional title as they edged out an always-tough Catholic Central team 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

"It was a big win for them," Hanson said of the flight champions.

Steve Chiang, at number four singles, and Andrew Laskowski at three singles, each made it to the finals in their respective flights. Chiang fell to CC's Kevin Bender 6-0, 6-0 for second place in the

finals, while Laskowski fell 6-1, 6-2 to CC's Britton Steele.

"They were the runners up for their flights," Hanson said. "They pretty much held up their seeding and we played a good tournament. We did what we had to do and got the job done. We're going to the state finals."

In the two singles flight, Prasanna Venugopal took a loss to CC's Bill Walsh 6-1, 6-4 while Suraj Ramachandran fell to Livonia Stevenson's Brady Crosby in one singles 6-2, 6-0.

In the fourth doubles flight, Conor Hogan and Jeff Korby fought through Livonia Churchill 6-1, 6-4 before falling to Catholic Central 6-4, 7-6 (6). Drew Doster and Jeff Wallen took a win over Churchill as well in three doubles, 6-0, 6-2, before falling to Stevenson 6-3, 6-3. In two dou-

bles, James Peurach and Richie Fetters fell to Livonia Stevenson 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.

The Wildcats are hoping to take on West Bloomfield in a scrimmage this week before prepping for the finals, which are scheduled to be held in Midland May 30-31.

### Winning the KVC title

The road to a Kensington Valley Conference crown can sometimes be a long one — and a delayed one. After having a rain-delay stop their clinching of the title once they won the KVC tournament, the Wildcats had to wait until the sun came out and they could beat the Milford Mavericks — and they did just that.

Novi earned a 7-1 victory over the Mavericks, only taking a loss at one singles to Brian Schubert

— an individual player who will also be at the finals thanks to his victory in his respective regional. Ramachandran took the brunt of a 3-6, 0-6 loss to the singles star.

Novi did, however, win all the other flights. Venugopal earned a 6-1, 6-2 win over Brett Hawthorne at two singles; Laskowski beat Bryan Powers 6-1, 6-2 in third singles; Chiang topped Alan Parenteau 6-1, 6-3 at fourth singles. Lynch and Kovacinski won the one doubles flight 6-2, 6-1 (retired); Peurach and Fetters slammed home a 6-0, 6-0 win at two doubles; Doster and Wallen earned a nice 6-2, 6-2 victory at three doubles; Hogan and Korby won in style 6-1, 6-1 and Robin Lin and Solomon Zheng beat Dan Kowalczyk in five singles with each Novi player taking one game 6-0 each.

Wow, it's time for the state finals already.

It just amazes me how fast time can fly when you're trying hard as heck to hold on and make sure everything gets done from week to week. Just about the time you think you have it all under control, it's kicked into the next gear.



Sam Eggleston

Not that I'm complaining though. The state finals indicate not only closure on the season, but it also signals a slight break in the action for me. It's not that life gets any easier for me. Instead, I have to actually sniff out stories instead of having the luxury of knowing what exactly is going on from week to week.

One thing I have to say for all of the athletes who are about to compete at this amazing level in the sporting world is congratulations. Not only have you made it to where many athletes never do, you're on the verge of completing one of your athletic goals and possibly one of your dreams.

I never had the aspirations to compete at such a level in high school, nor did it really matter because the Upper Peninsula has their own finals for track and field, golf and tennis. Most schools up there don't have soccer, baseball or softball either, and lacrosse and rugby are barely even known about at the high school level.

I can, however, understand the joy and elation that comes with just making it to that point in one's career. To do so is a breathtaking event and something to always be proud of. Even if an athlete doesn't turn in the performance they would have liked while at the finals, they can at least say they've been there — and that's something in its own.

For the athletes who will be competing in the state finals of their respective sports — keep up the good work. It's amazing how far hard work and dedication, not to mention heart, can take you. For the parents of these athletes — recognize just what it is your son or daughter has accomplished. For every athlete who will be going to the state finals, there are a slew of them who won't be. This is a time for celebration, and a time for encouragement. Many of our Mustangs and Wildcats wouldn't have made it this far without your support, and it wouldn't hurt to let them know you're still there, cheering them on in the stands as well as in your heart. For the coaches of these athletes — thanks for being there and showing them the value of great competition and what it means to live up to their hopes, abilities and to reach for their dreams.

