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Seniors scream for it

Though it was one of the month's cooler days, it didn't stop 77 seniors from gathering at the City of Novi Senior Center last Wednesday to enjoy ice cream sundaes. Senior Center volunteers scooped out nearly eight gallons of vanilla and chocolate Guernsey ice cream to those who attended the social.

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OBITUARIES

Scott Raymond Frere, 38

Michael Bedzk, 84

Earl G. Barnes, 82

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Tanker of sludge overturns

A tanker filled with sludge, the solution produced by water and sewage treatment processes, overturned late Tuesday morning in Wixom, closing the intersection of Wixom Road and Pontiac Trail for several hours.

Hazardous material workers were on site, but no evacuations were required at nearby homes or businesses.

Wixom Police were on site during the aftermath, and Oakland County Sheriff's Department deputies also assisted on the call.

No other vehicles were involved in the accident, and there were no reported injuries, according to Wixom police.

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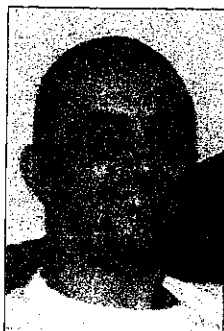
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Artan Sulstarova

Stabbing suspect sought

Victim found in bathtub; card game ends in 24-year-old's murder

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Wixom police are still searching for a man charged in a fatal stabbing the night of Aug. 11 at the Bristol Square Apartment Complex in Wixom.

An arrest warrant was issued Aug. 12 for the murder of Klevis

Mullali, 24. The warrant names Artan Sulstarova, a 28-year-old Albanian of Wixom.

Sulstarova has been charged with first degree pre-meditated murder, second degree murder in the alternative and felonious assault.

Police describe him as 6-foot, 220 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes. He is considered

armed and dangerous.

Wixom police said five men were playing cards at the apartment complex off of Beck Road north of I-96 when an argument broke out. Police received a call early the morning of Aug. 12 from someone at the apartments telling them they should check out the complex.

his bathtub.

Anyone with information about Sulstarova's whereabouts as asked to call 1-888-TURN-1-IN.

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Police observe 50 years

Festivities include tours, car shows, entertainment

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

The City of Novi Police Department will celebrate a half-century of service to the community from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 28 with activities for all ages.

The event will take place at police headquarters, 45125 W. Ten Mile Road between Novi and Taft roads.

More than 500 people are expected to attend the 50th anniversary celebration, which is open to the public.

A ceremony will take place at 11:30 a.m. in which police department staff from past and present will be recognized and honored.

Lunch on-site following the ceremony will be provided courtesy of Carrabba's Grill in Novi. Hot dogs and other refreshments will also be available.

The public will be able to tour the police department and a Vintage Car Show will feature more than 25 police cars from across Michigan.

A Specialty Car Show will feature vehicles from such organizations as the Michigan State Police and Oakland County Sheriff's Department. In this hands-on show, children will be able to experience an up-close look at various public safety vehicles.

K-9 unit dogs will provide demonstrations, and a kids' area will feature a moonwalk,

Novi's only police chiefs take a look back at the department on page 2A.

inflatable obstacle course, a clown and face painting.

The Jump Cuts, a jump blues band from the Metro Detroit area, will provide entertainment.

Top sponsors for the event include Carrabba's Italian Grill, Providence Hospital, O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home, Telcom Credit Union and Varsity Lincoln-Mercury.

For more information, call Community Relations at (248) 735-5628.

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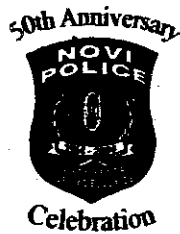


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Preparation

Caitlin Hinman, center, and other members of the Novi High School marching band flag squad work on their routine last week in the Novi Middle School cafeteria. The first home football game will be Friday Sept. 3. For the full story on the band, please see page 8.

DEADLY GAS: Novi man acquires cancer from high levels of radon

Sump pump by basement became vehicle for deadly gas

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Tom Williams of Novi thought he was improving his health when he exercised in his basement five times a week for 25 years.

Ironically, he was actually causing himself to acquire lung cancer from exposure to radon through a sump pump in his own home.

The Williams have lived in their home on Clover Lane in Whispering Meadows subdivision south of Nine Mile and east of Meadowbrook roads for more than 25 years. Although he hasn't been able to work since the end of March, Tom is a lieutenant with the Wayne State University Police Department, and Judy has taught at Novi Middle School for 10 years.

Tom, 56, has never smoked, doesn't live with a smoker, and has led a healthy lifestyle. In fact, he was a scuba instructor at Oakland Community College for 27 years.

He started having symptoms last winter.

"I started going to the doctor around February 1, because I had this cough that just wouldn't go away," he said. Then one day, he had a searing pain in his right lung.

"It was like someone stabbing me," he recalled.

His primary care physician thought he had asthmatic bronchitis. Next, he saw a pulmonary spe-

cialist, who thought it was pneumonia, and he was treated for that without success. A biopsy eventually revealed a cancerous tumor in his right lung and cancer in his lymph nodes.

Years ago, the Williams tested their basement for radon gas and received a healthy, below normal rating.

"We thought our home had no radon problem," Judy said.

They checked the level again in May, however, after learning from Tom's oncologist that radon is one of the causes of the type of lung cancer — adeno carcinoma — a non-smoker's lung cancer affecting Tom.

The radon level had jumped to 13.9pCi/L, while 4.0pCi/L constitutes a need for immediate action, according to Environmental Protection Agency standards and Real Estate transactions, Judy said.

"It would be illegal to sell a home with the high level of radon found in our basement," Judy explained.

Four follow-up test kits were placed in various areas of their home, confirming similar levels of radon in the basement, with reduced levels on the main floor. Their neighbors' homes have been tested at low levels.

The couple had Peak Environmental Radon Reduction Company of Birmingham install a Radon Reduction System for about \$850, plus a new sump pump.

Radon is a non-odorless, invisible gas that occurs with the breakdown of uranium, which was left in many areas of the Midwest 10,000 years ago. Clay soil seems particularly susceptible. The relatively heavy gas seeps into base-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Tom and Judy Williams stand outside their Novi home, a few feet away from their radon reduction system vent. Tom has an advanced stage cancer that was probably caused by exposure to radioactive radon gas in their basement.

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Conversing with the Chiefs

Novi's finest to celebrate 50 years of service

Editor's note: Pam Fleming, Novi News staff writer, recently talked with former Novi Chief of Police Lee Begole and current Chief of Police Doug Shaeffer about 50 years of law enforcement in Novi.

NN: Can you tell me something about your backgrounds and how long you've both been with the department?

SHAEFFER: Lee started this police department. He was the founder, at one time the only police officer and the only chief for 38 years. The Novi Police Department is held in high esteem everywhere you go, by every agency in the United States today. Most of that is because of Lee Begole. He started this and set the values that this organization enjoys today.

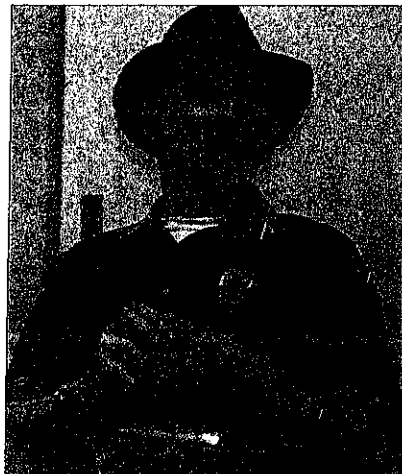
BEGOLE: When the department started in 1954, I was living at the Fire Hall. I was the director of public safety, but I was in charge of the fire department, and we had no police department. We had a contract with the Oakland County Sheriff which provided two deputies from 4 to midnight. They each worked a five-day week, so most days we had a one-person patrol car and in effect we had minimal police protection.

