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Linda Erwin walks among the pear trees of the Erwin family's former orchard at corner of 10 Mile and Novi Road. The Erwins ran a produce stand and farm market at the intersection for years and harvested the orchard until about 1969. The orchard is now slated for development in Novi.
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Main Street project debated

Liability of city, DDA questioned by group

By Pam Fleming
 STAFF WRITER

There's one thing for sure about the newly-proposed MainStreet Novi project: It's not a sure thing.
 Members of city council's Main Street Committee met with Dave and Pierre Nona of Triangle Development to discuss the brothers' plans for Main Street Novi on April 13, with many mixed feelings about the project expressed by committee members.

DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE

Dave and Pierre Nona of Triangle Development in Farmington Hills have been invited to the June 6 city council meeting so council members can further discuss the developers' plans for Main Street Novi. City council meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are televised live on cable Channel 13.

The Farmington Hills developers want to construct a \$120-million-dollar project east of the Grand River Avenue/Novi Road intersection at Main and Market streets.

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Developer says DDA captures only increase in taxes

By Pam Fleming
 STAFF WRITER

Dave Nona of Triangle Development, said the April 13 meeting between the Farmington Hills developers and members of city council's Main Street Committee was a success.

"We thought that the meeting went very well. The plan was very well received. Everybody likes the plan, but there are some concerns about the DDA," referring to the plan's proposed Downtown

Development Authority.
 "I think there's a misunderstanding about what a DDA entails," Nona said. "I think there is some concern that a DDA is a reflection of a deteriorating area."

"We think this is a misconception. It's a nice tool that a lot of towns have. Troy has one, and it's certainly not a deteriorating area. Rochester Hills also has one," Nona said.

"It's just a mechanism to help communities to revitalize."

Nona said he will bring in consultants working on the proposal to the June 6 city council meeting, when Triangle Development will be placed on the agenda.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Members of the Novi Concert Band prepare for their upcoming concert band series presentation on Sunday May 1. From left are Daniel Hämmälä, Ron Salow, Norma Daniel, Dick Cywinski and Cam Kureth.

Jazz, Broadway, opera brought to life

Novi Concert Band's 32nd show is Sunday

By Kim Kovellev
 STAFF WRITER

Rumors of a new concert band caught Ron Salow's ear when he first moved to Novi.

Nearly 32 years later, he's still tuning up his bass clarinet with the Novi Concert Band.

"I guess the word just sort of got around," chuckled Salow, 77. "Of course, there were no bands back in those days in Novi. I'm sort of the pioneer."

Now 50-strong, instrumentalists carry on the tradition this Sunday in the group's annual Novi Concert Series.

Still donning dark suits and crisp white blouses, performers will bring to life show tunes and opera classics — all free of charge.

"Try to bring in a variety," said Jack Kopnick, director of 13 years. "The general musicianship is high. They work to put on an excellent program."

This year's variety features Broadway tunes from Phantom of the Opera, Fiddler on the Roof and West Side Story.

Operatic spice includes Giuseppe Verdi's Aida and Giacomo Puccini's Nessun

Dorma, among others.
 Behind the woodwinds are a diverse group ranging in age from 20s-80s, Kopnick said, and hailing region-wide.

A soprano clarinetist since seventh grade, Norma Daniel of Wixom joined about a decade ago.

"You needn't stop your musical career, so to speak, just because you're out of school," she said. "After you've known them for a while, you feel like they're maybe comrades."

Toting her Le Blanc instrument, Daniel, 74, said classical music is a favorite.

For Salow, a retired music

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NOVI CONCERT SERIES

- What: The Novi Concert Band, a 50-piece woodwind ensemble, plays Broadway, jazz, opera and pop tunes in its annual spring concert
- When: 7:30-9 p.m., Sunday, May 1
- Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, just east of Taft Road
- Cost: free to public; refreshments included
- Details: www.novicconcert-band.com

Golf outing set for parks

Foundation event Aug. 4

By Pam Fleming
 STAFF WRITER

Dust off your golf clubs and check those grips.

The first Novi Parks Foundation Golf Outing will take place at 10 a.m. Aug. 4 at Links of Novi, according to Parks Foundation charter member Dave Staudt.

Links of Novi is located at 50395 10 Mile Road.

West Bloomfield-based Singh Development, who owns the property where Links of Novi sits, will serve as the primary sponsor of the fund-raiser. This is the last season the course will be open. Singh will begin developing a 439-home subdivision, Legacy Parc, on the site in 2006.