I wish the best of luck to all of those athletes who will be digging deep inside themselves to be the best they can be. Good competition only breeds a burning desire to compete and to win. It's hard to imagine someone running ahead of you, or leaping higher or further than you or outplaying you. But, when that competition is real and in the flesh, the true competitive ability of an athlete is likely to come out.

Keep up the good work. We're all cheering you on.

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# Three Novi girls will continue on



By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Now there are three.

The Novi Wildcats girls' track and field team is going to be well represented in four events at the state finals this year in Grand Rapids. The finals meet, which is slated for May 31, will find senior Nina Schmitt, junior Jen Mehl and sophomore Christina Lis making an appearance in hopes of proving to be one of the best among the best that the Lower Peninsula of Michigan has to offer.

"The girls did an awesome job," Novi coach Marsha Reid said. "I get excited for the kids.

That's the whole reason we are there. You work the kids and help them achieve their goals. They work hard and they deserve to be there, the rest is just gravy."

For Novi's three qualifying athletes, the gravy is hopefully going to be served by the ladle. Mehl is making her second-straight trip to the finals as the team's best pole vaulter, and the second best at the regional. She cleared an impressive 10-foot-3 to earn her trip. Her second-place finish came behind Sarah Chrzanowski of Walled Lake Central, who has been stunning fans with her incredible performances. To win the Regional, the Viking pole vaulter cleared 11-6.

But, that doesn't matter to Mehl right now. She will still work hard and focus on the task at hand and her performance to come in the finals.

"She has great consistency, hard work ethic and an obsession for the sport," Reid said with a laugh. "I think Jen is excited to have someone go with her to the state meet this year."

And one of those athletes to make the trip with her is Lis. The sophomore high jumper missed the mark by an minuscule amount. This year, she wasn't about to be denied, and cleared 5-foot-1 to take second place

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# Boys send five to finals

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

It's always nice for a track and field program to be able to send one or two athletes to the state finals — it's an added benefit when a program boasts the talent to send five.

The Novi Wildcats are one such program, and under the guidance of coach Bob Smith, the squad is looking to do more than just take a trip to the state finals. Instead, they are going to

be in the hunt and hoping to place while they are there.

For Novi, three seniors and two sophomores will be taking the trip. Two are in field events, while three are all two-mile runners.

"Our distance crew has been pretty developed and focused all along," Smith said of his trio of two-mile runners. "That's partly because of the cross country program and because cross country and track are very similar sports."

The field events have seen much improvements since the beginning of the year.

"I've see a lot of growth and maturity," Smith said of Matt Emmenecker and Dan Thelen, who are seniors. "They've been will us all four years, and it's really nice to see them reach their goals."

Thelen didn't have too much trouble. The Novi pole vaulter cleared 12-feet-6 to take second

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# Novi takes a few lumps

By Brian Doyle  
SPECIAL WRITER

The Novi Baseball team has a busy week behind them as they continue their hunt for a KVC title and a solid post-season performance.

The Wildcats won five out of the nine games they played since last Monday and find themselves two games ahead of the Brighton Bulldogs in KVC standings.

Although the Wildcats dropped a few games, including a large margin loss to Northville, they still feel like they are in a solid spot to close out the year.

Recently we've been kind of slumping but I think we're gonna be fine," Novi coach Rick Green said. "We're gonna be ready for the playoffs and we still got to win the KVC."

**Novi 5, Troy Athens 4**

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Kevin Cisko ended up knocking in the winning run and went 2-3, with two runs on the day.

Adam Zera got the win and only gave up one earned run in five innings. Billy Morrison got the save, coming off an injured knee from earlier in the week, and struck out two batters in one inning to cap the win.

**Novi 11, Lincoln Park 0**

Novi exploded offensively in the second round of the tournament and shut-out Lincoln Park.

Margrave continued to have a big day from the plate and cranked a double to knock in three runners as a pinch hitter.

Doug Benton had two hits, one of which knocked in a run and Dan Morrison went 2-2 with an RBI. Novi also stole nine bases in that game including Darren Guffey's robbery of home plate.

Zach Flavin pitched the win in that game and let in only three hits, three walks and struck out three in five innings.