NN: Were a lot of Novi's roads dirt roads at that time?

BEGOLE: Yes they were, and there was no freeway. Novi Road was very busy. There was no other way to go north and south. Grand River took the traffic between Lansing and Detroit. It was the main thoroughfare for this portion of the state, and it was a three-lane mainline with head-on collisions on a regular basis because drivers would pull out to pass. That's what necessitated a police department.

Another factor was that we also had the world famous Walked Lake Casino with the big-name bands coming in plus the Walked Lake Amusement Park, also thousands of people; it was almost impossible to control.

There were no dial phones then, so people who wanted the police



Photos by Mark Hicks/Westside Photography
Lee Begole (left) and Doug Shaeffer are the only two chiefs the City of Novi's police department has had in 50 years.



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change in law enforcement.

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SHAEFFER: I, too, had been in the military. I was in the Air Force for four years during the Vietnam War. I got out as a young man without a whole lot of skills, and joined the police department. I always wanted to give back and be in a position where I helped people, and I think just about every policeman you ever talk to you will tell you that same thing. It's very meaningful, very touching. I also wanted to find something that would be a true career, with opportunities for advancement and assure my family of some security.

NN: Now how many officers do we have now?

SHAEFFER: We have 64 officers and 32 support personnel. I've been here 13 years. I spent 23 years on the Oklahoma City Police Department. I had a nice career there and became a very early retirement system they had in place there. I retired from there, and Novi was soliciting personnel at the time. Pretty soon, I had another job. It's been a wonderful career here, and I love working in Novi. The community and the area is absolutely fabulous, and the organization itself is outstanding.

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ments through sump pumps and cracks in cement floors or walls. Judy has been tested, with doctors finding emphysema-like changes in the upper lobes of her lungs. "I have a slight cough," she said. Although their four daughters, Amy, Shelley, Bethany and Laine Williams, have not been tested, they are most concerned about Bethany, who has slept in the basement for almost 10 years and worked out with weights and on the treadmill almost nightly.

Although Tom's been diagnosed with stage four cancer, radiation has shrunk the tumor in his lung, and his current hope is a newly-approved cancer drug, Yessa, he has just started using. "I've got four daughters who are getting ready to get married, and I want to hold my grandchildren," he said.

He remains philosophical about his plight. "When we were growing up, when my late father would say something that we disagreed with, and we'd say, 'What's not fair,' he'd always say, 'What's fair got to do with it?'"

"It sounds kind of sanctimonious, but it could be that I got this disease to warn other people," he said.

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Doctor calls radon 'significant issue'

Exposure to high levels of gas can cause lung cancer

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

When Tom and Judy Williams of Novi learned that Tom had lung cancer due to high levels of radon in their home, his oncologist suggested they contact Dr. Peter Johnson, medical director, Department of Occupational Health, at Henry Ford Health System in Detroit.

"You can determine how much of the total lung cancer in a particular population is attributable to radon, but you can't determine whether a particular case of cancer was caused by radon. You can have probabilities, but not a yes/no answer," Johnson said.

Exposure to high levels of radon, however, is usually associated with lung cancer.

"A lot of the original work in this area came from studying cancer rates in miners, particularly uranium miners in the western United States, Canada, Africa and Europe," Johnson said.

Usually people who have elevated radon levels in the home go directly to abatement specialists. Fortunately, most people don't have a disease when they find the high levels of radon, he said.

"From a health point of view, this man was an exemplary individual. Unfortunately, he had this difficult situation," Johnson said.

"I gave them some phone numbers and information on the health effects from high levels of radon exposure. We also discussed abatement measures and talked about the potential ongoing risk with Judy and their daughters," he said.

The Internet has a lot of information on radon through the EPA and other environmental agencies. For more information about the health effects of exposure to indoor radon, visit www.epa.gov.

"It's a significant issue," he added.

Testing kits available from stores, county

Homeowners interested in testing radon levels in their home can purchase kits from local hardware stores or the Oakland County Health Division. The kits can be obtained at

any of the three Oakland County Health Division offices:

- 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac
- 27725 Greenfield in Southfield
- 1010 E. W. Maple in Walled Lake

Hours at all three offices are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The short-term radon test is for a minimum of four days up to one week, and costs \$10. Instructions come with the kit. Once the test is completed, it is mailed to a lab in North Carolina.

"If that comes back negative, then further testing is not required at that time," said Mark Hansell, environmental health supervisor.

If the short-term test comes back positive, a long-term test, called an Alpha Track, helps determine the extent of the radon in the home.

"The minimum on this test is three months, and the cost is \$25."

"We recommend that this stay in place for 12 months," Hansell said.

The Health Department recommends periodic testing of your home, Hansell said.

Radon testing kits should be in the lowest level in your house that you use, and closing the windows in the house for at least 48 hours.

"The availability of radon testing kits at the Oakland County Health Department has been an ongoing program for many years. During Radon Action Week, Oct. 17-25, the offices offer five kits. Radon Action Week is always the third full week of October. January is Radon Awareness Month."

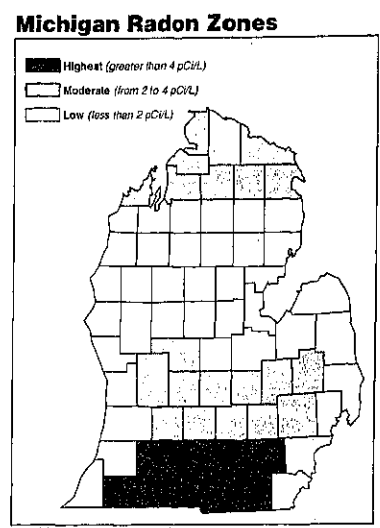
"Radon is one of those things that's always in the background. I don't think as many people are testing their homes as should be," Hansell said.

Sue Hendershot, state indoor radon specialist with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in Lansing, said Novi is an area known to have a high incidence of elevated radon levels.

"Radon is a known human carcinogen. Lung tissue is also more susceptible to radon. At 4 pCi/L, we would expect two people who are non-smokers out of 1,000 to get cancer over a lifetime. However, there is no way to determine who's going to be affected by what levels of radon," Hendershot said.

"A lot of people will test for radon but not fix the problem if the levels are high, because of the out-of-pocket expenses," she added.

If you have a radon problem, then you should test your



home every two years, according to Hendershot. If you test and don't have a problem, you may want to test at some point in the future, but it isn't necessary to test every two years unless you change something in the structure, like add on or change the heating/ventilation system.

For more information about indoor radon exposure, visit www2.deq.state.mi.us or call 1-800-RADON-GAS.

The City of Novi Building Department also has a free brochure, "Building a New Home: Have You Considered Radon?" available.

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Oranges and milk gain on fries, soft drinks

Local Wendy's restaurants offer kids fast food alternatives

By Kim Kovelko

As the carb-conscious crowd continues to gather steam, Wendy's is the latest fast-food chain to move to reduce the fat and sodium content of its menu items. Wendy's is the latest fast-food chain to move to reduce the fat and sodium content of its menu items. Wendy's is the latest fast-food chain to move to reduce the fat and sodium content of its menu items.



Jack Larson eats a spoonful of mandarin oranges offered up by his mother Kristen at Northville Township's Wendy's restaurant. Wendy's is now offering up some healthier fare for kids like lowfat milk and orange slices.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Reagan named CEO

Telecom Credit Union's Board of Directors in Novi recently named Thomas Reagan the chief president and CEO of the credit union. Reagan joined the credit union in 1999, serving as its interim CEO for the past five months.

Cosworth expanding

Rooted in Novi for the past 19 years, Cosworth Technology, Inc. on Vincent Court is currently working on expanding with business growth. According to the City of Novi, the company is consolidating operations from Dearborn and another Novi space. Cosworth's focus is Novi is automotive testing, diagnostics and powertrain solutions. Ford is one of its major customers. Developments the company hopes to achieve in the future include gaining new after-market business, working with hydrogen fuel, and getting involved in the Novi Chamber of Commerce. Cosworth employs about 100 people in Novi and looks to bring on another 30 soon.

