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## SPECIAL REPORT



### Creating Novi's Downtown

From what began as a grand plan to create a brand new downtown community from the ground up, Main Street Novi has struggled to achieve the success anticipated by its original designers, developers and community leaders.

Despite ongoing legal, financial and other problems that have plagued the project since its formal beginning in 1994, new businesses continue to locate in Novi's Main Street development.

This Special Report includes a timeline, site map, list of tenants, project facts as well as stories on how Main Street started, its problems and its potential.

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# Police honor the best

## Dispatcher and detective acknowledged

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Det. Michael Warren and dispatcher Tracey McDonough shared the limelight last Friday as they experienced one of their 15 minutes of fame.

Warren earned the Novi Police Department's 2003 Officer of the Year Award, and McDonough won the 2003 Civilian of the Year Award at the annual departmental awards



T. McDonough

ceremony. Chief of Police Doug Shaeffer also presented service, merit citations and perfect attendance awards. Fellow employees made the award nominations.

"It is with great pleasure that we get to recognize individuals who not only give in their day-to-day but they give that little bit extra that is required to do something exceptional," Shaeffer said.

"I'm so proud of this organization and the commitment that all of our



M. Warren

employees make on a daily basis. I hear that, by the way, from the community on a regular basis as well. We're so proud of each and every one of you that give so much every single day," Shaeffer said.

McDonough, 31, a native of Massachusetts and resident of Waterford, has been a police dispatcher for six years. She graduated with a degree in criminal justice from the University of

Massachusetts and enjoys her job as a midnight-shift dispatcher and supervisor.

"I was going to become a police officer, but it just kind of looked like," she said. "It's always changing. There are days that you don't even get a chance to get up."

McDonough said the biggest challenge she faces in her job is the ability to multi-task. "Most days we're doing two things at once," she said.

She was pleased to receive the award.

"It was pretty humbling. I do a lot of different things outside this department, and I didn't know if people knew."

## A family affair

Warren, 34, a native of Macon, Ga., and resident of Green Oak Township, will be with the department for 10 years Aug. 1.

Law enforcement is a family affair with him.

It started with his late grandfather, a Georgia State Trooper.

"I was probably 4 or 5 years old when he brought a police car home, and he let me play with it. I was hooked after that," he said.

His wife's father is a retired Washtenaw County detective; her grandfather is a retired lieutenant with the Detroit Police

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Mindy Stanonis, center, co-owner of Novi's Cone Zone shares an ice cream treat with her daughters Sophie, 4, left, and Melia Bleuenstein, 5. Cone Zone, located at the northeast corner of Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads used to be known as "Twist and Shake."

# ENTER THE CONE ZONE

## Nostalgic Novi ice cream shop going back to original name

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

The ice cream shop has always been an American icon.

Almost every town has one, and it's usually the favorite gathering place in the summer. Now, a Novi Township landmark, the Twist & Shake ice cream shop at Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads, is going back to its original name, the Cone Zone, adopted in the

1970s. It's been Twist & Shake for about 10 years.

The new sign should be up in just a few weeks, according to co-owner Mindy Stanonis. Darrin O'Connell is the other owner. The two have owned the business for three years and also own Cool Cone in Belleville.

"I've been here for close to 30 years," Stanonis said of the Novi Township ice cream shop.

"I grew up in Novi, and I used to ride my bike up here when I was a kid," she said. "A lot of Novi natives still call it the Cone Zone. They're really excited to see the change come, because they still call it that anyway."

Stanonis said the family-owned business just received clearance from the city to start

renovating the shop.

"The staff already wears Cone Zone attire, and the menus now feature the former name, too. We're starting the change from the inside out," she said. "This building is one of the oldest left in Novi."

Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 10:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The business is open from the end of March through October.

Offerings include chocolate and vanilla soft-serve ice cream, as well as sugar-free and fat-free vanilla yogurt. "We rotate the other yogurt flavor each week. This week we had fat-free mango. Next week, we're going to

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## Tax credit spurs 500 new jobs

### INCAT picks Michigan over other locations

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm announced Tuesday that, with the state's help, technology firm INCAT Systems will embark on a major expansion at its North American headquarters in Novi.

This expansion will result in the addition of more than 500 new direct or indirect jobs in Novi over the next 10 years. The firm currently employs 313. The estimated net value in state revenue from the expansion is almost \$13.8 million over the next decade.

INCAT's Novi offices are at 41370 Bridge Street in an industrial park on the west side of Meadowbrook Road between Eleven and Twelve Mile roads.

The company will receive assistance through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, A High-Tech Single Business Tax credit from the state worth about \$5.7 million helped convince the company to expand in Michigan rather than another site. Competing locations included Canada, Mexico, India and the Seattle area.

To support the expansion, INCAT Systems is expected to invest \$7 million over the next five years in computing and office equipment.

The City of Novi is also supporting the INCAT expansion with assistance of up to \$50,000, including \$20,000 in cash for expansion expenses and the remainder to be provided through reduced or waived permit and city service fees.

INCAT, based in London, has 30 offices in nine countries offering product and information lifecycle management. Its North American business primarily consists of consulting and product information content services for aerospace, automotive and other durable goods manufacturers.

# 1950s featured once again at annual festival

By Kim Baker  
SPECIAL WRITER

It began 16 years ago as a tribute to the 1950s, and after a brief detour into other areas, the Michigan 50's Festival is heading back to its roots.

This year's event moves from "downtown" Novi to Fountain Walk, and will be held July 28-31. The entertainment this year, sponsored by Brighthouse Networks, features Rock and Roll Hall of Famers The Drifters, scheduled to perform Thursday and Friday. Herman's Hermits

featuring Peter Noone are scheduled to perform Saturday and Rocky and the Rollers will open and close for both bands. All are returning favorites.

Rocky and the Rollers are known for their backup talents. "They used to back up Peter Noone before he had his band back together," said Bob McCann, who is in charge of festival entertainment and vice president and general manager of Brighthouse Networks. Although the festival's theme will be the '50s, a typical Rocky and the Rollers performance includes music from the



'50s, '60s and '70s, said Bob McCann. "They play it all."

### Rock-N-Roll K-9's

Dog lovers will be delighted to

see the "Rock-N-Roll K-9's" back from a two-year hiatus. This group is very special to the festival, as its roots are here.

"We did our first show at the Novi Michigan 50's Festival, so we came up with the name Rock-N-Roll K-9's to go along with the '50s theme," said Pam Koons, coordinator.

Rock-N-Roll K-9's are dogs of all different breeds that entertain the crowd with skill competitions like the "Fly Ball Tournament," "Musical Mats" (where Koons' white German Shepherd, Luger, is known to run off with the mats)

and even a limbo contest.

John Stottele, owner of Family of Pets in Fountain Walk and his wife, Debbie, wanted the Rock-N-Roll K-9's back at the festival, as they've worked with Koons before, so they are sponsoring the dogs for the festival.

"The festival is excited about having them back," Koons said.

Stottele is excited as well, as he believes the show is fun and educational. "It shows the crowd that you can train any dog," he said.

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# BUSINESS

Pam Fleming, business reporter (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 pfleming@ht.homecomm.net

## New storage company opens 700 units in Novi

**Firm caters to residential, business clients**

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Whether you're planning a move, need more space or are expanding your business, a new firm that just opened in Novi can help.

Premium Self Storage, located on Grand River just east of Meadowbrook in Novi roads, has all the conveniences both business and residential users need.

"We cater to both business and residential, and have a conference room on-site for clients to use for office work or meetings," said Peggy Jackson, manager.

The conference room, which features a large table and ergonomically designed chairs, will soon include computers with Internet access at a counter next to the conference table. The room also has a copier, facsimile machine, small refrigerator, microwave and sink.

One of the owners, Damone Construction of Troy, included a state-of-the-art security system and climate-controlled environment, keeping the storage units at about 70 degrees year-round. This makes the units an ideal location for storing pharmaceuticals, documents, wood furniture and other temperature- and humidity-sensitive items.

The security system also records everyone who comes in and out of the building on video. Intercom systems are located throughout the building so staff can immediately locate and assist customers.

Security is tight. Clients can only access the gate with a plastic card, which then automatically disengages the individual alarm on their unit as well as the access to the loading dock door. When customers leave, they slide their card in again, reactivating the alarm on their storage unit. A fire suppression system also is part of the package.

Premium Self Storage sells all kinds of boxes and packing mate-

rials as well as various types of padlocks on-site. Clients can take as many boxes as they think they might need, then return any

unused ones with receipt for a full refund. The firm also arranges moves for its customers and will accept shipments.

Lights go on automatically when customers enter the storage building. Restrooms and drinking fountains are also nearby. Dollies, ladders and handcars are provided.

"We also have coffee, candy, cookies and bottled water for our clients," Jackson noted.

Premium Self Storage's staff is so confident that customers will be pleased with their storage rooms and service that the firm offers a full refund of the unused portion of the monthly rent if a

client is not satisfied. Storage units come in various sizes, from locker-sized areas to larger spaces.

The Metro Detroit-based company is expanding with another location in Madison Heights and more set to open soon in Southfield, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington, Rochester, Royal Oak and St. Clair Shores.

The building houses more than 700 units. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Access hours for customers are from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily 365 days a year.

For information about unit dimensions and rates, call Premium Self Storage, 40900 Grand River Ave., at (248) 888-3500, or check out [www.premiumselfstorage.com](http://www.premiumselfstorage.com).

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P. Jackson



Courtesy photo

### Citizens Bank opens Novi office

Citizens Bank opened its second major hub in Oakland County — Novi Centre at Haggerty Centre II, 28001 Cabot Drive in Novi, June 28. The facility houses commercial banking, mortgage banking, wealth management, commercial real estate lending and a new temporary branch. A new stand-alone bank branch will be constructed on a contiguous property at Twelve Mile Road and the M5 expressway. Pictured are Citizens executives (from left) Clint Sampson, Todd Crisler, Kirk Anderson, Gary Wilson, Mike Michon and Tom Shafer, Citizens Bank southeast Michigan regional president.

