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# Budget showdown Monday

■ Planning Director Evancoe's position could be eliminated during council's meeting

By Pam Fleming  
 STAFF WRITER

Novi, a still-growing city of 50,000-plus, may be without its planning director after city council meets Monday to make a final decision on its 2004-05 budget. The council will discuss the budget at 6:30 p.m., with the reg-



R. Helwig

ular council meeting to follow at 7:30. City leaders must come to a decision on the budget by May 17 by charter. The decision must also result from at least a 5-2 vote. At a meeting the evening of May 5, council members voted 4-3 to eliminate the director of planning position, effective January 2005. David Evancoe has been with the city since March 2001. The savings of his salary over a six-month period would bring an additional \$57,835 to the city.

Council members also voted to reduce remaining funds in the Planning Commission Emerging Issues line item. Richard Helwig, city manager, objects to the loss of the planning position in a city that is only two-thirds to three-quarters built out. "I need that position," he said. "You're talking about a city that

places a premium on city planning. We are trying to play catch-up with our infrastructure. We're also known as a city that protects our natural resources. If we are going to meet and exceed expectations, that function needs administrative direction." The city's proposed budget

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# Juveniles approached

■ Parents urged to be on alert following recent incidents

By Pam Fleming  
 STAFF WRITER

Novi Police Department staff members urge parents to be on the alert and to talk to their children about what to do if approached by strangers after three incidents in the city.

Police are still investigating the most recent incident, involving a juvenile boy being approached by a suspicious male. At about 3:30 p.m. May 4 a 12-year-old Novi boy got off the school bus and was walking home in the area of Chase Drive and Wheaton Lane, north of Eight Mile Road between Novi and Meadowbrook roads.

The boy stated that an older model, silver, four-door car pulled up along the curb, and the driver told the boy to "Get in the car." The boy refused, and the car immediately left the area. The driver, described as an 18-to-19-year-old white male with brown hair wearing a green and white plaid shirt, did not attempt to abduct the boy.



Chief Shaeffer

The boy ran home following the incident and informed his parents what had happened. Novi police were then informed of the incident.

"No suspects have been identified at this point. The investigation is continuing. We've had three incidents in a span of about three weeks involving juveniles and males of various ages," said Police Chief Doug Shaeffer.

"It doesn't appear that any of them are related at all. We remain very alert and urge the community to remain alert as well," Shaeffer said.

The Police Department sent a notice out to all Novi schools following the incidents, which were distributed to parents.

"All of the schools in the city have been very cooperative about informing the student body and parents about the incidents. We even sent the notices to private schools in the city," Shaeffer said.

Although not common, Novi has had such incidents in the past.

"Unfortunately, all communities have this problem," Shaeffer noted. "Bedroom communities are even more susceptible compared to business districts. Children are more approachable in these communities."

Shaeffer said parents should tell their children to "Run to other people and tell them what happened immediately. Don't be afraid to come forward, and the first reaction has to be to run."

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## A day for Mom

Marianne Mikkelsen reads the Mothers' Day story her daughter Jenna wrote for her during a gathering last Friday at Orchard Hills Elementary School.

# Novi teen to be sentenced on child porn charges

■ Psychological testing ordered

By Pam Fleming  
 STAFF WRITER

Brian Hartonian, the 17-year-old Novi High School student arraigned April 29 on two felony charges of possession of sexually abusive material involving children and using a computer to commit a crime, is scheduled to be sentenced June 4.

Sentencing is slated to take place at 8:30 a.m. in Judge Mark A. Goldsmith's courtroom in Oakland County Circuit Court in Pontiac.

Possession of sexually abusive material involving children carries a maximum sentence of four years. Using a computer to commit a crime has a maximum sentence of seven years, according to Det. Sgt. Matt Conquest of the Novi Police Department.

Hartonian originally pled not guilty to the charges at his arraignment, then switched to a guilty

plea at his May 4 pre-trial hearing. The court ordered a psychological evaluation prior to sentencing at that time.

"The court will look at the results of that evaluation in fashioning a sentence," said Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Matt Roth. Still being held in the Oakland County Jail.

Hartonian is being held in the Oakland County Jail since he was unable to make the \$1 million bond set by the court. He is being represented by Walled Lake attorney Larry Kaluzny.

"We are waiting until we receive the psychological information before we make a recommendation on sentencing," Roth said.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department confiscated Hartonian's home computer after Jarrod Hart, School Resource Officer at Novi High School, was informed that he was sending harassing and threatening e-mails to a fellow Novi High School student late last year.

It was only after downloading information from his computer that investigators discovered the

photos of children performing various sexual acts.

Hartonian has not been suspended or expelled from school.

"At the current time, Brian is still enrolled at Novi High School but is not attending due to his obligations with the legal system," said John Lawrence, principal.

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# Elementaries brace for hits if millages don't pass

■ K-4 Spanish, full-day kindergarten, one receptionist from each building will be affected

By Ramez Khuri  
 STAFF WRITER

Trying to cover a \$4.3 million deficit will be challenging for the entire Novi School District next school year. In the elementary level alone, the loss of Spanish programs, full-day kindergarten and a receptionist in each building will, according to Deerfield

Principal Richard Njus, greatly affect the progress of students learning and also make things very difficult for teachers.

"Research and studies that we did last year as a whole district showed that full-day kindergarten is highly beneficial to learning for students," Njus said. "It really gives them a great beginning to their whole educational career.

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For achievement, if we want all the kids to be reading by the third

grade, which the state says should be the case, we want to maintain that program. It would definitely affect our program because our whole building is full-day, not just one unit."

Pamela Starr has taught in the district for 18 years. Not only is she a Parkview full-day kindergarten teacher, but she's also a parent of two, one at Parkview

and one at Novi Meadows. She sees nothing but negative outcomes if the millages don't pass.

"I think it's very critical (that the millages pass)," Starr said. "If they don't, look at all the things that are going to be eliminated, and then you'll see how much it's going to hurt our children."

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**Garage fire**  
Firefighters were called to extinguish a blaze about 6 p.m. May 9 at a residence at Ten Mile and Willowbrook, east of Meadowbrook Road in Novi. The owner of the residence was working on a relative's car in his garage when it backfired through the carburetor. This ignited some other flammable liquids that were in the area and started the fire, according to Fire Chief Art Lenaghan. The garage is a total loss estimated at \$45,000. There was also some damage to the exterior of the resident's home.

## COURT SENTENCINGS

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for April 26:

- Maurice Ann Calabrese - Controlled substance-delivering and manufacture (intoxicant) less than 50 grams, sentence enhancement (second offense)
- Cameron Michael Paul - Larceny from a motor vehicle, sentence enhancement (fourth or subsequent offense)
- Kiley Xavier Givens - Fourth degree criminal sexual conduct, sentence enhancement (fourth or subsequent offense) (two counts)

These are the cases scheduled for sentencing in Oakland County Circuit Court originating in 52-1 District Court for April 29:

- Kyle James Colson - Larceny in a building, stolen property receiving/concealing a motor vehicle, controlled substance possession of marijuana, driving while license suspended
- Robert John Cofi - Fake report of felony, conspiracy - arson - issued property
- Donna Michelle Tarhanec - Uttering and publishing financial transaction device, sentence enhancement (second offense)
- William Phillip Brodak - Possession controlled substance, under 25 grams, operating under the influence of alcohol/drugs
- John Lewis Calloway - Breaking and entering attempt, breaking and entering (two counts)
- Michael Andrew Devins - Larceny in a building, larceny under \$200
- Michael McMan Krot - Assault with intent to commit sexual penetration, fourth degree criminal sexual conduct, sentence enhancement (fourth or subsequent offense)
- Eric John McElbik - Breaking and entering, breaking and entering, vehicle stealing property less than \$200, vehicle equipped with radar detector
- Donna Michelle Tarhanec - Uttering and publishing financial transaction device, sentence enhancement (second offense)
- Jeffrey Paul Lemieux - Operating under the influence of alcohol per se, third offense felony, driving while license suspended

## POLICE REPORT

### A couple at Champs

A 27-year-old Louisville, Ky., man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 12:32 a.m. April 16 at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in Novi. The officer was eastbound on Grand River Avenue east of Novi Town Center when he saw a westbound vehicle speeding. The tan 2005 Nissan registered to Avis Rent a Car was tracked traveling at 71 mph in a 50 mph zone. After stopping the driver in the parking lot of the hotel, the officer smelled intoxicants coming from the car. The man was given a breath test that registered 15 percent blood alcohol level.

### Something missing

A 43-year-old Milford woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 12:01 a.m. April 17 at Novi Road and Grand River Avenue. The officer was traveling westbound on Grand River just west of Market Street when he saw a white Pontiac Grand Prix drive onto the dirt shoulder just west of Market Street.

### Heavy on Bud Lights

A 27-year-old Ann Arbor man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:39 a.m. April 17 at Crescent Boulevard and Novi Road. The officer was following directly behind the man's vehicle westbound on Grand River west of

Town Center Drive and east of Novi Road when he noticed the vehicle swerve to the right. The car crossed the fog line and drove on the gravel shoulder before swerving back on the road. After smelling intoxicants inside the vehicle, the officer asked the man how much he had had to drink. He said that he had drunk two 12-ounce Bud Lights — one at midnight and one at 12:30 a.m. The man was given a breath test that registered 15 percent blood alcohol level.

### Buffalo Wings gone wild

A 26-year-old Belleville man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:54 a.m. April 10 at Twelve Mile Road and the M5 Connector. The officer was driving westbound on Twelve Mile Road east of Novi Road when he spotted a vehicle traveling at about 69 mph in a 45 mph zone.

### Parking lot theft

A Wixom woman reported a theft from a motor vehicle of over \$200 at 10:53 a.m. April 8. The theft took place around 9 p.m. April 7 in the parking lot at Twelve Oaks Mall. The woman said she parked her 2002 Dodge in the upper level parking lot of JC Penney's around 8 p.m. April 7. She returned to the car about an hour later and found items missing from the vehicle.

The officer was traveling westbound on Grand River just west of Market Street when he saw a white Pontiac Grand Prix drive onto the dirt shoulder just west of Market Street. When asked to produce her license, registration and proof of insurance, the woman produced only her driver's license.

### Nobody home

A South Lyon man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:21 a.m. April 10 at Meadowbrook and Ten Mile roads. The officer was following directly behind the man's vehicle westbound on Grand River west of

Compiled by Pam Fleming

# Novi's elementary schools brace for hits if millages don't pass

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whether it's a camp situation, whether they're not going to be able to go to field trips that will broaden their horizons, whether it's a cut in staffing — all the studies are showing that smaller class sizes are the most effective, but you have to have the money to do that."

Starr said it's difficult to predict if voters will support the millages because she feels there is a large contingent who may not feel that children are their priority any more.

"If enough people realize what an impact this is going to have on their child's future, they will make all the difference in the world," Starr said.

Looking from the full-day kindergarten perspective, Starr sees a lot of children being shut-out around if the millages don't pass. She said that parents utilize the full-day program for different purposes, some for day-care and some for education. In either case, those parents are going to be scrambling to find another spot for their child. Other parents have children who are performing at a higher level than others, so they're hoping that a full-day program will give their children more to do.

"I think it's going to mean that parents are going to be working a little harder for their own children in trying to fill in the holes that will be left," Starr said. "There are some children out there who need to be in a full-day program because, for whatever reason, their home situation is not going to offer them what some others may. They're really going to fall through the holes and they're not going to be getting what they need in order to be successful. We do individualize the program. We try to meet the needs of every child, but because it's a full-day program, it offers a child more time. In that regard, there are children who will not benefit from just a half-day program."

## WHAT'S ON THE LINE JUNE 14

With the June 14 ballot only a month away, the Novi Community School District is beginning to feel the heat of trying to make up a \$4.5 million deficit. The ballot will feature two millage renewals and one new millage that administrators and teachers alike are touting as the most important decision Novi voters will make.

If the millage and the two renewals pass, most educational programs in the district will be saved. However, if they don't pass, cuts will be necessary.

- K-4 Spanish programs in all the elementary schools \$135,278
- Full-day kindergarten in all the elementary schools \$160,370
- One receptionist at each school building (K-4) \$119,591
- One receptionist at Novi Meadows \$23,918
- One receptionist at Novi Middle School \$23,918
- One receptionist at Novi High School \$23,918
- Athletics at the middle school \$59,890
- A career education counselor \$44,346
- A reduction in high school athletics \$201,650
- A reduction in advanced placement classes \$90,185
- High school bus run \$89,059
- High school pianist \$20,657
- One high school dean of students \$58,644
- One high school dean of students \$58,644
- The high school police liaison officer \$40,675
- Athletic trainer \$29,025
- All extra-curricular clubs at all levels \$204,230
- One media para professional at Novi Meadows \$23,918

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Community/parent meetings to discuss the upcoming election will be held:

- Thursday, May 13 Orchard Hills Elementary School 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 17 Novi Preschool 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 18 Novi Meadows 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 19 Village Oaks Elementary School 7 p.m.
- Monday, May 24 Novi Woods Elementary School 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 25 Parkview Elementary School 7 p.m.

## Learning Spanish can't wait

According to Betsy Brown, Deerfield Spanish and ELL teacher, studies show that learning new languages early helps students do better in reading, writing and math. That's one of the reasons why K-4 Spanish was made a requirement.

"I've been teaching elementary Spanish for 13 years now, and this is the third program I have started from scratch," Brown said. "I teach 500 kids in two days a week. Spanish is my passion. I don't know what

I'd do if I didn't teach it." Brown said that it's too late for kids to start learning languages in ninth grade just because of the way the brain works. The earlier that children learn languages, the earlier the connections their brains start to make.

"They're like sponges when they're younger, they just absorb it," Brown said. "A child can learn seven languages simultaneously without developing any accents."