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Seawall and residential acreage both see changes

By Kim Kovelko

Too much traffic, too much congestion, too much office space currently vacant in Novi, wrote Catherine Gallagher in a letter to the Novi Planning Commission, objecting to a proposed rezoning.

The 4.46-acre plot of residential acreage located north of Twelve Mile Road and east of Dixon Road was the subject of a public hearing last Wednesday. Before submitting preliminary site plans, prospective owner Boulder-Design needed approval for the land to be rezoned as office.

The township preferred OS-1, general office, which would allow development such as banks, barber shops, nurseries, daycares or private recreation facilities. Schmitt said general office would provide smaller buildings and less development than the proposed OS-2.

The OS-1 zoning typically is provided along major thoroughfares," Schmitt said. "There are only four properties zoned OS-2. One is getting rezoned... and the other three are already developed as small medical office buildings along Ten Mile Road."

John Vitale of Stucky and Vitale Architects said Boulder would make the switch. Nevertheless, four residents along nearby Carlton Way Dr. penned objections. Gallagher's note was typical of the dissent.

"Why build more?" Gallagher wrote. "I do not wish to live in the middle of a concrete jungle. We need to (take) more care in preserving what little green space that remains in Novi."

One writer approved, but gave no reason. The commission also ultimately approved. "I think this is the most appropriate zoning request for that property," Commissioner John Avdonos said. "The area that fronts Twelve Mile is master planned as OS-1, and what that allows is a transition from residential to another use but not being overbearing and adding congestion to residential areas."

The rezoning was recommended to City Council, pending the OS-1 change. Council is where the issue will next appear.

Another public hearing dealt with Beachwalk Apartments, located between Novi and Walled Lake roads on the south side of Fourteen Mile. Owner Lakeview Estates, LP hopes to improve landscaping - particularly by reinforcing an existing seawall along Walled Lake Road with an adjoining boulevard wall.

David Jackson, landscape architect with the property's management company Village Green Management Co., represented the project. "The owner wants to bring a 1970 vintage property into the new millennium, so he's going to spend a lot of money improving the aesthetics," Jackson said. "Part of that was this seawall is crumbling, cracked and ... being breached."

Letters from two residents stated that they don't want to see beach decking along the section of the wall. A six- to eight-foot gravel area is being proposed for boat launching purposes.

"There's no evidence of docking or mooring along the wall," Schmitt said. "Frankly, I wouldn't put my boat up against that wall in its current state."

The permit was approved.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Novi Schwab to close

Charles Schwab Corporation, the national financial services firm, reported that it will close its Novi branch on Sept. 3, and merge its operations into three other area branches.

Weaver hops aboard

Novi resident Steve Weaver recently joined Detroit-based Honigman Miller Schwartz & Cohn LLP. She'll be an associate applying her technology and intellectual property practice.

Gold award recognition

The Oakland County Drain Commissioner's Office announced last month that it was awarded with the prestigious Gold Award by the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies.

To receive the commendation, the organization or facility must consistently meet all National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit regulations in a year's time.

Weaver is admitted to the State Bar of Michigan, the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Michigan, and the United States Patent and Trademark Office. She is a member of the Michigan Intellectual Property Law Association, the American Intellectual Property Law Association, and the Oakland County Bar Association.

Novi-based OEM Micro Processing Systems, Inc., last month helped Illinois-based 1st Advantage Mortgage, LLC, become the first to register an electronic promissory note, or "eNote," on the Mortgage Electronic Registry System.

Patent-pending technology that Document Processing developed was used to electronically close a mortgage loan, which occurred during a standard settlement conference in the offices of Chicago Title in Lombard, Ill.

Novi-based OEM Micro Solutions recently announced two new models in its second generation of Mobile Tactical Computers. Designed specifically for police and fire vehicles, the MTC-212 computer provides a 13-inch monitor, and the MTC-215 has a 15-inch monitor.

The models offers a variety of features and capabilities to for mobile public safety, including higher processor speeds, brighter LCD touch screen displays and

additional input/output capacity. They also sport waterproof keyboards, thinner and narrower designs and industrial grade electronics.

The Commissioner's Office's Walled Lake-Novu Wastewater Treatment Plant was specifically cited for "outstanding a steering performance record during 2003."

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 25, 2004, at 7:30 PM in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH ADDITION SITE PLAN NUMBER 04-33, located on the south side of Ten Mile Road, west of Telford Road, for approval of a Preliminary Site Plan, Special Land Use Permit, and Storm Water Management Plan. The applicant is proposing a 28,055 square foot addition to the existing building. The subject property is approximately 11.24 acres.

LOCATION MAP 1"=2000'

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 PM, Wednesday, August 25, 2004.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION LOWELL SPRAGUE, SECRETARY (8-19-04 NN 158289)

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WAYNE, OAKLAND AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please take notice that the Board of Education of Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washington Counties, Michigan, has called a special election to be held in the school district on Tuesday, September 28, 2004.

TAKE NOTICE that the following proposition will be submitted at the special election:

OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY

This millage will enable the school district to levy the statutory rate of 19 mills on all property exempting principal residence and qualified agricultural property for the school district to receive its required per pupil foundation guarantee.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property exempting principal residence and qualified agricultural property as defined by law, in Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washington Counties, Michigan, be increased by .25 mill (50.25 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 9 years, 2004 to 2012, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2004 is approximately \$20,488.00 (this millage will be levied only to the extent necessary to restore the "Headlee" reduction)?

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION CALL TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2004, IS MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2004. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2004, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerk's must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerk's offices are open for registration.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washington Counties, Michigan.

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Novi High School marching band trombone player Alex Tullis concentrates on his posture as the band practices last week in the Novi Middle School's gymnasium. The band was at the middle school because the high school's still undergoing reconstruction.

Band camp preps for season, competitions

Construction forces students to practice at middle school

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Every year around this time, the Novi High School Band holds an intense, week-long camp so members can learn the fall show. Nothing has changed in that regard this year, but one thing about the camp is different—its location.

The band camp typically takes place at the high school, but because of all the construction going on there, it has moved to Novi Middle School. "This is a very unusual place for us to be," Director of Bands Mark Hourigan said. "The whole music wing is under renovation. They're taking practice rooms in the back of our town and choir room, plus they're adding on a whole new wing off the auditorium area. That whole area of the building is pretty much demolished right now, and we're hoping that we're going to be back there by the end of the month."

School is scheduled to start Aug. 30. The band camp has been at the middle school since July 6. Students involved had to pack up all of their instruments and large equipment.

"Our center is parked here, so we had to move our entire world over here for the summer," Hourigan said. "We are here 12

hours a day for six days, and it's where we try to get almost all, if not all, of our fall show learned."

Hourigan explained that the band has two major things it wants to accomplish during camp. There is the musical aspect of the show, which consists of one piece called the Stasia. But the Stasia is split into four sections, and the students must learn all four.

The second part is the visual aspect of the show, which is learning all of the places on the field that each individual member of the band has to be at any given time.

"The kids have been working on that music for quite some time, so we want to continue to refine that and memorize it," Hourigan said. "We need to put together the visual portion of it, and we need to coordinate that with the percussion section. We need to get all of that to work together."

Hourigan said that there are numerous pages for each piece of the music that students must learn. For example, for the first piece, there are 14 different sets, and each student has to learn coordinates to where they are on the field. The second piece is nine pages and the third piece is 13. Each student is responsible for their specific location on the field. That's why instructors are teaching them the fundamentals of marching so they know how to get from point A to point B.

Full season

The band performs during all home football games and they do a couple of parades - Memorial Day

and Homecoming - but the bread and butter of the year is their competitive season.