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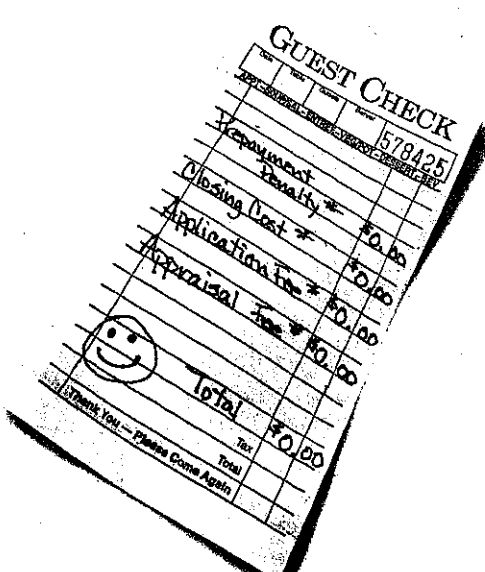
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White gold jewelry may have become increasingly popular in recent years, but its yellow gold counterpart remains the color of choice among a significant majority of consumers. In a recent survey, in which consumers were presented with a variety of jewelry designs in both white and yellow gold, thirty-three percent of the respondents chose yellow gold styles over white more than eighty percent of the time. Only sixteen percent of those surveyed showed similar affinity for white gold. Whether the design category involved bracelets, rings, earrings or necklaces, about sixty percent of the respondents favored yellow gold across the board. The allure of gold jewelry remains essentially unchanged over the millennia.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

**Merritt elected secretary**  
The Women's Leadership Forum elected Terry Merritt, vice president, Human Resources, Walbridge Aldinger, as secretary of the Board of Directors for 2004-2005.

**Hoover promoted**  
Kelly Hoover, of Novi, was promoted to assistant account executive from account coordinator at John Bailey & Associates Inc. Hoover is a team member on various accounts including Help Eliminate Auto Theft, Kelly Services, REMAX and the Women's Survival Center. Hoover is a member of the Acraft Club, PRSA and Detroit Regional Chamber Advisory Counsel. She earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Michigan State University.

**Home accessory shop opens in Walled Lake**

The Home Accessory Warehouse offers a huge selection of unique furniture and accessories for your home. A 15,000 square foot warehouse/showroom is open to the public as well as interior designers. Inventory includes furniture, framed art, mirrors, glass, ceramics, lamps, vases, candleholders, pillows, silk florals, trees, and much more. At the Home Accessory Warehouse you can have a professional design consultation and turn your home into a masterpiece. The consultation includes a \$150 refundable deposit with purchases of \$2000 or more within 90 days, and a designer will visit your home to help you with all your furniture and accessory needs.

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**Porter consults**

Jill Porter, of Novi, recently became a consultant for Tastefully Simple, Inc., a national direct sales company based in Alexandria, Minnesota. As a consultant and independent business owner, Porter conducts in-home presentations and markets Tastefully Simple's line of gourmet foods and gifts at home-taste-testing parties. At the parties, guests receive samples, easy meal ideas, recipes and serving suggestions.

**U.S. Storage Depot wins award**

U.S. Storage Depot was presented with the "New Construction Beautification Award" by Fifteenth District State Senator Nancy Cassis and the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce on June 15. Through non-traditional curb appeal U.S. Storage Depot appears as more of a high-tech complex than that of the traditional mom-and-pop self storage facility.

**Chamber offers cash rewards**

The Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce recently announced an upcoming customer and merchant loyalty program called "Lakes Area Cash Rewards." Serviced and managed by Consumer FIRST, shoppers will first need to register their Visa and MasterCard with the program. Then, whenever they use their card to shop with participating local merchants, they'll enjoy cash-back rewards on their

monthly credit card statements. Depending on the business, the discount can range from 1 to 5 percent, per purchase. A list of participating merchants can be found at www.consumer1st.com.

**Senate cuts through red-tape**

A comprehensive package of bills to implement a processing deadline on nearly every permit or license issued to businesses in the state of Michigan passed the Senate June 17, said Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Nowi.

The Red-Tape Reduction Package is part of the Republican JOBS Action Plan for revitalizing the state's economy. The plan specifically targets ways to attract new businesses, save existing jobs and promote a healthier business climate in the state.

The new laws would affect licenses for new businesses as well as operational permits for current job providers. The change is similar to provisions in the recently signed groundwater and surface-water discharge permit laws.

**Novi doc first to win new award**

In announcing four of its annual awards last month, the Michigan Health & Hospital Association cited Paul Conlon, PharmD, JD, of Trinity Health Services in Novi as the winner of its new Patient Safety & Quality Leadership Award.

Presented at the 2004 MHA Annual Corporate Membership Meeting, the award was created to "recognize an individual who demonstrates patient safety and quality improvement leadership that transcended the bounds of their own organization." Conlon is vice president of clin-

ical quality and safety for Trinity and a clinical assistant professor of pharmacy at the University of Michigan. He served as the first co-chair of the MHA's Patient Safety Committee and is involved with national patient safety organizations and Michigan Health & Safety Coalition initiatives.

**Taubman expanding**

Taubman Centers, Inc., the Bloomfield Hills-based real estate investment trust that owns Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall, has expanded its ownership with the International Plaza in Tampa, Fla. The company announced early this month that it acquired an added 23.6 percent interest in the plaza from Canadian property owner Ivanhoe Cambridge. It now owns 50.1 percent total.

**Profit-making child's play**

Novi-based Childtime Learning Centers, Inc. recently announced a profitable fourth quarter and improved operating results for the year.

Within the past 13 weeks, the company's net revenue has increased \$7.5 million, or 16.6 percent, from this time last year - making the grand total \$52.9 million. One extra week was added to the quarter, accounting for \$4.1 million of the increase.

**Business: region rises, state sinks**

In May, the Commerce Bank Detroit Area Business Activity Index stood at 115, representing a one-point increase from April's 114. Its Michigan Business Activity Index, on the other hand, was down four points from 111 in April, closing at 107.

Compiled by Kim Kovelte & Pam Fleming



**Bound for the Big Apple**  
Michael Brenner, left, of Novi, is shown with ESPN's Tony Reali after winning the Sports Trivia Contest at the ESPN/Sports at the Fountain event at Fountain Walk shopping center July 3. Brenner's won a weekend trip for two to New York City on Sept. 7 to celebrate ESPN's 25th anniversary this year. The event attracted about 1,000 people, with more than 100 adults participating in the Sports Trivia Contest. Children had their own Sports Trivia Contest, with everyone winning a prize. More Fun at the Fountain activities continue from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 20, Aug. 3 and Aug. 10. All activities are free. Call (248) 348-8762 or visit www.fountainwalkofnovi.com for more details.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stella Francis Synowiec

Sarah (Bass) and Steven Synowiec of Novi announce the birth of their daughter, Stella Francis Synowiec, born April 14, 2004, at Providence Hospital, Southfield, Mich.

weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Stella joins a sister, Scarlet, 4.

Grandparents are Sherry and Richard Bay of Novi and Indira and Don Friedman of Novi. Great-grandparents are Mary Ferraro of North Port Myers, and Samuel and Maria Zanier of Novi.

Brandon Sinclair Sandler

Brook and Fredrick Sandler of Novi announce the birth of their son, Brandon Sinclair Sandler, born March 29, 2004, at Providence Hospital, Southfield. He weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 and 3/4 inches long. Brandon

joins a sister, Samantha, 5, and a brother, Morgan, 3.

Grandparents are Stanton and Andrea Bank of Crossville, Tenn.; Rubin and Joan Sandler of Virginia Beach, Va.; and Elaine Ackerman of Newark, Del. Great-grandmother is Frances Cutler of Crossville, Tenn.

Kyle LaVerne Holmberg

Leslie and John Holmberg of Howell announce the birth of their son, Kyle LaVerne Holmberg, born May 20, 2004, at St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland Hospital in Pontiac. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Evelyn and the late LaVerne Reinke of Novi and Ann and John Holmberg of Clinton Township. Great-grandmother is Alice Redwanz of Reese, Mich.

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ANNIVERSARY



The Eathornes

Quentin and Hazel "Skip" Eathorne of Novi celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a dinner including family and employees. The couple were married July 5, 1944, in Detroit.

Quentin was born in Trumansville, Mich., and "Skip" was born in Columbus, Ohio. The couple are co-founders of EW Kitchens, formerly EW Tile Company. They are both now retired.

The couple's children are Jim and Karen Eathorne of Northville and Jill Blair of Charleston, N.C.

IN THE SERVICE

Air Force Cadet Ryan V. Downing

has graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. The graduate received a bachelor of science degree and was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

New lieutenants go on to serve as pilots, navigators, engineers, maintenance officers, professionals in various management and technical fields. Some attend medical or graduate school with special scholarships, while others go directly to non-rated Air Force-wide assignments.

The officer is scheduled to attend undergraduate pilot training at the Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Milton, Fla. Downing received a degree in mechanical engineering. He is the son of Jerry and Katherine Downing of Novi and a 2004 graduate of Northville High School.

OBITUARY

Mary Elizabeth White

Mary White died July 8, 2004. She was 70.

Survivors include three children, Steve (Irene), Linda (Richard) Kopchak and Sherry (Richard) Yates; six grandchildren, Matt, Jenn, Dustin, Brian, Liz and J.R.; and four siblings, Robert Owens, David Owens, Emma Anderson and Rose Dawson.

A memorial service was held July 12, 2004, at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Interment will be at Oakland Hills Memorial Garden, Novi.

Memorials may be made to the McCarty Cancer Foundation, 27387 Woodway Ave., Berkley, Mich. 48072. Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Online sympathy messages: www.obrien-sullivanfuneralhome.com.

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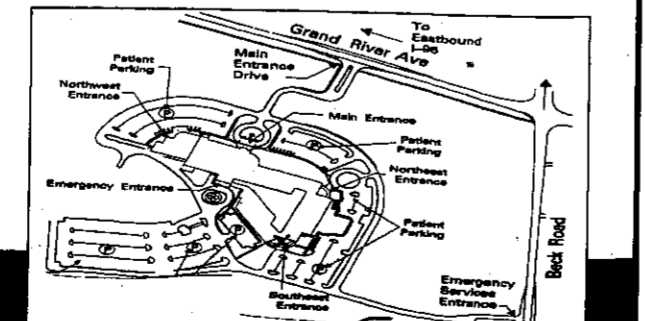
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New screening guidelines make annual Pap test thing of the past

By Elaine Horowitz PROVIDENCE NURSE NAVIGATOR

For most women, having a Pap test every year is a regular feature of an annual exam. Recently, however, the American Cancer Society (ACS) and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) have issued new screening guidelines that may make the annual Pap test a thing of the past for many.

