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Two sign Main Street leases

■ Design center, martini bar plan to open

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

Two new tenants — Toll Brothers and Mixx Lounge — have signed leases to open businesses in Novi's Main Street

Development. A new martini bar named Mixx Lounge will occupy 3,800 square feet of space at the west end of the current Main Street shops in Novi.

The group of four owners have signed a lease and obtained a liquor license for the martini bar expected to open next spring, according to Dunna Figi of CB Richard Ellis of Southfield, which handles the leasing of commercial space in the development.

"We think the Main Street area is an up-and-coming place."

Ron Broshaw
Toll Brothers, assistant VP, Michigan operations

Toll Brothers has leased 8,200 square feet of storefront space next to Larsen Jewelry Design with plans to open a regional design center to serve homeowners moving into the company's

numerous residential communities in southeastern Michigan.

"It made sense to have a centralized space due to our growth in southeast Michigan," said Ron Broshaw, assistant vice president of Toll Brothers' Michigan operation based in Farmington Hills. "We looked all over for retail, storefront and warehouse space for it."

"We wanted to give our cus-

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Novi independent movie 'approaches' silver screen

■ Comic City, Emagine in local flick

By Kim Kovelie
STAFF WRITER

Comic City owner Jill Smethers said when a start-up producer asked to film his first movie in her Novi shop, she had ground rules.

"We had to make sure it wasn't going to be a movie that would, No. 1, put our store in a bad light, put comics in a bad light," Smethers said. "And, no people were going to be taking off their clothes in the middle of my store."

Her reason: In 21-year-old Sam Khaleghi's "Approaching Midnight," he gives nod to his native region by keeping the actual names.

Since last summer the deal's gone smoothly, and the Novi-based flick, which has been in production about a year, should be complete by January with a spring premiere.

"It's a suburban film," Khaleghi said. "I really want to express... how fun and really nice this area is. It's a fantastic place."

Tapping local spots like Emagine Novi and downtown Royal Oak and Birmingham, the movie follows a group of college students who return to their suburban Detroit homes.

"It's about the miscommunication that happens between all these characters over the the span of a weekend," Khaleghi said. "We... have these love stories going on, too. The film is narrated from the lead character to his psychiatrist."

In addition to being the producer, writer, director and investor for the film, Khaleghi plays that lead.

But the Commerce/Walled Lake area resident, who works in Novi, said he has attracted a strong cast and kept an eye on costs while pursuing his passion.

Instead of using film, for instance, Khaleghi used digital recording, and often paid helpers with food.

"You've got to keep them fed. Psychologically, that really works," Khaleghi laughed.

Buffalo Wild Wings at Fountain Walk was a common destination. Assistant producer Krishna "Kris" Dave, who plays "Barley" in the film, lived in Novi for years.

"I just love the area," Dave, 22, said. "It's a lot more friendly. Novi is more a community where everyone knew each other."

Dave and Khaleghi met in an acting class at Oakland Community College. They've previously appeared as extras in movies and on commercials.

Their film also pays homage to the area — and comic books, as some characters work at Comic City.

"Lenny," played by local stand-up comedian D.B. Dickerson, wears a shirt reading "248" (Novi's area code). Khaleghi's character, Wesley Kent, wears red, yellow and blue, signature colors of Clark Kent (a.k.a. Superman).

"I'm just hoping that by showing the store and the context of this movie, that maybe there'll be people out there that will stop thinking of comic books... as something for little kids," Smethers said.

Khaleghi and company also hope to expand their wings — and attract the right attention.

"We're trying to sell the film more or less on the story," Khaleghi said. "We're just hoping to make a really good, funny movie. My dream actually is to premiere it at Emagine Novi."

"Hopefully this isn't the last project. I would love for 'Approaching Midnight' to be the first of many."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Mary and Tom Brady, owner of Novi's Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, will be celebrating their restaurant's 50th anniversary this month at their Novi Town Center location.

HALF CENTURY

■ Novi location known for upscale, eclectic menu

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in Novi Town Center marks a significant milestone this year.

The restaurant, located in Novi since 1991, observes its 50th anniversary this fall.

Owners Tom Brady and his wife, Executive Chef Mary Brady, of Milford, are part of a small group of Metro Detroit restaurateurs who have managed to not only survive but also prosper over the years.

The first restaurant was established in 1954, when Tom Brady's father, Jim, opened the doors to Jim Brady's on Seven Mile Road in Detroit. The restaurant changed its name to Diamond Jim Brady's when it moved to the Prudential Town Center in Southfield in 1978.

Tom explained that his father never intended for the word "Diamond" to be added to the name of the restaurant. "But then everybody, because of the history of Diamond Jim Brady, would say to him, 'You must be Diamond Jim,'" he said.

Diamond Jim Brady (1856-1917) was a millionaire railroad tycoon and philanthropist legendary for his collection of diamond jewelry and huge appetite. He was known to eat six or seven

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School board hears library planning committee's idea

■ Novi Public Library would like a larger facility

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Though no official proposal was made, the Novi Community School District's Board of

Education welcomed members of the Novi Public Library's planning committee to its Dec. 2 meeting to listen to some ideas for library expansion.

Terry Margolis, president of the library board, said that the library has been going through a strategic planning process. One of the things that came out of that process was the idea of addressing the library's facility located next to Novi High School on the corner of Ten Mile and Taft Roads. She said that the building is quite small

and is not sufficient in terms of infrastructure for the kinds of services it needs to provide.

The library's facilities planning committee, which consists of a variety of community members, volunteers at the library and some staff, has been meeting for the last four months to address that issue.

The committee has come up with many different ideas for expanding the building and reviewing the options. One was to renovate the current building. She explained that in order to do so,

"We want to know if this is something we should explore together."

Terry Margolis,
Novi Public Library Board president

however, the library would have to move furniture many times either off site, or a temporary addition would have to be added

to move furniture in during renovation.