Brown works closely with Ainsley Sonntag, Deerfield's music teacher, and together they coordinate bilingual plays. Also, half the gym classes at the school are taught in Spanish now. Without K-4 Spanish, that wouldn't be the case.

"This would have a huge impact on our schools in Novi," Brown said. "They're predicting that by the year 2010, up to 50 percent of the American population will speak Spanish as a first language. In order to compete in a global economy, these kids are going to have to know another language."

## Front offices will suffer

In addition to cuts in Spanish and full-day kindergarten programs, elementary schools can also expect a large loss in front office help when one receptionist

from all eight school buildings is gone. At Deerfield, Receptionist Monica Bateman's job would be terminated if the millages don't pass. She said that it would be difficult to provide the one-on-one attention that Novi schools strive to achieve for parents and for students.

"One less receptionist will make the office area extremely busy," she said. "The students care and well-being is our number one objective and that would be an issue because it would be really difficult to get work done and provide that special care that we like to provide. I know we have a lot of volunteers who come to the schools and it would be very difficult to give them the attention that's required by the state and for the district to keep our schools as good as they are. It will be a big impact."

Bateman explained all the clerical work that she shares with Andrea Timecek at Deerfield would be extremely difficult to leave for one person. "All the schools will feel the same way," she said. "The

beginning of the school year, the end of the school year and around count days are extremely busy for the office."

Starr just hopes that the parents of Novi will understand what's at stake with their children's futures and go out and vote for the two renewals and one new millage on Monday, June 14.

"As a parent, I chose this school district, not just because I teach here, but because I believe in it," she said. "I pay huge taxes, but I will gladly prioritize my own finances so that my children have what it takes to be successful in school. If I have to cut out a tennis lesson or somehow rearrange my priorities so that I can pass the millage and therefore pay that little bit more in taxes, to me it's worthwhile. At this point in my life my children are my priority. As a parent I feel that this is my responsibility to give them all that I can in terms of opportunities and experiences. I know that many parents in Novi feel the same way and that's one of the big reasons they are here. As a school system we have offered so much at such a high quality."

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## Planning director's position could be eliminated Monday

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Two new police sergeants and an additional patrol officer as well as two fire department supervisors — a lieutenant and a captain — in January.

The two new sergeants will be promoted from within, with three new patrol officers being hired.

"The Planning Commission budget was reduced to add the police and fire positions," Helwig said.

In his 2004-2005 Budget Message, Helwig said that while the city is blessed with a continued, sound financial condition, "we are holding on during turbulent financial times in Michigan."

Since fiscal year 2001-2002, the state has reduced the city's second highest revenue source, State Shared Revenue, by 14.6 percent or \$558,003 a year.

"Novi, unlike many Michigan municipalities, has been able to absorb this significant reduction because of ongoing investment and growth occurring in the community," Helwig said.

During a time when the state has eliminated its Rainy Day funds, Novi has maintained at least a 14-percent reserve.

Helwig said the city was not keeping up in the staffing of such critical areas as police, fire and public works as well as the equipment needs of various departments.

Further complicating the budget this year is the fact that there is one additional pay period this year, which happens every 12 years, having about a \$600,000 impact on the city's payroll.

Helwig noted that the current Master Plan for Land Use being reviewed includes a fiscal analysis.

Proposed budget priorities established by the city manager include:

- Keeping the city property tax millage rate the same. The proposed rate of 10.5416 is the same as the current fiscal year and is one of the lowest five rates in Oakland County. A mill is equal to 1/10 of a cent. A millage is a rate of taxation expressed in mills per dollar. Each 1/10 in the millage rate produces about \$200,000 for city services.
- Continuing past practices regarding Rainy Day funds, keeping them at 14 percent.
- Allocation of \$100,000 for future claims and deductibles in the Judgment Trust Fund.
- Upgrading public safety by adding two sergeants and one offi-

cer to the police department plus two supervisors to the fire department. No supervisors have been added to the police and fire departments since 1996 and 1999, respectively. The plan also includes the replacement of three police cruisers.

• Continuing basic service levels. The city has conducted "base budget" reviews with each department and has reduced the budgets to a tight level.

• Lessening the impact of growing health insurance costs. Effective July 1, 2004, the city would implement \$10 for generic drugs/\$20 for non-generic drug coverage on prescription drug costs. Effective Jan. 1, 2005, the city would implement an employee contribution of 2.5 percent of the cost of the monthly health insurance premium, pre-tax. Effective July 1, 2005, employees who have enrolled in the family continuation coverage dependents 19- to 25-year-olds would pay 50 percent of the monthly premium, pre-tax.

The city recently received a dividend check for the Workers' Compensation Fund in the amount of \$97,540. In light of this, a re-communication has been made to include an additional \$40,000 in the estimated revenue for 2003-2004. The city's Workers' Compensation Fund dividend check was greater than originally anticipated.

During the May 5 budget meeting, the possibility of eliminating two more positions — one planner and one city engineer — was also discussed but not approved.

Council members voting in favor of eliminating the planning director's position suggested that savings from this salary, and others, could be used to improve parks, services and parks, such as using the money to engage the four ballparks at Community Sports Park at Eight Mile and Napier roads.

"I think we have to ask ourselves if it is relevant, is it related?" said Council Member Larry Lucero. "It's uncomfortable, awkward and uneasy [to talk about cutting positions], but it needs to be said. It frustrates me that we can't do more for the citizens of Novi. We need money to put back into basic city services."

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## \$20K received for tree replacement

### Granholm awards funds to 54 cities hit by Emerald Ash Borer

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

The Emerald Ash Borer has wreaked havoc on Novi, but the city was recently awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for Emerald Ash Borer tree replacement.

City staff and McKenna Associates, Inc., prepared the grant application. In addition, the city has appropriated \$32,000 in matching grant funds. This will enable city workers to plant about 160 trees.

Craig Klaver, chief operating officer for the city, also received notification recently from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources that the Land and Water Conservation Fund (Community Sports Park trail) local grant application met all criteria during the administrative review process.

The city's application is now one of 150 being considered for grant funding.

An on-site visit will be scheduled with DNR staff to review the project in August, with grant awards being announced in late fall.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the

### FEDERAL DISASTER?

Emerald ash borer (EAB), the wood-boring beetle from Asia that has already infested approximately six million white, black or green ash trees in Southeast Michigan, continues to spread through the state. On April 30, Governor Jennifer Granholm declared a state of emergency in the six counties most affected by EAB and requested a federal disaster declaration for the state of Michigan from President Bush because of the dangers to public safety posed by dead or dying ash trees.

Senators Carl Levin, D-Mich., Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., and eight members of the Michigan congressional delegation wrote to the president May 10 and strongly urged him to grant the disaster declaration and the governor's request for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance.

The disaster declaration would help Michigan deal with the emerald ash borer crisis by activating two types of grant programs: one to help the state and local governments with the costs of removing affected ash trees and the other to provide funding to help prevent future infestations. The governor's office estimates that the costs for dealing with emerald ash borer will exceed \$163 million.

The six counties most severely affected by emerald ash borer are Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne.

In addition to Levin and Stabenow, U.S. Representatives John Conyers, D-14, John Dingell, D-15, Dale Kildee, D-5, Carolyn Kilpatrick, D-13, Sander Levin, D-12, Thaddeus McCotter, R-11, Bart Stupak, D-1, and Fred Upton, R-6, signed the letter to the President.

Before the Emerald Ash Borer started to affect Novi's ash trees, the Forestry Division rented a 25 or 50 horsepower stump grinding machine for a couple of weeks a year to remove tree stumps. This enabled staff to cut down a tree and remove the stump within the same season. Current funding of \$2,000 a year for equipment rental for both Parks and Forestry would allow the city to rent a stump grinder for two weeks a year, removing only about a third of the city's tree stumps each year.

Possible options are to purchase a stump grinding machine for \$30,000, hire contractors at \$45 for each 12-inch stump removal or rent a machine for about \$1,000 a week.

The Forestry Division is recommending that the city purchase a stump grinding machine so that trees and stumps could be removed at the same time.

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# BUSINESS

## Take a Gander!

### Chain's largest store in Michigan opens in Novi

By Duane Ramsey  
SPECIAL WRITER

The largest Gander Mountain store in Michigan opened recently at West Oaks in Novi and is celebrating its grand opening this weekend with free events and seminars May 14-16.

"Michigan is the #1 sportsman state in the nation and this is the first Gander Mountain 'big box' store in the state," said Russ Becker, store manager of the Novi store that is opening for business on April 23. "As a shopping mecca, Novi is a great location for it."



From left, the management team of Brain Reeder, Russ Becker and Michael Bjorkman sit on some of the ATVs on display at the new Gander Mountain store in Novi.

The "big box" store provides nearly 100,000 square feet of retail space for more than 120,000 different product codes with about 100 full- and part-time employees. It includes a 30-yard archery range, gunsmith, live bait shop, Gander Lodge meeting room, and sales and service center for All-Terrain Vehicles, boats, canoes, kayaks and trailers.

During the grand opening, customers can register to win free prizes, including a \$1,000 Gander Mountain shopping spree, a Raging Russian Bear Hunt from Bear Mountain Resort, a Fishing Trip from MI Fishing Charters and two autographed racing tires from the Gander Mountain NASCAR Team.

All customers registering at the Novi grand opening will be included in a drawing for an Arctic Cat 500-444 ATV from all entries received during the grand openings of all Gander Mountain locations during 2004. The winner will be selected in December.

The Novi store gave away 100 free spin-casting rods and reels with a tackle kit worth \$25 to children on May 1. The store also hosted a lure painting seminar for children

to paint their own fishing lures.

"We wanted to make it the 'Great Outdoor Sports' and a great first impression of low fun and exciting we want this store to be for the Novi community," Becker said.

He previously managed the Gander Mountain stores in Ulica and Port Huron, Mich. and raised in suburban Detroit. Becker has 25 years of retail experience.

Gander Mountain is a discount value warehouse designed to bring the merchandise to the customer with an in-stock guarantee, according to Michael Bjorkman, assistant manager for merchandise.

A Chicago native with 20 years in retail, Bjorkman helped to open the chain's first big box store in Geneva, Illinois. The big box stores are three times larger than a standard 33,000 square foot Gander Mountain store, he said.

The product lines include outdoor apparel and footwear, archery, ATVs, camping and cooking, firearms, fishing, hunting, marine supplies, paint ball, and water sports. Gander Mountain also offers a large selection of outdoor gifts and home furnishings.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Merigan new VP at Brass Craft

Brass Craft, a leading manufacturer of plumbing products for the professional and retail markets, announces the appointment of John Merigan as vice president of human resources.

In this position, Merigan will be responsible for all HR functions at Brass Craft's corporate headquarters, as well as company plants and other operational facilities. In addition, he will assume leadership of safety programs at all Brass Craft locations.

Merigan most recently worked as group employee relations manager with Brass Crafts parent company, Taylor-based, Masco Corporation. He has served in various human resources positions within the Masco group since 1996.

A University of Michigan graduate, Merigan earned bachelor's and masters degrees from the schools' Ann Arbor campus. In addition, he holds a masters degree from Wayne State University.

### Shay named principal

Paul Shay, PE, has been named a principal at Fanning/Holway Associates, Inc.

As executive director, Shay is responsible for the vision and leadership of the 58-person

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# Home sample kit safely collects DNA

Events of 9-11 spurred business

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Fingerprinting children has been done for many years as a way to help police find missing children. But now, thanks to a new business started by a Garden City woman, parents can safely collect their child's DNA to establish identity.

DNA is the layman's term for deoxyribonucleic acid, the molecular basis of heredity in many organisms, including humans.

Metro Detroit-based DNA Testing, Inc. is marketing Our Family DNA, an in-home DNA kit that allows parents or guardians to easily and painlessly collect a child's DNA sample.

The sample can then be stored in the privacy of the home, along with a child's fingerprints and other identification. The kit was highlighted at the recent Michigan International Women's Show at the Novi Expo Center.

"By storing a sample of your child's DNA, parents can have peace of mind," said Sheila Simpson of Garden City, president and founder of DNA Testing, Inc.

"Since everyone's DNA is unique to them, a DNA sample is an accurate personal identification as is currently possible. When added to fingerprints and dental records, the DNA sample makes a child security-identification kit a powerful tool should a tragedy occur and parents need positive identification," Simpson said.

The kit can be used not only for identity, but also to establish paternity, the stated if a child is the ideal situation would be to purchase a two-person or three-person kit, so that either the father's and the child's DNA can be tested or the mother's as well.

The kit contains everything needed to properly collect and

store DNA. Basically, the kit includes a swab used to collect cells on the inside of the cheek, some special collection paper, a pouch that retains moisture and some latex gloves. If the collection steps are followed closely, samples are guaranteed for a minimum of 11 years.

Simpson said she has a lot of doctors and lawyers who are interested in purchasing the kit as well as interested parties in Washington, D.C.

"It's easy, painless, and is better than fingerprinting because fingerprints can be removed," she noted.

The collection process is explained on both a flyer and a video available on the company's Web site, [www.ourfamilydna.com](http://www.ourfamilydna.com).

The kits come in three sizes: single-person, two-person and three-person and cost \$39.99, \$79.99 and \$99.99, respectively, not including tax, without laboratory analysis. The analysis is not needed if the DNA is only to be collected and stored. Current costs for the kits including analysis are \$150, \$290 and \$350, respectively, not including tax.

The kits come in two sizes: two years old, and "We're just launching the product to the public now," Simpson said.

She said it was the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, that prompted her to start such a business.

"My granddaughter was born on that day. Even today, the event brings tears to my eyes. I decided that the only way we might be able to identify her if something like that ever happened to her was through DNA," she said.