**Northville 12, Novi 2**

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**Novi 5, Hartford 4**

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## Milford 3, Novi 0

In the first game of a double-header on Friday Novi fell to Milford despite an excellent performance by Mike Hart.

"I thought Mike outpitched their pitcher," Green said.

Milford had their counter-attack on the mound in Ryan O'Neil. O'Neil walked seven, hit a batter, and gave up three hits but it was enough to propel Milford to the win.

**Novi 2, Milford 1**

Novi won the second game in a low scoring matchup. Cisko kept things in order for the Wildcats from the mound and only allowed in two hits in the complete game he pitched.

"He only gave up one walk," Green said. "That's probably why we won."

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## Youth Results

Wouldn't it just be great to be a kid again? Most adults would agree with such a comment, while the kids out there are wondering if it would be from a big deal.

Well, take it from those of us here in the sports department. Stay a kid as long as you can, that way you can keep turning in all of these great results. Keep up the hard work and make sure you're always having fun while playing sports!

**Boys' soccer**  
The U-15 Novi Jaguars soccer team won their bracket of the 2003 Jaguar Invitational recently as they won all three qualifying games. To top the tournament off, the boys then went on to defeat Farmington 3-0 in the championship match to take home the trophy title.

Northville and Novi players on the squad include Vivian Crumpo, Mike Cornelius, Ben

Hawksford, Justin Lackwood, Tom Mergle, Mike Nemes and Joey Rostolini.

**Girls' softball**  
If you'd like to see your youth baseball, softball, soccer and football results printed in the paper, please email Sam Eggleston at [seggleston@ht.homedomain.net](mailto:seggleston@ht.homedomain.net) to find out how to correctly submit the information and what should and shouldn't be included. Team photos are also welcome throughout the summer. Please contact the sports department for more information.

**Girls' volleyball**  
The Novi volleyball team has taken their foot off the brake and are slanting the gas pedal straight to the floor when it comes to wins.

**Softball**  
Taking on Hartford in a double-header, the Cats topped their KVC rivals in both games before beating Milford twice.

In the first game, the Cats topped Hartford 5 to eight innings after ending Farmington Hills Harrison 2-4. The only loss of the week came to a tough Hartford team that edged Novi 6-5 after scoring four runs in the seventh inning.

Against Hartford, Novi found Kendall Hobart taking the loss on the mound as she threw a six-inning game with one walk while whiffing six. Offensively for Novi, Hobart was 1-for-4 with an RBI while Shannon Shlader went 1-for-2 with a single, two walks and a run scored.

In the opener, Wagner took the win with 5 strikes out, three walks and two unearned runs. Hobart had a great day, going 3-for-3 with two runs scored, while Wagner went 2-for-3 with a double.

"It was an excellent high school soccer game between two very highly ranked teams," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "The win played a role in the game, as both teams controlled more of the field and more of the possession time when they were going with the wind."

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### CITY OF NOVI - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON NEWLY FORMED WOODLANDS REVIEW BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants for appointment to the Woodlands Review Board on Monday, June 9, 2003 beginning at 7:30 p.m. This three member board will have the responsibility of granting or denying site permits where the proposed activity does not otherwise require site plans or plat approval.

If you are a qualified voter in the City of Novi and interested in volunteering to serve on this board or any other City board or commission, applications are available in the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile, or by calling (248) 347-0456 to receive an application by mail or fax, or to the City Web Site at [www.novimichigan.com](http://www.novimichigan.com) to print out an application. Please submit your application by Monday, June 2, 2003 to allow time for scheduling appointments. Interviews are 15 minutes each; all City Council meetings are televised.

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### REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD JUNE 9, 2003

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Karen Talar Natta has determined that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 9, 2003.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

At the regular school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2007.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

Dave Brown  
Carol I. Efling

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 6, 2003.

SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Schoolcraft Community College Michigan, will be held at the same time and at the same voting places as the regular school election on Monday, June 9, 2003, and will be conducted by the same school officials as those electors of the Community College District residing in this school district.

ONLY REGISTERED SCHOOL ELECTORS RESIDING IN THE SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

At the Regular Biennial Election there will be full terms (2) members for the office of Community College District Trustee for full terms of six (6) years ending June 30, 2009.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

SIX YEAR TERMS (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2)

Richard J. DeVries  
Carol M. Strom

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THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1  
Voting Place: Instructional Technology Center, 25425 Taff Road, Novi, Michigan.

