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# Speaking of representation

## DeRoche named Speaker of the House

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

With locals Nancy Cassis as a state Senator and Craig DeRoche winning a second term in the House of Representatives, it appeared Novi would continue to have a strong voice in Lansing.

That voice got a lot louder last week when DeRoche (R-Novi) was named the new Speaker of

the House in the Michigan House of Representatives.

"I'm very excited," he said. In this new statewide leadership post, DeRoche will be responsible for running the legislature, along with the Senate Majority Leader, and working with the governor on budget, staffing and policy issues.

How will his new position affect Novi residents?

"I will look at things from more of a statewide perspective. But, I would hope that the relationships I'm building with the Senate Majority Leader and the governor will allow me more time to convince them of some of the local issues that I would like

to see fixed, not only in Novi but in all of southeast Michigan," he said.

DeRoche said he thinks it's important to get the Wixom Road/I-96 interchange back on line, and that Providence Park becomes a hospital.

This is a highly influential position for a legislator in only his second term of office. But, with term limits, time is of the essence when it comes to moving up the legislative ladder.

DeRoche said he can see both sides of the argument when it comes to term limits.

"I voted for term limits in 1992, and we, as voters, chose to have a

Speaker of the House that only had two or four years of experience. Now, I think a lot of people have felt maybe that six years was too short, that people should get more legislative experience. However, there's something to be said for somebody who still has one foot in the real world in the private sector being in government," he said.

DeRoche agrees with the philosophy of Ken Sikkema, Senate Majority Leader, who has said there will be no new taxes to meet the state's deficit, estimated by House and Senate members to be



Craig DeRoche

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

**Worth waiting for**  
Students watch preparations as they wait in the cold for the commencement of last week's Veteran's Day assembly at Village Oaks Elementary.

## Firearm season limited in Novi

### Deer hunting limited to just four areas

By Kim Kovalle  
STAFF WRITER

Novi is more than 60 percent built out, and naturally, that means there's less space to hunt than in years past.

Michigan's firearm deer hunting season opened up this Monday, but in the city, only four locations are in use, with a maximum of four permits per site.

"They should have it in at least a week or so before they want to hunt," Evie Watt, executive secretary for Novi's police chief, said. "The chief of police can issue a 60-day permit. It's just a hunting permit in Novi. They have to have written permission from the landowner. I take a copy of their hunting license. They have to comply with the restrictions."

This year, the areas are limited to the northwest and northeast corners of Eight Mile and Garfield roads, the south side of Twelve Mile Road west of Wixom Road and ground on the east side of the Links of Novi.

An ordinance passed in 1992 limits weapons to bows and arrows and shotguns with steel shots that are no larger than 0.2 inches in diameter.

Hunting is restricted to areas at least 800 feet from any occupied land, structure and public roadway, and no less than 600 feet from property boundary lines.

"We have an officer go out and make sure no subdivision has been built close to the ground where people want to hunt," Watt said.

Violations could result in a \$100 fine or 90 days in prison, said Novi Police Officer Diane MacGregor.

"It's very restricted here in the city, just for the protection of the public," MacGregor said. "Even

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Courtesy photo

Erik Mida, 14 of Novi, with the deer he shot in Chelsea on opening day of rifle season.

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## Retailers can increase holiday sign usage

### Council says merchants suffered during construction

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Novi merchants received an early holiday gift from members of city council at their Nov. 8 meeting. Council unanimously voted to ignore regulations in the current sign ordinance and allow retailers to put up one additional sign during the upcoming holiday season.

Greg Cam, co-owner of Averill

Accounting in the Eaton Center at the northwest corner of Ten Mile and Novi roads, said, "We think it's a wonderful idea, because we tried to put signs out before and couldn't because of the ordinance. Now, we're going to take advantage of the temporary ordinance. We're going to have a sign put up now to attract early tax filers," he said.

"We may be able to keep it up until the construction ends," Cam said. "That's what we've been told."

Dan Jones, general manager, Twelve Oaks Mall, said, on the city allowing businesses some additional signage over the holiday season, "We certainly think that it's a nice gesture from the city, recognizing that a number of businesses did struggle a bit with all of the road

"It's our way of saying 'Merry Christmas and thanks for putting up with us.'"

Kim Capello  
Novi City Council

construction that's going on. Hopefully, it will help some of the businesses that might have had a difficult summer."

The idea for the temporary sign

ordinance was suggested by member Kim Capello.

"Our businesses have suffered a lot during the construction along Grand River, Ten Mile and Novi roads," he said. "In the past few years, our tax base has been strong in retail. I'd like to have a Thanksgiving-to-Christmas Eve ordinance passed to allow a limited number of additional signs for retail and service-oriented businesses."

He suggested that the ordinance use some of the restrictions currently in place with political signs, such as not allowing them in right-of-ways. The short-lived ordinance also does not allow off-premise signs.

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## MEAP test changes likely on the horizon

### State Senate passes bill to move MEAP test to fall

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Though nothing is finalized, it looks as if students will see some changes associated with the MEAP test in the future.

The Novi School Board of Education is expected to discuss the issue at its meeting at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Village Oaks

Elementary School. Michigan's Senate has passed a bill to change the time students take the MEAP from winter to fall. Though it's only speculation at this point, there is also talk of changing the high school MEAP to another type of test.



E. Lippe

Officially, the Michigan Department of Education would have to put out a request for proposal and then choose the test. "What they have in the back of

their minds, I think, is the ACT," said Emmett Lippe, Novi Community School District superintendent. "The House is expected to take up that particular law in early December when they come back into session."

Lippe said that the test wouldn't change for the students until the year 2007. That's what's being proposed, but it's still subject to discussion by the House of Representatives and then, of course, it has to be signed by the governor.

"(The change from winter to fall for the MEAP) just passed the Senate, but it has to be dealt with in the House, so it's not a bill that has passed yet," Lippe said. "Many years ago, we used to have

fall testing, and they kind of switched it back and forth."

Lippe explained that there have been pros and cons over the years about which times are best to test, but he couldn't say one way or the other which Novi prefers. He did say that what the educators would like, however, is to have the test somewhat consistent. And they would like to get it nailed down as to when the test is going to be given, rather than switching it every several years.

"President Bush's focus may be on a similar program to No Child Left Behind," Lippe said. "The governor also is looking at ways

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### Firearm season limited

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though ordinance says you must have at least five acres, I believe the chief looks for 10 at the very least. We also want to stress that everyone (hunting) wear their orange so they're seen. People get caught in a cross-fire."

Due to development, MacGregor said, hunting isn't as extensive as it once was. "We actually don't have anything but the deer in Novi. Used to be, actually (in the) 1970s, we were one of the best places hunting areas. Slowly and surely that has faded away," she said.

But where there's more open land to the west, deer are still a stronger presence, and can make an impact — not just on hunters. Tom Photosios, All State Insurance agent in Novi, said vehicle collisions with deer are still common in the area.

"There's so much development around here I don't think many deer are in the area," Photosios said. "Most of them typically are the (Interstate) 96 west area, your Milford, your Brighton, your Fenton."

The cost usually runs into the thousands of dollars, he said, and is covered by a comprehensive insurance deductible.

"The typical person will try to stave, and that's the worst thing you can do," Photosios advised. "You're going to hit the deer anyway. Basically, if you're going to hit (the deer), hit (it) and don't try to swerve."

### City council says retailers can increase holiday sign usage

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The City of Novi is providing a one-time business sign allowance for the 2004 shopping season, from Nov. 25 through Dec. 24. The city council authorization is in recognition of the extraordinary road construction disruption this year.

#### RULES FOR THE SIGN ORDINANCE

Each sign meeting the criteria below will be permitted from Thursday, Nov. 25, through Friday, Dec. 24. Each sign shall be removed immediately upon the expiration of this approval. To provide fairness and to maintain safe and attractive business areas, the following rules apply:

- One additional sign per business registered with the city of Novi is permitted.
- The sign must be a portable sign, meaning a free-standing sign not permanently anchored or secured to either a building or the ground, such as A-frame poles temporarily driven into the ground and T-shaped signs in the nature of a traditional "for sale" sign.
- The sign can be up to six square feet in area and not in excess of five feet in height.
- The sign must not be placed on public property or in the public road right-of-way or any road easement. To determine public property, behind the sidewalk is generally a good indicator of right-of-way lines. Tenants will need to coordinate and receive permission from property owners. The city will not become involved in any lease-leaseor discussions.
- The signs must be placed on the same private property as the business being promoted. Be aware to not block site lines for drivers entering and exiting the business area. The city reserves the right to direct changes to sign placement as required to maintain safety.
- No permit is required for the signs.

If there are questions regarding this allowance for one additional business sign, please contact either Cindy Uglow, Neighborhood Services coordinator, (248) 347-0437, [cuglow@ci.novi.mi.us](mailto:cuglow@ci.novi.mi.us), or Melissa Place, administrative assistant, city manager's office, (248) 347-0478, [mpplace@ci.novi.mi.us](mailto:mpplace@ci.novi.mi.us).

### MEAP test changes likely on the horizon

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to get more kids to go to college and raising standards to get more college graduates. All of that kind of comes into play because all of these issues are intertwined. There's just a lot of discussion right now, but nothing has passed yet."

Novi Education Association President Teri Mohlo expressed many concerns about the change. She said that the reason for it is because when the test is given in the winter, it takes so long to get the results back. They actually come back many times after the kids have left for the summer and teachers can't use the results to help the kids. By doing it in the fall, however, is that curriculum may have to be changed.

"We've just received a letter from John Bowen, who's on the chamber's Sign Ordinance Committee, listing requested revisions to our sign ordinance. We have over 1,500 businesses. We're looking for some consistency," she said.

Uglow said her department recently completed a draft on a new sign ordinance for the city attorney to review.

"I don't know if they're going to shift the test or if they're going to make changes in the test or if they're going to change the curriculum so that perhaps the curriculum that is normally taught in the eighth grade will now be moved to the seventh grade," Mohlo said.

"The seventh grade curriculum is primary geography, so it involves a huge shift for teachers if, in fact, they have to change curriculum."

"October, that curriculum is going to have to taught somewhere else. It would mean huge curriculum shifts for teachers."

"If I'm an American history teacher and my area of expertise is the Revolutionary War to the Civil War, which is what it is in eighth grade, and the MEAP is given in February, and I get through the Civil War, I'm fine," Mohlo said. "But if that's going to be tested in October, that curriculum has to be moved somewhere."

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# BUSINESS

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## Lucky's finally opens its doors

■ Restaurant, bar, games attract 80 on first day

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Lucky's — the games, restaurant, bar, billiards and soon-to-be-bowling venue at Fountain Walk — finally opened to the public the afternoon of Nov. 8.

And, less than a week after greeting its first customers, the place is getting some business.

"We had 80 people here our first day," said Eddie Bourque, general manager.

The first floor, with 35,000 square feet of dining and entertainment, has a sports bar, arcade bar and full-service kitchen.

One of the specialties of the house is the Macaroni and Cheese Balls, which consists of bite-sized mozzarella balls dipped in warm tomato pizza sauce. Another is the Potato Pizza Pie, which includes roasted garlic potato pieces with mozzarella and cheddar cheeses, bacon bits and chives.

The Ah! Tina Martini features thirty sliced raw tuna served on a bed of greens with cucumbers, papaya and Asian dressing.

Appetizers include Key West Chicken, in which chicken is dusted with citrus, herbs and spices, seared golden brown and served with a sweet chili sauce, and Coconut Shrimp, served with a Thai chili sauce.

Bourque already oversees 150 employees. The game area features 113 interactive video and virtual reality games with 200 playing stations and 14 billiards tables.

Eight billiards tables are available in the VIP Lounge, which has a separate bar and sunken fireplace pit. This area can handle about 200 for private parties.

One game has players sitting behind the wheel of an imaginary 18-wheel truck. "You feel like you're driving a truck," Bourque said.

Another game is the Derby Owner's Club, where players pick the mare and the stallion to breed a horse, name the horse, pick its silk colors, train it and race it.

"We have some more sophisticated options that mom and dad can enjoy. It's not just for kids."

Eddie Bourque  
General Manager, Lucky's



Photo by PAM FLEMING

Patrons try out the new Derby Owners Club game at Lucky's in Fountain Walk shopping center. In this interactive game, players pick the mare and stallion to breed a horse, name the horse, pick its silk colors, train it and race it. The new restaurant, bar, billiards, games and future bowling venue opened Nov. 8.

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"You can race your horse over and over and create a better horse through training," Bourque said. "Eight people can play at one time."

Players purchase a playing card so they don't have to carry cash in the game room.

When it comes to the game room, "We have some more sophisticated options that mom and dad can enjoy. It's not just for kids. There's something for everybody," Bourque said.

Adult supervision is required for those under age 16 before 9 p.m., with 21-and-older patrons only

allowed in the arcade area after 9 p.m.

Lucky's will have a special VIP night Dec. 4.

**Holiday at the Fountain**

Visitors to Fountain can also look forward to "Holiday at the Fountain" from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dec. 4. Free carriage rides will be offered around the complex, and craft projects will be provided for children and adults. Free photos with Santa Claus can be taken at the Emagine Theater.

In a giveaway, 20 families will receive four tickets each to see the

Rockettes at the Fox Theater. One lucky family will also be chosen to go on stage, and a local celebrity (to be announced) will read them "The Night Before Christmas" before the show.

Lucky's is open from 11 a.m. - 2 a.m. daily. A 21-and-up policy goes into effect at 9 p.m.

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## Internet key for small businesses' success

By Kim Baker  
SPECIAL WRITER

VIDEO E-MAIL

When Nipa Shah came to the United States from India 19 years ago, technology was foreign to her.

"I did not even know what a computer was," she said.

Now, after 12 years of Internet business experience, she and her husband, Nilesh, who live in Novi, have opened their own franchise of WSI Internet Consulting & Education.

Shah believes that small businesses today face a tough challenge. They must increase revenue and efficiency, but lower costs. A good Web site can help accomplish all three.

"E-commerce is truly the growing trend," she said.

One of the major obstacles, said Shah, is almost every business has a Web site. Even if a business spends \$2,000 to \$3,000 on a site, it can get lost on the many pages that come up when a prospective client performs a search.

"If people don't find you on the first or second page, forget it. They will never find you," Shah said.

She advises businesses to include keywords in their Web addresses that identify the nature of their business.

Once clients find a business's Web site, it is important that they stay there. Business Web sites need to be free of dead links, especially in vital areas such as "contact us."

Dated content and "under construction" pages also need to be eliminated, she said.

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Shah believes video e-mail is the most effective way for small businesses to reach a large number of clients.

A business can make a video advertising a service or a special offer and e-mail it to clients.

Companies or even individuals can purchase monthly packages which use minutes. The minutes are only used when the recipient actually opens the e-mail and the sender can tell who has opened the e-mail, said Shah.

and speaking to only one client at a time. Plus, Web orders will be stored on a database so the customer's information will always be accessible.

Coupons attract customers but many people throw away paper coupons, said Shah. She advises small businesses to e-mail coupons instead.

"A business can create a subscribers list and, at the touch of a button, e-mail coupons to hundreds of customers who are especially interested in what the business has to offer. Those subscribers can forward the e-mail to friends as well, creating even more business," she said.

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## Wendy's Books & Baskets opens

Downtown Walled Lake kept an old friend and gained a new one when Debby Isaacson decided to buy Wendy's Book Store and add to it by offering a line of gourmet gift baskets and newborn baby items.

To celebrate the opening of her new store, Isaacson had a grand opening and ribbon cutting on Nov. 6.

Wendy's Books & Baskets is located at 1123 E. West Maple Rd., Suite 1, Walled Lake. Hours are Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Wendy's Books has been a mainstay in the community for many years. During these times of gigantic book/musical store combinations with coffee shops, Wendy's Books has been able to survive. So, this year when Isaacson saw the business was for sale, she was determined to keep it open.

"We bought the existing bookstore that we have loved for many years and decided it would be the perfect location for our existing business," said Isaacson.

Wendy's Books and Baskets offers new and used books. Customers can use the "trade" program for used books, and if they have trades, they get 15 percent off new book purchases. The store also specializes in Moses baskets and gifts for newborns and all occasion gift baskets.

After they eyed Ann Arbor, Farmington Hills and Novi for a year, it was Jeff's wife who discovered Gateway Village of Novi, a new strip center that's quickly filling up.

"I had never even gone down this part of Grand River," Jeff

## Wrapped up in franchise

■ Kilarskis open up Rio Wraps of Novi

By Kim Kovelie  
STAFF WRITER

Two brothers — one a businessman and the other trained in public relations — recently decided to try their hand at Southwestern cuisine.

Banking on Rio Wraps, the franchised partner of Pizapapalis, Jeff and Matt Kilarski opened the doors to their location at 41490 Grand River Ave. Aug. 27.

"We really wanted to get into business for ourselves and be able to do our own thing," said Matt, who works in financial sales. "We wanted something growing, local, and obviously we had to like the food, too."

Roly Poly Sandwiches had first caught his eye, but it was Jeff who found Rio Wraps, which he said was once described to him as a "Mercedes-style Taco Bell."

"You can't go wrong with Mexican," Jeff said, and, "Novi's been an up-and-coming area for a long time."

After they eyed Ann Arbor, Farmington Hills and Novi for a year, it was Jeff's wife who discovered Gateway Village of Novi, a new strip center that's quickly filling up.

"I had never even gone down this part of Grand River," Jeff

said. With the Soccer Zone and new condominiums nearby, the locale was just what the brothers were looking for.

Serving fresh fast food in a deli-style format, Rio Wraps offers soft tacos, nachos, salads, burritos and a variety of other wrapped sandwiches with homemade salsas.

"Everything is done daily here," Jeff said. "It's a tedious, tedious process. Chicken comes in and we have to 'butterfly' the chicken. It's marinated overnight. "Hands-down, chicken is the most popular product we sell."