"They are making a very significant contribution. Basically, all of the dollars that we take in we'll be able to put toward the foundation," Staudt said.

The \$100-per-person fee will include an 18-hole scramble, cart, lunch, dinner, door prizes and possibly a silent auction. Organizers hope to attract 200 golfers to the event.

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Murder suspect in court

Man charged with first-degree murder in 2003 execution slaying

By Pam Fleming
 STAFF WRITER

A 2003 homicide in Novi may have been solved this week when Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca announced Tuesday the issuance of a warrant in a bizarre case involving a State Farm

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Bridge closing raises safety concerns

Police urge motorists to use major surface streets

By Pam Fleming
 STAFF WRITER

Meadowbrook Bridge on Meadowbrook Road between Nine Mile and 10 Mile roads has been closed since midnight April 5.

The closure of this major north-south route in Novi has caused many motorists to cut through the nearby subdivisions rather than using the designated detours, such as Haggerty, Novi or Taft roads.

To alleviate this problem, which many residents feel has become a public safety issue with vehicles speeding through their neighborhoods, the city of Novi



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi police and officers like Lou Bigliardi are trying to keep motorists from speeding down and cutting through Chattman Street during the reconstruction of the nearby Meadowbrook Road bridge.

has placed "Local Traffic Only" signs at the entrances to several subdivisions in the area of the bridge.

The city or the police can't close a public street or write citations for motorists for just driving down the street. But, the

police can pull people over for exceeding the 25 mph speed limit in the neighborhoods.

Novi Sgt. Pat Fanning said motorists should not use the neighborhoods as a cut-through but instead use major surface streets.

"It's not illegal but it is strongly discouraged due to the increased volume of traffic, which certainly has a negative impact on the neighborhood roads," he said.

At the April 16 budget meeting in council chambers, two residents from subdivisions affected by the increased traffic asked city council members if the city could adopt a temporary ordinance that would prohibit all vehicular traffic except residents of the neighborhoods.

So, police can't issue a ticket to a motorist just driving through, but, "We are strictly enforcing all applicable traffic laws," Fanning said.

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Farming fruit was a family affair



Linda Erwin walks among the pear trees of the Erwin family's former orchard at corner of 10 Mile and Novi roads. The Erwins ran a produce stand and farm market at the intersection for years and harvested the orchard until about 1969. The orchard is now slated for development in Novi.

Erwins' farm, market once were Novi staples

By Kim Kovelie STAFF WRITER

When Barb Brunett moved to Novi 34 years ago, she told people she lived just down the road from the Erwin Farms.

She was surprised by the usual reply: "Oh, I know where that is."

"Obviously, it was a draw," Brunett said. "It was a real landmark store. I used to go there quite a bit."

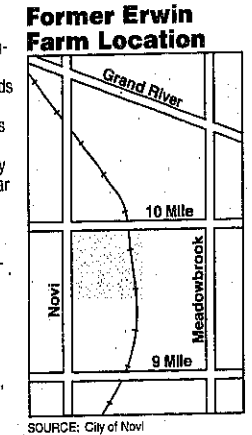
Today, Walgreens has replaced the grocery shop at the southeast corner of Novi and 10 Mile roads. Scraggly pear trees just beyond are sole remnants of the Erwin family's 133-acre fruit farm.

But relatives, who still run orchards in Lyon Township, say the farm had a solid 85-year life.

"There's been only one year in all those 85 years that we didn't have enough of a crop to make a profit," said Edward Erwin, 80. "That's a pretty amazing thing."

Erwin Farms

- 1884: William and Augusta Erwin receive 133 acres at southeast corner of Novi and Ten Mile roads as a wedding present.
- circa 1921: Farm is sold the Morris family, then passes hands to Charles Gow.
- 1936: In the midst of the Great Depression, Gow tells Erwin he can't pay property taxes.
- 1937: The Erwin's son, James Erwin, buys back the property and starts expanding a fruit farm with apple, sour cherry and pear orchards.
- 1948: James Erwin's sons, J.W. and Edward, become business partners and land owners; stepson Robert helps later.
- circa 1948: cold apple storage facility is built at the intersection's corner.
- 1953: James Erwin buys a 240-acre fruit farm in Lyon Township.
- 1956: extra rooms are added to the Novi storage building, which becomes Erwin Farms market.
- late 1950s: Keeping the market, James Erwin sells the farm, which the family still works.
- 1969: Erwin Farms orchards are closed.
- 1963: remaining property is split between J.W., who gets the store, and Edward.
- circa 1994: Erwin Farms market closed, sold.
- 1998: Novi Ice Arena built on the southern most part of the former farm; Walgreens drug store built on site of former market.
- 2004: Developers propose a Kroger grocery store and strip mall.