PRECINCT NO. 2  
Voting Place: Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quincea, Novi, Michigan.

PRECINCT NO. 3  
Voting Place: Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Wilowbrook, Novi, Michigan.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

JULIE ABRAHAM, SECRETARY,  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
(515-222-6503 NN 57493)

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL #162 COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN

TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, has determined it to be necessary to make the following described public improvement in the City of Novi:

The construction of 4,800 linear feet of 8" sanitary sewer main in Section 21 which will provide a direct benefit to 73 interior lots of record in the PIONEER MEADOWS SUBDIVISION.

The City Council has determined that all of the cost of the above described public improvement shall be assessed against the following described property abutting the above described improvement.

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# BOYS: Sending five on to finals

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in the Regional meet. Lakeland's Brad Skaglin took the top spot as he cleared 12-10. Emmenecker, who has continually showed his desire to succeed through hard work and dedication, found himself making the qualifying mark this year. "Last year, he missed out on the finals because he had one more miss than the other guy," Smith said of the traditional field event tie-breaker. "This year, we talked about the (Automatic Qualifying) mark and what he had to do. He went out and did it."

Emmenecker cleared 6-foot-2 for fourth place while Northville's Alan Shanowski took first with a leap of 6-4. Quan Dillahunty of Pontiac Northern jumped 6-3 for third and Adam Strube of Milford took third with a 6-2 leap.

In the 3,200 run, the Wildcats are going to be very well represented. Senior Brian Gickchrist, who is going to be running for the University of Dayton next year, made his mark as he finished the run in 9:36. Sophomore Mark Moore took third in the event with a 9:32.90.

and Anol Huprikar also qualified for the race through some intense pacing set by the regional winner Seth Thibodeau of Milford, who won in 9:30.50.

"We qualified someone in one of the first events and then in one of the last events," Smith said of the pole vault and two-mile run. "Going to the state finals is a major accomplishment for these athletes. They should be proud of what they've accomplished and they should be looking forward to it."

Smith is very realistic about what his team may and may not be able to do.

"Track is highly competitive, especially at the state level," he said. "Our guys are very competitive, but they might not score. If they don't, they will definitely be in strike distance. We're going to do all of our tricks to prepare them."

## Novi 69, Pinckney 68

In their final home game of the season, the Wildcats edged out their KVC rivals in the Pirates.

Emmenecker earned a victory in the high jump, while David Carnegie, Carl Yiu and Eric



Photo by John Heider

Wildcat Ryan Pritchard throws the discus 98'9" in a home meet the second week of May.

Zhao sweeping the long jump.

Moore led the way to victory in the two-mile run, while Huprikar and Spencer Ornes filled in the top spots behind

him to give Novi a sophomore sweep.

Chase Chandler, a senior, took away wins in both the 100 meter dash and the 200 as he ran his

way to impressive dual victories.

In the big-man events, sophomore Ryan Pritchard took first in the shot while Tom Vreeta

was first in the discus. Phillip Hornshaw rounded out the field events, taking first in the pole vault to help the Wildcats to a victory.

## NOVI UNDERCLASSMEN SCORES

### NOVI JV SOCCER

Overall: 10-1-1

Novi has had an outstanding spring season. The Wildcats shut out Pinckney, 1-0, last Wednesday for their 10th win of the season. Novi JV is unbeaten in KVC action. The Wildcats tied

Brighton, and lost their only game of the year to non-league foe Ann Arbor Pioneer.

### NOVI JV SOFTBALL

Overall: 7-8; KVC: 5-7

Novi lost a doubleheader to

rival Brighton last Wednesday in Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) action, 9-8 and 6-3. The Wildcats fell behind, 6-2, early in the first game but battled back to win one run before falling to the Bulldogs. One day earlier, Novi JV beat Ann Arbor Huron, 6-2, in non-league action.

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# 2003

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In this photo tribute to the Class of 2003, Place your graduate's photo along with fellow classmates in the special keepsake edition of the Livingston County Press & Argus on Sunday, June 15 and the Novi News, Northville Record, Milford Times, The Times & South Lyon Herald on Thursday, June 12. Deadline is June 2 for all papers. Limited space available. Don't wait to show how proud you are.