The goal is to provide a way for people to be able to identify their loved ones should anything unforeseen happen to them, Simpson said.

The kits are available on the Web site at [www.ourfamilydna.com](http://www.ourfamilydna.com) or by calling toll free, (800) 803-1246.

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## CITY OF NOVI WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT 26300 DELWAL DRIVE NOVI, MICHIGAN 48375 MARCH 16, 2004

### 2003 CONSUMERS ANNUAL REPORT ON WATER QUALITY

The City of Novi is pleased to present the 2003 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report contains mandatory information about water quality issues and potential health effects, lists the source of our water and provides the results of the water quality monitoring tests for 2003. The treatment and monitoring of our drinking water, complex with all mandatory Federal and State Drinking Water Regulations. If the water quality is compromised we will notify our customers immediately.

Title XIV of the United States Public Health Service Act (Chapter 373, 86 Stat. 1660), commonly known as the Safe Drinking Water Act, and the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act (1976 PA 359 as amended to 1998 PA 56) require a supplier of water to provide annual Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR) to its customers.

**CONTAMINANTS AND THEIR PRESENCE IN WATER:** Drinking Water, including Bottled Water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

**SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER:** The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from Lake Huron and/or the Detroit River, as appropriate. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

**CONTAMINANTS THAT MAY BE PRESENT IN SOURCE WATER INCLUDE:** Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

**Radioactive contaminants,** which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. Inorganic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which provide the same protection for public health.

**VULNERABILITY OF SUB-POPULATIONS:** Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer (undergoing chemotherapy), persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)/Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

**GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM:** The City of Novi purchases treated water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSJ). The DWSJ water supply source is from surface water. The majority of the water supplied to the City of Novi comes from the DWSJ Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant. This plant is located north of Port Huron, Michigan at the lower end of Lake Huron. The DWSJ treatment facilities operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Chlorine is used for disinfecting the source water and Fluoride is added to the treated water for the dental care benefits.

In 2003 we purchased 2,201,218,700 gallons of treated water from DWSJ. We currently have more than 10,632 customers on our Water Distribution System. We have completed a major two-year project concerning a Water Distribution System Master Plan Update. The purpose of the study is to develop a vulnerability survey of our system under current conditions, identify major improvements that will be required in the next five years based on our projected growth, and to identify major improvements that will be needed for total development of the city. The Master Plan Update will prioritize the implementation of the critical components identified in the vulnerability survey. In our current Capital Improvement Program (CIP) we have identified construction projects valued in excess of \$13,400,000 for potential construction in the next five to six years.

**MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:** The State and EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We meet all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2003. We will update this report annually and keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies of this report are mailed to all 10,632 water account customers, as enclosures in their regular quarterly water and sewer bills (April, May, or June). Additional copies are provided to all multi-family complexes for internal distribution. Copies are also available at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road and the Novi Public Library, 45245 West Ten Mile Road.

For more information about your water, or the contents of this report contact: Gary Clark, Assistant DPW Director, (248) 735-5652 or [gcclark@novi.mi.us](mailto:gcclark@novi.mi.us).

For more information about safe drinking water, visit the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) at [www.epa.gov/safewater/](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/).

**DETECTED CONTAMINATION TABLES:** The tables and information contained on the next pages are based on tests conducted by DWSJ and the City of Novi in the year 2003. DWSJ conducts many tests throughout the year, however, only tests that show the presence of a contaminant are shown.

**Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant  
2003 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables**

| Contaminant   | Test Date    | Units | Health Goal MCL | Allowed Level MCL | Level Detected | Range of Detection | Violation yes/no | Major Sources in Drinking Water  |
|---|--------------|-------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|--|
| <b>Inorganic Chemicals - Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap</b>                    |              |       |                 |                   |                |                    |                  |  |
| Fluoride  | 9/10/2003    | ppm   | 4               | 4                 | 1.1            | n/a                | No               | Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. |
| Nitrate   | 9/10/2003    | ppm   | 10              | 10                | 0.5            | n/a                | No               | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.                               |
| <b>Disinfectant Residues and Disinfection By-Products - Monitoring in Distribution System</b> |              |       |                 |                   |                |                    |                  |  |
| Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)  | Dec 2003     | ppb   | n/a             | 80                | 13.3           | 6.5-26.3           | No               | By-product of drinking water chlorination.   |
| Halacetic Acids (HAA5)  | Feb-Dec 2003 | ppb   | n/a             | 60                | 11.3           | 4.0-18.0           | No               | By-product of drinking water disinfection.   |
| Disinfectant (Chlorine Residual)  | Jan-2003     | ppm   | MROGL           | MROGL             | 0.83           | 0.74-0.98          | No               | Water additive used to control microbes.   |
| <b>Radioactive Contaminants-Plant Finished Water Tap</b>                                      |              |       |                 |                   |                |                    |                  |  |
| Alpha Emitters  | 1/16/2001    | pCi/l | 0               | 15                | 3.19           | n/a                | No               | Erosion of Natural Deposits.   |

**2003 Turbidity - Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap**

| Highest Single Measurement | Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%) | Violation yes/no | Major Sources in Drinking Water |
|----------------------------|--|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 0.17 NTU                   | 100%   | No               | Soil Runoff                     |

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

| Regulated Contaminant      | Treatment Technique  | Running Annual Average | Monthly Ratio Range | Violation Yes/No | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|----------------------------|--|------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Total Organic Carbon (ppm) | The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal. |                        |                     |                  | Erosion of natural deposits.  |

| Contaminant  | MCLG | MCL | Level Detected | Source of Contamination.     |
|--------------|------|-----|----------------|------------------------------|
| Sodium (ppm) | n/a  | n/a | Not detected   | Erosion of natural deposits. |

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

**Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant  
CITY OF NOVI 2003 Microbiological Contaminants - Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System**

| Contaminant                        | MCLG | MCL  | Highest Number Detected | Violation yes/no | Major Sources in Drinking Water       |
|------------------------------------|------|--|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Total Coliform Bacteria            | 0    | Presence of Coliform bacteria ≥ 5% of monthly samples.   | in one Month            | 0                | Naturally present in the environment. |
| E. coli or fecal coliform bacteria | 0    | A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E. coli positive. | one year                | 0                | Human waste and animal fecal waste.   |

In 1992 we began testing homes with plumbing systems which may contribute lead and copper to the household water supply. The results of lead and copper testing have all been below the EPA prescribed action levels. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791.

| Contaminant | Test Date | Units | Health Goal MCLG | Action Level AL | 90th Percentile Value | Number of Samples Over AL | Violation yes/no | Major Sources in Drinking Water  |
|-------------|-----------|-------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--|
| Lead        | 2002      | Ppb   | 0                | 15              | 0                     | 5                         | No               | Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.                                   |
| Copper      | 2002      | Ppb   | 130              | 130             | 72                    | 5                         | No               | Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives. |

\*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL, additional requirements must be met.

| Symbol | Abbreviation for MCLG                    | Definition/Explanation   |
|--------|--|--|
| MCLG   | Maximum Contaminant Level Goal           | The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.   |
| MCL    | Maximum Contaminant Level                | The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.                                    |
| MRDLG  | Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal | The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants. |
| MRDL   | Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level      | The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.                        |
| ppb    | Parts per billion (one one billion)      | The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.   |
| ppm    | Parts per million (one in one million)   | The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.  |
| NTU    | Nephelometric Turbidity Units            | Measures the cloudiness of water.  |
| TT     | Treatment Technique                      | A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.  |
| AL     | Action Level                             | The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.   |
| n/a    | Not applicable                           |  |
| ≥      | More than or equal to                    |  |

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**MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:** The State and EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We meet all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2003. We will update this report annually and keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies of this report are mailed to all 10,632 water account customers, as enclosures in their regular quarterly water and sewer bills (April, May, or June). Additional copies are provided to all multi-family complexes for internal distribution. Copies are also available at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road and the Novi Public Library, 45245 West Ten Mile Road.

For more information about your water, or the contents of this report contact: Gary Clark, Assistant DPW Director, (248) 735-5652 or [gcclark@novi.mi.us](mailto:gcclark@novi.mi.us).

For more information about safe drinking water, visit the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) at [www.epa.gov/safewater/](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/).

**DETECTED CONTAMINATION TABLES:** The tables and information contained on the next pages are based on tests conducted by DWSJ and the City of Novi in the year 2003. DWSJ conducts many tests throughout the year, however, only tests that show the presence of a contaminant are shown.

**Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant  
2003 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables**

| Contaminant   | Test Date    | Units | Health Goal MCL | Allowed Level MCL | Level Detected | Range of Detection | Violation yes/no | Major Sources in Drinking Water  |
|---|--------------|-------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|--|
| <b>Inorganic Chemicals - Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap</b>                    |              |       |                 |                   |                |                    |                  |  |
| Fluoride  | 9/10/2003    | ppm   | 4               | 4                 | 1.1            | n/a                | No               | Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. |
| Nitrate   | 9/10/2003    | ppm   | 10              | 10                | 0.5            | n/a                | No               | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.                               |
| <b>Disinfectant Residues and Disinfection By-Products - Monitoring in Distribution System</b> |              |       |                 |                   |                |                    |                  |  |
| Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)  | Dec 2003     | ppb   | n/a             | 80                | 13.3           | 6.5-26.3           | No               | By-product of drinking water chlorination.   |
| Halacetic Acids (HAA5)  | Feb-Dec 2003 | ppb   | n/a             | 60                | 11.3           | 4.0-18.0           | No               | By-product of drinking water disinfection.   |
| Disinfectant (Chlorine Residual)  | Jan-2003     | ppm   | MROGL           | MROGL             | 0.83           | 0.74-0.98          | No               | Water additive used to control microbes.   |
| <b>Radioactive Contaminants-Plant Finished Water Tap</b>                                      |              |       |                 |                   |                |                    |                  |  |
| Alpha Emitters  | 1/16/2001    | pCi/l | 0               | 15                | 3.19           | n/a                | No               | Erosion of Natural Deposits.   |

**2003 Turbidity - Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap**

| Highest Single Measurement | Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%) | Violation yes/no | Major Sources in Drinking Water |
|----------------------------|--|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 0.17 NTU                   | 100%   | No               | Soil Runoff                     |

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

| Regulated Contaminant      | Treatment Technique  | Running Annual Average | Monthly Ratio Range | Violation Yes/No | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|----------------------------|--|------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Total Organic Carbon (ppm) | The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal. |                        |                     |                  | Erosion of natural deposits.  |

| Contaminant  | MCLG | MCL | Level Detected | Source of Contamination.     |
|--------------|------|-----|----------------|------------------------------|
| Sodium (ppm) | n/a  | n/a | Not detected   | Erosion of natural deposits. |

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

**Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant  
CITY OF NOVI 2003 Microbiological Contaminants - Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System**

| Contaminant                        | MCLG | MCL  | Highest Number Detected | Violation yes/no | Major Sources in Drinking Water       |
|------------------------------------|------|--|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Total Coliform Bacteria            | 0    | Presence of Coliform bacteria ≥ 5% of monthly samples.   | in one Month            | 0                | Naturally present in the environment. |
| E. coli or fecal coliform bacteria | 0    | A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E. coli positive. | one year                | 0                | Human waste and animal fecal waste.   |

In 1992 we began testing homes with plumbing systems which may contribute lead and copper to the household water supply. The results of lead and copper testing have all been below the EPA prescribed action levels. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791.

| Contaminant | Test Date | Units | Health Goal MCLG | Action Level AL | 90th Percentile Value | Number of Samples Over AL | Violation yes/no | Major Sources in Drinking Water  |
|-------------|-----------|-------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--|
| Lead        | 2002      | Ppb   | 0                | 15              | 0                     | 5                         | No               | Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.                                   |
| Copper      | 2002      | Ppb   | 130              | 130             | 72                    | 5                         | No               | Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives. |

\*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL, additional requirements must be met.

| Symbol | Abbreviation for MCLG                    | Definition/Explanation   |
|--------|--|--|
| MCLG   | Maximum Contaminant Level Goal           | The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.   |
| MCL    | Maximum Contaminant Level                | The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.                                    |
| MRDLG  | Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal | The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants. |
| MRDL   | Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level      | The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.                        |
| ppb    | Parts per billion (one one billion)      | The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.   |
| ppm    | Parts per million (one in one million)   | The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.  |
| NTU    | Nephelometric Turbidity Units            | Measures the cloudiness of water.  |
| TT     | Treatment Technique                      | A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.  |
| AL     | Action Level                             | The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.   |
| n/a    | Not applicable                           |  |
| ≥      | More than or equal to                    |  |

### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 04-125.17

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 04-125.17, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 37, "WOODLANDS PROTECTION" OF THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN ORDER TO ADD NEW ARTICLE III RELATING TO DEAD, DAMAGED OR DANGEROUS TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, WHICH IS BEING HELD FOR CHAPTER 21, "NUISANCES".

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, May 3, 2004. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS,  
CITY CLERK  
(5-13-04 NN 132304)

### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 04-88.07

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 04-88.07, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 16, "GARBAGE AND REFUSE" OF THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, IN ORDER TO DELETE SECTIONS DEALING WITH REFUSE HOUSING OF COLLECTION, LITTER AND CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, WHICH WILL BE RELOCATED TO SECTION 21, "NUISANCES".

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, May 3, 2004. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS,  
CITY CLERK  
(5-13-04 NN 132302)

### CITY OF NOVI FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 04-020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Kroger Company is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a summer theme display (flowers, watermelons, grilling items, etc.) in the front of the store at 47650 Grand River Avenue. This permit would be issued for the period from the date of the meeting until September 30, 2004.

