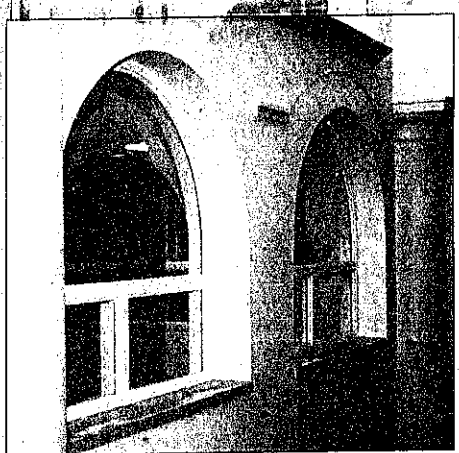
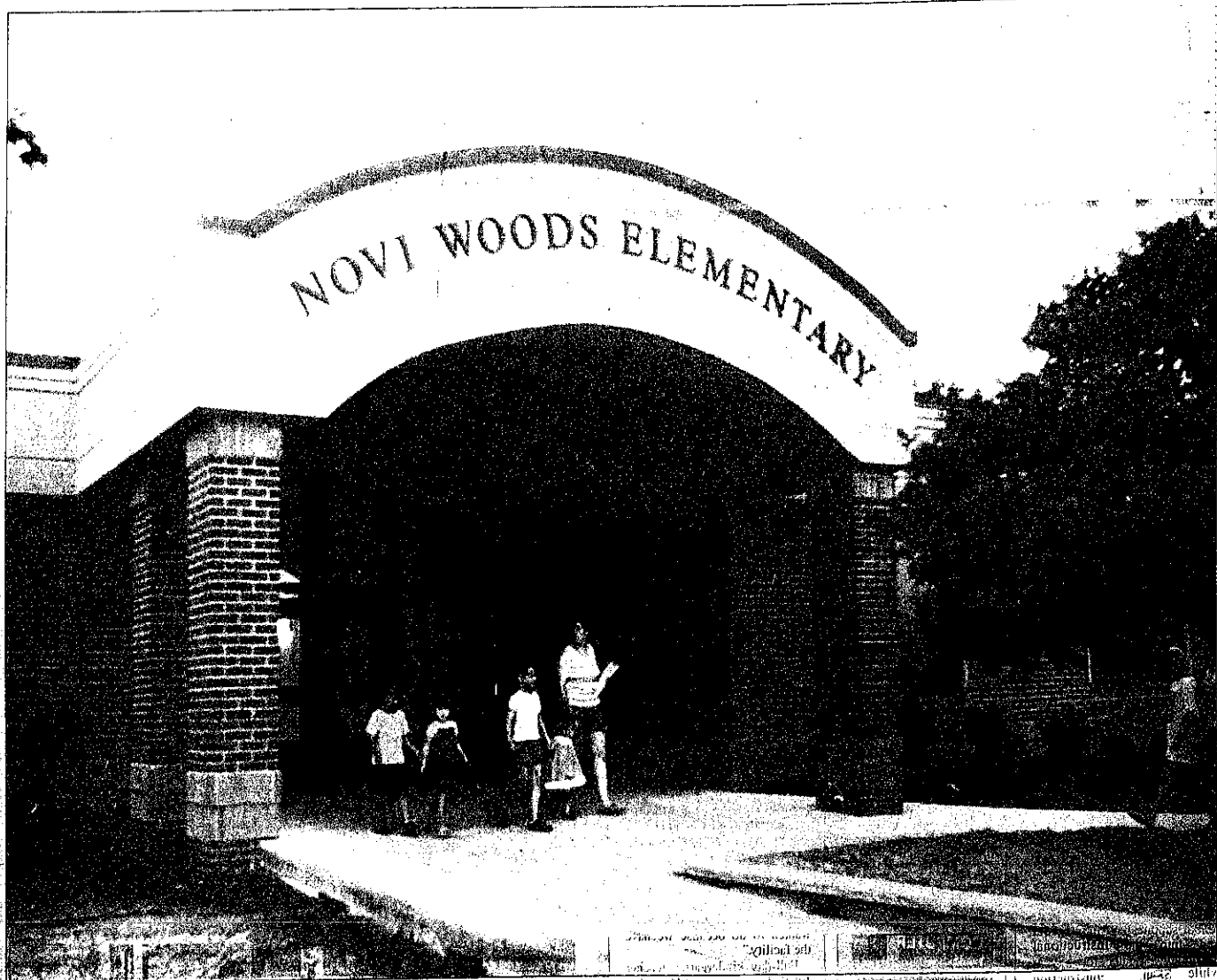
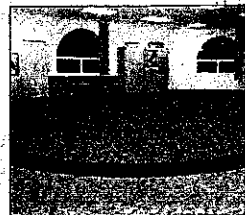
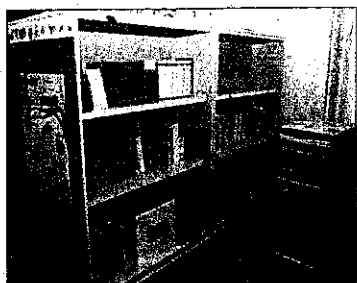
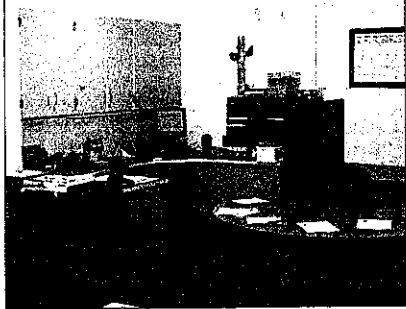
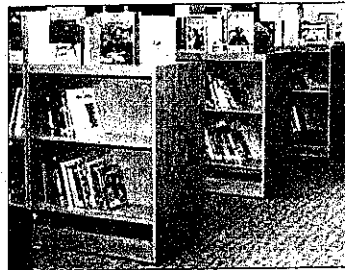
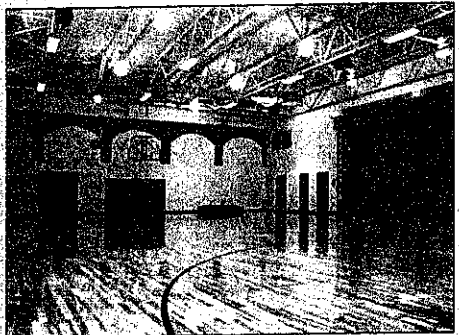
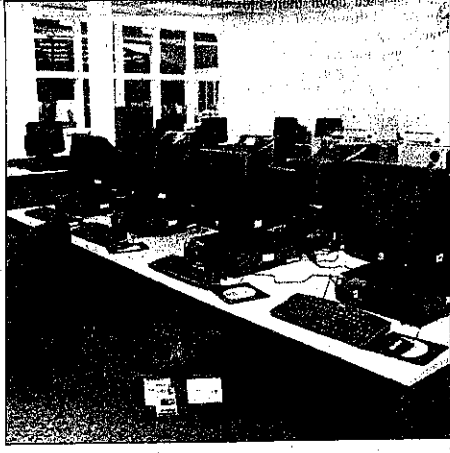
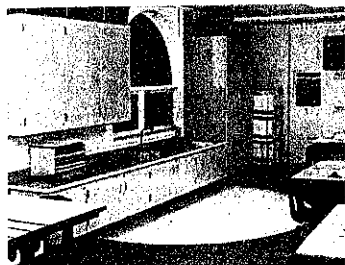


Higher learning takes

Novi Woods Elementary opens its doors for the 2003 school year

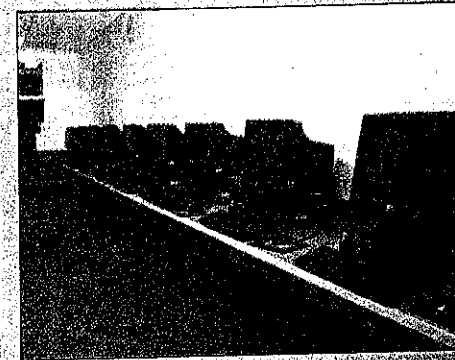
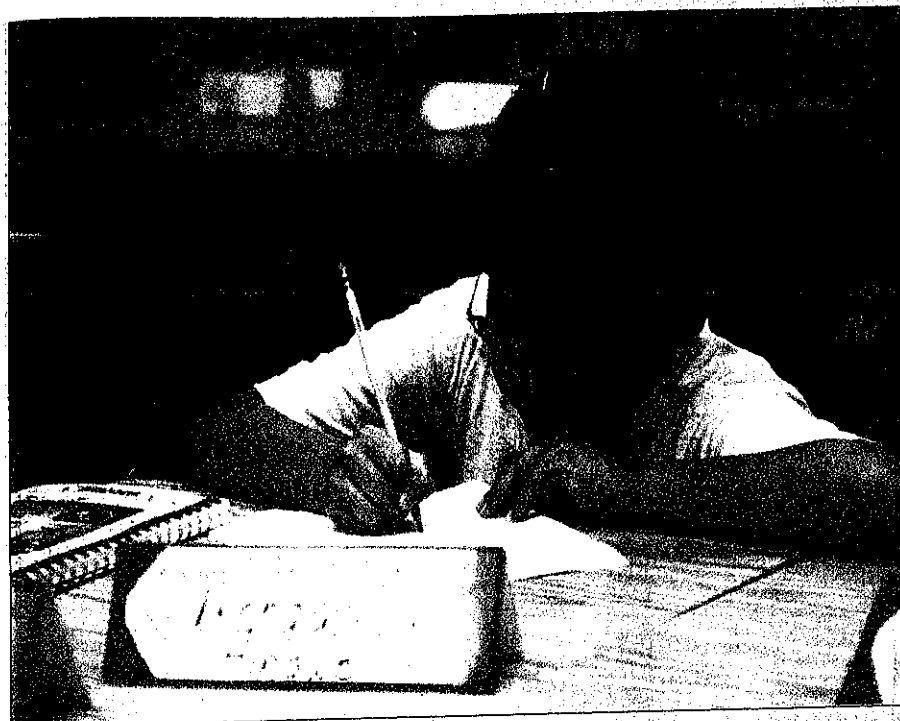


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place at Novi Woods

and invites students, families to come in and explore the hallways



Staff finally moves into new building

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Nobody in the Novi Community School District is more relieved right now than Novi Woods Elementary Principal Pam Quitquit and her staff. After packing all their school supplies and moving out the Instructional Technology Center for a year while Skanska construction crews knocked down their old building and then rebuilt it from scratch, the staff is finally in their brand new school and are ready for a fresh start.