The Pap test, named after Dr. George Papanicolaou, came into widespread use in the 1950s as a screening tool for cervical cancer. Since that time, the number of women who die from cervical cancer has decreased by 70 percent. According to the American Cancer Society, cervical cancer, once the number one cancer killer of women in the United States, is now ranked 13th in cancer deaths for women.

The changes in the screening guidelines reflect improvements in screening methods and a better understanding of the causes of cervical cancer. It is now generally accepted that there is a strong relationship between exposure to human papilloma virus, HPV and the development of cervical cancer. HPV is a common virus that is spread through sexual contact. There are some estimates that up to 75 percent of the population may have been exposed to this virus at some time. Most of the time, an HPV infection is harmless and temporary and will go away on its own. In fact, the infection could have occurred many years before it is ever

detected. Some strains of this virus can cause genital warts. There are many different types of HPV, and only a few of them have the potential to cause cervical cancer. However, HPV can cause changes to the cells of the cervix, making them look abnormal. Most of the time, these are benign changes that have no long-term effect and clear up on their own. Some, however, may signal precancerous changes and need to be closely monitored.

When to start screening

Women under age 30 should begin screening approximately three years after first sexual intercourse or by age 21, whichever comes first.

How often to screen

Women under age 30 should be tested annually. For women over age 30, if they have had negative results on three consecutive annual Pap tests, and/or have tested negative for HPV, they may be able to be screened every two to three years.

When to stop screening

Healthcare providers may decide to discontinue screening in older women based on their history and current health status. This is a decision made on an individual basis.

Exceptions

More frequent screening may be necessary for women in certain high-risk categories, such as those who are infected with HIV, are immunosuppressed or were previously diagnosed with cervical cancer. There may be other reasons that your practitioner wants to continue to screen you on an annual basis, so be sure to discuss this at your next annual exam. OK, how can we put this into the proper perspective? A frank and open discussion with your healthcare provider about your medical and social history, along with past test results will help to determine what is the best testing schedule for you. Even if you do not require annual Pap testing, it is still important to have an annual exam that includes a pelvic and breast exam. Remember, cervical cancer is relatively rare and preventable if you follow the recommended screening guidelines.

Going to a ballgame? Hot dog!

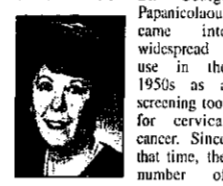
By Ernie Harwell

Hot dogs are as American as baseball. The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council estimates fans eat 25.9 million hot dogs in major league ballparks in 2003. That's down from the 26.3 million eaten in 2002 - but still enough to stretch from Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles to Yankee Stadium in New York City.

Now, I'm not about to knock an American institution, but I do want to get a plug in for moderation. After all, the average regular beef hot dog contains 150 calories and 13 grams of fat. Wrapping it in a plain white bread bun adds 100 calories and 1.5 more grams of fat. A tablespoon each of ketchup, mustard, onions and relish adds at least another 50 calories. Throwing on an ounce of cheddar cheese adds another 120 calories and 10 grams of fat. So a hot dog with all the fixings can add up to more than 420 calories and

24 grams of fat - and a day's total allowance of sodium! For the average person who eats plenty of fruits and veggies and watches fat and sodium intake, routing for the home team is more fun with a hot dog, maybe even some peanuts and Cracker Jacks - in moderation.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's longgggg gone! Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.



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# NOVI NEWS - SPECIAL REPORT

## CREATING NOVI'S 'DOWNTOWN'

### Main Street project growing after early struggles

From what began as a grand plan to create a brand new downtown community from the ground up, Main Street Novi has struggled to achieve the success anticipated by its original designers, developers and community leaders.

Despite ongoing legal, financial and other problems that have plagued the project since its formal beginning in 1994, new business continues to locate in Novi's Main Street development. Two weeks ago, the *Novi News* reported that Triang, a development recently closed on the purchase of 18.2 acres of vacant land along both sides of Main Street from Novi Road to the existing buildings there from the lenders that foreclosed on property.

"I think there's been a significant turnaround with the new restaurants, golf store and now a potential health food store locating there," said Lou Gaudes, mayor of Novi. "I'm very

encouraged with what's happening there."

The Luna Building, formerly Vic's World Class Market, is converting one of those operations in Bloomfield Hills into a Better Health Store.

Motor City Golf Warehouse opened an 18,000 square-foot store in the other former space of Vic's Market. Owners Bob Kunkel and Tom Celani realized their vision of operating a golf "superstore" with the opening of the Novi location in March.

Kunkel and Celani are committed to offering the best quality and largest selection of golf merchandise at the best price with professional service. The store includes a full-service, club-fitting center complete with simulator for golfers to try various clubs.

Gus O'Connor's Public House opened at the corner of the Luna Building at Market Street last November. The largest authentic Irish Pub in North America is

open for lunch and dinner with a full-service bar. The Smith Brothers, Ed and Mark, own Gus O'Connor's in Novi along with Main Street Billiards in Rochester.

The restaurant offers upstairs dining and a private room with a patio. They are putting an outdoor patio with 12 tables along Market Street for the summer season, according to Paul Kastrian, general manager of Gus O'Connor's.

The Local Color Brewing Company closed its Novi location in the Main Street East building on Grand River suddenly last December. Local Color opened as a micro brewery and restaurant operation there in January of 1998.

"We intended to reopen there with another concept but were unable to work out a deal with the landlord (GMAC)," said Peter Paisley, owner of the local brewery and restaurant. "I believe in Novi's Main Street and I'm sorry

that it didn't work out."

The demand for Local Color's products necessitated an expansion of the company's production facilities. Paisley credits Novi residents' loyal patronage as a major reason for the success of the business and its need to expand.

Paisley is in the process of opening another brewing operation in the former Theowolf manufacturing facility located in Green Oak Township just south of Brighton in Livingston County.

There has been various interest in the former Local Color space but no deal has been signed, according to Paul DeBono of the Farman Group in Southfield, which leases space there for the building's owner, GMAC. The Local Color space has a unique build-out with part being industrial and part restaurant. DeBono said.

Farman also is looking for potential tenants for the 2,000

square feet of retail space on the first floor at Main Street East formerly occupied by Las Vegas Golf and Tennis.

At one time earlier this year, it looked as if The Second City comedy theater might relocate its Detroit operation in the former Local Color space. However, the deal with Local Color fell through, according to Kelly Leonard, a Second City producer in Chicago.

The Second City now plans to open its training center in the Fountain Walk shopping center instead of the former Local Color space. The theater will likely be located on the north end of the shopping center, according to Linda Busse, marketing director for Fountain Walk.

"There's a lot of competition for commercial space in Novi," said Ed Kriewall, former city manager for the City of Novi. "I think that Fountain Walk has hurt the space on Main Street."

report on the pros and cons of establishing a downtown development authority district, according to current City Manager Rick Helwig.

Helwig said that having residential support for a downtown area is important. Novi already has the housing with the Main Street Village built by Singh Development LLC adjacent to Main Street and Novi Road, he added.

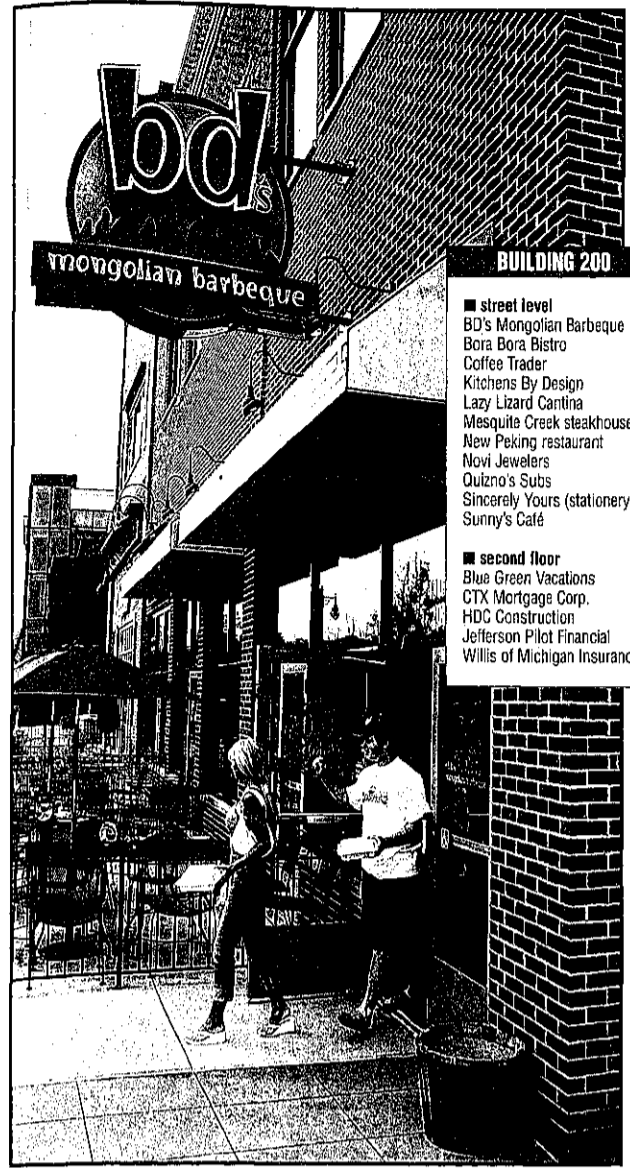
Improving access to the downtown area also is critical to its success, according to Helwig. More than \$10 million in road repairs are being made to roads in Novi this summer.

The Oakland County Road Commission will spend about \$6.5 million to revamp Novi Road's intersections with Grand River Avenue and 10 Mile Road this summer. In 2005, the road commission plans to build five-lane bridge over the CSX Railroad tracks on Novi Road between Grand River and 10 Mile.

Another group concerned about the downtown development has emerged since the beginning of the year. Tony Musu, a member of the Novi Chamber of Commerce board of directors, is spearheading a new group of local business and community leaders to determine how the area could be improved.

"I've been meeting with several different business owners to try to revitalize the downtown area of Novi," said Musu. "The city put a lot of time and effort into the Main Street area but I know a lot of retail shops are hurting."

The new group, tentatively named the Gateway Village Downtown Novi Association, has met several times and is developing some ideas to improve the downtown area, said Musu.