Former Erwin Farm Location

In the family

Green, rolling land just west of today's CSX Railroad tracks started off a wedding present.

Edward Erwin said his grandparents, William and Augusta, first farmed in 1884.

After the land switched hands during the Great Depression, Edward's dad James inherited it when an owner couldn't pay taxes.

"He got back the family farm in

Heading local advice, Erwin built a small tan brick storage building in the 1940s. A decade later, it became a bustling market.

Salesman J.W. trained son Bill Erwin the retail trade. Now running the Lyon locale with wife Linda, Bill stocked Macintosh, red delicious and Jonathan apples.

"Every Saturday morning we'd come in at 7 o'clock and we'd start putting apples up," said Bill, 60. "It was my job to keep the

Today, "agri-tainment" is the draw at Erwin Orchards' 191 acres in Lyon Township.

"You Pick" apples, sweet cherries, raspberries and pumpkins attract thousands each year, Bill said, as do a cider mill and haunted house.

Not for long, though: the property is under contract to be sold, likely for subdivisions.

"It's just a matter of a few years," Bill said. "I'm getting old. I'm getting tired. I haven't got anybody to pass it on to."

As for Novi's fallow grounds, the Novi Ice Arena now occupies the south end. Developers last year pitched a Kroger and strip malls for the rest, but that's not yet been approved.

Brunett said a grocery near the site of the former landmark might offer healthy competition.

"By the same token, I hate to lose the orchard," she said. "It's still part of that small town feel — and a little green."


Erwin family members built the apple storage facility in 1948. The market was built in 1956. The Novi Ice Arena was built in 1998. The Kroger market was built in 2004. The Novi Ice Arena was built on the southern most part of the former farm. Walgreens drug store built on site of former market. The retail area was added onto the storage facility in 1956.

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Novi Concert Band's 32nd show is Sunday

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teacher, his first young love was for the trumpet. The music director took over in college, and today, he's the band's long loss chairman.

Over his years, he said he's seen plenty of talent across the spectrum - including fellow student and Irv Kahl, long-time first chair trumpeter who recently passed away.

"He had a good sense of humor and he was very easy to talk to," Kahl said. "We're proud."

Other talents have come to fill the void. He said, and musical director also called out names: John Satalas, Stephen D. Johnson, David M. Johnson, and more.

Set to play in Novi, South Lyon, Milford, and other area communities, the band has nearly doubled in size from its earliest days at Walker Lake Western High



Members of an original Novi Concert Band, circa 1973. Ron Sallow, still with the group, is the second clarinetist from left, first row. Irv Kahl, who recently died, was the solo mtrumpeter. Guy Smith, the band's founder, directed.

School.

Now based on the Novi Center campus, the players continue to invest many practice hours and perform in high

Man charged with first-degree murder in 2003 execution slaying

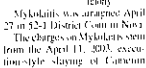
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justice policy and prosecu- tions.

Kevin Mykolaitis, 34, of Farmington Hills, has been charged with first-degree premeditated murder, felon in the possession of a firearm and two counts of possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

Mykolaitis was arraigned April 27 in 52-D District Court in Novi.

The charges in Mykolaitis stem from the April 11, 2003, execution-style slaying of Carmon



K. Mykolaitis

Sanders, 26, of Novi. A passerby found Sanders' body in a wooded area north of 15th, south of Truette-Hall Mall.

Following a two-year-long investigation, Novi police arrested that Sanders and Mykolaitis, who met as roommates, but both were involved in a series of thefts and insurance claims leading up to the murder.

In 2002, they incorporated an allegedly bogus business, first Extravise Partnerships, according to police reports. In February 2003, they each took out a \$60,000 life insurance policy, naming each other as beneficiaries.

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Foundation event Aug. 4 to benefit parks

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Tom Holzer Ford owners have committed to contribute a Mustang GT in any color that makes a hole-in-one on a special hole, Brian Burke, sales manager at Tom Holzer Ford, a member of the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission and the event's organizing committee.

These sponsors and donations of door prizes and other giveaways are needed now, as well as participants and volunteers for the fund-raiser.