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# GIRLS: And three are headed for states

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behind Whitney Fuelling of Milford, who cleared 5-2.

"You could see her jumping all around the track," Reid said of Li. "She had a great day and made it to the regional. That is going to take a lot of pressure off of her."

The most impressive showing of the day came from Schmitt, a senior who will be running for Michigan State next year. She was one of four athletes to take first-place in two separate events: Other athletes were Kiefstein (Sgrige of South Lyon

(100 hurdles and 300 hurdles), Fuelling of Milford (200 Dash and High Jump) and Paris Bussey of Pontiac Northern (Shot Put and discus).

Her first in the mile came in an amazing 5:12.20 while her two-mile time found her finishing in 11:16.70. Schmitt's two-mile time was just two seconds off of the school record.

"It's definitely achievable for her," Reid said. "She had some really nice performances for us."

Other nice performances came from Emily Reid, who had a personal best time in the hur-

dles, while the 4-by-800 and 4-by-400 teams were giving their best performances. The 4-by-800 relay team of Suzi Kim, Jen Thompson, Laine Williams and Samantha Kelly and the 4-by-400 relay team of Kim, senior Amanda Smith, Anna McDougal and Kelly both gave everything they had.

The most inspirational performance of the day was from none other than Bella Feldbaum. The Novi junior found herself suffering an ankle injury just three days prior in a dual meet again Pinckney, and unfortunately wasn't able to

recover in time. With the pain becoming very evident in the long jump, which is her specialty, Feldbaum was given the option of stepping down from her run in the 100 meter dash. "I told her she could sit it out and she refused," Reid said. "I asked her if she wanted us to

tape her ankle up and she said "No, coach."

And then she ran. With her teeth clenched and her limp very apparent, Feldbaum pulled out an amazing sixth-place finish in the dash with a time of 13.30 seconds.

"She definitely won my toughness award right there," Reid noted.

Sum Eggleston is the sports writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Basketball Camp

The Northville High School Basketball coaching staff will be hosting the 2003 Summer Basketball Camp July 7-11 at Northville High School. The camp is open to boys and girls entering grades 5-9 grades. The camp for 5-7 will be from 9-11:30 a.m. and the camp for 8-9 will be from noon-2:30 p.m.

The cost for the camp is \$85 and questions should be directed to coach Daniel Schumacher at (248) 344-8420.

### Summer Baseball/Softball Camps

Total Baseball and Softball will be holding their summer camps June 16-18 at Novi's Powers Park; June 23-25 at Northville's Community Park; July 7-9 at South Lyon High School; and July 15-17 at Wixom Camp.

All camps run from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. for ages 7-17 years old. Professional players and college coaches will instruct kids in the proper techniques of pitching, hitting and fielding. Kids will also be checked on a radar gun for arm speed. Rainouts will be held at Total Soccer in Wixom's indoor facility.

The camps cost \$135 per player. For more information, please call (248) 668-0166 or email totalball@wixom.com. For more details or to register online visit www.total-baseball.com or www.total-softball.com.

### Volunteers Needed

Northville Parks and Recreation is seeking volunteers to help with the inaugural Galyan's Solstice Run June 21.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the start line, registration tent, help desk, the kiddie course, aid stations, food/refreshments, clean-up crew, finish line set up and also to help along the five kilometer course.

All volunteers will receive free food and refreshments and a Galyan's Northville Solstice Run T-shirt. Please call (248) 349-0203, ext. 1408.

### Open and Lap Swimming

The Recreation Center at Hillside Pool announces open and lap swimming during the

spring on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. and Friday 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 3-4:30 p.m. The cost is \$3.00 per person, regardless of age. Please pay the life guard and bring correct change. Dates and times are subject to change. Cancellations will be posted on the Recreation Center doors.

### Junior Golf Clinics

Tanglewood Golf Club and head instructor/PGA professional Tom Shaw are hosting the 2003 Tanglewood Junior Clinic this summer. The clinic is open to children ages 7-13 and consists of four three-hour classes.