A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 2004. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Written and signed approvals or objections must be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Denise Anderson at the City of Novi Building Department 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

DENISE ANDERSON  
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY  
(248) 347-0415  
(5-13-04 NN 133212)

### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 04-162.01

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 04-162.01, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, "BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS", ARTICLE VII, "PORTABLE TOILETS", TO DELETE THAT ARTICLE,

## Exotic animals come to Novi Woods

**Husband-and-wife team of biologists brings science books to life**

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Science Alive, a hands-on science education organization, which was established by the husband-and-wife team of William and Terri Neill, came visiting Novi Woods Elementary School last Tuesday and Wednesday with an array of different exotic animals to teach students about. The program was one of 10 that Science Alive performs, called Environmental Adaptations.

The two spent the days moving from one classroom to the next, presenting many different friendly

animals to the kids and providing much useful information to help them learn. Students were able to pet and sometimes hold the animals, which included a chinchilla named Axel Whip, a springhare named Harriet, which is actually an African squirrel, a 1-year-old American Alligator named Baby Ally, a 9-year-old Burmese Python named Butter Nut, a nine bandit armadillo named Dilbert, and a military macaw parrot named Oliver.

William and Terri Neill are both biologists and they hope that the kids will have an interest in biology when their presentations are all finished.

"We hope we can spark their curiosity to investigate further," Terri Neill said. "We want the kids to really have fun while not even understanding that they're learning something too. It's definitely a challenge to introduce some of these animals to the kids. We hope to open up their world a

little bit more." Terri Neill's background as a biologist started at Central Michigan University. She was interested in live animals all the time, so she just made a job out of it.

"I have been doing it for over 22 years and can see the benefit and the interest in kids in their learning," she said. "We formed Science Alive about 12 years ago, and we made it so many schools can afford to have us come out. This is just another way to get the lessons across, and it transforms past the biology barrier to reading, language arts and a lot of other things beyond that. Sometimes a whole system of studying animals and their environment is fun for kids."

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## Novi Woods and McDonald's, a winning combo!

Novi Woods and the McDonald's restaurant at 10 Mile Road and Halsted, teamed up for a fundraiser that allowed the school to earn a percentage of the restaurant's sales. Novi Woods teachers were on hand to help the McDonald's staff serve and greet the students and their families that came in for dinner on April 21. Pictured here are Fourth Grade Student Teacher Amy Schroder, Ronald McDonald, Alexandra DeLa Cruz and Castille Asmann.

## ON CAMPUS

Several local students graduated from Albion College on May 8.

Taki L. Johnson received a degree in biology with a minor in Spanish and completion of the requirements for a concentration within the Institute for the Study of the Environment. Johnson is a graduate of Novi High School.

Harvey P. Steele received a degree in economics and manage-

ment. Steele is the son of Harvey Steele and Alin Steele of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

Novi resident Nicole Walters was named to the Dean's list at Washington University for the fall 2003 semester. She is the daughter of Mr. and Dr. Walters of Novi and is a graduate of Northville High School.

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## T.A.C.C. holds fundraiser May 22

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Teens Aiding the Cancer Community, a student-led, non-profit organization from Novi, that assembles and delivers toy filled backpacks to children who either have cancer or who are affected by cancer in some way, will be holding a fundraiser at Rebecca's Family Restaurant in Northville on Saturday, May 22 from 6-9 p.m.

The restaurant will be providing its normal menu and ice cream, but a major difference will be that T.A.C.C. will be making 30 percent of all sales that night. Also, when someone purchases something, they'll receive a raffle ticket, which could win one of many prizes.

"This is kind of a special thing," T.A.C.C. President Andrew Krupansky said. "People will, hopefully, be able to win something neat and support our organization at the same time."

There are also going to have live musicians present to entertain the crowd.

"There's going to be a girl who's a vocalist and a guitar player will be there playing and another student who will be playing jazz music," Krupansky said. "We'll have different styles of musical acts throughout the night and other forms of entertainment. Hopefully, it'll be a warm night so people can walk around downtown Northville in the evening and support our organization too."

Rebecca's Family Restaurant is located at 134 N. Center, in Northville. Call (248) 348-2660 for more information.

## Second employee needed to gather student data

**State requesting more electronic information**

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Though it's looked upon by school administrators as a positive thing and something they should be doing anyway, sending information about students to the government in electronic formats is a bit of a burden for James Fry.

Fry, Novi Community School District's Instructional Technology Consultant, explained during a recent school board meeting that the information explosion going on in the state right now is a big issue facing school districts.

He said that due to mandates from the state of Michigan that school districts must adhere to, it is becoming increasingly difficult to sustain the amount of information they can send without hiring a second employee to gather student data.

"It's a good thing in one way to send information electronically," Fry said. "It's smart not to be sending lots of paper. But what the state of Michigan is attempting to do is to consolidate 25 different paper reports into one large elec-

tronic report that's sent three or four times a year. It makes sense, but the problem is, like many things that happen, these things are mandated and put into place, but there is no support follow through with funding for it. That usually means some reorganization within the district."

Fry addressed the board more or less to inform them and to keep them aware of the issue, so as they start to go through the budget process, they can look at where they have to make cuts or adjustments.

"They need information to make good judgments," Fry said, "and that's what I was trying to do to get them information and to make them aware that we do need another person."

Fry explained that hiring a second employee is very critical because of the work load of all the mandated information that has to be sent in. He also said that he understood that the district is financially strapped at the moment and hiring someone would probably not be high on the priority list of the board. However, if nobody is hired, the district probably would not be able to accomplish the state mandates.

"We need at least two people to accomplish that work that has to be done and part of that is managing the technology," Fry said. "Realistically, there is no new money coming in from the state,

so you have to reallocate funds from the budget itself. As a district we need to look at just the bigger issue of student information and look at the bigger structure of departments. As departments we need to look at maybe some reallocation of responsibilities. We may have to shuffle some jobs or shuffle some money from other parts of the district."

Fry said that what he and his staff are trying to do is certainly something they need to be doing, but it's coming on very quickly because the government is starting to realize what technology can do.

"I started with these mandates from Michigan and now with No Child Left Behind, that has even added more mandates for us to report on how kids are doing with their progress," Fry said. "That's not a bad thing - we certainly want the kids to have good progress and we certainly need to be accountable and report on that - but it's new so it's something that all school districts have to now shift gears with. This is the growing pains and struggles of making that shift from traditional ways of recording and now to newer electronic recording."

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## Promoting cheer

As curious Novi Meadows students look on from their cafeteria seats, Novi High School varsity cheerleaders Ashley Hartshorne, Melissa Laird and Tori Roni support teammate Natalie Laitinen during a visit to promote participation in the sport. Coach Emily Parker distributed information to Meadows' students about a free upcoming cheer clinic from May 17-19, 2:45-4 p.m. For more information, call Parker at (248) 767-7757.



Courtesy photo

## Deerfield Informance

Deerfield third and fourth graders from the Birdhouse and Lighthouse held their annual music informance at Novi Middle School on April 28th. Students performed dances, played off instruments, sang and played a wide variety of songs on the recorder, from the traditional "Grand Old Duke of York" and "Chatter With the Angels" to more modern classics like "Linus and Lucy" from the Charlie Brown movies and "Low Rider" by War.

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## SCOUTING NEWS



(Photo by Frank Maynard)

### Climbing the Scout ladder

Five Webelos Scouts from Cub Scout Pack 54 recently received the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting. The ceremony took place at Novi Woods Elementary School and was conducted by members of GHPewa Lodge 29, Order of the Arrow, Scouting's national honor society. The boys have graduated to Boy Scouts and have joined or plan to join Novi's Boy Scout Troop 407. Proudly displaying their arrows are (front row) Alexander Saikalis, Chase Huston, Andre Hage, Joaquin Acosta and Andy Bagdady. Assisting with the ceremony were (back row) Dana Hlavaty, Eric Miller, Christopher Miller and Benjamin Maynard from Troop 407.

### I'd like Eagles

Three Boy Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 54 of Novi were recognized March 21 for having earned the rank of Eagle Scout. The ceremony, an Eagle Scout Court of Honor, was held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Farmington, with Pastor Dan Case delivering the blessings. The Scouts celebrated were: Mike Hepburn, son of Bill and Nancy Hepburn. He attends Howe Military Academy; Tony Kern, son of Anthony and Sandra Kern, of C/O Orlando's son of James and Est. Orlando. Both boys attend Novi High School; All three are seniors who will be graduating this June. James Gee, an Eagle Scout with Troop 54, and Bob Peterson, Scoutmaster of Troop 54, presided over the ceremony.

### Discover Scouting

Boys currently in kindergarten through fourth grade and their parents or guardians are invited to find out more about Cub Scouts at two events next week in Novi. On Monday, May 17, Cub Scout Packs from around Novi will greet interested youth and their families at Novi Civic Center from 6 to 8 p.m. Then, on Thursday, May 20 at 7 p.m., Pack 54 invites boys and their families, either from Novi or from other schools, to a Pack Family Night and Ice Cream Social at Rotary Park, just off Nine Mile Road between Novi and Meadowbrook Roads. For more information, contact Frank Maynard at (248) 344-2965 or Clinton Valley Council at (248) 338-0035.

## Lyon Township mom wins day at Scappare

By Sam Black  
EDITOR

It may be in Loretta Keeney's nature to care for others. After all, she's been doing it most of her life, and that's why she won the Pamper Your Mom contest sponsored by HomeTown Newspapers.

Notable Novi entrants included Andrea Denny (nominated by Mike Denny), Donna McGuire (Denise Kings), Lisa Ann Smith (Elizabeth Smith), and Hannah Modest (Andrea Denny).

As a girl, Loretta's siblings, even her parents, affectionately called her Cinderella. Because her mother was disabled with multiple sclerosis, Loretta was the one her six siblings turned to for clean clothes, meals and a clean house. More so, she claimed the responsibility as her own.

Today, after raising four children of her own, she's still caring for others. Her husband, Donald, has suffered heart problems for years and survived prostate cancer. Her father, Kenneth Ostrache, lives in her home after he suffered a stroke and could no longer live on his own. Recently she organized a 90th birthday party for her dad, and 80 people attended the event.

Loretta enjoys caring for her grandchildren, too. Each week-end, her 5-year-old granddaughter, Sarah, is her playmate. As an occupational therapist, Sarah's mom, Jennifer, works varying hours, but no daycare is good enough for Loretta's grandkids, especially if they're close to her.

Jennifer's son, Jacob, who is now 12, was also in his grandmother's care before he started school.

"There is nothing more important in this world than our children do," Loretta said. "That's why I do it."

When told that Jennifer nomi-

### WHAT DID MOM WIN?

Loretta Keeney will have a day at the spa made special just for her. The South Lyon Herald and Scappare, 21190 Pontiac Trail, presented her a certificate that includes:

- European facial;
- one hour massage;
- pedicure;
- manicure;
- and a delicious lunch.

Choosing a winner was very difficult as dozens of letters about wonderful moms were submitted for the contest.

### MOM'S MEATLOAF

Jennifer Keeney-Uratchko says her mom, Loretta Keeney, makes the best meatloaf. Loretta laughs and says it's a snap. "It's so easy," she said. "It's funny - simple things are sometimes the best."

To make Loretta's meatloaf combine:

- 1.5 pounds of hamburger
- 1 medium sized onion, chopped
- 1 egg
- 3/4 cup of oatmeal
- 6-ounce can of tomato juice
- Salt and pepper

Mix it up and bake it in a loaf pan at 350-degrees for one hour.



Submitted photo

Loretta Keeney, right, poses for a photo with her daughter, Jennifer Keeney-Uratchko, and her granddaughter, Sarah Uratchko, all three of Lyon Township. Jennifer wrote the winning essay about her mother for HomeTown Newspapers' Pamper Your Mom contest. Loretta will enjoy a day of pampering and spa treatments at Scappare, 21190 Pontiac Trail.

nated her in the contest, Loretta told of how her children have made her happy.

"My daughter is a very sweet girl," Loretta said in thanking her

for nominating her in the contest. "It makes you feel good to know you raised some great kids. I'm very proud of them."

Loretta has four children, Donald Jr., 47, of Valparaiso, Ind.; Kevin, 45, of San Mateo, Calif.; Tammy Kessler, 43, of Clarkston; and Jennifer, 32, of South Lyon; and she has nine grandchildren.

## OBITUARIES



Gerald A. "Jerry" LeBlanc

Gerald LeBlanc of Novi died May 8, 2004. He was 67. Mr. LeBlanc was born November 9, 1936, in Pontiac to the late Raymond LeBlanc and Blanche Mayhew.

He lived in Novi since 1968 and was a machinist and owner of a tool and die company, Novi Racing Products. He was known for his love of cars and belonged to AMRA, ARCA, NASCAR and raced midgets, super modifieds and stock cars. During the 60's he traveled throughout the states and ran with some of racing's legends. He was an original member of SPARK, the backbone of the Motorsports Hall of Fame in Novi. Other hobbies included hockey and soccer, which he coached and played throughout the '70-'80s.

Mr. LeBlanc was actively involved in the City of Novi politics during the '80-'90s. He was noted in the 1994 year in review. He launched campaigns against millage and bond issues and was notorious for stirring things up at the city council meetings.

He was a member of the Lions Club and the Michigan National Guard.

Survivors include his wife, Lois (Giguere) LeBlanc; four sons, Martin, Gregory, Vincent, and Baron (1); one daughter, Desiree; one son, Shier B. LeBlanc (Jackie); one grandson, Kyle; and two step-sons,

Robert and Joseph Stahl.

A funeral service was held May 11, 2004 at Custerline Funeral Home, S. Lyon with Rev. Dave Bevington, Chaplain with Angela Hospice, Livonia officiating.