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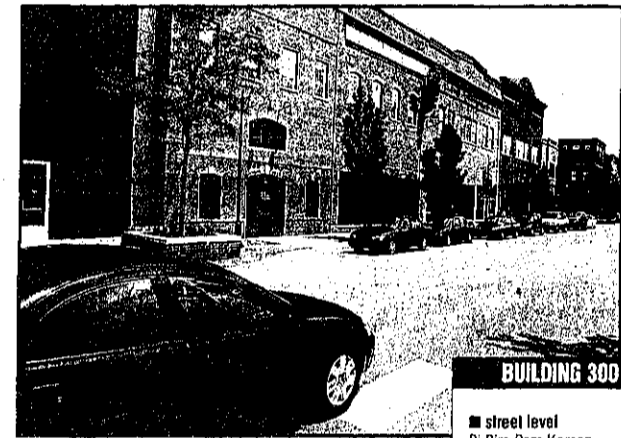
### Potential exists for success

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- Main Street Novi Project Facts:**
- \$100 million development on 63.35 acres of land
  - 850,000 square feet of commercial space for offices, retail and restaurants
  - Surface Parking - 1,818 spaces
  - Garage Parking - 442 spaces
  - Total Parking - 2,260 spaces
- PHASE I:** Main Street East (Building 100), completed
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### First retailer survives despite problems

Larson Jewelry Design was the first store to open on Main Street on Labor Day in 1999. The jewelry business will celebrate its fifth anniversary at its location in Building 200 in September.

"We were the original pioneers and have survived," said owner Brian Larson, who signed a 20-year lease in 1999. "We have no intentions of leaving."

Larson cited numerous design and construction flaws that existed in the buildings from the very beginning.

The open space of the mall area in the buildings needed to be heated and maintained. The landlord wanted the tenants to pay extra for those costs, which led to a lawsuit and the tenants' counter suit.

Larson said he is one of eight tenants left in a lawsuit against the original developer, Evergreen III.

"The developer wanted to rewrite the leases so they could change its more rent to cover those costs," said Larson. "They tried to evict us, so we counter-sued them."

Wells Fargo Bank now owns the building and inherited the original lawsuit and the tenants' counter suit. Larson and the other tenants are represented by local attorney Kim Capello who is also a member of the Novi City Council.

"We've made some improvements to the heating, ventilating and air-conditioning system and repaired the electrical for the outside lighting on Main and Market Streets," said Dan Sermak of CB Richard Ellis. "The gas and electric utilities are now on sub-meters for the individual tenants."

Sermak said they also plan to resurface the parking lots behind the buildings and repair some of

the concrete around the entrances and sidewalks due to some settling.

The buildings include 175 underground parking spaces for the tenants and more than 300 spaces for the public in the surface parking lots.

CB Richard Ellis of Southfield manages the property and leases space in Buildings 200 and 300 (or Wells Fargo). About 80 percent of approximately 115,000 square feet of office and retail space is leased, according to Sermak.

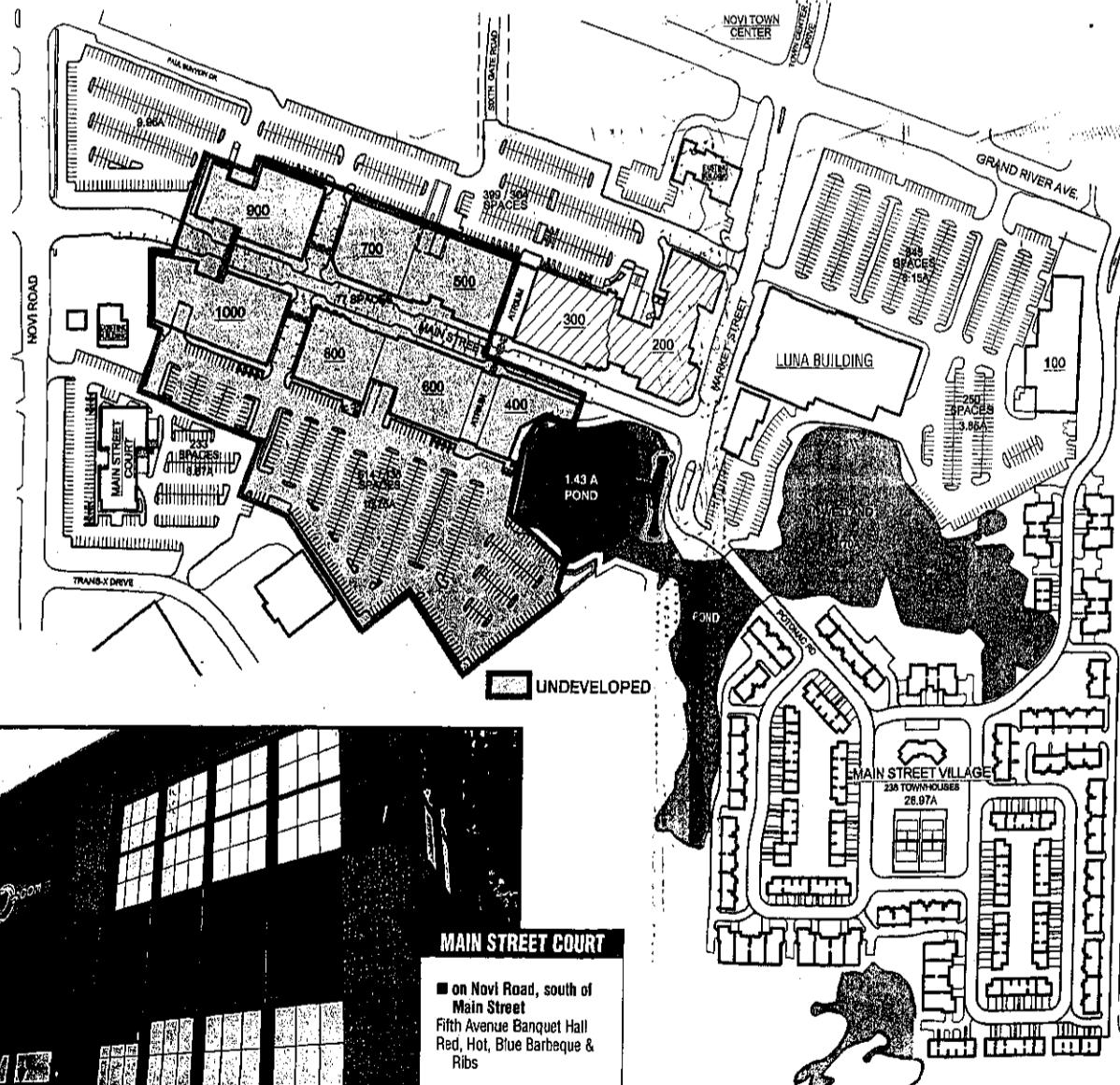
"We have possible tenants for the vacancies but no signed leases yet," said Brendan George of CB Richard Ellis who handles leasing of office space there. "It's (Main Street) going in the right direction."

Brendan said they have two vacancies, each with about 4,000 square feet of office space on the second floor. They have a possible lease with a travel agency, he said.

Donna Figi, who handles leasing of the retail space, said they are working with a possible tenant for 8,000 square feet of showroom space on Main Street. Some tenants reported hearing about a martini bar coming into additional space there, but Figi could not confirm it since no lease has been signed.

Larson reported hearing that Toll Brothers of Michigan, a home builder based in Farmington Hills, is considering the showroom space. A spokesperson for the Toll Brothers said the company is negotiating a lease for a design center in the area but could not confirm the location until a lease is signed.

"We're counting on the future to work here," said Larson. "We're still hoping to see something positive happen here."



### Festival found brief home downtown

Novi's Main Street is losing a special event that was held downtown for the past two years. The Michigan 50's Festival is moving to the Fountain Walk shopping center this summer.

The popular festival is scheduled for July 28-31 at Fountain Walk located just north of I-96 and west of Novi Road.

"We're moving (the festival) to Fountain Walk because there are more businesses and more space there," said Lori Kapelczak, president of the Michigan 50's Festival. She has served on the board of directors for the festival for the past five years.

The festival was held in Novi's Main Street development in 2002 and 2003 operating as the Music and Motorfest. The Michigan 50's Festival was previously held at the Novi Expo Center.

The City of Novi supports the festival and its move to Fountain Walk, according to Kapelczak. The festival also is a member of the Chamber of Commerce which has supported the festival for its entire 15 years in existence, she added.

The festival had contributed funds toward the construction of the proposed band shell at the corner of Main and Market Streets in downtown Novi.

However, the band shell has yet to be built there.

Brian Larson of Larson Jewelry Design said he wants to organize fund-raising events to raise money for the band shell, as soon as the tenants' lawsuits against the original developer and lenders is resolved.

Larson said he has spoken to officials at Toll Brothers who may be interested in being a major contributor to the band shell in the future. The residential developer is considering space for a design center on Main Street downtown.



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### TIMELINE

- 1985 Oakland County Planning Department works with City of Novi to develop plans for traditional downtown in city.
- 1990 Concept for "Main Street" downtown drafted by Oakland County Planning Dept. and approved by Novi City Council.
- 1993 City of Novi approves rezoning of land as Town Center District in preparation for Main Street development project. James Chen of Evergreen III presents plans for Main Street project to City.
- 1994 Evergreen III becomes developer for Main Street Novi project. Vic's World Class Market opens as an anchor for Main Street development.
- 1995 Vic's Market in Novi becomes largest retailer of perishable goods in the world.
- 1996 Main Street Novi opens with ribbon-cutting ceremony on Dec 12.
- 1997 Novi City Council approves plans and construction begins on Main Street project. Tenants begin moving into Main Street Village apartment complex.
- 1998 Local Color Brewing Company opens in Main Street East. Construction halted on Main Street project.
- 1999 Larson Jewelry Design opens first store on Main Street. Downtown Development Authority proposed in Novi.
- 2001 Developer sues tenants to break leases and tenants sue developer over increased maintenance fees.
- 2002 Creditors, investors sue developer for defaulting on loans for Main Street project. Vic's Market in Novi's Main Street development is closed; first of two Music & Motor Festivals held.
- 2003 Post Bar and Gus O'Connor's open in Luna Building (former Vic's Market); Local Color Brewing Company closes Main Street location.
- 2004 Motor City Golf opens Better Health Store plans location in Luna Building; Triang Development purchases 18.2 acres of vacant land along both sides of Main Street from Novi Road to the existing buildings.