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Rich Barley, a chef with 5 Star Gourmet, works on chainsawing an ice sculpture.



Kelly Royston, a member of the Novi High School marching band, hands out candy to spectators.

Ringing in the Holidays



Rachel Fox, 3, checks out a coloring book she's just received from Santa.

Approximately 3,000 people converged on downtown Novi for the city's annual Christmas celebration, complete with a parade, a visit from Santa Claus, activities for children and a tree-lighting.

Blair Bowman, president of the Novi Expo Center, received the Spirit of Giving Award "for a long-term commitment to the spirit of giving through vocation, volunteerism, and philanthropy."

Past recipients include Tom Marcus (2002) and Richard Clark (2003).

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Marissa Fleeman, 10, works on a snowman craft item.



A procession of young ladies costumed as Christmas gifts walk Novi's Main Street.

Photos by John Heider / Novi News

Two sign Main Street leases

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tomers a destination place to come where there are restaurants, shopping and other things to do," Broshaw said. "Novi is a great place to be and provides that destination. We think the Main Street area is an up-and-coming place."

The design center will offer a private area for people who are buying homes in Toll Brothers communities to plan and design the exterior and interior features of their home. The center will include a "find your style" station with vignettes of complete bathrooms, kitchens, master bedrooms and a home theater to illustrate design possibilities.

After selecting their home for purchase, buyers will be able to view samples of granite, marble and Corian surfaces for countertops,

select from a variety of woods and finishes for cabinets, choose faucets and bath fixtures, tile and shower enclosures, door hardware, window treatments, ceiling fans and other features for the home at the center.

"We wanted to make the home-owner comfortable and improve the design process," Broshaw said. "Homeowners will be able to meet with our designers and conveniently plan and coordinate unique opinions and color selections for their new home in one location."

Toll Brothers expects the center to attract people off the street and will provide information about its communities and homes for walk-ins there. It also plans to have an entrance for the center off the inside mall.

"We think our design center will attract new customers to Main Street," Broshaw said.

The project is currently in the planning and bidding stage, according to Ryan Switzer, project manager for Toll Brothers. He reported that construction on the space is expected to begin by Feb. 1 with an estimated opening next May.

The design center will serve as a source of information about the homes and residential developments being built by Toll Brothers. Representatives will be available at the center to provide tours of the center and schedule appointments with sales personnel at the company's residential developments.

The company currently has residential communities at Island Lake in Novi, Northville Hills Golf Club, Sleepy Hollow in Northville, Reserve at Lakes of Millford, The Preserve at Maple Lake in Millford, Century

Board hears library idea

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The other idea — and this is where the school district would fit in — is to move to a completely different location in Novi. Knowing that the district owns land at Eleven Mile and Beck

roads, they discussed a trade. "They have a very large plot of land there," Margolis said. "The thought was, would they like to do a land swap with us, where they would take our land where our building is now and we would take a piece of that property at Eleven and Beck? We really weren't making a proposal, however, which is very unusual for public boards sometimes."

It was clear to the committee probably be the only entity interested in the library property because of its proximity to the high school.

"We don't have a plan on the table yet, but we wanted to go to them and ask, as part of our planning process, if they might be interested," Margolis said. "We

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Weekly specials can be viewed at www.djwistro.com.

After working half a decade in the restaurant business, Tom said today's diners are looking for more than just meat and potatoes. "Menus are more varied than they used to be. There are much more choices," he said.

He added that in the 13 years since he and Mary opened the Novi location, about 30 restaurants have opened within a mile and a half of their bistro.

"We all have our niche — ours is our eclectic menu. It's also the service and the setting. If it's not pre-

tentious, it's comfortable," Tom said. "It's a work in progress."

Mary, who also runs a successful catering business, Mary's Custom Catering, and teaches cooking classes through Novi Community Education, said most of the changes she has seen have been food-related. For example, people are eating a lot more fish.

"When we first came here, I was throwing more fish away than I was serving, because we were known more as a burger-and-steak house," she said.

After competing in many cooking competitions, however, her ideas on food changed. "I became enlightened and decided to do a little more upscale — but casual — food and go with the trend toward fish," she said.

The restaurant now has fish flown in from the East Coast, with three deliveries a week.

"I don't like to compare us to (television's) Chees, but everybody knows your name when you come in. Our customer base is very regular. Some of them even followed us from the other restaurants," she said.

In fact, the Brads still hear stories from people who dined at the original restaurant in Detroit.

"I think our history has also made us successful," she said.

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Mixx Lounge, new Ruby Tuesday's to open

■ Council approves two liquor license transfers

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Two new liquor license transfers were approved in the city of Novi at Monday night's city council meeting.

offering casual dining, will be moving from Twelve Oaks to Twelve Oaks Road. Mixx Lounge, an upscale martini bar/lounge, will open soon at Main Street Novi.

Members unanimously approved the transfer request of RT Detroit Franchise, LLC, doing business as Ruby Tuesday.

The franchise owners want to move their Class C liquor license with food permit, currently held in escrow, from 28654 Telegraph Rd. in Southfield to 39581 Twelve Oaks Rd. in Novi, west of Haggerty Road. This is the site of the former Crockers restaurant that went out of

business several months ago. Ruby Tuesday owns 50 percent of the franchise and John Millington of Highland, Mich., owns 50 percent of RT Detroit Franchise, LLC.

The current Ruby Tuesday restaurant at Twelve Oaks Mall will be closing in January 2005. The Michigan Liquor Control Commission will not allow an active license to be transferred to a new location.

The new Ruby Tuesday location on Twelve Oaks Road will open the same month. The new restaurant was also granted a new outdoor service area permit. Owners plan to spend about \$2.5 million to acquire the land, remodel the building, and acquire furniture, fixtures and equipment.