"We are very actively involved in MCBA, which is an acronym for Michigan Competitive Bands Association," Hourigan said. "There are many marching bands from many high schools throughout the entire state who are in this organization. We go to various shows and we're even hosting one of our own at Novi High School this year on Saturday, Sept. 11. Bands go to these shows, they perform, adjudicators are there and they critique you on areas of music, visual and how all that stuff coordinates together with percussion, color guard and all the different entities of band."

At the end of each competition, all bands participating are given a score and a place. The goal is to qualify for the state championship show, which is being held at the Pontiac Silverdome on Saturday, Oct. 30. Bands have to achieve a certain score and only the top 10 bands in each flight qualify. The flights are determined by school size, so the smaller schools are flight four and the bigger schools are flight one.

"This is a tight one school," Hourigan said. "We're competing almost every Saturday during the months of September and October," Hourigan said.

"There is a lot of work that goes into this and a lot of time and effort designing the show. We talk about what music we're going to perform, what kind of concepts are we going to use and flag design."

During camp, proud parents were busy sewing flags that band teachers had specially designed for this production. The process actually started in January.

"These kids are some of the hardest working kids in the high school. I'm convinced," Hourigan said. "Not just because they're in band, but a lot of these kids end up taking summer school in order to get band in their schedule. A lot of these kids don't have much of a summer break at all."

Historically, the Novi Band has been doing Michigan Competitive Bands Association competitions for the past 10 years or so, with this being the 11th year. Each year Novi has qualified for the state championship show and has always finished strongly.

"Our philosophy is pretty simple, we just want to go out each day, do the very best that we can while we're practicing, maximize our rehearsal time and reach our potential," he said. "If we do those things, we're going to find success at these competitions."

U of D class visits Novi

Architecture project done for various reasons

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Novi Township Hall, that small white building right by the library on the corner of Tuft and Ten Mile roads, was huzzah a couple of weeks ago, when an architecture class from University of Detroit Mercy held session there.

Lee Mamola, president of Mamola Associates Architects, is the co-professor of the class. His students were there for a final exam project in which they would study one of the Furst Barns and draw up architectural plans for renovations. Each student then presented their ideas one at a time to the rest of the class.

Mamola explained that it is quite unusual for a class from U of D to visit a suburban area like Novi because the school has, among other things, a background of promoting urban issues.

"The reason we came out to Novi is because of the marriage of two good ideas," Mamola said. "Novi, in general, was selected by the Smithsonian Museum in Washington D.C., earlier this year, to be one of the traveling sights for the Barn Again Program. Novi still retains a smattering of these little rural type characteristics, and we thought (the class should witness that)."

The other reason had to do with the fact that architecture students need to have an appreciation for, or an awareness of, how to design interior spaces as well as building things to look great on the outside.

"With something such as a barn, I think everyone has this romantic idea of what you can do with a barn space," Mamola said. "Many people think that they would like to perhaps live in a barn, or certainly have an office in a barn, or some place where they can get away and call their own private space, and it might be somewhat barn-like."

Kathy Mutch, chairman of the Novi Historical Commission and president of Preservation Novi, has been trying to promote an idea to not only save the barns, but to see what might become of them so they're more than just structures that are slowly deteriorating.

"We'll do anything we can to develop an awareness or light a spark in somebody's mind that these are possibilities for these barns," Mamola said. "It's just positive for us to have these types of opportunities."

The idea of the project was to use these barns, preserving that much of the exterior was to remain intact, and develop the students' abilities to do interior space designs. The students came out to the barns in late June and took measurements of which barn to work with. They then went back and debated what types of uses might happen.

"There were about two uses that we thought were good," Mamola said. "A child care center or some sort of an adult education center. Each had a different twist, some had a five-in-a-row, some had a day-care, and one fellow had a child care for blind or deaf children. There were different variations within the two general themes, but they could not turn the barns into new offices for the public. It's generally community based."

The students had about a month to work on their projects. One of those students, Gary Taipalus, took an historically correct perspective on his project.

"As an exercise, we took a look at the barns here and initially selected one barn with the idea of renovating it," Taipalus said. "We thought about what could we do and for what particular purpose would the change be for. Some students chose to be a little more inventive, or creative and some chose to be more traditional. All of the projects are good architecturally. It's an academic project which could actually turn out to be real, but we're not approaching it that way. We're just looking at it academically."

Novi resident Patrick DeLahanty has been named the spring 2004 Dean's List at the University of Northwestern Ohio.

Novi resident Lindsay Ziegler-Netter has been named one of six Albion College Distinguished Albion Scholars for 2004. Of 119 students competing for the honor, Ziegler-Netter was one of only six who eventually received the full tuition, room and board award, worth nearly \$23,000.

She is the daughter of Thomas Netter and Julie Netter of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

Novi resident Andrew Szumilinski was named to the Dean's List and earned a Certificate of Merit at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Lansing. She is a graduate of Novi High School and is the daughter of Angie and Duane Szumilinski.

Karen Janik of Novi was among those named to the Dean's List at Valparaiso University for spring 2004, semester. She is the daughter of Christopher and Nancy Janik and graduated from Novi High School in 2003.

Jeffrey Keewick, Rachel Weber and Jonathan Kowalski, all of Commerce Twp., and Alexander Burich, Sankya Nath and Joshua Willerton, all of Novi, were named to the Dean's List at Kettering University for the spring 2004 semester.

Novi resident Steven Dulle, Erin Gibbons and Lauren Linniger were named to the Dean's List for second semester, 2003-2004, at Miami University.

Novi residents Brendan Hadley, Chloe Clark, Erin Gibbons and John Kohl were among the graduates at Miami University during spring 2004 commencement exercises.

Novi resident Lauren Vance, a sixth grader, recently attended the Summer Youth Program (SYP) at Michigan Technological University. Students taking part in SYP attend weeklong explorations in engineering; math, science and technology; computers; outdoors and ecology; business; arts; and liberal studies. Participants not only explore career and academic areas that may not be included in

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A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, August 25, 2004. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375. Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Denise Anderson at the City of Novi Building Department 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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GUEST COLUMN

In defense of marriage? Why?

Why should we have to defend marriage? It should have never come to this. Marriage is, and has always been, the source of all life, and provided the reason to continue to live with purpose and goals in mind.

Responsibility is learned from two loving parents. What we do, or don't do, is affected by what we think our parents will think about our choices. Will it make them proud of us, or disappointed in us?

I cannot imagine a life, city, state, country, or world where marriage is the last source of inspiration, values, morals, and the wanting to lead a responsible life.

I had often wondered why there was that long section in the book of 1 Corinthians in the Bible with all of those names. After much thought, I have determined that it is given to us as a reason to think before we act. It is the tradition, the necessity of marriage, to enable this world to continue in the way it always has - generation by generation.

The marriage of a man and woman results in the continuation of life. Marriages of a man and woman which do not result in children still provides all of us with examples for others to follow, as far as being responsible, honest, fair, committed, caring, loving, loyal, and happy, as a result of it. It is not things which make one happy. It is making someone else happy which makes us happy.

The American Indian has a philosophy about life that nothing is ever done until the impact on

OPINION



Photo by Pam Fleming

LETTERS

Read all about it...
Progam was a smash!

We would like to thank the many members of our community who made the Novi Public Library's 2004 Summer Reading Program a great success.

No. 1's young people spent an unbelievable amount of time reading this summer. Participation in the Summer Reading Program increased by 300 percent, bringing our total registration to over 1,650 children. These children logged over 15,000 hours of reading during the six-week program. Our team of 80 volunteers signed up kids for the Summer Reading Program, assisted at the Arts and Crafts programs, helped with Wednesday Special Events programs, passed out ice cream at our Concert Finale, and assisted with lots of book shovings and other jobs. Thanks also to the moms, dads, grandparents, and caregivers who brought their children to the Novi Public Library and encouraged reading.