# EDUCATION

Ramez Khuri, school reporter (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 rkhuri@nl.homecomm.net

## Fourth grade students produce end-of-school newspaper, Village Oaks Update

### Editor provides insight on what it takes to put out a newspaper

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Jane Funfgeld, Village Oaks Elementary School literary specialist, will never again complain to a newspaper editor about a typo she found. In fact, she has never appreciated the editor of a newspaper as much as she does now.

Funfgeld, who only got about three hours of sleep on the night before the last day of school, was busy playing editor, as she assembled and put the finishing touches on the newspaper that 25 fourth-graders wrote as an assignment for teacher Tom Guilmette's language arts class.

Funfgeld explained that she and Guilmette chose to do this activity because they wanted the kids to be able to have a language arts experience and be able to do some research on topics that they were interested in. They combined those two, and she thought that it would be very worthwhile if the students consulted a primary source about the newspaper business.

"We learned about primary and secondary sources in the newspaper, and that's when we decided to ask Cal to come in and talk to the kids," Funfgeld said.

Cal, being Cal Stone, editor of the *Novi News*, did visit Village Oaks on February 11. He talked to students about what it was like to be a reporter, what it's like to be an editor, how he edits the paper, who helps him out,

how he got his job and about his career. After that, the kids took the knowledge they learned from him and started forming their own newspaper.

"The first thing that we did was, we learned all about the parts of the newspaper and what the names are for everything," Funfgeld said. "The kids had to choose two articles that they were interested in and that they thought other people would be interested in, to write for the newspaper. One was supposed to be as close as we could get to a current event and the other was supposed to be a feature article."

"If they had time after writing their two articles, students could write more articles or maybe do a comic, some photography, graphics or anything else they could think of to make their newspaper better."

"We did a lot of editing," Funfgeld said. "I went in while they were writing to try to teach them the craft, and we did a lot of work with leads and endings to stories and strong verbs."

"It's a huge job to publish a paper," she added. "When they say they're putting the paper to bed, it means what it sounds like because you are almost asleep while you're doing it. At least I was."

Students wrote articles on all kinds of different topics, but the front page headline was, "School's Out." There were activity stories, sports and lots of features.

"This is a huge job," Funfgeld said. "You want to get to the kids and make sure they have the right words that they want to say, and at the same time, you need to teach it a little bit because it goes out to the public. But as a teacher, you don't want to hurt their feelings and take half of it out. It's a lot of fun,



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Village Oaks teacher Jane Funfgeld takes a look at a copy of the just-published *Village Oaks Update* with student Brad Malarkey, one of the newspaper's writers.

and the kids are great writers." Funfgeld said to look for the students' newspaper on the Internet on the Village Oaks Elementary School link soon.

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## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Susan Wainwright headed to academy seminar

Susan Wainwright, a teacher at Novi Meadows School, will attend the 11th annual session of the distinguished Maury Project Workshop offered by the United States Naval Academy this summer. Twenty-four teachers, both national and international, are participating in the seminar through Friday, July 23.

The Maury Project highlights various oceanographic and meteorological subjects ranging from local to global systems. The educators will develop training materials they can take back and use in their classrooms.

The program consists of lectures, hands-on material and field trips. The group will utilize the Naval Academy's oceanographic vessel, YP-686, to practice oceanographic concepts.

The Maury Project is CO-directed by Dr. David Smith, associate chair of the Naval Academy oceanography depart-

ment and Ira W. Geer, education director of the American Meteorological Society. The project seeks to develop the teachers' training skills in oceanography and to expose them to various government agencies involved in oceanography that they may be able to utilize. Smith also hopes the teachers will go back and combine their new-found knowledge with other subjects.

The Maury Project Workshop is named in honor of Navy Lt. Matthew Fontaine Maury, who lived from 1806 until 1873 and is considered to be the father of physical oceanography.

The Maury Project Workshop is funded by the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, the Office of Naval Research, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration and the American Meteorological Society.

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## Student to explore medical career

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Katherine Colacino's interests extend beyond the medical world. She will be president of her junior class next school year. She is involved in competitive dance, tap, jazz and ballet. She's involved in the Novi High School Choir, and her duet partner and her received a "one" in state competitions, which is the highest rating. She has also sang the "National Anthem" at the Novi Expo Center.

### National Youth Leadership Forum offers career insights

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Katherine Colacino just finished her sophomore year at Novi High School, but unlike many of her peers, she already knows what she wants to be when she grows up. She even knows where she wants to earn her doctorate degree.

Now that's some serious life planning. Colacino has wanted to be a pediatrician since she was a little girl. She said that kids and science were always two big interests of hers. And after scoring very highly on her science ACT scores in the eighth grade, the National Youth Leadership Forum took notice.

"They sent me information, and it made me feel really good,"

Colacino said. "This will give me the opportunity to visit a major city in the United States and study medicine from doctors and learn about the newest treatments and the latest research."

The National Youth Leadership Forum is a nonprofit educational organization that brings various professions to life. Empowering outstanding young people with the confidence to make well-informed career choices, the forum has provided programming to more than 50,000 students.

Colacino enrolled in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine, which will take place in Boston from July 17-26. She will join 350 other high school students from around the country who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership potential and an interest in a career in medicine.

Throughout her 10-day stay, Colacino will be introduced to a variety of concepts in public health, medical ethics, research and general practice, and she will make site visits to medical facilities and clinics. She, along with the other students, will engage in a simulation using problem-based learning and an educational method in which students will be presented a fictional patient's case history and must diagnose and develop a treatment plan for the patient.

"I'll be in hospitals watching surgery, listening to major speakers and learning about the latest technology," Colacino said.

"I hope to achieve leadership skills and find out exactly what type of medicine I'd like to go into and what type of studying I need to do. I'd like to attend the University of Michigan Graduate School and I'd like to get my doctorate degree at Michigan."

In addition to visits to cutting-edge medical schools and clinic facilities, Colacino will have the opportunity to hear from and interact with leaders within the medical field. She will have up-close and personal contact with physicians, surgeons, researchers, scientists and medical educators as she goes behind the scenes to view these professionals at work.

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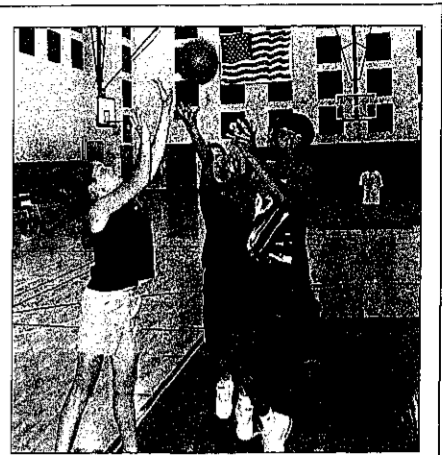


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## Up for the block

Alex Dinsor, left, puts up a shot as her defender, Phillip Tyler, far right, tries to make a block during a game of basketball at the Novi Teen Center. The center, open to all Novi teenagers from 11-14 years, will be open Mon.-Thurs., noon-5 p.m., until early August. Teens can expect a variety of activities, including athletics, billiards, field trips, crafts, demonstrations, ping pong, video games, movies and the popular "lock in" night. For more information, call Novi Youth Assistance at (248) 347-0410.

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ON CAMPUS

The Michigan Chapter of the National Television Academy (NTA), held its 26th Annual EMMY Awards June 5 at Detroit's Renaissance Center Ballroom in the Marriott Hotel, Novi resident and Novi High School senior Matthew Nickels won the Public Service Announcement competition...

More than 1,000 students were placed on the spring 2004 Dean's List at Michigan Technological University, earning grade point averages of 3.5 or higher. Included were Anna L. Cynar, sophomore, and Angela Moran, senior...

Novi resident Michael Flaherty was among the graduates at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, Ind., during spring 2004 commencement exercises.

Novi resident Cheryl Deighton was among the graduates of Mercer University in Macon, Ga. during spring 2004 commencement exercises.

Several local students were named to the Albion College Dean's List at the completion of the spring 2004 semester.

Chase Chandler is a sophomore majoring in economics and management. He is the son of Carl Chandler and Sally Chandler of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

Lauren Chimienti is a senior majoring in speech communication. She is the daughter of David Chimienti and Patricia Chimienti of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

Angela Doolin is a senior majoring in English and psychology. She is the daughter of Leon Doolin and Geraldine Simola of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

Scott Kortlandt is a senior majoring in chemistry education and mathematics education and is completing the secondary education program. He is the son of George Kortlandt and Patricia Kortlandt of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

Novi residents Panglen Liu, Melissa Ponder, Beth Rice, Ryan Rose, Sneha Shah, Jessie Wang, Shannon Andrews, Andrea Bullen, Kendra Carter, Kristine Copping, Melissa Ducker,

Jennifer Hagopian, Angela Maile, Sarah Pilpas, Ankur Rungta, Chandra Sekaran, Connie Shea, Lisa Siegado, Douglas Snyder, Jennifer Broniak, Leigh Dighera, Varun Shetty, and Anurag Sinha were among the graduates during spring 2004, commencement exercises at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Novi resident Jennifer Kinsman was among the recent graduates during spring 2004 commencement exercises at John Carroll University. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brad Kinsman of Novi and a graduate of Northville High School.

John Fleming, of Novi, has been selected for membership in Wittenberg University's chapter of Phi Eta Sigma. He is the son of Thomas and Irene Fleming. Phi Eta Sigma is a national honor society that seeks to recognize and encourage scholarship among first-year college men.

The University of Dayton has named John Douglas, a Novi resident, to the winter 2004, semester Dean's List.

Michael Wang, Class of 2001 Novi High School, graduated summa cum laude from University of Pennsylvania in May 2004 with a bachelor of science degree in economics from the Wharton School and a bachelor of applied science degree from School of Engineering & Applied Science. Wang will be working for Goldman Sachs in Japan in August.



From left, Jonathon Tikeshita, Matt McClure, Shehad Faraheh and Tymon Ghoujeghi enjoy a challenging game of Frisbee Golf as part of the first Monday program.

Reading during the dog days of summer

The Novi Public Library's Summer Reading Program is in full swing. The fifth grade and older program is called "Get Lost Discovering New Trails at the Novi Public Library" and has a game board showing the different trails used by the early settlers...



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Boosters host golf fundraiser

The Novi High Band Boosters organization is hosting its second Annual Foursome Golf Scramble on Sunday, August 1, 2004. The event will take place at the Links of Novi Golf Course on Ten Mile Road, in Novi. The times are from 11:15 am-1:15 p.m.