Ruby Tuesday's has been at Twelve Oaks Mall since May 1989. RT Detroit Franchise, LLC, based in Mobile, Ala., is the current owner and operator of nine active Ruby Tuesday restaurants in Michigan.

A group of local entrepreneurs involved in opening Mixx Lounge at Main Street Novi requested the city's last Class C liquor license, which city council denied on Sept. 13.

The owners then decided to transfer ownership of a 2004 Class C liquor license in escrow from the Sign of the Beelzebub at 451 W. Fourteen Mile Rd. in Madison Heights to 43155 Main St. in Novi. The license includes a dance-entertainment permit.

Stockholders include Mitchell Angeles of Dearborn Heights, Eric Lowery of Novi, Daniel Helka of Dearborn and Randall Gregory of Novi. Helka owns and manages the Double Olive martini bar, with locations in Dearborn and Grosse Pointe.

Mixx Lounge will feature a casual atmosphere where customers can enjoy lounge music and cocktails, targeting the "mature, professional crowd."

The menu will include deli sandwiches, individual gourmet pizzas, soups, salads, and appetizers. A pool room/entertainment area is also planned. Music will be a key element at the lounge, with live jazz/blues or decays.

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Vista Hills roads may go public in future

■ Homeowners, council to review agreement

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Residents of Vista Hills condominiums in Novi will have to pay to have their roads repaved before city council agrees to make the subdivision's streets public domain.

After a lengthy discussion at Monday night's city council meeting, members said homeowners would have to pay for all attorney fees, core samples from the roads and repairs before the city will accept ownership of the roads.

The motion to go forward with the process of dedicating the streets as public was approved by a 4-3 vote. Mayor Lou Courlas, Mayor Pro Tem David Landry, Bob Gatt and Kim Capella voted yes; Laura Lorenzen, Toni Nagy and Lynn Paul voted no.

Members who no voted feared the move might set a precedent in the city, encouraging other subdivisions to try to get the city to adopt their streets.

Vista Hills, which is about eight years old, is a relatively small subdivision located east of Novi Road between Twelve 1/2 and Thirteen Mile roads. Bill Cisp, president of Vista Hills Homeowners Association, appeared at city council to request dedication of the streets in the subdivision by the city.

The subdivision is one of the properties affiliated with Sandstone developers, who won a lawsuit with the city of Novi over property located on the north side of the city in 2002.

On private roads, the Novi police are unable to enforce compliance with speed limits and stop signs, homeowners say this creates a dangerous situation for neighborhood children.

Moreover, maintenance and repair of the roads are currently the responsibility of the homeowners' association.

The subdivision, with 144 lots, is almost complete, with more than 90 percent of homes constructed. An inspection of the 1,297 miles of streets by Department of Public Works staff on Nov. 10, showed that the roads are in fair condition. Major road paving will be required in the next five years, according to the department's report.

Several street catch basins and manholes need either minor repair, rebuilding, and/or cleaning. The homeowners will have to sign an agreement saying that they will pay for the cost of the repairs, currently estimated at \$77,300.

They will also have to pay for all costs associated with evaluating the roads, and agree to a two-year road fund in case other repairs are needed, leaving no fiscal responsibility with the city.

Tom Schultz, city attorney, told council members that there was nothing in the record of approval to hinder acceptance of the roads.

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Members of "Don't Touch Term Limits" came to the Novi Civic Center Tuesday in a 12-foot-tall, carved wooden horse, symbolizing the infamous Trojan horse from the Trojan War around 1200 B.C.

The horse represents the grassroots, nonpartisan group's effort to mobilize a "Citizen Cavalry" against any attempt by state legislators to alter the 1992 voter-enacted term limits law.

The Trojan War was a 10-year war between the Greeks and Trojans brought on by the abduction of Helen of Troy by Paris and ended with the destruction of Troy.

The Trojan horse was a large, hollow wooden horse filled with Greek soldiers and introduced within the walls of Troy.

"Don't Touch Term Limits" supporters said a recent survey by Mitchell Research shows voters oppose any legislative tinkering with voter-imposed term limits by better than a 3-1 margin, 67-22 percent.

"We're letting state representatives know that current term limits are very popular," said Scott Tillman, state coordinator of "Don't Touch Term Limits," headquartered in Saginaw.

"Some legislators have indicated that they would like to bring up the idea of changing term limits during the current lame duck session."

Tillman, who lives in Fremont, near Muskegon in west Michigan, said members of the group hail from Saginaw, Traverse City, and other Michigan communities.

The group is specifically calling on incoming Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche (R-Now) to leave the current term limits on state legislators alone.

In October, the Michigan Information & Research Service reported that DeRoche was supporting efforts to weaken Michigan's term limits law.

"Right now, we're a watchdog group," Tillman said. "If legislators decide to tackle the term limits issue, they should know that Michigan voters won't stand for it, and there's a large group waiting in the wings to oppose it."

The "Don't Touch Term Limits"

wooden horse has stood in favor of term limits from Colorado, where it was made, to California, Arkansas and now Michigan.

"Legislators have shown that when they're in office for a long time, they tend to be self-serving," Tillman said. "They should be concerned with doing the people's business — not promoting their own careers."

Tillman noted that this week, Michigan legislators in Lansing will vote on whether to give themselves full health insurance benefits without serving the minimum requirement of six years in office.

For more information, call Tillman at (313) 282-1167 or visit www.DontTouchTermLimits.org.

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Have you ever channel surfed and thought, "Gosh if only I could be on TV doing that." Well, now you can! Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC) Studios is gearing up to let you do so through a new community program called VOX: The Video Sandbox.

It is an opportunity to be on your local community channel free-of-charge to showcase your talent or voice an opinion.

The purpose of VOX is to open the doors of your local television studio to residents of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi. This gives you a venue to come in and get your message out in an easy, professional, and well-organized show. This is not a contest and there won't be a studio audience. SWOCC Studio will be opening their studio to the community so you can see what it's like to be in front of the camera.