The "overstuffed, oversized" emphasis is the key, Jeff said, and catering services are also big. Jeff, who lives in South Lyon, left his job in information technology to work 70-75 hours per week as owner and operator.

The Kilarskis hired nine workers from the area to help cook, serve and clean.

Jill Stelter of Commerce Township has cooked up wraps since the store opened. She previously worked in food service, and said the left her Rio Wraps interview with a T-shirt and a cap.

"They treat me very well," Stelter said. "I eat here every day. I love it. We're fast food, but everything is cooked fresh and prepared fresh every day."

Stelter said the most common refrain she's heard from happy customers is: "You're finally open."

Opening had a rough start. The brothers said they waited 14-15 months for city permits to clear, and then, two weeks after open-

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ing, their mother passed away. Jeff said although their mother wasn't able to communicate well during the late stages of liver cancer, she was excited about the new restaurant.

"We knew what she was trying to tell us, 'Are you open yet?'" Jeff said. "You've got to keep going. That's what she would have wanted."

If they continue to make a go of their Rio Wraps, the brothers hope to open others in Brighton, Canton or Ann Arbor.

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Jill Stelter, a worker with Novi's Rio Wraps, finishes an order for tortillas with sausage, onion and cheese. Rio Wraps is located in Grand River Avenue's Gateway Village.



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# Chase-It at Expo

Local inventor to introduce toy at family pet expo

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

If someone had asked Janet Brown-Smith of Plymouth a few years ago whether she wanted to be a pet toy inventor, she probably would have said no.

But, as luck would have it, she will introduce her new pet toy invention, the Chase-It, at this weekend's American Family Pet Expo at the Novi Expo Center.

"It's a pet toy primarily for dogs, but cats, ferrets and other pets can play with it, too," Brown-Smith said.

**"It's great for rainy days when you can't get outside to exercise your pet."**

Janet Brown-Smith  
Pet toy inventor



Courtesy photo

The pet toy is patent pending. A friend, Maggie Wunderlich of Canton, has served as the marketing director for the project.

"I couldn't have done this without her," Brown-Smith said.

The Chase-It will be introduced at Booth No. 333 at the pet expo. Pet lovers will be able to purchase the toys at the expo and can order them online after the show.

"I feel so fortunate that the toy expo is right in our backyard this year. This will be the perfect test market audience," Brown-Smith said.

Basically, any pet that likes to chase things will like Chase-It, according to the inventor.

The toy hangs from a nylon rope, and the user controls the range of motion with an ergonomically designed handle.

"It's great for rainy days when you can't get outside to exercise your pet. Another feature is that people with limited mobility can play with their pets, too," Brown-Smith said.

The toys feature whimsical and colorful plush animals, which small pets are sure to follow. "And, after all, the fun is in the chase," Brown-Smith said.

Four styles are currently available: a lizard, Lizzy; a catfish, Mookie; and two squirrels, Fifi and Squirley.

"I plan to add more animals in the future and especially more for larger dogs," Brown-Smith said.

Two spectators are inside the toy, which retails for \$19.95 each. Brown-Smith's company is named Band of Mookeys Pet Toys, Inc.

It's a new business, and she's been working on the Chase-It project for about seven months.

"My husband, Mark, and I have two Shetlands, and they're high-energy dogs. We were always looking for new and different toys for them, but we weren't finding much on the market," she said.

The plush part of the toy is made in China, and Eastern Michigan University designed the handle and made it into a prototype. From there, Brown-Smith found Macro-Line in Roseville to produce the handle. The toy is assembled in their home.

Besides their two Shetlands, Kimmy and Lacy, the couple has three cats — Mookie, a calico, and Pie and Shoe, both Siamese. The calico cat Chase-It is modeled after Mookie.

"I had a big part in designing these toys and worked with a toy designer in China, whom I found on the Internet," she said.

She incorporated the business about a month ago after taking business courses at Wayne State University.

"If you have a vision, just go for it," Brown-Smith said. "You never know if something might be successful or not unless you try."

For more information about Chase-It, visit [www.bandofmookeys.com](http://www.bandofmookeys.com).

# Local chefs win top honors at Expo event

Only seven teams allowed to compete in cook-off

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Two local chefs recently won a prestigious award in culinary circles.

Jeff Evans of Steve & Rocky's of Novi and Dan T. Meier from Rocky's of Northville teamed to win first place in this year's Two Man Mystery Basket Competition at the Novi Expo Center. The two split the \$1,000-plus cash prize.

Seven teams competing in the Sept. 14 event had four hours to complete the cook-off, which included 30 minutes to write a menu, three hours to prepare it and 20 minutes to plate four courses, which were then served to five judges.

The mystery basket included live lobsters, whitefish, pork saddle, enoki, wild mushrooms, Swiss chard, fresh berries, Yukon potatoes, Macadamia nuts and angel hair pasta.

The winning chefs' menu consisted of Macadamia Encrusted Whitefish with brown butter balsamic vinaigrette; Lobster Angel Hair with brandy lobster sauce; Roast Pork Loin with Yukon Swiss chard potato hash, wild mushrooms and dried fruit chutney; and Orange Bavarian with chocolate mousse garnish and ladyfinger crust topped with raspberry sauce and blackberries.

The American Culinary Federation endorsed the Two Man Mystery Basket Competition in part with the Michigan Chef de Cuisine. The judging consisted of five certified master chefs from Indiana, Chicago, Michigan, Georgia and Wisconsin.

Evans has been with Steve & Rocky's for six years, and Meier has worked at Rocky's of Northville for four years. The chefs took second place in 2001 and third place in 2002. They didn't get in the event last year.

The competition only allows seven teams, so it's difficult to even have the opportunity to win.

"You have to really pay attention to when entries are accepted, because it fills up in about a week. You're lucky if you get in. Last year, it filled up in one day."

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# New road, new birth for restaurant

"Taste of Bangkok" offers Thai cuisine

By Kim Kovelle  
STAFF WRITER

While construction workers tore up Grand River Avenue, the Vue family was busy just yards away preparing their new restaurant.

Five days after the road reopened, Taste of Bangkok Cuisine quietly opened its own side door at 43317 Grand River Ave., yesteryear home of the Oxford Inn and, briefly, Novi Bistro.

"We actually had to wait for the road to open," owner Fuc Vue said. "We had no visual. We were just kind of waiting... to get more traffic."

That finally happened Monday, Nov. 8. Offering a broad variety of Thai dine-in and carry-out, the family has revamped an existing Greek theme into a Thai atmosphere complete with palm trees, traditional elephant decor and gold-embellished detailing.

The menu, cooked in large woks by Vue's father, Yong Seng Vue, and chef Doua Showa, ranges from the famous noodle dish Pad Thai, to soups, appetizers, salads and more.

Spice helpings range from no spice to extra hot — "for those who are willing to go all the way," according to the menu.

Before opening, though, the Vues, who have owned other Thai restaurants in Novi and Northville, worked daily to spruce up things.

"The place was just a mess — trash was everywhere," Fuc Vue said. "We had to put new decorations up. It took us two months just cleaning and decorating."

Fuc Vue's brother, Toua Vue, owns Taste of Thai at Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights, and Fuc Vue's wife, Lou Vue, wears traditional Thai garb while waitressing at Taste of Bangkok.

"It's not complete yet," she said. "My in-laws went to California to buy... decorations. Everything was imported from Thailand."

Eight more paintings are on the way to cover the walls of the 167-seat dining room and small banquet area. Grecian pillars were painted gold, and a sign that once said "Agora" now reads "Bangkok."

One of the most meticulous changes was a streetscape mural on the restaurant's west wall. The scene remains the same, but the Vues hired a painter to change faces from American to Thai.

Victor Chassis, Novi businessman and planning commissioner, owns the building and was often present to help the family.

"I had at least 15 serious people" interested in the building, Chassis said. "I was careful to make a conscious decision to accept a unique kind of dining. I was so impressed with this family because they go in there and start

TASTE SOME THAI

What: Taste of Bangkok Cuisine, owned by the Vue family, is offering 10-percent discounts in honor of their grand opening.

When: throughout the month of November

Location: 43317 Grand River Ave. on the south side of the street just east of Novi Road in the shell of the former Oxford Inn (most recently the Novi Bistro)

Hours: Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday, 12-10 p.m.; and Sunday, 12-9 p.m. Lunch is served until 3 p.m.

Contact: (248) 360-6808



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Taste of Bangkok's Lou Vue displays a couple of the Thai food restaurant's specialties: Pad Thai with shrimp and tofu and Kow Pad with chicken and fried rice. The Novi eatery has been open for a little more than a week.

working it themselves. They are so ambitious. They are very conscientious."

Taste of Bangkok's Class C liquor license request was denied 5-2 by the Novi City Council Oct. 18.

However, Fuc Vue said the restaurant's bar may one day serve beer and wine. This month, 10-percent discounts will be offered.

In their first few days, he said, "We've been doing very good."

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

Vital Power gets new owner

Cheryl Levine has stepped up as the new owner of Vital Power Gym in Novi.

Levine, who lives in Walled Lake, has attended the gym for the past five years and previously worked at Bank One in customer service and sales.

As of last Friday, Levine took over the responsibilities of previous owner Heidi Gay, who still works as a personal trainer at the gym.

Vital Power Gym is located at 30520 Beck Rd. For more information, call (248) 669-1662 or visit [www.vitalpowergym.com](http://www.vitalpowergym.com).

New manager at Bank One

Novi's Bank One office welcomed Sorina Y. Marshall Apr. 19 as its new assistant vice president and banking center manager.

With Bank One for almost 18 years, Marshall has worked in Detroit, Livonia, Southfield and Troy locations in positions ranging from teller to call center worker.

Bank One's Novi branch is located at 43100 Grand River Ave. For more information about Bank One Novi, call (248) 349-2424.

Time to File is here

Novi residents Neah Krugel, a CPA, and Brian Papp, CTO, last week announced the launch of their new business, Time To File, Inc., a fully integrated and customizable Internet tax assistant.

The service is designed to help businesses and individuals remember to file tax returns and make tax payments on time through automated e-mail-based reminders seven days prior to deadlines.

E-mails include the name of the tax filing and details on where and

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**BUSINESS BRIEFS**

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**Get a virtual golf present**

Novi's Virtually Perfect Golf Learning Center is offering a Virtually Perfect Golf Learning System holiday gift pack for \$49. The pack includes an informative DVD explaining the system and a gift certificate for an introductory lesson. For more information, visit [www.virtuallyperfectgolf.com](http://www.virtuallyperfectgolf.com).  
 Virtually Perfect opened shop in Fountain Walk this April. It offers training for the "ideal golf swing" through a computer engineered model and 3-D virtual reality glasses.

**Tower presents at conference**

Novi's Tower Automotive announced that it presented a review of performance and outlook at the Robert W. Baird, Industrial Conference in Chicago Nov. 13. The presentation was broadcast live over the Internet. Replies are available at [www.towerautomotive.com](http://www.towerautomotive.com). Tower is a global designer and producer of vehicle structural components and assemblies used by automotive original equipment manufacturers.

**Borders mixes it up**

Borders Books and Music, which has a Novi location, announced last week the launch of GiftMixer3000 and Holiday Gift Center.  
 GiftMixer3000, available at [www.bordermixer.com](http://www.bordermixer.com), is an online gift-matching program to help holiday shoppers. The gift center, at [www.bordermixer.com](http://www.bordermixer.com), is an online holiday catalog featuring nearly 2,700 books, music and movie titles, plus a selection of electronic gift cards for the 2004 holiday season.

**T-bird turns 50 in Wixom**

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Ford Thunderbird, the automotive company recently unveiled a limited edition Thunderbird at the Florida International Auto Show in Miami.  
 The car first went on sale Oct. 22, 1954. The U.S. Postal Service

will produce a commemorative stamp featuring the 1955 T-Bird for sale next summer.  
 The Ford Thunderbird is produced at the Wixom Assembly Plant in Wixom.

**Life Time planned for Commerce**

Another Life Time Fitness is headed for the Novi area. The company's sixth location in the area, the newest center is slated to open in Commerce Township next spring.  
 To be located at 2901 Commerce Blvd., the 109,000 square-foot center will offer 24-hour sports, professional fitness including more than 400 pieces of state-of-the-art cardio training equipment, family recreation and a resort/pool area.

Also included are group fitness studios with free classes, certified personal trainers and programming, adult and youth programs, squash and racquetball courts, and a variety of pools.  
 Life Time currently has a Novi location, as well as 39 other locations nationwide.

**Rockwell increases income**

Rockwell Medical Technologies of Wixom reported record sales for the third quarter of this year.  
 Quarterly revenues of nearly \$4.5 million were up 13.6 percent from this time last year, and the net income was \$65,277, or \$0.11 per share. Year-to-date earnings improved \$295,000, according to the company, and sales for the year were up 21.6 percent.

**Auto Alley aims at jobs**

Oakland County's Automotive Alley recently joined two other groups in the launch of a new jobs Web site aimed at connecting employers with recent grads.  
 Created by Crain's business magazine, the site will allow Michigan employers to electronically post entry-level jobs for college graduates and internship opportunities free of charge at a new collaboration announced Nov. 18.

The site will be supplemented by a special "Hire Education" segment appearing in three weekly business publications this month, including Crain's. Employers seeking interns or new college graduates for full-time jobs will be able to post openings, free of charge, at [www.hireeducationbest.com](http://www.hireeducationbest.com).

Compiled by Kim Kovelie

**Doubling up on patient services**

**Two doctors provide adult, child care**

By Kim Kovelie  
 STAFF WRITER



Exclusive Physicians Group doctors Daniel Rosenberg, left, and Derek Einhorn share a new practice in Novi on Twelve Mile Road.

Two local doctors specializing in two types of patient care recently teamed up to open an Exclusive Physicians Group clinic on Twelve Mile Road.  
 Board certified in internal medicine and pediatrics, Drs. Daniel Rosenberg and Derek Einhorn are able to treat both adults and children at their clinic.  
 "It's kind of new in the country — it's a combined residency program," Rosenberg said. "It's really kind of like squeezing six years' worth of training in four years."  
 "The benefit is we can take care of the entire family, kind of like one-stop shopping. We do have a more extensive training in pediatric and hospital work."  
 Both on staff at Royal Oak's William Beaumont Hospital, where they befriended during slightly-overlapping residencies, the doctors opened their Beaumont outreach

clinic July 1, and had an open house on Oct. 30.  
 "We also have the ability the family practice doctors don't — most don't — following our patients in the hospital," Einhorn said. "You're seeing the same doctor in the hospital as you are in the office. It's something that a lot of patients look at favorably."  
 Situated in the shell of a former pediatrics office, the duo's clinic has six exam rooms and wide, wheelchair-accessible hallways. They're equipped to handle screenings, blood draws, allergy tests, physicals, ultrasounds, echocardiograms and bone mineral density tests, and address problems from diabetes and high cholesterol to colds and flus.  
 Primary, preventative health care is the main focus for Rosenberg, 34, who lives in Novi with his wife, and 33-year-old Einhorn, who hails from Royal Oak.  
 Both doctors hold Wayne State University medical degrees — and golf.  
 For Rosenberg, interest in the medical field was inspired by his father, a family doctor. At one time, Rosenberg and Einhorn worked together at Northwood Physicians in Berkeley, a clinic Rosenberg's father once owned.  
 "I used to go to work with him, and I kind of always knew I would be a doctor. It was in my blood," Rosenberg said. Now, he said, their Exclusive Physicians is the western-most location for Beaumont primary care doctors.  
 The two said they have about 400 patients thus far, and attracted 50-100 to a Halloween-themed open house.  
 "Response has been great," Einhorn said. "A lot of our old patients found us and are traveling across town, which was a pleasant surprise. We started to see new patients from the area, which is great."  
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**EXCLUSIVE**

**Who:** Daniel Rosenberg, M.D. and Derek Einhorn, M.D.  
**What:** The Exclusive Physicians Group clinic recently hosted its first open house. The group's two doctors are board certified in both internal medicine and pediatrics, allowing them to treat adults and children.

**Where:** 42450 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Ste. 105, between Novi and Meadowbrook roads in Novi  
**Hours:** Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
**Contact:** (248) 374-0502 or [www.emeppadnovi.com](http://www.emeppadnovi.com)

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Dr. Daniel Rosenberg  
 Exclusive Physicians Group

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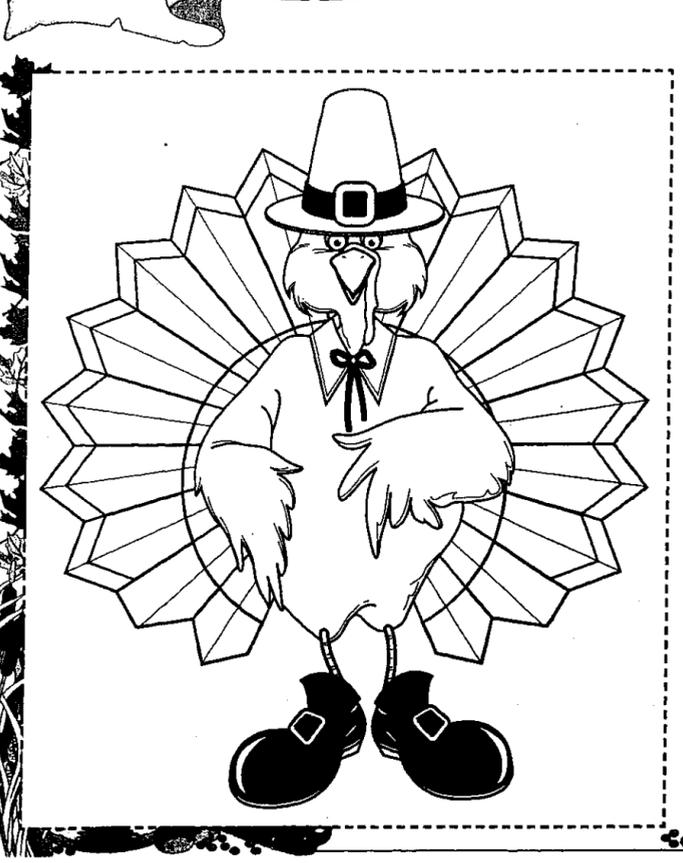
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**Keeping seniors 10 years younger**

**'Stretch & Strengthen' celebrates a decade**

By Kim Kovelie  
 STAFF WRITER

Ten years ago, Novi residents Margaret Jamieson and Trudy Stone met when they took a gamble on a new exercise program for senior citizens.  
 Now best friends, the 79-year-olds — along with dozens of others — still make a tri-weekly trek to Novi's Senior Center for "Stretch & Strengthen."  
 "I went in all by myself I did not know a soul," Jamieson said. "They all said 'Hi,' and I didn't know how much I could do or what they were doing. I will say this: nobody made fun of you. I stood next to Trudy and we hit it off immediately."