Special thanks go to the Friends of the Novi Public Library for their ongoing support and dedication to our programs.

We also owe a large debt of gratitude to the many local organizations that supported and encouraged our efforts. They are: 7-11, Renaissance, Chateau 855, Clark's, Church of Christ, Cold Stone Creamery, Community Financial, Dry Ice @ Twelve Oaks, Emagine Theatre, Gala Hallmark @ Twelve Oaks, Guernsey Farms Dairy, McDonald's, Michaels Arts and Crafts, Stone, Mervyn's, Mulligan's, Novi Bowl, Novi Dairy Queen, Novus Access, Olive Garden of Novi, Pizza Hut, Ponderosa, Skatini Station, Target, and Zap Zone.

Many thanks also go to the Novi, Northville, and Walled Lake school districts, which kindly distributed our program brochures in their schools.

Finally, we would like to express appreciation to the Novi Summer for your splendid coverage of our Summer Reading Program.

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 Novi Public Library's Youth & Teen Services Department

Are you ready for some football?

Novi Wildcat Football is currently in full swing. The team has been hard at work conditioning and practicing in pursuit of another winning season.

On Saturday, Aug. 21, our Novi Wildcat football team will be selling Novi Restaurant Discount Cards for \$10. These cards will give you 10 percent off food at 14 local Novi restaurants that have so generously agreed to support our Novi football team. If you do not have an opportunity to buy a card on Aug. 21, please visit our Web site for purchase details. www.novifootball.com

The season begins on Friday, Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. at Chelsea. Our first home game will be Friday, Sept. 3, against Pinkney. We encourage those who work and live in the community to support our team. Paint your vehicles, storefront windows, hang banners, show your GREEN and WHITE WILDCAT spirit! The community support was huge in 2003. Let's see what our great community of Novi can do in 2004!

Share your opinions: We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Generally, it is our policy to run no more than one letter from each person every 30 days. **Mail:** Letters to the Editor, Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167 **E-mail:** cbstone@hthomecomm.net **Fax to:** (248) 349-9832

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Female purging, macho madness or political slaughter?

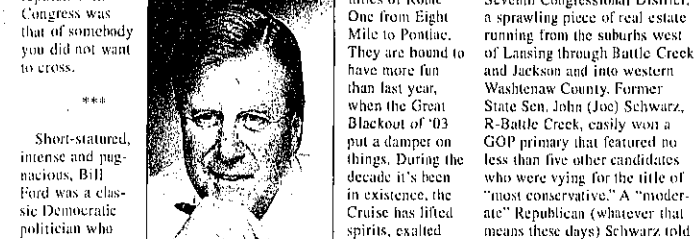
Girls, ladies, women. Are they a vanishing breed? Or are they still with us? Well, ladies, you decided! In just the past three months at least nine women have been replaced with men by the LCCC (Ladies, Council, and Committee) of our City. They have held important and vital roles, have worked extremely hard, and they have served our community well. Why are they being replaced? Or are they still with us? Well, ladies, you decided! In just the past three months at least nine women have been replaced with men by the LCCC (Ladies, Council, and Committee) of our City. They have held important and vital roles, have worked extremely hard, and they have served our community well. Why are they being replaced? Or are they still with us? Well, ladies, you decided!

OTHER OPINIONS

Notes on a midsummer's most recent news events

Former U.S. Rep. William D. Ford died last Saturday. He represented western Wayne County and Downriver communities during his 30 years in Congress, where he chaired the powerful House Education and Labor Committee, and before that the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee. I first knew him when I worked for another Michigan congressman; Ford's reputation in Congress was that of somebody you did not want to cross.

The Wendover Dream Cruise zambles to life again this week, enchanting more than a million spectators lined up along 16 miles of Route One from Eight Mile to Pontiac. They are bound to have more fun than last year, when the '03 Blackout of '03 put a damper on things. During the decade it's been in existence, the Cruise has lifted spirits, exalted our hometown industry and made retro automotive design a fashionable statement. That's a great record, and one that still stirs the heart of yours truly who, at age 17, wanted nothing more than to go cruising' down Woodward Avenue.



Phil Power
 Short-statured, intense and pug-nacious, Bill Ford was a classic Democratic politician who did a great job representing his working class constituency.

"The AFL-CIO sent me to Congress; the AFL-CIO keeps me in Congress; and the AFL-CIO will tell me when to leave Congress," he once told an AFL-CIO gathering, which explains why his opponents tried to pigeonhole him as a "labor stooge." Ford never forgot that his immigrant father died at age 42 in a factory fire (which the company tried to deny) and he made workplace safety one of his top priorities.

Ford was a leader in a generation of liberal Democratic politicians who made no bones about their belief that government had an important role to play in improving the lives of workers and poor people, and who were quite prepared to play political hardball to achieve their objectives. Ford soldiered on, partisanship and ideology notwithstanding, during a period when neo-liberalism became increasingly unpopular. So perhaps his deci-

Phil Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 933-2047 or ppower@homecomm.net.

Letting elephants go shows Kagan's progressive nature

Whatever their politics and whether their views of what's happening in the state and the nation, just about everyone in Michigan in recent years has been happy about one thing: The Detroit Zoo.

That is, until the director, Ron Kagan, announced a startling decision this spring. This fall, he will send away the zoo's two Asian elephants, Wanda and Winky, because he feels it is not fair to keep them in captivity.

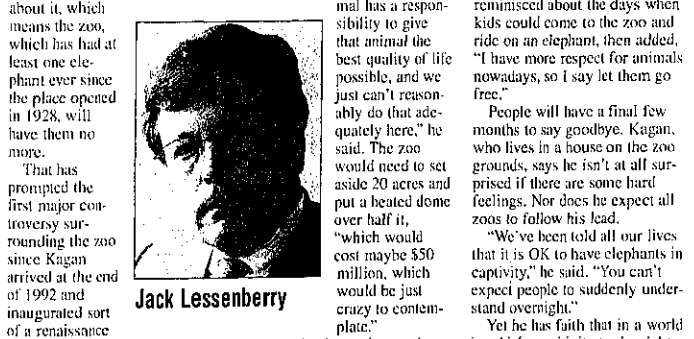
And they won't be replaced as long as he has anything to say about it, which means the zoo, which has had at least one elephant ever since the place opened in 1928, will have them no more.

That has prompted the first major controversy surrounding the zoo since Kagan arrived at the end of 1992 and inaugurated sort of a renaissance at the facility, which really isn't in Detroit at all, but suburban Royal Oak.

Since then, the Zoo, which by the 1980s had become a bit rundown and scum-and-ridden, has again been recognized as one of the best zoos in the country. Anyone who hasn't been there in a decade is bound to be blown away by the vast range of new exhibits and improvements.

They include the Arctic Ring of Life, which simulates a natural polar environment; a stunning Wildlife Interpretive Gallery, a vast exhibit that shows great apes in something close to their natural habitat; and, for frog and salamander lovers, the National Amphibian Conservation Center.

Attendance has soared, and the zoo has won favorable national attention in everything from industry journals to the Discovery Channel and Animal Planet. Virtually all of this was largely due to Kagan, 52, a very



Jack Lessenberry
 Currently, the zoo's two elephants live in an enclosure that is just over an acre. That's higher than industry standards, but far less than they really need. Winky, 51, and Wanda, 45, suffer from arthritis and foot problems from being confined in such a small space; elephants in the wild often roam for miles every day.

"Besides, they don't belong in cold climates, anymore than you can responsibly maintain polar bears in the deep South."

So before winter, they will be resettled in a vast wildlife refuge in either Tennessee or California, depending on reports from the American Zoological Society. Instead, the zoo will use the former elephant area to show thin-noceroses.