Novi Woods Elementary School is located off Taft Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads, on the same site of the old facility. An open house was held last Thursday so students and parents could look around and get acquainted with their new school. The general theme of the night was that everyone enjoyed their new surroundings.

"Because it is a new facility we wanted kids to have an idea of where they are going when they enter school instead of just walking into this brand new place and not even knowing where they were supposed to go," Quitquit said. "Now they can look at their teachers faces and know who that person is. This is also for parents to be able to see the facility and what it looks like and where their kids are going to be at school."

Quitquit explained that the new facility is better than the previous one for many reasons. There is a new media center complete with computer lab, a video taping room, a new gymnasium with a separate cafeteria and a new community space which can be used for meetings. The classroom spaces are about

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Novi Woods Elementary School

- Location: Taft Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads
- Capacity: 516 students
- Total cost of the project: \$87 million
- Size: 26,000 square feet

30 square feet bigger than what they were before and kindergarten classrooms are over 1,000 square feet in size.

"Before, the media center was a really small space, so just having that addition there will make it better," Quitquit said. "As far as technology is concerned, the kids will be able to do a lot more with that as well."

The new trend in elementary schools is having sliding walls which divide the different classrooms. Each teacher at Novi Woods has a team member so "Just being able to have those walls that we can configure differently is going to make a significant difference because the

kids will be able to have that space and the teachers will have that learning center and kids will be able to move from center to center," Quitquit said. "All the research tells you that is good for kids... I think the educational facility is great. We will be able to do a lot more of the things we wanted to do because we have the facility."

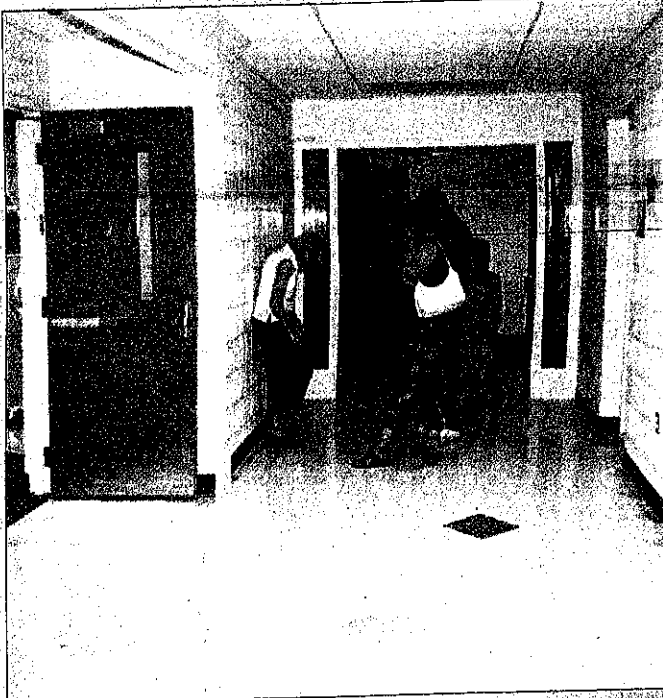
Full-day kindergarten teacher Jill Walro, second grade teacher Tanya Jones and third grade teacher Nancy Bain all agree that their new school building is a wonderful place for kids to learn. "I just think that this building is a beautiful learning facility," Walro said. "Everyone here is just excited and the morale is very high. Everybody is ready to get back in and teach."

The Novi Woods staff recently took a retreat to the Marriott Hotel in Livonia to work on the school's new philosophy and its vision statement. "We talked a lot about what we believe the kids should learn, how we're going to teach them, different philosophies and different types of programming that are going to be going on between the different classrooms," Walro said.

"The open house was such an exciting night," Walro added. "Parents haven't been in to see the building yet, so it was their first time."

Jones is also enjoying her new workplace and thought that all the moving around was well worth it to be in a state of the art facility.

"I guess it's kind of annoying to pack up everything you own in a classroom and then unpack it and to pack it up again at the end of the year to unpack it again this year. But just looking around this room, all of that inconvenience was definitely worth hav-



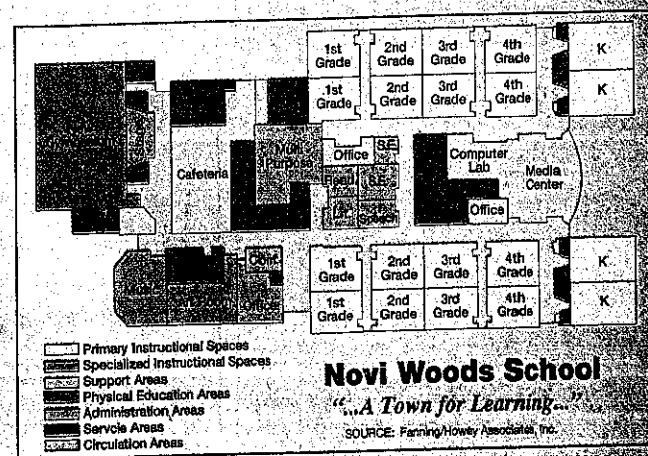
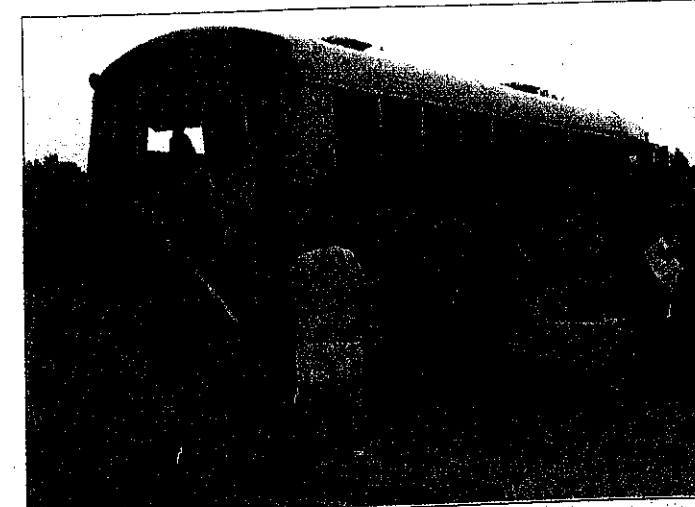
ing this new school," she said. "The new school is amazing. The walls are brighter, the dry erase boards make it a lot easier because there isn't all that chalk dust everywhere. The actual rooms are brighter with the bigger windows, and the ventilation system is better too. I think the teachers' moods are going to be better with the brightness because when you have darker rooms it's more dreary. It's just a much better place."

Bain believes that because the walls, which were both to be easily reconfigured, can move in each classroom, teachers can incorporate many classes into one - and that can only help students.

"The work station for teachers is fabulous," she said. "Everything that we need is here. This building is going to allow us a variety of ways to deliver

instruction by reconfiguring walls. We will be able to create many classes and we can change the walls so many different ways that it allows instruction. It's just really great and everyone is happy to be here."

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NOVI CITY BRIEFS

A breather on summer taxes

A quirk of the calendar will give Novi taxpayers an extra two days to pay their summer property taxes. Novi Community Relations Coordinator Karen Amosch said 2003 Summer Taxes are due Aug. 31, but since that's a Sunday and the following day is Labor Day, payments will be accepted without penalty through Sept. 2.

After that Novi property owners will be charged a 4-percent penalty for being late. "There's no leeway. We just can't be lenient," said Assistant City Treasurer Bev Valente.

Last year, 87 percent of the city's summer property taxes were paid on time. By the time the March deadline for paying property taxes rolled around, all but 5 percent of the city's taxes had been collected. That 5 percent is paid by the county, which in turn pays the delinquent taxes into collections.

This summer, said Valente, the city will be sending out bills for \$80 million in summer property taxes. A second billing will be due Feb. 14.

Next summer, noted Amosch, Aug. 31 will fall on a Tuesday and summer taxes will be due that day. Novi taxpayers can use the drop box located at the curb behind the Civic Center for tax/water and sewer payments. Call 248-347-0100.

which closed earlier this year, to South's Green Road River Avenue in what was once Van's Market. Council members also granted South a 925 entertainment permit to what he bills as an authentic Irish pub. Smith told council members he expects foot traffic for 70 percent of the sale.

New hire

John Thompson has joined the city's Park, Recreation and Forestry Department as Novi's newest forestry tech. With a decade of arboricultural experience, said a Thompson will help in the effort to remove dead and dying ash trees from city-owned property. He will also be working on a program and integrated pest management.

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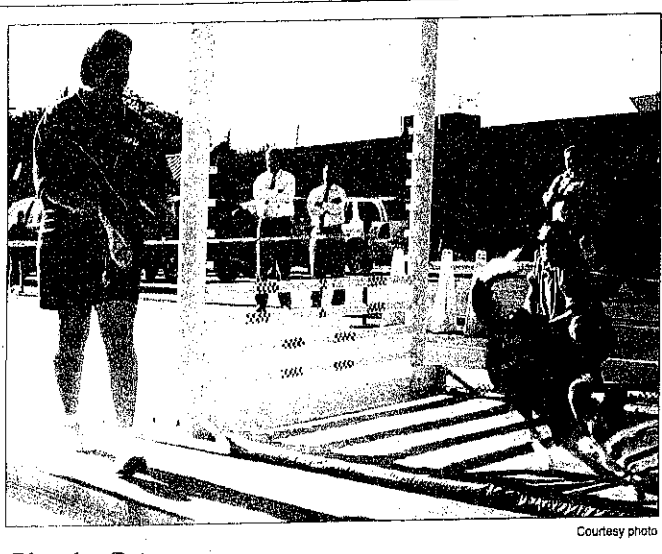
The one-time Tri-City at Glass-Building's day-care center is now owned by City Council member 6th Ward Democrat's James Group \$10,000 to renovate the building, which had been a storage shed for various city departments. City Manager Rick Helwig told council members that the building has "become an eyesore and cost prohibitive." The \$5.5 million building, which was built in 1978, is now owned by the city to be used for day-care.

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Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius said the city will not be marking up the cost when it starts selling the maps later next month. "We're just doing this as a service to the community," she said. Cornelius added, her office has ordered 200 maps and will begin selling them as soon as they arrive from the map commission. For those who can't wait, the maps are available at the road commission's administrative offices in Beverly Hills and Waterford Township.