Think you've got singing ability, or another unique talent



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Last-minute shopper? With three shopping bags and a purse draped over her arm and a cup of coffee in her hand, Angel Tiry of Livonia cruises through Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall last Thursday afternoon. Tiry said that she'd probably spend about an hour at the mall and wasn't even doing her Christmas shopping yet.

SWOCC UPDATE

Studios looking for community participation in access programs

By Melissa Cohn

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Think you've got singing ability, or another unique talent

you'd like to show off in five minutes or less with a microphone and a camera? Then SWOCC Studios wants you! Acapella singers, acoustic guitar players, original poetry readings and even stand-up comedians are welcome. SWOCC staff will be taking care of the technical stuff and all we need is the talent. Appearances are on a first-come, first-served basis, so call the SWOCC Studios office for more information. The first show will be Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Appointments are also on a first-come, first-served basis.

SWOCC Studios is also launching another new show, called "3-60." This program will bring an array of community events into viewers' homes all produced by volunteers.

Residents, if you have your own cameras, we want you. "3-60" calls for residents to produce, edit and submit video segments covering events, programs, happenings, or ideas that interest the residents of Novi, Farmington, and Farmington Hills. Each two

to seven minute segment will then be combined to create a magazine-style show full of current events that matter to local residents. If you don't have your own camera or editing equipment, you're welcome to sign up to use SWOCC's. You'll first need to take the orientation and remote workshop, but once you've finished, you'll be able to check out SWOCC Studio's remote camera. You're welcome to bring your ideas, or we can help you with story ideas.

If you'd like to book an appearance on VOX or are interested in submitting a piece, for 360, please contact me at (248) 473-2840.

Melissa Cohn is in community relations at the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC).

The next SWOCC meeting will be Wednesday, January 19, at 6:30 p.m. at Farmington City Hall.

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Battle of the Books

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library's Youth and Teen Services department.

Board Meeting

The Novi Library Board of Directors meets Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center. Community members are welcome to attend all Library Board meetings, which are also broadcast live on cable Channel 13.

Story Time Notes

Fall 2 Story Times are now

underway. In addition to story times for preschoolers, the library now offers weekly story times for tots ages 12-24 months and "big kids" ages 5-8. Brochures listing the days and times of all the drop-in Story Times are available in the library.

Hours

The Novi Public Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. The library is located at 45245 W. Ten Mile Rd., just east of Tall Road. For more information, call (248) 349-0720.

SENIORS

Kim Kovelle, staff writer (248) 349-1700, ext. 107 kkovelle@hl.homecomm.net



Seniors came by the busloads, and Rotarians were joined by middle school students in bringing the group inside for entertainment, food and gifts.



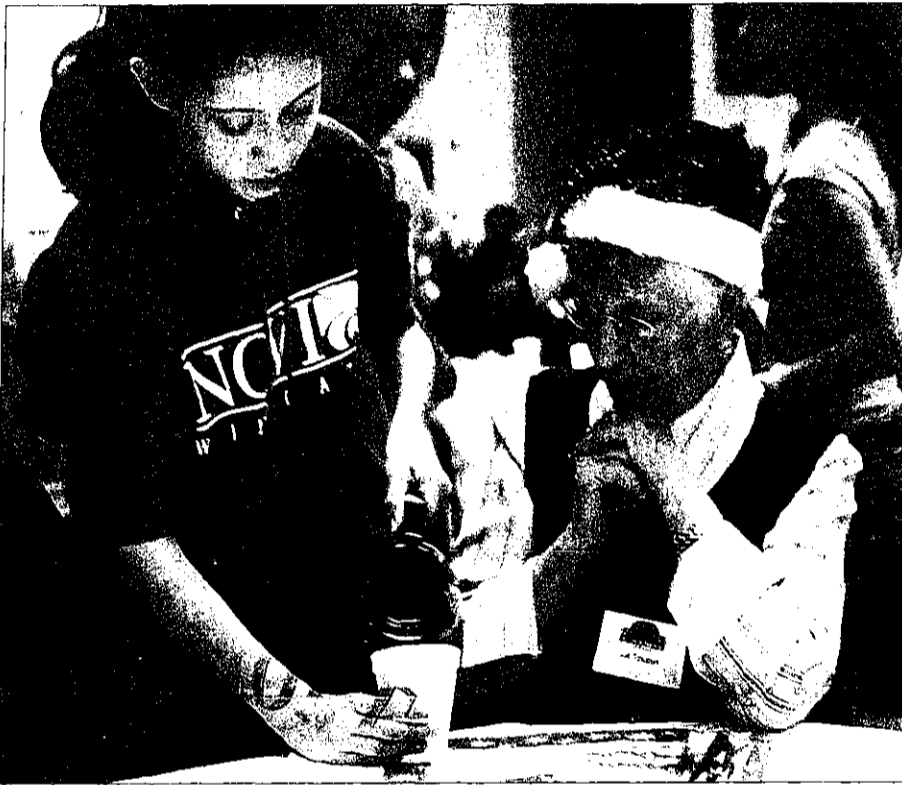
A quartet of Nov1 Middle School young ladies sing Christmas carols at the holiday party.

