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# Men against Women?

## Gender bias alleged in City of Novi government

■ Mayor says he's only picking best people for positions

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Since the city budget meetings in May — when the three women on the Novi City Council were voting one way and the four men were voting another — there has been talk of so-called gender bias in the Novi city government.

Some residents believe that Mayor Lou Csordas has been removing women from many of the boards and commissions and replacing them with men.

A recent letter in the *Novi News* from a former city council member and planning commissioner, Joe Toth, indicated that some of the various city boards or commissions now have only one woman.

"From the public's point of view and the

feedback that I've had, Mr. Toth has a point," said Toni Nagy, city council member. "I feel that there are a lot of qualified women that I've served with on the planning commission, and I think that a lot of people feel that there should be more of a balance."

Nagy noted that she was very disappointed that Gwen Markham was not reappointed to the planning commission. "She was not even nominated by the mayor. I would have supported her reappointment," Nagy said.

Markham said the appointments are ultimately the mayor's to make and one of the privileges of that office. She was appointed by Mayor Richard Clark, but Csordas decided not to reappoint her.

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■ In 4-3 vote, raise for manager tabled until next meeting

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

The Novi City council hit a stalemate Monday night on the terms of City Manager Richard Helwig's impending salary increase, with a decision postponed until the next council meeting on Sept. 13.

However, City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius was awarded a 4-percent salary increase, but no car allowance, by unanimous support.

The council votes were once again divided by gender, with Mayor Lou Csordas, Mayor Pro Tom David Landry, Bob Gatt and Kim Capello voting in favor of a motion giving Helwig a 4-percent increase and \$14,000 a year in deferred compensation. Laura Lorenzo, Toni Nagy

and Lynne Paul voted no.

Helwig's current salary is \$113,840 a year, plus \$14,000 a year provided in deferred compensation. He has received a 75-percent increase from his \$8,000 a year in the deferred compensation package provided in his employment contract of 2000.

Lorenzo suggested a 2.3-percent increase for Helwig with no additional deferred compensation with another review and possible additional salary increase in three to six months, which Nagy and Paul supported.

"I can't look at the city manager as being so much more special than everybody else," Nagy said. "Especially with the economy the way it is in Michigan. It's the taxpayers who pay for this, and we're being very generous

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## Ready or not!

■ New and improved Novi High gets a major facelift

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Though it may not look like Novi High School will be ready to open in four days, Principal John Lawrence wants everybody to know that the "new and improved" Novi High will be up and functional for students on Monday.

Most of the building is right on schedule in terms of construction. In fact, most of the areas of the building that will not be ready are areas that weren't supposed to be completed until 2005 anyway.

"I'm still getting e-mails from students and phone calls asking if we're going to be open on Aug. 30," Lawrence said. "Yes we are. We will be holding classes. We are going to be open, and all areas that were scheduled to be open will be open with the exception of materials processing, which is the one lab in the back of the building."

The materials processing lab includes courses that are part of the career technical education wing, like wood work, metal work and plastics, just to name a few. The completion of the lab will be a little delayed, but classes will



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Loren Allen, a worker with Advanced Integration, prepares to haul a ladder to another hallway in Novi High's new building. Allen was working on wiring the building for the Internet.

still run in another location of the building temporarily while construction is being completed.

The auto shop was not scheduled to be operating this year, so that won't be ready, nor will power technology, but that wasn't scheduled for this year. Those classes will be up and running next year. The new journalism lab was also not scheduled to be done

this year. The counselors offices will remain in the auditorium lobby, but after the first week of school, they will move back into their brand new offices in the student services center.

Those areas that will be available to students include a new hallway of classrooms and the new media center, which is the

most obvious addition on to the building. The cafeteria will be back in its original spot and students will witness the addition of a new atrium, which is the connector to the main building and the cafeteria.

"Every part of the building will be open with the exception of the new student services center and the areas that weren't scheduled

to be done anyway," Lawrence said.

### Areas not completed yet

Some parts that won't be ready this school year include the fine arts wing down at the far end of the school, the Black Box

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## They're going for the gold at Senior Olympics

■ Fox Run couple grabs medals at annual event

By Kim Kovelte  
STAFF WRITER

Athletic prowess is hot in Athens this summer, but right here in Novi is a couple that's already brought home a combined total of six gold and two silver medals.

Arlon and Peg Quigley, who reside at the Fox Run Village retirement community, earned their prizes in the 25th Annual Michigan Senior Olympics, held in Lansing Aug. 6-11.

Swimming and playing badminton, Arlon, 79, earned five golds, and Peg, 77, who bicycled in three events, took the other gold and two silvers.

"I think one of the things about being in the Olympics is seeing these wonderful people," Peg said. "They're a lot younger physi-

cally and mentally. It shows a whole different side of aging people aren't aware of."

Peg biked the 5K, 10K and 20K, receiving her gold medal in the latter. In badminton Arlon competed in singles, doubles and mixed doubles, and swam the 50- and 100-yard breaststroke at 58:02 and 2:29:54, respectively. He took gold all around.

Married in 1987, the duo began their Olympian endeavors that same decade. "I signed up to do the 50 and 100 meter breaststroke" at the suggestion of friends, Arlon said. "I hadn't been in the water for years. It was a long way, I tell you."

Unlike her husband, who had swam in high school and managed his college team, Peg hadn't previously participated in sports. She made the trek to support Arlon as he swam and played table tennis and badminton.

"I, the young bride — the old bride, because I (was) 60 years old — came to watch him," Peg said. "To be perfectly honest, I was bored. When I was standing around, I met an old friend ... with a lot of medals around her neck. I said, 'Eleanor, I didn't know you knew how to do all this stuff.'"

It turned out that her friend didn't — she merely showed up, and, because of her age, was the only one to compete in many of the events.

"I said, 'Whoa, there must be something here for me to do,'" Peg said. "I began to be a race walker."

Both started to train and practice weekly, snagging help from retired gym teachers along the way. Medals began to fill boxes as they improved in their sports.

Since moving from Troy to Fox Run last September, the two have used the community's fitness room to train. When forced to switch from field events to cycling because of lower back arthritis, Peg received a new Bianchi racing bicycle from Arlon. And as a swim teacher at Lifetime Fitness in Novi, Arlon puts in practice time there as well.

In fact, when teaching younger children, he'll often give a medal to a youngster who has overcome a major hurdle, whether swimming the length of the pool or just getting in the water.

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**Mayor says he's only picking best people for positions**

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"That's his prerogative," Markham said. "Personally, I'm disappointed because I enjoyed the work and I'm proud of the accomplishments of the commission in the last year. We worked hard on the new park off of Ten Mile and the new water plant."

Markham said that it is good to have new people appointed or elected to the various city boards and commissions. However, she also believes that it's valuable to have more senior members who have experience and training.

Nagy said she doesn't have a problem with reappointing people who have served and have done a good job. "But, I think there were enough qualified women who applied that they should have been considered as well," Nagy said.

She also noted that Markham, by profession is an engineer and manufacturing manager who has managed production operations in the automotive and aerospace industries.

"Two of the females who were on planning commission got elected to city council," said Cordas of Toni Nagy and Lynne Paul. "The one woman that was just replaced on the planning commission, Gwen Markham, along with two men replaced on the same commission, were unanimously approved by the city council, which includes three women."

He added that he did not even know the three new members of the planning commission prior to them coming to their interviews.

Still, Carol Crawford, a longtime Novi resident and regular city council voter, said that she believes there's gender bias at work in Novi.

"I really think there is. I wondered back when Cindy Govanin was only reappointed for a one-year term to the Zoning Board of Appeals, about a year ago. It was supposed to be a longer term. That was the beginning of the noticing that something was strange," Crawford said. "I was also surprised when Gwen Markham was not reappointed to the planning commission, as she is very knowledgeable."

The mayor appoints members of

**HOW THEY VOTED**

Following is a rundown of recent voting on four city boards and commissions:

**Planning Commission**  
 ■ Andy Gutman — 6-1 vote, with Member Lynne Paul voting no.  
 ■ David Lipski — unanimous approval  
 ■ Wayne Wrobel — unanimous approval

**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
 This was a ballot presented to city council members, where they were to vote for three members.

■ Brian Burke — four members voted for approval: Kim Capello, David Landry, Bob Gatt and Mayor Lou Cordas. Toni Nagy, Lynne Paul and Laura Lorenz voted for other candidates.

■ Reagan Schwarzlose — five members voted for approval: Kim Capello, David Landry, Bob Gatt, Laura Lorenz and Mayor Lou Cordas. Lynne Paul and Toni Nagy voted for other.

■ Harold "Butch" Wingfield — four members voted for approval: Kim Capello, David Landry, Bob Gatt and Mayor Lou Cordas. Lynne Paul, Toni Nagy and Laura Lorenz voted for other candidates.

**Novi Public Library Board**  
 ■ Carol Bauer — unanimous approval  
 ■ Bob Cutler — unanimous approval  
 ■ Mark Sturing — 6-1 vote for approval, with Lynne Paul voting no.

**Zoning Board of Appeals**  
 This position had to be filled when Sarah Gray recently resigned from her spot on the board.

■ Justin Fischer — unanimously approved to be moved from an alternate member to a regular member. Lynne Paul was absent from the July 26 city council meeting when the vote took place.

■ David Ruyle — voted in as alternate member of the board in a 5-1 vote, with Toni Nagy voting no, and Lynne Paul absent.

the planning commission and the Novi Public Library Board with the support of city council. Crawford noted that Cordas recently appointed several older men to the board and eliminated competent women with experience. Members of the remainder of the board and commissions are voted on by ballot by city council members.

"I was surprised that the mayor was so gender-specific in his appointments. I had more confidence in him than that," she said. "The perception is that all the women are being taken off the commissions and boards," Nagy said. "Cordas said this position has never been 'male or female,' but to

select the best qualified in all appointments to city government. "All people have to do is look at my voting record to see how many women I've voted for in various positions," he said. "I just have one vote, just like all the members of city council. I appreciated the unanimous support I received from city council on the planning commission appointment."

As far as the members of the city council are concerned, there is no man-woman issue, Cordas said. "It's simply brought up repeatedly by a few members of the community," said the mayor. "It's a non-issue."

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With their money. "I think a minimum raise is extremely unfair. I think we should at least give him a 4 percent," Capello said.

"He's gotten some hefty raises. Last year, he got 5 percent, which is higher than the national average," Nagy said.

"I've had the opportunity to work with him from the day that he came to the city, and there's no doubt in my mind that this man gets up every day and comes to work trying to do the best job he can for the residents of this city. He has never let me down over on an issue that I have asked him to follow up on," Cordas said.

"My position is clear, and I'm not going to change," Lorenz said. "The city council packet for the

Aug. 23 meeting included a list of salaries in other cities. Gatt noted that the city manager in Farmington Hills makes \$190,000 with 18 percent of his salary in deferred compensation. The city manager in Southfield also makes \$130,000; the city manager in Troy earns \$133,766 a year; and the manager in Bloomfield Township receives \$115,543 annually.

Gatt also stated that Cornelin's salary at \$79,580 falls somewhere in the middle. Her new salary with the 4-percent increase will be \$82,763, according to the city's finance department.

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**Construction work to close Beck at I-96**

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

The next round of road projects in Novi means good news and bad news for drivers in Novi.

City Manager Richard Helwig reminded citizens during Monday's city council meeting that the westbound ramp from I-96 to Beck Road closed Monday and will remain closed for 30 days.

A temporary ramp will be available Sept. 23 for westbound I-96 traffic headed eastbound on Twelve Mile Road.

The Beck Road bridge on I-96 will also be closed on or about Sept. 1, until about November 2005.

This is a significant closing for Novi motorists, and the Beck Road bridge will be demolished this winter.

The good news is that repairs to Taft Road, a major north-south spine in the city, are completed, with Taft Road open to through traffic this weekend and final improvements scheduled to be done by Labor Day.

With Novi schools opening Aug. 30 "The final improvements on Taft will be done at night so as not to influence school traffic," Helwig said.

Grand River Avenue west of

**Commission looks at 2005 road funds**

The Road Commission for Oakland County Board of Road Commissioners will have a public hearing on the proposed 2005 budget at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph, in Pontiac.

The proposed 2005 budget, at nearly \$143 million, includes plans for nearly \$77 million in road improvements. The budget represents an increase of about \$20 million compared to the nearly \$123 million 2004 budget adopted in September 2003.

Final approval of the 2005 budget will take place in September.

The city manager noted that a number of communities can't afford to fund major road

improvements. "We think the citizens for making this possible. We're a young city, and when we get this infrastructure in place, we'll be able to offer quality travel, and we'll be able to compete more effectively with the competition that's growing and developing around us," he added.

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**POLICE REPORT**

**No headlights (or shirt)**  
 A 38-year-old Wixom woman was arrested for Operating While Involuntarily at 1:15 a.m. Aug. 8 at Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

Two officers were traveling south on Tower Center Drive when they saw 1998 green Dodge Neon with no headlights on traveling northbound on Market Street.

When one of the officers pulled the woman over, he could smell an odor of intoxicants coming from the car. He asked her where she was coming from, and she said that she had been at the bar and that she had two drinks. The officer asked where home was, and she said about five minutes away. At this time he asked her to move her vehicle off the road into a bank driveway and then step out of the vehicle.

When the woman stepped out of the vehicle, she was only wearing a bra and pants. She asked if she could put a shirt on, and the officer said yes. She said she had had two beers about two hours ago. When the officer asked her where she was coming from she responded "Bud Light."

A breath test showed a blood alcohol level of .098.

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# COMMUNITY

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## Fresh crop joins Novi Planning Commission

■ Backgrounds vary with three newcomers

By Kim Kovellev  
STAFF WRITER

Novi's three newest planning commissioners were plunged into the fray two days after they received the call to duty.

David Lipski, Andy Gutman and Wayne Wrobel, who attended their first meeting on July 14, have before them three years of decisions to make regarding development in Novi. They'll face the task with six other members of the commission.

"I read the resumes, and they were very well qualified," Mayor Lou Cordas said. "I think it's good to have new faces. I want to make sure that as many people as possible get to be involved."

Every three years, three seats open and applications are accepted for the slots. Novi's mayor makes recommendations for the seats, and the city council, after conducting 15-minute apical interviews, gives its approval.

### COMMITTEES

The City of Novi Planning Commission selected its committees on July 28. The appointments for the next year are as follows:

- **Implementation Committee:** John Avdoulos, Victor Cassie, Lynn Kocan, Mark Peterson
- **Master Plan and Zoning Committee:** Avdoulos, Cassie, Andy Gutman, Lowell Sprague
- **Budget Committee:** Gutman, David Lipski, Pehrson, Sprague
- **Capital Improvement Program Committee:** Sprague, Pehrson, Gutman (Alternate)
- **Environmental Committee:** Sprague, Lipski, Wayne Wrobel
- **Communication and Community Liaison:** Richard Gault Wrobel, Lipski
- **Rules Committee:** Cassie, Kocan, Avdoulos
- **Main Street Committee:** Gault Wrobel

what the city's needs and goals are."

In his "mid-30s," the goateed Gutman lives in Novi with his wife and baby daughter.

In the 1980s, Wrobel was for a time on Novi's Cable Access Committee. During his 20 years in the city, he's built three houses here. Now 58, he lives with his two cats in his condo and is engaged to be married.

"It's time to get back in," said Wrobel, who'd also interviewed previously. "I've lived here a long time. I want to make sure the city does well. I saw a lot of decisions being made on emotion, not on logic, not on fact."

Wrobel works at SHC Communications as a switch capacity planning manager and is president of the Willowbrook

Farms Homeowner's Association.

### On to the future

Right now, all three newcomers are reading through thick paper packets to acclimate themselves to ordinances and guidelines.

Each indicated having a focus on making wise decisions for Novi as its development continues to mushroom.

"It would be nice that Novi continue to be - and even become more so - one of the most desirable cities to live in Michigan," Lipski said. "Quite frankly, I want to preserve and also increase the property values. My job on the planning commission is to really think about what's good for the public."

For now, Gutman said he's been "pretty up front" in saying he's on the "quiet side" unless saying "something of substance."

"I'm open, knowing that I've got learning to do in a lot of areas," Gutman said. "I always believe that a city should look to the highest and best use of its land. I just want to make sure I'm serving with an open mind and a clear conscience."

Wrobel said that his work with equipment planning at SHC has helped prepare him for the task, but he too is doing his homework and taking small steps.

"It's a little overwhelming... but it's pretty straightforward," Wrobel said. "The planning department's very good here. It's just logic and common sense. You just have to be able to back up your decisions based on facts, what's best for the City of Novi, what's best for its residents."

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Learn to Skate

The fall session of Novi Ice Arena's Learn to Skate Program will run from Tuesday, Sept. 7 through Saturday, Oct. 23. There will be a Learn to Skate Open House at Novi Ice Arena on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and again on Wednesday, Sept. 3 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Admission and skate rental at the Open House is free to all skaters, and will give prospective students a chance to skate with Learn to Skate instructors so they can be placed in the proper class.

The following classes will be offered:

- Beginning Tots
- Snowplow Sam 1-3
- Basic 1-8
- Freestyle 1-2
- Adult 1-4
- Home School

Classes are offered at a variety of times Tuesday through Saturday. Skate rental is available. In addition, Learn to Skate students with their registration receipt get free admission to open skating at Novi Ice Arena throughout the seven-week session.