Manager hired

Novi has a new senior financial manager. Jeffrey D. Hall went on the city payroll Aug. 11 coming from Riverview where he had been assistant finance director. A University of Michigan-Dearborn graduate with a bachelor of business administration degree, Hall is a certified public accountant with more than five years experience in governmental accounting and auditing. Before joining the city of Riverview's staff, he was a member of the audit staff at Plante & Moran.



Courtesy photo

Pins for Pets Novi Bowl & Recreation on Novi Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads was the site of a Pins for Pets 30-hour Radiothon/Bowathon Aug. 21-22 benefiting the Michigan Humane Society. The fundraiser grossed almost \$50,000 for the nonprofit organization. The event concluded with animal agility, flyball and high-jumping demonstrations Friday at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. by Rude Dogs Flyball and RPM Dogs Sports Team.

Play ball — later

Novi's 10- and 11-year-olds are going to have a much nicer place to play baseball at Community Sports Park, but the first crack of the bat is more than a year away. Novi City Council voted unanimously to award a \$113,255 contract to Clinton Township's DMJ Law and Snow Inc. at its Aug. 25 meeting. The contract for field #2 includes grading, seeding, an irrigation system, improved spectator seating, dugouts and fencing. Randy Adler, the city's director of parks, recreation and forestry, told city council members that while the work will begin this fall, the field won't be ready to use until spring 2005. He said that because a newly-seeded athletic field needs a full year to establish itself.

License moving

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Finding your way

It's been a year since the Road Commission in 2002 had County published its first road map for the county and they have been a few changes to the map. In 2003, the roads are being updated. Access to the map is via the Internet at www.novimichigan.gov. The map is available for a fee of \$25.00. The map is available for a fee of \$25.00. The map is available for a fee of \$25.00.

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Blood supplies low

Residents encouraged to give gift of life

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Blood supplies are at a critical low this time of year. So, the American Red Cross encourages all area residents to try to find time in their busy schedules to make a donation. The Red Cross came to the Novi Civic Center last week and collected only about 20 units were collected.

"People are busy," said Red Cross nurse Debbie Lyons, R.N., who works at the Novi donation center.

"Summer is the worst time, especially August," said Joann Lindquist of Howell, the new American Red Cross representative for the Novi area, who just started her new job in June.

Those who missed the Aug. 20 blood drive at the Novi Civic Center, however, can make an appointment or drop in at the Novi donation center located on the north side of Ten Mile Road just east of Meadowbrook Road.

Hours are Monday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The nonprofit organization plans to have another blood drive at the Novi Civic Center early next year.

The Red Cross has a special offer for those who donate twice during the American Red Cross Save a Life Tour, which ends Dec. 31. These donors will receive a double-walled 20-ounce thermal commuter mug with "American Red Cross" and "together, we can save a life" inscribed on the mug. The mugs will be mailed to qualifying donors.

Did you know that you can also super-size your gift of life? Whole-blood donation can save up to three lives. But what if your one donation could save even more lives in just a little more time?

Automated donations, which take about an hour, are very efficient since you can give full transfusable units of the blood components most needed when you donate.

This is particularly helpful to make sure that your valuable blood platelets, which have a shelf life of only five days, will get to the patients who need them.

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Also, donors can make an automated donation as often as twice a month. Regular blood donations can only be made every 56 days.

The Red Cross has some tips to help donors have a successful experience each time they make a blood donation.

• Drink extra water and fluids before you donate to replace the volume of blood you will donate and to prevent low blood pressure. Donors should continue drinking extra fluids after donating, too.

• Avoid coffee and tea the day you donate as these act as a diuretic, causing your body to lose more fluid than the drinks provide.

• Eat bread, cereal, fruit, lean meats or other foods with protein or complex carbohydrates.

• Avoid fatty foods, such as hamburgers, fries, ice cream or cheese before donating. Fatty materials, or lipids, stay in the blood for several hours and can prevent accurate testing of your blood for infection. If the Red Cross can't test your blood, they can't use it.

For more information about making a blood donation during this critical time, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or 1-866-TRY-TRIMA.

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Debbie Lyons, R.N., an American Red Cross nurse, assists Joann Lindquist of Howell during a blood drive Aug. 20 at the Novi Civic Center. Lindquist is the American Red Cross representative for the Novi area. The five-hour drive attracted about 20 donors. Blood supplies are extremely low during the summer months.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Retailers step up to the plate

The Kroger and Meijer locations off Grand River Ave. in Novi and Wixom, respectively, helped their neighbors at Providence Hospital in Novi during the Blackout of 2003.

"The Sheriff's Department delivered bottled water for our patients from Meijer at no cost," said Steve Weipert, director of support services, at the Novi hospital.

"Kroger was phenomenal. I went over on Friday about 5 p.m. requesting wireless hand soap for our employees. They gave me all they had at no charge. They put it in bags and said, 'Take it!'" Weipert said.

"We heard about potential price gouging, so it's nice to recognize other retailers for supporting their community," Weipert said.

Lincoln LS owners help Children's Hospital

Members of the Lincoln LS Owners Club, who were in Novi recently for the club's annual rally, donated \$1,000 for Children's Hospital of Michigan of Detroit.

Club members raised the donations through a special raffle at the rally's banquet that took place July 30 at the Hotel Barometre. Raffle tickets were sold for \$20, with about 60 people attending the banquet. The raffle was for a special framed photo of a Lincoln LS signed by George Lucas, director of the Star Wars movies.

Scott Clouston of Greeley, Colo., was the lucky winner of the photo.

Petland recognized

Petland Inc. recognized the Petland store at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi and its owner, Bob Thorne, with its "Pet Store of the Year" this month.

The national retailer selected the Novi store out of 105 stores across the United States.

The retailer recognized Thorne for his excellence in animal care, community service, mentoring and franchisee participation.

Pet Product News also recently named Thorne "Retailer of the Year" for Best Community Service."

The publication recognized Thorne for his two-year-old community service program in which he went out into the community to teach children the fundamentals of pet care and pet ownership. Thorne has presented his 45-minute program on "The ABC's of Pet Care" to more than 3,000 children in the Metro Detroit area to date.

He also received Petland's

"Quest Award," which recognizes and honors extra community service work.

Thorne also takes pets into assisted living facilities as well as schools for physically- and emotionally-challenged children.

Petland is the only pet store in Michigan that offers free spaying and neutering, a certificate for free socialization and obedience classes, free 60-day health coverage for pets and a free visit to any Vetselect veterinarian hospital even if you did not purchase your pet from Petland Novi.

Planning conference set

"Heritage VI: Oakland County's Annual Planning & Economic Development Conference," will take place at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at the Holly Hotel in Holly. The theme for this year's event is "Celebrating Towns and Their Natural Surroundings."

Randall Arendt, internationally known land-use planner, site designer, author, lecturer and an advocate of conservation planning, will provide the keynote address, "Preserving Countywide Open Space," as well as a session on reinvigorating highway commercial strips for community redevelopment.

Balithazar Korah, Troy-based world-renowned photographer of historical landscapes and structures, will present a session on his work. His "Presidential Gift" traveling display will be on view.

Registration for the day-long event is \$65 before Sept. 5. For a brochure and registration, call (248) 858-5437 or visit www.co.oakland.mi.us/peds/calendar/pedconf.html.

Sign-in and registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with opening remarks at 9 a.m. The conference will have two concurrent sessions, a luncheon and will conclude at 3:30 p.m. with a networking reception until 5 p.m.

The conference is sponsored by Detroit Edison Economic Development Services, T&C Federal Credit Union and the Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services, with special thanks to the Village of Holly.

Chamber surveys blackout losses

Detroit Regional Chamber small business members experienced outage-related losses ranging from \$100 to \$125,000 during the Blackout of 2003, according to an initial survey of 150 members.

The Chamber sample survey focused on members in the retail

and food service industries. The survey collected data on employee numbers, length of work stoppage and estimated financial losses. The survey also revealed that many businesses mobilized their resources to help out their neighbors and communities.

As a result of these findings, the Chamber is working with the state of Michigan and local government offices to support efforts to research potential Disaster Recovery Funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and U.S. Small Business Administration. FEMA will assist local governments and the state in recovering costs associated with the blackout.

The Chamber is coordinating efforts to determine total losses to the business community, including loss of sales, inventory, wages, etc., and what, if any, relief will become available. The Chamber's Research & Information Center is working to put together aggregate numbers for the effect the blackout had on small and large businesses in the entire Southeast Michigan region.

The organization will also enlist the support of the 51 local chambers of the Southeast Michigan Chamber Alliance to help determine business needs across the affected region.

Companies that want to share information to assist the Chamber's research should call 1-866-MBR-LINE.

July jobless rates increase

Seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates increased in 10 of Michigan's 12 major labor market areas in July, according to John Palmer, deputy director for Workforce Programs, Michigan Department of Career Development.

Employment decreased in nine areas over the month while labor force levels were mixed throughout the state's major areas.

"Scheduled temporary shutdowns in the auto industry in July due to retooling caused sizable short-term layoffs in many areas," Palmer said.

Unemployment rate increases for the 10 areas were moderate, with a median advance of .6 of a percentage point.

From July 2002 to July 2003, unemployment rates rose in all 12 of the state's major labor markets, with increases ranging from .3 to 2.1 percentage points. Jobless rates in nine major areas increased by more than a full percentage point in the last year.

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Cable company trims bill following Blackout 2003

By Phil Foley
STAFF WRITER

The ice cream may have melted in the freezer and you may be still resetting all the clocks in the house in the wake of the Great Blackout of 2003, but there is at least one bright spot.

If you live in Novi or parts of Northville and Walled Lake, your cable bill will be a little bit smaller this month.

Novi City Council Member Lou Csordas, who also sits on the South West Oakland Cable Commission, said that BrightHouse Networks announced Aug. 18 that it would issue automatic credits to customers affected by the blackout.

"We're a new company and we're trying to do new things," said spokesman Leigh Bryd. "It was a crazy time. We're just try-

ing to be your hometown cable company."

BrightHouse, a division of Advance-Newhouse, took over operation of the cable system that serves Novi, Farmington Hills, Livonia and Redford Township in April. The company has more than 80,000 customers in the five communities.

Bryd said that while the cable system was fully operational during the blackout, it was virtually impossible for customers to access their televisions or computers due to the loss of power.

"The power blackout affected all of us," said Bob McCann, vice president and general manager of BrightHouse Networks, "and it most certainly was not the fault of BrightHouse Networks."