Memorials may be made to Novi Lions Club, P.O. Box 461, Novi, Mich. 48376 or Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Rd., Livonia, Mich. 48154-5010 or Karmans Cancer Foundation, 18831 W. 12 Mile Rd., Lathrup Village, Mich. 48076-9806.

Arrangements were made by Custerline Funeral Home, South Lyon.

### Rose Quinn O'Brien

Rose O'Brien of East Aurora, N.Y., formerly of Southfield, died May 10, 2004. She was 100. Mrs. O'Brien was born July 8, 1903 in Finntown, County Donegal, Ireland.

Survivors include five children, Madge (Larry) Stockdale of Novi, John (Janette) of Phoenix, Ariz., James (Catie) of East Aurora, N.Y., Vincent (Karen) of Chicago, Ill., and Rose Mary (Timothy) Bridgman of Anchorage, Alaska; nineteen grandchildren, Patrick & Daniel Stockdale, Kathleen McKinnon, Roseann Corey, Peggy Burger, John O'Brien, Ann Marie Cruz, Rosemary, Catherine & James O'Brien, Martha Hahl, Bridget Boscard, Sheila Giblin, Vincent & Patrick O'Brien, Rosemary Flannery, Edite Anne Roach, T-Sean & Peter Bridgman; twenty-six great grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was her husband of 55 years, John O'Brien and one grandson, Michael Stockdale.

Visitation will be 3 p.m.-9 p.m. on Friday, May 14, 2004 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi. A funeral mass will be held 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2004 at St. Michael Church, 25225 Code Road, Southfield. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorials may be made to Irish Patriotism Fathers, 3352

Fourth Street, Wyandotte, Mich. 48192. Online sympathy messages at: www.obrien/sullivanfuneralhome.com.

### David E. Champine

David Champine died May 5, 2004. He was 58.

Survivors include one son, David Jr. (Shelley); his mother, Vera; two grandchildren, Riley and Veronica; and nine siblings, Richard, Lawrence (Judy), Dennis (Martha), Ronald (Carol), Allen, James (Kim), Eleanor (the late Gerald) Kratz, Ruth Ann Cleary and Elizabeth (Arthur) Nowakowski.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ezra.

A funeral mass was held May 10, 2004 at The Church of the Holy Family, Novi.

Memorials may be made to the Executive Offices: Diabetes Research and Wellness Foundation, 1206 Potomac Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20007.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Online sympathy messages at: www.obrien/sullivanfuneralhome.com.

### Patrick J. McEvilly

Patrick McEvilly died May 10, 2004. He was 74.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; five children, Patrick Jr. (Darby), Nancy May, Mary "Kathy" (Steve) Laudicina, Julie (Terry) Wagner and Dan (Donna); his parents, Della and Patrick; thirteen grandchildren; and three brothers, Richard W., Donald and Michael.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, May 13, 2004 at St. Alexander Church, 27835 Shawwassee, Farmington Hills, at 10 a.m.

Memorials may be made to St. Alexander Church.

Online sympathy messages at: www.obrien/sullivanfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home.

## IN THE SERVICE

Air Force 2nd Lt. Kevin C. Williams has graduated from undergraduate pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

The student completed 190 flying hours in either the T-37, T-38, or T-1A aircraft, 62 flight simulator hours, 342 academic hours, 105 officer training hours, weather training for flight plans, and the fundamentals of aircraft handling, instrumentation, formation, and night flying.

At the end of training, the officer received an aeronautical rating of pilot in the Air Force, competent and qualified to perform the duties and accept responsibilities thereof.

Williams is the son of Kevin C. and Jean M. Williams of Shewbird, Wiscom.

His wife, Kristi, is the daughter of Dennis A. and Sandy R. Tooe of Hoschton, Ga.

He graduated in 1994 from Waller Lake Western Senior High School and received a bachelor's degree in 2002 from Western Michigan University.

## ENGAGEMENTS



Kilgore-Helber

Mr. and Mrs. William Kilgore announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslie White, to

Domenico Colone, son of Mario Colone and Carolyn Colone of Livonia.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Novi High School and received his bachelor of arts degree from William Tyndale College in 2002. He is the pastor of youth ministry at Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Grosse Pointe.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of the University of Michigan and is currently pursuing a master's degree at Eastern Michigan University in School Counseling. A July 2004 wedding is planned.



White-Colone

Bill and Cindy White of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslie White, to

Domenico Colone, son of Mario Colone and Carolyn Colone of Livonia.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Mercy High School and a 1997 graduate of Miami University. She is currently employed as a teacher for the Elton Academy.

The groom-elect is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He is the owner of Banks Vacuum.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 17, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **HUMMER OF NOVI SITE PLAN NUMBER 04-09, FOR CONCEPT PLAN APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT OPTION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE AND EAST OF MEADOWBROOK ROAD.** The subject property is approximately 6.72 acres. The applicant is proposing an automobile dealership.

LOCATION MAP  
NOT TO SCALE

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the 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., Wednesday, May 17, 2004.

(5-13-04 NN 133432)

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## CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2004-2005 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CITY 2004-2005 BUDGET at the Regular Meeting of Council to be held on Monday, May 17, 2004. Said hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached, at the Novi Civic Center Council Chamber, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

Interested citizens may appear and present written and/or verbal comments on the proposed budget.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the proposed 2004-2005 budget is currently available at the Novi Civic Center, Office of the City Clerk for public inspection, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

## Budget priorities

After three work sessions, City Council will now have to finalize Novi's budget at Monday evening's meeting. With a 5-2 approval necessary, this could be a long session.

Much of the discussion will focus on whether or not to eliminate the planning director position.

We strongly question the soundness of that move for a number of reasons:

Providence Park, Novi Expo Center, The Preserve, Maybury Park Estates, Liberty Park, Catholic Central High School, Quail Hollow, etc., etc.

These are just some of the major developments that are taking place in Novi, and a planning director plays a crucial role in their implementation.

According to the city manager's office, Novi is between 2/3 and 3/4 built out. That means there's still a lot of undeveloped land out there. This city of 50,000-plus is still young and growing, but it's on track.

Novi's leaders have already committed to keeping taxes where they're at, which is one of the five lowest rates in this county. The city also enjoys a healthy 14-percent Rainy Day Fund balance. The Planning Review Center, which is less than three years old, has cut what used to be a 100-day process into less than a month wait.

The Planning Department's budget has already been trimmed to create funds for two new police sergeants, a fire lieutenant and a fire captain.

Eliminating a position that is vital to Novi's future while earmarking \$71,000 for four softball diamonds does not seem wise at this time.

We urge council to reconsider their priorities Monday and vote to keep the planning director on board.

## 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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FAX: (517) 373-5777  
mshulman@house.mil.gov

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**8th Commission**  
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38th District  
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50887 House Office Building  
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(517) 373-0827  
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**39th District**  
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# OPINION

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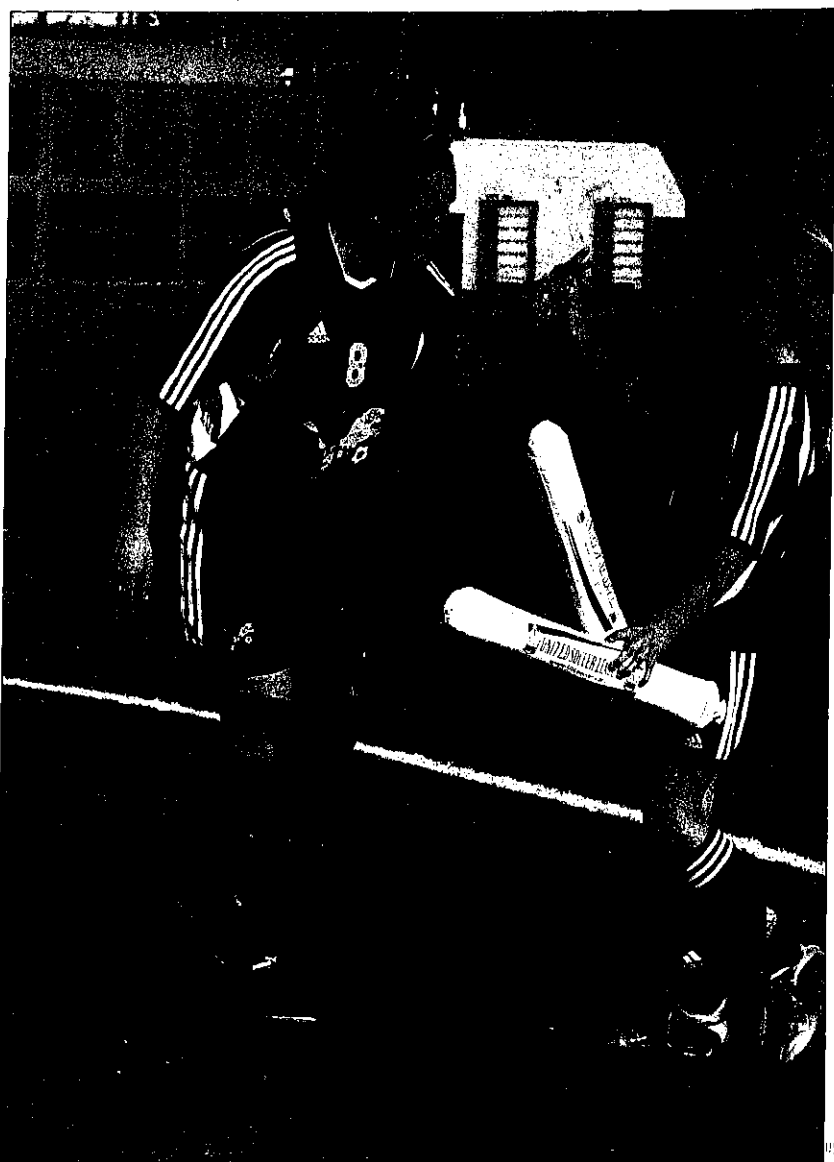


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**High fives**  
Heather Pedersen (left) meets Krystal Lewis, of Flint and the Michigan Hawks youth team, during half-time of the Detroit Jaguars' inaugural game against the Cincinnati Ladyhawks Saturday at Total Sports Complex. Pedersen plays defense for the new local team, which won 1-0 in front of a crowd of 300. The Novi News has two season passes for families (up to six people) for the Jaguars' 2004 regular season home games. To win, be the one of the first two callers (248-349-1700, ext. 113) with the name of the Northville native who plays midfield for the Jags.

## Out and about in west Oakland County

Last week I forgot to indicate that all the photos of the Novi Chamber of Commerce Charity Auction were taken by Mark Hicks, owner of Westside Photo. Good stuff, Mark. Thanks!

\* Although I'm not a huge soccer fan, I do have two boys that are very into the sport. I decided to take the whole family to the Detroit Jaguars first game Saturday at Total Sports Complex off Wixom Road.

What a facility! I've seen golf courses that weren't that fine. The game was pretty good, too. My 6-year-old could only handle one half, however, so we headed out in search of some good Mexican food.

\* We found just that at La Casa Del Rio



Cal Stone

Grande on Grand River in New Hudson. Quick service, nice atmosphere and a really friendly staff. Heck, we even got free drinking glasses and a shirt!

\* No, it was not a white tank top. But speaking of... I see the work inside the Hooter's restaurant at Fountain Walk has been suspended. The chain has yet to file a lawsuit in hopes of getting its liquor license.

\* Novi's most famous brewmaster, Peter Paisley, is busy at work getting his new Green Oak Township facility ready to start producing beer and flavored vodka. (Look for a story in an upcoming edition.)

I talked to him Tuesday, and he said that although he tried to make a deal with GMAC on his Local Color building in Novi, it "blew up." NAI Farham is the real estate group currently showing the facility. With downtown Novi quickly becoming a hot spot, let's hope it doesn't stay vacant too long.

\* The Engine Theatre is not your typical

big-screen complex. At 7:30 tonight, writer/director Rich Brauer will attend the screening of "Bam Red," his story of an aging cherry farmer (played by Ernest Borgnine), who is hounded by real estate developers. Inheritance taxes he owes on the land may force him to sell.

\* Ticket prices for the film and a reception following are \$10. This is a fund-raiser for the East Michigan Environmental Action Council.

\* Congratulations to all the businesses who were picked by our readers in this year's People's Choice contest. They're all listed in a special section inside this issue, and we profiled a half dozen. In addition to Novi, you can also see who the best of the best are in our neighboring towns of Northville, South Lyon and Milford.

Cal Stone is the editor of the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or cstone@ht.homecomm.net.

# LETTERS

## Novi's not Livingston

This letter is in response to the guest column by David Hamilton.

First of all, Mr. Hamilton lives in Livingston County and is not a taxpayer in the Novi School District. He is sticking his opinion into our business. As a Novi resident, taxpayer and parent of a Novi student, the mileage is my issue, not his.

Mr. Hamilton is correct, this community has implemented a variety of non-essential quality of life programs. These are among the many things that have made this a very attractive community and have had a significant impact on our property values.

However, for the sake of our students and in order to continue to maintain this quality of life, we now need to pay for these things separately.

Novi Community Schools are ranked

among the nation's best. The key ingredients for this success are highly motivated parents, highly competent teachers and quality programming (both academic and non-academic). This combination has contributed to students and graduates that are well-rounded and successful. What Mr. Hamilton fails to recognize, is that the teachers and the programming cost money. These children belong to our community and it is up to us to support them. And all of us, whether parents or not, benefit from a quality school district.

If Mr. Hamilton wants to help destroy success, then let him do it in Livingston County. The residents of the Novi Community School District can make our own decisions without his input.

Edmund P. Shaheen  
Novi

Mark T. Robinson  
Northville

## There is no comparison

Last week Phil Power wrote about the similarities about Vietnam and Iraq. In the case of Iraq the United States successfully removed the brutal regime of Saddam Hussein in a matter of a few months. This was not the case in Vietnam. End of comparison.