Open registration for Learn to Skate is underway. The Learn to Skate Program is very popular so call the Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010 or visit [www.novicearena.com](http://www.novicearena.com) today to inquire about the proper class for your skater.

■ September 18  
Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi  
9 a.m.-2 p.m.

■ October 9  
Behind RRRASOC Recycling Center, 20600 W. Eight Mile Rd., Southfield  
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9 a.m.-2 p.m.

For more information on the HHW drop off days or items that will be accepted at the events, call RRRASOC at (248) 208-2270.

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A lot of businesses start off small and expand on their successes when it comes to recycling. No matter what suggestions are given from the audit, businesses are not required to implement any of them or could implement all. They are merely suggestions on how they can improve their environmental performance and more than likely save money in the process.

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## Historical Commission welcomes new member

■ Members prepare for Sept. 12 Fuerst Farm Day

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

As an anthropology major and long-time resident of Novi, Betty Nick is interested in the history of her community.

Now, she has become a page in the history of Novi by becoming the newest member of the Novi Historical Commission.

Nick was sworn in as a new member of the commission in July.

A native of Washington, D.C., Nick moved to Novi in October 1983. Before moving to Novi, she lived in Detroit, and her family has lived in the Detroit area for many years.

A graduate of Western High School in Detroit, Nick has a bachelor's degree in anthropology and a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Wayne State University in Detroit.

Nick retired from the Ferndale Public Schools in June 2002, where she worked as a guidance counselor for adult education students for 25 years. Prior to joining the school system, she was an employment counselor for the Michigan Employment Security Commission for six and a half years.

"Since I retired, I'd find myself looking at the classified ads," she said. She saw works for an Ypsilanti company called Measurement Inc. "We score MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) tests, and we work about six months of the year."

Last year, she found an advertisement in a local newspaper to become an historical presenter at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. She was assigned to the section called "Pencils and Parkers."

"We'd either dress in our business uniform or we'd wear period clothing that they would provide. But the two jobs conflicted, so I had to give up the Henry Ford job," she said.

After she had to quit her job as a historical presenter, Nick learned from her friend, Kathy Much, president of the Novi Historical Commission, that an opening existed on the commission.

"Her sister-in-law, Margaret Much, and I look dancing lessons and performed Highland dancing together many years ago when I lived in Detroit," Nick said. "When Kathy approached me about the vacancy on the commission, I thought it was another way to get involved in history and bring public awareness of our local past."

"We're really pleased to have Betty as a member of the commission in part because of her experience as an educator and also because of her involvement in the Pioneer Festivals in Novi in the 1980s," Much said.

### FAMILY DAY

**Fuerst Farm Family Day 2004**  
DATE: Sunday, Sept. 12  
TIME: 1-4 p.m.  
PLACE: West Ten Mile Road at Taft Road  
ACTIVITIES: Celebration of one of Novi's first farms. Free community event to include refreshments, children's games with a rural theme, farm animals, an apple tasting table presented by a Michigan apple grower and live music. For more information, call Kathy Much at (248) 224-4211.

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### Mastering The Mouse For Seniors

A hands-on class designed to introduce seniors to using the computer mouse will be held Thursday, Sept. 2, from 10-11 a.m. We will complete a self-guided online tutorial, learning and practicing all of the basic functions of the mouse. If you've never used a mouse, this class is definitely for you! (Brochures describing all of our fall internet classes are now available in the library.)

### Holiday Closing

The library will be closed Monday, Sept. 6, for Labor Day.

### Hours

The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., and Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. We are located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Rd., just east of Taft Road. For more information, call (248) 349-0720.

### Internet Practice Lab For Seniors

Join us for an opportunity to practice any of the skills you've learned in our internet classes on Thursday, Sept. 9, from 10-11 a.m.

### Ronald McDonald Visits

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Betty Nick, the newest member of Novi Historical Commission, takes a look inside the Fuerst Farm house on Taft Road.

Ten Mile at Taft Road in Novi. The event, which has become a tradition in the community, is free and open to the public, and will include refreshments, children's activities, farm animals, an apple tasting table presented by a Michigan apple grower and live music.

Members of the Novi Historical Commission feared that the annual

event wouldn't be offered this year because city council cut funding to the commission during budget talks in May.

But at the July 26 meeting, council members voted to increase the commission's budget from \$4,000 to \$9,000, so that the community event could take place.

"That's the only way that we

could have had the Fuerst Farm event this year," Nick said.

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Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations  
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The Joint Commission's Office of Quality Monitoring will acknowledge in writing or by telephone requests received 10 days before the survey begins. An Account Representative will contact the individual requesting the public information interview prior to survey, indicating the location, date and time of the interview and the name of the surveyor who will conduct the interview.



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*Pictured Above: Linda and Gaylord Thomas Sales Team.*

It's a win-win situation for everyone. As a top area salesman, Gaylord Thomas wanted a more complete way to serve his customers. After doing his homework and a lot of soul searching he found everything he was looking for at Hines Park Ford in New Hudson. That included Saturday hours for the customer's convenience, and a more complete inventory with exciting specialty cars such as Cobra, Lightning and SVT as well as conversion vans.

Thomas also saw the potential for tremendous growth in the area.

"We found that many of our customers have migrated to the South Lyon, Novi, Milford, Brighton and Howell area. This is a new up and coming area, and I wanted to be a part of it," said Thomas. Hines Park was the perfect location at the intersection of I-96 and Milford Road.

Since dedication to the customer is the Gaylord's main goal, he was exceptionally pleased to offer them the resources of Hines Park Ford. In addition to Saturday hours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., they're open Monday and Thursday evenings until 9 p.m. Their spacious state of the art facility offers an extremely large inventory and the ability to get the car you want.

That same dedication to customers has rewarded Gaylord with a phenomenal loyalty from around the state and even the country. His credentials include top salesman for 16 years at his previous dealership and Ford Grand Master Salesperson

(sales of over 300 cars in one year). Former customers can count on the same exceptional service from Gaylord and his wife and partner, Linda.

"We've kept our customers over the years. Some people we've sold 10-12 cars. Their kids are still coming to see us," said Linda Thomas.

Perhaps his Gaylord's sincere and unpretentious attitude that makes customers feel at ease.

He says there's no big secret to his success.

"Treat others as you want to be treated," is his simple philosophy. Gaylord's love of cars began with a career at Livonia Transmission, where he retired after 28 years. It was then he decided to pursue a lifelong ambition, working at a dealership.

"I've always wanted to sell cars. This isn't work, I'm living a dream," he explained.

General Sales Manager, Robert Menton recognized an exceptional opportunity for Gaylord Thomas, and his wife, Linda, to join the team at Hines Park Ford. The transition has been a smooth one for Thomas, who's happy to join the existing staff of top-notch personnel. He's pleased to find a positive and upbeat attitude at Hines Park, including Menton, the sales and support staff.

Gaylord's wife, Linda, is quite simply the icing on the cake. Not formally an employee of Hines Park, she works under Gaylord's direction. She's his partner in business as well as life, an invaluable key in making sure things run smoothly. She'll remain at his side at Hines Park, where this Milford High School graduate feels right at home.

Hines Park's convenient location is a plus for new and old customers alike. Located near the I-96 Milford Road intersection at 6555 Pontiac Trail in New Hudson, it's quickly accessible from most communities in the metro area.

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# Red Cross sets goal of 45 units at pre-Labor Day collection

**City-wide blood drive slated Aug. 31 at Civic Center**

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Area residents are encouraged to roll up their sleeves and give the "Gift of Life" at the summer city-wide American Red Cross Blood Drive Aug. 31.

The drive will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Rooms A and B at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, between Taft and Novi roads.

The Red Cross has 60 appointments available with a goal set at 45 donors. Walk-ins will also be accepted.

Those who would like to make an appointment call Karen Anichini in the Community Relations Office at (248) 447-0416 or e-mail her at kanoichini@novi.mich.gov.

August is a critical time for residents to give blood with the upcoming Labor Day Weekend just a few weeks away. The high traffic time increases the likelihood of motor vehicle accidents

involving injuries and surgery requiring blood transfusions.

In July, the Southeastern Michigan American Red Cross Blood Services Region reported that the shelves were empty. The available supply of type O, the most critical blood type, was at zero. Other blood types have also been below acceptable levels and can be collected in hours rather than the five-day reserve needed to keep local hospitals supplied with blood.

"An immediate response of donors from the community is needed to enable the Red Cross to meet patients' needs," said Diane Ward, CEO of the American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region.

"We are again faced with a severe blood shortage not only in our community but other areas as well."

Ward explained that the metropolitan Detroit depends on other areas of the country for approximately 30,000 units of the 250,000 units of blood in districts of type O blood to send and were able to locate six additional units at another hospital that was immediately transferred to them, according to Ward.

"We said these situations will continue without sufficient blood donations from within local communities."

"We are asking the public to give up one hour of their time this summer to help restore the blood supply to a safe and adequate level," Ward said.

There are 11 donation centers in southeastern Michigan. The Novi Blood Donor Center is located on Ten Mile Road just east of Meadowbrook Road.

The Red Cross hopes that not only current donors but also individuals who have never given will

**TIPS FOR DONORS**

Here are some useful tips for those planning to donate blood at the upcoming American Red Cross Blood Drive Aug. 31 at the Novi Civic Center.

- Drink plenty of fluids the day before and the day you plan to donate.
- Eat before donating.
- Women should eat iron-rich foods the day or two before donating, such as red meat, spinach, raisins and almonds.
- Avoid caffeine the day you are donating. It raises your pulse rate and lowers your iron level.
- Avoid ibuprofen and aspirin the day you donate as these can also lower your iron level.

For more information, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit [www.semdredcross.org](http://www.semdredcross.org).

**HOW CRITICAL IS THE NEED?**

The Southeast Michigan American Red Cross Blood Donor Services issues a weekly update on the area blood supply called the Red Report.

As of Aug. 17, the blood bank had 638 units on the shelf and to achieve enough reserves for a three-day base, it should have 2,568 units.

Following were the status of the six blood types on Aug. 17, which are all below the required three-day base:

- A-positive: 18-hour supply. The blood bank has 193 units and should have 798.
- A-negative: six-hour supply. The blood bank has 125 units and should have 228.
- B-positive: one-day supply. The blood bank has 163 and should have 273.
- B-negative: no inventory.
- O-positive: 37-hour supply. The blood bank has 45 units and should have 972.
- O-negative: six-hour supply. The blood bank has 15 units and should have 168.

Donating blood can lower your risk for heart attack because it actually removes iron from the body. This is especially important for men, who often have elevated levels of iron in the body, as opposed to women, who often have low levels.

"We rarely find men who have low levels of iron, but it's very common in women," according to Joann Lindquist, donor resources development representative.

Donors can give blood every 56 days. They must be age 17 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. For a convenient location after the Aug. 31 Novi Civic Center Blood Drive, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule an appointment.

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# Donors can drive for free in gas giveaway

Help fill blood bank; win gas for month

In a bold move, the American Red Cross of Southeastern Michigan is offering a chance to win a one-month supply of gas to \$200 value to all blood donors who attempt to donate during the months of July and August.

A winner will be named for both months.

"As gas prices rise, we appreciate people who are more cautious of the tips they can take. However, we don't want gas prices to be a deterrent for our blood donors," said Diane Ward, CEO, American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region.

"We are sensitive to the generosi-

ty of our blood donors, and this is a small way we can say 'thank you' to a lucky donor."

Ward said the American Red Cross is trying to be proactive and encourage people to continue to come in and donate. Summer is always particularly challenging with vacations, factory changes and school out of session, all of which are sources for large blood drives. When this happens, the reserves dwindle and new sources for donations must be found within the community.

The gas giveaway program is simple. Any adult who attempts to donate can enter a drawing to win a gas card valued at \$200, about a month's worth of gas for many drivers. To be eligible, you must be 17 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health.

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# BUSINESS

## Cosworth keeping up: Local Tier One supplier expanding and adapting

By Kim Kovellev  
STAFF WRITER

Part of Novi's economic pulse for about 15 years, Cosworth Technology, Inc. has been growing, and it's showing in buildings, products and philosophy alike.

Cosworth is a global Tier One Supplier that designs, manufactures and tests automotive systems before new vehicles hit dealer lots. By the end of September, the company's electronics group will have a new lease across the street from the current headquarters at 41000 Vincennes Court.

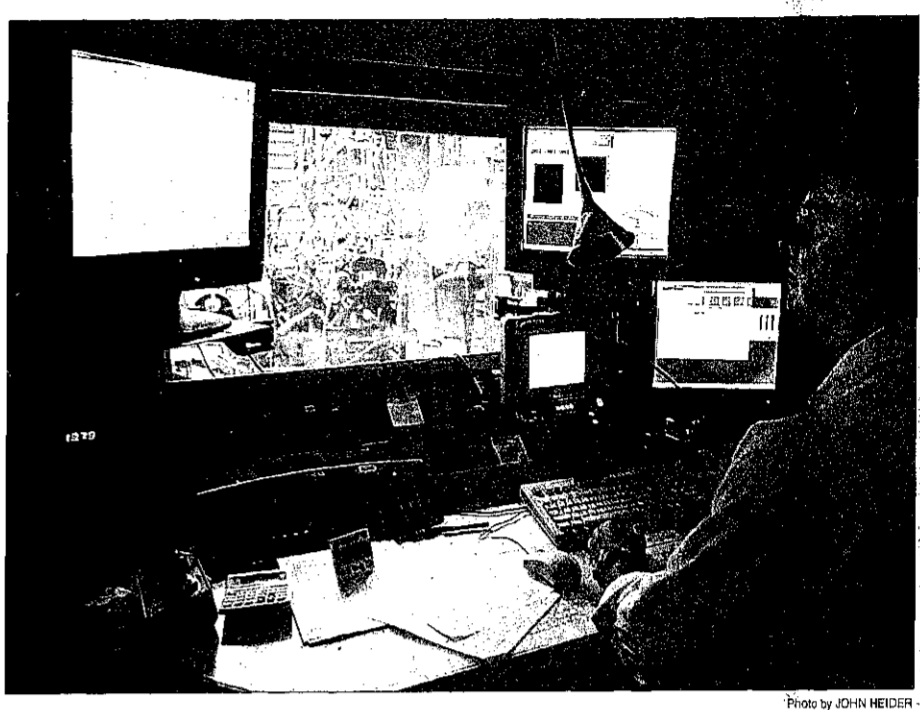
Director of Finance Tim Cain said the locale will combine smaller offices located in Novi at Eleven Mile and Meadowbrook roads, and in Dearborn near Michigan and Telegraph roads.

"We've basically doubled the size of our company over the past four years," Cain said. "The biggest growth has been in the automotive diagnostics and electronics parts of our business. The cars are becoming so complex, they're almost like a big computer on four wheels now."

Cosworth works on these high-tech network systems - which have 10 to 40 modules ranging from engines and anti-lock breaks to airbags and on-board navigation systems - for companies such as Ford, their top major customer, as well as Audi, Volkswagen, DaimlerChrysler and General Motors.

Currently under renovation, the new location will host hardware and software system testing, as well as a repair bay area into which vehicles can be driven for testing. Engine development and hydrogen-gasoline fuel development, which the company has been working at for three years, will stay in the headquarters.

"We actually do the software and the diagnostic algorithms and put them into the plants," such as the Ford Assembly Plant in Wixom, Cain said. "We have to do a lot of validation of design and things like that. If you look at our entire business, we do the vehicle life cycle."



Cosworth Technology Marketing specialist Harvey Kulka has a seat at the monitoring station of an engine test cell room at their Novi Vincennes Court location. Seen in the window is a Ford Focus Engine with a supercharger unit attached to it being developed by Cosworth.

Changing times

Two ex-Ford engineers, Roger Barry and Roy Unger, established Cosworth under the name Intelligent Controls, Inc. in 1982, Cain said. Since that time, the company has seen its share of shifts.

After moving to Novi in 1989, Intelligent Controls was purchased by UK-based Cosworth Technology three years later. Now, it's owned by Audi of Germany - which in turn is owned by Volkswagen.

Software and Project Manager Ben Shirey, who's been with Cosworth since 1992, works with 80 others in the Novi headquarters. He'll be moving to the revamped building.

"When I joined the company, we were owned by two private owners," Shirey said. "I think when originally the company's name was International Controls, it was all local. When we were purchased by Cosworth ... (it) brought about much more international exposure."

Business came from Europe and Japan, though most - well over 80 percent, Shirey said - is with the local Big Three.

"It's constant change, especially in the software area where we're constantly putting a lot of effort in keeping our employees up to date," Shirey said. Training helps in that regard, whether in Web-enabled technology or changing applications for the company's core Visual Authoring Tool software.

From million-dollar, in-house dynamometers, which measure power from engines and chassis, to new high-performance, aftermarket supercharger kits for the Ford Focus, Cosworth continues to fine-tune and serve original equipment manufacturers.

enjoyable to talk to a firm that's hometown," Pearson said. "We look at taking care of the businesses and trying to help them. They're in a tough business, but it sounds like they're staying on the forward curve of technology. Obviously, they're doing some things right. It's a win-win for them and for us."

Cosworth is looking at other options in the community. Already

its employees have been involved in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's Breast Cancer 3-Day walk, Special Olympics funding and community services in Oakland County.

Another option is sponsoring high school programs and possibly joining the Greater Detroit Chapter of Commerce - preferred to Novi's chamber only said Shirey, whose own son Mark is a co-op student at Cosworth.