Both agree that Jo Schirzinger, the woman who's led the group since 1994, is one reason they come back.  
 "She plays a lot of the music we knew in our younger days," Stone said. "You don't really feel like you're exercising. Sometimes we sing along. There's quite a nice camaraderie among the group. We have a good time."  
 The other reason is results: Jamieson said she dropped a women's size 20 for a misses' size 16, and Stone holds her own while helping her husband haul things.

With a ready, recognizable laugh and relaxed demeanor, Schirzinger, 45, hosts the hour-long class Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m.  
 She leads exercises both on foot and in chairs. Seniors also lift three-to-five-pound dumbbells and use tennis balls and clothespins for coordination and finger dexterity.  
 "If you had told me 10 years ago that I'd be teaching seniors aerobics and weight training, I

would have laughed," said Schirzinger, a lifelong fitness enthusiast. "I really just wasn't sure how far I could push them. I kept pushing them more every year and making the program harder every year, and they kept up with me."  
 "We started it one day a week ... with six people. We went from one day to two days a week, (and) we just exploded."  
 Schirzinger said she started in Novi because she knew the seniors were active, but didn't think enough was offered in the way of exercise.  
 Today, through her home-based company Leisure Unlimited, she travels and trains seniors throughout the area including Northville, Commerce and Milford.



Connie Pepera, left, and Marion Cowan, right, work out at the Novi Senior Center's Senior Stretch & Strength class.

Virginia Whang, Florence Baptist and Connie Pepera are Schirzinger's other Novi originals. Classes typically see anywhere from 18-26 attendees.  
 Al Henry has been coming "off and on" for about a year.  
 "The people are so cheerful, seem to have a good attitude," Henry said. "It adds something on a regular basis to the schedule in my life."  
 Schirzinger compiles and hands out a list of names of all the people in class, so if someone's missing or needs information, a quick phone call is all it takes.  
 "I know their names. I take the time to learn things about them in class," Schirzinger said. "If they've been out because of an illness, I remember. It's a way of making them feel like... instead of a participant, they're part of a family."  
 "I had already lost three grandparents by the time I was 11. I felt like I was missing something. They're my family. They worry about me like a daughter, and I worry about them like a granddaughter."  
 She's learned lessons in keeping her seniors at ease, whether it's sharing stories or Internet jokes or wearing loose clothing instead of intimidating Spanx.  
 "The teacher plans to keep the seniors moving."  
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**SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR**

<b>Friday 11/19</b>	9 a.m. Panera Bread	10 a.m. Asian Pacific
	9 a.m. Stretch & Strengthen held at the Novi Civic Center	noon Lunch
	10 a.m. Body Recall CANCELLED	12:30 p.m. Bingo held in Activities Room
	10 a.m. Turkey Fun day (adv. ticket required)	1 p.m.-3 p.m. Dance Oklahoma trip
	12:30 p.m. Bingo CANCELLED	
	noon Clogging	
	12:30 p.m. Dupi. Bridge	
	Holiday lights in Chicago trip	
<b>Monday 11/22</b>	9 a.m. Stretch & Strengthen	9 a.m. Stretch & Strengthen CANCELLED
	10 a.m. Body Recall	9 a.m.-1 p.m. Massage
	noon Lunch	10 a.m. Body Recall
	12:30 p.m. Pinocchio	10:30 a.m. Quilting
	12:30 p.m. Senior Stars Rehearsal	11 a.m. Blood Pressure
	1 p.m.-3 p.m. Healing Touch	11 a.m. TOPS Class
	6:30 p.m. Clogging*	noon Lunch
		12:30 p.m. Clogging*
<b>Tuesday 11/23</b>	9 a.m. Panera Bread	<b>Thursday 11/25</b>
	9:30 a.m. Line Dance	Senior Center Management Office Lunch Service, Transportation Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving
		Activities designated with an "*" will be held at the Novi Civic Center. The Senior Center is located at 25073 Meadowbrook. Call (248) 347-0414.

**Oh Baby!**

On Feb. 3, 2005, the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus will be launching a new special section entitled, "Oh Baby!" and your baby could be the main attraction.  
 This new section will feature photos of all babies born in 2004, along with editorial and advertising for new parents.  
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# HEALTH

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## Mad for art

Students receive awards at Providence

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Novi High School art students had their chance to shine last Tuesday night, as Providence Hospital's Center for the Healing Arts hosted its annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

As the name suggests, the event had an "Alice in Wonderland" theme. The students were asked to create and submit their work to be judged, and winners took away a certificate signed by the Queen of Hearts and the Mad Hatter. Everyone who attended was encouraged to dress the part.

"This is our last show of the year, and it's a show of leaves," Elena Weissman said in her "Mistress of Novia" voice. Weissman is actually the manager of the healing arts department.

"Patients, families and associates of ours are asked to make tea pots in our ceramics program," she said. "We also asked elementary school students from all over to make art-works."

Party attendees sipped tea and listened to Novi High student Katy Oppermann as she played harp music.

"This is really about building



Courtesy photo  
Shown are some ceramic tea pots made by Novi High School students and Healing Arts Ceramic Program students.

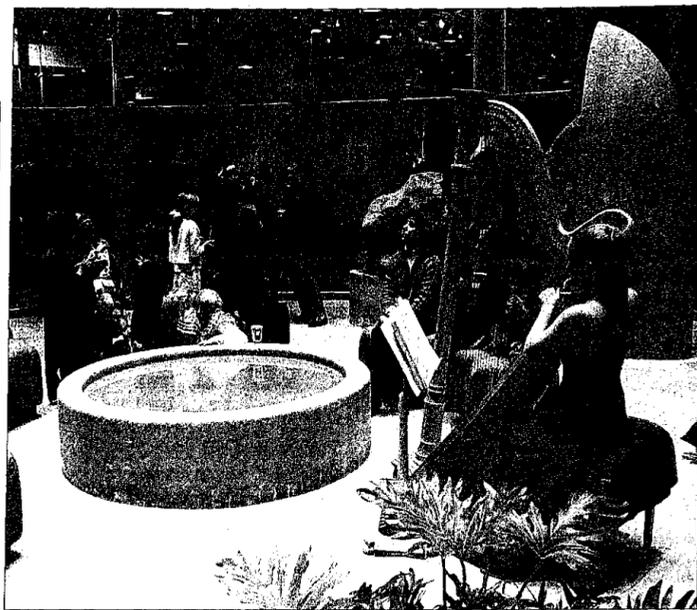
relations in the community and letting people come out and see our facility," Weissman said. "It's an opportunity for people to come and look at all the artwork. It's a great time for the kids to have a look at the artwork, whether they're in the elementary level or high school level."

Weissman said that the kids from Novi High School did such a great job that almost all of their pieces made it into the show.

Judy Borch, who played the Mad Hatter, reminded everyone that the center's ceramic program is a fully-staffed studio, where anyone can come and create art.

Call (248) 465-5455.

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Courtesy photo  
Novi High School student Katy Oppermann plays harp in the Reflection area at the Providence Assarian Cancer Center last Tuesday night for the Mad Hatter's Tea Party event.

## Trinity Health names new CEO

Not-based Trinity Health named Nov. 11 the selection of Joseph R. Swanson as president and CEO, effective Jan. 1, 2005.

A search for a new leader began in March when the current president and CEO, Jack Peltan, announced plans to retire by year's end.

Swedish, 53, has 30 years in health care management experience. Since 1999, he has been president and CEO of Centura Health, the largest health care system in Colorado.

Trinity Health is a Catholic, non-profit health system. It is the country's fourth largest Catholic health care system based on operating revenue. Sponsored by Catholic Health Ministries, the system operates 45 hospitals (29 owned, 16 managed), 384 outpatient facilities, numerous long-term care facilities, home health offices and hospice programs, a health care architectural firm and a physician practice consulting company.

## YOUR HEALTH - "SMOKING AND WOMEN"

Everyone knows that smoking is harmful to your health. Even smokers can list all the reasons to quit smoking. And still they continue to smoke.

According to the American Cancer Society, in the United States, smoking alone causes approximately 30 percent of cancer deaths and a total of 440,000 premature deaths annually, mostly from lung and other cancers, heart disease, stroke and other lung diseases. In addition, an estimated \$157 billion in health-related economic losses per year are also attributable to smoking.

Statistics show 41 in the United States, 21 percent of women smoke. In Michigan that number is 24.7 percent.

The health effects of smoking in women are far reaching. It damages the respiratory system not only causing lung cancer, but smokers also suffer more from bronchitis, emphysema, asthma, pneumonia, celiac and other conditions. Smoking also causes approximately 30 percent of cancer deaths and a total of 440,000 premature deaths annually, mostly from lung and other cancers, heart disease, stroke and other lung diseases. In addition, an estimated \$157 billion in health-related economic losses per year are also attributable to smoking.

Women smokers are three times more likely to die from coronary artery disease than non-smokers, and those who use birth control pills also have an increased risk of heart attack and stroke. Smoking during pregnancy has been linked to low birth weight in infants and increased incidence of SIDS (sudden infant death syndrome). Higher rates of cervical cancer have also been documented in smokers, not to mention all the negative effects of second hand smoke on other family members.

It is easy to see why only 10 percent of smokers who try to quit each year are successful. Smoking is both physically and psychologically addictive.

Because smokers often use cigarettes to relax or deal with negative emotions such as anger and frustration, quitting means learning new ways to deal with these feelings. It can also impact relationships with others, as smokers tend to have friends who smoke as well. For someone trying to quit, it may mean losing longtime friendships at a time when the need for emotional support is high. Or it could undermine attempts to quit.

When others are less than supportive, clearly, this is a multifaceted problem with no easy answer.

As difficult as quitting can be, however, many people successfully do so every year. There are many different approaches to quitting, from going "cold turkey" to support groups, hypnosis and nicotine patches. A variety of sources offer stop-smoking classes, and these provide a good place to start.

Sometimes learning about the problem can help in finding a method that works. Often it takes more than one attempt to beat the habit, but the important thing is to keep trying.

Todd Koffler, MD can be reached at Providence Park Pediatrics, 47601 Grand River Ave., 42432, Novi, or by phone at (248) 463-4847.

Like so many other addictions, smoking is not an easy habit to break. The nicotine in cigarettes produces an addiction as powerful as the addiction to heroin and cocaine. It causes the brain to release substances that produce pleasurable sensations that are experienced by many smokers and also causes very unpleasant withdrawal symptoms, including:

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- Impatience
- Hostility
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Restlessness
- Increased appetite
- Decreased heart rate

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# FAITH

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Crosspointe Meadows Church of Novi** presents an Alpha Course exploring the Christian faith on Sundays at 6 p.m. There are over 28,000 Alpha courses running all over the world. Check out the Alpha Course Web site at [www.alpha.com](http://www.alpha.com). Program includes workbook and light supper. There is no fee for this program. CMC offices are located at 39830 Grand River Ave., Suite B1-C (west of Haggerty). Phone (248) 427-2700. Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Faith Community Presbyterian Church** invites you to worship at either the 9 or 10:30 a.m. service. Sunday school is offered at both services for children pre-kindergarten - 12th grade. Faith Community Presbyterian is located at 44400 W. Ten Mile Rd. in Novi. Call (248) 349-2345.

**The Church of the Holy Family** offers a Spanish-speaking Mass once a month. Masses begin at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 27. Also, the public is invited to a Musical Thanksgiving Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Church of the Holy Family, presented by The Music Ministry of Holy Family Church. The event is on Sunday, Nov. 28 at 4 p.m.

The church is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., between Ten Mile Road and Grand River Avenue. Call (248) 349-8347.

**Church of the Holy Cross** offers a worship service every Wednesday from 12:10 - 12:50 p.m. Come and share your lunch hour with God at a worship service that includes scripture and Holy Communion. The church invites all to worship Sundays at 7:45 and 10 a.m. Nursery care is available at 10 a.m. worship service. (The nursery is coordinated by a registered pediatric nurse.)

Adult Bible Study on Sundays at 9 a.m. Worship Center for children ages 3-7, and Sunday School at 10 a.m. The Rev. Karen Henry is pastor and priest in charge. The Rev. John W. Henry II is assistant priest. Worship Service of Compline is held at 8:30 p.m. Rice (ages 13-14) and J2A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner followed by 7 p.m. Youth Worship Service is held the second and fourth Sunday of every month; all are welcome to attend. Church of the Holy Cross is located at 46200 W. Ten Mile Rd. (between Beck and Taft roads), Novi. Call (248) 349-1175 or visit [www.churchoftheholycross.com](http://www.churchoftheholycross.com).

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

The annual Novi Community Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held at Faith Community Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 24. Choirs from several Novi churches will join along with the ministers to celebrate and give thanks for the many blessings we have in this country. Everyone is welcome.

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## It's never too late to stop smoking

When I was a non smoker for the New York Giants baseball team in the early 1950s, we did three live commercials for a cigarette sponsor per game. We'd memorize the commercial, while the game was going on. Then they'd turn the camera on us, and we'd hold up a pack of cigarettes and tell people how good they were. In fact, they even sent me around to the hospitals. I'd go to a cancer unit and give the guys cigarettes! Can you imagine that?

We've certainly come a long way in our understanding of smoking and the danger it poses to our health. Of course, we now know that smoking is linked to cancer, heart disease and a host of other serious health problems.

Fortunately, we also know that no matter how long you've been smoking, stopping has immediate positive health effects. For instance, did you know that within 24 hours of not smoking, a person's blood pressure is lower, oxygen in the blood is increased,

and that person's risk of heart attack is decreased? Not to mention the long-term benefits of quitting.

If you're one of those people who hasn't been able to kick the smoking habit, I want to encourage you to keep trying. The stakes are high, and it's never too late.

And remember to take care of your health before it's too late!

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

**CITY OF NOVI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be meeting to interview applicants for appointment to the Beautification Commission, Board of Review, Economic Development Corporation, Election Commission, Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee, Historical Commission, Library Board of Trustees, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

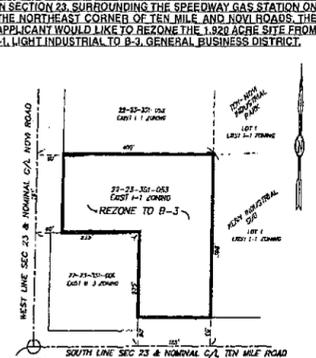
If you are a qualified voter in the City of Novi and interested in volunteering to serve on a City board or commission, applications are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile, or by calling (248) 347-0456 to receive an application by mail or fax, or log onto the City Web Site at [www.ci.novi.mi.us](http://www.ci.novi.mi.us) to print out an application.

The deadline for filing an application is Wednesday, December 8, 2004 to allow time for scheduling interview appointments. Council will be interviewing applicants on Monday, December 13, 2004 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers; interviews are scheduled for 15 minutes each and all City Council meetings are televised.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK  
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## CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 8, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18,644 FOR POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR REZONING ON PROPERTY IN SECTION 23, SURROUNDING THE FREEWAY GAS STATION ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF TEN MILE AND NOVI ROADS. THE APPLICANT WOULD LIKE TO REZONE THE 1,820 ACRE SITE FROM R-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.



To rezone a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcel 22-23-351-053 more particularly described as follows

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## A sign of change?

The City of Novi, the city council, to be exact, is giving businesses an early Christmas gift by easing up on the city's rigid sign ordinance for the holiday season.

If you're a local business owner and you don't believe in Santa Claus, you better start!

When Mayor Lou Cordas gave his first State of the City address in January, he was hailed by Keith Wilson, chairman of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, as the man to take the "No" out of Novi. That's because the city has a reputation of being difficult for businesses to deal with for permits, inspections, etc.

It appears that may be changing. Last month the chamber joined forces with the city and got the county road commission to revamp its plans for the 10 Mile and Novi Road intersection.

The city is now working with a chamber committee to take a look at the sign ordinance and try to make it less challenging for businesses. These are good indications

that the local business community will begin to have a strong and unified voice, and that city officials will listen to their concerns.

I'm not exactly sure what caused the delay in the new lounge/game room in Fountain Walk - but I have a strong hunch that it had to do with clearing hurdles with the city. It is an impressive (and extremely large) venue, and it will no doubt be a huge draw once the work gets out.

Hopefully, incoming businesses will not find it as difficult to hang the "open" sign in the window.

And a broader note, it looks as though Novi will have a stronger voice of its own in Lansing now that Craig DeRoche has been picked as the new Speaker of the House. Along with Senator Nancy Cassis, the duo makes for a pretty impressive force at the Capitol.

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Cal Stone

## GOVERNMENT

Per reader request, we have compiled a list to you can get in touch with your local and regional senators and representatives. Their accessibility allows you as readers to voice your concerns directly and allows them to better represent their districts. If you feel we have missed anyone, contact us at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113.

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# OPINION

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### High Kickers

The Novi varsity pom-pom squad kicks up their heels at halftime of last Friday night's home playoff game against South Lyon. The Wildcats season ended with their bid for the regional crown. See the full story on page 7B.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

# LETTERS

## Great job, Wildcats and supporters

It's tough, but let's look past the disappointing loss on the football field last Friday. We have a great team and a great tradition. Six years in a row to the playoffs, back to back KVC Championships, District Champion three years running and last year a Regional Championship!