I don't want to even bother refuting the rest of the article when Mr. Power can't recognize the most important of the many differences between Iraq and Vietnam.

Edmund P. Shaheen  
Novi

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# OTHER OPINIONS

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## Schwarz should be in good shape for primary

Although overshadowed by the prison abuse scandal in Iraq, last week's narrow primary victory by Pennsylvania moderate Republican Sen. Arlen Specter over staunch conservative challenger Pat Toomey, a congressman from Allentown, should not go unnoticed.

The Club for Growth, a political action committee whose agenda is to push moderate Republicans to the right — or out of office — poured \$2 million into Toomey's campaign. That Specter barely hung on to win 51 percent, even with strong support from President George W. Bush, suggests that the moderate wing of the Republican Party, already a minority in an increasingly conservative party, is at risk of outright extinction.

Whether this is a good thing for the GOP remains in doubt, at least if you listen to Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. Historically a Republican bastion, Oakland County has in recent years been voting more and more Democratic. Voters there favored Bill Clinton in 1996, Al Gore in 2000 and Jennifer Granholm in 2002.

How come? Patterson, who nobody has ever mistaken for a liberal, thinks the GOP is perceived by moderate suburban voters as too much in thrall of pro-life, right wing Republicans who are intolerant of less hard-edge views. "In order to win elections," he says, "it's simple. You've got to attract the moderate majority."

Patterson, who calls his hard right opponents the "Taliban wing of the Republican Party," has been spotted in the Chamber of Commerce building in Novi. Coalition leader Tom McMillan, a county commissioner, is adding that the Chamber could yet endorse Bishop or any other candidate (including Schwarz, who had a solid pro-business record in the state senate) or no

candidate. With five candidates working diligently to curry favor with conservative interest groups, moderate Schwarz looks like he may have a real shot in the primary. "My sense is that a lot of nice, perfectly sensible voters in this district are tired of being constantly offered up candidates from the right wing of the Republican Party," Schwarz told me. "Republicans will be smart if they nominate people who can actually get votes from Democrats and Independents in the November election."

I've known Schwarz during the nearly 20 years in which he was one of the most influential, tough-minded and articulate state senators in Lansing. Nobody in the legislature knew more about higher education than did Schwarz. Last anybody doubt his patriotic credentials, he served a hitch in Vietnam with the Navy — and then went back for more as a member of the CIA. At a youthful 66, he's running hard, hitting the chicken dinner circuit and raising money. So far, he has a slight lead in the polls.

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## Helen Thomas: She's the blueprint for journalists

Helen Thomas, the most famous newswoman in America, wasn't happy with something Planned Parenthood of Michigan said about her in the press release promoting a fundraising speech she gave in Troy Wednesday.

"They called her a 'former Detroit resident.' That's not what she is," she said. "Whenever I run into someone who asks where's your home, I say Detroit," she said over lunch in Washington last fall. "Even though I came to Washington on what I said was a trip in 1943 and haven't got around to coming home."

But to most of the nation, her home is the White House, where she has been covering presidents and presidential candidates since John F. Kennedy. For most of that time, she worked for the once-great wire service UPI. In the early years, she always wore red, thinking that would make her stand out, and catch the president's eye. Later, when she became the senior wire service reporter, she was always given the right to ask the first question.

That changed with George W. Bush, after she asked him a couple questions he had difficulty answering early in his term.

"You no longer call me anymore, but that's all right," she chuckled. "There are lots of good journalists who can ask the right questions. What's important is that they get the chance to ask them. No president has had fewer press conferences than this one, and that's a shame."

But she still shows up. Four years ago, when UPI was sold to News World Communications, a company founded by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, she decided she could no longer work for

UPI. She thought her career was over, but to her surprise and delight, Hearst News Service offered her the chance to write a twice-weekly column. She's still at it, but why not? She won't be 84 till August.

"Writing a column has taken some getting used to," she confessed in a recent interview. "For decades, her job was just the facts, ma'am — quizzing the president without fear or favor, and reporting via the wires what they had to say."

Her skill at getting right down to the question they wanted to evade was legendary. She wasn't supposed to give her opinion, and that was fine with her.

"I still really believe, that when people are given the basic facts they don't need my opinion, really. I still think that journalism is best when it's giving the straight story. People will never know how difficult it is to get the straight story, to get the facts. There's so much secrecy endemic in government, in business, in everything."

She should know. She was there for Watergate, Iran-contra, Whitewater, and a million lesser scandals. Martha Mitchell, the dizzy wife of Richard Nixon's attorney general, would confide in her in the dead of night.

Now, however, she is supposed to give her opinion — and she has become more controversial than ever. She has been highly critical of the war, of President Bush's fitness for the job, of this entire administration. Her disdain is shared. When the living ex-presidents were asked to be honorary co-chairs of an annual Helen scholarship event, they (and Nancy Reagan) eagerly agreed. President Bush declined.

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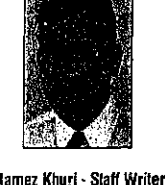
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**CALENDAR**

**EVENTS**

**Walled Lake Northern High School 2nd Annual Flea Market/Used Car Sale**  
 DATE: Saturday, May 15  
 TIME: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 LOCATION: 6000 Hogie Lake Rd. in Commerce Township, S of M59 and N of Wise Rd. on the west side of Hogie Lake Rd.  
 DETAILS: Music, crafts, used cars and flea market items.  
 PHONE: (248) 956-5300

**Pet Adoption Day**

DATE: Sunday, May 16  
 TIME: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Game in the Dogs, 22401 Heshy, Novi  
 DETAILS: Seven local area rescue organizations will be represented, bringing over a hundred homeless dogs and cats from which to choose your next best friend. Most of them Detroit's area rescue organizations are filled to capacity with stray and abandoned animals. Please help us relieve some of that burden and make room for more by adopting one for you.  
 PHONE: (248) 347-9081 or visit www.genetohelogs.com

**Author Tim Russert**

DATE: Monday, May 17  
 TIME: 7 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Borders Books & Music, Novi Town Center  
 DETAILS: As NBC-TV's Washington bureau chief, producer and moderator of Meet the Press, the largest-running TV news program of all time, and host of The Tim Russert Show, Russert has garnered a huge fan base with his quick wit and straight-talking candor.  
 PHONE: (248) 347-4080

**Novi Theatres Auditions: Rip Van Winkle and The Magic Flute**

DATE: May 18 and 20  
 TIME: 4:30 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Stage  
 DETAILS: For all actors ages 7-30. All actors pay a fee of \$140 to participate. This exciting program is staffed by professionals and is totally self-funded.

PHONE: (248) 347-0400

**Acoustic Music Jam Session**

DATE: the second Wednesday of each month  
 TIME: 7-9 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Mill Race Historic Village, Cady Inn, just north of Main Street on Griswold in Northville.  
 DETAILS: Bring your traditional acoustic instrument and music to play.  
 For more information, contact Mary or Eric at (248) 760-9694 or Mary1@eremusic.com

**CLASSES**

**Conditioning for Cycling lecture**

DATE: Thursday, May 20  
 TIME: 7 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Oakland Physical Therapy, PC, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi  
 DETAILS: There is no fee for class. Information in this class will give an overview of musculoskeletal conditioning for cycling. The emphasis will be on stretching and strengthening exercises for muscles constantly involved in altered cycling biomechanics and injury.  
 PHONE: RSPV (248) 300-3550

**Providence Center for the Healing Arts "Tuesdays at Assarian"**

DATE: every Tuesday night  
 TIME: 5-8 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi  
 DETAILS: Variety of activities for the adult community to come and enjoy a unique mix of classes brought to you by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts, Aug. 26 - Modern Japanese Calligraphy, Ceramics. Some activities may include a supplies fee (no more than \$10).  
 PHONE: (248) 465-5483

**SWOCC Studio Tours**

DATE: Ongoing  
 LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington  
 DETAILS: Have you wondered what goes on behind the scenes of a television studio? Why not come in for an up close and personal look at SWOCC Studios, your local community television studio. SWOCC offers tours to many organizations.

such as Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and service clubs. The groups also have an opportunity to make a short presentation for the public access channel. INFO TV-12.  
 PHONE: Melissa Cohn at (248) 473-2840 to schedule your group

**HEALTH**

**Osteoporosis Screenings**

DATE: Friday, May 14 and Tuesday, May 18  
 TIME: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
 LOCATIONS: May 14; Novi Kruger, 47650 Grand River, May 18, Walled Lake, 47060 Pontiac Trail  
 DETAILS: Screenings are \$15/person.  
 PHONE: 248-967-8374 or visit www.vnis.org

**Free Blood Pressure Screening**

DATE: every Monday  
 TIME: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
 DETAILS: This service will be available until Jan. 31.  
 LOCATION: Charter House of Novi, 24500 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, MI 48375  
 PHONE: (248) 477-2000

**Oakland County Health Division Child Health Clinics**

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26-Planning Commission - Council Chambers - 7:30 p.m. - 31 - Memorial Day

**Democrats Meet**

DATE: Tuesday, May 18  
 TIME: social hour 6 p.m.; meeting 7 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Mama Mia restaurant, 1403 S. Commerce, Walled Lake

**Friends of Maybury State Park**

DATE: Wednesday, June 2  
 TIME: 7-9 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Northville Public Library  
 DETAILS: Park events planning will be discussed at the meeting.  
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**SENIOR CALEDNDAR**

**Thursday 5/13**

9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Line Dance\*  
 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sundry Shop Open noon  
 12:15 p.m. Lunch  
 12:30 p.m. Book Discussion at Novi Library  
 1 p.m.-2 p.m. Beginners Line Dance  
 1 p.m.-2 p.m. Computer-Beginners

**Friday 5/14**

9 a.m. Stretch & Strength  
 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Pancra Bread  
 10 a.m. Body Recall  
 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sundry Shop Open noon  
 11 a.m. Jack Main, Medicare Prescription Questions  
 noon Lunch  
 12:30 p.m. Bingo  
 noon Clogging\*/  
 12:30 p.m. Dupli. Bridge

**Monday 5/17**

9 a.m. Stretch & Strength  
 10 a.m. Body Recall  
 12:30 p.m. Goodle Lady  
 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundry Shop Open noon  
 12:30 Lunch  
 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Pinochle\*  
 2 p.m.-3 p.m. Healing Touch

**Tuesday 5/18**

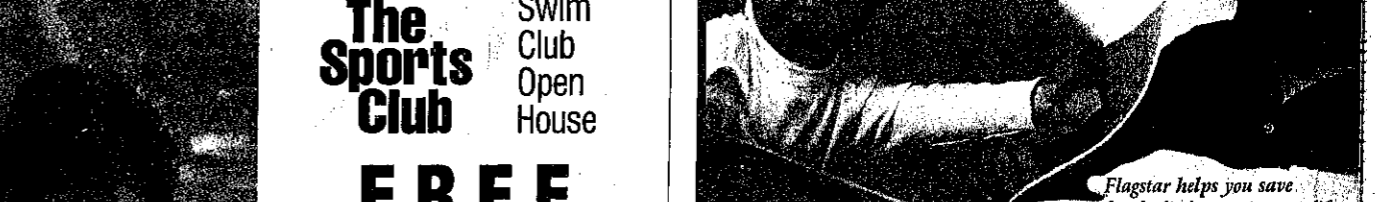
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 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Computer Class-Beginners  
 9:30 a.m. Line Dance\*  
 10 a.m. Asian Pacific  
 10:30 a.m. Bookmobile  
 10:45 a.m.-noon Reminiscence for Fun  
 noon Lunch  
 12:30 p.m. Bingo  
 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Computer Class-Windows  
 A Mystery Trip

**Wednesday 5/19**

9 a.m. Stretch & Strength  
 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Massage Therapy  
 10 a.m. Body Recall  
 11 a.m. Blood Pressure  
 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sundry Shop Open  
 11 a.m. TOPS Class  
 noon Lunch  
 12:30 p.m. Clogging\*  
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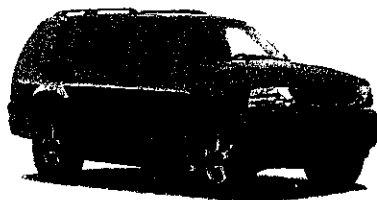
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# Novi can't beat Lions

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

So just how close can a close track meet get? Sometimes, maybe a little too close.

The Novi Wildcats girls track and field team, coached by Marsha Reid, were on the wrong side of a by-the-skin-of-your-teeth victory as they were edged the South Lyon Lions last week, 69-68.

"This was the closest meet that I have ever been associated with during my coaching," Reid noted. "Even though the team suffered a loss, the girls really participated well as a team."

Novi came home with six first-place finishes and a few supporting top-three slots as well.

In the world of track, individuals have to compete to create a team score and, just sometimes, it's those individuals who stand out.

Most notably was the leap of 11-foot-2-inches in the pole vault — a height obtained by senior Jenn Mehl that just happened to break the school record set in 1997 by graduate Mickie Rzepka.

"When Mehl cleared, I was by the high jump pit and it was the only jump I saw of hers all night," Reid said. "I am so proud of her. She really works hard to get where she is at and achieve her goals."

The Wildcats were simply golden in the event, sweeping the top three spots as Christina Thompson cleared 7-6 for second and Margaux Reizian did the same for third.

Another great individual performance came from freshman Allie Sisson. Sisson ran to a first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:04, followed closely by Chelsea Atiyeh in second with a 1:06.4. Sisson also took second in the 200 with a 28.5 seconds while Hope Morris took third in 28.93. Sisson Atiyeh, Reizian and Bella Feldbaum combined their potential to run a 1:53.7 in the 4-by-200 relay for first place.