"You can feel a good sense of contribution to the company. I think that's why all of our employees are here. We like it here."

**Looking forward**

Novi Assistant City Manager Clay Pearson met with Cain earlier this month on a business retention check.

"It's always gratifying and

enjoyable to talk to a firm that's hometown," Pearson said. "We look at taking care of the businesses and trying to help them. They're in a tough business, but it sounds like they're staying on the forward curve of technology. Obviously, they're doing some things right. It's a win-win for them and for us."

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**NSA headed to the 'hills'**

Northstrom Samson Associates is headquartered in Novi — but that will change in about a month. The full-service architectural engineering firm is moving from its five-year Novi location at 39500 High Home Blvd. to a larger facility in Farmington Hills at 23761 Research Dr. "We have outgrown our area here for the additional work we've been getting," Marketing Director Chuck Krause said. "Our staff has increased to about 53. When we came here it was probably closer to 30."

The new location, Krause said, is an existing 11,800-square-foot building that was purchased about two months ago. Since that time, remodeling has occurred, and the new headquarters should be up and running by late September. The current headquarters is only 8,000 square feet.

Northstrom deals with automotive industrial clients, and has also associated with the Fox Run retirement community in Novi, and City of Novi's Fire Station No. 4 and Training Facility. For more information visit [www.nsa.com](http://www.nsa.com).

**Wright honored**

Ruth Wright, a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist from Dallas, Texas received the 2004 Agatha Hodgins Award, the highest honor given by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists. To recognize Wright, Registered Nurse Anesthetists, who have furthered the art and science of nurse anesthesia, the Agatha Hodgins Award, the highest was established in the mid 1970s. Hodgins founded the association in 1951.

Wright retired in 1992 from her position as chief nurse anesthetist at North Detroit General Hospital. She is originally from Novi.

**Twelve opens two**

Twelve Oaks Mall recently announced the addition of two savings-minded shops: Ann Taylor Loft and Payless Shoe Source. The Ann Taylor, now open on the lower level next to Marshall

Field's, features collections geared towards "value conscious women with a more relaxed lifestyle both at work and at home." Included are suits, separates, dresses, shoes and accessories. Located on the upper level next to Sears, Payless Shoe Source is offering men's, women's and children's styles and accessories, from work boots and tennis shoes to slippers and fashion boots.

**High scale shampoo arrives**

Even if you missed that modeling competition Marshall Field's held, there's still an opportunity to get movie-star quality hair, according to Saline Nails and Day Spa in Novi.

The salon recently began stocking Atlanta Ezy-mecherapy White and Purple Luscious Shampoos and Conditioners. The duo, which weighs in at 10.1 ounces per bottle, has a price tag of \$130.

According to the salon, the cost is steep in large part because the white truffle extract, harvested from the base of the Italian Alps, is a rare substance that costs more per ounce than platinum.

Blended with Champagne grape seed oil from France, Caspian Sea caviar extract and Mediterranean apricot flower, among other "rare extracts," Saline Nails noted that they're blended to "rejuvenate and fortify each hair follicle."

**Wanted: Community 'ReLeaf'**

Global ReLeaf of Michigan, Inc. announced that it's seeking neighborhood organizations statewide interested in planning street work on public property and in their communities. A Michigan-wide, non-profit tree planting organization, Global ReLeaf has volunteers to work with the community group to plant the event, arrange tree purchase and delivery, and provide technical assistance on the planting date. Communities supply volunteers who do the planting. Global ReLeaf matches up to 50 percent of the cost of the trees, up to \$1,000. Targeted areas include playgrounds, parks, school yards and roadways with heavy resident use and little tree

cover. For more information or to receive a "Neighborhood Tree Planting Application," call Global ReLeaf at (800) 642-7353. Hurry. For a full planting application, see [www.globalreleaf.com](http://www.globalreleaf.com).

**Rockwell review rocks**

Wiscom-based Rockwell Medical Technologies, Inc. announced a positive review for its second quarter. A healthcare sector hemodialysis products company, Rockwell makes dialysis products that duplicate kidney function for patients whose kidneys have failed to work properly.

Compared to 2003's second quarter, sales increased almost 27 percent; the income was \$54.625, versus a loss of \$93.230 at this time last year. In addition, S301 earnings per share was an improvement of \$.02 per share from last year's negative number.

"Second quarter sales were in line with our expectations," said Chairman, CEO and President Robert L. Chitman. "We anticipate continued sales growth in the second half of 2004."

Investors were able to call in for a conference call to review the quarter's results on Aug. 12.

**Manufactured housing news**

The Michigan House of Representatives recently passed House Bill 4880, which states that the fee on mobile homes will increase to \$4.50 per month on Jan. 1, 2005, and then by \$1.50 per month, reaching a maximum of \$12 a month in the year 2010.

The Michigan Association of Counties took issue with the action because, it said, the bill abandons the "key component" of an ad valorem tax, which would result in "treating mobile homes the same as traditional houses with regards to property tax."

The association announced that with other members of the coalition, it will "continue to strive for the ad valorem tax in the Senate." This tax, which is levied on the difference between the homes' price before taxes and its cost of production, would create "fair tax-

ation," according to the association. **Second-most independent** Detroit came in close second as the U.S. city with the highest amount of "independent" real estate sellers and buyers in 2004, according to real-estate services company ForSaleByOwner.com.

Miami was rated first as the area where the most homeowners — 3.3 percent — buying and selling real estate without a broker. Detroit had 3.2 percent. The numbers are based on the more than 26,000 homes listed with ForSaleByOwner.com in the last year.

The no-commission marketplace company reported that based on the average real estate commission rate of six percent, selling a \$250,000 home without the "middleman" transaction fees could save as much as \$15,000.

ForSaleByOwner.com also said that according to industry estimates, one in four homes are sold directly by owners, and more than 70 percent of buyers view potential homes on the Internet first.

**Region and autos up; recession index holds**

Comerica's Detroit Area Business Activity Index reached 116 in June, a one-point jump from May. From last June, that's a 13 percent increase.

"Year-to-date, the Detroit area economy is up a whopping 12.9 percent from the first half of 2003," said David Littman, chief economist with Comerica Bank.

"Vehicle production and steel output were the chief contributors to June's strength in Southeast Michigan." Speaking of vehicle production, Comerica also announced that autos are the most affordable level in 25 years, as far as the second quarter goes. The Auto Affordability Index indicated that the purchase of an average-priced new vehicle in this timespan took 20.6 weeks of median family income, before taxes. That's 0.5 weeks more affordable than last

quarter. Also, the National Recession Watch Index registered an 11 percent probability in July — the 36th consecutive month below 12 percent. A national recession is forecast when the index surpasses 50 percent.

**Apple of 'Meijer' eyes**

Last week, Meijer was awarded the U.S. Apple Industry's top prize: 2004 Apple Merchandiser of the Year. The award was presented on Aug. 19 at the U.S. Apple Association's Outlook & Marketing Conference in Chicago.

The grocery and retail superstore said it sells more than 50.5 million pounds of apples per year, and more than 23 varieties. "Meijer has been chosen for this recognition for overall apple merchandising, including apple handling, variety tags, category expansion, processed apple product usage, and overall apple category management," said Kay Swartz Rentz, Director of U.S. Apple Association.

Meijer, which has locations in Northville and Wixom, also is celebrating its 70th anniversary. The Alley also announced finalists for its 4th Annual Premier Technology Awards Gala, to be held Sept. 10 at the Detroit Science Center. Categories include Legend CEO, CEO of the Year, CIO of the Year, Emerging Technology Company of the Year, Automation Alley Member of the Year, Technology Company of the Year and Educational Program of the Year. Tickets are \$100 per person, and black tie attire is required. For more details, visit [www.automationalley.com](http://www.automationalley.com) or call (800) 427-5100.

**Mich., 'Best Boating State'**

BoatingLife magazine recently bestowed the title of "Best Boating State" on none other than the Mitten State.

According to Travel Michigan, the reason Michigan was chosen was "because you're never more than 85 miles from one of four Great Lakes, and six miles from a boatable lake or river." Michigan's move from one million registered boaters also has 1,300 public access sites.

BoatingLife, a monthly publication, made the announcement in their July/August 2004 edition, basing their decision on public ramp accessibility, variety of waterways for all kinds of activities, scenery variety, programs and policies promoting or hindering boating, safety and facility fees and taxes, and boaters' advoca-

te organizations. The complete list is at [www.boatinglife.com](http://www.boatinglife.com), and state boating destination information is available at <http://michigan.org>.

**Alley racks up accomplishments**

Automation Alley's newsletter, The Alley Way, received an Award of Honor from the International Association of Business Communicators/Detroit Renaissance Awards. The publication beat out communicators in Southeast Michigan, Northwest Ohio and Southwest Ontario in the annual competition.

Creative service studio Skidmore, Inc. designed the four-page print newsletter. Ongoing expansion, processed apple product usage, and overall apple category management," said Kay Swartz Rentz, Director of U.S. Apple Association.

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**Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Christopherson**

Valerie Egnot and Matthew Christopherson were married July 17, 2004, at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, Novi. Dr. Richard Henderson officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of John and Diane Egnot of Novi. She is a graduate of Novi High School. She also earned her bachelor's of science degree in education at Central Michigan University and is working on her master's in reading at Wayne State University. She is a teacher at Dearborn Heights District #7.

The groom is the son of Ellen Zasloukin of Dearborn and Ken Christopherson of Redford. He is a graduate of Novi High School and Michigan State University in telecommunications. He is working at CBS/UPN 50 Detroit as a commercial producer.



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**Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Jones**

Marissa Ruth Stark and Bradley Scott Jones were married Nov. 29, 2003, at First United Methodist Church in Kalamazoo. The Reverend Lee Whitman, uncle of the bride, officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Doctors Richard and Mary Ann Stark. She is a graduate of Wheaton College. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jones of Novi. He has an MBA from Wayne State University and is employed with Ford Motor Company.

Amie Thomas served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Lesley Brown, Deborah Wolford, Katelyn Whitman, Jillian Whitman, Leah Stark, and Tonya Hightower.

Ed Vecce served as best man. Groomsmen were Mark Klein, Matt Stark, Curtis Jones, Aaron Stark, Marc Jones and Kevin Jones. Ushers were Rob Cuderman, Todd Kilgus, Joe Mackey and J. T. Flower. Flower girls were Makenzie Jones and Megan Jones, and ring bearer was Andrew Jones.



A reception was held at the Rose Street Market in Kalamazoo. The couple honeymooned in St. John the Virgin Islands and are residing in Wixomwood, Penn.

**OBITUARY**

**Ken E. Hoepfner, 65**

Ken Hoepfner died August 20, 2004. He was 65. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn; two children, Wendy (Jim) Atkins and Chad; two granddaughters, Madison and Morgan; his mother, Sophia Slivers; and one sister, Shirley (Carl) Senka.

Memorials may be made to the Nature Conservancy, 4335 N. Fairfax Dr., Ste 100, Arlington, Va. 22203-1606. Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

**IN THE SERVICE**

Marine Corps Cpl. Jeffrey Biddington, son of Thomas Biddington of Walled Lake, recently concluded operations in Afghanistan and is preparing to return to their home base of Camp Lejeune, N.C., after a routine scheduled deployment. He is a 2000 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School.

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# SENIORS

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## Lawsuit boosts Medicaid

At the tail end of last month, state Attorney General Mike Cox announced a settlement with pharmaceutical manufacturer Schering-Plough Inc. regarding its underpayment of Medicaid Drug Rebates on the anti-nausea drug Claritin. The move netted more than \$2.6 million for Michigan's Medicaid program.

The settlement includes 49 states and the District of Columbia. It arose from Schering's alleged failure to provide Medicaid programs with the "best price" available for Claritin, which is required by The Federal Medicaid Drug Rebate statute. Pharmaceutical manufacturers must file that information with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and include all discounts, rebates, payments and other drug-related incentives.

According to the Attorney General, Schering allegedly gave—and did not report—discounts, rebates and incentives to two HMOs, in an attempt to keep Claritin on their formulary instead of a less expensive competitor product. States received millions less in rebates.

Schering has agreed to plead guilty to a federal charge relating to the anti-kickback statute and will enter into a corporate integrity agreement to guide its future behavior.

## SAVVY SENIOR - "WHAT'S YOUR AGING IQ?"

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Dear Savvy Senior, My 49-year-old husband has become age-phobic. He has stuck in his head that all old people are depressed, grumpy, live in nursing homes and don't know what day it is. Part of his phobia stems from his mother who has dementia and his father who recently died in a nursing home with Alzheimer's disease, which he's convinced he will too. I recently heard of a new aging IQ booklet that helps inform people what normal aging is about. Can you tell me about this and would this be good for my husband to read? Realistic Rita

Dear Rita, Lot's of people like your husband have misconceptions about getting old. But, considering what he's gone through with his parents, it's pretty understandable. The booklet you're asking about is called "What's Your Aging IQ?" a free booklet published by the National Institute on Aging (NIA) that presents mini-stories and quiz questions to test your knowledge of aging and health. And yes, it's a great booklet for everybody to read.

**Aging IQ**  
What does it really mean to be old? If you think you know, you might be surprised. In "What's Your Aging IQ?" you're asked 28 very enlightening questions that explore some of the commonly-held misconceptions about aging. Here is a sampling to test your wits.

**Questions**  
1. If your parents had Alzheimer's disease, you will inevitably get it. True or false?  
2. Most older people are depressed. Yes or no?  
3. The older a person gets, the less sleep he or she needs. True or false?  
4. Heart disease is a much bigger problem for older men than for older women? True or false?  
5. Most older people live alone? True or false?  
6. Do people get grumpy as they age? Yes or no?

**Answers**  
1. False. Alzheimer's disease gets more common as people grow older, but it is not a normal part of aging. The overwhelming number of people that get AD have not inherited the disorder.  
2. No. For many people, their later years are an active, rewarding time. Depression can be caused by medicine, physical illness or stress. Once the cause of depression is known, the problem often can be treated.  
3. False. In later life, it's the quality of sleep that changes, not total sleep time. Older people may have trouble falling asleep, staying asleep which can cause them to wake up tired.  
4. False. The risk of heart disease increases dramatically for women after menopause. By age 65, both men and women have a one in three chance of developing heart disease, but risk can be significantly reduced by following a healthy diet and exercising.  
5. False. About eight out of 10 older men and six out of 10

elder women live in family settings—with a husband, wife, or other family members. Less than 5 percent of people over age 65 live in nursing homes.  
6. No. Personalities are usually consistent throughout life. So, a young grumpy person is likely to become an old grumpy person, just as a friendly youngster is likely to become a friendly senior.  
So, how did you do? Did you know everything or did some of the answers surprise you? If you want to take the full IQ test you can order a free booklet or see it at [www.niapublications.org](http://www.niapublications.org).

**Savvy Resource**  
National Institute on Aging offers lots of great publications on health, aging and care giving issues, most of which are free. To see what's available visit [www.niapublications.org](http://www.niapublications.org) or call (800) 222-2225.

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## They're going for the gold at state's Senior Olympics

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"All the grandchildren get them," Aron added. With 12 between them, there are plenty of recipients. The couple had met at a Birmingham Parents Without Partners meeting. Although both have (or have developed) a passion for athletics, they also have differences.

A Michigan native, Aron worked for years in the Royal Oak school system as assistant director of the vocational program, and also taught math and served as counselor at the junior high level.

Hailing from Baltimore, Peg received a masters degree and worked as a geriatric social worker with Catholic Social Services of Oakland County and Macomb County Community Mental Health throughout the 1980s, eventually switching to part-time home health care. She's more outspoken and likes "variety." He's a man of

fewer words and prefers the same breakfast daily: Wheaties with a banana slice of toast with peanut butter and milk.  
But the two work well together and are headed to the national Olympic competition in Pittsburgh next June. And both have goals.  
For Aron, who broke six ribs and bruised his spleen in a 12-foot accidental fall from a scenic overlook last Thanksgiving, the plan is to "just do as well as I can."  
Peg, who won fifth place nationally in discus five years ago, has her eye on a first, second or third prize in the 20K. "I would like to get a medal in the National Olympics," she said, smiling. "It's kind of like, outside the competition."

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# HEALTH

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## A good attitude can help you stay healthy

By Ernie Harwell

Certainly, much of our health is what the good Lord gives us to begin with. Some of us have good genes or the good fortune not to be sick, while others don't.

But I've also found that attitude is very important when it comes to our health. Having a good attitude is not just having a positive outlook, but it's about disciplining ourselves to do the right things for our bodies.

I've seen it in the big leagues. Some young men who didn't have a lot of talent made the most of what they had by concentrating on good health habits. Likewise, some fellows had great talent that they squandered because of poor health habits. It's a good lesson both ways. We all need to have the right attitude when it comes to keeping ourselves healthy.

**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 dogs are filled with sewing as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Cross Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lila," 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 (800) 245-5082.**

## YOUR HEALTH - "IS IT HOT IN HERE?"

By Elaine Horowitz  
PROVIDENCE NURSE NAVIGATOR

Is it hot in here? How many times have you found yourself saying that lately? For those women hovering around their middle 40s this question takes on added significance. They may be entering the "perimenopausal" phase.