"We're seeking additional people to work on the committee for the outing," Smith said. "This is a great opportunity to find the foundation and make it as a started off on a footing where we can make some contributions immediately for parks and recreation this year."

He noted that a portion of the proceeds from the event will be placed in an endowment for parks and recreation this year.

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TEE TIME

The first-ever Novi Parks Foundation Golf Outing will be a shotgun start at 10 a.m. on Aug. 4 at the Links of Novi, 51028 W. 10 Mile Road. To become a hole sponsor, donate merchandise or sign up as a volunteer, call (688) 288-1199, e-mail Novi Parks Foundation member Dave Stroud at noviparks@devi-stroud.com or mail a tax deductible donation to the Novi Parks Foundation, 23715 Niran Drive, Novi, MI 48375.

He added that the parkland subject to the development is an important element in the Legacy Park development and to the city of Novi.

Kahn said contributing to the Novi Parks Foundation outing is a win-win for Smith and Novi.

"In order to get the city jump started in creating a foundation that would benefit all of the city's parks, not just this one, we felt it was part of our civic duty to help get that going. Since they were so supportive of us during our process, we wanted to give something back to the city," Kahn said.

For more information about the golf outing, call the Novi Parks Foundation at (888) 288-1199, e-mail Stroud at noviparks@devi-stroud.com or mail a tax deductible donation to the Novi Parks Foundation, 23715 Niran Drive, Novi, MI 48375.

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Developer says DDA captures only increase in taxes

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The way the DDA would work, according to Novis, is that the authority would only be able to capture tax dollars from the increase in property tax above and beyond what is collected now.

"The DDA cannot capture the existing property tax," he said. "It can only capture the increase in property tax as a result of new development, new additions, new development. We think it would be best for the city to go the route of the DDA and expand it beyond the area."

Novis said he has difficulty understanding why some city council members are opposed to the idea of a DDA.

"The proposal is to have 75 percent of property taxes from new development go to the DDA with 25 percent going to the city."

Novis said he has already been approached by several business owners who want to build a suburban office building, residential development and a dealership in the area.

"We can always just parcel the land out without any coordination. But, we're maintaining that by doing that, I don't think we're going to get a downtown for Novi," Dave Novis, Triangle Development

Triangle's plan is in place for any buildings with retail on first floor, commercial and residential on other floors. The Novis said two parking decks are an important component of the project because they would encourage redevelopment of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

"They feel if you don't have parking decks, you're not going to have a downtown feel," Landry said. The parking decks would eventually be owned by the city.

Nagy said she received a study on DDAs and that property taxes would increase to residents in and around the tax increment financing areas.

"This is a very nice concept, but I think we need to spend more time on how the finances would affect the city. I do have a concern with William Beaumont doctors coming into town when we're working on Providence," she said.

She is also worried about the fact that the DDA would have a board whose members do not report to city residents. "I don't know if I want to give control of a large tax base to an un-elected board," Nagy said.

Paul was concerned about the safety of people using the parking structures as well as the city's liability.

"The insurance cost to accept this as a liability is huge," Paul said. "It's a very attractive project, but the project will create a downtown Novi."

"I'm on the record as saying Novi doesn't have a downtown and it will never have a downtown," Galt said.

Moyle Lou Corvick wasn't sold on the idea of a DDA for the area. "It's a very attractive project, but I'm not convinced whether a DDA is good for the city of Novi," Corvick said. "DDAs seem to be in cities that are on a downturn. I don't think that's Novi. I do like the cooperation, however, between the city and businesses."

"We can always just parcel the land out without any coordination. But, we're maintaining that by doing that, I don't think we're going to get a downtown for Novi."

Triangle Development

Liability of city of Novi, DDA questioned by suitors

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The project would take six-eight years to complete. Members of the committee include Mayor Pio Tom David Landry, Tom Nagy, Lymie Platt and Kim Casullo.

Committee members first wanted to know more about the background of the developers.

Triangle is a family-owned business that the Novis family has operated since 1984.

Committee members asked if Triangle Development had ever worked with a Downtown Development Authority before, since one is proposed with this project. The Novis have not dealt with a DDA before.

Triangle's plan is in place for any buildings with retail on first floor, commercial and residential on other floors. The Novis said two parking decks are an important component of the project because they would encourage redevelopment of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

"They feel if you don't have parking decks, you're not going to have a downtown feel," Landry said. The parking decks would eventually be owned by the city.

Nagy said she received a study on DDAs and that property taxes would increase to residents in and around the tax increment financing areas.