McCann said credits will be automatically placed on every

active customers account within their next billing cycle. He added, "customers need not call regarding service credits; they will be automatically placed on their accounts."

"We are very proud of the efforts of our employees and their dedication to serve our customers," McCann said. "Like all of us, our employees were affected by the blackout but sacrificed their time to insure that our customers came first. It is important that we step to the forefront and insure that our customers are not billed for services they could not receive even though this liability should reside elsewhere."

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Better Business Bureau serves as consumer advocate

Database keeps tabs on customer complaints

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Almost everyone has heard of the Better Business Bureau.

But how many actually know what the organization does and how it assists area consumers?

"What the Bureau likes to promote is that if you are considering doing business with a company, call us first," said Tim Burns, spokesperson for the Eastern Michigan Better Business Bureau, headquartered in Southfield, and one of only two Better Business Bureaus in the state.

"Consumers can also come to use for our Dispute Resolution Program," he said. In this program, staff at the Bureau act as a mediator to help work out problems between businesses and consumers.

"As a nonprofit organization we can mediate a dispute between a business and a customer, and we do have quite a bit of success with that. If we have a situation in which a business is not cooperating with us, consumers can go through Small Claims Court," Burns said.

Burns noted that if a business is a member of the Better Business Bureau and is not willing to cooperate in trying to resolve a dispute with a customer, the business loses its membership in the organization.

"That's why it's a good idea to see if a business is a member before doing business with them."

Burns said.

The Bureau does more than just try to resolve disputes between businesses and consumers, however.

"Many people think of the Bureau as just a place to lodge a complaint. But the Bureau also provides consumer education services. We have tips on numerous business issues, and we have a customer service history on more than 35,000 area businesses," Burns said.

The Bureau also has a Web site, www.easternmichiganbbb.org. "We have an interactive database. Consumers can look up a business by name, address or phone number," Burns said.

"We report on both member and nonmember businesses in our database. And, we don't give preference to a business just because they're a member," he added. The Bureau's reporting period covers the last three years.

Burns said if a consumer can't resolve a problem with a business and decides to seek legal action, the consumer must file a claim at the District Court located closest to the business in question.

"The filing fee is reasonable. Then, you can either serve court papers to the business yourself, you can hire someone to serve the papers or send them by certified mail," Burns said.

If the business fails to respond once the owner has been served court papers, a consumer can obtain a default judgment from

the court.

"This gives the consumer documentation that a claim was filed and the court awarded the consumer a certain amount of money. The consumer can then give notice to the company that they owe the money," Burns said.

Finally, if the business in question still doesn't respond, the consumer can file a motion with the court to have a lien placed on the business.

"After a lien is placed on a business, if the company tries to sell the business or refinance the business or property, it won't be able to without first paying off the lien," Burns explained.

He noted that when consumers file a complaint with the Better Business Bureau against a company, it must be in writing.

"Consumers can either have us mail them a complaint form or obtain one online. This just insures that we have all the facts from the consumer," Burns said.

The Better Business Bureau is only effective, Burns noted, if it's used. "Our system revolves around community interaction. If someone has a complaint and doesn't log it with us, we have no record of my problems with a business," he said.

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World's largest authentic Irish pub coming to Novi

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Gus O'Connors Public House, an authentic Irish pub and the latest addition planned at the Main Street Novi project, will feature a new look for the front of the building.

Members of the Novi Planning Commission last month approved a facade that will include a wood overlay on the front of the brick structure. The Commission granted a facade waiver so the pub could feature a look of authenticity.

Construction at the pub, which will be located at 42875 Grand River Avenue at the site of the former Vic's Market, began about two months ago, according to Ed Smith, project architect.

Opening is slated for early November, and construction is on schedule.

The \$1.4 million pub with two levels and just over 9,000 square feet will feature wood shipped all the way from Ireland as well as Irish bartenders and wait staff.

"They're extremely friendly people," Smith said.

"This will be the largest authentic Irish pub in the world," Smith said of his new venture.

The idea for the new pub began after Smith visited pubs in Ireland, including one named Gus O'Connors in the county of Clare, Ireland, in 1997 and later in Chicago.

"I saw a concept in Chicago a couple of years ago, and I decided I had to do it," Smith said.

He owned Main Street Billiards in Rochester for about eight years and sold that business in September 2002 so he could open Gus O'Connors. Before that, he was a sales representative for a medical company. Prior to that, he was a sales rep for Xerox right out of college.

The Michigan State University graduate has a degree in business and grew up in the Waterford/Canton area.

"I'm an Irish Catholic boy who graduated from Our Lady of the Lakes High School, so opening an Irish pub was a natural progression for me," Smith said.

His visit to the Gus O'Connors pub in Ireland, which has no affiliation to Smith's new venture, was most memorable.

"I stayed at a bed-and-breakfast there, and we asked where to go for some food. They immediately said,

"Gus O'Connors. I had such a great time. I'll never forget it," he said. "As they would say in Ireland, 'They were spot on.' They're known for their authentic, live music."

The Novi counterpart will feature eight beers on tap, plus a host of others, and, of course, authentic Irish beer such as Guinness and Harp Lager.

Smith recently attended an operation management course with Guinness in Ireland. The Guinness operation covers 6.5 acres in downtown Dublin.

A full Irish menu will also be served, including lunch, dinner and late-night offerings.

Outdoor seating will be able to accommodate 40 to 50 people on the west side of the building.

"I'm very excited about the whole area," Smith said. "The city has been great to work with and has been very supportive."

He's also not concerned about the competition with the newly-opened Post Bar right next door.

"I think we will complement each other extremely well," Smith said. "I'm optimistic about the future of the area."

Partners Inc. of Hillside/Hills is the general contractor on the job, with Swanson Meals of Birmingham serving as architect on the project. Luma Entertainment owns the building Smith is leasing.

Billy O'Sullivan is the builder on the project in Ireland, with much of the pub being built in Waterford, Ireland.

"Everything you see here will have been built in Ireland and shipped here — from the wooden staircase to the flooring, which will be Liscannor stone from County Clare," Smith explained.

The pub will feature three fireplaces and a few "snugs" or enclosed booths with a swinging door.

"These originated back in the 1700s when it was favored upon for women to be seen in pubs," Smith said.

"They're still quite popular in Ireland."

The Victorian Terrace, a private room on the upper level, will also be available for parties.

"This is going to truly be an authentic Irish pub. And Billy [O'Sullivan] has built hundreds of pubs all over the world," Smith noted.

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Lovely locks

Salon Head West in Novi collected 20 ponytails Monday during its hair drive for Locks of Love, a nonprofit organization that collects hair to make into wigs for children who suffer from medical-related hair loss. Pictured at the drive (front row, from left) are Emily Fava of Dearborn, Maria Haugen (who dropped her ponytail) and Kristen Haugen of Novi, Margaux Zanetti of Northville and Sarah Mower of Novi; (back row, from left) Liz Evans, stylist, of Ferndale; Timothy Goodrich of Okemos; Rosie Marchessotti, stylist, of South Lyon; and Amy Keller, stylist, of Redford. Steve & Rocky's Restaurant in Novi donated food. Novi Fine Wine provided beverages, and Windsor Beauty Supply contributed hair care products for the event.

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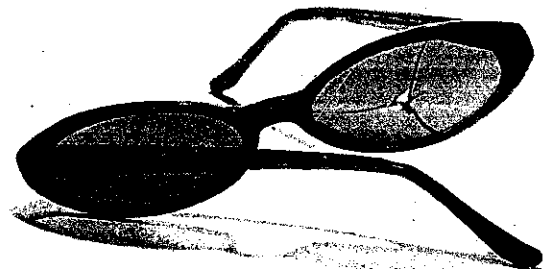
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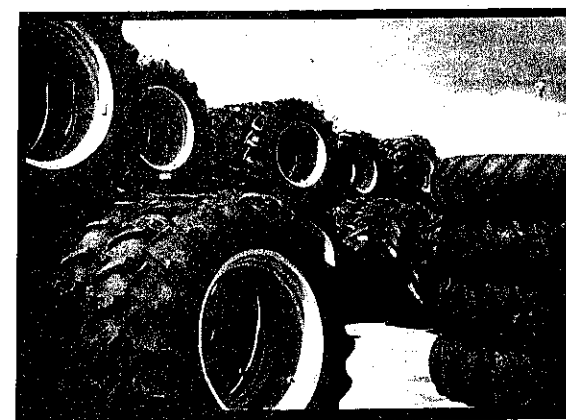
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CALENDAR

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing
DATE: Monday, Sept. 8
TIME: 9 a.m., shotgun start
LOCATION: Beacon Hill Golf Club and Banquet Center, 6401 Majestic Oaks, Commerce Township

Cancer Charity Golf Classic: Doug Schaeffer, Honorary Chair, Police Chief of Novi, Cancer Survivor
DATE: Thursday, Sept. 18
TIME: 1:30 p.m., registration, 12:30 p.m. shotgun start

Novi Concert Band Performance
DATE: Friday, Sept. 19
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATIONS: St. John's Church, 2325 Gill Rd., Farmington Hills

Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County Recycling Collection-Only
DATE: Saturday, Sept. 20
TIME: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi

Novi Concert Band Performance
DATE: Friday, Sept. 19
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATIONS: St. John's Church, 2325 Gill Rd., Farmington Hills

Providence Hospital and Novi Community Credit Union Library Series
DATE: Sept. 25, Hypertension; Oct. 15, Chronic Pain & Arthritis; Nov. 11, ADHD

Providence Center for the Healing Arts "Tuesdays at Assarian"
DATE: every Tuesday night
TIME: 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

Women's Prayer Support
DATE: every Saturday
TIME: 9:45-10:30 a.m.
LOCATIONS: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wilson (parking is behind the church)

Oakland Chamber Network Business Card Exchange
DATE: Thursday, Sept. 25

TIME: 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
LOCATION: Imagine Theaters, 44425 W. 12 Mile Rd., Novi
DETAILS: cash bar, live DJ, raffles provided, advance paid reservations \$10, day of event \$15

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Adoption Playgroup
DATE: first and third Fridays of

the month
LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook Rd. between 10 Mile Rd. and Grand River Rd.)
DETAILS: We are a not-for-profit, non-denominational group that brings adoptive families together. Our twice-a-month meetings provide families with the opportunity to share play and conversation. During the summer, we meet at specially designated times and locations.