Menopause, technically the last menstrual period, occurs somewhere around age 51. The time leading up to menopause when the hormone levels are fluctuating is referred to as the perimenopausal phase. Some symptoms that women may experience include:

- Hot flashes or night sweats
- Insomnia
- Changes in the menstrual cycle
- Irregular bleeding
- Emotional ups and downs
- Short term memory loss

These symptoms may come and go and can vary widely from person to person. Up until two years ago, dealing with menopause was fairly routine. Though many women were beginning to look at alternative forms of treatment, hormone replacement therapy was still widely prescribed as the best way to deal with menopause symptoms and prevention of future health problems. The

early halting of the Women's Health Initiative in July 2002, due to concerns about increases in heart disease and breast cancer in the study population, made everyone begin to look at this in a different light.

Currently, hormone therapy (estrogen or estrogen/progestin combinations) is still recommended for treatment of the some of the annoying symptoms of menopause, such as hot flashes and vaginal dryness. Those who choose to take hormones get the added benefit of protection from osteoporosis as well.

Hormone therapy, however, is no longer recommended as a prevention against heart disease or for long-term use. Generally speaking, most healthcare providers feel that short-term use (five years) in the lowest dose is safe for most women. Women with a history of breast cancer, heart disease or blood clots may not be candidates for hormone therapy. Speak with your healthcare provider to determine your own personal risk factors and to see if this is the best avenue for you.

Because of the negative publicity about hormone therapy, many women are seeking out alternative treatments to deal with menopause discomforts. An explosion of products has hit the marketplace in recent years, causing even more confusion about what works and what does not. Some of the more popular products containing black cohosh or soy may have some effect on hot flashes, but there is as yet no scientific data to back up the claims.

If you choose to use any of these products, be sure to let your healthcare provider know what you are taking to ensure that they do not interfere with other medications. Antidepressants, such as Prozac or Paxil, have been found to reduce the frequency and severity of hot flashes and may be an option for women who cannot take hormones.

Making small lifestyle changes can also help you deal with troubling menopause symptoms. Getting regular exercise not only makes you more fit, but also causes the body to release chemicals that make you feel better. Eating a good, well-balanced diet, getting adequate rest and managing stress can make it easier to face the day. Finally, a positive attitude and sense of humor are essential. Converting hot flashes to power surges and laughing about memory lapses with other menopausal women can make this all more manageable.

**Elaine Horowitz, is a 2000 Nightingale Award recipient for Excellence in Nursing Education from Oakland University School of Nursing. She is a magna cum laude graduate of the WSU College of Nursing, and her career has given her hands-on experience as a social worker, labor and delivery nurse, public health nurse, clinical research nurse and community health educator. She is the past president of the Hadassah Nurses Council, and a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses and the International Childbirth Education Association. She can be reached at Providence, a member of St. John Health, at (800) 806-2229.**

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# EDUCATION

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## Road construction will delay school bus runs

### Students should expect to be late to school without consequence

By Ramez Khuri

Transportation department is going to struggle to get students to and from school on time. Not to worry though, because a bus being late is not a consequence of going to school. The district is taking every effort in order to get these kids to school and back on time, but with all the construction going on, students will be late," Tooman said.

The emphasis will always be on safety first. The overall picture that Tooman is looking at shows "three spots, no line," he says. "We have to make sure that we have a substitute driver around and tell them to start the driver's other run on time."

For instance, if the high school runs in one time, but the driver can't get to the middle school on time, a substitute driver will take the high school's middle school run. The driver can then be on time for the Nové Meadows run.

"That's one of my options," Tooman said. "I've done that before, and the only way I can get away with it is if the buses are running well and working."

Right now, the intersection of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road is totally closed and will be until after Labor Day, though Tooman was told it could open by the first day of school, Monday, Aug. 30.

The construction at Ten Mile and Novi Road is going to be the biggest problem for Tooman, however, because it's down to one lane. Another concern is that citizens are altering their driving habits to get around the construction. Therefore, the roads that are accessible are becoming more congested.

"We're not going to have any buses that I can think of right now," Tooman said. "If we're going to be late, I'm going to bring the substitute driver around and tell them to start the driver's other run on time."

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Novi Woods Elementary School	8:35 a.m.	3:21 p.m.
Orchard Hills Elementary School	8:35 a.m.	3:21 p.m.
Parkview Elementary School	9:05 a.m.	3:51 p.m.
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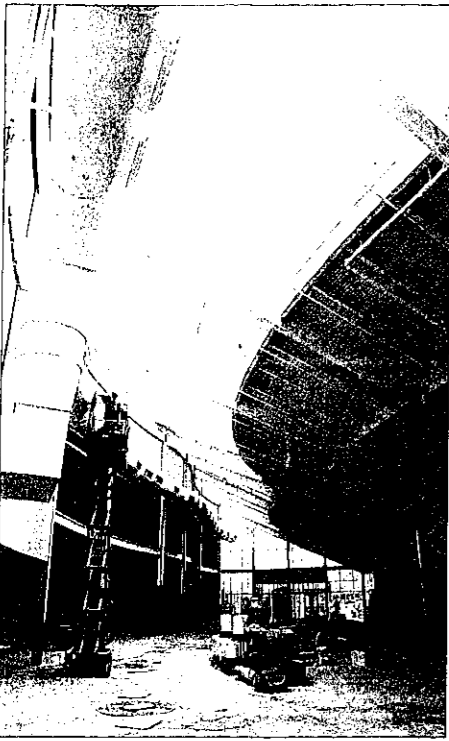
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# Ready or not! Novi High School gets a major facelift



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Theater, the rehearsal room and the dancers room as well as the child development lab. The school's fine arts program will continue the way it always has, but additions after construction will bring enhancements. "The building has gotten a lot bigger," Lawrence said. "The footprint that Novi High School is currently making in Novi is much larger than it used to be, and people don't really have any idea as to how big it will be until they actually get here and start moving around. The seniors are going to be coming in and feeling like freshmen. The hallways haven't changed, but locations and rooms and the building has changed, so it's going to feel a little bit different for them, too. All the students are going to be in the same boat, basically."

### Big feeling small

Fully occupied, the new and improved Novi High will hold a capacity of 2,400 students. With that in mind, Lawrence and his staff thought that it was very important to keep that small feeling in a big high school. "We have done some things in the planning and construction on this high school that will accomplish this," Lawrence said. The first is the student service center, which will break the student population in half. When the building is fully staffed, faculty will be able to have one half of the student service center serving one half of the student body and the other half

servicing the other. It's a smaller area that students will be able to identify with, rather than going into this huge group and not really finding where they may fit. "It's very important to us to allow students to feel that they fit and that they have a place to go to get information," Lawrence said. Though it may seem like a large structure, the deans will be working with students in small units. The thinking is this will help students to better identify which services they need. Also, the high school staff has tried to create inviting, open places for students to congregate when they come to school in the morning before class. Students will have a place to go to socialize with each other rather than jamming in the hallways before school starts. "We have a beautiful atrium which will have benches and we still have the common areas," Lawrence said. "All will have pleasant surroundings. Those are examples of areas that we try to create that are warm and inviting for students to come to."

### More parking spaces

Parking around the school has also improved tremendously. There will be more parking this year than there has ever been and next year there will be even more. Also, some changes to the curriculum have been made in an attempt to meet the needs of students as they move into the 21st century. The stadium entrance has changed, as well as the parent drop off area. Lawrence is asking that



Art Miller, former Novi High School principal, takes a look at some of the blueprints for the school's new addition and renovation to its old building. Miller is helping to coordinate the effort.

"I've had numerous requests and suggestions from parents that maybe we should have an open house so people can come in before school starts to tour the building," Lawrence said. "We ask that they not park in there, but if they come in and follow the loop, there will be double lanes going out," Lawrence said. "We're very concerned about student safety and having only students entering the building. Dress for off-rail activity. Cost is \$2 per person. Program pre-registration is required for all programs. CONTACT: Call (248) 437-7345 and leave your name, phone number, and the number of people attending. Fees may be paid on the day of the program or mailed in advance to: Lyon Oaks Nature Center, 52221 Pontiac Trail, Wixom, 48393."

Parents are discouraged from dropping their children off in the staff parking lot off Tall Road, because that's where the buses

The large, glass-ceilinged atrium at Novi High. It connects the older school building and the newly redesigned cafeteria.

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## EVENTS

- Novi Police Celebrate 50th Anniversary**  
DATE: Saturday, Aug. 28  
TIME: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
LOCATION: 45125 W. Ten Mile Rd.  
DETAILS: In honor of the department's 50th anniversary, festivities include tours, vintage patrol car show, K9 demonstration, department displays, emergency vehicle display, refreshments and entertainment. All free.  
CONTACT: (248) 735-5628
- Novi High School Band Fanfare**  
DATE: Saturday, Sept. 11  
TIME: 4 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi High School Football Field  
DETAILS: Marching Band Competition; \$6 per adult; \$4 per senior and child; free for Novi senior residents.  
CONTACT: Patti and Charlie Hoket at (248) 478-6502.
- Emergency Food Assistance Program**  
DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 14  
TIME: 12:30-1:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Senior Center at Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Rd.  
DETAILS: All people who are income eligible and not registered may do so at the site by bringing social security cards, household income and photo I.D.  
CONTACT: OLHS's Community and Family Services Department in Pontiac at (248) 269-2658 or (800) 482-9250.
- Novi High School Band Bottle Drive**  
DATE: Saturday, Sept. 18  
TIME: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi.  
DETAILS: Students will be collecting bottles at homes throughout the community and sorting in parking lot of Farmer Jack Supermarket.  
CONTACT: Sharon Hoiving at (248) 349-4461.

## HEALTH

- Boost Camp Day**  
DATE: Friday, Sept. 10  
TIME: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
LOCATION: Providence Park Medical Building  
DETAILS: The program is a retreat designed to provide valuable tools, information and a new perspective on healthier living through wellness. Cost of \$50 includes lunch and materials.  
CONTACT: For more information or to register call: (248) 465-3455
- Oakland County Health Division Breast-feeding Classes for Mother and Baby**  
DATE: Tuesdays, Aug. 31 and Sept. 7  
LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Maple Rd., Walled Lake  
TIME: 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.  
DETAILS: Classes will be taught by public health nurses. Solving common problems associated with breast-feeding, taking care of mom, growth and development of the breast-feeding infant including: growth spurts, starting solids, and weaning. Mothers are encouraged to bring their babies to the sessions.  
CONTACT: (248) 858-4003, or (888) 350-0900 ext. 84003.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

- Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples (MOMS)**  
DATE: second Thursday of each month  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Wilek's Hat Depot, South Lyon  
DETAILS: Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families. Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Valley school conference are all welcome. If you are a parent of, or currently expecting, twins, triplets or more and are interested in joining a great group of moms, please feel free to stop by our meeting, or call Emily for more information at (248) 676-2913.  
CONTACT: For more information regarding Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples, please contact Emily Sack, president, at (248) 676-2913.
- Novi Toastmasters**  
DATE: first and third Tuesdays of the month  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room  
TIME: 7:30-8:45 p.m.  
DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills; voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership.  
CONTACT: Call Colleen at (248) 685-9226.
- Oakland County Health Division Expectant Parent Classes**  
DATE: ongoing series  
LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Maple Rd., Walled Lake  
TIME: 7-9 p.m.  
DETAILS: Classes will be taught by public health nurses. Topics will include childbirth preparation, labor and delivery, care of the newborn baby, breast-feeding, bottle-feeding, information about keeping children safe and caring for them when they are ill. Cost is \$25.  
CONTACT: (248) 858-4003, or (888) 350-0900 ext. 84003.

## CLASSES

- "The Nutcracker" Auditions**  
DATE: Saturday, Aug. 28  
TIME: 2 p.m. for ages 8-11; 3 p.m. for ages 12-19  
DETAILS: Metropolitan Ballet Theatre, co-directed by Victoria Stock-Kim and Jay Kim, will hold auditions for a concert production of "The Nutcracker" and level placement for the Metropolitan Ballet Academy.  
CONTACT: The Sports Club of Novi at (248) 735-8850, ext. 3112.
- Novi Chorales Auditions**  
DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 21; and if needed, Tuesday, Sept. 28  
TIME: 9 a.m.  
CONTACT: Chorale president, Noel Brown at (248) 348-0439 before Sept. 20 to make an appointment for an audition.
- SWOCC STUDIO'S 3rd Annual Open House**  
DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 22  
TIME: 5-8 p.m.  
LOCATION: The studio located at 33300 Nine Mile Rd. just east of Farmington Hills.  
DETAILS: Staff at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission will be on-hand to show you the facility, give you a behind-the-scenes look at that it takes to produce a show, and answer all your questions. Parking will be available at the Farmer Jack directly across the street. The next SWOCC meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 7:30 p.m. at Farmington Hills City Hall. The next Cable Access Committee meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 7 p.m., at SWOCC Studios.  
CONTACT: If you can't make the Open House and the scenes tour, call (248) 473-2840.

## BUSINESS

- Business Referrals**  
DATE: every Wednesday  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Rd.  
TIME: 7-8:30 a.m.  
DETAILS: Meeting of local professionals and business looking to increase word-of-mouth referrals. Various classifications open and eager to bring you qualified business leads.  
CONTACT: (734) 462-6460.
- Adoption Playgroup**  
DATE: first and third Fridays of the month  
TIME: 10 a.m.  
LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook Road between Ten Mile Road and Grand River Avenue)  
DETAILS: We are a non-profit, non-denominational group that brings adoptive families together. Our twice-monthly meetings provide families with the opportunity

**NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION**

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WAYNE, OAKLAND AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT: Please Take Notice that the Board of Education of Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw 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 18 mills on all property except principal residence and qualified agricultural property required for the school district to receive its revenue 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 Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, be increased by .25 mill (80.25 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 this 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 CALLED 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 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 clerks must appear on the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

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

LIBBY A. SMITH  
SECRETARY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

(8-1926 NN, NR 157463)

**FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 04-048**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Performance Driving Events representing Lincoln-Mercury is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a tent for a one-day event on Saturday, September 25, 2004. The event will be held in the parking lot adjacent to the Lifestyle Café Food Court.

A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday, September 1, 2004. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. 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.

DENISE ANDERSON  
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY  
(248) 347-0415

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**FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 04-049**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Pure Homes is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a temporary sales trailer for the Liberty Park subdivision. The trailer will be located at 28055 Dixon Road. This permit is to be issued from the date of the meeting until December 1, 2004.

A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday, September 1, 2004. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. 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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## Everyone loses in gender game

Growing up, my sister could always wait on me (and our older brother, for that matter). Heck, she probably still can! For that reason, and other more obvious ones, I've always had a deep respect for the opposite gender.

That's why, personally, I'm a little surprised by the allegation of gender bias on Novi's city council. Is it true?



Cal Stone

There are only seven people who can really answer that. But looking at the numbers, I'd have to say it's a bunch of garbage.

Unanimous or near-unanimous approval of board members and commissioners seems to be the rule rather than the exception. See for yourself on page 2.

That said, I have to wonder always what our thinking regarding the city manager's salary. At \$133,840, Richard Helwig is not making as much as his colleagues in Farmington Hills, Southfield, Bloomfield Township or Troy.

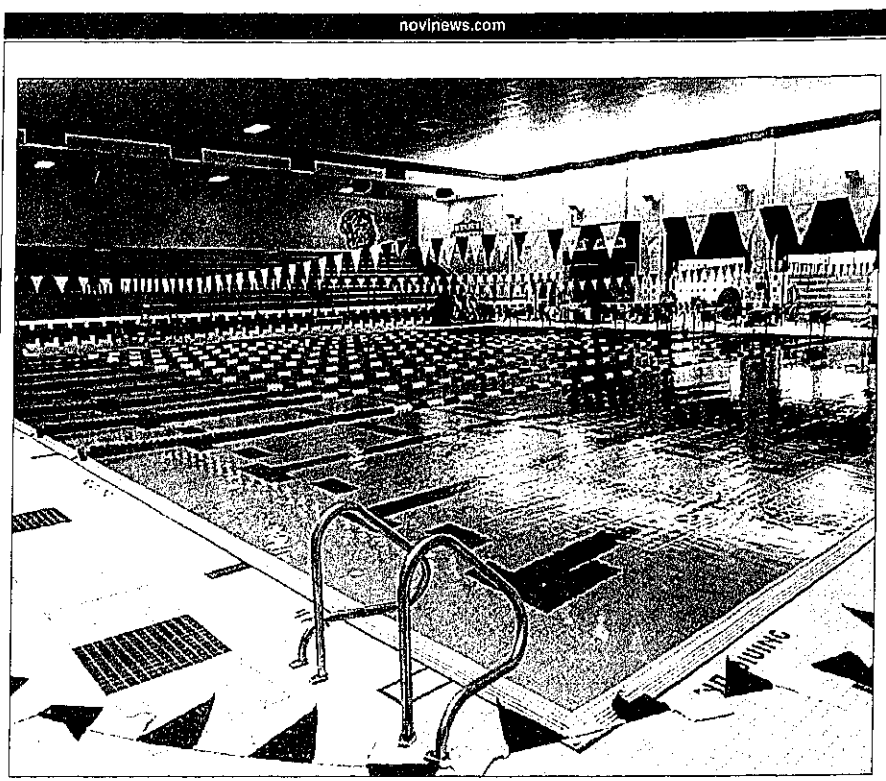
A 4-percent increase is not out of line given the manager's performance during the last 12 months. (Likewise, Maryanne Cornelius earned every bit of her 4-percent increase as city clerk.)

I think those not in favor of the full increase for Mr. Helwig should give specific instances of where he has failed to meet their expectations since July 2003.