I believe you have to build momentum over several years to sustain an effort for 14 weeks of football competition, which is a length of the season if you go to the state championship. We will get there. In the meantime, I want to thank all the restaurants and businesses who supported our team through donations or fund-raisers. I know I won't get them all, and I apologize to anyone I have missed: Applebee's, Gus O'Connor's, Santino's Place, Abelian Coney Island, Gatsby's, Bud's Mongolian BBQ, Masano's, Steve and Rocky's, Shiro, The Manhattan Club, Border Cantina, Buffalo Wild Wings, New Peking, The Bamboo Club, Meijer, Panera Bread and McDonald's (both Wixom Road and Grand River Avenue).

You - along with our team, our coaches, our students, our community and our families - are part of making the Novi Wildcats football tradition truly great. Go Green!

JoAnne Pritchard  
Novi

## Novi board should strive for openness

I believe one of the main reasons voters said "No" to last June's recreational tax increase is because of the Novi Board of Education's honest and open approach to the problem. We, as taxpayers, understood the three-part plan to solve a \$4-million-plus budget deficit:

1. The board agreed to cut almost \$900,000 in programs and personnel, and it told us these cuts would not hurt the core

educational needs of our children.

2. The board agreed to dip into about \$1.4 million of the district's saving account to help cover expenses.

3. The board then asked residents to bear the fiscal burden of a \$1.9-million tax increase.

I attended eight separate "millage information" meetings last May when the school finances were discussed in great detail.

We were told that the \$900,000 in programs would be reduced regardless of the election results.

We were told what programs would be eliminated if the tax increase was defeated.

We were told what programs would be saved (for one year) if the tax increase was approved.

This honest approach helped voters make an informed decision on this important issue. Now, I understand that the Novi school district, through fantastic financial management and tight budget controls, has additional "found money" entering the 2004-2005 school year. With these new funds, it appears that the school board is beginning to restate some of the programs earmarked under that \$900,000 cut - with little or no public discussion.

It is a credit to Novi's administrators and staff that they have managed tight budgets so well over the past couple of years. But I think it's important that we begin to seriously discuss publicly how to prioritize the use of any additional funds. For example:

• Do we really need to reinstate programs that the Board of Education agreed last May wouldn't fund the education of our students?

• If so, shouldn't we openly discuss the pros and cons for rehiring personnel and reinstating these programs, rather than relying on quick passage of consent agendas?

• Or, should we save this additional money until next year - because we know that minimal state funding will cause another Novi budget deficit in 2005-2006 school year?

• Or, should we save this additional money to help fund salaries, health care and pension benefits for our various bargaining units?

• Or, should we give back some of the additional money to the residents in the form

of a tax reduction?

I believe these priorities need to be discussed and communicated honestly and openly with Novi residents. This honest approach was a winning formula to gain support for additional taxes last June. Let's give this same formula a try, as we continue to strive for "greatness" in Novi Schools.

Dennis O'Connor  
Novi

## Big shoes to fill

In the news this morning is the resignation of Secretary of State Colin Powell, a man we could all admire and on occasion feel sorry for as he contended with the conservative elements in his party. Many of us have felt that he acted as a modifying voice among those in the cabinet who advocated an aggressive foreign policy.

I am an avid supporter of women, blacks and Hispanics in our society, but I'm not happy with the President's choice of Condoleezza Rice. She won't be the sounding board for Bush that Powell was. She will be, I'm afraid, a cheerleader when apprised of the President's more rash decisions.

Doreen Lawton  
Novi

## Veterans overlooked?

Thursday, Nov. 11, was Veterans Day. No Veterans appreciation events were held by the city fathers of Northville or Novi. War veterans gave their youth and lives to keep America free under God. Veterans must be shown respect.

Many thanks to Sheryl, Karen and Richard Clark for their past support. Yet recognition desired by city fathers soon. God bless, protect all veterans and residents of Northville and Novi. Support our military troops.

Roland Heaton  
WWII American Combatant  
Novi

## LANSING CONNECTION

# Senator Cassis launches new column

Today we inaugurate the first column of the "LANSING CONNECTION," inspired by West Bloomfield's Observer & Eccentric editor, Larry Ruhlman.

This is a unique opportunity to keep you informed and updated on activities occurring in our Capitol City - legislation, events, programs, meetings, etc. that will keep you connected.

By way of introduction, I reside in Novi. After serving six years as a state representative, I was elected state senator in 2002. I presently serve as chair of the Finance Committee, vice-chair of the Education Committee, and am a member of both the Technology and Energy and the Government Operations committees in the Senate.

Recently, landmark legislation to combat the growing incidents of identity theft passed the House and Senate. The bill I sponsored, Senate Bill 795, is considered the core of the package and is entitled "The Social Security Number Privacy Act."

Requiring employees handling social security numbers to acknowledge and abide by a privacy/confidentiality policy.

Prohibiting individuals, companies, governmental organizations such as schools and universities, or other legal entities from using all or more than four digits of a social security number unless the person consents or the disclosure is authorized by federal or state law.

Prohibiting use on a membership or ID card.

Prohibiting sending anything through the mail on which a social security number could be seen from the outside of the envelope.

Replacing the 11th Grade MEAP Test

In an effort to address the growing number of high school students who were reluctant to take the MEAP tests, the Senate Education Committee conducted hearings on the advisability of transitioning to a standardized test like the SAT or ACT, tests recognized by most colleges for admission. Compelling testimony from educators, principals, assessment experts and students resulted in SB 1153, the "Michigan Merit Examination,"

which would include a standardized exam and possibly supplemental reading, writing and skills tests.

Benefits of this new measure include greater student participation; the state rather than the student paying for a college admission test; increasing the number of minority and low-income students taking the test; and pursuing high school education.

Federal Judge upholds Cassis' legislation

Protecting our environment from hazardous waste is paramount to protecting the health and well-being of our citizens. Governor Granholm signed my bill, SB 502, into law making it more difficult for Canada to dump prohibited items in our landfills.

Importantly, U.S. District Court Judge Avern Cohn has ruled that Michigan's new state spending can never exceed 9.49 percent of Michigan personal income, the percentage it was at in 1979.

The Headlee Amendment was passed overwhelmingly by Michigan voters in 1978. Later, after surviving a bean sprout in 1987, its author also helped lead the successful 1992 drive to enact term limits for all elected state officials.

Ten years later, on the brink of moving home to Utah, he told one newspaper he was leaving with head held high. "I think I have done enough damage to liberals in Michigan."

What he also did was spearhead a revolution within the Michigan Republican Party. Twenty-five years ago, the state GOP was one of the most liberal in the nation. Its leader, Gov. William G. Milliken, was a self-described Rockefeller Republican who worked hard to help cast-strapped Detroit.

service and leadership and willingness to stand by convictions on important issues. I value this award because of the outstanding contributions made to our economy and our communities by BOMA members.

GOP selects DeRoche as House Speaker

A significant event occurred on Nov. 10, when House Republicans elected State Representative Craig DeRoche as their Speaker for the 2005-2006 session. Craig is my colleague from Novi who has conducted an exemplary campaign for leadership. With Speaker-elect DeRoche we have a strong advocate to further the interest of our mutual constituents in Oakland County.

Congratulations, Craig!

State Senator Nancy Cassis (R-Nov) represents the 15th Senate District, which includes West Bloomfield, Oakland Township, Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom, Lyon Township, South Lyon, Milford, Highland, Holly, Rose, Commerce, White Lake, Orchard Lake and Wolverine Lake. Constituents can contact her at senncassis@senate.michigan.gov or toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.

Association taps Cassis

At their recent annual recognition dinner in Troy, the Building Owners and Managers' Association (BOMA) of Metropolitan Detroit named me their Legislator of the Year for

# OTHER OPINIONS

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## Ready for a real version of Dickens' classic novel?

Following the election, I've been mulling over the famous opening lines of Charles Dickens' novel, "A Tale of Two Cities": "It was the best of times. It was the worst of times." No other words better capture the situation of both Republicans and Democrats today.

For the Republicans, obviously it is the "best of times." In the wake of President Bush's victory and their hopes in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, the GOP is poised to govern nationally across the board.

"I've spent the election building up political capital," the President said, "and now I'm going to start using it."

And he has an ambitious agenda. Reform of nothing less than the entire tax code and Social Security. Permanent tax cuts. New appointments to the Supreme Court and the other Federal courts. Remaking the Middle East. Energy policy. Health care. The list goes on and on.

Phil Power

No bench strength. Other than the polarizing figure of Hillary Clinton, national Democrats appear small and ill-equipped. Michigan Republicans have Secretary of State Tim Lynn and Attorney General Mike Cox, U. S. Reps. Mike Rogers and Candice Miller, all proving the ground for bigger things. Other than Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who have the Denis got?

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A narrow and gradually deteriorating base of support. The national Democratic core constituencies of organized labor and urban Blacks are gradually decaying, while increasingly Republican cohorts of Hispanics, Southerners and evangelicals are rising. In Michigan, how labor union membership has withered for decades with the expansion of manufacturing jobs. The dubious leadership of Dennis Moyer Kwanne Kilpatrick has done little to help reverse course within

the party.

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But that probably wasn't a Republican had then held Michigan's governorship for 20 years, and many voters felt it was time for a change.

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That was his only and last campaign, but the man running it learned a lot from the experience. Few paid much attention to Headlee's campaign manager during that race, a young state senator named John Engler.

Eight years later, he would beat Blanchard in the biggest upset in Michigan political history, and go on to drastically reshape state government and the Republican Party along the lines Headlee talked about in his campaign.

"You could never have had John Engler as governor without Richard Headlee," said Ballenger, once a moderate Republican state senator himself. And like it or not, that is indisputably true.

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would go on forever when William McKinley defeated William Jennings Bryan in 1896, after the Democrats indulged themselves in bizarre theories about coining gold and silver.

But McKinley was assassinated in 1901 and Theodore Roosevelt split the party in 1912. Nearly a century later, Karl Rove and George Bush now have a chance literally to move the hinge of American history.

As to "worst of times" - Democrats did better in Michigan than nationally, but it is interesting to note how their problems nationally are mirrored in Michigan politics. They include:

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# CALENDAR

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## EVENTS

### Providence Center for the Healing Arts Boost Camp

DATE: Friday, Nov. 19  
TIME: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
LOCATION: Providence Medical Building, 4760 Grand River Ave., Novi  
DETAILS: A day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, information and a new perspective on healthier living through wholesome that can be very beneficial to the participants. The event is open to the public and costs \$50 per person. Includes lunch and materials. Registration is required.  
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

### Holiday Gift Market

DATE: Nov. 19  
TIME: 4 - 8 p.m.  
LOCATION: Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quince, southwest of Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads, Novi  
DETAILS: Enjoy a special holiday shopping event while supporting programs that benefit our children. Giveaways, tastings, demonstrations, 50-50 raffle, refreshments and a unique selection of gift and goodies will be available.  
CONTACT: Marianne, (248) 596-9939

### Book signing

DATE: Nov. 20  
TIME: 11 a.m.  
LOCATION: Borders Books, 43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi  
DETAILS: With Children's Book Week being observed Nov. 15-21 this year, now is the perfect time to introduce a new author from Michigan, Amanda Monson, penning her first children's book, "Fairies Dance of Light" - a richly illustrated tale following the adventures of tiny Aurora and her fluttering fairy friends as they join the magical dance of light.  
CONTACT: (248) 316-9026

### Novi Chorales Christmas Concert Series "The Very Best Time of Year"

DATES & TIMES: Dec. 3, First United Methodist Church, Farmington at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 4, St. James Catholic Church,

### EXPO CENTER EVENTS

The following events will be held at Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr. (southwest corner of I-96 and Novi Road). Phone: (248) 349-5000 for additional information.

### Antique Arms Show

DATE: Nov. 27-28  
TIMES: Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
DETAILS: Price is \$5. Parking is \$5.  
CONTACT: (248) 676-2750

### The Woodworking Shows

DATE: Dec. 3-5  
TIME: Fri. noon - 7 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
DETAILS: Your one-stop shop for everything you need for your next woodworking project. Save hundreds on tools and equipment and supplies. Learn new tips at free demonstrations. Try before you buy. Price is \$8; free for children ages 12 and under. Parking is \$5.  
CONTACT: (310) 477-8521 or www.thewoodworkingshows.com.

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## Three homes featured on tour



Photo by KIM TICE

Bruce (not pictured) and Sandi Bullard (left) are opening their home on Anchorage Court in Island Lake to the community on Nov. 30 for the Holiday Home Tour. Jackie Schwartz (center), owner of Home Accessory Warehouse of Walled Lake, and designer Darlene Hubbard (right) said they enjoy adding beauty to the home in the joy of the holiday season. Tickets for the Holiday Home Tour are available at the Novi Parks and Recreation from 8-5 p.m., daily. For additional information, call (248) 347-0400.

### Proceeds to go toward new sound system

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

The holiday season is a time for traditions. The Friends of the Novi Theatres will start a new tradition this year when it hosts its first annual Holiday Home Tour from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30.

The tour will feature three Novi homes: the restored, historic Wickszky home on Wilson Road; a home in Chase Farms off Eight Mile Road; and one at Island Lake off Wilson and Eleven Mile roads. Designers from Home Accessories Warehouse in Walled Lake will showcase holiday designs, and guests can enjoy catering by Hillsdale Middle School's State House Cafe.

Italian Epicure restaurant, on Grand River Avenue between Novi and Meadowbrook roads, will offer a special lunch following the event with two meals for the price of one. The event will benefit the Novi Theatres. Tickets for the tour are \$15 each and are available through the Novi Parks and Recreation Department.

because they get ideas for their own homes." Kim Tice, secretary of the group, said "We'd like to share several spectacular homes in our community. This will give families an opportunity to get together to kick off the holiday season and support the Novi Theatres."

### Group needs \$12,000

The Friends of the Novi Theatres is a nonprofit organization formed to raise money for the Novi Theatres. The group has collected funds in the past for new lighting, risers, costumes and sets. Most recently the group donated \$5,000 toward new curtains for the stage. Members hope to raise \$12,000 for a new sound system. The Novi Theatres was founded in 1991 by Linda Wickert. It includes five performing groups: the Senior Variety Series, Children's Annex, Little People Players, Performance Plus and the Broadway Musical.

There are eight productions each year, and the group is primarily educational. Its goals are to provide an artistic outlet and experience for students interested in the arts. Actors of all ages from Novi and surrounding communities have performed in a wide variety of productions, including comedies, dramas, musicals and farce. Upcoming productions include the holiday comedy, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" Dec. 10-12. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

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## BUSINESS

### How to Write a Business Plan

DATE: Nov. 18  
TIME: 9 a.m. - noon  
LOCATION: Oakland County complex, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac  
DETAILS: Workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. Fee is \$40, which includes all materials.  
CONTACT: (248) 858-0783

### 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 referral business. Various classifications open and eager to bring you qualified business leads.  
CONTACT: (734) 462-6460

## CLASSES

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

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

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples (MOMs)

DATE: second Thursday of each month  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, South Lyon  
DETAILS: Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples provides information, support and social

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Courtesy photo

Make friends with hundreds of animals, including llamas, at America's Family Pet Expo this Friday-Sunday. There will be animal entertainers and competitions plus hands-on exhibits, animal experts, pet adoptions and a giant sale on pet products.

## Heavy pettin'

### Annual event is world's largest pet expo

America's Family Pet Expo, a giant nonprofit animal festival, is coming to the Novi Expo Center, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 19, 20, and 21.

In its 10th year as the world's largest pet and pet product expo, this fun-filled event presents a vast array of animal entertainment and education. There are animal stage shows, competitions and demonstrations featuring hundreds of animals including numerous breeds of dogs, cats, birds and fish plus llamas, reptiles, pigs, rats, mice, goats, rabbits, miniature horses, sheep and even wild animals such as a rare white tiger, lion, monkey and kangaroo.

Special attractions include Rock-N-Roll K-9s, Valentine's Performing Pigs, ICAT Cat Agility Competition, Canine Football Tournament, Premier Animal Attractions exotic animal show, snake races, TICA Cat Show, Parade of Dog Breeds, Pet Adoption Faire and Miller's Petting Zoo.

Pet education opportunities include how-to training and grooming workshops, advice from veterinarians and other animal experts, hands-on exhibits and animal presentations. In addition, numerous animal clubs, organizations, breeders and pet rescue groups invite the public to hold, pet and learn all about their specific animals. There's a giant sale on pet products at special show prices - thousands of items to keep your pet healthy, happy and safe, including great Christmas gift ideas for pets.

## FAMILY PET EXPO

What: A giant nonprofit animal festival  
When: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 19, 20, and 21  
Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr. (take the 162 exit off I-96; turn left on Novi Road and right on Expo Center Drive)  
Hours: Friday, 1 - 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Price: General admission is \$9. Seniors 60 and older are \$8. Children 6-12 years are \$4. Children 5 years and under are free.

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activities for mothers of multiple-birth children and their families.  
CONTACT: Emily Sack, president, at (248) 676-2913

### Women's Prayer Support

DATE: every Saturday  
TIME: 9 - 10:30 a.m.  
LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom (parking is behind the church).  
DETAILS: We are welcome to come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer as you face life's problems, issues and frustrations. Drop in for five minutes or longer.  
CONTACT: Nancy and Susan at (248) 526-8332 or by e-mail at harvestfellowship@comcast.net.

### Breast Cancer Support Group

DATES: second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.  
LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C on the ground floor of the hospital.  
TIME: 10 - 11:30 a.m.  
DETAILS: There is no need to call ahead and register.  
CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

### 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

### 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 Ave.), Novi  
DETAILS: We are a nonprofit, non-denominational group that brings adoptive families together. Our twice-a-month meetings provide families the opportunity to share play and conversation.  
CONTACT: For more information contact Michelle Pergent (248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonan (248) 960-3257.

### Novi Toastmasters

DATE: first and third Tuesdays of the month.  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room.  
TIME: 7 - 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.