"Allie is proving to be one of the best 200 and 400 runners in the KVC," Reid said. "For only being a freshman, she demonstrated today that she is capable of running with and competing against some great athletes like South Lyon's (Kiersten) Isgrigg and (Samantha) Smith."

Also stepping up once again was Laura Vandersteeen, who threw a 30-7 in the shot put to capture first place.

Andrea Kramer took a first-place finish of her own, capturing the two-mile run in just 12:24 for first place. Patti Ramos took second in the event with a 12:30, while Meghan Bannatz took third in 12:47.

Bannatz also won the mile in 5:45, edging out Ramos, who finished second with a 5:46.

Two other strong performances came from Feldbaum and Morris in the 100-meter dash. Feldbaum took second in 13.93 seconds while Morris ran to a 14.04 for third.

"I was most impressed with how, once again, our team steps up to support one another and attempt to win the meet," Reid said. "Meghan Bannatz, Patti Ramos, Christina Lis and Kathm Koss all stepped up today and ran in events that they were originally not supposed to run. They did this to fill in and help towards trying to get points for our team when we were down. That shows great character."

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3,200 RELAY 300 HURDLE  
Novi, 10:48.8 Pettit (H), 52.5

100 HURDLES 800 RUN  
Field (N), Quinn (H), 2:26  
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100 DASH Shekars (H), 27.3  
Feldbaum (N), 3,200 RELAY

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800 RELAY SHOT PUT  
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1,600 RUN Pajtas (H), 77-6  
Gordon (H), POLE VAULT

5:38.2 Mehl (N), 10-3

400 RELAY HIGH JUMP  
Novi, 53.3 Lis (N), 5

400 DASH LONG JUMP  
Plett (H), Feldbaum (N),

59.81 16-8 3/4

# LOFTY DREAMS ACHIEVED



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Novi High School pole vaulter Jenn Mehl clears 10'3" in a meet at Hartland High in May. Mehl recently set the Novi High School pole vaulting record in girls track, reaching the mark of 11'2". The previous mark was 11', set by Mickie Rzepka in 1997.

## Senior Jenn Mehl sets girls pole vault record

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Some athletes reach for their dreams though they may be sky high. Novi senior Jenn Mehl soars to obtain them.

Since she first started pole vaulting at Novi High School, Mehl has been determined to break a record that has stood since 1997. The mark of 11-feet was set by Mickie Rzepka.

When the Novi Wildcats took on the South Lyon Lions in a Kensington Valley Conference dual meet May 4, Mehl's determination finally paid off.

"I was definitely excited," she said. "I jumped up and threw my arms in the air. Everyone started running over and hugging me."

Mehl soared to a new Novi High School mark, pushing the bar to 11-feet-2-inches for those who will look to break her record in the future.

The day was just perfect for the moment. Mehl had recently switched to a heavier-weight pole, giving her a little more spring. The weather was nice, with a slight wind encouraging her from behind and a good 60 degrees to keep her warm enough without the use of a sweatshirt and pants.

She came in on a full sprint on her first attempt. Her foot caught the bar on the way up, knocking it off the brackets that hold it in place.

With renewed determination, Mehl went back to the starting line, took a deep breath and started on a full sprint yet again — she was determined not to have to convince herself that a third time was a charm.

Mehl went up, tapping the bar slightly, and rounded herself over before falling to the mat below. Her eyes remained locked on the bar as it shook slightly from the contact she made with it, but it stayed in place.

"It has a lot to do with mentality," Mehl said when asked what it takes to finally clear that once-unreachable height. "Suddenly, I'm up that high and I realize I can clear it. When it opens to pole vault, you can't be afraid to go that high."

You can't be afraid because falling is one of the best parts.

"It's an amazing feeling," she said. "Falling from that high after you've cleared that height is just awesome."

Mehl finally reached the goal she had been shooting for through her entire career, so what was next? A new goal, of course.

"I've been getting close to that height for a while now," she said. "Now, I want to go 11-6. That's my new goal. Really, I wanted to go 12-feet this year, but we'll have to see about that."

Mehl will be looking to make her mark on the track world a solid one when she eyes a state title come June.

"I think I have a good chance at states this year," she said. "I just have to pull it all together on that one day."

According to Mehl, she has heard of a girl in Division II already going 11 feet as well, but in Division I she seems to be the leader at this point, but that could change.

"The weather definitely plays a factor," she said when asked about the warmer weather that could be expected. "Up until

Tuesday, it was the worst weather. At times, it was so freezing cold that I couldn't feel my hands. There was rain and the wind was often coming at you. The warmer weather could definitely play a major factor in higher results."

The senior Wildcat admits that it's not all about an iron will. Even she gets the shakes now and then.

"It's pretty nerve racking," she said. "If you miss the first two, it's suddenly like 'Oh-my-gosh, am I going to make this?' If you miss the first and the second attempts, it's the worst feeling."

In a sport that found the previous record holder in Rzepka heading to Michigan State to participate in track there, it's a surprise to find out Mehl won't be earning a scholarship for her efforts.

"I'm going to U of M," she said. "I'll probably try to walk on, but I won't be getting a scholarship or anything."

Mehl said if she manages to go 11-6 this year, that might change, but the Wolverines at the University of Michigan seem to already have their number one pole vaulter.

"She has gone 13 feet already," Mehl said. "She's a sophomore and she's on a full ride. It'll be hard to challenge her."

But, as Mehl has already proved, even lofty dreams can be reached.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi High track star Jenn Mehl prepares to attempt to clear 11' in an away meet at Hartland High in May. Mehl recently broke the girls school record in the pole vault.

## Novi gets experience for young athletes



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Wildcat Ryan Pritchard throws the discus in a meet at Hartland High in May.

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

It isn't easy to be good.

The Novi Wildcats boys' track and field team had to sit back and think about how they were going to avoid dominating their dual meet with South Lyon by too much.

Win by too much? In a sporting event?

"When you purposely go out and try to score 100 points against a team, it's going to come back to haunt you," Novi coach Bob Smith said.

So what happens if you don't purposely do it? The Wildcats went to town in multiple events as they came away with a 100-37 victory over their Kensington Valley Conference rivals. Heading into the meet, Smith said he wasn't sure just how deep South Lyon really was — but there was no doubt about how deep his team was.

In the field events, the Wildcats were simply on fire. Junior Ryan Pritchard threw 145-feet-10-inches in the discus to dominate the event before turning around and tossing the shot put 45-6. Both marks were career-bests for him.

"Those have to be some of the

area's best (throws)," Smith said. "He's definitely coming into his own this year."

In the long jump, David Carnegie, Mark Saurer and Eric Zhao took first, second and third, respectively. Carnegie went 19-0.725, while Saurer jumped 19-0.5 and Zhao hurled himself 18-9.25.

The pole vault found Chris Machusak taking first with a 11-6 clearing of the bar, while Chris Alberty went 11-0 for second. In the high jump, Novi swept the event as Brad Spisich took first with a jump of 5-8, Brandon Coles took second with a 5-6 and Peter Andrews went 5-4 for third.

The track events were all about Novi as well. In the relays, Novi took first in the 4-by-800 with a time of 8:58.26 as Nick Preketes, Eric Tingwall, Mark Moore and Amol Huprikar combined their talents. The 4-by-200 was much of the same as Justin Davis, Carl Yiu, Josh Woods and Carnegie ran a 1:33.56 for the top spot.

The hurdles found Jerod Schell taking second in the 110 highs with a time of 16.90 seconds while Saurer took first in the 300 hurdles in 42.49 seconds and Brenden Neville took third in 44.77.

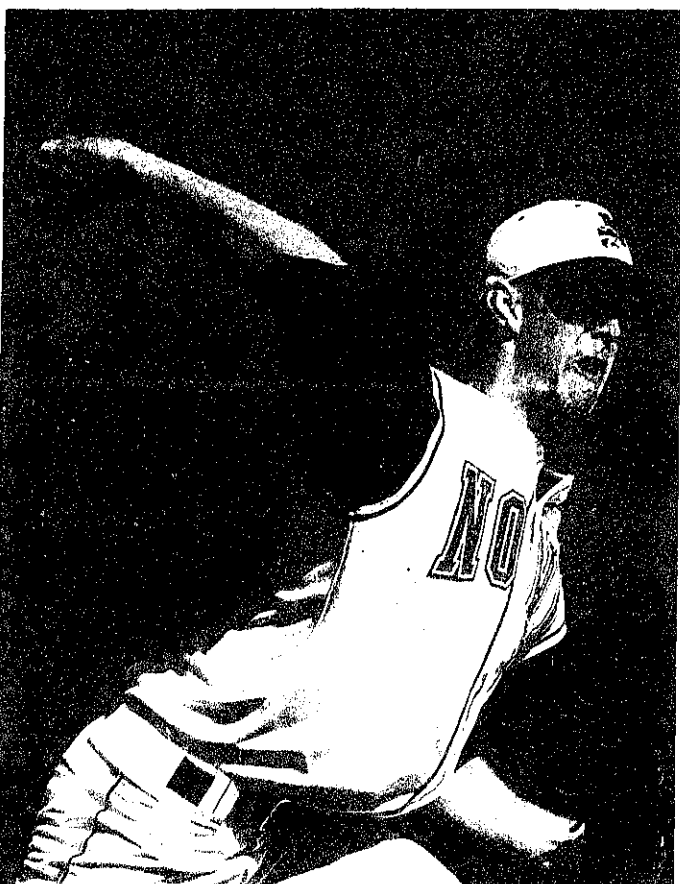
"We only had two seniors take first," Smith said. "It's so important to get the younger athletes experience. The more they have, the better prepared they'll be when they have to step into an event for us."

In the 100-meter dash, Davis ran to a first in 11.26 seconds while Josh Woods took second in 11.60. Speed was the name of the game as Coles took first in the 200 in 24.19 and Brad Sisson took second in 24.25. In the 400, the Sisson brothers duked it out yet again. Senior Brad Sisson scrambled to a first in 52.45, while little brother Brad took second in 54.29.

In the 800, Mark DuFresne ran a 2:08.12 for second place while Kip Miller took third in 2:09.35. The 1,600-meter run — more commonly referred to as the mile — found Moore running a 4:39.99 for the top spot, followed by Huprikar in third in 4:46.70. Spencer Omes took first in the two-mile, running a 10:42.54 for the victory.

"It was a good meet for us because we were able to get everyone experience," Smith said. "The older athletes were able to get rest, which is an undervalued part of training, and the future stars were able to compete."

# Benton helps keep 'Cats undefeated in league



Wildcat hurler Mike Hart fires the ball during a late April game at Ford Field in Livonia.

Is there a team in the KVC that can stop them?

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Two teams and three wins — not a bad formula. The Novi Wildcats baseball team, which is coached by veteran Rick Green, pounded out three more Kensington Valley Conference victories as they topped Howell in a double header, 10-0 and 11-5. Just days before, Novi did the same thing to another KVC rival in Piquette, topping the Pirates in a convincing 15-3 showing. "It seems like it's getting to be every game," Green said when asked about the dominance over KVC foes. "We've been scoring in the early innings and getting what we need to win. Then, we try to give ourselves some insurance runs. I tell the kids that you never know when you might get a run shatter."

**"We got a little bit sloppy defensively and ended up letting up a little. It was just a matter of them catching up before we woke up — and we did wake up."**

Rick Green  
Novi baseball coach

On the offensive end, Doug Benton was king of the plate. He went 2-for-4 and cranked out five RBIs in the first game. Overall, he went up to bat and cranked out three doubles for seven total runs batted in. Chris Scott went 2-for-4 in the opener, smacking in two RBIs while Kevin Cislo went 3-for-4 overall with three runs scored and two RBIs. Steve Gowronski went 2-for-2 in the first game, smacking a double and scoring three runs after being hit by another pitch to get on base. In game two, he was safe on an error, got on the base via balls and went on to score a run. Then, he was hit by another pitch only to go and score again. "He can definitely score when he gets on base," Green said. "And he always seems to find a way to get on base."

Matt Nickels, a senior, had a great showing too. In the first game, he went 2-for-3 before backing it up with a 2-for-4 performance in game two. Overall, he scored four runs and knocked in three. In game two, Kyle Margrave, a senior, cranked out a hit to help the Wildcats to the victory. "He's been doing a great job off the bench," Green noted. "He's really improved so much on fielding and with his techniques. He's never going to hurt you when he's in the game. He's a solid kid offensively and defensively and he's a nice person to have on the team."

# Softball dumps Howell

Under the tutelage of a new coach, it's never easy to get things binding together as soon as a team would like. Unfortunately, the Novi Wildcats softball team seems to be experiencing that now — but that doesn't mean there aren't bright moments. The squad, which fell to a very strong Walled Lake Western team late last week, turned things around with an impressive double-header victory against Kensington Valley Conference rival Howell just a few days later. Against the Highlanders, the Wildcats came up with a 2-1 win and a 7-5 win. In the opener, Andrew Jursak was all about victory as she drove a hard shot out of the infield to score the winning run in the contest. The second game was more productive in the way of scoring but Novi led victorious as well. Rachel Good had two singles in the win.

— Sam Eggleston



Wildcat Kelly Hobert tosses a ball in from the sidelines during a home game in late April.

# Wildcats still smoking

Soccer squad doesn't mind taking on tough teams

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

It takes playing good teams to see where you really stand in the larger scope of things. For the Novi Wildcats soccer team, taking on Ann Arbor Pioneer was that team — and it was a game that definitely put things in perspective. Earlier this year, Pioneer tied Canton, which is ranked first in the state, and tied Livonia Stevenson, the second-ranked team in the state. Novi knew if they wanted to make their mark, they'd have to do it against such a strong squad. So, the team, which is coached by Brian O'Leary, defeated the Pioneers, 4-1. "This was a good win for us," O'Leary said. Moe Pawlak scored three goals and added an assist to her total as she put together what O'Leary called "her best game of the season."