This year's event promises to be as much fun as last year's. There are also several great prizes. Everyone has the opportunity to win golf items, gift certificates and golf lessons. A hole-in-one wins a two-year lease on a new car.

The Novi High School Band Boosters is a non-profit parent run organization. They raise funds for the students and help raise funds for the music program. They work closely with the director of bands, Mark Hourigan.

NOVI MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL - 5TH MARKING PERIOD

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## Diamond Cuts Professional Services In a Relaxed Atmosphere



By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

The staff at Diamond Cuts Salon at 42030 Grand River in Novi has been making the residents of Novi and the surrounding area more attractive for a decade. The full-service salon, owned by Polly Sinclair and Jim Dunn, offers haircuts, color, highlighting, lowlighting, chemical restructuring, manicures, pedicures, acrylic nails and electrolysis. Both men and women are welcome at the salon, which is conveniently on the north side of Grand River Avenue between Novi and Meadowbrook roads in the Italian Epicure Plaza. Diamond Cuts staff is thoroughly trained and experienced in all phases of color. "We specialize in corrective color," Sinclair said, "Someone will come in with a color problem and leave looking and feeling great, that's a friend for life." Sinclair noted that Dimensional Color is very popular going into fall. This technique enhances the cut, so the texture of the style is intensified.

The salon has 10 stylists, two nail technicians and an electrolysis technician. "It's a very relaxed environment," Sinclair said. On the nail scene, Sinclair noted that lately more clients are having their natural nails done rather than have acrylics and wrap applied, processes which were popular several years ago. However, some customers still prefer artificial nails. Hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Appointments can be made at Diamond Cuts Salon by calling (248) 305-9009, and walk-ins are always welcome.

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## FAITH

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### TEEN CHAT -- "SELF-ESTEEM ISSUES"

Everyone compensates. "Oh, come on. What are you saying now? Everyone compensates? Um, Pastor Sam, that's just plain weird."

No, no, no. Everyone COMPENSATES. We all know stuff about ourselves that we don't like, and psychologically we compensate to overcome our "issues." Some people have a difficult time emotionally in a large crowd. They get nervous and sweaty, fearful even. To compensate, they

become much better dealing with people one-on-one.

Have you ever heard of mentally impaired people who can barely communicate, yet they, without lessons, quickly learn to play the piano. And yet I play very well. That's another example of compensation.

Growing up without my father, I had my share of issues. Thankfully, my mom compensated for me, in the absence of my dad, but it still hurt. And yet I struggled, as do most teens that have poor relationships with their fathers. Somehow I compensated, also, without my father.

Compensating is just our natural mechanism to help us cope with our problems.

Self-esteem. Learning about the health (or lack of) of our self-esteem could be a life-changing phenomenon. So many teenagers struggle with a poor self-esteem, and as a result, many teens cannot accomplish in life all that they are capable of. Our self-esteem either makes us or breaks us.

Some teens grow up hearing negative comments constantly. If they are slightly pudgy, maybe a family member has teased them. It may have only begun there, but it probably won't end there.

Being pudgy makes people feel bad and embarrassed about their bodies. In turn, some people eat even more because they become depressed. Some, though, work very hard to rid themselves of their pudgy. They diet and exercise, to the extreme. If they end up looking like perfect Barbie/Ken dolls, they seem satisfied. But inside they really aren't. They still are not satisfied with who they really are. Inside they feel "fat." Unacceptable. And deeply, deeply sad.

They haven't met the mark of perfection they feel others have. Not feeling good about themselves has led many a teen to commit suicide. Feeling worthless and good for nothing has encouraged teens to pull the trigger, swallow the pills or at least develop an eating disorder.

In the midst of all the glamour of her success, Mary Kate Olsen must still feel fat or unaccept-

able, as we've learned in the past couple of weeks that she's being treated for an eating disorder.

Self-esteem issues have nothing to do with how people look on the outside. Mary Kate is a beautiful girl on the outside! Apparently she doesn't feel perfect enough. No, self-esteem issues have everything to do with how people feel on the inside. And no matter how people look on the outside, ALL PEOPLE are beautiful on the inside. Even the vilest of people, if one could look deeply underneath all their masks and fakeness, would be beautiful.

People are just hungry, hungry for acceptance and love, which is the very thing God longs to give this generation.

A young man went up to Jesus and asked Him a question. He asked Him what the greatest command in the whole law was. "Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Matthew 22:37-39)

The second greatest command in the whole law was to love your neighbor as you love yourself. Teens, do you understand that? It's very important to love...to love God and everyone else. But the best way to love your neighbor is to first understand how much you should love

yourself. Loving yourself, or having a proper view of yourself, is important to succeeding in life.

You are not trash. You are not worthless junk. I don't care how many times you have heard it, you aren't ugly. Remember, even the outwardly "beautiful people" probably don't feel good enough about themselves. That's why they've taken such great lengths to make themselves beautiful.

Here's the test. If a very pretty girl will let you see her without makeup on or her hair done exactly how she wants it, then she probably is beautiful. We've often heard that beauty is only skin deep, but that's wrong.

We've been told a lie. Real beauty lies beneath the skin, in the way one feels about oneself.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

**Novi United Methodist Church**  
41671 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi  
(248) 349-2652

Sunday Service at 9:45 a.m.  
Special Event: Arts and Movie Night  
Saturday, July 24 at 6:30 p.m.

"Rabbit Proof Fence" is a great movie about diversity "down under" in Australia. There will also be a members and friends art or hobby collection display.

**Faith Community Presbyterian Church**

44400 West 10 Mile Road, Novi  
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Worship is at 10 a.m., with communion being served on July 18. Sunday, July 18, 12 members of Faith Community will be commissioned to serve on the Ostruda, Poland, mission trip, July 18-25. The team will be rebuilding a church and school, and running an English Camp for elementary school age children.

To have your church's information included in our weekly Church Calendar, please send to Cal Stone, editor, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; e-mail to cstone@ht.homecomm.net; or fax to (248) 349-9832.

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## Pursuing off-brand alternatives

■ Generic drugs cost much less

By Kim Kovelie  
STAFF WRITER

For about five years, 77-year-old Caroline Braley has been taking various medications for her arthritis and blood pressure.

Her bill comes to at least \$400 a month, so she's turned to generic brands for savings of around \$40.

"I pay for my own medicine all the time" said Braley, a part-time receptionist at the City of Novi Senior Center. "I get the generic as much as I can. I would say definitely I've been saving."

Jan McAlpine, senior center manager, has seen drug needs and costs rise in her 21 years in the business.

"There's more seniors and there are more medications, and they cost more money," McAlpine said. "Generic drugs can be a very good savings."

The Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 helped the quest for generics on the federal level.

Brand name drugs enjoy patent protection for about 11 years, before they can be made as generics. According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the act allowed for limits on court actions that could delay the process.

In the meantime, voluntary Medicare cards are another option that became available in May.

Statewide, there are 41 cards available, with information on 34 posted at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). Possible enrollment fees do not exceed \$30.

Research done by the Area Agency on Aging 1-B reported

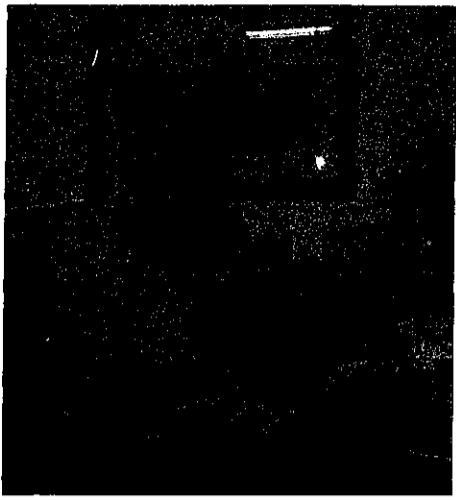


Photo by Kim Kovelie

City of Novi Senior Center receptionist Caroline Braley skims a pamphlet for the American Drug Club Toledo, which offers information on the availability of low-cost drugs from Canada.

that for the nine drugs most often prescribed for older adults, savings range from 1 to 35 percent.

According to Jenny Jarvis, director of communications for the Agency, the best way to apply is by calling 800-MEDICARE, which is operated 24 hours a day, every day. Weekends or weekdays between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. are ideal call times.

Cards cover generics as well as name brands, but lists are subject to change every seven days.

"Each card has a list of covered drugs," Jarvis said. "It really depends on the card. There is a little bit of homework involved in finding the right card."

Enrollment lasts until December 2005, when a more extensive Medicare benefit program will replace the cards. Until then, the card is a commitment.

"You're pretty much locked in until the end of each calendar year," Jarvis said. "If they can find a card that gives them some kind of savings, it's definitely a benefit. Twenty percent is better than no savings."

Jack Main, an Agency volunteer, offers guidance at the center every month. He thinks that Medicare cards can most benefit low-income adults (that's \$12,569 annually per person or \$16,861 per couple),

## SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

### Thursday 7/15

8:45 a.m. . . . . Golf League-Mixed  
9:00 a.m. . . . . Line Dance\*  
9:30 a.m. . . . . Travel meeting  
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. . . . . Sundry Shop Open  
noon . . . . . Lunch  
12:15 p.m. . . . . Bridge\*  
1 p.m. . . . . Beginners Line Dance  
Family Concert Series Lakeshore Park-7 p.m.

### Friday 7/16

9 a.m. . . . . Panera Bread  
9 a.m. . . . . Stretch & Strength  
10 a.m. . . . . Body Recall  
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. . . . . Sundry Shop open  
noon . . . . . Lunch  
12:30 p.m. . . . . Bingo  
noon . . . . . Clogging\*  
12:30 p.m. . . . . Dupe. Bridge

### Monday 7/19

8:45 a.m. . . . . Golf League-Men  
9 a.m. . . . . Stretch & Strength  
10 a.m. . . . . Body Recall  
11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. . . . . Sundry Shop Open  
noon . . . . . Lunch  
12:30 p.m. . . . . Pinochle  
1 p.m.-3 p.m. . . . . Healing Touch  
2 p.m.-3 p.m. . . . . Computer-Beginners  
6:30 p.m. . . . . Clogging\*

### Tuesday 7/20

9 a.m. . . . . Panera Bread  
9:30 a.m. . . . . Line Dance\*  
9 a.m.-11 a.m. . . . . Computer Class-Intro.  
10 a.m. . . . . Asian Pacific  
10:30 a.m. . . . . Bookmobile  
noon . . . . . Lunch  
12:30 p.m. . . . . Bingo  
1 p.m.-3 p.m. . . . . Computer Class-Internet  
Please Do Not Eat The Daisies Trip

### Wednesday 7/21

9 a.m. . . . . Stretch & Strength  
9 a.m. . . . . Golf League-Women  
9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. . . . . Massage Therapy  
10 a.m. . . . . Body Recall  
11 a.m. . . . . Blood Pressure  
11 a.m. . . . . TOPS Class  
noon . . . . . Lunch  
12:30 p.m. . . . . Clogging\*  
2 p.m.-4 p.m. . . . . Estate Planning

\*Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Phone (248) 347-0414.