"This is a very nice concept, but I think we need to spend more time on how the finances would affect the city. I do have a concern with William Beaumont doctors coming into town when we're working on Providence," she said.

She is also worried about the fact that the DDA would have a board whose members do not report to city residents. "I don't know if I want to give control of a large tax base to an un-elected board," Nagy said.

Paul was concerned about the safety of people using the parking structures as well as the city's liability.

"The insurance cost to accept this as a liability is huge," Paul said. "It's a very attractive project, but the project will create a downtown Novi."

"I'm on the record as saying Novi doesn't have a downtown and it will never have a downtown," Galt said.

Moyle Lou Corvick wasn't sold on the idea of a DDA for the area. "It's a very attractive project, but I'm not convinced whether a DDA is good for the city of Novi," Corvick said. "DDAs seem to be in cities that are on a downturn. I don't think that's Novi. I do like the cooperation, however, between the city and businesses."

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Man sentenced to 10 years following drug bust

■ **Codefendant awaits sentencing in Wayne County**

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Alexander Tam, 40, one of two men arrested in March 2004 in Novi with \$4.8 million between the two from an alleged Arizona and Texas-to-Michigan marijuana ring, was sentenced April 18 in Detroit's U.S. District Court to 10 years in prison.

District Judge John Feikens sentenced Tam, 40, of Carleer, Ariz., under a plea arranged by Assistant U.S. Attorney

Terbush. Tam pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute controlled substances.

Tam is currently awaiting his assignment or designation in the federal prison system.

Codefendant Leonard Montalvo, 32, of San Antonio, also pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentencing. Both are judged by the U.S. Marshall Service in the Wayne County Jail in downtown Detroit.

Terbush said the 10-year-sentence for Tam will be followed by a five-year supervised release.

"The federal system got rid of parole. Supervised release is a period of time after they're released from prison where they're under supervision. It's kind of like probation," she said. "It follows actual custody time."

A sentencing date has not been set yet for Montalvo.

Terbush said Tam received the mandatory minimum sentence in exchange for pleading guilty and waiving his right to file pretrial motions.

The grand jury indictment stated that Tam and Montalvo agreed to distribute over a ton of marijuana.

The conspiracy began in or about December 2003 through about March 2004 when the two traveled from Arizona and Texas to assist a drug organization in large quantities of controlled substances in east Michigan, according to the indictment.

The two rented rooms at the Studio Plus Hotel in Novi on or about Feb. 18, 2004, for the purpose of narcotics trafficking activities. The men used these rooms to store equipment used to distribute marijuana, collect and store drug proceeds, the indictment said.

On March 18, 2004, the men had about \$3.4 million in drug proceeds at the hotel that were seized by Novi police.

On or about March 12, Tam rented a house at 861 Allen St. in Northville to be used in drug trafficking. The two men delivered about \$1,392,172 in drug proceeds to this house, thus involving the Northville police, who seized the funds on March 19.

"Tam had just rented the place about a week before," Terbush said. "He hadn't even moved in yet."

The indictment also stated that Tam has a prior conviction for possession of marijuana for sale, a felony drug offense, in 1990.

The two men were found with a .35 caliber and a .32 caliber semi-automatic pistols and ammunition. Montalvo was also charged for having a 9 mm semi-automatic pistol.

The Novi Police Department is pleased with the sentence for Tam and strongly feels that this action will continue to interrupt the distribution of marijuana to metropolitan communities, including Novi, and to southeastern Michigan in general," said David Molloy, deputy chief of police.

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look forward to working with our law enforcement partners on future investigations," Molloy said.

"Chief Shaeffer and I are very proud of the outstanding investigative work that was performed by our Novi police officers and detectives and the agents from the Enforcement Administration."

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■ **Police urge motorists to use major surface streets**

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"Obviously, we're sensitive to the needs and concerns of the residents down there, so we have officers giving the area a lot of extra attention."

Fanning said that it was an unforeseen circumstance that the bridge is out, and that it is causing some headaches for the residents in that area.

"We want to do all we can to minimize and mitigate some of those problems," he added.

Fanning said members of the Novi Police Department and members city government met recently with homeowners in the area and have been in regular contact with residents and some of the homeowner associations, such as Meadowbrook Lake, Willowbrook and Village Oaks, to address some of their concerns.

"Haggerty is a good option for motorists, because you have the ongoing project at 10 Mile and Novi roads," Fanning noted.