The clinics will be held on the following dates:

- Clinic 1: June 17, 19 and 24 from 9 a.m.-noon and June 26 from 8-11 a.m.
- Clinic 2: July 8, 10 and 15 from 9 a.m.-noon and July 17 from 8-11 a.m.
- Clinic 3: July 23, 25, and 30 from 9 a.m.-noon and August 1 from 8-11 a.m.

The price of each clinic is \$130 per person with the price

including lessons, lunch, trophies and a souvenir. Each clinic is limited to 20 kids, so call (248) 486-3355, ext. 20 and ask for Tom Shaw to register or to get more information.

### Golf Lessons Available

Looking to improve that swing? Tanglewood Golf Club is offering individual and group lessons by PGA Certified instructors for private lessons.

Call (248) 486-3355 and ask for Brad, Larry or Tom.

### Searching for records

Novi High School is currently looking for any information regarding a possible record for a single game, single season or a career dating back to the opening of the school. Records can be proven with old newspaper articles, end-of-season reports or scorebooks as documentation.

Anyone with this information should contact the high school via mail by sending the documentation to: Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, Attn: Julie Pisette, Athletic Records.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Voss joins Lyon Vet staff

Lyon Veterinary Clinic announced the addition of Dr. Jessica Voss to its staff. This will allow the clinic to expand available times and services. She will also start seeing birds in the near future. Dr.



Voss is a 2001 graduate of the University of Wisconsin. She has three horses, two dogs and six birds. Lyon Veterinary Clinic is located at 21180 Pontiac Trail, (248) 486-5600.

### They're floored

Hagopian World of Rugs' Novi Showroom has changed its look and name. Recently remodeled, the store at 43223 12 Mile Road is now known as the Hagopian Flooring Design Studio and features flooring designer Peter Pusselt, who brings with him a quarter-century of experience and a master design degree from Germany.

### Looking for work in all the wrong places?

Northville resident Katherine Mastantuono's KPM Group, a full-service staffing firm specializing in both temporary and permanent placement, is holding a seminar on "How To Get A Job In Slow Economic Times."

The Southfield-based company will repeat the two-hour workshop at 1, 3 and 7 p.m. at the Oakland Commons building, 23700 Civic Center Drive, Ste. 150, Southfield, May 22. The workshop will cover resume and cover letter critique; viewing of "mock" interviews between KPM recruiters; interview attire information; "the Do's and Don'ts" of what to say/do in an interview; video presentation on interviewing; hot industries in the current economy; ways to uncover lucrative job openings. Joining Mastantuono for the seminar will be: Christa Kasapis, manager, Livonia Temporary Department; Janice Forte, Business Development; and Elizabeth Suchomel, senior recruiter, Direct Hire Placement.

Space limited, so call Kasapis at (734) 542-0202 to reserve a seat.

### Mom and Dad are watching

Novi's Wireless Enterprises recently announced that its parent company has signed an agreement with Wherify Inc. to distribute the California-based company's new GPS Locator for Kids. According to a Wherify spokesman, the wrist-worn device allows parents to know their children's exact location within meters 277/365 by combining the Global Positioning System (GPS) with wireless technology and Wherify's patented technology. The device, the spokesman said, allows to use any phone or the Internet to determine their child's location within minutes and in an emergency the child or parent can use the device to summon police. Wireless Enterprise is located in West Oaks II, 27793-C West Oaks Drive. For more information call (248) 596-1900.

### Trying harder than Avis

Washtenaw County-based Huron Valley Ambulance, which serves Northville Township and other western Wayne County communities brought home a pair of third place trophies from the 2003 Emergency Medical Services Expo in Grand Rapids recently. Emergency Medical Technicians Greg Smith and Dale Walleit placed third in the Basic Life Support practical competition. The expo is the largest event of its type in the state.

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Rotterdam Jewellers in Milford is an official Rolex dealer. The store carries several different lines and many styles as seen in this photo.

## Jewelry selection makes Rotterdam tops

Rotterdam Custom Jewelers in Milford features the finest jewelry selections available. It would be natural that Rotterdam would be an official Rolex Jeweler.

Dean and Cindi Rotterdam, owners of Rotterdam Jewellers in downtown Milford, have been in the business since the early 1980s. The couple has built an impeccable reputation in the jewelry business, and subsequently the store has been awarded membership in the American Gem Society.