Business referrals
DATE: every Wed. ongoing
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Rd.
TIME: 7: 8:30 a.m.
DETAILS: Meeting of local professionals and business looking to increase word-of-mouth referral business. Various classifications open and eager to bring you qualified business leads.

Novi Toastmasters
DATE: first and third Tuesdays of the month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, activities room
TIME: 7:45-8:45 p.m.
DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership.

Breast Cancer Support Group
DATES: second and fourth Tuesdays of the month
LOCATION: Hamon Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commence, Classroom C on the ground floor of the hospital.
TIME: 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
DETAILS: There is no need to call ahead and register.

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DATES: Wednesdays
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons Activities Room, 25075

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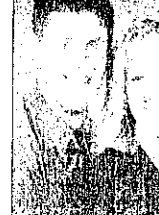
Wendall Mayer of Novi died August 24, 2003. He was 80. Mr. Mayer was born November 24, 1922 in Highland Park, Mich. He had been employed by the Detroit News as a pressman and was a member of the American Legion Post, Novi.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Evelyn S.; two sons, Dennis (Ann) Mayer and Brian Mayer; one daughter, Sandra (Edward) Grifflard; two grand-sons, Timmots and Robert Mayer; two step-grandchildren, Scott (Maria) Grifflard and Lynn Grifflard; and two great-grandchildren, Kimberly and Kaitha. A funeral service was held August 27 at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, South Lyon with Rev. Terry Nelson officiating. Interment will be at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

Arrangements were made by Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Inc., Farmington.

ENGAGEMENT

Page & Lockwood



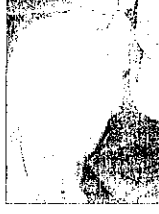
Steven and Jeanne Page

Steven and Jeanne Page of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Steven Matthew James Page, to his bride, Abigail Lockwood, daughter of Ronald and Patricia Lockwood of Fenou.

The groom-elect graduated from Novi High School in 1994 and is a graduate of Central Michigan University. He is employed by Hunters Ridge Golf Course, Howell.

The bride-elect graduated from Fenou High School in 1994 and also is a graduate of Central Michigan University. She is employed at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

BIRTH



Makyla Jones

Curtis and Amy Jones of Wixom, formerly of Novi, announce the birth of their daughter, Makyla Christine, born May 5, 2003 at Sinai Hamon Valley Hospital in Commerce. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches at birth.

Makyla is the sister of Makenzie and Andrew. Grandparents are Roy and Fay Jones of Novi, and George and Sue Pryor of Fairgrove, Mich. Great-grandparents are Arthur Wickstrom of Laurium, Mich. and Glenn Pryor of Caro, Mich.

WEDDING

Elfring-Taggart



Sara and Carol Elfring

Sara Kimberly Elfring and John Lawrence Taggart were married November 23, 2002 at St. John's Church in Plymouth. Deacon Lawrence Maag officiated the ceremony. Deacon Maag is the groom's grandfather.

The bride is the daughter of Hub and Carol Elfring of Novi. She is a 1978 graduate of Novi High School and a 2002 graduate of the University of Notre Dame.

The groom is the son of Theresa Maag of Carrollton, Texas and John P. Taggart of Hamilton, Ohio. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in 2001 and his Master of Science degree in 2002. He is employed by KPMG.

Kiley Elfring, the bride's sister, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kristin Tyl, Candie Wingham, Leigh Moroni, Lindsay Wing and Natasha Harlan.

Larry Burchett served as best man. Groomsmen were Michael Brown, Alex Vidlergar, Brent Keck, James Pharr and Jordan Harlan. A reception was held at Lovett Hall, Greenfield Village, Dearborn. The couple honeymooned on a Caribbean Cruise.

IN THE SERVICE

Martine Corps Pfc. Frank J. Reinbold recently reported for duty at Marine Aviation Training Support Group, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, Wash.

Novi resident Beth A. Rice has graduated from the Army ROTC National Advanced Leadership Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. She is the daughter of Jay and Sherrin Rice of Novi. Beth graduated in 2000 from Novi High School and is currently attending the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

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Monday 9/1 Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday 9/2 Cereal Lady & Massage Therapy
9 a.m.-noon Patners bread
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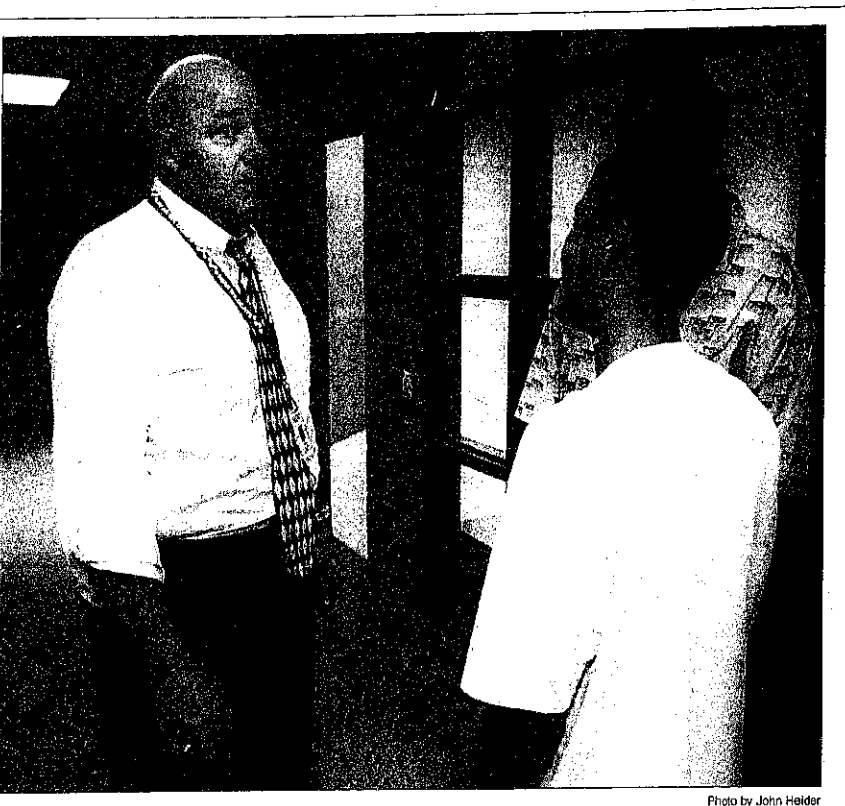
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OPINION



First day Novi High School principal John Lawrence stops to talk to a pair of pupils in the hallway Monday afternoon on his first official day leading his students and faculty.

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Great job, let's improve In the aftermath of Novi's recent power and water outages, many high performers stand out...

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OTHER OPINIONS

Think about the current state of organized labor

This coming Monday is Labor Day, and for the first time in many years there will be no Labor Day parade marching down Woodward Avenue in Detroit...

Afterward I watched G. Mommy Williams as he campaigned for governor at the plant gates at Ford's — it was always "Ford's," never "the Ford Motor Company"...

Phil Power No longer. There will be a parade — of sorts — later on, according to the Michigan State AFL-CIO...

It wasn't always thus. I remember sitting on a hard brown steel chair in a union hall, listening to the Auto Workers' president...

What most troubled my friend was the slow, sad diminution of the UAW from a bold force for social and economic justice...

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) 933-2047 or by e-mail at ppower@h.homecomm.net.

Prepare - there will be a next time

Welcome to the 18th century. Weekend before last many of us found ourselves cooking over an open fire...

It's not a question of when the next time will be a next time; it's a question of when the next time will be a next time...

Phil Foley Welcome to the 18th century. Weekend before last many of us found ourselves cooking over an open fire...

In another life, I spent several years in hurricane country. Every year on June 1, the beginning of the season...

Oh, sure, you could slide down to Dundee and pick up a ton of dehydrated gourmet meals at Cubella's...

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Kelly is a 1997 graduate of Livonia Stevenson, as well as a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn where she earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree with distinction in 2001. Kelly is currently attending the College of William & Mary-School of Law in Williamsburg, Virginia. She will be graduating this May with her Juris Doctorate.

Glenn is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He is also the former co-owner of J & G Landscaping of Livonia. Glenn is currently in management with the Home Depot Corporation in Newport News, Virginia.

Glenn & Kelly were wed on August 8, 2003 at St. John's Chapel. The reception followed in the Atrium at St. John's Golf & Conference Center. Don and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for making our daughter's wedding a truly memorable event.



To David McKnight and the entire staff at Emerald City Designs in Farmington Hills who acted as our wedding planners, coordinators, florists and designers: Thank you for using your creativity, artistry and professionalism to create a spectacular setting for a perfect wedding. From the candelabras, roses, linens and chair covers, to hanging candles, bouquets, and alter rose topiaries—every detail was perfect. The event was perfectly paced thanks to your wedding coordinator, **Nicole Baudoine**. She had all of us in the right place at the right time so we never missed a moment. Also thank you for providing us with hair and makeup through **Sadi Sant**. She was a wonderful addition to the wedding day. We cannot say enough positive things about **Emerald City Designs**. You made the entire pre-wedding process stress-free for us because we knew that we were in your capable hands. Thank you for allowing us to fully enjoy and appreciate the wedding while you took care of all the details.



To Julie's Bridal of Plymouth: Thank you for making every aspect of selecting, fitting and picking up Kelly's gown, as well as my own, a wonderful experience. Shopping for a wedding dress was a very special time for Kelly and I and I want to thank you for making it even more special because of your incredible staff. Your staff was kind, understanding and very supportive of us at every visit. **Thank You, Lorraine, Nina, Scott, Annette.**



To Eddie Hakim of Happy Hour D.J.: Thank you for keeping our guests happy and dancing until the end. You were very professional and played a wonderful selection of music.

To conclude, planning this wedding has been a joy due to the fact that we met so many wonderful people. We feel as though we have developed friendships with our event coordinators! We would like to especially thank **David McKnight** for referring us to only the nicest vendors. The wedding was a dream come true for not only Kelly and Glenn, but also for Don & I. Love, Susan Kumpula

Congratulations Kelly & Glenn



To the staff of St. John's: Thank you for providing us with a great setting as well as superior service throughout the wedding reception. Each staff member was friendly, professional, and willing to accommodate each guest's needs. The food and beverage service was incredible from the hors d'oeuvres through to the coffee and dessert station. We have heard nothing but wonderful things from all of our guests.