Council Member Lynne Paul asked city officials during the April 16 budget meeting if police could place a weight limit on vehicles entering the subdivi-

sions off Meadowbrook Road. "Weight limits really aren't enforced on neighborhood roads," according to Benny McCusker, director, Department of Public Works. "We can't stop delivery trucks from Art Van or Home Depot."

Fanning said, however, that officers are aware of commercial vehicle regulations on neighborhood roads.

Councilman Bob Gatt asked fellow council members if they thought there was a chance that Meadowbrook Road would be widened to three lanes at some point, and if so, should the bridge be widened to three lanes also?

"Why not widen the bridge now to three lanes and be proactive in case we want to widen the road to three lanes at some point?" Gatt said.

"We're not planning on widening the bridge," said Rick Helwig, city manager.

Engineers assessed the bridge on April 22, and city council will have a special meeting at 7 p.m. on May 2 to approve funding for the bridge work in the 2005-2006 budget. The Meadowbrook Road Bridge project will replace the \$500,000 Tait Rehabilitation project from Nine Mile Road to the city limits.

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Guernsey giving namesake cattle to Maybury Farm

Tour offers a chance to name cows, win prizes

By Kim Kovelle
STAFF WRITER



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

April's been a monumental month for a 1,300-pound Guernsey cow from Indiana. Last week, the 3-year-old bovine gave birth to a male calf. Tomorrow, she and her baby will arrive at their new home, Northville's Maybury Farm, a gift from Novi staple Guernsey Farms Dairy.

The cow will complete a new Guernsey family, according to the Northville Community Foundation, which runs the farm. Most animals perished in a 2002 fire.

"There were cows there when it burned," said director Shari Peters. "This is the only animal we needed. We're happy to get it."

In the business' first plant tour in eight years, McGuire and his 13 siblings will all be there, along with their father and company founder, John McGuire, 96.

Raw milk topped from Holstein cows begins its trek from trucks to two jarring tanks that together hold 154,800 pounds.

From there, skim milk and cream are separated. Then, they're homogenized and pasteurized, or blended back together, at high temperatures.

After going through mixing and freezer tanks, ice cream gets special flavors by a fruit and nut feeder and a apple machine for caramel and fruit swirls.

GUERNSEY COW

• What: Guernsey Farms Dairy of Novi is hosting a plant tour to help donate a Guernsey cow to Northville Community Foundation Maybury Farm; live music, clowns, free samples, raffle and "Cutest Kid Eating Guernsey Farms Dairy Ice Cream" all included

• When: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., April 30
• Where: 21300 Novi Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads
• Cost: \$1 donation
• Details: (248) 349-1466, www.guernseyfarmsdairy.com

*See contact photos must be submitted by April 29

To host, donors will be entered in a raffle. Top reward: 52- and one-half gallons of ice cream, 12 jars of hot fudge, 52-and-one-half gallons of milk and a dozen 12-piece chicken dinner buckets.

But the money will go to a bigger cause. "The dollar is used to help feed the cow," Kiville said. "I think everybody's going to want to pay."

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Guernsey Farms Dairy employee Pam Allen-McGuire scoops up some of their own-made Moose Tracks ice cream on a recent Friday morning. Visitors to the Novi Road facility will get to tour its production area on Saturday, April 30, and see how the dairy makes ice cream and other goods.

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Commission has four vacancies

The city of Novi's Beautification Commission needs to fill four vacancies. The only requirement to be a volunteer on the commission is that applicants must be a resident of the city of Novi.

Office park planned

Shannon Development has purchased property from Carlton Properties to create Stoneridge Office Park on the north side of 12 Mile Road between Novi and Dixon roads.

City seeks youths to serve

The Novi City Council recently adopted two policy resolutions encouraging Novi youth to become civically active within the community.

Arbor Day event set

The city of Novi staff is calling upon local residents to help plant trees this Saturday in observance of Arbor Day.

Daughters to Work Day

Staff members were invited bring their children, grandchildren or another special youngster to the event.

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Commission, Library Board; and Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee.

The 13-member Youth Council is charged with the responsibility of making recommendations to the city of Novi concerning the needs of children, youth, and families of the city and the appropriate means by which public and private agencies in cooperation with volunteer efforts may address such needs.