Seniors take in sights and sounds of winter

Rotarians and students provide food, music and fun

By Kim Kovelle
STAFF WRITER

When hands shot up, he added with a grin, "Don't tie to me."
After a repertoire of Christmas tunes by the 98-piece band and 100-person choir, Santa greeted old chums, handing out small candy canes.
"You look familiar," he told one senior. "How are you this year?"
A lunch of turkey, mashed potatoes, Jell-O salad and more came next. Sponsor Providence Hospital covered all meal expenses.
O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home, Standard Federal and Red Carpet Keem also pitched in.
From a serenading, table-to-table quartet to coffee panners, 40 students were on the scene.
Lyndsey Thompson, 13, student council vice president, said prep work took many hours.
"We have to give up some of our class time and make up some of the work," she said. "It's worth it."
Topped in a sparkly red cap, Virginia Kleiner was there with husband Norman, who'd been injured in a fall Nov. 7.
"This is our first day out other than going to therapy," Kleiner said. "We haven't missed one in many years."
Given by Rotarians, gift bags with mugs, hand lotion, lip balm and hot chocolate came next.
Seniors also received small gift boxes made of Christmas cards from students. Candy was inside.
Barrons said this year's event was the best attended yet.
Nov1 Middle School counselor and student council moderator Dong Cline said seniors and students benefited.
"I think (it's) the goodwill, that opportunity to share of themselves with the seniors," he said. "The seniors really respond. It's a two-way gift."
"It teaches kids a lot. They've never missed a year."
After seniors arrived on five buses, with a dozen wheelchairs waiting, they settled in the auditorium for an 11 a.m. show.
Orchestra conductor Gordon Setzer encouraged the audience to sing along with song sheets.
"How many of you have been here for 30 years?" he asked, referring mostly to the event's



Above, Nov1 Middle School seventh grader Ashleigh Bowne, left, pours a beverage for senior Liz Toupin.

Right, the Nov1 Middle School Choir entertained the seniors with a variety of Christmas songs.

Photos by John Heider & Cal Stone



Santa greets a senior at last Thursday's Nov1 Rotary Christmas party at Nov1 Middle School.



Ruth Weber smiles broadly as she listens to her granddaughter Claire sings Christmas carols.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Friday 12/10	10 a.m.	Asian Pacific	
8:45 a.m.	noon	Lunch	
10 a.m.-noon	12:30 p.m.	Bingo	
noon	12:30 p.m.	Focus Hope/TPAP distribution	
Monday 12/13	9 a.m.	Stretch & Strength	
10 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	Goodie Lady	
noon	12:30 p.m.	Pinocchio	
12:30 p.m.	1 p.m.-3 p.m.	Tea-Harp performed by Catherine Oberman, and Santa will stop by	
6:30 p.m.		Clogging*	
Tuesday 12/14	9 a.m.	10 a.m.	Asian Pacific
9:30 a.m.		Line Dance	
Wednesday 12/15	9 a.m.	Stretch & Strength	
9 a.m.-1 p.m.	10 a.m.	Body Recall	
10:30 a.m.	11 a.m.	TOPS Class	
12:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	Senior Stars Rehearsal	
1:30 p.m.	2-4 p.m.	Estate Planning by Appointment	
Thursday 12/16	9 a.m.	Line Dance*	
noon	12:15 p.m.	Bridge	
1-2 p.m.		Line Dance CANCELLED	

Activities designated with an "*" will be held at the Novi Civic Center. The Senior Center is located at 25075 Meadowbrook. Call (248) 347-0414.

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Scoreboard
The Novi Wildcats hockey team had the task of taking on the Howell Highlanders in some early-season Kensington Valley Conference action last week. Find out just how they did against one of the tougher teams in the league.

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Schedules
Just when and where does your favorite Novi High School varsity team play next? Check out our complete listing in this week's edition.

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Regional Marketplace
At Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic, Dr. Barb Scheffler administers a glaucoma screening for a feline patient held by Dr. Xuan Mai Vo.

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Novi seniors Anthony Harbin, left, and Mark Moore will be expected to lead their team this season into what the team hopes to be a Kensington Valley Conference title season.

Photo by SAM EGGLESTON

Harbin, Moore expect to lead Novi as two of the top players in the KVC

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

What does it take to be the best?

Skill. Determination. Oh yeah, it doesn't hurt to have a little attitude either.

Novi senior Anthony Harbin isn't lacking in any of the listed prerequisites. Neither is senior Mark Moore. Together, they intend to lead Novi's basketball team to the top spot in the Kensington Valley Conference and beyond.

"It's going to take a lot of teamwork and great defense," said Harbin. "That's what we're going to have to use when we win the KVC this year."

The team goal, laid out on the table for all to see. A Kensington Valley Conference title. There are teams that will have a little bit to say about that though — like Brighton, Pinckney and South Lyon.

But Harbin and Moore don't mind. Neither does Pat Schluter, the team's head coach. He knows he'll have to rely on his two senior returners if he hopes to get some wins this year.

Leadership

"Basically they're the only two players with any real experience on this team," Schluter said. "We're going to depend on them to be leaders for us. They have to motivate the team. They have to score. They have to step up and be the seniors I know they are."

The duo is well aware of their roles on the team.

"We'll do whatever it takes," Harbin said, of motivating the team. "We'll talk with them. We'll get things going again."

Moore agreed, but added that he and Harbin aren't terribly worried about their squad and the motivation factor driving them.

"This is a good group of basketball players," said Moore. "We're confident in them."

Plus the two seniors have a pair of captains that join them this year in the leadership role. Seniors Kyle Safford and Jordan Pustover will be asked to step up and lead when needed too.

"Jordan is hurt right now, but he's coming back," Schluter said. "Kyle is an outstanding athlete that we expect to contribute to this team."

Number one

Harbin and Moore aren't lack-



Pat Schluter

ing in the ways of skill. Harbin was a first-team All-Conference selection last year and a member of the HomeTown Newspaper's All-Area team. Moore was honorable mention All-KVC.

Both players are expected to be first-team players this year.

"Number one," Harbin stated of his position among the best KVC players this year. And where does he see Moore? "Number two."

Harbin's confidence comes off as cockiness to some, but he just shakes his head when the word is brought up.

"It's only cocky if you can't back it up," he said. "When you

can, it's called being confident."