### New Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) chapter

DATES: Wednesdays mornings  
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons Activities Room, 25075 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi.  
TIME: 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30 a.m. meeting  
DETAILS: \$20 per annual membership includes handbook, \$1 per meeting. New members welcome.

## ONGOING

### All Things Tea Display

DATE: thru Dec. 31  
TIME: 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Providence Center for the Healing Arts - Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery, Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi  
DETAILS: "Third Annual Mad Hatter Tea Party," a show of original artwork by patients, families and associates, as well as juried pieces by Novi High School students will be in the gallery until Dec. 31.  
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

## HEALTH

### Oakland County Health Division flu shots

DATE: Ongoing until supplies are depleted.  
LOCATION: Pontiac Office, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd. (north of Elizabeth Lake Road) in the Oakland County complex, building 36E.  
HOURS: Monday, noon-8 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
DETAILS: Flu shots are available only to high-risk priority groups. Cost is \$7. Medicare and Medicaid insurance can be billed to cover the cost. Bring photo identification, proof of Oakland residency is required.  
CONTACT: Flu vaccine hotline, (800) 434-3358.

Send your calendar items to Cal Stone, editor, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; fax to (248) 349-9832; or e-mail to cstone@ht.homecomm.net.

## MOVING WITH SCIENCE

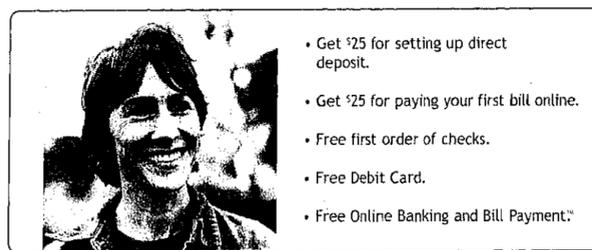
Novi Parks & Recreation presents a three-day holiday mad science camp.

• **Day one - Wild Wizard Day of Spells & Potions** - Witness cauldrons of chemical reactions, command sizzling slime while discovering magnetism, cast a lightning bolt and create instant invisibility. Brew magical potions while learning about the wonders of sublimation. Dissect owl pellets and construct a bird house. This event is Monday, Dec. 20, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The price is \$35, it's for ages 6-10 and registration runs to Friday, Dec. 10.

• **Day two - Crazy Chemistry** - Explore what happens when chemicals interact and create a chemical reaction. Form your own crystals, create bath fizzies. Make and eat your own Toxic Tarts. Create exothermic reactions and observe the creation of gas. Design a chromatography T-shirt that you can wear home. Check out chalk and the chemistry of plaster. This event is Tuesday, Dec. 21, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The price is \$35, it's for ages 6-10 and registration runs to Friday, Dec. 10.

• **Day three - Junior Engineers** - Is a rollercoaster a structure? How is an ant engineer? Make a geodesic dome. It's the ultimate Mad Science Clubhouse. Learn how tension rocks. Become a young architect and build a structure with pasta. What's eggs and arches got to do with it? Construct your own SOMA cube and solve the puzzles. This event is Wednesday, Dec. 22, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The price is \$35, it's for ages 6-10 and registration runs to Friday, Dec. 10. Call (248) 347-0400 for more information.

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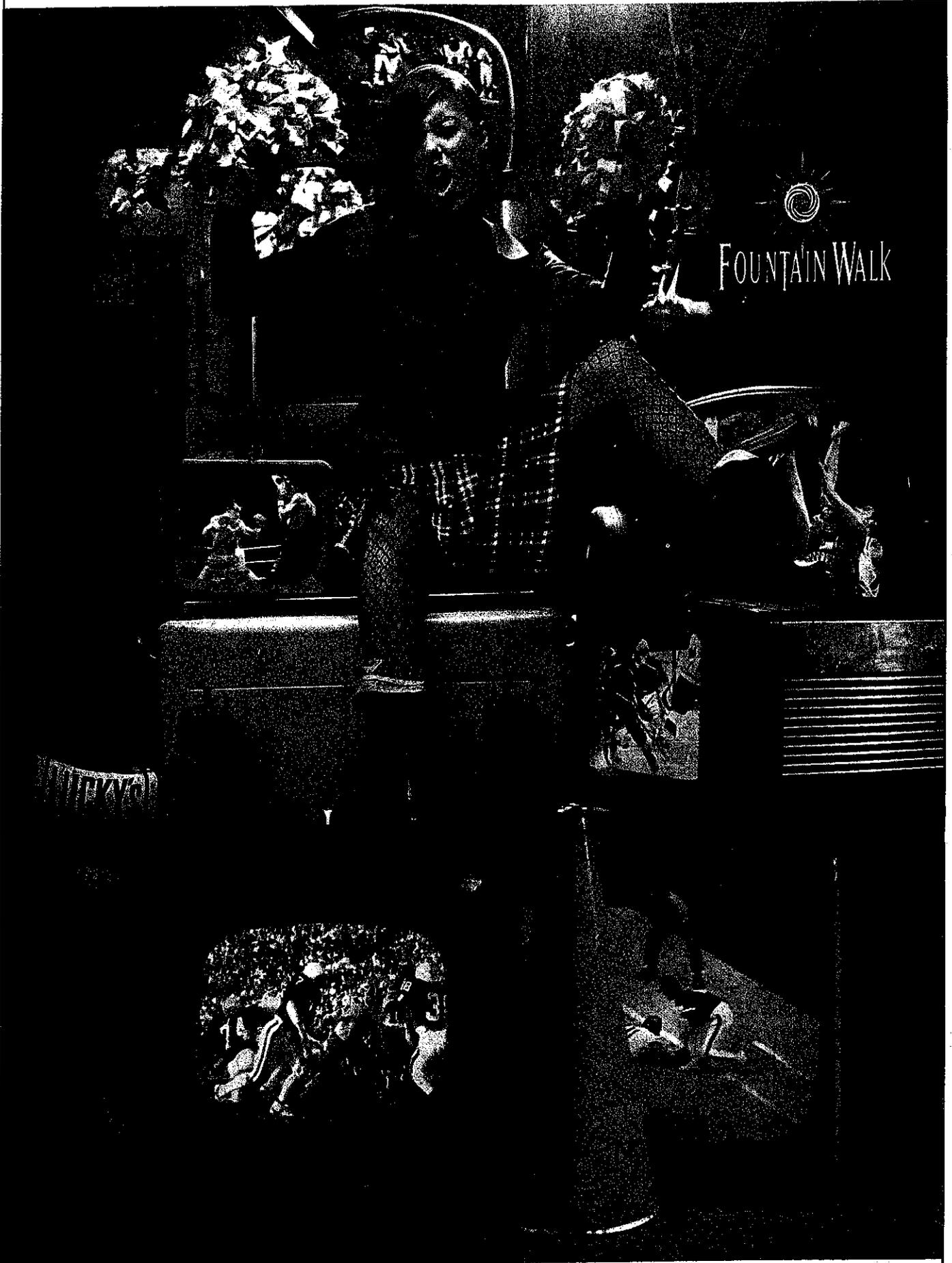
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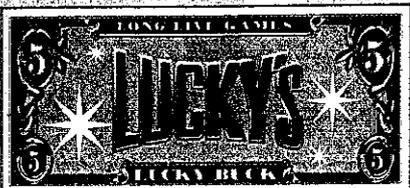
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**Quick Hits**



**Game on**  
Novi Ice Arena played host to Game Day. The event was attended by plenty of hockey fans, including Nicklas Lindstrom of Red Wings fame. — Page 3B



**Big win!**  
The Novi Wildcats girls basketball team pounded out a convincing win over the Northville Mustangs in the first round of the districts Monday. — Page 4B



**Regional Marketplace**  
Scappare's new pedicure room features custom made "throne" of rich burgundy ostrich leather that allow customers to sit back and relax. — Page 10B

**Lucky for Rockford**

Rockford should count their blessings before their game against South Lyon this Saturday — they haven't lost to the Lions yet.

The South Lyon football team avenged both losses they took this year in the playoffs by beating Brighton in the first round and then Novi for the Regional championship.

Rockford is going to have their hands full. Come to think of it, so is South Lyon. Their opponents run like they do, play defense like they do but throw the ball like last year's Wildcats. Dangerous combination.

We at the Novi News wish the Lions the best in their hunt for the state title. We'd much rather say we were knocked out of the playoffs by the state champs than by a team that pattered out not long after topping us.

**Golfing for goals**

The roster for this year's hockey team includes three names that are easily recognizable by fall sports fans — Brett Jaussi, R.J. Makoski and Mark Eberline. All three were integral parts of the golf team this year and all three are going to be valuable assets to the Novi hockey success.

**Tough choices**

Pool or video games? Lucky's in the Fountain Walk mall has both. Great pool tables, decent food and a full arcade. About time there's a place for people to spend their extra quarters. If there's one thing Novi is lacking, it's good, fun arcade games.

**Like It's the Super Bowl**

Though senior quarterback Kevin Cisto seemed like the only player on the team getting positive yardage for Novi in last week's football loss, there was one player that stood out on just one play — senior Will Deighton.

A first-year senior on the football team, Deighton got a chance to take the field in the last minutes of the contest. He came to the line, checked himself with the official and then sprinted on a crisp pattern where he snagged a rocket pass from junior Steve Hart.

Deighton took the hit from the Lions' starting defense and then got to his feet.

What was so special about it? When everyone else seemed to be hanging their heads, Deighton made the most out of the situation by giving himself a memory he'll most likely never forget.

Congrats on the great catch, Will Deighton. Don't ever quit being the guy who never gives up.

**Where's Curt Ellis?**

It's like a game now. Can you pick him out of the stands? He's like Waldo, though not wearing the red and white that seems to blend in with everything.

Ellis is at seemingly every event. He greets everyone who walks by. He even takes time to talk with the sports writers who just bother him about basically nothing in particular.

For an athletics director, Ellis seems to go above and beyond the call of duty in every aspect of his job.

We know other ADs and they aren't the caliber of Ellis (though Northville's

is). Novi should be proud of the man they have running their athletics. It could be much, much, much worse than anything anyone has complained about when it comes to his job and how he does it.

**Check back next week**

In next week's edition of the Novi News we will feature all of the local All-Area selections for the fall sports. There will also be a winter sports schedule.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Wildcat hockey coach Dan Phelps hopes to net some difference in his scores' goals this year.

**NET WORTH**

**Phelps adds up the positives through six years as coach**

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Call it hockey math. Novi coach Dan Phelps has added the positives of coaching with the positives of the players around him and multiplied it by the enjoyment he gets from both. The result? Let's just say Phelps has netted plenty of points in his tenure at the Novi helm.

"I absolutely love Novi," he said. "This is a very hockey-rich town with a lot to offer. The kids are more than just great players, they're great people."

Phelps, entering his seventh season this year, has plenty to be happy about. Above and beyond the joy of coaching, the thrill of getting to know the players and the excitement of a great ice arena to call home, Phelps and gang have experienced plenty of success.

"We've been fortunate with how well we've done," he said. "It takes more than coaching to be successful. It takes leadership from the players, the parents, the fans and administra-

tion. Novi has all of it."

The Wildcats have made it to the Frozen Four — or the state semifinals — under Phelps in the past. For his first five years in the state playoffs. Last year, they contested for a position but were knocked out by a strong Northville team.

Phelps is the first to point out that such success is a rarity in high school hockey. At this level, squads don't get the chance to hold on to veteran players. They graduate them and then look to the underclassmen to see who will step up and fill key roles each season.

"The last six years have been a quick ride," Phelps said. "There have been a lot of great moments. To make the state tournament as many times as we have is a testament to this program and these players. There are school districts that have had teams for 20 or 25 years that haven't done as well as we have."

Phelps would know. As a prep player he took to the ice for Livonia Franklin in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

From there, he played junior hockey before heading to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Then, he came back to Michigan to finish out his schooling and hockey with Eastern Michigan University.

"I consider myself, and always will, a perpetual student of the game," Phelps said. "When I was a player I tried to learn as much as I could. As a coach, I'm trying to learn even more."

The Novi helmets said learning is something he tries to do every day — be it in a classroom, in the work environment or even at practice with his players.

"People say being a coach means you're teaching the kids," he said. "You end up learning a whole lot from the kids as well. It's a two-way street."

Phelps started his coaching career at his old high school before coming to Novi when the program first started seven seasons ago. He's pretty sure he has found himself a home. "I've really come to love this

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Dan Phelps  
Novi Hockey Coach

area," he said. "I've been blessed with some great hockey talent. It takes more than hard work to build a program like this. Thankfully, Novi has all the right ingredients."

Mixing those ingredients with Phelps and his coaching staff has proven to be the right recipe for success so far — and the Novi coach sure doesn't seem like he's about to start slowing down any.

"I love coaching hockey," he said. "I love hockey. It's a great game with a lot to offer. I want it to be a part of my life. It's a part of who I am and that's how I'd like to keep it."

And Novi, no doubt, wants to keep Phelps a part of its life, too.

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**2004-05 HOCKEY SCHEDULE**

Date	Place	Opponent	Time
11-19-04	Home	Metro Tournament	6:00
11-20-04	Home	Metro Tournament	TBA
11-24-04	Home	Pinckney HS	6:00
12-01-04	Home	Howell HS	6:00
12-07-04	Home	Brighton HS	6:00
12-15-04	Away	South Lyon HS	6:00
12-17-04	Home	Northville HS	6:00
01-04-05	Home	Hartland HS	6:00
01-07-05	Away	Calumet HS	7:30
01-08-05	Away	Houghton HS	1:00
01-13-05	Away	Milford HS	6:00
01-17-05	Away	Pinckney HS	8:00
01-19-05	Away	Howell HS	7:00
01-26-05	Home	Lakeland HS	6:00
01-28-05	Home	East Grand Rapids HS	7:00
02-02-05	Away	Brighton HS	8:00
02-04-05	Home	University of Detroit HS	6:00
02-09-05	Home	South Lyon HS	6:00
02-11-05	Away	Clarkston	1:50
02-12-05	Away	Grosse Ile	3:00
02-16-05	Away	Hartland HS	6:00
02-19-05	Home	Churchill HS	1:00
02-23-05	Home	Milford HS	6:00
02-28-05	Home	MHSAA Regional	TBA

Note: All times are p.m. unless noted

**Novi reloads for hockey**

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Somehow the Novi Wildcats hockey team does it every year. They don't rebuild, they just reload.

It seems, if numbers on paper and a core of returning veterans has anything to say about it, this year won't be much different.

The Novi Wildcats hockey team, coached by Dan Phelps in his seventh year leading the squad, will be looking to make plenty of noise in the ever-competitive Kensington Valley Conference and hopefully well beyond this year.

"We're excited," Phelps said on behalf of himself and his coaching staff. "We like the players we have to work with and their ability. Already they

are coming together as a team. They're close, and that's important if you want to grow and win as a team."

Winning is probably first and foremost on this team's collective mind. Novi was bounced from the post-season last year by the Northville Mustangs, who went on to compete in the Frozen Four before falling to eventual state champion Trenton.

This year, Novi is hoping a strong regular season schedule will prepare them reach their goals.

"We'd like to compete in the KVC," Phelps said, noting it would be a difficult task but one his team is looking forward to. "As always, we'd like to finish in the top, if not on top, of the league."

The key squads for the

Wildcats to watch out for seem to be Brighton and Howell and possibly Milford.

But, Novi's goals don't stop in their conference.

"We want to finish well and try to get into the state playoffs by getting out of our regional again," Phelps said. "That's always one of our top goals."

Leading the way for Novi are 11 returning players including goalie Justin Rucolo. Also in the neominding tandem will be sophomore Brad Clos.

"We've always been blessed with strong goalies here in Novi," Phelps said. "That's often a position where other teams struggle but we haven't had to worry about it."

Playing defense will be returners Zach Flavin and

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The Infinity Gymnastics Academy had a good showing for their first event of the year. Pictured (left to right): Front Row: Rachel Eckler of Lyon Township, Caitlin Spencer of Whitmore Lake, Amy O'Brien of Northville, Rebecca McKeivitz of Novi, and Madison Cusick of Pinckney. Back Row: Michelle Steslicki of Northville, Maureen Murphy of Northville, Lauren Forche of Novi, Nikki Hadley of Brighton, Jaclyn Young of Redford and Kim Wilson of Pinckney.

### Local gymnasts start season with Infinity

Infinity Gymnastics Academy started their 2004-2005 competitive season at the Michigan NAGC Judges' Cup held at Eastern Michigan University on October 24, 2004. In Level 6, 7-11 year old division, Rebecca McKeivitz of Novi placed on the vault with a score of 8.775, Kim Wilson of Pinckney placed on the beam with a score of 8.8, beam with a score of 8.8 and all-around with a score of 33.125. Caitlin Spencer of Whitmore Lake placed on vault with a score of 8.7. Madison Cusick of Pinckney placed on beam with a score of 8.475 and in the floor exercise with a score of 8.65. In the Level 6, 12-14 year old division, Lauren Forche of Novi placed on the beam with a score of 8.725 and on the vault with a score of 8.75. Maureen Murphy of Northville placed on the vault with a score of 8.7. Amy O'Brien of Northville placed on the beam with a score of 8.35 and all-around with a score of 32.7. Jaclyn Young of Redford placed on the beam with a score of 8.45 and all-around with a score of 32.525. Nikki Hadley of Brighton placed on beam with a score of 8.65, in floor exercise with a score of 8.675 and all-around with a score of 33.1.