Otherwise, this just perpetuates the men vs. women image.

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# OPINION



**Rejuvenated**  
 Novi High School's redesigned pool. There are now bleachers and open windows on the swimming facility's east end, at right; new lighting; the pool's dimensions were changed; and the room was enlarged. For more on renovations at the school, please see the front page story.

## LETTERS

### No beating around this Bush

As the Republican convention gets underway, we will no doubt hear many glowing statements regarding President Bush. When that occurs, I hope everyone will remember the following:

1. George Bush is the man who misled us into the Iraq war where hundreds of our soldiers are being killed and maimed with no end in sight. His arrogance with regard to this war has also alienated most of our allies.

2. George Bush is not a fiscal conservative. He has not vetoed a single piece of pork barrel legislation, and he is running up billions of dollars in deficits which our children and grandchildren will have to pay.

3. George Bush is not protecting and defending the Constitution of the United States. George Bush's Attorney General defended the Patriot Act which enabled practices which are in direct conflict with the 4th, 5th and 6th Amendments in the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution. People are not now protected against unreasonable searches. (Just ask any librarian!) People are being jailed indefinitely, without charges or a right to an attorney. Such practices are usually found in totalitarian governments.

4. George Bush's Secretary of Defense directed attorneys to try to find ways around compliance with the provisions of the Geneva Convention of 1958, thus leading to situations in which the Iraq Prisoner of War abuses could occur and warnings from the International Red Cross could be ignored.

5. George Bush refuses to lead his party and press for the extension of the assault weapons ban even when there are some of the very weapons which terrorists could use to kill innocent people.

6. George Bush's Clean Air Act actually allows for higher levels of pollution.

So as the confetti flies, and the convention speeches flow, and platitudes are listed about the difficult times in which we live, I hope everyone will remember that a great many of our problems have been created by the very man so glibly seeking reelection: George Bush.

I am surprised to hear such venom spew forth from a man who so diligently gave of himself to the great City of Novi for so many years. He, of all people, should know and understand the time and effort that goes into volunteering for such jobs. He, of all people, should know and understand that no person on City Council is either lazy or conniving. Agree with the voters. Don't agree with the votes. Candidates for office hear the people's feelings loud and clear on Election Day. And, it's not that I can't "stand the heat." In my career as a police officer I have heard much worse. And it's not that I don't agree that Mr. Toth has the right to say anything he chooses. It's simply that he is wrong. Plain and simply WRONG. There is not, never has been, and never will be a conspiracy by the male members of City Council to put males only on boards and commissions. Let's examine the public record.

Planning Commission appointments are made in public by the votes of each Council Member after a person is nominated by the Mayor. Most other boards and commission members are voted on by secret ballots by each council member. Mr. Toth could not possibly know how each member votes on these ballots. Therefore, let's look at the Planning Commission votes, which are public.

On December 16, 2003, the City Council voted unanimously (member Lorenzo absent) to place Richard Gaul, Mark Peterson and Victor Cassis on the Planning Commission. No "lazy, conniving group." The entire City Council that was present that night. Four (4) males and two (2) females. All voted the exact same way. Then, on July 12th, 2004, another vote for Planning Commission appointments was conducted by City Council members. David Lipski and Wayne Wyobel were both voted in unanimously, 7-0. Four (4) male and three (3) female members of City Council voted the exact same way for the two planning commission members. Andrew Gutman was elected to sit on the planning commission by a 6-1 vote; member Paul Voigt No. Four (4) male and two (2) female members of council voted Yes. No "lazy, conniving" group. Just Novi's City Council doing what it was elected to do. A diverse council. An experienced council.

I'll close by saying this. I like Joe Toth. I respect Joe Toth. I voted for Joe Toth each time he ran for City Council. I have been around Joe Toth longer than any other member of Council. I was disappointed by his words published in the Novi News. I was disappointed that he didn't do his homework and study the facts before making false accusations. No one has to agree with Council or the way they vote - but everyone should get the facts right.

**John A. Juenzel**  
 Novi

### Gatt defends votes

When I read the August 19, 2004, edition of the Novi News, I was saddened to learn that a friend attacked my good name. I have known, respected and LIKED Joe Toth for more years than I care to remember. During decades of experiences together, I did not always agree with his political views or his votes on certain issues. But, I always supported him.

I have been on City Council for a little over nine months. In that time span, according to my friend, I have become a "lazy, conniving" member of a group. I won't speak for anyone else named that group by Mr. Toth, as they are all big people and can speak for themselves. However, I will speak for me. I am not lazy. I am not conniving. And I don't like reading those words about me in a newspaper. My children, my

**Bob Gatt**  
 Novi City Council Member

### Concerned with appointments

During my 33 years in Novi, I have been involved with or have closely followed the progress of our City. Never have

**Steve Moranti**  
 Novi

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I see so many "conflict of interest" appointments to a commission or committee.

Residents with a problem or concern, and certainly developers who pay a fee to bring a plan before a city body, are entitled to a full vote of that body. If a member must be recused, an important issue could result in a denial due to a tie vote, reflecting the wisdom of that appointment.

Joe Toth's letter Aug 19th in the Novi News expressed my views. There have been many intelligent, well trained and informed women that have given so much to this City. Having a majority of new members appointed to important committees does not seem to be in our best interest while qualified women are pushed aside.

**Isabel C. Collins**  
 Former Planning Commissioner  
 Novi

### Oh, how I love Monday nights

I didn't even tune into the Olympics. Monday Night Football, or The Casino. Instead, I was entertained by our local cable channel 13, with our bi-weekly city council meetings.

The storyline tonight was about whether our city manager was entitled to a compensation increase with the 4 percent that is allotted every professional managerial position in any field that requires oversight of more than 100 employees. Well, as the show goes on, three members of our city council express displeasure of the proposed increase of compensation. The other four members, by a majority, agree, that the city manager has done a commendable job in regard to his duties and approve an increase in compensation.

But, as the plot continues, this is a budget issue. It requires a 5-2 vote, not a majority.

So, this being a three-hour epilogue, instead of a two-hour, made-for-television movie, we have motion, after motion, after motion, without commercial interruption. In the ending, our hero, Mr. Helwig, states, "Let's get this over with!"

But, no, the story will be continued, as all reality TV shows do. (My vote is, give him the raise; let's not lose him to Waxmo).

Finally, I have read comments about gender issues in our city political format. If anybody out there cannot see that a minority gender has been blatantly voting against a majority gender, for reasons that quite well may be legitimate, then they are watching a fantasy fairy tale. This has become a battle of genders, with no compromises allowed. I, as a citizen, question their motives, and when election time comes around, I will express my opinion! I still feel that a valid check-and-balance needs to be implemented so that personal agendas are not running our city.

I would encourage anybody who reads this to turn your cable channel to #13 on Monday nights. It is entertaining television.

**Jack Lessnerberry**

There's little doubt that if he had wanted to, William S. Broomfield could be the senior GOP member of Congress today. Modest and self-effacing, short and dapper, he first went to Washington when Dwight D. Eisenhower was re-elected in 1956, and stayed till Bill Clinton came.

Nobody pressured him to leave. He had a really tough re-election since 1958. "I just felt that it was time for me to hang it up. I felt burned out — I really resented the quorum calls, things like that," he said in an interview for his home in Maryland, where he lives most of the time these days, 82 and hale.

Politically, he was a member of a species that is almost extinct now — the honest, hard-working bipartisan, who strove for consensus and unity, especially on foreign affairs, and dedicated himself otherwise to constituent service.

And while he liked making things happen, he actually preferred making them happen behind the scenes, not in front of the camera. He had a quiet idea that it was his job to help and work with whatever president was in office. Not surprisingly, he made few enemies.

"I honestly can say I liked working with all the presidents, and I still have letters from all of them."

They liked him too; he was one of Lyndon Johnson's favorite Republican congressmen. LBJ even appointed him U.S. ambassador to the United Nations' general assembly for a year, even though Broomfield voted against most of his Great Society legislation. Somehow, the congressman

found a way to disagree without being disagreeable.

He also knew Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Nixon, Ford, Carter and Bush. Who was his favorite? He doesn't even want to go there. But he is proud of perhaps of the time when, facing a potential impasse over the first Gulf War, he and U.S. Rep. Stephen Solarz, a New York Democrat, quietly went to see the first President Bush and hammered out a deal on legislation supporting the coming war to liberate Kuwait.

"He called me from Camp David to tell me how much he appreciated what I had done," Broomfield said.

He is still a Republican through and through; always has been, since he grew up in leafy Royal Oak, where his father was the town dentist and the biggest political attraction was the radio speeches of the Rev. Charles Coughlin, bombastic lord of the Shriners of the Little Flower.

Broomfield was another — who was inspired by U.S. Sen. Arthur Vandenberg to turn their party from its traditional isolationism to bipartisan internationalism. Broomfield was only 26 when he took on and upset an old muckaback state legislator.

Eight years later, he ran for Congress in a swing district that included most of Detroit's Jewish population. As he remembers it, the issue was decided when his opponent equivocated over support for Israel, and he pledged to back the fleeing Jewish state, a promise he always kept.

When he started, he represented one of Oakland County. By the time he left in 1993, it had grown

so much it was divided into several congressional districts.

Broomfield went to many a Republican National Convention, though never in a prominent role. Next week, he'll watch the convention on TV, but won't miss a thing.

But what he does miss is an atmosphere of civility. He isn't about to publicly criticize Dick Cheney, but he is appalled at a world where the vice-president uses unparliamentary language on the floor. He thinks harsh and strident rhetoric from both parties is destructive. "I hope that it can change back to a spirit of bipartisanship. This hurts us a lot. The idea that one single party can do everything on these complicated issues doesn't make sense."

His generation got the nation safely through the Cold War. He does have one regret: he never served in the majority. He arrived two years after the Republicans lost control of the House and left 36 years later, two years before they got it back. Had he stayed, he would have been head of Foreign Affairs.

"That would have been nice. But you know, the thing I enjoyed most of all was taking care of people's problems, my constituents' problems, you know."

There probably will never be a book about Bill Broomfield, though the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm has an exhibit till Nov. 12 on his life and career. Call (248)-656-4663 for information.

But I can't help wonder if he'd be all the better off if he were Tom DeLays, and more of Broomfield's like today.

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# OTHER OPINIONS

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## A checklist for adapting to state's new economy

People look at the world in fundamentally different ways. The British philosopher Isaiah Berlin once famously wrote, "The fox knows many things, but the hedgehog knows one big thing."

I couldn't get that line out of my head as I looked at last week's economic news. Michigan's unemployment rate for July went up three-tenths of a percent, which means another 15,000 people are out of work, out mostly from manufacturing jobs. Our jobless rate, 6.8 percent, is well above the national rate of 5.5. This is another sign of bad news in a dismal long-term trend.

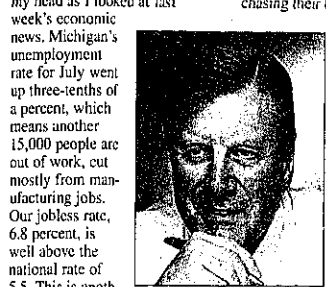
We have lost 21 percent of our economic backbone — manufacturing jobs — since 2000.

These losses are the result of many things, as the fox knows full well. They include enormously increased productivity in manufacturing which means that lots of companies can make lots more things using less labor, and "offshoring," which means shifting work to places like China where labor is much cheaper.

Significant overcapacity in the U.S. automobile industry is another factor, so are rigid labor contracts that make assembly labor a fixed cost and result in terrible cost pressure on the supply chain.

The one big thing that the hedgehog knows is simply this: Those manufacturing jobs are never coming back. They're over, done with.

Sure, we'll retain some auto assembly plants, if only because their labor contracts prevent the companies from shutting them down. But many highly educated young people are leaving Michigan for other places like Chicago and San Francisco. We need to find better ways to recruit members of the "creative class," the folks who will invent new



Phil Power

products and manage new businesses.

- Fix the universities. State appropriations for the 15 public universities have fallen steadily by a quarter in the past three years. But everybody knows that our universities are our greatest source of brainpower, research inventions and business leaders. Moreover, graduates of our universities — whether from in-state or out-of-state — disproportionately stay in Michigan. Tolerating a slow demise of our best universities is outrageous, and will cost us mightily in the long run.
- Fix the schools. Most schools are improving, but too many inner city kids who don't drop out still get a terrible education. We can't develop a highly skilled labor force when 20 percent of school-leavers are illiterate and lack simple math skills.
- Fix health care. Health care costs add up to \$12,000 per car manufactured in Michigan. They bulk up the cost of hiring a worker by as much as \$7,000 per year. A national solution is years away, but surely we can take small steps in Michigan.
- Fix the culture. In some places, the community culture still holds that a high school diploma is all that you need to get a good-paying job. Elsewhere, too many folks are addicted to the idea that working for some large company is the route to security.

Michigan at the head of the industrial revolution nearly a century ago is a phenomenon that has been tailing off for decades.

"So," says the hedgehog, "what are we going to do about that?"

I'm afraid most of the foxes in Lansing are still running around, chasing their tails, spinning economic data, proposing short-term fixes and generally misunderstanding the radical changes that are now sweeping through the long run Michigan economy. As a result, they are proposing remedies that are wholly inadequate to the scope of the problem.

(Better buggy whips wouldn't have saved the horseshoe industry in 1915, either.)

Here's a hedgehog's checklist list of the big things that must be addressed if Michigan is to adapt and take advantage of the economic changes now underway:

• Fix the budget. Michigan has for years faced a built-in structural budget deficit of more than \$1 billion each year. Legislative yapping about cutting spending here and there is nothing more than nibbling at the margins. We must either radically downsize state spending or find ways to get enough revenue to sustain state services.

• Fix the tax system. The Single Business Tax is complicated, out-of-date and hurts our ability to compete when national companies consider locations in Michigan. The state sales tax is levied on goods, not services, although the service sector of the economy is the one that's going to grow in the future.

• Fix the demography. The centers are right. Demography is history. Too many highly educated young people are leaving Michigan for other places like Chicago and San Francisco. We need to find better ways to recruit members of the "creative class," the folks who will invent new

products and manage new businesses.

Compare this to the mentality in Silicon Valley, and you'll see how far we have to go.

If we're going to address the hedgehog's one big thing, we need to focus our attention on a few basics. Let the foxes fiddle around with the little stuff.

Listening. Joe Jennifer Granholm? Listening, members of the legislature? Listening, Michigan citizens?

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## Former county politician urges more bipartisanship

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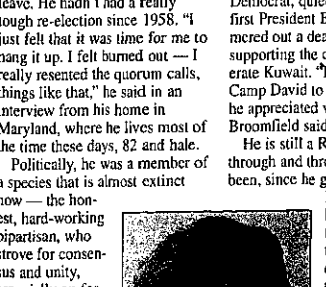
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Politically, he was a member of a species that is almost extinct now — the honest, hard-working bipartisan, who strove for consensus and unity, especially on foreign affairs, and dedicated himself otherwise to constituent service.

And while he liked making things happen, he actually preferred making them happen behind the scenes, not in front of the camera. He had a quiet idea that it was his job to help and work with whatever president was in office. Not surprisingly, he made few enemies.

"I honestly can say I liked working with all the presidents, and I still have letters from all of them."

They liked him too; he was one of Lyndon Johnson's favorite Republican congressmen. LBJ even appointed him U.S. ambassador to the United Nations' general assembly for a year, even though Broomfield voted against most of his Great Society legislation. Somehow, the congressman



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found a way to disagree without being disagreeable.

He also knew Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Nixon, Ford, Carter and Bush. Who was his favorite? He doesn't even want to go there. But he is proud of perhaps of the time when, facing a potential impasse over the first Gulf War, he and U.S. Rep. Stephen Solarz, a New York Democrat, quietly went to see the first President Bush and hammered out a deal on legislation supporting the coming war to liberate Kuwait.

"He called me from Camp David to tell me how much he appreciated what I had done," Broomfield said.

He is still a Republican through and through; always has been, since he grew up in leafy Royal Oak, where his father was the town dentist and the biggest political attraction was the radio speeches of the Rev. Charles Coughlin, bombastic lord of the Shriners of the Little Flower.

Broomfield was another — who was inspired by U.S. Sen. Arthur Vandenberg to turn their party from its traditional isolationism to bipartisan internationalism. Broomfield was only 26 when he took on and upset an old muckaback state legislator.

Eight years later, he ran for Congress in a swing district that included most of Detroit's Jewish population. As he remembers it, the issue was decided when his opponent equivocated over support for Israel, and he pledged to back the fleeing Jewish state, a promise he always kept.

When he started, he represented one of Oakland County. By the time he left in 1993, it had grown

so much it was divided into several congressional districts.

Broomfield went to many a Republican National Convention, though never in a prominent role. Next week, he'll watch the convention on TV, but won't miss a thing.

But what he does miss is an atmosphere of civility. He isn't about to publicly criticize Dick Cheney, but he is appalled at a world where the vice-president uses unparliamentary language on the floor. He thinks harsh and strident rhetoric from both parties is destructive. "I hope that it can change back to a spirit of bipartisanship. This hurts us a lot. The idea that one single party can do everything on these complicated issues doesn't make sense."

His generation got the nation safely through the Cold War. He does have one regret: he never served in the majority. He arrived two years after the Republicans lost control of the House and left 36 years later, two years before they got it back. Had he stayed, he would have been head of Foreign Affairs.