Work to be done

The Wildcats aren't shying away from the fact that they have a lot of work to do. It's early in the season and Schluter lost his top players, yet again, to graduation. It's a reoccurring problem for Schluter, who seems to have some of the best seniors around year after year.

"I depend on my seniors," he said. "That's why I'm depending on all four of my seniors this year. All four of them are my captains and I expect them to lead this team."

It's an expectation he always has. It's also one he expects his seniors to live up to once again. "This is a good group of seniors," he said. "I have no doubt they'll do what we need them to do."

Razzle and dazzle

Harbin and Moore bring everything to the table that is needed to be number one. They're skilled. They're determined and they've got plenty of attitude.

Novi isn't about flashy basketball. They go out and they work hard.

"We're not the most talented

athletes in basketball compared to Detroit schools and teams like that," Moore said. "But, we work hard. We just keep playing the best we can."

That doesn't mean Novi doesn't have a few tricks up their sleeves to incite the crowd. Harbin has been known to take the ball up with two hands and dunk it to the delight of the Wildcat fans.

And the fans are important to the Wildcats. Moore and Harbin both agreed that it helps to have a strong base of support when taking on the top teams around.

"We love having the fans," Moore said. "They're very important to our team. We hope to get as many as we can to each game."

In order to keep the fans coming, Novi will have to do two things — they'll have to be competitive and they'll have to keep the fans interested.

Any dunks planned for this year? "Yeah," Harbin said. "At least one a game."

That's sounds like plenty to keep the fans in the stands for the entire year. Of course, some big wins wouldn't hurt either.

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Quick Hits

Ready to rumble?

Novi's eager Northville's ready to roll.

Yet another battle of the Baseline this week. This time it's in wrestling and it's scheduled to take place at 5:30 p.m. at Novi High today.

Want to know who else is playing? Well, check out this week's edition for a full schedule for all the sports.



Red Wing signing

Though the NHL is stopping all the hockey fans from getting their fill of games, Novi resident and Detroit Red Wings goalie Manny Legace is more than happy to let the fans get their fill of his autograph.

The goalie will sign autographs Saturday for fans at Play It Again Sports in Novi, located on the corner of Novi Road and 10 Mile in the Pine Ridge Center. The signing will take place from 5-8 p.m.

Fans can also enter to win a free Red Wings jersey, a signed Sherwood Goalie stick, Easton hockey apparel and other prizes.

According to a store advertisement, a purchase of \$40 or more on that day will equal a free autograph from the Red Wing. The regular autograph fee is \$5 for those looking to get Legace's signature and nothing else.

Don't hesitate to come see the Red Wing because it's his last scheduled appearance before heading to Russia to play some hockey at the professional level. He has said he will return to Detroit if and when the NHL season comes out of its lockout.

For more information on the signing, please call Play It Again Sports at (248) 449-4544.

One heck of a catch

Did anyone wonder why the football team had such great stats this year?

Well, it's from the effort of Willy Mena, a Novi resident who turned the statistics team into a high tech crew at Novi this season. Mena has the experience to do it though — he's one of the statisticians for the Detroit Lions.

The thing about a guy like Mena is he's always willing to share. At the Lions game Sunday he told sports writer Sam Eggleston to let the Northville football staff know he'd be willing to train a stat crew for them too.

Maybe Novi football coach Tab Kellepourey could share too — his play book.

Christmas wishes

Sports writer Sam Eggleston isn't afraid to list the things he'd like for Christmas.

First, he'd like a new car. Anyone who has seen his beater knows why.

Second, he'd like world peace. It doesn't hurt to ask, right?

Third, the well-fed sports writer would like to see a state championship team from Novi this year. It doesn't necessarily have to be in the winter, but a state championship would be nice.

We don't know if Santa Claus can dunk or not, but if he can help out in the state title hunt in any way it would be a big plus.

Story Ideas?

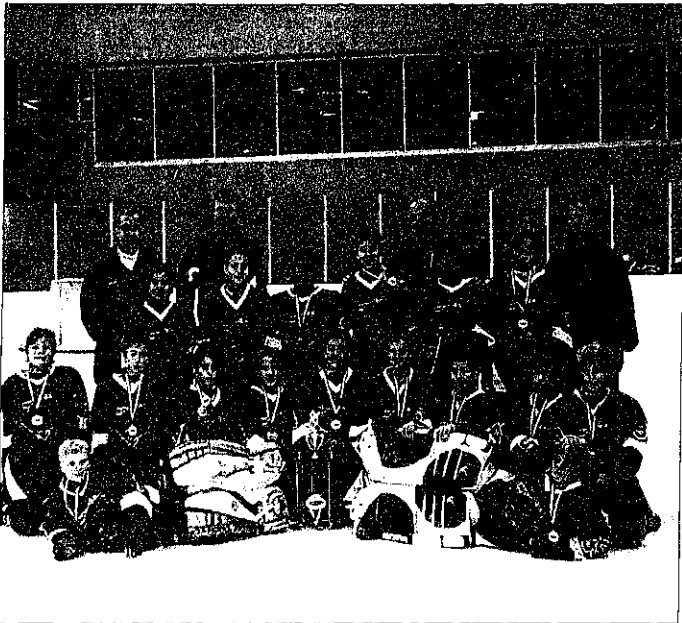
Know of someone who has beat incredible odds to keep playing sports? A heart warming story?

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To submit your idea, e-mail the sports department at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.

"It's only cocky if you can't back it up. When you can, it's called being confident."

Anthony Harbin
Novi senior basketball player



The Novi Ice Cats are playing some impressive hockey lately. Pictured from bottom (left to right are): Johnny Damrath, Kevin Lidstrom, Ben Bloom, Brandon Ramsay, Ryan Kobylarek, Travis Trainor, Patrick Luther, Matt Evasic, Trevor Roberts, Garrett Paquette, Jacob Hole, Mitchell Ghannam, Derek Engebretson, Unsh Thakore, Justin Fishback, Nicky Pandya, Dylan Shepard, and coaches Joe Luther, Nick Lidstrom, Mark Evasic and John (JD) Damrath.