## Novi hockey reloads, gets in the hunt for KVC

Continued from B1  
R.J. Makroski, joining the seniors will be the team's top defenseman last year in junior Steve Rousseau. "Steve plays with a lot of passion," said Phelps. "The three of them should make a real nice core for us to build around." Senior Sean Hagan made the squad this year on defense, as did juniors Mike Arnold and Brett Walczak. Up front the Novi Wildcats benefit from the return of outstanding players Mark Eberline and Brett Jaussi. "Both play good, steady games," said Phelps. "They are the kind of guys you can count on and I'm impressed with how much they've improved over the summer." Ryan Fox and Tom Ciavarella are back as well. Both players saw plenty of action last year and return with invaluable experience. Greg Morissette is a junior who found himself on the ice a ton last year and will put his veteran status to work on the front line as well. A senior who has made contributions in the past and will be expected to do so again this year is Chris Zarem. "He's kind of been on our grinding line for the past couple of years," said Phelps. "He's made great strides. We're hoping he can put together some nice numbers for us this year." John Hamilton and Mike Berger both join the team as seniors this year and with them comes Eberline's younger brother, Scott, who is a sophomore. Novi will also see playing time from Alex Malott, who is in his second season on varsity as a sophomore. Kyle Mouch, a junior, and Shamus Finerty, a sophomore, will also be expected to play contributing roles this season for Novi. "This is a solid team," said Phelps. "We're looking forward to seeing what they'll be capable of doing this year." The key to any success? Stick to what has made Novi so successful in past years. "We're a blue-collar type of team," Phelps noted. "We have that style of play. We're not overly flashy. We just have a tremendous desire and an outstanding work ethic."

Both are traits the Wildcats will need, along with plenty of ability and a little luck, to come away victorious again this year. But, if this team is anything like Phelps' squads in the past, each and every player is looking forward to the challenge.

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# One small step for Novi hoops...

Photos by JOHN HEIDER



The Novi Wildcats file past their Mustang opponents at the conclusion of last Monday night's playoff game in Canton.

## ...but one giant leap for Bill Kelp

Novi earns first post-season win under second-year coach

By Sam Eggleston  
RECORDS SPORTS WRITER  
With 54 seconds remaining in the first game of the district basketball tournament Monday the Novi Wildcats knew they had survived. The starting players were called to the bench, replaced by the players who have sat the pine nearly all year as they went out to finish up Novi's season. "We played well all season. This was a hard way to end it." Not an eye was dry when the seniors exited the gym flanked by the underclassmen who will be charged with the task of filling their shoes next year. "It's always hard to see your seniors finish their season," said Northville coach Pete Wright. "They've been with you two or three years and sometimes four. They're a big part of this program." The squad just didn't have the weapons they needed to take down a very determined Novi squad Monday. Even with a strong corps of guards to work with, the Wildcats just proved to be too much. "We were very happy with the way we were able to close them down," said Novi coach Bill Kelp. "They are a very talented team that is very well coached. We played one of our best games as a team and I am very happy with the end result." Rachele Folino, a Novi junior, was the nail that sealed the coffin shut on Northville. She scored 20 points to lead all scorers. Fellow Wildcat Nicole Stephon added eight points and Jessica Gasiorok



ABOVE: Novi's Rachele Folino tries to bring the ball around the perimeter during last Monday night's game against Northville. BELOW LEFT: Wildcat Jessica Haggerty tries to get around Danielle Toney during Monday night's playoff game at Canton. BELOW RIGHT: Mustang headcoach Pete Wright, left, confers with his troops during a timeout in last Monday night's game against the Novi Wildcats. BOTTOM: Mustang Chrissy Castellini tries to get an off-balance shot off between Wildcats Rachele Folino and Jessica Haggerty.



Wildcat Jessica Gasiorok is pressured by the Mustangs Emily Weaver during the last moments of Monday night's district playoff game.



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# Game Day event brings in many, even Nicklas Lidstrom

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Back in his home town of Peterborough, Ontario, Bernie Crowley grew up going to area hockey rinks and watching different games being played all day long and well into the night.

It was such a common activity for him and his community, that when he moved to Novi, he missed it.

That's why he started a tradition at the Novi Ice Arena, called Game Day three years ago.

Game Day takes place once a year during the first weekend in November. The third annual event just happened on Nov. 6 and was the most successful yet. The Novi Youth Hockey Association's 45 teams each played a game that day. That meant that 23 hockey games were played on two rinks starting at 7:30 a.m. and running to 10:30 a.m. That's 740 players.

"There was always music and a lot of family fun at the rink," Crowley said, who's an NYHA board member and Game Day Chair. "All the kids played in numerous games and we wanted to do that here."

Crowley explained that the purpose of the event is to provide fun for the whole family and a memorable day for the kids. Each game began with an event called Novi's Score, where three money from each team went out to the blue line to shoot at an empty net in an effort to score a goal. If a team scored, it counted on the score board as a goal for the child's game.

"Some games started at 3-2 or 1-0 because of it," Crowley said. "After Novi's Score, a game is played with music being played throughout and goals announced."

One aspect that's hit with the players is, after every game, they all line up and get a chance to try a penalty shot on the opposing team's goalie.

"For some kids, that's the only break away that they're ever getting to have in their life, so they get real excited about it," Crowley said.

One proud papa, who's normally playing hockey with his National Hockey League team, the Detroit Red Wings, was also on hand to watch his sons play.

"My two oldest boys play hockey in Novi and I live in Novi too," Red Wings defenseman Nicklas Lidstrom said. "This is actually the first time I'm able to be here to watch them play because I'm usually playing myself these days. My younger boy played earlier, so I was asked to sign autographs for about a half hour or so between games."

Sure, with the NHL lockout that's in effect at the moment, Lidstrom has a lot of time on his hands to spend with his family, but he would also like to see his league back on the ice.

"I'm hoping (we'll see NHL hockey this season)," he said. "I'm trying to be optimistic and I'm hoping we'll have a season, but it doesn't look good at all right now."

The kids who attended Game Day were able to receive an autograph from Lidstrom and also participate in a number of events including a silent auction and a raffle.

In the raffle, folks had a chance to win one of many prizes, including an autographed Nicklas Lidstrom away jersey, an NYHA leather sleeved varsity jacket, an Ontario Hockey League Plymouth Whalers prize pack, a Nicklas Lidstrom autographed helmet and a free hour of ice time at the Novi Ice Arena, provided by the Novi Hockey Association.

The silent auction included a (former Red Wings coach) Scotty Bowman autographed photo, a (former Red Wings) Chris Chelios autographed photo, a (former Red Wings) Dino Ciccarelli autographed photo, a Nicklas Lidstrom autographed home jersey and a autographed and framed (Detroit Piston) Chauncey Billups road jersey, which was donated by the Detroit Pistons.

Crowley donated all the hot dogs and buses for the day and brought out a bubble hockey game for the kids to enjoy all day long. Also, Quinzio Sub donated a cookie for each player; the "Plymouth Whalers mascot, Shooter was on hand and the Whalers donated various prize packages, which included tickets to their various games. Wayne State University's men's hockey team had several of their players signing autographs and country music station 99.5 was on hand playing music and giving away prizes.

## GAME DAY

**Game Day activities, freebies and special guests included:**

- A puck toss contest
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- Game announcers and music
- Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers mascot, Shooter
- A fastest shot radar gun contest for all age groups
- Accurate shot target shooting contests
- On-ice action photos taken by the Westside Company
- Novi Youth Hockey Association merchandise
- A 50/50 drawing, bake sales, pom poms and a hockey word search
- A raffle and silent auction of Novi Youth Hockey Association and Detroit Red Wings items
- A Wayne State University hockey program
- A guess how many pucks fill the net contest

**Silent auction items:**

- A framed and autographed Scotty Bowman game photo
- A framed and autographed Chris Chelios game photo
- A framed and autographed Dino Ciccarelli game photo
- Nicklas Lidstrom's autographed jersey (red)
- A framed and autographed Chauncey Billups jersey

**Raffle items:**

- First place: Nicklas Lidstrom's autographed jersey (white)
- Second place: Novi Youth Hockey Association leather sleeved varsity jacket
- Third place: Ontario Hockey League Plymouth Whalers prize pack
- Fourth place: Signed helmet by Nicklas Lidstrom
- Fifth place: One hour free ice time at the Novi Ice Arena



Red Wing Nicklas Lidstrom signs autographs for young fans at the Novi Ice Arena Nov. 6.

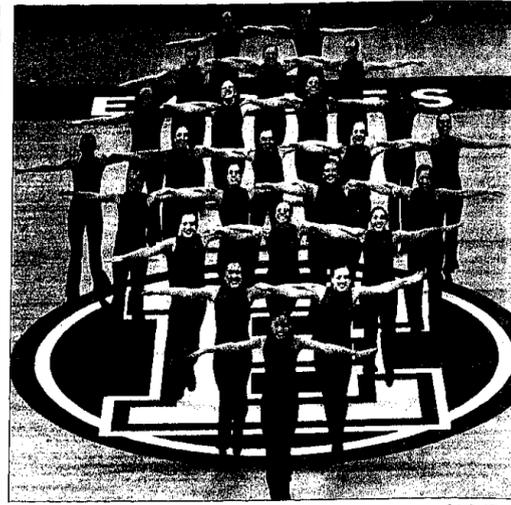
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Novi Pom Pon team performs at Eastern Michigan University.

## Girls do well in first competition

The Novi Varsity Pom Pon Team competed in the Mid American Dance Team Championships at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center Nov. 7.

The Championships consisted of Middle School, Junior Varsity, and Varsity squads. The Novi Varsity team took a Second Place Award, in a fierce competition of 10 Varsity squads. They performed their new routine to "The Game" by Disturbed.

The next major event will be the Regional Pom Pon Competition in January 2005. This competition determines the teams that will advance to the State Finals, to culminate the year.

The members of the squad are: Jill Angeloski, Aubree Birman, Sarah Celoski, Chelsea Czaraf, Danielle DeBiasi, Hallee DiRocco, Maideja.

Katherine Elrod, Kristin Plouney, Colleen Fraser, Kaitlyn Hagen, Lisa Helbin, Laura Hirschfield, Stephanie Jausti, Laurel Kline, Michelle Kohls, Marissa Oates, Audrey Oh, Kelsi Okowski, Ashley Powell, Megan Preketes, Sarah Pylar, Sarah Reichel, Emily Reid, Jill Thimes, Lindsay Yuskio, and Amanda Zora. Co-coaches are Jeni Hubenschmidt and Lauren Maideja.

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## Chandler makes impact, sets records, in collegiate football

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Novi graduate Chase Chandler was always known for his hard work and for never giving up, no matter what the situation was.

He's continuing that tradition at Albion College where he plays defensive back.

Two weeks ago, Chandler set the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association league record by snagging four interceptions against their first-place Hope College. Albion won, 17-13.

"Going into the game I thought I might have a chance for a couple of interceptions," said Chandler, who was charged with the task of covering Hope's Joe Verschuere. "He's the top receiver in the league and probably the MIAA player of the year with 19 touchdowns."

Chandler said game tape showed the "Flying Dutchmen" liked to throw the ball and let Verschuere go up and get the ball.

The first interception found Chandler going up and over his foe, snagging the ball out of the air on a fade pass. The second and third were both similar, with Chandler leaping in from Hope's receiver for the picks. The fourth came on a tipped pass.

the task of taking on Olivette this Saturday in a MIAA showdown. If Albion wins, they'll earn the league title.

"I'm not planning on seeing that much action," said Chandler. "They run a Canton-style offense with about 400 yards rushing a game."

But, if Olivette decides to toss the ball up, Chandler will be ready.

"Hopefully they have to throw it," he said, indicating the pass would be necessary if his squad shut down the run.

Chandler has been a success story at every level he has played. In high school he was a quarterback that brought his squad a District title. In college he was recruited as a wide receiver before being moved to defensive back.

"Every game I've gotten just a little better," he said. "I'm just going to keep playing as hard as I can. Hopefully good things will happen in the Detroit Pistons."

If Chandler's career is any indication, good things will come. He's got a lot of luck when it comes to success in football — it just happens to look a whole lot like hard work.

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# EDUCATION

## Japanese way of life

Culture Days provide insight for students

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Sixth graders at Novi Meadows received a rich dose of Japanese culture last week, as Foreign Language Teacher Diane McCurdy hosted two Japanese Culture Days on Monday and Thursday.

Japanese mothers organized the events. They taught and demonstrated calligraphy, string games and magic tricks; they showed the kids how to play a ball and cup game called Kendama; and they even passed out homemade Japanese sweet bread called An Pan.

"We do this so that all the students in the sixth grade could have an enlightening experience with the Japanese culture and language," McCurdy said. "The Japanese moms came to me and asked if they could do it. They planned all of it and they deserve all the thanks because of that."

McCurdy explained that the experience was good for the Japanese mothers as well because it gives them a chance to practice their English by explaining things to students. The students also benefited by learning how to write down words in Japanese.

"I do this with the Spanish language, too," McCurdy said. "This week is just Japanese though."

The students will participate in a Japanese and Spanish Culture Week every 12 weeks so that they all get a chance to experience it.

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Narumi Abe demonstrates how to make some Ayatori (Japanese string games) patterns during the recent Japanese Culture Day at Novi Meadows.

## Long-range plan one step closer to completion

Vision's in place; achieving mission next

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

As the Novi Community School District's Long Range Planning Committee nears its final goals, the district is planning for the district's future, one thing's for certain — the focus and commitment of the group has not wavered.

Once again, a combination of over 80 teachers, parents, administrators and students packed the district's Instructional Technology Center Forum for two straight days last week to continue their brainstorming, which began back on Sept. 16.

On Oct. 19 and 20, which marked the second time the group met as a whole, the committee took the first steps in creating a long-range plan by becoming as knowledgeable as it can about conditions, both inside and outside of the school district, and defining the district's vision for the year 2010.

"We're further ahead in the process than I thought we would be at this point," said Glen Gerard of the Gerard Consulting Group. Gerard has been facilitating the committee since its first meeting.

"Our vision is in place because we wrapped that up during the first morning. Now, the whole focus of the group has shifted to how to get there," he said. "Given where we are today and how excellent of a school district we are, the vision we created will make us even better in the future. We asked the question, 'What are the most significant things we must do as a district to get there?'"

What's important, according to Gerard, is that the committee is made up of people from the community who represent many different areas, who are working as one and building a consensus for the future direction of the school district.

"I think it's important to come together as a very diverse group of people so we can share all of our many ideas," said Gerard. "That's a pretty powerful thing."

The second key to the committee's success is its effectiveness to build a consensus, given the size of the group, which according to Gerard, isn't a problem at all. He explained that everyone is having the opportunity to be heard, to influence, to be influenced and to speak their opinions.

"People aren't there to just sit on their hands," Gerard said. "They are all contributing and are very active."

Until the group has approved a final recommendation to present to the board of education, no results of the meetings will be released to the public. The agenda for the committee's next meeting on Thursday, Dec. 9, is to approve a final recommendation to the board.

Though he doesn't believe it will be necessary, Gerard cautioned that the date of Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005, will be another scheduled meeting date if the board is not ready with a recommendation at the end of Dec. 9. The original target date for something to be submitted to the board was before Thursday, Feb. 3, 2005, so a tentative presentation to the board of education has been set for Thursday, Jan. 20.

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## Novi Woods finds out bats aren't that bad after all

Students get up close and personal with flying mammals

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Students at Novi Woods Elementary School now have a much clearer understanding of the way bats live and why they should not fear them, thanks to a visit by Sarah Louise Kearns of the Organization for Bat Conservation.

Kearns is the lead keeper at the organization, which is located in Cranbrook. She showed the kids a slide show called "Bats of the World," shared many useful facts about the animals and even showed them three different live species of bats up close.

"The bats of the world program is designed to teach not only kids, but adults, to get over the misconceptions about bats," Kearns said. "It teaches that bats are not something to fear and about all the different ways that bats are important to the environment."

Kearns told the students that it's against the law to keep a bat as a pet, but that's not what they do at the Organization for Bat Conservation. All of their bats are in a big cage where they can fly around with each other. She also shared that the kids can't touch bats with their bare hands, which is why she wore padded gloves when she held them for all to see. She explained that it might be useful to put up a bat house in the back yard because bats eat many insects, including annoying mosquitoes.

Other facts that Kearns shared with the students is that bats are mammals, just like humans. They all have eyes, even though many people think they don't, and they all have two hands with four fingers and a thumb. They just have skin between each finger that allows them to fly. They also have an echo location while they fly at night which acts like a radar so they don't bump into things like trees.

Then the kids got the chance to meet some bats up close and personal.

"The kids saw a big brown bat, which is a Michigan species, a common vampire bat from South America and an Egyptian Fruit Bat from Africa," Kearns said. "We visit schools and libraries all over the United States, nature centers, even people's homes doing this presentation."

The Bat Zone, which is located within the Organization for Bat Conservation, is now open Saturdays and Sundays. Visit [www.batroost.com](http://www.batroost.com) for more information.

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During a recent visit to Novi Woods elementary, Organization for Bat Conservation employee Sarah Louise Kearns displays the wing of a vampire bat. Students learned that vampire bats only drink about a teaspoon of blood while feeding and also that bats eat a lot of insects and are used in agricultural pollination.

## ON CAMPUS

Local student Lindsay Zeiglin-Netter was accepted this fall into the Honors Institute at Albion College.

The Honors Institute at Albion College is designed for students interested in challenges and opportunities beyond the traditional lecture and laboratory courses. Honors students are required to enroll in four "Great Issues" seminars in humanities, science, social science, and fine arts.

Lindsay Zeiglin-Netter is a first-year student at Albion College and is a member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. She is the daughter of Thomas Netter and Julie Netter of Novi and a graduate of Novi High School.

Novi residents Krystyna Frask, Sarah Hamady, Robert Janis, Daniel Logan, Donna McDowell, Michelle Russell and Anthony Staler were among the Aug. 2004 graduates at Central Michigan University.