That decision was denounced in a Detroit News editorial, which said the zoo should keep the elephants, which offer all "don't have to worry about lions biting them on the backside."

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by Donald M. Wayne, D.D.S., M.S.
 Orthodontic Specialist

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If you are a qualified voter in the City of Novi and interested in volunteering to serve on either board, applications are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile, or by calling (248) 347-0456 to receive an application by mail or fax, or log onto the City Web Site at www.novimag.net to print out an application.

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Seniors scream for – or, at least, really enjoy – ice cream

By Kim Kovelle
STAFF WRITER

Though it was one of the month's cooler days, it didn't stop 77 seniors from gathering at the City of Novi Senior Center last Wednesday to enjoy ice cream socials.

A smiling Margaret Bunker, 81, was among them. Despite a pencil quivering in her hands that her doctor calls an "essential tremor," Bunker bought a long handled, deep-lidded silver soup spoon so she could still enjoy her dairy treat.

"I love caramel or vanilla," Bunker said. "I live here in the building and I come to all the socials. It breaks the day up."

Senior Center volunteers scooped out neatly eight gallons of vanilla and chocolate Götterwey ice cream to those who attended the social, which began at 2 p.m.

One table at a time, seniors turned on orange \$3 tickets and took their pick, discussing their desserts with full larder, caramel, nuts, strawberries and whipped cream.

While indulging and chatting, seniors received another treat: piano and vocal renditions of old-time favorites performed by long-

time regulars George and Caroline Giese.

While enjoying his ice cream scoop, Roland Heaton, 83, let in on a "scoop" of his own.

"I am one of the first city slickers" to Novi, said Heaton, explaining that he moved to the Westbrook Farm subdivision from Detroit decades ago, when Novi was still primarily "fruit orchards."

Though there wasn't much fruit on his sundae, Heaton had given it "the works" in toppings.

"I just came in and asked at the desk what the next social event was ... this morning," Heaton said. "They do an excellent job. It's social, and it's getting to know all my Novi neighbors."

After about a half hour, Senior Center Manager Jan McAlpine took the microphone to announce: "In case you haven't had enough, we do have some more ice cream. So come on down."

Eighty-year-old Dorothy Lilienthal was one of those who decided to take up McAlpine's offer. After a first helping of chocolate with chocolate syrup, she settled on vanilla and caramel for seconds.

"They have a good brand of ice cream," said Lilienthal, who lives

at the attached Meadowbrook Commons senior apartments. "I try to come to every event. It's fun to be with other people and see how they react."

Sitting next to her was George James, who, at 95, is the senior community's senior-most member.

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During dessert, Rep. Theodore McCorty (R-Michigan) made a brief appearance to pass out candies. When the eating wended down, the Gieses hosted a sing-along with songs such as "I've Got A Crush On You," "You Say, That's My Baby," and "You Made Me Love You."

An admitted "chocolate from way back," resident Lil Gieka, 73, belted out tunes with friends.

"Just howl," Gieka laughed. "I love to sing. When you live as long as I have, you know all these old songs. I love to be with the people as much as I can."

The afternoon ended with a raffle drawing, which awarded picture frame, candle holder, door hanging welcome sign and other knickknacks.

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Dorothy Lilienthal and another senior eye the chocolate and vanilla ice cream offered at last Wednesday's ice cream social, held at the City of Novi Senior Center.

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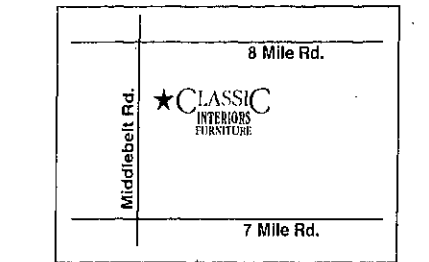
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By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER
Improved body function is the most beneficial aspect of chiropractic medicine, according to Shane Stanley owner of Stanley Chiropractic in Novi. "Your body just works better," he said. "We spend the first part of our lives making money and ignoring our health. We spend the second part of our lives spending the money on the health we ignored," he said. "I encourage people to stay healthy their whole life."
With an office at 39915 Grand River Avenue, Suite 750, in the Grand Oaks Centre, Dr. Stanley has been in practice over three years and at this location about a year and a half. "Out of the bones in the spine come the nerves that control all the functions of your body. Even a small amount of pressure on these nerves can cause the body to function less than optimally," he said. "What we do as chiropractors is find those areas that are having nerve pressure, correct those areas, and the body then functions at a higher level," he said. Dr. Stanley graduated magna cum laude from Wayne State University and was a Dean's List member of Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. "I use the Palmer Package, including Gonstead and Diversified, which are full spine techniques," he said. He believes that there are a lot of misconceptions about chiropractic. "It's more of a lifestyle that people adapt," he said. Dr. Stanley treats patients of all ages. Office hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday. He also gives seminars on chiropractic to local groups. Those interested in having Dr. Stanley speak to their group or have other questions about health-related matters, can contact him at (248) 476-7775 or at shanedc80@hotmail.com.

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Samuel, go pack your bags

I knew this was going to be a tough interview - maybe my toughest to date.

I sat down at Frogger's Smoothie Bar, cleared my throat and set a digital recorder down on the table in front of me. Immediately, I caught him glancing down at it. And then back up at me.

"Shouldn't we do this over pizza?" Samuel asked. "Maybe a Big Mac or a Whopper to wash it down with?"

I shook my head. If anything, this interview would be conducted over a turkey sandwich with light mayonnaise and wheat bread. The very thought of it seemed to disgust him.

"I'm getting real tired of this game you're playing," Samuel said.

I feigned innocence. What was he talking about?

"You brought me here, to this public place, so I wouldn't make a fuss," he spat. "You're trying to get rid of me once and for all. You can't do that, Sam.

We've been friends for a long time. We're inseparable."

That's what bothered me for so long. Samuel has been my buddy for a long time.

He's sat through Chinese buffets, all-you-can-eat pizza bars and Friday night fish fries. He was even there when I ate 20 McDonald's hamburgers in high school and was there when I couldn't quite keep down 10 Bray's hamburgers in a 20-minute eating contest.

Samuel, for those who don't know, is my obesity. He's my large (and for too long) in-charge alter ego whose little voice has always told me it's just fine to eat five burritos for dinner.

"They're only beef and beans wrapped in a flour tortilla for crying out loud," he'd bark.

But each are nearly 400 calories. Didn't he read the label?

"Labels? Those are for health-food junkies and freaks who jog every morning," Samuel retorted. "Haven't they ever heard of a car?"

I'm sure they have. I have too, but that hasn't stopped me from walking from my apartment to work nearby every day. Samuel isn't happy about that either. He can feel himself losing control.

"How much of me have you lost?" he asked, edgily.

I don't need to tell him that at last check it was 25 pounds. Samuel weighed in at about 150 pounds (the amount I'd like to shed during the next three years) when I first started working with the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville. I've used their equipment, trainers and Apex system to shed unwanted weight.

Thanks to Apex, the Water Wheel, my family and friends, Samuel now weighs 125 pounds.

"I bet you're really proud of yourself," he said flippantly, watching me down the end of his nose as I considered my dinner options: boneless skinless chicken breast sounded good. Samuel didn't mind that. But he preferred it breaded and fried. Instead I planned to grill it.

"With barbecue sauce?" he asked.

I shook my head. "No." Maybe a little salt and pepper. Boiled potatoes on the side, with a cup of French-style green beans.

Samuel wasn't so sure. "How about some dinner rolls, a bowl of chili and a slab of butter and sour cream on those potatoes?"

I stand firm. "No, Samuel. Too many calories."

"There you go again," he said. "Calories, calories, calories. You're going to start doing yoga soon, aren't you? Maybe some stinkin' Pilates?"

Pilates? Never thought of it. "But now that you mention it, why not? It does involve a lot of core muscle group exercises," I respond.