To Mark and the rest of the staff of Video Magic Productions of Plymouth: Thank you for capturing the special day with motion and sound. We are so excited to see the final video. You and your staff were very helpful, professional and friendly.



To Paul Kubek of Kubek Photography in Dearborn Heights: Thank you for capturing all the special moments throughout the wedding day. Looking at the pictures, it is apparent that you never missed a moment, but at the same time, you were never obtrusive. In fact, it was easy to forget that you were even there. By viewing the quality of our photographs, it is clear that you are truly an artist.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

As a young child, one of my fondest memories was spending time with my grandparents. Three out of four of them were excellent cooks. My grandfather Smith didn't cook, but truly enjoyed eating. When we lived in Buffalo, I would often spend weeks at the Smith house. Later, after moving to Michigan, mainly summer vacations were the times spent with them. These days were spent leisurely reading, napping and eating.



Chef Brady

Three squares a day and then some. Breakfast was always the same. Two soft boiled eggs, toast with butter, grapefruit juice and cereal.

This meal had been the ritual for 75 years. My grandfather's mother cooked the same breakfast when he was a youngster. The only thing that ever changed was but versus with butter, grapefruit juice and cereal. Lunch was often a fried egg sandwich or two.

My grandfather was extremely weight conscious. Never did he ever go over the recommended weight charts. As a colonel in the army for three wars, he was versed in restraint and self-control. He died in 1977 at the age of 92 after a short illness. I remember everyone marveling at how he ate two eggs or more a day, butter, milk, cream and ice cream and here he lived to be healthy all of his 92 years. Today, all we hear is to "avoid eggs because of the negative effects they cause". Could it be, maybe, that it isn't the eggs but all the other garbage we load into our systems?

Let's consider nutrient density. Nutrient density is a way of evaluating the nutritional quality of a food by comparing the amounts of nutrients it contains against the number of calories it provides.

For example, a glass of milk contains 160 calories plus significant amounts of protein, calcium, riboflavin and other nutrients. By comparison, an alcoholic drink containing the same amount of calories is virtually devoid of any essential nutrients. Thus the milk is nutrient dense while the alcohol is not.

We have a "calorie budget" for each day. The food choices that we make as we "spend" this budget must supply nutrients as well as fuel. The trick is to choose foods that are low in calories but high in nutrients before using up your allotment of calories.

This situation presents a "catch 22" dilemma for modern people: eat more food and you risk obesity, eat less and you risk nutritional deficits. Thus the food eaten must be more nutrient dense.

Enter the egg. The egg is one of nature's best nutritional devices, designed as a total life support system for the developing chick. One serving of two large eggs provides 160 calories and 9 percent of the daily requirement for protein, vitamin A, riboflavin, iron, vitamin D, and phosphorus needed by the average woman. It provides this using less than 10 percent of the daily caloric requirement. Thus, eggs are a nutrient dense food and a good nutritional bargain.

Eggs are unique in that they contain a balanced distribution of nearly every nutrient known to be essential to humans. Eggs contain all recommended dietary allowances (RDA), except vitamin C and niacin. As a source of high quality protein, eggs cannot be beat. They are rich in eight essential amino acids or building blocks of protein that cannot be manufactured by the body. Like eggs, foods that contain all eight are called complete proteins.

An egg contains all of its fat (6 grams) and cholesterol (265 milligrams) in the yolk. This is where most of all the other nutrients are found as well. Remove the yolk and you seriously alter the protein and nutrient content the egg has to offer.

Finally, eggs are a bargain when it comes to the food budget. Next in line for protein economy is beef liver, followed by peanut butter. This egg is one of the least expensive of the high quality

animal proteins. It would be difficult to design a food that compares as favorably, both in nutrients per calorie and nutrients per cost.

Recipe provided by chef Mary Brady for Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro

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.

CALIFORNIA SCRAMBLE

6 tablespoons salted butter
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3 tablespoons heavy cream
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Salt and pepper to taste
1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
Beat eggs, salt and pepper and cream until blended. Sauté onions and peppers in butter. Pour egg mixture over and cook over low heat. Stirring constantly. Stir in cheese when eggs are soft set. Serve with sour cream and salsa.

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SCREEN BEAT

By Brian Renner

Coming to theaters this weekend is hip hop comedy "Marci X." Lisa Kudrow stars as the daughter of a record company president who has to take on her dad's job during a controversy concerning one of the label's rappers (Damon Wayans). "Marci X" is a Paramount Pictures release and rated R for language and sexual content. Jackie Chan stars in supernaturally-themed action/cop thriller "The Medallion" as a Chinese immigration officer who finds himself imbued with amazing supernatural abilities after an incident in which he thought he died. While still learning how to use them, he's challenged to fight the bad guys. "The Medallion" is a Screen Gems release and rated PG-13 for action violence and some double entendre.

In theaters next week
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Dancers win first overall at nationals

Special Edition, a 16-member dance team based at Gayle's DancePhase in Wixom won first overall at the Stars of Tomorrow National dance competition in Myrtle Beach this July. The winning tap routine "Cotton Eye Joe" was choreographed by Gayle Winnie of Gayle's DancePhase.

More winners

• Alyssa Winnie, age 5, of White Lake, was crowned Miss Petite. Alyssa won performing a solo routine titled "Storybook Ballet". This piece was choreographed by Lindsey Birdsong age 14, a student assistant at Gayle's DancePhase. Alyssa also won the photogenic award. Alyssa told her family that she couldn't believe the judges picked her and it was the best day of her life.

• Sarah Benish, age 20, of Northville, won third overall for 13-and-over solos. Her winning routine "Roxanne" was choreographed by Tina Bishop, a director at Gayle's DancePhase. Miss Benish made the top three out of over 100 solos, allowing her to advance to the "Dance Off" with the top 37 acts of the entire event. Sarah plans to teach dance this fall at Gayle's DancePhase.

• Kaitlyn Maybee, age 11, of West Bloomfield, won third overall for 12-and-under solos. Her winning routine, "Baby I'm A Star", was choreographed by Erin Bunker, Kaitlyn's instructor at Gayle's DancePhase. Miss Maybee made the top three out of over 100 solos, allowing her to advance to the

"Dance Off" with the top 37 acts of the entire event. Kaitlyn hopes to be a performer in the future.

• Spectrum, a five-member dance team, won fourth overall. The winning Hip Hop routine "Nod Your Head" was choreographed by Kerri Wajega of Gayle's DancePhase. The team members range in age from 8 to 12. This team also won a Gold Award for "I Want You Back," a tap dance. These young men work one evening a week on dance and they feel it makes them better athletes. These boys split their time between dance and sports that include travel hockey, travel soccer, travel baseball and football.

• The 86-member production of "Scooby" won second overall grand champion. Tina Bishop lead a team of choreographers from Gayle's DancePhase who created this routine. Dancers range in age from 3 to 20. This was the end to an excellent season which produced many awards for this group. The regional awards included Platinum and the "Odyssey Award" from Starquest in Livonia, first overall production from K.A.R. in Grand Rapids and first place platinum from Hall of Fame in Macomb. All the dancers are students at Gayle's DancePhase in Wixom. This scholarship will allow both to attend a Professional Dance Teachers Association region-

al or national workshop to study with outstanding dance professionals.

• Adam Crain, age 18, of South Lyon was awarded the "Danny & Betty Hector Achievement Award". Adam was selected out of over 400



Courtesy photo

Special Edition team members range in age from nine to 13 and include: Novi-Patricia Anthony, Shannon Boyle, Kelli Jo Cesarz, Stephanie DeClerk, Lauren Evasic, Nicole Lang, Samantha Mattscheck and Alyssa Murray. Farmington Hills- Jennifer Bock and Madelyn Evasic. South Lyon- Maggie White and Stephanie Carson. Milan-Lauren Birdsong. Wixom- Ashley Burton. Milford- Mackenzie Zondlak. New Hudson-Naomi Nakamura.

students participating on the advanced student level. Adam then traveled to Los Angeles to study with Paula Morgan at her intensive workshop. Crain won the only award given at the intermediate level. This scholarship will allow

Adam to return to L.A. next summer to continue his training. Adam has been studying dance at Gayle's DancePhase in Wixom for the past 10 years. This fall Adam will be attending Western Michigan University on dance scholarship.

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Simpson crushes Chargers

Wildcat senior scores on kick-off to start second half

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Talk about demoralizing a team with a single kick.

The Novi Wildcats boys' soccer team started the season off on the right foot with a 4-1 victory over non-conference for Livonia Churchill August 22.

Leading 2-1 aft after the first half, the Wildcats were well aware that they needed to come up with something to shut the Chargers out for good — and that something came off the foot of senior Brad Simpson.

"The most unusual thing happened to start the second half," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. "It was something I have never seen in my 10 years of coaching high school soccer."

Simpson and the 'Cats lined up for the kickoff to start the second half, and when the referee blew the whistle to start the

action the Churchill goalie was about 10 yards in front of the net.

A.W. Stanek tapped the ball back to Simpson, who fired a 60-yard shot right over the top of the Charger goalie's head and into the net. Needless to say, the goalie was not only surprised, he was shocked — as was the rest of the team.

"That tok a lot of the fight out of Churchill and demoralized their spirits," O'Leary said. "Up until that point, the game was very even."

In fact, both teams had a slew of chances to score in the first half. The Chargers were the first team to get on the board as they notched a goal halfway through the first half on an excellent set play for a corner kick, but the Wildcats wouldn't let their lead last long. Five minutes later, Colin Goldsmith tied the game as he took a short

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Brian O'Leary
Novi soccer coach

pass from Neil Kocan at the 45-yard line and dribbled his way to the 20 and then blasted a low, hard shot to the opposite post.

"It was great patience on Colin's part to continue to possess the ball while defenders were overplaying him to pass the ball," O'Leary said. "And, it was a perfectly placed shot."

Just three minutes later, the Wildcats took the lead in the game and never bothered to look back. Hiroki Yamada took the ball and managed to draw defenders towards him before one-timing it to Matt Nickels, who blasted the shot home for the 2-1 lead before the half.

"Hiroki did a good job of settling down our midfield when he came into the game as a sub," O'Leary said. "Up until his substitution, we were not possessing the ball very well."

The Wildcats iced the game on a final goal as Troy Love made a run with the ball from his defensive position to draw in a Churchill defender. A quick pass to Matt Simpson found the Wildcat one-on-one with the Charger goalie and Simpson managed to tuck the shot into the net for the 4-1 victory.