"That would have been nice. But you know, the thing I enjoyed most of all was taking care of people's problems, my constituents' problems, you know."

There probably will never be a book about Bill Broomfield, though the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm has an exhibit till Nov. 12 on his life and career. Call (248)-656-4663 for information.

But I can't help wonder if he'd be all the better off if he were Tom DeLays, and more of Broomfield's like today.

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# SPOTLIGHT ON: ORTHODONTIC NEWS

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

**BRACKETS OF SORTS**

Fixed orthodontic appliances ("braces") primarily consist of an arch wire that spans the upper and/or lower dental arch to gently coax teeth into their desired positions. These arch wires are affixed to each tooth by means of a bracket ("braces") that holds the arch wire in place with either an elastic band or small stainless steel wire. This is also a fairly ingenious bracket available known as the Damon bracket, which is self-ligating. This means that it has a built-in "sliding door" that readily accepts the arch wire and holds it in place. This self-ligating bracket offers the advantage of allowing the wire to slide through brackets freely, which translates

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## Be sensitive to seniors independence

At the age of 87, my uncle is one of millions of older Americans trying to maintain his independence and quality of life. Fortunately, for many of these folks, there is an adult child, grandchild, niece, nephew or friend helping them in some way to maintain their independence.

The Internet is rich with resources to educate people about eldercare issues. "Aging/Parents and Adult Children Together" is one such resource. Compiled by the Federal Trade Commission in cooperation with AARP, the 10-article series addresses such topics as making the home senior friendly and daily money management. ([www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/services/apact/index.html](http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/services/apact/index.html)).

If you suspect your elderly parent or extended family member isn't paying bills on time, is forgetting to record checks in the register, or is using a credit card too often, she may need some assistance with financial affairs.

Suddenly immersing yourself in her daily money management will likely incite anger. Instead of commandeering the checkbook or credit card, gerontology experts recommend feeling out your parent by engaging her in conversation about your finances. Consider saying, "I find it difficult to resist putting things on my credit card. Does that happen to you too?" Or, "I think I need to put more money in my 401(k) so I'll have enough to live on when I retire. Do you have enough coming in each month to cover your expenses?" Once you find the right way to open dialog, revisit it again until your parent feels comfortable to share her financial details.

### Make it a team effort

Consider taking an administrative role in managing her finances. Volunteer to double check calculations, write checks, and reconcile bank statements. Establishing early on that you're there as a second pair of eyes and hands will inspire confidence and trust. Later down the line, should you need to assume control of the finances because she's become incapacitated, she'll likely be more willing to relinquish control of her assets.

### Keep your eye on the big picture

The main reason for your involvement in your parent's financial affairs is to maximize her independence and quality of life. But, in the event of a crisis, you'll want to know as much information about her finances as possible. Having established yourself first as a collaborator, you're likely to have an easier time engaging her about specifics such as investments, Social Security benefits, pensions, credit card debt, insurance and prescription drugs, and monthly expenses.

After you have collected the information, calculate your parent's net worth by subtracting her liabilities — debt and monthly expenses — from her assets — Social Security payments, investments, and any property she owns.

Once you form a picture of her financial status, consider these questions:

- Does my parent have enough money coming in each month to cover her expenses?
- Can she trim expenditures?
- Are her investments getting the best returns?
- Is she financially prepared for an extended illness or injury?
- What can she do to simplify her money matters?

### Simple is better

To simplify bookkeeping, consider having just one checking account and one savings account, and link them for overdraft protection. Ask your parent to make you an authorized signer on the checking account, where your parent retains control over her assets, and you have the ability to write checks and pay bills. Arrange for direct deposit of Social Security payments, investment dividends and pension checks, and pay bills via automatic deductions from her account.

### Help is available

If you're finding it difficult to carve out time to do the bookkeeping, consider hiring a money manager. For a fee that ranges from \$25 to \$70 per hour, these professionals pay bills, reconcile accounts and interpret medical insurance forms and ensure claims are processed properly. To locate a daily money manager, visit the American Association of Daily Money Managers Web site at [www.aadmm.com](http://www.aadmm.com).

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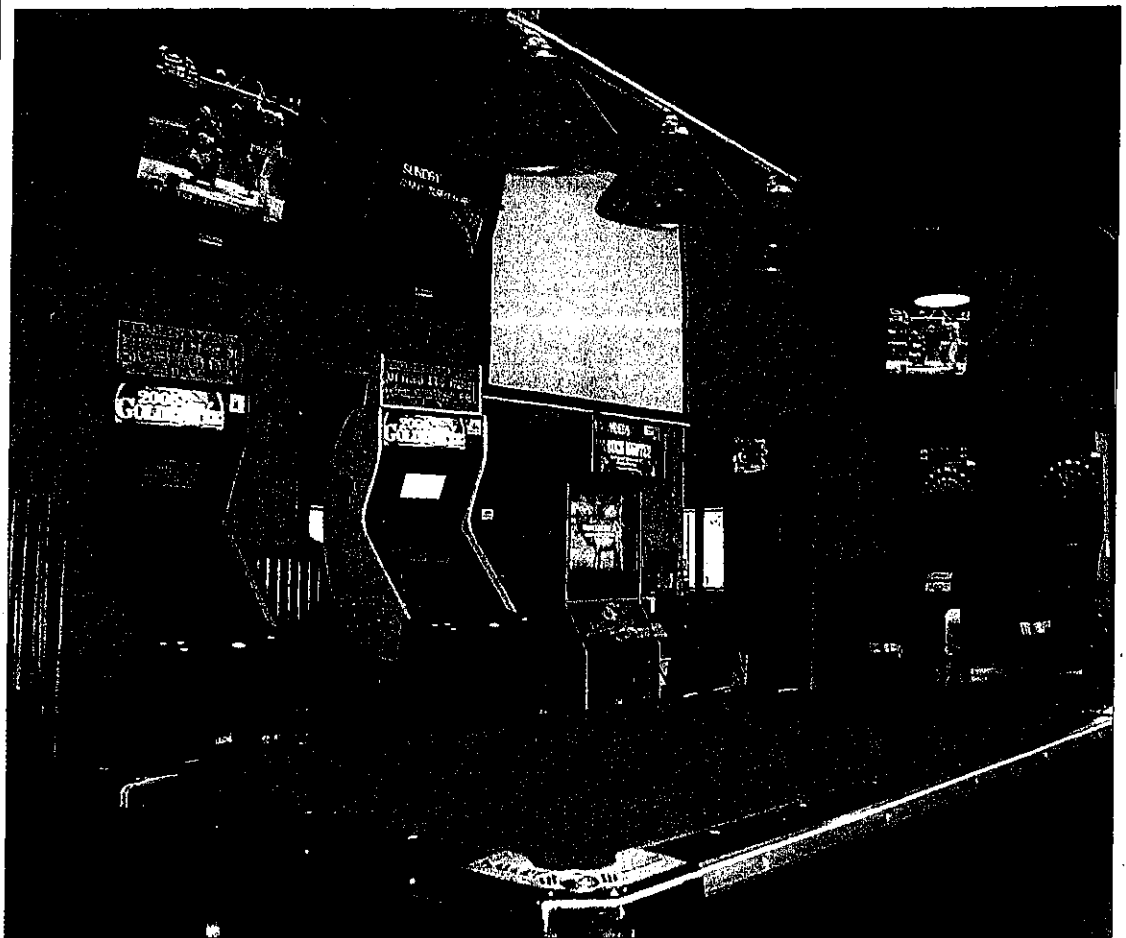


Photo by Duane Ramsey

The game room at O'Tooles features pool tables, video games, darts, several television monitors and a big-screen projection TV.

## Find food, fun, service at O'Tooles

By Duane Ramsey  
SPECIAL WRITER

O'Tooles offers fine food, friendly service, fun, entertainment and numerous sports activities in a casual environment with "A Touch of Irish" at the local restaurant that opened last fall in Novi.

The owners of the original O'Tooles in downtown Royal Oak opened their second sports theme restaurant on Novi Road just north of Ten Mile Road in October. They completely remodeled the interior of an existing former restaurant at that location, according to owner Steve Wadle.

"We want people to come here for the food and fun environment. Our laid-back down-home atmosphere is ideal for enjoying your meal and watching your favorite sports teams play," said Wadle.

O'Tooles has daily food specials for lunch and dinner with a fresh menu that includes big burgers, a selection of appetizers, salads and sandwiches, pizza and an "Irish fayre" fare. It

includes Irish stew, shepherd's pie, Gaelic steak, New England boiled dinner and fish and chips.

Patrons can "build your own burger" for \$5 starting with a three-quarter pound patty and your own selected toppings from a list of 20 items. A smaller \$3 cheeseburger and fries lunch special is offered Monday through Friday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

With the Frequent Diner Club at O'Tooles, members can earn 8 percent of every dollar they spend toward the purchase of food and non-alcoholic beverages, excluding tax and gratuity.

O'Tooles recently introduced its Monday Night Football specials, which include Labatt and Labatt draft specials of \$2 for a 16-ounce brew and \$2.50 for a 23-ounce beer. Ask the bartender about the pub's drink pass to learn how to get \$1.50 16-ounce mugs of beer and 23-ounce glasses of Labatt beer for \$2. The football night also includes a special stadium menu and third-quarter giveaways.

They also have live entertainment on Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday evenings, and a dance floor with a DJ on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

The full menu is offered with outdoor patio seating, weather permitting. A deck is also available for banquets or private parties, according to Wadle.

The local sports restaurant features two 46-inch, high-definition plasma televisions above the bar and 24 other TVs located around the restaurant for watching your favorite sports event or team.

The spacious game room fea-

tures darts, pool tables and several video games with a large-screen projection TV. Patrons may also play Club Keno through the Michigan Lottery at O'Tooles.

Sports are not just the theme at O'Tooles but some are actually played on the baseball diamond and sand volleyball court located on the premises. The restaurant holds competition in softball and volleyball, while sponsoring all-star teams in those sports.

O'Tooles recently announced the formation of co-ed and male flag football leagues as well as co-ed kickball leagues. Eight-person football teams can register for the four-on-four, non-contact format, and play begins Sept. 12. Co-ed 10 vs. 10 kickball teams will begin playing Sept. 11.

Games will be held on Saturdays. You may register for leagues at the restaurant or by calling (248) 389-1200.

Any sports team, sponsored or not, can become an "All-Star Team" at O'Tooles and earn 10 percent of every dollar team members spend, excluding tax and gratuity. As teams accumulate credit, they can use it for team parties, uniforms or apply it toward next season's league membership.

The friendly bar and wait staff will see that each customer enjoys their visits to the restaurant.

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# The same, yet totally different

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Jarrell and Josh Woods are the same, but different. They're identical twins with identical styles, identical smiles, and identical drive and dedication. They look and, basically, act the same, but they are most definitely different people.

Jarrell is quick to answer questions, letting his words come out on a whim while Josh is more controlled, considering his answers before speaking. Jarrell steps into the room with a shaved head and two shining studs of diamond earrings shining in the light of the room. Josh has short-cropped hair and no earrings.

"We don't do anything together," said Jarrell when asked if the twins try to spend time apart. "Yeah, we do a lot together, but not everything."

Josh nods in agreement, as he does the right much of the interview. He's a muddling kind of fellow.

The duo started playing football in fifth grade — just about two years after their family moved to the Novi area from California. They were nine when they moved, but Josh can still recall memories. He still enjoys the visits they take out to the Golden State.

"We've taken a couple of trips out there in the past couple of months," said Josh. "We've got a lot of family out there."

Josh and Jarrell have an older brother, J.W., who will be attending Florida A&M this fall. They also have two older sisters in 22-year-old Janie and 26-year-old Francesca.

Their mother, Debra, and father, James, are two of the duo's biggest fans.

"It's kind of embarrassing at times when out of everyone in the stands the only people you can hear are those two," said Josh, smiling. "They cheer so loud for us."

Anyone who has seen the two Woods brothers take the field of play knows they are a force to be reckoned with. Those who haven't should...

There are also those who have had the opportunity to see the Woods twins when they aren't on the football field and when they're more relaxed and casually dressed.

Josh often shows up in athletic clothing with sweatbands and T-shirts being his usual clothing of choice. Jarrell, on the other hand, is a bit more flashy. He wears things that most definitely define him as a unique individual.

"I dress more in the 'urban style,'" said Jarrell. "I guess you could call it hip-hop."

No matter what it is they're wearing or what it is they're talking about, there's never any doubt when anyone takes a look at them that football is a natural part of the Woods brothers' lives.

"We eat, drink and sleep football," said Jarrell. "It plays a part in just about everything we do."

Including their college choices. Letters, inquiring about the brothers have arrived at the high school as well as at their homes. Though the two wouldn't discuss which colleges were stilling, they did say they hope to get a scholarship offer.

"I'd really love to play at MSU," said Josh of Michigan State. "I'll depend on what kind of season I have this year."

Jarrell on the other hand, didn't have a specific choice.

"I don't care," he said. "I just want a scholarship to play football in Division I. That's all I want. I don't care who offers it."

With the flair, ability and, well, style the Woods brothers bring to the field, there's no doubt someone will be knocking on the door, asking them to sign the dotted line.

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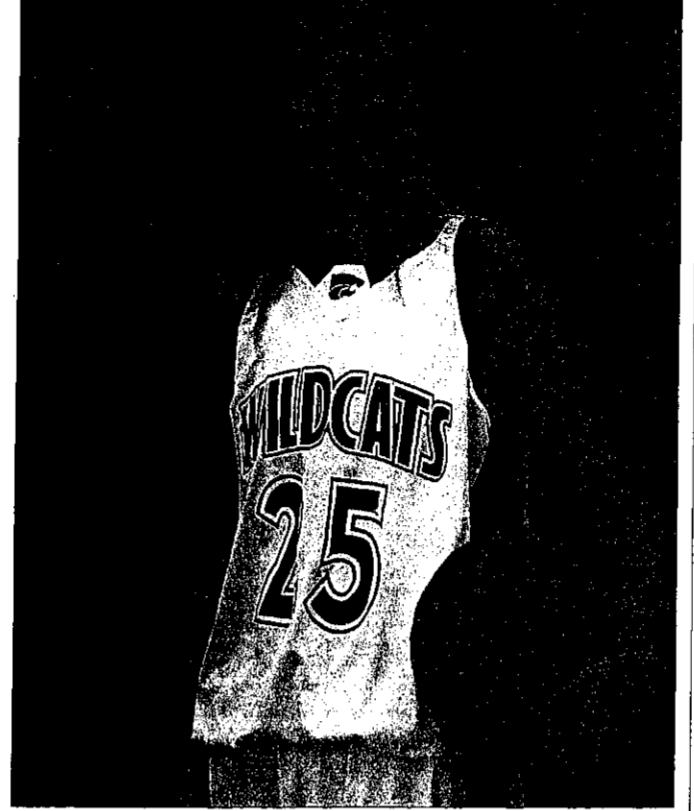


Runningbacks Jarrell and Josh Woods

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9-17	Away	Lakeland HS	6:55 p.m.
9-24	Home	Brighton HS	6:55 p.m.
10-01	Home	South Lyon HS	6:55 p.m.
10-08	Home	Hartland HS	6:55 p.m.
10-15	Away	Milford HS	6:55 p.m.
10-22	Away	Northville HS	7 p.m.

### Forward Rachele Folino



## Folino hopes to play in college

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Since she was six years old, Novi junior basketball forward Rachele Folino has had a slight problem — she can't quit dribbling.

Not, no, it isn't that she has a problem with dribbling. It's just she can't quit dribbling a basketball. It's a problem Folino doesn't seem to mind.

"From what I can remember, I've been playing basketball since second grade when I started in Parks and Rec," Folino said. "From there I joined the Michigan Motion in fifth grade and then church-league basketball. I've played AAU every winter and now I play for the high school team."

Since her freshman year, Folino has been a solid impact player for the Novi Wildcats. She was pulled to the varsity level under then-coach Dennis Cichanski before current coach Bill Kelp was brought in to replace him last year.

It was a hard change for Folino to accept, but she has found a comfortable position with Kelp as coach.

"I was so excited to make varsity as a freshman," she said. "It was a dream come true."

"The transition under being an easy one from Cichanski to Kelp. It was hard at first because I learned a lot from Dennis and he

was there for me, but Coach Kelp has taken me under his wing and has worked hard to make this team good."

It was almost a transition Folino didn't have to worry about. After some solid play during her middle-school years, Folino was approached with the idea that if she were in perhaps chosen to attend Divine Child High School, she most likely make the basketball team.

"To stay in Novi or go to a private school? The decision wasn't as easy as some might think."

"I was actually planning on going there," Folino said. "I thought about it and I didn't like the fact that I'd have to commute out there every day. I felt Novi was the right place for me and I could do my best here."

"In a game, I'm just in a zone," she said. "Wherever the ball goes is where I try to be. If people get in my hands, I'm going to get really aggressive. That's what you have to do to be successful at grabbing rebounds against the bigger girls."

Folino's basketball ability has come naturally to her. Her grandfather, Steve, grew up in Northville and played for the high school and had a shot at college ball before becoming an official. Her dad, Lou, is just as talented and has coached AAU for a number of years.

"Without my grandpa and my dad, I wouldn't be the player I am today," she said. "They give me a lot of constructive criticism, but they've taught me so much. I don't know where I'd be without them."

It's a scary thought for fans of Novi basketball — a court without Folino.