The following Novi residents have been named to the National Dean's List 27th Annual Edition, 2003-2004:

Meghan Ahern, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; Michael Bliss, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; Sojia Botes, Schoolcraft College; Lindsay Dehne, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; Robert Greig, Michigan State University; Heather Haller, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; Pang Humbad, Michigan State University; Lauren Karol, Michigan State University; Deanna Kowalkowski, Michigan State University; Aaron McCready, Oni Roberts University; Krystal Migrin, Schoolcraft College; Sam O'Connor, Michigan State University; Maureen Sebastian, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; Clinton Wong, Michigan State University; Jacqueline Zelepsky, Michigan State University; Wendy Atkinson, Wayne State University; Erin Benson, Michigan State University; Danielle Biludu, ECI; Danielle Brintley, Wayne State University; Carille Celesno, Schoolcraft College; Jennifer Chibsey, Central Michigan University; Natalie Cupp, Oakland Community College; Elizabeth Dean, Michigan State University; Kurt Eriksson, Brigham Young University at Provo, Ashley Foster, De Paul University; Jonathan Ikegami, Michigan State University; Sarah Irwin, Ohio State University; Wenlan Liu, Oakland Community College-Ochard Ridge; Krystina Luvich, Michigan State University; Kaori Nakamura, Michigan State University; Amanda Noworyta, Michigan State University; Yiping Qian, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; Sarah Schweitzer, Wayne County Community College; Jaesung Shim, Michigan State University; Steven Shuben, Michigan State University; Adam Stewart, Duke University; Danielle Wahlstrom, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; Amy Walter, Central Michigan University; Katrina Zaczynski, Grand Valley State University; Michelle Bion, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; Daniel Bow, Michigan State University; Erica Gorton, Michigan State University; Dianne Hammond, Oakland Community College-Ochard Ridge; Brenda Jones, Oakland Community College-Ochard Ridge; Lindsey Paterson, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; Angel Sims, Oakland Community College-Ochard Ridge; Caroline Spencer, Marygrove College; and Steven Welling, Central Michigan University.

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# A crash course in history

■ Voyageur from Naturalist Endeavors visits school

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Think it was easy to live in Michigan hundreds of years ago? Think again.

Randy Baker, a naturalist from Natural Endeavors, showed children at Novi Woods that it really wasn't during his recent visit to the school.

Baker played the part of a voyageur, which he said simply means "traveler" in French. He demonstrated some of the different jobs people had a long time ago, how they lived, how they measured distance, how they made hats and clothing from animal skins and how wars started because of it.

"From my presentation, I hope the kids understand the history of what took place in Michigan hundreds of years ago," Baker said. "History teaches lots of things, but it's also nice to see things three dimensional. It means more. For example, you can talk about starting fires with sparks, but when they see it, they get a better grasp of it."

Baker said that sometimes, when kids read history books, they think it was nice to live back



Novi Woods fourth graders enjoy Randy Baker's Voyageur assembly last Thursday.

then, but they really don't know how tough it really was. He explained that doing presentations is a nice way to teach them what history really is like.

"Sometimes we modify history so much we just teach the nice stuff that happens," he said. "I try to tell them things the way they really happened — the good, the bad and the ugly."

Baker showed the students beaver skins, which played an important role because they literally changed the history of the world. He explained that wars were fought over the furs because they could be made into hats, which were status

symbols. He also showed them how to start a fire with sparks and explained that people back then measured distance by how many pipes they smoked.

"It's kind of neat for the kids to see that resources were so important back then, like they are today," Baker said. "We still fight over the same silly things, resources."

As a naturalist, Baker travels all over the United States and Canada. Not only does he present the voyageur program, but he also does Native American and science programs as well.

"My presentations are all

hands-on," Baker said. "My ancestors were French, and they were involved in fur trade, I'm kind of speaking from what I learned about them. My father made canoes for 40 years, so I can talk from family experiences and personal ones too. I taught school for a few years, but I like this better."

For more information on Natural Endeavors, call (810) 793-2140.

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**Tender loving coats**  
Orchard Hills Elementary School recently held its annual Tender Loving Coats Drive, which is a community service project. The Parent-Teacher Organization collects new and gently-used outerwear, including coats, hats, gloves and scarves, for the less fortunate. This year the school collected the equivalent of over 20 bags of outerwear that was given to the Clothes Closet, housed at Holy Family Church, which services surrounding communities. Kim Kwederis and Julie Tomkinson coordinated this project for the PTO. Spencer Betts from Becky Hurst's first grade has a handful of donations.

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Parkview Elementary celebrated its 50th day of school on Nov. 11 by going back to the 1950s. Pictured from left to right are kindergarten teachers Kathy Grisa and MaryAnne Check; school psychologist Pete Karr as Elvis; Michigan State University intern Amy Hartunian as Marilyn Monroe; and kindergarten teachers Pam Starr and Michele Ferguson.

## Parkview first to celebrate 50th Day

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Parkview Elementary School has gone against the grain and become the first school in the district to celebrate the 50th day of school, in style.

Traditionally, the Novi Community School District's five elementary schools have all celebrated the 100th day of school, which is something that Parkview plans on doing as well, just not as elaborately as the Nov. 11 event.

Students all got the chance to dress up in 1950s-style outfits. They were read Dick and Jane books, they had hula-hoop contests and they played with jacks and yo-yos. They even got their pictures taken with Elvis Presley and Marilyn Monroe lookalikes, played by school psychologist Pete Karr and Parkview's Michigan State University intern, Amy Hartunian.

"This is Parkview's first-ever 50th day of school party for the kindergartners," kindergarten teacher Michele Ferguson said. "We thought it would be much more useful for the kindergartners to celebrate the 50th day of school than the 100th because it's more meaningful to them. They don't have to wait 100 days, which is at the end of January."

Ferguson came up with the idea for 50th day last summer, while she was asleep. "I actually woke up in the mid-

dle of the night and had this idea," she said. "My teaching partners — Pam Starr, Kathy Grisa and MaryAnne Check — all jumped on board, and we put it together with the help of parents."

The celebration wasn't all fun and games, however. It also had a lot of academic themes. Students made long chains, 50 links each, and they graphed all the money because, naturally, there was a 50 cent entrance fee to get in. They also did all kinds of activities leading up to the event that stressed academics, like coming to 50.

All the children were allowed to bring one special person to share in the fun.

"We hope that this is going to be an annual event now and that possibly all the kindergartners in the district will pick up on it, which I think they will," Ferguson said. "We wanted to be the ones to launch it. We've been working on this for three months, and our parents have told us that it is just a fabulous event. They're really on board with it. I think it's going to take on a life of its own."

"Basically it's just a chance to dress up, have fun and celebrate the 50th day of school in style," Ferguson added.

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## Kindergartners toast a job very well done

By Ramez Khuri  
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Kindergartners at Orchard Hills Elementary School toasted a job well done last Thursday, as they completed a writers workshop in which each student wrote a story about themselves.

The kids all stood in a circle and took turns reading their stories. When the last one was read, their teacher, Jennifer Smith, poured pop for each of them and said a toast, congratulating their efforts.

"This was our first authors celebration of the year, and we had a toast for the hard work they have been doing all year,"

Smith said. "The kids have been working hard on stories about themselves."

The students worked on revising skills, editing skills and adding words, labels and more to their illustrations so that the final product would be their best work.

"Last week they picked their favorite piece that they wanted to publish," Smith said. "We published them and fancied them up to get ready for our author celebration."

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### Five hundred dollar girl

Parkview Elementary School student Katie Zhao participated in the Farmer Jack Halloween coloring contest and won. The prize was a \$500 check that was presented to her during the school's special friend breakfast last week. The money will be used to help fund Parkview's literacy program, where leveled reading books are purchased for students to use. Here, Zhao and substitute principal Claudia Klunis pose with the check. Klunis has taken over Principal Jenifer Michos' duties while she's out on maternity leave.

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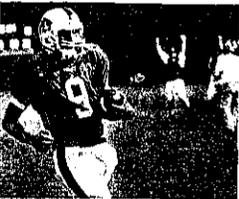
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### A SURPRISING WILDCAT SEASON

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**CHELSEA 28, Novi 21**



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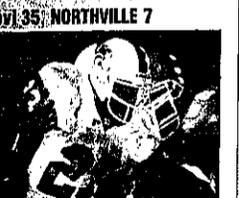
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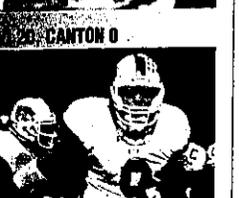
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# ABRUPT ENDING

## Novi's football season comes to unexpected close

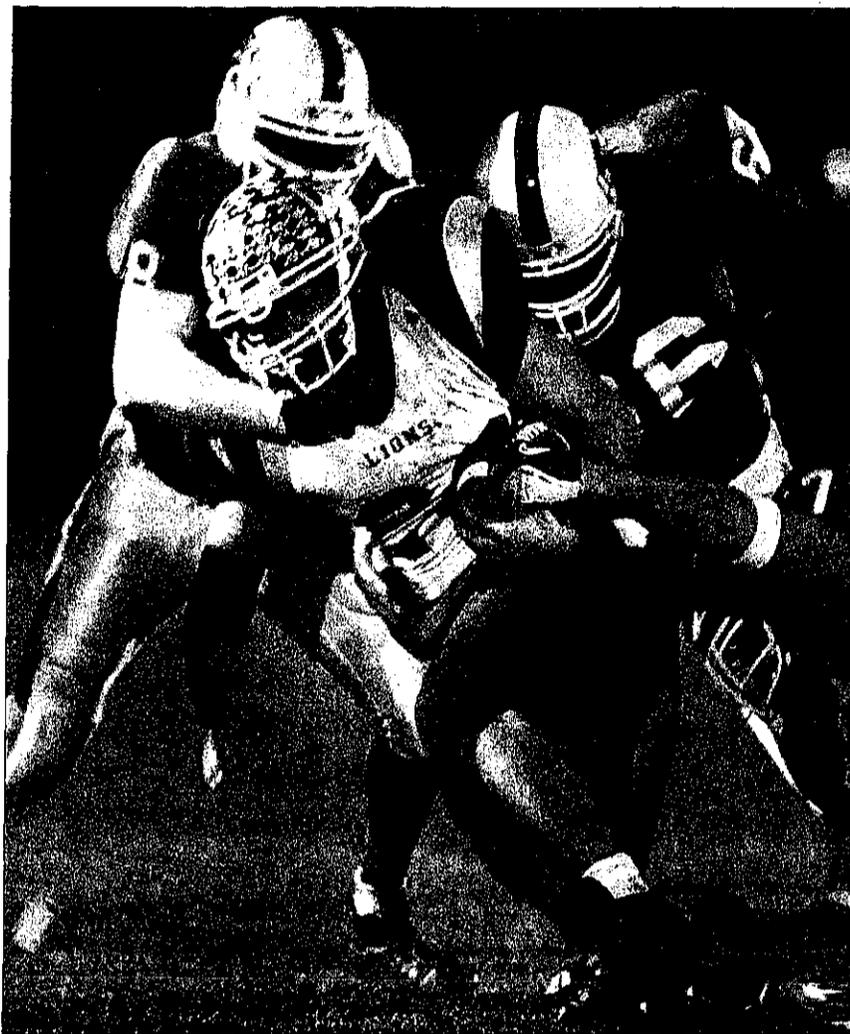


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Three Novi Wildcats team up to bring down South Lyon fullback Nate Spurgess during last Friday's home game. Spurgess collected 115 yards on 19 carries to help upend Novi.

By Sam Eggleston  
 SPORTS WRITER

It wasn't that the Novi Wildcats football team came out flat last Friday night — they didn't come out at all.

The "Cats, coached by Tab Kellepourey, took a severe beating from the South Lyon Lions in their third attempt at a Regional title in as many years. South Lyon, however, prevailed to keep their playoff hopes alive, 42-10. "We didn't come to play," Kellepourey said after the game. "We did not hit them like we were supposed to hit them and we did not block them like we were supposed to block them. We didn't do those things, which is why we'll be collecting equipment this week."

There were no turning points in the game or magical moments for South Lyon. No, the Kensington Valley Conference squad rolled into Novi and then rolled through them on their way to a win.

The Lions netted 391 total yards against the Wildcats with 115 coming from Nate Spurgess and 115 coming from Scooter Curtis.

"They outplayed us," Kellepourey said. "South Lyon is well coached and their kids were after their goal tonight. They got their revenge from the last game and did a great job."

The player who stood out in Kellepourey's mind was Spurgess.

"He played an impressive game from fullback to linebacker," he said.

Novi only had three sparks of life — all coming in the first half. The first came off the foot of Matt Simpson, who nailed a 23-yard field goal after the Lions were up by a touchdown to cut the lead to 7-3. The Lions notched another touchdown before Wildcat senior Kevin Cisko raced 66 yards for a score of his own and a 14-7 differential.

The final spark came from Cisko too. With fourth and long late in the second quarter, he booted a 66-yard punt to pin the Lions on their 1-yard line.

"We had two timeouts and all we needed were a couple of stops," Kellepourey said. "We didn't get them. They got six yards on their first play. They just played a tougher, more physical game than we did."

South Lyon plays Rockford Saturday in the state semi-final game. The winner plays in the Silverdome for the state championship.

Novi finished their season at 9-3 with back-to-back KVC championships and their third-straight District title.

### Saying good-bye

Novi loses a load of seniors to graduation this year. Most notable is on the offensive side of the ball where they lose all five linemen, including Division I-bound center Ryan Pritchard. Quarterback Cisko is gone, as are the Woods brothers, Josh and Jarrell, and fullback Robbie Carter.

"We're losing a lot this year," said Kellepourey. "But now it's on the underclassmen. This loss better have burned them and it better have burned them good. It better be in their memory banks so they know what they

have to do for next year."

And it all starts now. The off season is the most important part of year for a football team. A squad that waits too long to get into the weight room ends up sitting at home during the post-season.

"These kids are aware of what they have to do," said Kellepourey. "There's a lot of work to be done in the off-season."

Steve Hart, a junior quarterback this season, will be the player many eyes will go to for next year. He has, said Kellepourey, the potential to be a starting quarterback next season.

"If he does a lot of work in the off-season, he's a kid that could lead us," the coach said. "He didn't get a ton of reps, but what he did get was prime-time minutes. He looks like a kid that can probably assume the responsibility of quarterback for us."

But, it will take a lot of time and even more

effort on Hart's part.

"It's going to take some development," Kellepourey said. "He's going to have to start throwing 300 passes a week if he wants to get it."

The Wildcats will expect to change their offensive scheme back to the passing attack Hart's older brother, Mike, made so dangerous in 2003 when he led Novi to the state semi-finals.

But, that's next year. Novi has a lot to reflect upon this year in order to know where they have to go and what they have to do.

Most importantly, said Kellepourey, they can't forget a loss like the one they took against South Lyon.

"The underclassmen have to remember it," said Kellepourey. "It has to stick with them. They have to build off of it. It's up to them now."

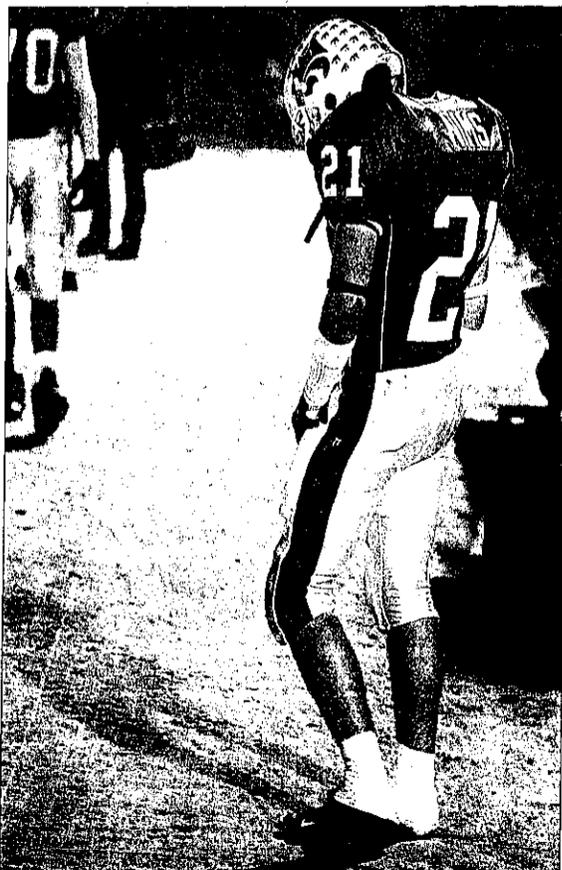


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

In the waning moments of a playoff loss, Brandon Nims quietly gathers his strength to re-enter last Friday night's tough game against South Lyon.

### WILDCATS EARN IMPRESSIVE SEASON STATISTICS

TEAM TOTALS	
Points scored	346
Points allowed	150
Rushing yards	3,178
Passing yards	706
Touchdowns	48
Average yards per play	6.4
Penalties/Yards	76/597
Average home fans	3,400

### INDIVIDUAL TOTALS OFFENSE

RUSHING YARDS	
Kevin Cisko	1,017
Jarrell Woods	810
Josh Woods	394
David Carnegie	334
Robbie Carter	179
Steve Hart	174

PASSING YARDS	
Kevin Cisko	529
Steve Hart	177

RECEIVING YARDS	
Brandon Carnegie	177
Chris Dalton	243
Kevin Cisko	139

TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	
Kevin Cisko	16
Jarrell Woods	15
David Carnegie	15
Chris Dalton	4
Brandon Carnegie	3
Josh Woods	2
Five Others	1

### INDIVIDUAL TOTALS DEFENSE

TACKLES	
Josh Woods	77
Robbie Carter	77
Jarrell Woods	51.5
John Favorite	51.5
Sean Costello	47.5
Ryan Pritchard	32.5
John Brown	29.5

SACKS	
Jarrell Woods	4
Sean Costello	3.5
Josh Woods	3
Robbie Carter	2.5
Derrick Leonard	2
Seven Others	1

INTERCEPTIONS	
Kevin Cisko	5
John Favorite	3
Brandon Carnegie	3
Eight Others	1

### INDIVIDUAL TOTALS SPECIAL TEAMS

PUNTING YARDS	
Kevin Cisko	1,443

PUNT RETURN YARDS	
Chris Dalton	81
Bret Cocke	57

KICK OFF YARDS	
Pat Sijan	1,983
Matt Simpson	672

KICK RETURN YARDS	
Chris Dalton	35
Bret Cocke	28
Brandon Carnegie	25
Justin Davis	20

FIELD GOALS MADE	
Pat Sijan	1
Matt Simpson	0

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Pat Sijan	1
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## Saluting the flag

■ Ceremony teaches pupils the meaning of Veterans Day

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

It was cold outside on the morning of Nov. 11, but that didn't really matter much to the students of Village Oaks Elementary, as they all stood out front of the school bright and early to watch a Veterans Day ceremony.