Ice Cats make noise in tourney

The Novi Ice Cats AAA travel hockey team went to the Aremomps.com hockey tournament in Kalamazoo this weekend and made quite an impact. After playing teams from Toledo, Woodhatch and Traverse City, they advanced to the final game against the Dearborn Prowlers, one of last year's State Championship semi-finalists. With 47 seconds left in regulation time Novi tied the game at 2-2 and went to overtime. After 3 minutes of sudden death overtime Novi scored...

SPORTS SHORTS

Wolpack recruiting
The 2005 Western Wayne Wolpack of Northville AAU girls basketball team will be holding tryouts soon. Tryouts for the 11s will be Dec. 12 from 3-4:30 p.m. at Northville High School and Dec. 15 from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Senior Community Center. Tryouts for 13s will be Dec. 8 at 4:30-6 p.m. at the Senior Center and Dec. 12 from 1:30-3 p.m. at Northville HS. For 14, 15 and 16s, the tryouts will be Dec. 12 at noon-1:30 p.m. at Northville HS. For more information or questions regarding the tryouts, please contact Jeanne Holmes at (248) 347-6425.



Knights charge to victory
The Livonia Knights Midget "A" Hockey Team went undefeated enroute to winning the Spartan Invitational Hockey Tournament. It was held over Thanksgiving weekend in East Lansing with the games being played at the Munn Ice Arena and at Suburban Ice. The Knights defeated the Troy Sting (4-1) on Friday night, followed by victories Saturday evening over the Marquette Iron Rangers (4-2) and the host Grosse Pointe Spartans (3-1) to advance to the finals. The Knights then again beat the Troy Sting (2-1) in the Championship Game on Sunday at the Munn Ice Arena. The head coach of the Knights is Chris Greco. Kevin Kent and Jim Byrne assist him. The manager is Joann Felwick. Members of the Knights are: Vince Byrne, Will Danko, Jason Fellwock, Steve Greco, Adam Hayden, Mike Jahn, Nick Kent, Adam Kwiatkowski, Andy LaBerger, Drew MacEachern, David Muller, Bryon Niemczak, Tony Ross, Steve Soave, Kyle Stansik, Ryan Timar, David Wurst and Steven Yackley.

'Cats top Howell

The Novi Wildcats hockey team knew they were going to have their hands full when they took on the Howell Highlanders in Kensington Valley Conference action last week. They were right. The 'Cats, led by coach Dan Phlips, earned a 2-1 win over their foes from Howell. The Wildcats found themselves trailing 1-0 after the Highlanders matched a score just 25 seconds into the second period of play following a scoreless first period. Novi rebounded though, firing back just minutes later as Ryan Fox found his way back to the net on a power-play goal to knot the game at 1-1. Steve Rousseau and RJ Makoski were credited with the assists on the play. While both teams had their opportunities throughout the remainder of the period, neither could get past the goalie until the third. Brett Jausi scored the go-ahead goal to win the game with 16:47 on the clock in the third for the 2-1 lead. The goal was scored with Howell skating with a man advantage. Justin Riccio earned the victory in the net for the Wildcats, who are now 2-2-1 overall and 2-0 in the KVC.



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2004 Novi High School Sports Schedule

BASKETBALL schedule table with columns for Date, Time, Location, and Opponent.

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"Hunter's Trophy Case" Spotlight your "PRIZE" in this photo showcase. The Hunt Is On! Includes contact info for Hunters Service and a coupon for a photo processing fee.

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Novi News

Thursday, December 9, 2004

Watch out for fee-loaded gift cards

Over 133 million consumers nationwide "shopped off" Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 26 — "Black Friday" — the day retailers hoped to see the ink in their ledgers change from red to black. Shoppers spent about \$22.8 billion on toys, electronics and apparel, just a fraction of the \$220 billion the National Retail Federation (NRF) predicts that consumers will spend this holiday season.



Mary Davis

A popular item that's topping gift lists is the gift card. According to the NRF's Gift Card Survey, conducted by BIGresearch, the average consumer will spend \$80.45 on gift cards this year, 11.5 percent of their holiday budget.

While gift cards can be the easy solution to the oft-faced dilemma of shopping for someone who is difficult to buy for, they're not without their drawbacks. When selecting a gift card, you'll want to read the terms and conditions of the gift card program, paying close attention to expiration dates and fee structures.

Specific or general purpose? There are two kinds of gift cards: retailer-specific gift cards and general purpose gift cards. A retailer-specific card, like it sounds, can only be used to purchase merchandise or services sold at the store or through the store's Web site.

A general purpose gift card, such as a VISA, MasterCard or American Express gift card issued from a bank or credit union, can be used almost anywhere the card is accepted. (Exceptions can include online and phone airline ticket purchases.) The downside to general-purpose gift cards is that they can come loaded with fees — account maintenance fees, balance inquiry fees and replacement card fees.

Expiration dates

Find out if the gift card comes with an expiration date. With some cards, once the expiration date has passed, you won't be able to use it regardless of how much money is still left on the card. With other gift card programs, you'll be sent a new card with your remaining balance, but the fees associated with replacement cards can be as high as \$10.

Service fees

Some companies will charge a monthly service or "inactivity" fee if a balance remains on the card after a certain period of time. The fee is applied until the card is used, or there is no balance left on the card. Anyone receiving the card should immediately check for service fees. An unused \$25 gift card can be whittled down to next to nothing in a matter of months.

Lost or stolen cards

You'll want to keep your original purchase receipt in case your recipient loses his/her gift card. Some retailers encourage gift card recipients to register their card through the store's Web site, which enables them to check their balance and order a new card in the event they lose their original card. Beware of replacement card fees. They can run anywhere from a couple of bucks to as much as \$10.