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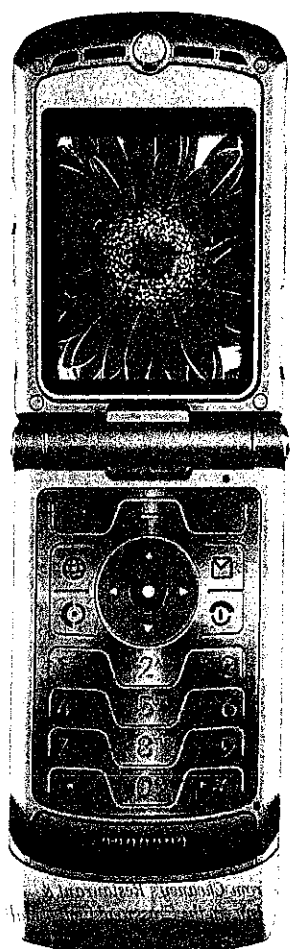
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Japanese citizens say Novi is OK

■ Consul
General meets
with mayor

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

As Novi government's leader, Mayor Lou Coordas gets to meet all kinds of interesting people. Recently, the mayor visited with Consul General of Japan Yoshiyuki Sadaoka (pronounced "Yo-she-yoo-ki key Sah-dah-oh-kah") of Bloomfield Hills.

Y. Sadaoka

who met with Mayor Coordas on April 11, has been visiting with mayors of several area communities. Consulate General of Japan is the name of the Detroit office. Consul General of Japan is the chief of mission's title.

"His responsibility is to represent the interests of the Japanese community in Michigan," Coordas said. Sadaoka also serves the Japanese population in Ohio. This is his sixth assignment for Japan, Coordas said.

"We have 9,000 Japanese residents in Michigan and 1,500 Japanese live in the city of Novi, which means one sixth or 17 percent of the entire Japanese popu-

lation in Michigan live in Novi," Sadaoka said.

"We have 43 Japanese-owned businesses in Novi," he added. In total employment in Novi, 635 employees are Japanese, with 435 American workers. So, Japanese companies contribute to the local economy of Novi, Sadaoka noted.

Coordas asked the Consul General why so many Japanese people live in Novi. Sadaoka said they believe it's a safe community, there many Japanese-owned businesses in Novi, there's good golf in the area and they like the city's location.

He added that Japanese residents also enjoy going to the Novi Public Library.

In the future, the Detroit office would like to sponsor a festival celebrating the culture of Japan, Sadaoka said. His goal as Consul General is to create economical, cultural and educational exchanges between Japanese residents and others in the U.S.

A native of Kochi Prefecture in south Japan, Sadaoka moved to Michigan last September. The Consulate General Office of Japan in Detroit was established in 1993 as a result of the increasing number of Japanese residents in Michigan and Ohio.

"We want to further promote the tight relationship between Japan and Michigan," Sadaoka said.

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Charity skate

Even though spring has sprung, 325 children and adults from the Detroit metropolitan area slipped on their ice skates on April 10 to help area children's charities. Novi residents and businesses participated in Skate@TheJoe, a first-time special event. Play It Again Sports - Novi (owner Ian Somerville pictured) donated nearly 100 skates for skaters to use that day, and along with pizza and pop guests enjoyed soup donated from Zoup! Hosted by The Helping Others Foundation, the \$20,000 proceeds raised from Skate@TheJoe will benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan, West Bloomfield-based The Grodman Cure Foundation and The Marc Suris Legacy Fund, all of which help children with illnesses.

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Wixom library hires new director

The Wixom Public Library announced the hiring of Lisa Hoening as the library director; she began April 25.

The Library Board completed a comprehensive recruitment, selection and solicitation process, through which Hoening was one of seven candidates considered for the position.

For the past five-and-a-half years, Hoening was reference supervisor for the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. She managed adult services, building up staff and the library's collection. During her tenure, Hoening implemented services such as Internet classes, an annual adult summer reading program, DVD and foreign language collections, and technology upgrades.

Hoening's strengths include supervision and team-building, reference, collection develop-

ment, public speaking and writing. She has presented at Ohio Library Council Conferences and at annual Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program Seminars. Hoening was treasurer of the Patent and Trademark Depository Library Association from 1996-1998. In 1995, Hoening founded the Inventors Council of Toledo, and served as its president until 1999. She is a member of the American Library Association, Michigan Library Association, and Beta Phi Mu, the International Library Science Honor Society. Professional interests include community development, outreach, computer education, and adult literacy.

Hoening plays golf, piano and clarinet. She enjoys games, books, film and travel, and takes horseback riding lessons. Her husband, Jeff, is a systems administrator for the University of Michigan. They reside in Superior Township.