"This is stupid," Samuel groaned. "Just get a whole slab of pork ribs, gnaw on them for a while and let's call this little game over."

He continued his childish rant. He was standing on the Smoothie bar table, insistent on drawing public attention, determined to get his way.

I watched him, embarrassed. He was part of me, the part which for too long had always run things. I shook my head, then left.

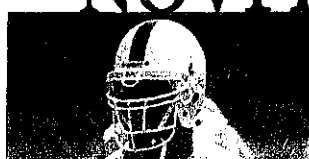
"Leaving already?" Samuel asked. "The baby getting tired of me picking on him? Go cry at the Water Wheel, baby."

I turned, and smiled. "Nah. I think I'll just go work out a little."

Samuel threw his feet into the air, citing reasons why he had always meant so much to me through the years. And he was right. I always liked being me. Then a light shone on me, through the prism of my daughter's eyes, Shaylyn.

The choice was simple. The interview was over. A new era has begun. Samuel, it was fun. But it's over. I'm committed to being a better person. I know I can do it. I'm 1/6th of the way there already.

Pack your bags, buddy. I'm evicting you.



Fall Sports Preview
Be sure to check next week for one of the most in-depth looks at Novi's sports scenes available. Our Fall Sports Preview will be in place of the regular sports section and will have complete schedules of all varsity sports.



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Hidden Lake features this European-style gatehouse and fountain for a distinctive entrance to the residential community.
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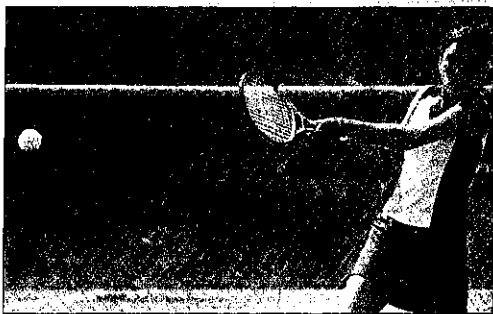
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IMPRESSIVE START



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ABOVE: First doubles player Lauren Thomas cranks a shot back at her Farmington Mercy opponents last Saturday. LEFT: Thomas' partner, Emily Holt, leaps up and prepares to fire a serve against the Mercy Marflins.

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi Wildcats tennis team is coming off the best season in school history from last year's fifth place in the state finale.

This year, the team is ranked in the top-10 by the tennis coaches' association and has already started off their season with a second place finish in the Novi Quad tournament behind Farmington Mercy.

"It was a very competitive tournament," Novi coach Jim Hanson said.

"Everyone had a great time."

The whole point is to have a lot of fun and compete in our first competition of the year.

And the Wildcats looked strong right out of the gates. They took home 20 points for second place while Mercy collected 23. Grosse Pointe North earned seven points for third and Walled Lake Central finished fourth with four points.

Novi found themselves displaying a lot of new faces in new flights. Diana Ticu, a junior, took the role of first singles player for this season. She stepped in, earned two wins over Grosse Pointe and Walled Lake, and had a great showing in her loss against Mercy, 6-3, 7-5.

"Diana is playing some incredible tennis," said Hanson. "She has definitely improved and I expect she'll continue to improve."

At two singles, junior Ayano Nakanura earned two wins, once again topping Grosse Pointe and Walled Lake. Against Mercy, Nakanura went 6-2, 6-1 in the loss.

The third single flight found Novi simply dominating. Carly Lyall, a sophomore who played one singles at the junior varsity level last year, topped all three of her opponents. Against Grosse Pointe, she earned a 6-1, 6-1 victory while topping Mercy 7-5, 6-2. Against Walled Lake she had her hardest

match of the day, going 5-7, 6-4, 6-2 for the win.

"She's a left hander with a lot of strengths," Hanson said. "She really moves you around the court and takes advantage of short balls. She's an excellent little player."

At fourth singles, Novi is utilizing the skills of a freshman in Jackie Wang. Wang earned one win in the event, topping Walled Lake Central, 6-3, 6-2.

"Dynamite comes in small packages," Hanson said of the energized freshman. "She's a freshman, but not in terms of her tennis ability. She's not afraid to attack and can play either singles or doubles."

At one doubles, two familiar faces return for the Wildcats in Emily Holt and Lauren Thomas. The duo won all three of their matches, topping Mercy in a long 6-7 (2), 6-2, 6-2 three-set match. Against Grosse Pointe, the duo earned a 6-3, 7-5 win while a 6-0, 6-0 victory was earned over Walled Lake.

"This combination is going to be strong," said Hanson. "They complement each other well."

The two doubles team is one that played with each other last year. Amanda Cassidy and Kaylan Pustover, both seniors, earned two wins — over Grosse Pointe and Walled Lake. They lost to Mercy in the hardest fought match of the day, 7-6 (5), 5-7, 7-6 (6).

At three doubles, Becky Thomson, a senior, combined talents with junior Siwei Wang for two wins. They beat Grosse Pointe and Walled Lake.

The fourth doubles team found junior Samantha Caldwell teaming up with sophomore Allison Yee. They earned three wins, beating Walled Lake 6-0, 6-3, Grosse Pointe, 6-2, 6-1 and Mercy 6-1, 6-4.

At fifth doubles, Amanda Brandenhil and Bindu Manyam, both juniors, earned two wins, topping Walled Lake and Grosse Pointe.

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Novi kicks season off in great condition, shape

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Some say the Novi Wildcats football team's motto should be "six more inches" following their head-breaking season ending game last year.

Senior quarterback Kevin Cislo agrees. Perhaps a "sit back and watch us play" motto would be more appropriate.

"We're in pretty good shape," he said of his squad. "We had a few leader practices the two weeks before the first day and went four days a week. We're in really good condition because of that and we're ready to go."

And ready to go they were when the first day of pads came about last Thursday. Collisions weren't rare as seniors wanted to prove to juniors who hit the hardest and juniors wanted to prove they belonged.

"There are some pretty good, hard-hitting juniors this year," Cislo said. "The first day of pads is always fun. It really shows who wanted to hit and who was ready."

Though the Wildcats were stru-

ting their stuff for the first full week of practice, Cislo said his team is well aware that there is a big difference between practice and game situations.

"Everyone is ready to play," he said. "We want to go against someone else instead of each other. Right now, we're excited to pick up and go from where we were last year."

Last year, the Wildcats went on a 12-game win streak before falling to Brother Rice in the semifinals. This year, Cislo said the team isn't even thinking about it.

"This is a brand-new season and we've got to start all over," he said. "But it doesn't hurt that old faces have shown up to help out a little. Quarterback Mika Hart, the starter last year, showed up to give a little advice to those fighting for the helm of the offense."

"He came to a few of the practices last week and went over a few different steps and what to do on various reads," Cislo said.

Unlike last year, the Wildcats seem to be leaning toward using their old favorite offense — the option. Cislo has plenty of snaps

last year, which gave him plenty of experience to bring to this season.

Looking at his backfield, the apparent-starting quarterback said they are looking very strong.

"We've got a lot of depth in the backfield and should be pretty good," he said. "We've got the Woods brothers back (in Josh and Jarrell) and (David) Carnegie returning as well."

They are without the powerful-looking fullback that has helped them in years past. Cislo noted looks, however, can be deceiving.

"We've got a lot of speed at fullback now and a lot of strength too," the senior said of Josh Woods.

One of the reasons the Wildcats came into the season so prepared was their leader practices, where seniors take the team through workouts without a coach on site.