Pioneer's last defender, and fired it home for the 1-0 lead. Just five minutes later, Pawlak struck again. This time, Chelsea Atiyeh fired a hard corner kick into the mix in front of the net, which Pawlak volleyed in for the goal and the 2-0 lead, which remained through the rest of the half. In the second half, it was all about the Wildcats once again. Pawlak made it a hot track off a pass from Kristi Timar for the 3-0 lead. The Pioneers proved to be a determined team and came back with a hard offensive surge. Their efforts paid off as they cut the Novi lead to 3-1 on a kick that slid past goalie Kim Herbst. Novi knew if they wanted to make their mark, they'd have to do it against such a strong squad. So, the team, which is coached by Brian O'Leary, defeated the Pioneers, 4-1. "This was a good win for us," O'Leary said. Moe Pawlak scored three goals and added an assist to her total as she put together what O'Leary called "her best game of the season."

**NOW THAT'S A WIN**

Call it what you will, but we call it dominance. The Novi Wildcats girls' soccer team slammed out a 10-0 win against rival Milford last Tuesday and did so with one player's name always seeming to be on the PA system — Stephanie Crawford. Crawford scored four goals in the game as she helped her squad to yet another Kensington Valley Conference victory.

great saves to keep her squad in the lead and coming out of goal to snag two other potential scores. Novi is currently 10-1 overall and 5-0 in the Kensington Valley Conference. Sam 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.homes.com.net.

# Novi stops two-game skid

Policicchio, Gee have solid play in win

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Teamwork is always the name of the game, and Novi's lacrosse team had to remember that to get themselves out of a small, but serious, rut. The Wildcats had started a short skid, dropping two games in a row before finally getting the chance to jump back on the winning handwagon. The squad took advantage of the opportunity, winning over the Bloomfield Hills Nighthawks, 6-5. The victory moved the 'Cats up to 7-1 overall, ranked third in Division II and 1-0 in the state according to a recent coaches' poll. Just days before, the Wildcats were on the wrong end of a 9-8 loss against Troy after leading throughout the majority of the game. It became crystal clear at that moment, either the Wildcats start playing the lacrosse they're

capable of playing, or they pack their bags and call it a season. They picked the first choice. The Nighthawks were the first to get on the board in the contest, but Novi came back hard, tying the game at 1-1 on a shot by Keven Gee just prior to the end of the first quarter of play. Coming out in the second, the Wildcat defense seemed to stutter slightly and quickly found themselves paying the price. Bloomfield scored two quick goals to take a 3-1 lead over the Wildcats before Novi was able to get their feet under them again. Jeff Policicchio took a pass from Brad Hunt and made it count as he fired home Novi's second goal. Just minutes later, Policicchio was on the receiving end of a pass from John Favorite and quickly found the back of the net to tie the game. Blumenthal managed to snag another pass to speak ahead in the contest, but Bobby Watts fed a pass to Jacob

Haf, who scored in time to tie the game just prior to half-time. Bloomfield kept the momentum swinging back in their direction as they took a 5-4 lead early in the third on a hard shot into the back of the net, but Favorite was quick to answer as he took a pass from Scott Moran and scored. As the game entered the fourth quarter, both teams were pushing to break the 5-5 knot. A hard scrum in front of the Bloomfield net resulted in the ball bounding loose from the action, where it was scooped up by Gee. He turned, fired and scored for Novi to put his squad up for good and seal the victory. Sam 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.homes.com.net.

# 'Cats fall to top-ranked Huron

Novi Wildcats lose to top-ranked Huron

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The Novi Wildcats were winning when winning counted the most. The Wildcats tennis team, coached by Jim Hanson, earned two 8-0 victories over the South Lyon Lions and the Harland Eagles in conference play last week before dropping a well-played match to second-ranked Ann Arbor Huron, 8-6. "We found out why they're ranked as high as they are," Hanson said. Though the final ended up 8-0 in favor of the River Rats, the Wildcats still clawed to the bitter end. The two most impressive flights of play for Novi came in one singles star Suraj Ramachandran and fourth singles player Kyle Goodman. In one singles, Ramachandran defeated Tim Borgeson, 6-1, 6-0, while Pransana Venugopal beat Andy Herman at two singles 6-1, 7-5. In three singles play, Koshan Ramachandran beat Dan Suminski,

6-0, 6-0, while Goodman edged David Hoising, 6-4, 6-2. The doubles play was much of the same. The top flight of Drew Dozier and James Peacock blasted John Naughton and Cole Brown, 6-1, 6-1, while Kevin Lar and Eric McQueen topped Kevin Pritchard and Nick Saave, 6-2, 6-4. The third doubles flight of Richie Fenner and Justin Nann beat Dave Tubbert and Jake Steiner, 6-1, 6-2, while Ryan Heffernan and Solomon Zhang beat Eric Dale and James Naughton, 6-2, 6-1. Against South Lyon, it was much of the same. The Wildcats swept all flights, with the closest matches coming in the first and second doubles. In one doubles, Dozier and Peacock edged their foes 6-2, 6-4, while Lar and McQueen were mirror that, winning 6-4, 6-2. The fourth doubles team of Lei Bei and Mike Mehl were successful in the matches as well, beating their foes 6-2, 6-3.

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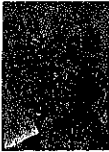
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## Welcome to the party, Ben

It was Benjamin Franklin who first portrayed American tradesmen and shopkeepers as honest, diligent, hard-working people. He possessed an unparalleled ability to see something much larger than toil and profit in the efforts of his fellow business owners. His writings, filled with images of leather-aproned solid citizens willing to sacrifice their lives for a greater cause, helped define American entrepreneurship.



Jack Farls

Silversmith Paul Revere and farmer Ethan Allen and thousands of other entrepreneurs, history tells us, were ready to transform themselves

into fierce and unselfish warriors in times of crisis.

More than two-and-a-quarter centuries later, American small-business owners remain as resolved as their forebears to shutter their shops and stores, don their nation's uniform and stand shoulder-to-shoulder against tyranny and oppression.

That spirit of faith in the ideals of freedom and democracy is responsible for the existence of America's free enterprise system. To that spirit can be traced the origins of a commitment that today thrives in 25 million small businesses.

As we celebrate National Small Business Week May 17-21, let us keep that spirit in mind. It is the philosophical bedrock of a system that represents more than 99 percent of the nation's employers who employ half of all private-sector workers, pay nearly 45 percent of America's total private payroll and generate between 60 percent and 80 percent of the net-new jobs created each year.

Imagine the grin on Ben Franklin's face were he to learn that he helped foster the formation of a system that annually churns out more than half of this vast nation's non-farm, private good domestic product. He would be delighted to hear that small-business owners in the 21st Century produce 13 to 14 times more patents per employee than large patenting firms.

Computer technology would come as no surprise to the Philadelphia printer-statesman-philosopher-inventor who tried to capture electricity with a kite. He would take pride in the fact that today's small firms are where nearly two-fifths of all the nation's high-tech workers, such as scientists and engineers, find employment.

The entrepreneurial Franklin would celebrate that 53 percent of small businesses in this country are home-based. The humanitarian Franklin would celebrate the fact that women own 5.4 million small businesses and that growing slices of the nation's entrepreneurial pie are being enjoyed by Americans who trace their heritage to Africa, Asia, Latin and South America.

The wise author who long ago advised "Early to Bed, and early to Rise, makes a Man healthy, wealthy and wise," would likely be among the first to shout a grand hurrah in celebration of the nation's small businesses.

The spirit of free enterprise is alive and vigorous as ever. Let us invoke the memory of those who gave us the master plan that has become the American Dream: small business. And let us honor those who pursue it.

Jack Farls is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More information is available on-line at [www.NFIB.com](http://www.NFIB.com).

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Advertorial



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Debbie Tino and Keena Smith stand surrounded by flowers in bloom in a greenhouse at Colasanti's Plants and Produce in Highland Township. From flowers and garden items to the most fresh produce and foods for your table visit Colasanti's at 468 S. Milford Road.

## Life blooms at Colasanti's

By Annette Jaworski  
SPECIAL WRITER

You don't need a trip to the Eastern Market for beautiful plants and great produce, just head to Colasanti's in Highland. Colasanti's Plants and Produce understand that gardeners are eager to plant, so they're ready with everything from exotic new perennials to traditional annuals.

"Isn't it beautiful," remarks manager Phil Hall, pointing to the colorful new hydrangea plants. You'll find them in pinks, blues and white. He can't help but be excited about the three semi loads of plants that arrived that day.

This time of year, the gardeners are anxious to work in the soil, and Colasanti's is ready with aisles of plants. With serious gardeners in the Milford, Highland and surrounding areas, they try to offer something new and exciting to try each year.

"This year the Lady Slippers are new and unique. They look like a slipper in pink and blue," said Hall.

If you want a tropical look, try the tropical smelling plants with exotic blooms such as Mandavilla from Florida, jasmine and hibiscus. Or, try an unusual early blooming perennial, like Jack Frost Brunnera. Other early bloomers include bleeding hearts, pansies and violas. Fill your flowerbeds with trays of annuals in every color of the rainbow. For the rose lovers, there's a wide selection, including carpet roses, rose climbers, rose bushes and rose trees.

Of course you can't forget the aisles of hanging planters. There are rows of bright impatiens, begonias, geraniums and petunias and more. They also carry hanging flower bags, which are a lovely accent to a doorway. For a

simple and easy flowerbeds, they carry patio pots with a variety of plants and vines, pre-made. Or, buy the flats and put them together yourself. You might not be aware that they now offer water plants for ponds, such as water lilies and hyacinths in their outdoor plant area. Don't forget to visit the garden center for fun and unusual garden accessories to brighten your landscape.

Colasanti's also carries everything you need to plant your vegetable garden. A fun new trend is the new grape tomatoes, notes Hall. They carry four different kinds this year. You'll find all of your favorite vegetable seedlings, as well as fragrant herbs.

Although this time of year they're bursting with blooms, Hall reminds that they continue to offer their great produce year-round. If you haven't visited their store, you're in for a treat. Those who are familiar with Colasanti's know that it's an entirely different shopping experience than visiting the supermarket. Imagine you're in an old world market. Trains run along the ceiling, colorful murals that depict a bit of Colasanti heritage cover the walls, all the while music is playing indoors and out, weather permitting. The staff is known for their helpful and friendly attitude.

They're a one-stop shop including floral and wine shop, produce, prepared foods, bakery, deli and of course the fine meats in Snook's Butcher Shop located within Colasanti's. This time of year, they can fill your party needs with attractive deli trays for your graduation or other events.

They're also a source for unique and hard to find food items. In the fruit department, for example, you'll find a Hand of Buddha, an odd-shaped yellow,

tropical fruit. Or, how about trying a horned melon, persimmons or Ugly fruit?

Although they offer many gourmet items and top of the line foods, the prices on everyday needs are kept reasonable, Hall pointed out. The reasonable prices and high quality make it a perfect place to stock up on fresh fruit and vegetables for the week. They make it easy for your family to eat healthy.

Busy families can make dinner in a jiffy with a wide selection of prepared foods including pastas like lasagna, manicotti or linguine alfredo with pesto.

"Buy a little chicken Marsala, a bottle of wine and some salad, and in ten minutes you're ready," said Hall. Or, make it an occasion by topping it off with a bouquet from their floral department. Their floral department is affiliated with Teleflora and can handle all of your floral needs from arrangements to corsages. Gift baskets are another specialty at Colasanti's.

You can order numerous types of baskets including fruit, gourmet or wine themes in different sizes and price ranges. One charming selection is the "Little Red Wagon" that features a real toy filled with fruit and chocolates.

Top off your shopping with a visit to the ice cream hut, where they serve Guernsey Ice Cream from Northville.

"It has an excellent flavor with an abundance, which everyone compliments on," pointed out Sue Burton, who manages the hut.

The all-natural fruit smoothies are another popular item in a variety of flavors. In addition to ice cream, they also serve fun food like burgers and hot dogs.

"We've got some really new stuff in gourmet hot dogs," said Hall. The gourmet dogs all begin with the Nathan's famous brand.

Sue Burton notes Nathan's were selected "top dog" in a survey by "Cuisine at Home." Why not try Kelly Colasanti's favorite - the

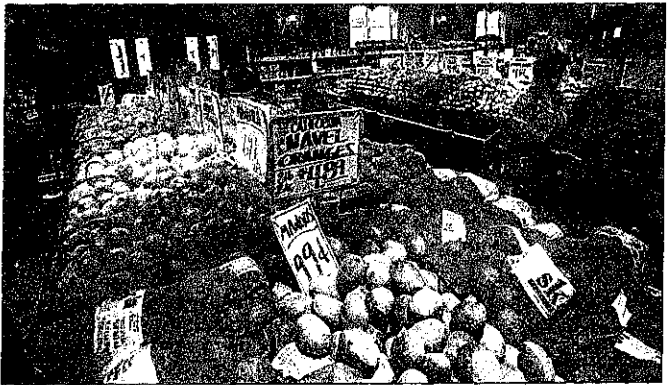
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Colasanti's Produce and Plants is located at 468 South Milford Road in Highland. Summer Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday. Visit their Web site at [www.colasantis.com](http://www.colasantis.com) for more information. Call (248) 887-0012.

Chicago, with chopped onions and tomatoes, pickles, green relish, sport pepper and celery salt. Phil favors the Rubeen with, of course, sauerkraut.

This time of year it's always fun to sit down on the park benches near the pond, relax, and watch the wildlife. Enjoy yourself; they're not in a hurry to have you leave.

"Take a rest, have a hot dog and sit on a park bench," said Hall.



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