They were delighted when their store was invited to carry Rolex watches. Rolex approved and selected Rotterdam Jewellers as

an authorized dealer in 1997 because of its strict standards of service and outstanding professionalism. Rotterdam is one of 11 Rolex dealers in southeast Michigan.

In fact, Rotterdam Jewellers in Brighton, Dean and Cindi's second store site, is also a Rolex dealer because of their Rolex sales, service and reputation for customer satisfaction.

Owning a Rolex is a good investment, according to Dean. "A Rolex transcends generations. It holds its value. After 10 years of wearing a Rolex, one can usually recoup his or her initial cost if the

watch is in good shape. That does not happen with other watches."

The cost of Rolex watches begins at \$2,700 on up. They can be stainless steel, stainless steel and 18 kt. gold, stainless steel, rose gold and platinum or all 18 kt. gold, white gold or platinum. Of course, diamonds can be an added feature. Another option is Rolex's more traditional dress watch, the Cellini, which has a European influence in its design.

In order to ensure quality, the company has established a global network of authorized service centers in 25 countries on five continents that are trained to handle

Rolex warranty service needs. These selected specialized jewelers handle repairs and refurbishing for Rolex timepieces and use only genuine parts. After-sales service is a vital part of the customer service Rolex philosophy.

Genuine Rolex products are sold only through official Rolex jewelers and are not available on the Internet or non-authorized dealers. When buying a Rolex from an authorized dealer, buyers are guaranteed they are purchasing a genuine Rolex watch with genuine parts, proper seals and authentic serial numbers. Rolex has intensively trained our sales staff here and in New York," explained Cindi.

"Even our pre-owned watches are completely restored and authenticated by Rolex assuring our clients that there are no after-factory parts or counterfeit parts added," she added. "The service centers guarantee the quality of their service and guarantee that all the parts are 100 percent genuine. Service centers have the sophisticated testing and quality control procedures to ensure the quality of Rolex and no other watch person can do that," Cindi emphasized.

The most famous watch in the world became renowned in 1926 when Rolex created the first shock and pressure-proof wristwatch called the Oyster, made from a single piece of metal. The Oyster case is designed to provide the most protection possible for the watch movement.

The case back is screwed down onto the Oyster case and topped with crown — making the timepiece nearly impervious. Inside the Oyster is the perpetual rotor which was created by Rolex in 1931. It is the mechanism which winds the watch automatically from the slightest movement of the wearer. The discovery made manual, daily winding obsolete.

Perhaps the most interesting fact about Rolex is that it takes one year to create the perpetual rotor comprised of 220 components.

Then, every timepiece undergoes 15 days and nights of intensive testing by the official Swiss controller of chronometers (extremely accurate timepieces).

Quality control is the key at all levels of production in accordance with the "Ten Golden Rules" of Rolex. Each authentic timepiece is accompanied by a personal warranty issued by the official Rolex dealer.

Since its founding by Hans Wilsdorf, the reputation of Rolex has continued to grow. The timepieces are known throughout the world for their unmatched quality, reliability, durability and toughness.

"The quality of the timepiece is second to none," said Dean. "The Swiss craftsmanship is superior. Your Rolex will endure any environment in which you can perform."

Consider the following unusual circumstances:

- Mercedes Gleitze swam the English Channel with a Rolex Oyster on her wrist in 1927;

- Chuck Yeager, the first man to fly a plane faster than the speed of sound in 1947, wore a Rolex Oyster during the high turbulence of his flight;

- The first man to conquer Mt. Everest, Sir Edmund Hillary, relied on his Rolex to record his event in 1953;

- In 1960, Dr. Jacques Piccard attached a Rolex Oyster to a submarine which descended to 35,000 feet into the sea.

In February of this year, Dean and Cindi were guests of Rolex — one of 18 jewelers in the United States — at the Daytona 24-hour Race as a reward for their Rolex sales and customer service.


"It was a great experience," said Dean "to see how involved Rolex was in the racing industry, and it made us proud to be apart of the Rolex family."

"Wearing a Rolex makes you feel good," said Dean. "The timepieces are the very best, and we are proud to be an authorized dealer."




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Rotterdam Jewellers employees Rose Crumley and George Teufel check out one of the store's new Rolexes. The store is located at 369 N. Main St. in downtown Milford.




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