"We had a lot of kids showing up to the two weeks of leader practice," Cislo said. "After practice we'd go lift and then we'd throw the ball around. We've got the

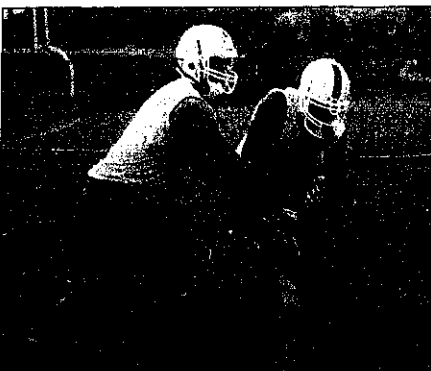


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Quarterback Kevin Cislo hands the ball off in practice.

weight room taken care of and kids are still doing it after two-a-days too."

With that kind of dedication already in the season, the question of how competitive Novi is going to be on the gridiron is an easy one to answer — they'll be very com-

petitive.

"We'll be competing every game," Cislo said. "There's no doubt about it."

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Back to school budget lessons

Adults will spend more than \$14 billion to send their kids back to school this year, according to a recent survey by the National Retail Federation. Adult consumers won't be the only ones spending money this back-to-school season, second only to the Christmas shopping season in terms of sales. Kids and teens will spend roughly \$884 million of their own money to buy clothes, shoes, school supplies and electronics.

Now is a great time to engage your children and teens in some constructive dialog about spending and saving money. A few lessons in planning, budgeting and differentiating between wants and needs will go a long way to help your children make smart decisions. Here are a few ideas you might consider.

First things first. Carve out some time with your child to go through her closet to see which items of clothing still fit. Then sit down together and make a comprehensive list of the items you think you may need to purchase. Consider all items—clothing as well as school supplies. Have a calculator as well as a few circulars and catalogues on hand when you sit down to craft your list.

Engage your child as much as possible in this exercise. Write down everything he wants even if you don't agree with his choices. You can revisit these items later when you discuss "wants" vs. "needs." After you've made your list, ask him to use the catalogues and circulars to compare prices; and then work collaboratively to come up with approximate costs for the items.

Now is a good time to discuss the items your child wanted, but which fall outside the realm of necessity. Is there money left over in the budget for these items? You may want to suggest that she use her allowance money to purchase these items. Or, encourage her to shop sales to see if she can buy her necessities at a lower price, and put the money she saves toward her "wish" items.

Shop early. Congratulations! You've set boundaries, managed expectations, provided options and worked with your child to come up with a realistic back-to-school budget. Now it's time to hit the stores. You won't want to leave this task until the very end because you'll rob your child the time she'll need to comparison shop. Instead, try to make multiple trips to stores over the next few weeks. You might also consider waiting to buy all but a few items after school starts. This will give your child some time to decide on the styles he or she wants. And, you'll likely be able to pick up some really good bargains later in the season.

Resist the temptation to give in. Before you head to the stores remind your child that he'll need to adhere to his budget. It will be up to you to resist begging and pleading for "cool" items that haven't been budgeted for. Better he learn to live within his means now so he can better manage his financial obligations—which don't go away with begging and pleading—later in life.

Teens and preteens wield an average annual purchasing power of \$150 billion, yet surveys show they're not learning about money management in the classroom.

While the back-to-school season presents a great opportunity to get your child thinking critically about the value of money, encouraging her to set goals, budget and save on a regular basis should be an ongoing effort.

For innovative, fun and interactive ways to foster the money manager in your child, visit www.financial-education-icfe.org, www.practicalmoneyskills.com and www.kidsmoney.org. For financial education geared specifically toward young adults, visit www.creditunionsrock.com, a non-commercial site sponsored by Michigan credit unions.

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Advertorial



Photos by Duane Ramsey

Hidden Lake features this European-style gatehouse and fountain for a distinctive entrance to the residential community.

Hidden Lake offers resort living in rural setting

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

Hidden Lake is a lakefront community of upscale homes that offers the ultimate lifestyle of resort living in a rural setting. The planned mixed-use residential development is conveniently located off Silver Lake Road, one mile east of U.S. 23 just southeast of Brighton in Livingston County.

Beck Development Company has created a community where families and individuals can enjoy a luxurious lifestyle that fulfills a dream. The Hidden Lake community is fulfilling Earl and Steven LaFave's vision for the property.

"Our mission is to create an environment that allows you to define your lifestyle as one that rivals that of the finest resorts," the LaFave brothers have stated.

The brothers and partners in Hidden Lake and Beck Development assumed an existing mining operation on the site

in 1988. They are completing the land reclamation project with their vision to create a developed community on the property.

Hidden Lake is a 376-acre residential development surrounding the 110-acre, spring-fed lake. It will consist of 425 residences including single-family homes, attached and detached condominiums with a private marina and community center on the lake.

"It's a diamond in the rough coming from the mining operations to become a beautiful upscale, all-sports lake community," said Diane Paczas, marketing director for Beck Development.

Hidden Lake offers easy access to U.S. 23 and I-96 for people commuting to nearby Ann Arbor, Flint, Lansing or the Detroit metro area. Located in the Brighton School District, it also provides municipal services that include a private water system and connection to sewers maintained by Green Oak

Township. Custom-built homes begin with minimums of 2,500 to 2,750 square feet of living space and prices ranging from \$450,000 to more than \$1 million. Hidden Lake has established detailed architectural and landscaping requirements to maintain the high quality of the residential development.

The developers have selected a small group of custom builders to build homes at Hidden Lake. People may choose from a wide variety of designs and floor plans for single-family homes from among those builders.

The homes built at Hidden Lake have the presence of country estates with a timeless elegance in a setting with beautiful views, gardens and areas where nature is the architect. The project's designers have blended the natural areas with the residential landscaping.

The new Falls of Hidden Lake offers luxury waterfront attached condominiums with a maintenance-free lifestyle in an upscale lakeside community. Four distinct floor plans are available from 2,200 to 2,700 square feet with walkout levels available on most sites, starting in the high \$300,000's.

The Coves at Hidden Lake is a limited edition of individual condominium homes, featuring French Country style residences. The Coves offers three ranch and 1.5-story Cape Cod plans ranging from 2,200 to 2,760 square feet priced from \$490,000 to \$526,000.

The Hidden Lake Community Association represents the entire development and is responsible for maintaining the private roads and all common areas. There are separate associations for the single-family homes, attached and detached condominiums.

Hidden Lake is not only where the home is but also where people come to play with boating,

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fishing, swimming and walking trails just out your front or back door. Six miles of paved walkway meander throughout the community with access to all the amenities and is ideal for bird watching, jogging or leisurely walks.

The community center was created to be the foundation for the Hidden Lake lifestyle where family, friends and neighbors gather to enjoy the beach, gardens, lake or open green spaces. The private marina offers permanent docking slips for lease or purchase, a boat launch and fishing pier.

A small amphitheater was created on the lakeshore to bring people together with events for adults and children. They have an adult music series with country and western, jazz bands, '50s music and comedians. They hold carnivals, picnics, puppet shows or have magicians and storytellers for the children on weekends.

Hidden Lake received two prestigious awards in 2003. It was named Development of the Year by the Building Industry of Southeast Michigan and received the Outstanding Planning Project Award from the Michigan Society of Planning.

The LaFave brothers are not absentee developers of Hidden Lake. Earl lives in a home on the lake while Steve has a lot where he plans to build a home. He currently lives with his family in

Brighton. The Beck Development Company is located on Silver Lake Road near the entrance to Hidden Lake. The developers are no strangers when it comes to creating residential projects in the area.

In 1987, they embarked on their first planned community development, Blue Heron Point in Northville. The firm has been involved in other residential ventures such as The Villas in Livonia and Condominiums at Oak Pointe in Brighton.

However, it was their award-winning Blue Heron Point that inspired the brothers' desire to create the lakefront community of Hidden Lake that set the standards by which others can only attempt to imitate.



The community commons area at Hidden Lake includes an amphitheater, swimming beach, lighthouse, marina and marketing center pictured here with luxurious homes located across the lake. The private marina at Hidden Lake offers permanent docking slips for lease or purchase, a boat launch and fishing pier.



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