Though the Wildcats 10-7 in the first half and 11-2 in the sec-

ond, it wasn't all victories for the soccer squad.

"Their size gave us a lot of trouble and every time they had a long throw-in into the box or a corner kick, they had a good opportunity to score," O'Leary said. "We are definitely going to have to improve that area of our game, defending against set plays close to our goal. Other than that, it was a good first game for us."

The Wildcats soccer team will be back in action today at 7 p.m. when they visit their Kensington Valley Conference rivals in the Howell Highlanders before hosting the Lakeland Eagles Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. in another KVC match-up.

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Will the Wildcats get a win?

Holy smokes — Friday night fever is here again. The Novi Wildcats football team will be kicking their season off in style with a home game as they host the Chelsea Bulldogs tomorrow night with a slated start time set at 6:55 p.m.



Sam Eggleston

As with any Novi sporting event, if you want a good seat, you better show up early. This year, the parking situation is going to be a little different as the school

finds itself under construction in an expansion effort to help ease some of the congestion. What does that mean for you and me? Well, we're going to be walking a bit further to see our 'Cats play, that's all. If you want to know where to park, check out our related story by Ramez Khuri (See FRONT PAGE, A1). He made all kinds of calls and got the scoop on where your wheels should be come tomorrow night.

As far as the game goes, I'm expecting this one to be a barn burner. The Novi Wildcats find themselves in a situation where they have an outstanding quarterback, a stellar backfield and an offensive line that is eager to show they can handle the rushing tide of Chelsea's blitzing linebackers.

The defense the Wildcats will bring to the game is going to be as tough as they come. With some depletion on the defensive front due to graduation, the Wildcats have revamped and reorganized the athletes they have in order to optimize their potential. Some differences that may be noted by the followers of the green in white include the once-linebacker Trenton Sisson will be taking a slot on the defensive line. Not to worry, Sisson, like all the Wildcats, is an athlete and will come out prepared and ready to play.

Though most everyone who reads this column during the seasons knows that if I'm writing about it, I'm going to pick the Wildcats to win it. This column, of course, is no exception to that rule. I feel the Novi gridders have what it takes to earn a win in this contest, and I'm not afraid to tell you why. Last year, the Bulldogs pulled out a victory in the expiring moments of the game thanks to their condition and determination. This year, Novi has prepped for that, and will be bringing one of the most conditioned squads they have ever had to the field. This year, the Wildcats sport some of their same old option that the Bulldogs have been prepping for based on what they played against in 2002, but the difference this year is when Novi wants to throw, they can throw and do it well.

I am expecting this game to be as tough as they come for both squads. Chelsea is a playoff participant practically every year, and they don't want 2003 to be any different. Novi, on the other hand, has the sweetness of last year's success still in their mouths and will be looking to repeat it — and that starts with some early victories.

So, basically, I'm putting it all on the line and calling the Wildcats the early winners in this game. Now, don't expect Chelsea is going to read this and just forfeit the contest — the Novi football team is definitely going to have to work for their accolades. But, I have a gut feeling that none of the guys on the squad want to let me down and will come out ready to send some Bulldogs packing.

Novi 29, Chelsea 20

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Heat won't slow 'Cats

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Let's just start off by saying that it was plenty warm out for the Novi Wildcats August 20.

In the heating afternoon sun, the Wildcats boys' cross country team took to their first competition of the year by competing in a scrimmage against the Northville Mustangs at Cass Benton.

Boys' Cross Country

"It's really warm out," Novi coach Bob Smith said after the event. "We've been practicing in the morning, so to switch to the afternoon like this was a small challenge for the guys."

Challenging indeed. The Wildcats found themselves running through the hilly course that the beautiful Cass Benton provides with blue skies overhead and not a cloud to be seen. Not a bad day for a picnic, but a sizzling day for a 15-20 minute run.

"I think the guys did a good job today," Smith said. "I didn't know what to expect out of them with this being their first afternoon run, but they lived up to any expectations there were."

In fact, the trio that looks to be the leaders of the Novi cross country pack all came in with the exact same times, as though they all timed their runs perfectly. Eric Joseph, who is quickly becoming a premier runner with Novi, and juniors Mark Moore and Amol Huprikar all finished their runs in 17 minutes, 35 seconds — not bad for their first time out in the sun.

Justin Namm was next in line, finishing the run in 18:12, while Scott Bergeson, a senior, ran in 18:56. Eric Tingwall had a nice showing, finishing up the course in 19:04, while Nate Quay recorded a 20:37 on the day.

Freshman Mike Wheat ran to a 21:15 finish, not too far ahead of teammate Darin Styles. Brad Spisich finished in 21:55, while Scott Wagner recorded a 22:02. Alex Prasad and Ricky Manza, both freshman, finished just two seconds apart with a 22:06 and a 22:08, respectively. Pat Carroll ran a 22:14 for the

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Photo by SAM EGGLESTON

The Novi girls' cross country team ran a good race in their scrimmage against Northville and Livonia Stevenson August 20 at Cass Benton Park.

They're setting the pace

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Running against a tough team in your squad's scrimmage is always a good idea.

Yeah, maybe you don't always earn the most impressive finishing places, but when you go against tough teams like Northville and Livonia Stevenson, you're bound to improve.

The Novi Wildcats girls' cross country team took to the course at Cass Benton Park in order to do just that — improve. And, the only way to measure how much needs to be done for a program is to measure it against competi-

tion. Overall, the Wildcats fared well as they ran against two of the most promising programs from the Western Lakes Activities Association. Patti Ramos led the way for her squad, finishing the run in 21 minutes, 11 seconds to finish in third for the 'Cats. Laine Williams wasn't far behind her either, as she ran a 22-flat race for seventh place.

Taking eighth overall and finishing in 22:08 was Laura Brunner, while Lauren Kava took ninth with a 22:11. Shannon Wagner came out strong, running a 22:44 for 12th place, while Lauren Perlin recorded a

23:26 for 17th.

The Wildcats found Katie Koss earning a 23:28 and an 18th place for her efforts, while Michelle Buelow finished in 23:40 for 19th and Andrea Kramer ran a 23:40 for 20th.

Taking 23rd for Novi was Julie Johnston, who completed the race in 23:54, while Sara Schmitt ran a 23:55 for 24th. Meghan Bannatz was 28th with a 24:20, and Melanie Burchard ran a 24:21 for 29th place to round out the top 30 finishers for Novi.

Also running in the scrimmage were: Allie Sisson (24:27), Megan Stec (24:44), Erin Haynes (24:52), Erica Howard (24:52), Mandy Hawley (25:40),

Daria Zorina (25:41), Sara Bielski (26:14), Katilin Zerio (26:14), Rose Xie (26:29), Danielle Styles (26:38), Julie Thomson (26:41), Carla Morabito (26:44), Emily Barton (26:45), Leah Rice (26:49), Katie Harris (27:35), Allison Gilchrist (27:35), Cynthia Kazanis (28:30), Sammie Muriidhar (28:30), Denise Rowe (28:34), Katie Flanagan (30:21) and Emily Grzybowski (DNF).

The Wildcats return to action when they visit Howell September 4 at 4:30 p.m. before hosting Lakeland September 9 at 4:30 p.m. Both are Kensington Valley Conference meets.

GAME OF THE WEEK

Novi Wildcats Football vs Chelsea Bulldogs

Friday, August 28
6:55 p.m. at Novi

SPORTS SHORTS

Novi Football Golf Outing

The Novi Football team will have a fund-raising golf outing Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Links of Novi in order to help cover the costs of maintaining the football program.

Novi Heat tryouts

The Novi Heat travel baseball club is a division of Novi Youth baseball and is slated to organize teams from the age groups of 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U and 18U.

Fast Pitch Instructional Softball League

For girls in 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grades, they will be placed on a team by random selection and will be coached by the 2002-2003 varsity softball team, high school coaches, and club coaches.

U10 Baseball try outs

The following are the dates for the U10 baseball teams are for both the A-team and the B-Team. For more information, call either Todd Williams (248-305-7282) or Mike Patterson (248-347-0118) for more information.

Travel baseball tryouts

The Northville Baseball and Softball Association has announced its 2004 travel team tryout schedule. Below are the dates for the players, the age for the coaches, the number to call and the times and location are listed.

Girls softball clinic

The Northville High School Varsity Softball Program will be conducting a clinic for all 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grade girls. The clinic will include stations focusing on hitting, fielding drills, throwing building, base running/slide and catching. Cost is \$20.

Golf Lessons Available

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

WILDCAT CALENDAR table with columns for days of the week and game details.

HEAT: Novi boys keep the pace in Northville scrimmage

Wildcats, while Brendan Neville notched a time of 22:52. Fellow Wildcat Steve Fannon took a 22:53, while Andrew Park ran a 22:54 and Matt Thomas ran a 23:19.

Of Course!

Pre-KVC course doesn't help teams keep strokes down as conference tries to figure out who's top dog

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER The way everyone sees it this year, the Kensington Valley Conference is as tight as it has ever been in golf.

Warriors win districts again

The Lakes Warriors baseball team sponsored by Marucci Construction of Wilcox won the district championship for the 15 & 16 year olds.

10U Madness finishes 9th in nation

The 10U Novi Motor City Madness Fast Pitch Team went 5-2 in Rowlett, Texas at the USSSA World Series.

Playing with the best around

Novi tennis team takes third in Okemos Invitational

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER If you want to be the best, you have to play the best.

Jaguar Boys Win First Division

The U11 Novi Jaguars Green Boys finished an outstanding season in First Place in the Western Suburban Soccer League First Division.

Get all your Wildcat sports action in the pages of the Novi News! Check back next week for football's opening game against the Chelsea Bulldogs and basketball's new start under coach Bill Kelp as the girls take on the always-tough Canton Chiefs!

THUMBS UP! THE MEDALLION advertisement featuring a movie poster.

INSURANCE DIRECTORY

Insurance directory listing various agents and services with contact information.

WINNER KILLS ALL!

Freddie Jason movie advertisement with promotional text.

Weddings advertisement with text and a couple image.

Space Reservation Deadline: Monday, September 22, 2003. Copy Deadline: Tuesday, September 23, 2003. Publication Dates: Thursday, October 16, 2003.

HomeTown Newspapers advertisement listing various news outlets and contact info.

Whispering Pines Golf Course advertisement with pricing and contact info.

Church Directory listing various churches and their services.

REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

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MONEY MATTERS

Tips for turning down your volume of spam

Spam. It's the informal word for Unsolicited Commercial E-mail (UCE), the formal term for the junk that drowns out normal Internet discourse.

The word has a strong foothold in the popular lexicon. When I asked five coworkers recently to tell me the first word that popped into their heads when I said "spam," four of them said e-mail or pop ups. Even a loyal SPAM fan said she thought of junk e-mail and not the meat.

According to a recent online poll by CBSMarketWatch.com, 74 percent of consumers surveyed said they want a do not e-mail list modeled after the Do Not Call registry. But experts say that a do not e-mail list won't solve the problem of spam because of two reasons: the majority of spammers are deceptive and they likely wouldn't comply with the list and secondly, it's very difficult to track down the companies that violate the list. Some bulk e-mail spammers, according to Consumer Reports magazine, use proxy servers based in places like the Ukraine, Singapore and China to hide their identities.

How are spammers getting our e-mail addresses? According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), spammers use special computer programs called "harvesting software" to search chat rooms, Internet pages, newsgroups, resumes and a host of other Web forums. Anything that contains the "@" is fair game.

What you can do

While the junk e-mail filters offered by your Internet Service Providers (ISP) should be first in your spam blocking line of defense, there are proactive steps you can take to protect your e-mail address from harvesting programs. Here are some ideas from the FTC:

- Use a separate screen name for chatting. If you use Internet chat rooms, create a screen name that's not associated with your e-mail address and use only that name.
- Set up two e-mail addresses. Give one to your friends and family and use the other for everything else. SpamMotel.com enables you to set up free disposable forwarding addresses you can use for Internet purchases, chat rooms and for posting on public Web pages. When a spammer sends e-mail to your disposable address, the message is forwarded to your actual e-mail address along with information like when the address was created, how many e-mails you've received from that sender and the date the sender last sent you e-mail. You can go in at any time and delete the address.

- Use a unique e-mail address like jim2jackson47@...com. Spammers often use "dictionary" attacks. This is the practice of sending messages to many addresses using various letter and number combinations, such as Jack 1 or Jack 2, etc. And unless you know the sender, don't reply to their offer to take you off their list; it's just a ploy to see if your address is valid.

In addition to employing these strategies, Consumer Reports advises consumers not to disclose their address to any site without first reviewing its privacy policy. And don't forget to uncheck "check boxes" that grant the site or its partners permission to send you information on products or services you didn't request. One more thing, try to avoid forwarding chain letters, petitions, personal accounts from people you don't know or virus warnings, these may be a ploy by spammers to get your address.

In the meantime, what can you do about the spam in your e-mail box? Forward it to your ISP, says the FTC. Often your ISP's e-mail abuse address is abuse@yourisp-name.com or postmaster@yourisp-name.com. Include a copy of the spam, along with the full e-mail header, and at the top of your message state that you're complaining about being spammed. Also report spam to the FTC at uce.ftc.gov. The FTC uses e-mails in this database to pursue legal enforcement action against fraudulent spammers.

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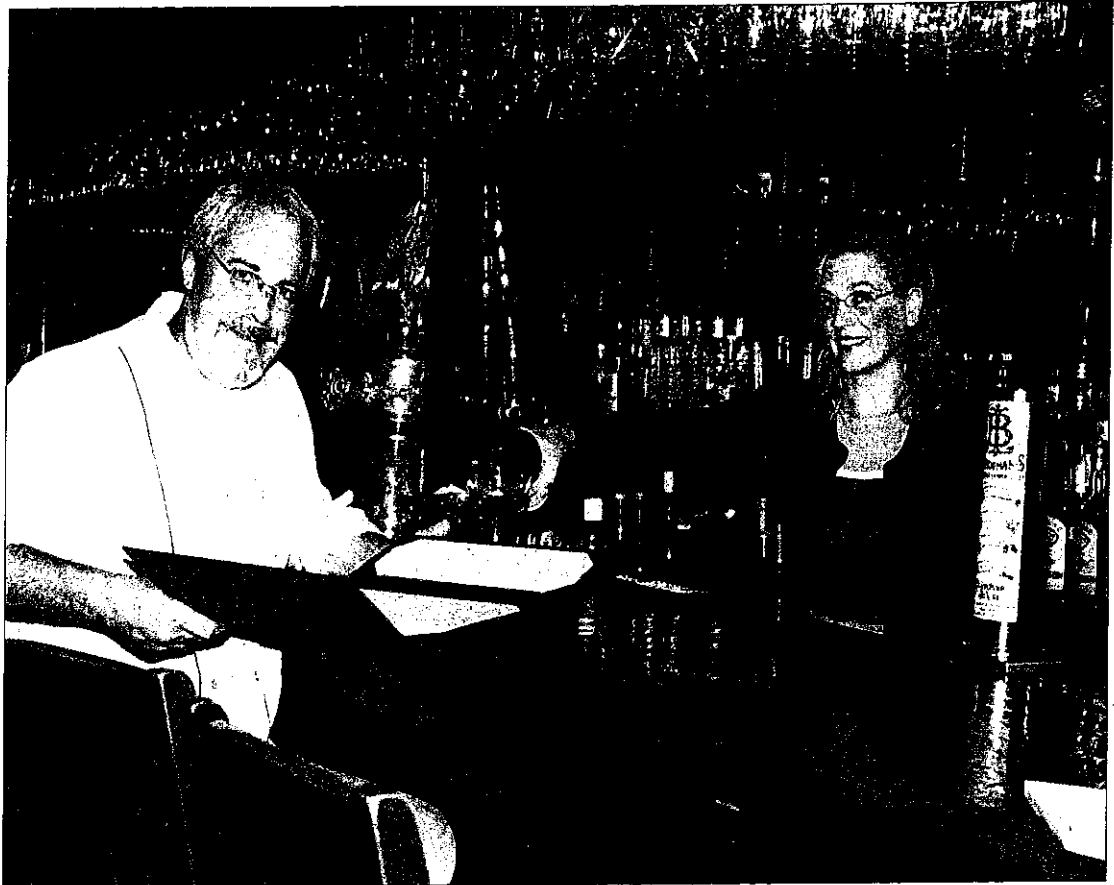


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Michelle Flanagan, hostess and bartender, pours a refreshing glass of wine for chef/owner Tom Mackinnon.

Dine exquisitely at one of Northville's oldest eateries

By Jim Farkas
SPECIAL REPORTER

Those who live in and around Northville are familiar with Mackinnon's Restaurant and Catering, located amongst the quaint little shops on Main Street. Twenty-two years at the same location makes Mackinnon's one of Northville's oldest eateries.

Tom Mackinnon, chef and owner, says he knew at a very early age that food preparation and, ultimately, restaurateur were to be his destiny.

Mackinnon was born and

raised in Farmington Hills and following high school, attended The Culinary Arts Program at Schoolcraft College with additional studies perfecting his art in Belgium and France at five-star restaurants and pastry shops.

A part of his working experience included "cooking for a king, a president and a long list of celebrities," said Mackinnon. He has been referred to as The Rock-n-Roll Caterer, associating with names such as Paul McCartney, Rod Stewart, Bob Seger and hosting elegant din-

ners for President Clinton's Town Hall Event, Governor Engler's Inaugural Host Party and the cast from N.Y.P.D. Blue, to name a few.

When Mackinnon was ready to set down roots, he turned to his friend and established restaurateur Joe Muir for guidance and advice for what was to become Mackinnon's Restaurant and Catering of Northville.

After his first successful year in the restaurant business, being the innovator that he is, Mackinnon brought his knowledge, training and experience to local Detroit television with featured culinary programs during the '80s and '90s such as "The No Nonsense Chef" and "Gourmet On-The-Go."

Today, one can find Mackinnon on Thursday afternoons on Fox 2 Detroit's show "Mackinnon's Menu," presenting enlightening culinary tips and exceptional recipes to try at home in one's own kitchen.

Mackinnon has surrounded himself with personable and talented people, including his son, Ian, who has earned his way to head chef under dad's expert tutelage and guidance. Of his 30 staff members, some have been with him for as long as 18 years, he is proud to say. Ken Mackinnon attends college and assists part-time while the youngest son, Dan, is still in grade school. "He wants to be a soccer star," said Mackinnon.

The many awards for recognition include being featured in Conde Nast Traveler Magazine as one of the Top 250 Restaurants in America and One of the Top 10 Restaurants in Michigan,

according to Gourmet Magazine. Mackinnon said his restaurant and will also be featured in this fall's issue of Midwest Living Magazine.

Upon entering, one discovers the ambiance to be distinctly European in nature. Low lighting, dark woods, candlelit tables with stained glass hanging lamps above. The cozy bar has high-backed stools for comfort and relaxation.

When asked, do you have a Happy Hour? "We're always happy," said Mackinnon. All-in-all, one finds an air of casual elegance.

On these warm summer evenings you may choose to dine on the back patio amongst coconuts and palm trees and enjoy live entertainment.

For one's dining pleasure, Mackinnon's offers a broad, eclectic menu of favorites and house specialties, including mouth-watering: kobe tenderloin steak, organically raised, piedmont beef, live Maine lobster or the house specialty, Mackinnon's Blown-up Duck. (Try it, you'll like it.)

The list of unique tasting experiences is endless and designed to fulfill any appetite. All entrees include soup or salad and a bread basket. Enjoy a glass of your favorite imported red wine with your steak. Appetizers and desserts are a must. Take the time to treat your taste buds; your palate will thank you.

Every six weeks Mackinnon's features a \$35-per-person, full-course wine dinner which includes 11 different wine tasting samples. "An exceptional value," said

DETAILS

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Dinner - 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
(till 11 p.m. Fri. and Sat.)

www.mackinnonrestaurant.com

Tom. For a quick, lite lunch on the run, there is the special salad, sandwich and entree menu to select from. Oh, by the way, Mackinnon's even accepts reservations.

Another important facet of Mackinnon's is the extensive catering services they can provide for any occasion from small birthday parties and weddings to large corporate banquets, luncheons and formal dinners. Mackinnon tells of the 2,000 people from the University of Michigan Alumni banquet and a homeowners association dinner for 5,000 people they have previously catered for. They can even provide decorations, themes and, of course, wait staff.

So whether it's a delicious luncheon, a catered event or a romantic evening dinner, you can expect to be treated like a celebrity, president or even a king and have a dining experience you won't quickly forget.



Photo by Jim Farkas

Kobe beef fillet mignon and Mackinnon's house salad are complemented by a bottle of fine red wine.

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