All other activities are held at the Novi Senior Center at Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road (just north of Ten Mile Road, on the west side).

age. Savings average 20 or 25 percent.

Ultimately, he says seniors should explore their options, such as ordering from Canada, comparing costs from one drug store to another, and seeking generics.

"I would suggest to all seniors to ask their doctor if there is a generic drug in place of what

they're taking," Main added. "Generics are always less expensive."

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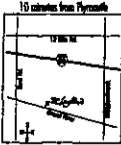
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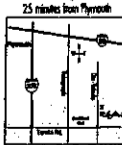
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**Earning their accolades**  
The Novi Wildcats were very well represented on this year's HomeTown All-Area Soccer Dream Team. The Player of the Year? That's an obvious answer.  
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**Swinging for the fences**  
Matt Nickels has never been scared of chasing a dream. Last fall, he was selected as an All-State soccer player and he quickly looked forward to the baseball season — which paid off.  
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**Regional Marketplace**  
Michael Ruggiero and brother Michael have more than 15 years of combined experience in cleaning carpets, with another 10 years of practical experience in cleaning home ventilation or duct systems.  
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Just look around, the motivation is there

Have you ever thought about the challenge of weight loss? Something tells me most of you have.

From the cover of magazines to television to even walking through the mall and window shopping, all of us get a big glimpse of what society wants us to be. We need to wear tight shirts that reveal the ripple of our abs and, for the women, short skirts and tiny-bitty clothes that reveal just about everything else.

I know seeing this has brought to my mind on numerous occasions that question of what if? What if I were skinnier? What if I shed some of this weight and declared myself fit for life? What if I did something about my condition?

For those of you who don't know me, my condition is one of obesity. If you check the charts about body mass, they tell you I'm morbidly obese. The simpler numbers are this: I tipped the scales at 345 with a 58-percent body fat just four weeks ago.

Then, I decided to do something about it.

There's this great little gym in Northville you may, or may not, have heard of. It's called the Water Wheel and it's owned and operated by Chris Klebba. All kinds of fitness levels work out there. From myself, who is a beginner, to former Wildcat football sensation Matt Murray, there are all kinds of age groups and fitness levels that go to the Water Wheel. All of them are welcome and all of them are encouraged to attend.

I've spoken to Chris on numerous occasions for numerous reasons but it wasn't until recently that the subject of my weight loss came up. He and his staff were more than happy to see what they can do for me. We decided the Apex program would be the best for me, which took a complete readout of my calorie intake and my work-out ability and spit out a meal plan and helped devise a work out for me.

My personal trainer (slave driver?) Aaron Pinar has been wonderful. He kept the diet to things I like, even allowing me to eat pizza and chocolate shakes. I'm not starving in any way — not even close. In fact, there are times that I can't finish what I've got on my plate.

The program, thus far, has worked well for me. I've been on it for a month now and I'm proud to report I've lost 15 pounds. My goal is to drop 150 pounds in three years. That's not unreasonable. Heck, just the first of 36 months, I've dropped 10 percent of my goal.

I know not all months will be like this, I don't expect them to be. I now realize I'm in control of this destiny. Yeah, I've been fat my entire life. It was a lifestyle I started to be fine with — almost comfortable with.

All of that changed one day when I didn't want to go out and play with my 2-year-old daughter, Shaylyn, because it was too hot out.

I'm determined not to let that happen again. She's two. She wants to play. She wants to run and laugh and scream because of ants chasing her. She wants to enjoy her childhood and I'm not going to let her daddy ruin that.

Instead, I'm going to go out and play with her. I'm going to chase her and tickle her and I'm going to be the best daddy I can be to the most precious person in my life.

Every day and every pound lost makes me that much more capable of doing the things she wants to do. When it's all said and done, I hope to be out there long enough that it's her who wants to go back inside because she's worn out.

Everyone has this kind of motivation to go out and lose that weight. I know it's hard. I've been packing it on for 24 years now. But, you have to. You'll feel better for it, I promise. You'll feel great.

Just give the Water Wheel a call. Each and everyone of the staff members over there are waiting to hear from you. They want to help you help yourself. Let them.

Enjoy life. Every moment of it.

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# SPORTS & MORE

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## We're going to Disney World!

### Premier soccer girls to play in national tournament

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

It has been one heck of a year for Northville and Novi soccer.

Not only did the Northville high school team win the state championship in Division I this year, but members of that team combined with incredible talent from Novi players and other areas to win their respective Regional soccer titles with the Michigan Hawks — a premier soccer program.

The U15 Hawks team earned a Region 2 title with three members of their squad hailing from Northville. Vanessa Bailey, Casey Pedersen and Dani Toney helped their team to a championship. From Novi, Stephanie Crawford, Kristine Chaklos, Katie and Kellie Walker, Kelli Corless, Emily Esbrook and Jessica Berndt pushed their team to victory.

The U18 squad earned the same honor with three of their own Northville players. Lindsay Hill, Deanne Kubas and Nicole Cuzzillo used their immense abilities to push their team to a major victory. Novi's own Moe Pawlak also graces that team with his presence, as does Nikki Herrmann.

The U14 team won their Region 4 as well. Three Novi Wildcats, who haven't been members of the high school yet, made some big noise. Katie Chaklos, Jenna Carosio and Jamie Fratto showed the future of Novi soccer is a bright one as they helped their team to the title.

The three teams are going to be headed to Orlando, Florida to compete against the best teams in the nation in the national championship tournament.

"We leave in about a week," Northville's Hill said Monday. "We're all going to Disney World."

Both teams are ranked first in the nation according to the website www.nationalsoccerranking.com, making them major fixtures in the sights of many teams.

"It's great, but they are definitely going to be shooting for us," Novi's Crawford said. "They are all going to be coming after us right now, but we work together as a team and we can get passed that. It gets nerve-racking, but we can handle it as a team."

The Michigan Hawks are slim, yet powerful. Hill said the U18 team doesn't bring the size other teams are known to sport on the field. In the end, it's not the size of the Hawk in the game.

"We have a much smaller team, but we've got the skills," Hill said. "We're determined too."

### Younger, but just as good

The U15 squad brings plenty of talent to the table as well.

Though the team is younger than their U18 counterparts, they just go to show soccer is up and coming despite having so many players in the game in this area already.

In fact, Hill said she can see the future and it is good.

"I'm hoping it overtakes football with all its glory," she said. "Football gets way too much credit. I'm glad girls soccer finally showed them up. I'm proud of it."

The U15 squad not only proves how powerful the girls of that age are when put together on one team, but also how strong the area teams will be in the coming years.

"There are a lot of Novi players at the various levels," Crawford said. "I think it really shows how much talent this area has."

### You win some, you win some more

The U15 Hawks started the Region 2 tournament off with a win over Ohio South, 3-2, before moving on and defeating the northern counterparts with a 2-0 shutout over Ohio North.

The squad then beat Iowa 3-0 before advancing to the semi-finals. There, they topped Indiana, 3-1, to advance to the regional final.

To move on into the national tournament, the U15 Hawks had to go into overtime against Missouri. They topped their foes with a 2-1 win in the sudden-death overtime.

"There were a lot of tough games in the Regional," Crawford said. "We're pretty confident going to Orlando. We work really well together and we should hopefully get some wins. That will be really exciting if we do."

The U18 team had a similar path. The team took on Wisconsin and beat them, 4-2, before moving on and crushing Nebraska, 9-0.

"I don't think there are a lot of soccer teams in Nebraska," Hill noted.

Hill started her squad off on the right foot in the Region. Having played defender for Northville's state championship team, she didn't have much of a chance to score a goal. As a midfielder for the Hawks, the chance presented itself and she jumped on it.

Hill scored the first goal of the tournament as she came in hard on a corner kick, tapped it around her defender and fired it home for a 1-0 lead over Wisconsin before her squad finished them off.

Against Illinois, the U18 girls escaped with a 1-0 win to advance



Courtesy Photos

ABOVE: The U15 Hawks have seven Novi girls: Front row (left to right): Kellie Walker, Stephanie Crawford, Katie Walker; Back row: Jessica Berndt, Emily Esbrook, Kristine Chaklos and Kelli Corless. BELOW: The U14 girls have three Novi representatives: Katie Chaklos, Jenna Carosio and Jamie Fratto.

to the semifinals and then topped Ohio South, 3-1, to move onto the finals.

There, the squad had their hands full, but walked away with a 1-0 win over Illinois MWL for the Region title and a berth into the national tournament.

"Illinois was really good," Hill said. "It was definitely some intense competition."

Hill, who will be playing against the best competition in the nation at the Division I University of Maine this fall, will join Michigan State recruit Pawlak along with Kansas' Nicole Cuzzillo to help try and take home a national title.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance," she said. "We just have to keep playing the way we have been playing. That's the only thing we can do. We'll hopefully pull it through. I think we have a really good chance."

The U14 team has a very similar ride compared to that of their fellow Hawks. In their opening game, they crushed Nebraska, 5-0, before moving on to defeat Ohio South, 2-0.

In the quarterfinals, the U14 girls faced off against Minnesota. Their foes proved to be the first to get on



the board against the young Hawks, but one goal was all they would see as Michigan beat them 3-1. In the semifinal, they fell behind 1-0 but came back to defeat Kansas 2-1 to advance to the finals. There, Michigan shut out Chicago, 2-0, to earn their berth.

"It's a great experience," Crawford said. "It's unbelievable. All of us are going to have a great time. It's just amazing."

## Campers will learn ins and outs of football

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

How does one make it to the state semifinals in football? Practice, practice, practice.

No one knows it better than Novi football coach Tab Kelleporey and his diligent staff or his players.

What does it take to get to the state finals? All of the aforementioned practice as well as some talent, determination and dedication. Oh yeah, and a football camp to boot.