Village Oaks Principal Mary Goedert welcomed many members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard to the school and explained each of their duties.

She also told the students what Veterans Day is all about. "Today is Nov. 11, Veterans Day," Goedert said, "a day to honor those who have served and died in service to our country by being in the Army, the Navy, the Marines, the Air Force, or the Coast Guard."

Goedert explained that Veterans Day began as a celebration of peace after World War I ended and was originally called Armistice Day. The armistice, or truce, came at 11 a.m., Nov. 11, 1918, — the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. She also said that there are more than 19 million war veterans in the United States, and they include veterans from World Wars I and II, as well as the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, and the Persian Gulf War.

After her speech, two members of the Marines — Staff Sergeant Joshua Mock and Private First Class Daniel Bordt — raised the American flag to full staff, then



As Marine's Private 1st class Daniel Bordt salutes, left, Staff Sergeant Joshua Mock prepares to hoist the Stars and Stripes during last Thursday's Veterans' Day ceremony at Novi's Village Oaks elementary school.

lowered it to half staff to recognize the service and sacrifices of our veterans. The kids then said the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance while they waved their own mini American flags.

"I just hope that the kids learn that there is a lot of sacrifice that people in the service make and that they enjoy the freedoms they have now because of those sacrifices," Mock said. "Hopefully, with us being here today, we sent forth the message that they can practice whatever they want to practice and say whatever they want to say because of the things that I've done and because of the things that veterans in other services have done throughout the history of the United States."

### VETERANS DAY VISITORS

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| Members of the armed services visited Village Oaks Elementary School's Veterans Day Ceremony last week.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rick Nicklaus</li> <li>• Janel O'Connell</li> <li>• Cliff Burke</li> <li>• Rob Ralko</li> <li>• Ottavio Marson</li> <li>• Robert Bolsh</li> <li>• Brian Johnston</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gordon Williams</li> <li>• Mark Pierson</li> <li>• Brian Queen</li> </ul> |
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Currently, Mock is on recruiting duty, but normally as a staff sergeant he's responsible for the well being and the training of the troops who are under him. His

main job is to make sure his troops are ready to go into combat if they need to.

Like Mock, Bordt hopes the kids will now have a new-found respect for the services, especially the Marines, and hopefully it will encourage them to join the services when they're older.

"I know this is how I joined," Bordt said. "I saw a Marine when I was younger and ever since then I've wanted to be a Marine. When kids see Marines or other service members, it might give them the incentive to join when they're older as well. It really makes you a better person."

Bordt doesn't have his job yet, but he's learning to be a rifleman.

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## Valuable lessons

■ Couple preaches responsibility, respect for mother earth

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Village Oaks Elementary School recently witnessed a unique Native American presentation that emphasized the importance of respecting and being responsible towards the land we all live on.

Reg Pettibone and his wife, Marica, both of Native American descent, visited the school wearing traditional clothes and performed many dances and songs for the students. He explained that when they sing, it's actually a type of prayer, and by dancing, they're giving thanks to mother earth for providing life.

"We express the meaning of mother earth's past and future and encourage them to join the services when they're older."

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## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Animal Band author visiting Orchard Hills

Jim Moore, lead vocalist of The Animal Band and author of the children's book *The All Animal Band*, will be at Orchard Hills Elementary School Nov. 18. He is scheduled to perform songs from his award-winning recordings for students and teachers at 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. In addition to the performances, he will read from his new children's book to recognize the 85th celebration of Children's Book Week (November 15-21).

The book, written by Moore and illustrated by Norris Hall, is based on the song that launched The Animal Band concept over 14 years ago. The setting is in a forest where five animal friends discover music and form the world's only all animal band. The book is garnering rave reviews including a Bletcher Review Gold Award.

Los Angeles based Angel Toy Corporation licensed characters from the book for The Animal Band Collection of toys featuring music from the band's recordings. The toys were introduced at the International Toy Fair in New York City earlier this year. Capital Apparel, a clothing design and manufacturing company recently launched a line of children's apparel featuring The Animal Band logo.



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## WALLED LAKE SCHOOLS UPDATE

### Students support troops

Students from Hickory Wood Elementary, in Janice Calligaris' classroom, have been writing letters to a parent of students at the school who is serving in Fallujah, Iraq, and students from Walled Lake Central High School collected \$5,000 during spirit week for the American troops.

Calligaris said her students have been writing CW4 Matthew Zelenak, the father of Emily and Katie Zelenak, students at Hickory Woods Elementary. "On Nov. 5, the class received a huge American flag that was flown on a night heli-

## Njus brings many ideas back from trip to China

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Most people who work in school districts use their summer vacations to spend time with their families and maybe go on vacations to places like Disney World or the Grand Canyon.

Deerfield Principal Richard Njus had the same idea, but took it a step further as he spent the first week of August in the Chinese cities of Chang Qing and Beijing.

Though he did do some site seeing and touring, Njus did have business-related motives for taking the trip as well. He explained that Michigan State University has a center for research with Chinese education that was set up by the Sunwah foundation in Hong Kong, Sunwah, which means "New China," funded his trip. The foundation has set up a conference through the ministry of education in China.

Njus attended two conferences, one in each city. He met with many Chinese school principals and administrators and shared what he knows regarding international schooling, national schooling, genders in education, state mandates, intermediate school districts, public school districts and school buildings. He also shared how he and his staff at Deerfield Elementary School respond to assessment and accountability, high risk students and No Child Left Behind and Education Yes mandates.

"Part of Michigan State University's goal is to look at what is effective in the Chinese programs and what is effective in



Richard Njus, Deerfield Elementary principal, spent a week in China this past summer, exchanging ideas about education.

our programs and how we can develop a program that accommodates both," Njus said. Njus' role was to demonstrate

how an elementary principal develops programs in response to No Child Left Behind and Education Yes mandates, but also

### Schools make AYP

The Walled Lake Consolidated Schools' elementary and middle schools and its comprehensive high schools received A's or B's on the

### Schools make AYP

teacher and student activities coordinator, said.

On Thursday, Nov. 18 at 10:30 a.m., the director from the local Red Cross chapter will visit Walled Lake Central to accept the donation which will be allocated as follows: \$2,500 for the Treasures for Troops Program and \$2,500 for Emergency Family Services.

### Schools make AYP

The Walled Lake Consolidated Schools' elementary and middle schools and its comprehensive high schools received A's or B's on the

state report cards. Community High, the district's alternative high school, received a C. Walled Lake Northern High School did not receive a grade because it has not yet had a graduating class and has not administered the state test for enough consecutive years.

According to Superintendent Dr. James Geisler, "We are thrilled with the scores and attribute our students' academic success to the district's outstanding instructional staff and its own quarterly benchmark assessment program where all students in grades three through 10 take common assessments four

times annually in the core curriculum areas (math, language arts, science and social studies)."

However, Geisler noted that Central, Northern and Community High made the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), and that Western High School did not as a result of having a larger special needs population that did not meet the standards on the state test.

Here's how Walled Lake's high schools rate on the No Child Left Behind, AYP and MEAP indication information that composes the grade:

- The high school participation rate on the Michigan Educational

Assessment Program (MEAP) tests is above the required 95 percent.

- The high school graduation rate is 90.64 percent, well above the required 80 percent and the dropout rate is 2.47 percent.

- The MEAP scores are well above the state target achievement goal in math and language arts.

- Of the 50 areas in which the district's high schools were assessed, including disaggregated test scores for racial and ethnic groups, students with disabilities, Limited English proficient and economically disadvantaged, our students were proficient in 48.

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## Phishers trolling Internet; don't bite

Last week I received an e-mail purportedly from Citibank urging me to "confirm my banking details" in order to "safeguard my account against identity theft." The message also stated if I didn't comply, my account would be suspended.

It turns out the e-mail didn't originate from the real Citibank, even though it bore Citibank's name and logo. The communication I received is what's known as a "phishing" scheme, an e-mail message designed to trick me — and thousands of other consumers who likely received it — into disclosing personal information. Phishers design fraudulent e-mail to look like they come from well-known businesses and financial institutions, and even government agencies such as the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and the Department of Homeland Security.

While the majority of us are deleting fraudulent communications, phishers are able to convince up to 5 percent of recipients to divulge personal information. Because phishers can use this information to access existing accounts and withdraw money to buy merchandise or services, and open new accounts in victims' names, consumers who reply are suffering financial loss.

Citibank, according to the industry organization Anti-Phishing Working Group ([www.anti-phishing.com](http://www.anti-phishing.com)), is among the most targeted brands. In July 2004 alone, the company experienced 682 phishing attacks. Other businesses whose brands have been hijacked include U.S. Bank, Earthlink, Wells Fargo, MBNA, eBay, PayPal and Fleet.

The following are tips from the Federal Trade Commission to avoid getting netted by a phisher:

- Resist the urge to reply. Legitimate companies do not ask for personal financial information by e-mail. If you get an e-mail that warns you that your account will be in jeopardy if you don't confirm your billing information, don't reply to it or click the link in the e-mail. If you're concerned about your account, call the phone number that's listed on your statement and talk to a customer service representative.

Do not e-mail personal financial information. If you initiate a transaction and want to provide personal information, like a credit card number, be sure the site is secure. Indicators of a secure site include an icon that looks like a lock on the browser's status bar, or a URL for a Web site that begins "https:" (the "s" stands for secure). Be cautious; some phishers have forged security icons. If you have any doubt, log off the Web site and conduct your transaction over the phone.

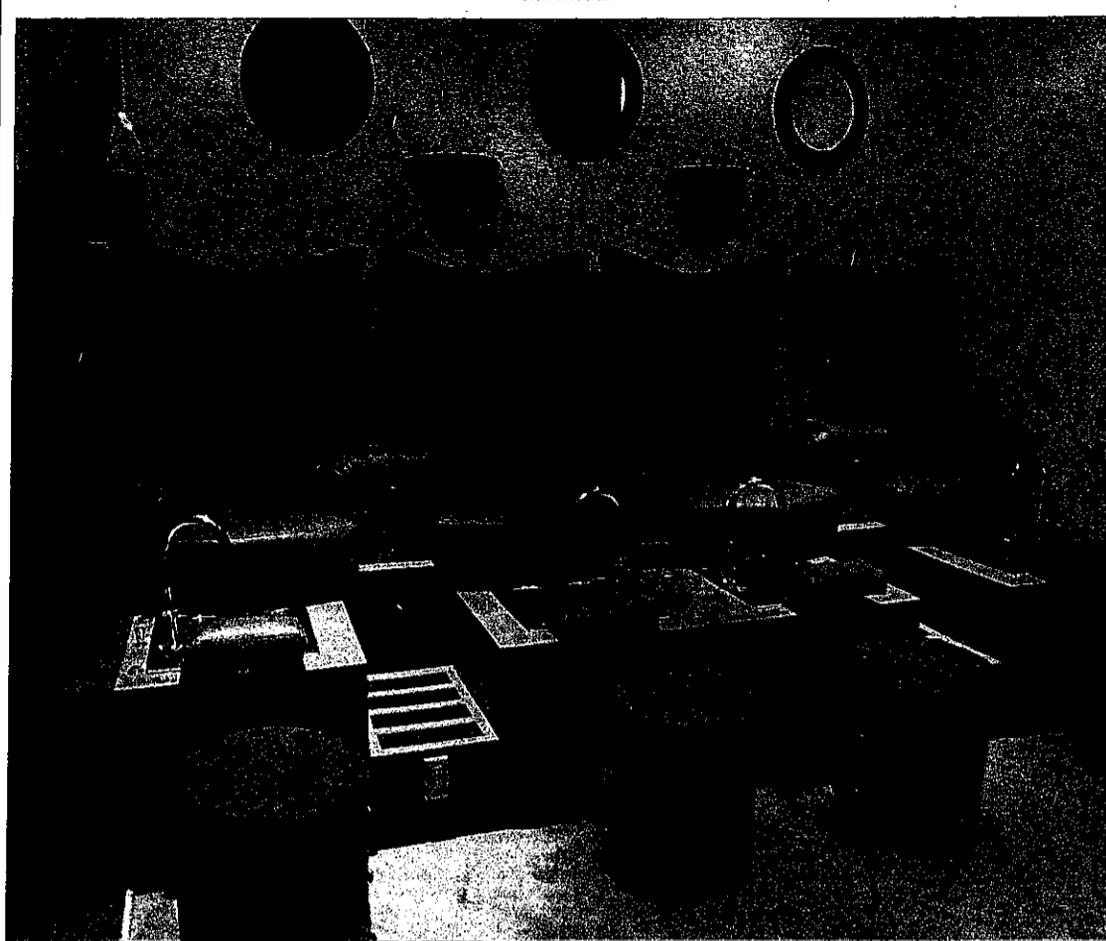
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Scapparé's new pedicure room features custom made "thrones" of rich burgundy ostrich leather that allow customers to sit back and relax. The chairs offer a deep massage, while feet are warmed and massaged in a whirlpool foot bath.

## Scapparé gives clients royal treatment

*Pedicure room pampers guests, rejuvenates feet*

By Annette Jaworski  
SPECIAL WRITER

It's a present exclusively for you. Just in time for the holidays, Scapparé introduces a new horizon in luxury, their new pedicure palace. Owners, Lindsay and Chris have put South Lyon on the map as the ultimate pedicure destination.

"We call it Disneyland for the feet," laughs Chris Cortis, who's excited to share the new state-of-the-art pedicure room with clients.

The sensational new addition actually stops visitors in their tracks.

"They literally stand there for a minute and say 'wow,'" says Lindsay Cortis. "It's been extremely well received." Both men and women have been taking advantage of the ultimate relaxation found in this salon service. In fact, it's their most popular nail service right now. All pedicure products used are top of the line by Repechage, and range from a basic treatment to hot stone and anti-aging therapy.

"We've had a big response to this. No one else in the state has anything like it," said Chris Cortis, who searched seven shows across the country to find a new and unique way to pamper their clients, and they found it.

Clients are treated like royalty in custom made "thrones" of rich burgundy ostrich leather where they sit back and relax. The chairs vibrate while shistu mas-

sagers roll up and down inside the chairs reviving patrons. As well, the massaging action and warmth of six massage jets in a whirlpool footbath are controlled by remote. Meanwhile, aromatherapy creates sensational smells like peppermint to enhance stimulation. All that's missing is the tiara in this regal setting.

Creative décor and a lot of hard work went into creating this special facility. Dramatic original art lines the wall. Rich colors and elegant décor create a look of luxury. Chris Cortis says the contractor enjoyed the opportunity to work on an unusual project, particularly the sensuous curved wall that encloses the room. Whether it's a romantic setting or a fun evening, the pedicure spa makes a great gift idea. It's a great way for husbands to treat their wives and mothers, or maybe even a night out for bachelorettes.

"Let us know ahead of time and we can arrange something special with wine and cheeses," added Chris Cortis.

The Cortis' and staff can assure you, although customers treated like royalty, there's nothing stuffy or pretentious about the salon. Here they believe in treating you like family - you're welcome to relax and come as you are.

Though the facility and products are exclusively top-of-the-line, the staff maintains an atmosphere that's refreshingly down to earth. Men as well as women have discovered the services as they become more aware of how they look.

The state of the art salon and the incredible staff are just two of the reasons that Scapparé con-

tinues to provide the ultimate in customer satisfaction. In only three years, the Cortis' have created a reputation that has resulted in 85 percent client retention rate and an average of 200 new clients a month.

The stylists are just as diverse as the clients who enter the salon. They cover a wide range of styles and ages, so there's someone to suit everyone's taste. It's important the staff remains on the cutting edge of the beauty industry, so they receive continuous education by national platform artists. They're also encouraged to try all of the latest beauty treatments so they can speak from experience.

"We are truly blessed with the best staff," said Lindsay Cortis.

This time of year look to Scapparé for great gift ideas. Why not finish some of your holiday shopping when you stop in for your next salon service? The gifts are sure to satisfy, such as Halo or Graham Webb shampoo and conditioner sets, make up sets in the newest colors and everyone's favorite, fun stocking stuffers. Can't decide? - a gift certificate is sure to please.

"You can walk in for a haircut and walk out with some of your holiday shopping done," added Cortis.

Scapparé is also proud to present two new massage therapists who are also qualified as physical therapists, they're also nurses, so they can target relief to those specific problems. It's a perfect way to relieve pain or just unwind.

"If you have pain in your knee or shoulder they can address those areas," explained Lindsay Cortis.

Along with their elegant ambi-



You know you're about to be pampered when the waiting area for the pedicure room is adorned with beautiful art and comfortable seating where you mingle with friends. Call ahead for a special arrangement of wine and cheese.

**DISNEYLAND FOR THE FEET**

**Best reasons to visit Scapparé during the holidays**

- Pedicures:** Pretty toes for those sexy sandals. Rescuing your feet from boots to let them breathe.
- Presents:** Great gift packages by top of the line beauty products, make up and aromatherapy sets.
- Gift Certificates:** for the hard to shop for.
- Pretty:** Set the mood for a glamorous night out.
- Try a new makeup line -** perhaps their latest addition — Trucco by Sebastian
- Pamper:** De-stress from a hectic holiday shopping trip with a massage, manicure, facial or pedicure.

ence, clients who visit on Saturdays can relax to the sounds of live music from their 136-year-old grand piano. Visit Scapparé for a great escape or a romantic retreat at 21190 Pontiac Trail in South Lyon. Call (248) 437-1112 for appointments. Hours are closed Sunday and Monday. Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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