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Advertorial



Photo by Duane Ramsey

At Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic, Dr. Barb Scheffler administers a glaucoma screening for a feline patient held by Dr. Xuan Mai Vo.

Hidden Spring helps families care for pets

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

For 30 years, the Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic has provided the best care and medical treatment for cats, dogs, other small animals and some exotic pets from the same rural location in Northville. The veterinary clinic has a fine reputation in the community and is highly regarded by many local residents.

Dr. Carol Geake, who founded the veterinary practice, still owns the local business. Although she does not practice any longer, she keeps in touch with the practice located on the property where she lives.

The veterinary clinic has grown from the small practice founded in 1970 by Dr. Geake to a flourishing business with a staff of more than 20 employees. The daily operation of the practice is managed by Janet Talbot who joined the business in 1991.

The practice has four qualified veterinarians who provide the best care and treatment for the animal patients, including Doctors Kim Berrie, Cynthia Eichman, Barb Scheffler and Xuan Mai Vo. Dr. Berrie is currently on maternity leave but is due back in January.

"Today, most people view their pets as members of their family and are more attuned to

their pet's health needs due to that special bond with them," said Danielle Schreckengost, assistant manager of the Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic. "We try to help educate people about taking care of their pets so they can find any problems sooner."

To achieve those goals with pets and pet owners, Hidden Spring has developed a Senior Pet Program and has provided some precautions for pet owners to take during the Christmas holiday and winter seasons.

The new Senior Pet Program, developed for cats and dogs over the age of seven, includes recommendations for twice yearly exams, an annual blood screening, dental care guidelines and a nutritional consultation. People can learn more about this program by checking it out at the practice's Web site at www.hidden-springvet.com.

The staff at Hidden Spring wants to remind pet owners about some precautions to take during the holiday and winter seasons to keep their pets safe. More than 60 percent of pet owners include their cats and dogs in holiday festivities, according to the American Animal Hospital Association.

Unfortunately, thousands of pets will suffer a holiday-related accident or illness this season. Hidden Spring's staff offers the following potentially dangerous items that pet owners should be aware of during the holidays.

- Christmas tree lights and electrical cords can cause fatal shocks and/or burns to pets that chew on them.
- Loose cords can lead to choking hazards for pets or can allow pets to pull over the tree or other decorations.
- Decorative plants such as holly, mistletoe and poinsettia are toxic to pets
- Holiday foods such as choco-

late, nuts, alcohol, and spicy sauces can be toxic and cause gastrointestinal problems.

- Bones and plastic food wrap can cause choking or obstruct a pet's digestive system.

- Tinsel, ribbons and some wrapping paper can also lead to choking or digestive obstruction.
- Keep pets away from candles, fireplaces and any other open flames that are potential burn and fire hazards.

- Be cautious about dressing pets in holiday-related costumes. Different seasons bring different concerns for all pets. The cold weather air, dampness and other challenges complicate life for many different species of animals.

Don't leave pets outside for long periods of time in cold weather. When animals are kept outside during all seasons, extra care needs to be taken such as making sure pets have adequate shelter to help keep them warm.

Groom pets regularly and make sure they are completely dry before they go outside. Use a towel or blow dryer on low setting to dry off pets that are damp or wet. Pet birds should never be exposed to drastic drops in temperature.

The ears, feet and tail of all animals should be checked upon coming in from outside. Preventive care should be taken to prevent frostbite on pets as well as people.

Since it takes more energy in the winter to keep an animal's body temperature regulated, it is necessary to increase the calories or food quantity for pets. This practice is important for pets that are very active or that remain outside during the cold weather.

Provide plenty of fresh water for your pets and check the water supply, especially to prevent the pet's water outside from freezing. Dehydration can be a prob-

HIDDEN SPRING VETERINARY CLINIC

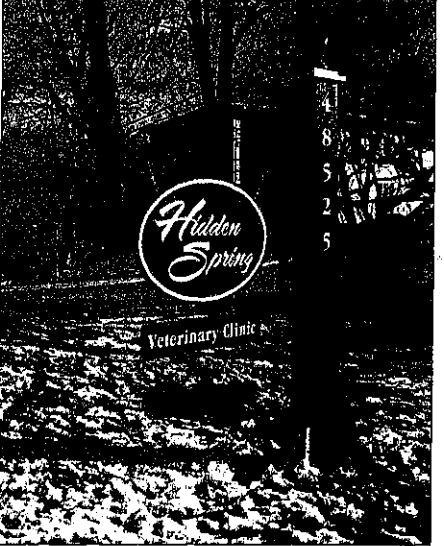
Location: 48525 West Eight Mile Road, just west of Beck Road in Northville

Phone: (248) 349-2598

Web: www.hidden-springvet.com

Fall-Winter Hours:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Saturday, 9 a.m. – Noon



Look for this new sign for Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic on the south side of Eight Mile Road, just west of Beck Road in Northville.

lem for pets during winter and snow is not a substitute for fresh water.

Don't keep pets exposed in the back of a pick-up truck or even inside a car alone with the engine running. Wind chill can quickly freeze your pet and carbon monoxide can kill a pet quicker than it will affect humans.

Hidden Spring offers a variety of services on a year-round basis, including x-ray, ultrasound, surgery, laboratory testing, micro-chipping for identification, behavioral counseling, internal and external parasite control, dentistry, and wellness programs. More information is available on the practice's web site, www.hidden-springvet.com, from which they have received new clients.

If unable to provide the appropriate care or treatment, the vets will provide referrals to specialists when such care is needed. Pet owners are fortunate to have access to other services in the local area such as 24-hour emergency service, neurology, cardiology, orthopedics, ophthalmology, oncology and dermatology.

Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic

Our focus: Preventive Healthcare For the Pets You Love, Delivered in a Friendly Setting

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