In his first year as head coach of the Novi Wildcats girls' basketball team, Bill Kelp found himself and his team finishing second in the Kensington Valley Conference.

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9-14	Away	Northville HS	7 p.m.
9-21	Home	Pinckney HS	7 p.m.
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## Wildcats want KVC

By Sam Eggleston  
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the team has been Kristine Chalko," said Kelp. "She's come to practice ready and is working hard and learning every single day. She could really end up helping us down the line."

Novi will have an obstacle to leap over right out of the starting gates. The first three home games on the schedule — one of which was played Tuesday night after the Novi News had gone to print — are to be played at the Middle School due to construction lagging behind at the high school.

Currently, Kelp said his personal hopes and goals have the Kensington Valley Conference in mind.

"We're hoping to have the injured players back before we start playing KVC teams," he said.

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"We also want to work together as a team. The more we work together, the better chance we have at reaching our goals."

Kelp noted he expects the KVC will be tough again this year. Brighton, Lakeland and Pinckney seem to be the teams to beat.

"And Howell at when we go to Howell," Kelp joked, pointing out his team went into a slide last year after losing to the Highlanders in Howell. "I think those teams will be the toughest. I just hope we're in that mix."

The squad will have plenty of tough teams prior to getting into the Middle School due to construction lagging behind at the high school.

Currently, Kelp said his personal hopes and goals have the Kensington Valley Conference in mind.

## Swimmers finally have their own home

By Brian Doyle  
SPECIAL WRITER

With a new pool, a new season, and a lot of new faces, the Novi girls swim and dive team is looking forward to the 2004 season. After a year without a working practice facility or home meets, the team is glad to be settled in at their own home pool.

"We're very happy to be in our own pool," Novi coach Larry Tehan said.

The team also has a lot of new faces to be excited about. As usual, filling the holes left by graduated seniors can be tough, but new faces will help Novi return to form.

"A lot of key swimmers are going to be going," Tehan said.

However, Novi still has the leadership and talents of some strong returning athletes. This year, the team will be led by senior co-captains Laura Lynch, Megan Bivalda, and Rachel Mohla.

These girls are expected to lead us," Tehan said.

The team also has several other strong seniors who should step up and push the team this season.

"We have a nice group of seniors, we expect leadership out of all our seniors," he said.



Novi Wildcat senior diver Janna Ramsey plunges into the waters.

"[Rudzinski] has a good swimming background," Tehan said. "We expect her to step in and be able to help."

Siella Chung and Lauren Paquette who are coming in with talent will also help Novi this year.

The 2004 season will also bring new challenges. Everyone is excited that the team will no longer have to travel to Northville to practice and can spend time in their own pool night after school. However, the change in scheduling may be a challenge for the team.

"Every year is a challenge. I think this year is going to be a challenge for a lot of reasons," Tehan said. "Change brings about challenges."

Another challenge this year will come from the KVC. Brighton is the favorite team again with Pinckney and South Lyon also looking strong.

## Novi looking to defend Kensington Valley crown

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Being the king of the hill is never an easy situation to be in. Sure, the view is nice, but someone is always looking to shove you off and watch you tumble into obscurity.

The Novi Wildcats football team, which went undefeated in the regular season last year, is well aware they have the target painted on their backs. Everyone in the conference is coming after them and they'll have to bring their A-games if they want to win.

"Every Friday night is going to be a tough battle for us," said head coach Tab Kellepoirey. "Right now, I think our first two league games are going to be key."

The Wildcats open their schedule up with a road trip to Chelsea. The Bulldogs won the first contest between the two squads and fell to Novi last year.

Both teams will be coming in looking to start their seasons off on the right foot.

"Right now, we're in a great situation," Kellepoirey said of his squad. "The league hasn't

started yet and we just finished a scrimmage. This Friday we have a real solid opponent in Chelsea to open up with. From there, we'll be looking to work our way through the league."

"The offense is looking strong this year as Novi will be turning their primary threat back into the option — though the coaches insist they never left the option in the first place."

Senior quarterback Kevin Cisto will take the helm as he tries to start the "Cis through the KVC." Behind him will be notable Josh and Jarrell Woods and Robbie Carter.

"We have a fast backfield," said Kellepoirey. "It's definitely one of our strengths."

Anchoring the line will be returning starter Ryan Pritchard — but he's the only returning starter on the line.

"Ryan seems to be another coach on the field for us," said Kellepoirey. "He's helping coordinate the offensive line with (Coach John) Osborne. I'm impressed with how far the line has advanced already. I'm sure they'll develop like they always do."

The kicking game, which has

been a strength for Novi the past few years, will be strong again this season. Sophomore Pat Sijan and junior Matt Simpson will share duties.

"If the offense can do what they're supposed to do, the kickers should have a few chances," said Kellepoirey.

Defensively, the Wildcats will be looking to play the base defense that has been solid in the past. Coaches Dave Hartman, Dave Ray and Jeff Burmside will be responsible for keeping them in line and focused.

"We've upped the ante in areas of discipline, intensity and team unity," said Kellepoirey. "We have to depend on each other. When they trust each other to do their jobs out there is when we'll be the most competitive."

As defending KVC champions, competitive is exactly what the Wildcats will have to be if they don't want to be left out in the cold come conference title — and playoff — time.

Novi will be led on the field by captains Pritchard, Cisto, Carter and the Woods brothers. They are also the players that

will most likely lead both the offensive and defensive charges.

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9-01	Home	Walled Lake Central HS	6 p.m.
9-07	Home	Churchill HS	6 p.m.
9-11	Away	Laker Invitational	9 a.m.
9-16	Home	Pinckney HS	6 p.m.
9-23	Home	Howell HS	6 p.m.
9-28	Away	Northville HS	7 p.m.
9-30	Away	Lakeland HS	TBA
10-02	Away	Oakland County	TBA
10-07	Home	Brighton HS	6 p.m.
10-14	Away	South Lyon HS	6 p.m.
10-28	Away	Milford HS	6 p.m.
11-05	Home	KVC Championships	TBA
11-06	Home	KVC Championships	TBA
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# Ticu happy at one singles

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

When one watches Diana Ticu play, it's easy to see she belongs at the top of the list for the Novi Wildcat tennis team.

She's quick. She's aggressive. She's determined and she's dedicated. She's everything a coach and a team could want in a single player.

Quite simply, Ticu is the best. "Ever since I was a freshman and made varsity, I've been looking forward to playing singles," said the junior.

Last year, Ticu earned a nod at fourth singles and quickly made a name for herself with some impressive victories during the regular season and into post-season play which included the state finals.

"This year she's well aware it's a different story. "One singles is going to be a lot harder," Ticu said. "Fourth singles had a lot more now, I know I won't be winning as much, but it's just as exciting. I would rather lose against good competition than win against no competition."

If anyone doubts that Ticu belongs as the top-seeded player on the Novi team, all they have to do is understand her training this summer and they'd quickly fall into line with the landlady.

Every day during the summer, Ticu could be found working on her game. She practiced every day, looking to improve every facet of skill and ability she would be asked to showcase on the tennis court.

The time, it seems, was well spent. Already she took second at the Novi Quad tournament and second at the Okemos Invitational.

Ticu's goals this season are very realistic and grounded. "I just want to do better and



One singles player  
Diana Ticu

better," she said. "I take each match one at a time and if I do well I take the best qualities of the match and use them in the next match. If I don't, I work on things that need to be improved."

The pressures of being a one singles player are bigger than many realize. Already, Ticu has been dubbed the best player on the team by her flight alone, and now she has to live up to great expectations.

"One singles don't always do better than everyone else," she said. "It's a hard place to be in, but it's a good place. I'm not going to let nerves get to me, or the pressure. I'm just going to go out and play my own game."

"And, most importantly, have a good time while she's doing it. "When I'm out on the court, I'm not thinking 'Have fun, have fun,'" she said. "I use the skills I have to try and beat the girl I'm playing. When I come off the court though my main goal is to always come off with a smiling face - win or lose."

Being the best comes at a cost. Ticu spends so much time working on her game this summer, she didn't get to see too much of her

friends. "It was kind of hard to keep up," she said of her social life. "My dad (Livia) is always pushing me to go out and play tennis. That's what has helped and what has kept me up there this summer."

The support her family gives her is one of the reasons Ticu said she has managed to climb to the top flight.

Her mother, Adriana, and father always encourage her to be the best player she can be. Her brother, Alex, has helped get her there.

"He has really inspired me," said Ticu and the time she has spent playing against him on the court. "He's the one who got me where I'm at. He's good, but I've managed to beat him a few times."

That's a slogan Ticu may be able to employ in the KVC this year against her foes. They're good enough to be at one singles, but she'll probably manage to beat them a few times.

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# 'Cats seek fifth

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

If one thing is certain this season in the world of Kensington Valley Conference tennis, the reigning queens don't plan on abdicating the throne any time soon.

Even with the hit of five seniors who played four years on varsity each being lost to graduation, the Novi Wildcat tennis team is looking to earn its fifth-straight conference crown.

"That's the goal every year," said Novi coach Jim Hanson. "I believe we have the talent to be competitive in the league again."

The Wildcats find themselves with a very talented one singles player yet again. This year, Diam Ticu, a junior, replaces the long-standing Ashley Glover due to graduation.

Ticu is nothing to scoff at though, she has finished the second in two tournaments already this year.

At two singles, Ayano Nakamura will be looking to make some noise. The junior has plenty of varsity match experience thanks to last season and has proven herself a worthy adversary

already this season with just two tournaments under her belt.

The one doubles team of Emily Holt and Lauren Thomas should be extremely competitive this season and could be looking at a run in the post-season if all goes well for the Wildcats.

At two doubles, seniors Amanda Cassidy and Kaitlyn Pastover return as a duo. The squad will be competitive in the majority of their matches this year and have already chalked up a couple of big wins.

From that point down for three and four singles and doubles, Hanson said he's not sure who will be ending up where.

"I'm still doing some tweaking with a very talented one singles player yet again. This year, Diam Ticu, a junior, replaces the long-standing Ashley Glover due to graduation."

Ticu is nothing to scoff at though, she has finished the second in two tournaments already this year.

At two singles, Ayano Nakamura will be looking to make some noise. The junior has plenty of varsity match experience thanks to last season and has proven herself a worthy adversary

Hanson suspects will find a comfortable role in the doubles lineup.

Becky Thomson, a senior, will be looking to team up with someone in the doubles flights and offers some impressive court play for the Novi arsenal. Junior Samantha Caldwell will be expected to see some playing time this season as will sophomore Allison Yee.

Sewei Wang, a junior, will fight for some time on the courts this season, as will Amanda Brandenbuhl, a junior, and senior Tiffany Lin.

"This is a deep team again this year," Hanson said. "We're going to hope to improve every match and learn from our mistakes. We've got some strong competition again this year, which will hopefully prepare us for the regional."

Hanson noted Brighton will most likely be the team to beat besides his own squad in the KVC this year.

If history does indeed repeat itself, Novi probably has a very good chance at making this season number five in the way of conference crowns.

GIRLS TENNIS 2004				
8-26	Away	Northville HS	4 p.m.	
8-28	Away	Flint Powers Invite	8 a.m.	
9-01	Away	Ann Arbor Huron HS	4 p.m.	
9-08	Away	Pinckney HS	4 p.m.	
9-11	Away	Grosse Pointe Invite	8 a.m.	
9-13	Away	Howell HS	4 p.m.	
9-15	Home	Lakeland HS	4 p.m.	
9-18	Away	Saline Invitational	8 a.m.	
9-20	Away	Brighton HS	4 p.m.	
9-22	Home	South Lyon HS	4 p.m.	
9-23	Home	AA Pioneer HS	4 p.m.	
9-27	Away	Hartland HS	4 p.m.	
9-29	Home	Millford HS	4 p.m.	
10-02	Away	KVC Championship	9 a.m.	
10-08	Away	MHSAA Regional	TBA	

# Novi golfers expect to be competitive in 2004

By Brian Doyle  
SPECIAL WRITER

While most sports are preparing for their first dose of competition, the Novi boys golf team has their season well underway. The squad has already had strong showings in tournaments and is looking onto the conference play, which starts next week.

Last Friday at Riverview Highlands the team took fifth place in a tournament that was full of tough competition.

"We were in the top five against some of the best teams in the state," Novi coach Brad Huss said. "R.J. Makoski shot a 72 and was named to the all-tournament team with one of the top ten scores. Brent Jussi and Mike Martinez each shot a 75 and Mark Eberline rounded out Novi with an 82."

These four seniors along with sophomore Scott Czekaj are expected to be the top players on this year's squad.

Novi has the advantage of having some players with great ability, but the team is working on playing consistent golf.

"It's a team that can be pretty hot and cold," Huss said. "We have shot incredible numbers, both low and high."

The ability that the team has is resulting in high hopes for the team. Although KVC is looking strong again, Novi hopes that they can come out on top.

"The league is loaded again," Huss said. "Out of eight schools, six of them are possibly in the top 10 or 15 in the state."

The regional competition at the end of the year is ultimately the goal at which the team is shooting. If they finish in the top three there, they will move on to the state competition.

"It's a matter of when they peak," Huss said. "We have a team that's capable, they have a lot of ability."

The experience of the members on the team will hopefully help them to do that. According to Huss, the fact that some of the team members have been to the state meet before should be a big help to the team.

Another advantage that this team has is their depth. Besides the

strong returning players, the team has some young players that look very strong. Alex Lyall, Nick Prokop, and Adam Pyett each have already made strong showings.

"The freshmen have a lot of potential," Huss said.

Lyall made a strong showing at the pre-KVC meet and Prokop had the third best individual score when he shot a 74 at Saline. Pyett shot a 75 in a JV tournament, which was the second lowest score.

"We have eight guys that can consistently shoot in the seventies," Huss said. "That's unusual, this is probably as deep a team as I've had."

Right now the focus of the team is the long season ahead of them and gaining confidence with each match.

"It's a long season, we are trying to keep an even keel, not too high or too low," Huss said. "I think they are seeing that they can do it."

Of course, the ultimate goal is going to the state championship and that is where this team has set their sights.

"Once you get there anything can happen," Huss said.

BOYS GOLF				
8-09	Away	Millford Invitational	TBA	
8-11	Away	Traverse City	TBA	
8-12	Away	Traverse City Tournament	TBA	
8-19	Away	Pre-KVC	9 a.m.	
8-20	Away	Grosse Ile Invitational	7:30 a.m.	
8-20	Away	Saline HS	9 a.m.	
8-24	Away	Northville HS	3 p.m.	
9-07	Home	Pinckney HS	3 p.m.	
9-09	Home	Howell HS	3 p.m.	
9-14	Away	Lakeland HS	3 p.m.	
9-16	Home	Brighton HS	3 p.m.	
9-21	Away	South Lyon HS	3 p.m.	
9-23	Home	Hartland HS	3 p.m.	
9-24	Away	Hartland Invitational	9 a.m.	
9-27	Away	Oakland County	8:30 a.m.	
9-28	Away	Millford HS	3 p.m.	
10-05	Away	Post-KVC	9 a.m.	
10-08	Away	MHSAA Regional	TBA	
10-15	Away	MHSAA Finals	TBA	
10-16	Away	MHSAA Finals	TBA	

# Golf a big part of Makoski's lifestyle

By Brian Doyle  
SPECIAL WRITER

Ever since he was young, R.J. Makoski has played golf. Makoski grew up playing golf since his father, Bob, is a pro.

"I was just brought up playing my entire life," he said.

Makoski said he really started getting serious about golf in seventh and eighth grade. During this time, he began to play in tournaments and take golfing more seriously.

Makoski also is a defenseman on Novi's hockey team. Golf and hockey are the two sports that he really focuses on.

"I pretty much dropped everything else," he said.

Makoski has been practicing hard and cites his dedication and drive as a reason that he is able to play so well.

"I love the game," he said. "I'm out there everyday practicing, hitting balls."

When not playing golf, Makoski works at Prestwick Village Country Club where he is on the bag staff.

"I work with the pros," he said. "I basically do whatever they don't want to do."

Makoski said he loves his job and the benefits of free golf that he gets to take advantage of because of it.

"It really helps out my game," he said.



Golfer R.J. Makoski

his coach through the years and his status as a pro golfer has been something Makoski has looked up to. Bob Makoski won Michigan's player of the year award in 1994.

"He has always been there for me," he said. "Even off the golf course he has been a person that has really influenced my life."

Makoski said that his closest friend is Mark Eberline who is his teammate on both the golf and hockey teams.

"Our personalities match," he said. "We are always together doing something with sports."

BOYS/GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY				
9-08	Home	Pinckney HS	4:30 p.m.	
9-11	Away	WLW Invite	9 a.m.	
9-14	Home	Howell HS	4:30 p.m.	
9-17	Away	Spartan Invitational (B)	3:30 p.m.	
9-21	Away	Lakeland HS	4:30 p.m.	
9-28	Home	Brighton HS	4:30 p.m.	
10-05	Away	South Lyon HS	4:30 p.m.	
10-09	Away	Oakland County	10 a.m.	
10-12	Home	Hartland HS	4:30 p.m.	
10-16	Away	Gabriel Richard Invite	9:30 a.m.	
10-19	Away	Millford HS	4:30 p.m.	
10-25	Away	KVC Championship	4 p.m.	
10-30	Away	Regional @ Schoolcraft	TBA	
11-06	Away	MHSAA Finals	TBA	


Makoski isn't sure exactly where he wants to go after he graduates, but he is sure that he wants to play golf in his future.