The Novi Wildcats football team will be holding three camps next week. Each will be at the practice facility, which is located on the east side of the school just south of the tennis courts. With

construction holding things up at this juncture, the best way for prospective campers to reach the field is through Powers Park by entering the southeastern most gate.

There will be four levels of camps: Varsity, junior varsity, freshman and youth.

"The youth and freshman camps will focus on the fundamentals of the game," Kelleporey noted. "The varsity and JV camps will focus on the more advanced schemes."

The camps are open to any player from any school district in the appropriate group. The youth group is open to grades fourth through eighth.

The varsity and JV camps are slated to begin July 19 and run



## Jaguars take second loss

The Detroit Jaguars suffered their second loss of the season with a 2-4 loss against the undefeated Fort Wayne Fever last week.

The Jaguars, now 7-2 on the season, and Fort Wayne, which is 4-0, battled to fight for the top spot in the conference.

"Unfortunately for us, this game may affect whether or not we will make playoffs a month from now," said head coach Laura Fedrigo. "We had a rough game and started out flat. We had to make changes due to a few last minutes adjustments to the line-up."

The Jaguars, coming off a weekend win over Windy City and winning the Open USASA Region II cup, had split the team for events. Two of Detroit's crucial starters Abby Shepherd and Heather Pedersen

were not at 100-percent. Pedersen ended up being unable to compete after warming up with the team. Shepherd played the first half, but was substituted at half time.

"Whenever you make a decision to compete in multiple events or split up the team, you are always taking a chance," Fedrigo said. "A few of the players played five to six games last weekend. There is no way that you can compete with a team like Fort Wayne playing at 80, 90 percent. They outworked us all over the field."

The Jaguars will continue their July schedule hoping to pull off an upset at Chicago so they have a chance to qualify for playoffs. In addition, they will be training with their U23 squad to prepare for Nationals in August in Orlando, Florida.





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## Look out for debit card fees

"Credit or debit?" It's a familiar question to millions of consumers who use debit cards to make purchases. With more than 285 million now in circulation, debit cards have become a popular form of payment.

When a consumer uses a debit card to make a purchase, the amount and sales tax are deducted from the cardholder's checking account. Some cardholders, however, are discovering that financial institutions are debiting their accounts for more.

About 25 percent of all financial institutions charge cardholders a fee for making purchases using their Personal Identification Number (PIN). PIN-use fees range from 25 cents to \$1, according to a study by Boston-based research firm Dove Consulting. The financial institutions surveyed impose no fees for signature-based transactions, which require cardholders to sign for their purchases.

In fact, some banks and credit unions are rewarding their members with perks such as free air miles and cash rebates for selecting "credit" instead of "debit" on the point of sale device keypad. And it's pretty clear why. Financial institutions impose fees on merchants to cover the costs associated with the debit card transaction process. Where merchants pay a pittance in processing fees for PIN-based transactions—just 10 to 38 cents per transaction—they can pay as much as 2 percent of the total purchase in processing fees when customers sign for the purchase.

Fees appear to have deterred few debit cardholders from using their PIN to conduct transactions. Given the choice of either credit or debit, 45 percent of cardholders prefer to enter a PIN, and 38 percent prefer to sign for the purchase, according to the American Bankers Association-commissioned "2003/2004 Study of Consumer Payment Preferences."

### Disclosure issues

Unlike ATMs, points of sale devices don't disclose fees associated with PIN-based transactions. Cardholders find out these fees in their monthly statement.

The Federal Reserve Board has, at the request of the United States Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, undertaken a study about disclosures of debit card fees. They're asking the public to weigh in on whether existing disclosures adequately inform consumers of fees imposed by the financial institution that has issued the debit card.

If you've been socked with a fee and think current disclosures aren't adequate, consider logging on to the Federal Reserve's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/generalinfo/foia/ProposedRegs.cfm>. Click on "Other Proposals" in the middle of the screen and look for "Study on Disclosures of Debit Card Fees." This isn't the appropriate forum for complaining about bank fees; rather, it's an opportunity to let policy makers know how you feel about the way in which fees are disclosed to you. You have until July 23, 2004, to express your views on the matter. (For a description of the study go to <http://www.federalreserve.gov/boarddocs/press/bcreg/2004/20040518/attachment.pdf>.)

One final thought: additional disclosure could likely lead to more signature-based transactions, which could cost you more in the end. Merchants may feel compelled to increase prices of goods and services to cover the cost of debit card processing fees.

Separately, look for your paycheck to have a little more girth. Effective Thursday, July 1, the Michigan Income Tax rate will drop one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.9 percent. The reduction marks the final phase of the 0.5 percent reduction enacted in 1999. The reduction was delayed from Jan. 1, to help balance the state budget. For more information visit [www.michigan.gov/treasury](http://www.michigan.gov/treasury).

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## Rugg Brothers offer clean sweep

Rugg Brothers Carpet Care, Inc. was founded by Patrick and Michael Ruggiero. The Ruggiero Brothers have more than 15 years worth of combined experience in cleaning carpets, with another 10 years of practical experience in cleaning home ventilation or duct systems.

In addition to carpet and ventilation cleanings, Rugg Brothers offers emergency water removal. The business has available for rent high-speed carpet fans to dry your house and carpet quickly and effectively.

Michael Ruggiero said that among the frequent questions asked is how often a residential carpet should be cleaned. Depending on the amount of traffic and the frequency of vacuuming, Ruggiero said that home carpeting should be cleaned every six to 12 months.

The business is certified through the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification. (For information, visit the company's web site at [www.iirc.org](http://www.iirc.org).)

Ruggiero said that the company offers several types of cleaning packages, tailored to best suit the needs of a home. The most preferred and popular method is through hot-water extraction, commonly known as steam cleaning.

Ruggiero said steam cleaning is also the method most frequently recommended by leading carpet manufacturers.

Other methods of cleaning include Showroom Preconditioning, which applies safe, non-toxic, non-flammable pre-conditioning agents to loosen dirt and oils that vacuum cleaners cannot remove. Once cleaned, the company offers a Scotchgard™ carpet protector.

The confidence of the Rugg Brothers is demonstrated by the company's guarantee policy. "You get the most thorough cleaning ever or it's free," Ruggiero said. "If you are not completely satisfied with the service experience you received from our company, we will rush back to your location to remedy the situation. If you are still unimpressed, you owe us nothing and we will provide a 100 percent refund."

Rugg Brothers will give you a fair price for your carpet and duct cleaning needs. Call them at (248) 446-2008 for a free carpet or duct cleaning quote with no hidden prices.

Rugg Brothers offers a free carpet inspection and written quote; a 100 percent money-back guarantee backed by years of service; fabulous carpet and upholstery cleaning at a fair price; and the credibility of being an IICRC certified firm.

### How often should duct systems be cleaned?

The frequency of duct-system cleaning depends on several fac-

tors, not the least of which is the preference of the homeowner. Some of the things that may lead a homeowner to consider more frequent cleaning include:

- Smokers in the household.
- Pets that shed high amounts of hair and dander.
- Water contamination or damage to the home or HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) system.
- Residents with allergies or asthma who might benefit from a reduction in the amount of indoor air pollutants in the home's HVAC system.
- After home renovations or remodeling.
- Prior to occupancy of a new home.

### Free audit available

Rugg Brothers Inc. offers the following pledge to its customers:

For those who demand excellence — the cleaner cleans for health and provides you with the best service. If you are tired of companies that bait and switch, call us for a free carpet audit. Rugg Brothers can clean your carpets, upholstery, and duct work/fair vents. Call Rugg Brothers for emergency water extraction, pet accidents and all your mini-disasters.



From spills to ground-in dirt, Rugg Brothers has solutions to clean the toughest jobs.

## Common mistakes when hiring a cleaner

It is to your advantage to use professional carpet cleaners because their experience enables them to do a better job than you can do yourself. Their equipment has more extraction power than the rental units available to individuals, and the carpet should dry more quickly.

True professionals also understand the equipment, know the proper cleaning agents for the situation at hand, and recognize the differences in fibers and carpet construction.

However, as with all trades and businesses, some cleaners may not be as honest as others. Rugg Brothers offers the following tips for avoiding the wrong cleaner.

### Mistake #1: Choosing a cleaner based on low price.

Don't be scammed by a low price offer. As shown on 20/20, low price ads and coupons are commonly used to bait you into a high priced rip-off. Reputable carpet cleaners don't advertise at prices that sound too good to be true. Don't risk the thousands of dollars of carpeting in your home to low-price come-ons.

### Mistake #2: Hiring a cleaner over the phone.

Professional carpet cleaning is not a one-size-fits-all service. Professional cleaners insist on

knowing if your carpet is nylon, wool, polypropylene, olefin, or a blend of fibers, before prescribing the best cleaning method. Reputable cleaners inspect your carpet, answer questions, and give you a written quote.

### Mistake #3: Not asking for credentials.

The Institute of Inspection, Cleaning, and Restoration Certification (IICRC) is the certifying body for professional carpet cleaners. IICRC certified firms have committed to cleaning by industry-accepted guidelines, and passed certification exams. Ask if your cleaner is IICRC certified.

### Mistake #4: Hiring a cleaner that does not offer a written guarantee.

A written guarantee backed by a reputable firm takes the risk out of hiring a carpet cleaner. Make sure the cleaner you hire offers a written guarantee, and has been in business long enough to assure you he'll be around to back it up.

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### TEST YOUR CARPET-CARE KNOWLEDGE

**Question 1)** Tan colored residential carpeting can hide an entire pound of dirt in only a single square foot of carpet before it looks dirty. True or False?

**Question 2)** According to IICRC Standards, how often should homeowners with children or pets have their carpeting cleaned? Is it every 3 months, every 6 months, or annually?

**Question 3)** What is the best time of the year to clean your carpet if fleas from pets are a concern? Is it winter, spring, summer or fall?

**Question 4)** What is the most important reason to clean your carpet regularly? A) To prevent carpet wear. B) To improve indoor air quality. C) To improve appearance.

### Answers

**1)** True! A single square foot of carpet can hide an entire pound of dirt. If you wait to clean until you notice soiling, your carpet is very dirty.

**2)** The IICRC issues standards for professional carpet cleaning that recommend cleaning every six months.

**3)** Fall or winter after the first frost is the best time to clean for fleas.

**4)** All are equally important reasons to clean your carpeting on a regular basis. Clean carpet lasts longer, looks great, and helps keep the indoor air you breathe healthy.



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