"I definitely want to play college golf," he said.


Makoski said that high school has been a great experience, especially

with sports and everything that comes along with it. He will miss seeing all his friends after he leaves but is looking forward to being done with high school.

"I'll miss all the people you get to see everyday and just the atmosphere of the high school," he said.

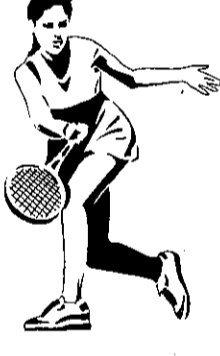


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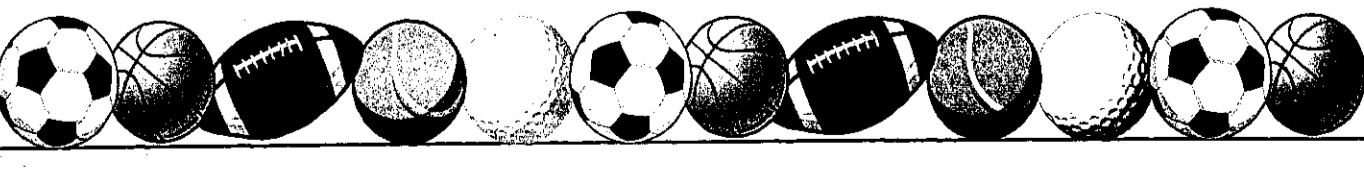




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# Glubzinski eager to stop foes

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There's one thing for sure this season: If you want to beat the Novi Wildcats soccer team, you're going to have to go through senior A.J. Glubzinski first.

The tough-as-nails goalie for Novi is the kind of player that would, much rather have the job of defending the net on his shoulders than those of someone else.

"I've been a goalie for about five years now," Glubzinski said, including his club soccer. "It takes a lot of patience, a lot of concentration and a lot of confidence. You've got to be ready to make a save even if there's just

one in 30 minutes."

Even when he isn't on the pitch, Glubzinski and a soccer ball aren't far apart.

"There's just some kind of attraction to play," he said. "In the summer, there's nothing better to do than to kick the ball around. It's hard to explain, but there's something about a soccer ball and a field. It's just great."

Novi's senior goalie isn't shy to say that he feels his team ended their season in a bad way last year, falling in a District they were favored to win. They also lost the KVC after bowing out to Brighton.

"Everyone who is back from last year has a big chip on their shoulder because of the way last

year ended," he said. "It was a big disappointment."

The Wildcats lost a lot of senior leadership last year — including Brad Simpson — and will have to find a way to identify themselves in what promises to be another exciting year of Novi soccer.

Right now, the team is looking for a leader, which is something Glubzinski doesn't mind being.

"There's a certain benefit to being a leader as a goalie," he said. "You are in a position to see the whole field and you can be a tremendous asset to your team by communicating and leading from that position."

Glubzinski, last year, has about a 0.5-goals-against average last

year, which is tough to top. That isn't stopping him from trying though.

"I just want to improve," he said. "Some stats are tough to improve on, but it can be done. I'd also like to get more control in the box this year compared to last year."

He said it was hard to define a single goal for himself, but added the team had some to offer.

"We want to win the conference this year," he said. "It's tough to lose the conference to Brighton when you only take one loss all year and it ends up not being enough. We'd also like to get out of the District."

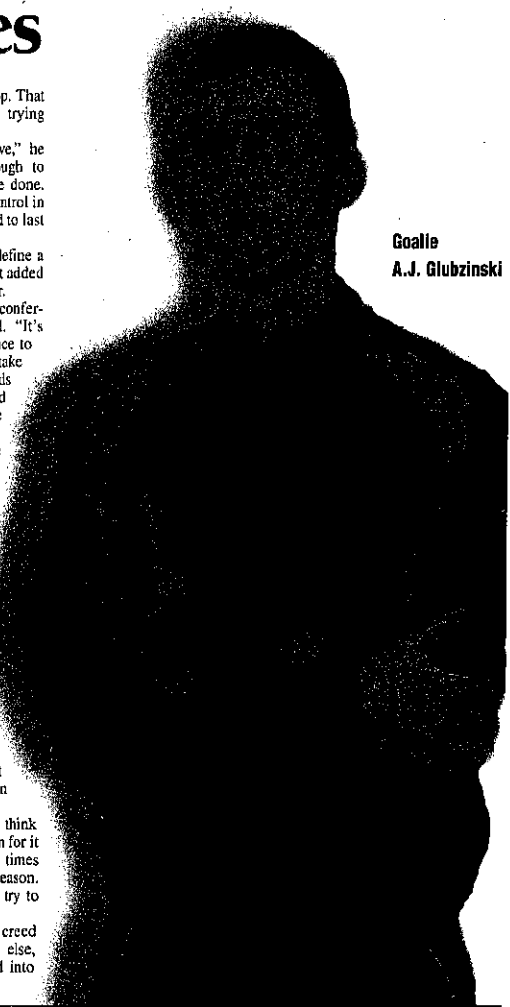
The goals are set, the players are in place and the season has kicked off. Now, the Wildcats just have to prove themselves.

One thing is for sure, they have a solid component between the posts. Glubzinski said he plans on playing his best in each and every game and he's not going to let himself get worked up about any aspect of a contest.

Even with a foe coming at him one-on-one isn't going to get him shaking in his cleats.

"You don't have time to think about it," he said. "You train for it hundreds of thousands of times during the weeks of preseason. You just have to relax and try to react when you have to."

That sounds like a creed Glubzinski, and everyone else, can take off the pitch and into life.



Goalie  
A.J. Glubzinski

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8-26	Home	Pinckney HS	7 p.m.
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9-02	Home	Milford HS	7 p.m.
9-09	Home	Lakeland HS	7 p.m.
9-14	Home	Brighton HS	7 p.m.
9-16	Away	South Lyon HS	7 p.m.
9-18	Home	Meadows Stadium	7 p.m.
9-21	Home	Hartland HS	7 p.m.
9-23	Away	Milford HS	7 p.m.
9-25	Home	Saline HS	12:30 p.m.
9-28	Away	Pinckney HS	7 p.m.
9-30	Away	Howell HS	7 p.m.
10-05	Away	Lakeland HS	7 p.m.
10-07	Away	Brighton HS	7 p.m.
10-12	Home	South Lyon HS	7 p.m.
10-14	Away	Hartland HS	7 p.m.
10-18	Away	MHSAA Districts	TBA

# Soccer team has heart set on KVC title

The Novi Wildcats soccer team is definitely in good shape this year if they can get all the pieces of their puzzle to fall into place.

Last year, the squad went 19-2-1 and didn't earn the league title. They lost four starters to graduation, including All-State Dream Team selection Brad Simpson and honorable mention All-State player Matt Nickels.

"Ten of our starting positions are clear cut," said Novi coach Brian O'Leary when asked about where the returners fit into the larger scheme of things.

Juniors Marc Checchobelli had 10 goals and four assists as a sophomore and Matt Simpson had 11 goals and three assists. The two will start for the Wildcats at forward. Back-up forwards will include senior Jeremy Brodsky and junior Brad Cloš.

Between the posts is a no-brainer for the Wildcats. Senior A.J. Glubzinski, a captain, will lead the team from in front of the net while senior Jason Ballantyne will fight for playing time at goalie.

The starts on defense include juniors Trey Love, Matt Crawford and Dan Beal while David Deighton will try to sneak in a few plays on the defensive end of the field. Other defenders include senior Brian Harrison and junior Shane Budlong.

At midfield, the Wildcats look strong. Juniors A.W. Stanek, Hiroki Yamada and Todd Janer will join senior captains Neil Kocan and Jason Sierra. Substitute midfielders are senior Colin Cody, juniors Dan Matheny and Kyle Goodman as

well as sophomores Steve Kim and Adam Ballantyne.

"Overall we should have a good team," said O'Leary. "We have good ball possession skills and great athleticism. Our senior leadership is outstanding."

The team goals this year are to compete for the Kensington Valley Conference title and a district championship.

The squad did start their season off on the right foot last week when they tied Livonia Churchill, 2-2.

"It was a very exciting game,"

said O'Leary.

The 'Cats scored first on a crossing pass from deep in the corner by Yamada, which was headed in by Checchobelli. Churchill tied the game up minutes later before adding a second before halftime for the 2-1 lead.

"The second half had a lot of back-and-forth action but neither team could manage to score," O'Leary said.

It wasn't until late in the game that Simpson kept the ball alive in the box with a lunging attempt on goal that was deflected back

into the field of players. Checchobelli took the rebound and slammed home the tying goal with exactly one minute remaining on the clock.

"As far as first games go, it served its purpose," O'Leary said. "It showed us two or three areas that we need to improve, but also showed us that we have many strengths to work with and have a very successful season."

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# Patti of all trades: Is there anything Ramos can't do?

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Is there anything Novi senior Patti Ramos can't do?

She can cook — which was proven with a win in the best-pie contest held by the Novi News — and she can even play the piano, which she teaches to six students as well. Oh yeah, and Ramos can run over three miles in 20 minutes.

The senior Wildcat is one of the leaders this year for the Novi girls' cross country team. She has excelled in the sport, rising to the top of the pack as one of the best at the school. But, it was an accident that she even tried out for the long-distance competition.

"Actually, my friend in eighth grade wanted me to do cross country with her just for fun and we planned on just running slow," said Ramos. "I ended up liking it and she ended up quitting it. It was all by accident."

But it's no accident that she is one of the top runners at the high school. Ramos puts in approximately 45-50 miles per week in her training. During season, she paces in just around 35 or 40.

"I think I'll be running my whole life," Ramos said. "I can't imagine not running. It's a great way to stay in shape and it's a

great de-stresser. If I have a hard test or school is getting hard, I know I can just go for a run and clear my mind."

In everything Ramos does, she puts 100-percent behind it. Be it cooking, which she is well known for her chocolate chip cookie pie that won a Novi News pie-baking contest, or be it scrapbooking, she is going to give it her all.

"It's a lot of fun," she said of her hobbies.

Ramos noted that she hopes to go on to college to run at the next level. She's looking at a Division II college such as Wayne State or Grand Valley State to stretch her legs at.

"I'd really love to run in college," she noted.

As one of the seniors on the cross country team, Ramos is dedicated to helping her team be the best it can be. She's the first to admit, however, that she isn't the quickest to speak up.

"I'm kind of quiet," she said and added that her team is pretty talented with, or without, a vocal leader. "I think we have a pretty good pack this year. Everyone has been putting in a lot of effort. We just all have to keep working hard and we'll do just fine."

Though at the time of her interview Ramos was nursing a painful Achilles Tendon, she is hoping to be back in action today.

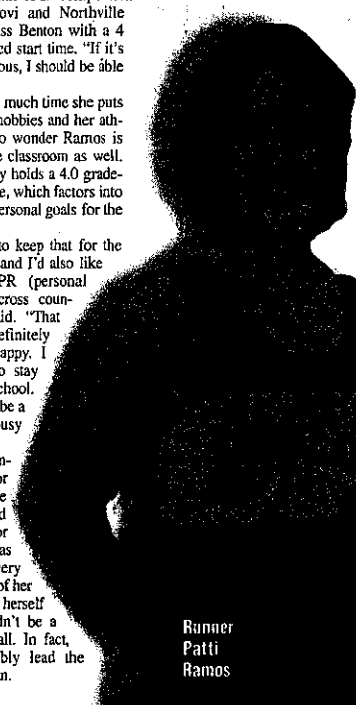
"I want to run in the scrim-

mage," she said of the competition between Novi and Northville today at Cass Benton with a 4 p.m. expected start time. "If it's nothing serious, I should be able to."

With how much time she puts toward her hobbies and her athletics, it's no wonder Ramos is stellar in the classroom as well. She currently holds a 4.0 grade-point average, which factors into one of her personal goals for the year.

"I'd like to keep that for the school year and I'd also like to get a PR (personal record) in cross country," she said. "That would definitely make me happy. I also want to stay alive with school. It's going to be a really busy year."

If this senior puts for the same effort toward her senior year as she has toward every other aspect of her life, keeping herself afloat shouldn't be a problem at all. In fact, she'll probably lead the pack yet again.



Runner  
Patti  
Ramos

# Girls cross country prepared to run against the best

By Sam Eggleston  
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Even with a strong returning team making the Novi Wildcats girls' cross country team one of the most promising they've had in a few years, they know earning the top spot in the Kensington Valley Conference is a dream that probably won't happen.

"Milford and Brighton are ranked as two of the top 10 teams in the state," said head coach Norm Norgren. "We've also got Hartland, Howell and Pinckney coming on like gang busters the last two years."

Novi traditionally has finished in third place in the conference with Brighton and Milford taking the two top spots. This year, they just hope to continue to improve each and every week despite their strong experience.

The potential top runners for the 'Cats include Meghan Bannatz, Lauren Kava, Lauren Brunner, Erica Howard and Andrea Kramer as well as returning leader Patti Ramos. Norgren doesn't name captain on his squad, instead choosing to depend on his senior class to lead the way.

He has 14 seniors on the squad this season, including Alina Bruder, Mandy Hawley, Julie Johnson, Kathryn Koss, Caroline Lampinen, Carla Morabito, Becky Reichel, Katie Shannon, Alana Syrian, Katalin Zerco and Sarah Bielski to help out front runners Brunner and Ramos.

"The seniors better take care of business," said Norgren.

The goals for the team are simple. Norgren said he hopes his team strives to be the best they can possibly be and to take the tools they have been given to do the best they possibly can. Norgren is well aware of the potential his team has, but in his 34 years of coaching cross country at Novi he has always been the one who wants to wait and see what the season will give him.

"We only have two weeks under our belt," he said. "It's hard to tell

who is going to be our top runner and who isn't. Some will emerge later in the season and some will just continue to gradually improve."

Last year's third place finish in the Kensington Valley Conference marked Novi's fourth in a row. Norgren is the first to say that such a finish isn't something to be ashamed of.

"Not in that kind of company," he said of the KVC's incredible competition in the sport. "We're running against state qualifiers and some of the best teams in the state of Michigan."

One thing is for sure, the Wildcats aren't lacking in numbers when it comes to finding out those who will rise to the top as the cream of Novi's running crop. They have a total of 45 girls on the team with more seeming ready to join every day.

Juniors on the squad include Bannatz, Emily Barton, Melanie Burchard, Katie Flanagan, Erin Hanes, Howard, Madalyn Kaltz, Lauren Perlin, Denise Rowe, Shannon Sparrow, and Rose Xie. Sophomores are Rachel Burris, Emily Grzybowski, Katherine Harris, Kramer, Leah Lee, and Darya Zorina. The freshman class includes Kayla Auletto, Sarah Barton, Alina Bruder, Stephanie D'Cruz, Casey Denoyer, Camille Press, Lainy Sekuloski, Shannon Sparrow, Danielle Styles, Megan Sutika, Colleen Wagner, Katy Wagner and Lillian Xiao.

The Wildcats will start their season off with a scrimmage against cross-town rival Northville today at 4 p.m. at Cass Benton. It should prove to be a good run.

"Heck yes," Norgren said when asked if it would be a challenge. "It will be a good way to measure ourselves. We'll start here and hopefully we're at our best at the end of October."

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# Boy harriers may have what it takes

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Novi boys cross country coach Bob Smith is cautiously optimistic about this year's team.

For anyone who knows Smith and his ability to stay calm in even the most hectic or exciting of situations, saying he is cautiously optimistic means he's bubbling over inside though you'd never be able to tell it by the look on his face.

Instead, Smith stays calm and collected.

"I'm going to use the phrase cautiously optimistic," Smith said when asked how he feels about his team. "I'm excited about the season, that's for damn sure."

And he has a right to be. The Novi Wildcats, though not favored in the highly competitive Kensington Valley Conference, stands a good chance at taking home the crown this year thanks to their deep squad.

Headlining for the 'Cats are Arnel Huprikar and Mark Moore. Both ran nearly 800 miles over the summer with number three runner Spencer Ormes right behind them.

"I'm very confident in our top three," said Smith. "We have about 10 runners vying for those other top spots."

Such notables are Kip Miller, Steve Fannon, Bobby Watts and Cal DePotter.

The Wildcats boast a very deep

squad this year. Ruixiao Zuo, Mike Wheat, Scott Wagner, Ben Vallerand, Pat Shrader, Aditya Prasad, Jeff Pollicchio, Michael Place, Bryant Ormes, Justin Namm, Mike Marsoupiat, Ricky Manza, Chris Machisak, Joshua Lumey, Pat Lee, Eric Johnson, Ben Foerg, Mark DuFresne, Evan Danielsen, Aaron Croad, Jim Brunner, Mike Beard, Peter Andrews and Brett Anderson will all compete for the Wildcats this year.

The biggest goal for the Wildcats is to make the trip to the state meet.

"It's never a given," said Smith. "You never know what's going to happen. I like to think, though, that we have the man power to make

that a very reasonable expectation from this team."

A personal goal for the Wildcats' coach is to have his squad finish in the top 10 in Division I.

"But who knows, we may end up a whole lot better than that," Smith said.

The Novi harriers will have to keep an eye on Milford, Howell and Pinckney this season as they make a run for the league title.

"I'd also like to think we're included in the 'Who's looking good' category," said Smith.

With the likes of the talent the Wildcats bring back this year, that's probably a given.