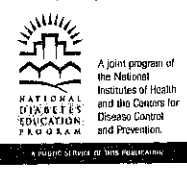
L. Hoening

Wixom family." Hoening has a bachelor's degree in English literature and a master's degree in information and library studies from the University of Michigan. In January 1990, she began her professional career as an adult reference librarian in the science-

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Husky employees celebrate Earth Day

Novi business cleans up local Lakeshore Park

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Being a good corporate citizen means being good to the environment.

Employees at Husky Injection Molding Systems in Novi devoted a whole week to the environment last week in observance of Earth Day on April 22.

"As part of our core values, we are also an environmentally friendly company," said Lewis Bean, environmental health and safety specialist, N.A. Service & Sales, at Husky, located at 45145 W. 12 Mile Road.

Based out of Bolton, Ontario, company officials believe in saving the earth and our environment.

On April 19, Husky employees visited Parkview Elementary School in Novi, where they talked to four classes of second-graders on the importance of saving our environment, including giving a presentation on "Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling."

Students also had a "Recycling Relay" in which four classes competed against each other to see which class could identify the most recyclable and non-recyclable products.

On April 20, employees participated in the same program with first-graders at Thornton Elementary School in Northville. And on April 22, Earth Day, 28 Husky employees and family members helped Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department staff clean up Lakeshore Park in Novi.

Volunteers picked up trash, painted trash containers, raked and spread mulch. Husky paid for employees to participate in the cleanup and offered shares of stock in accordance with the com-



As part of Novi's Husky Company's commitment to Earth Day, employees and family members help to spruce up Novi's Lakeshore Park last Friday. Helping to spread some wood chips around recently planted trees are Shannon Burger, Danielle Golden and Lewis Bean, far right, the company's Environmental Health and Safety Specialist who helped to organize the workday.

pany's GreenShares program. Husky developed this program to educate and promote environmentally friendly acts. Based on a list of approved activities, employees can earn GreenShares. An employee tallies GreenShares

earned each quarter, and Husky converts them to shares of company stock. "This is just one of many ways Husky promotes the environment," Bean said.

Michael Diletti, vice president,

Service & Sales Americas, Husky, and his 4-year-old son, Daniel, helped clean up Lakeshore Park, as did Bean. Diletti said at Husky, buildings are constructed with environmentally friendly materials

and heating and cooling systems. "The trucks we have in our service fleet are also environmentally friendly in terms of the emissions and miles-per-gallon ratings that they have," he

"We take the environment into consideration in every business decision that we make throughout the year."

Michael Diletti
1800 President Service & Sales
Americas, Husky Injection Molding
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added. "Even some of our vans at our corporate office run on natural gas," Bean said.

Diletti said that's business as usual. "We take the environment into consideration in every business decision that we make throughout the year," he said.

"This was the first time Husky employees had worked in a Novi park."

"We've had quite a few volunteer groups that help out in our parks, and we encourage businesses and groups to come out. It helps give us a little bit of a jump start in the spring," said Matt Wiltonowski, Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

For more information about volunteering to help clean up Novi parks, call the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department at (248) 347-0400.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Baronette workers awarded

Three employees at Novi's Hotel Baronette received good news at the April 4 Michigan Hotel, Motel & Resort Association Stars of the Industry event.

Concierge Donn Klack was selected guest relations "star," winning out of six statewide finalists. Housekeeper Mert Santini, chosen from five contenders, was dubbed room attendant of the year.

Also, General Manager Leonard Williams was selected chairman of the association's board of directors. A member for 30-plus years, Williams will oversee 15 others in their mission to improve the hospitality industry's climate statewide.

Novi's Yard Art said that in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, it will donate 10 percent of "teacher's sample" sign sales to TeachersCount.

The limited edition items are available as yard signs for \$39.95 and as \$28.95 wall hangers.

Teacher Appreciation Week is the first week of May, but the partnership lasts until June 30. TeachersCount is a non-profit organization offering teachers resources.

Yard Art is located at 22797 Hesper Drive. Visit www.yardart-signs.com for details.

Novi resident Lillian Tao recently joined KSI Kitchen & Bath as marketing manager, the company announced.

Tao will manage efforts for KSI's eight showrooms in southeast Michigan and Ohio.

With 15 years of marketing experience, Tao earned her master's degree in business administration from Kelley School of

Business at Indiana University. KSI is headquartered in Brighton.

Dosh named consultant

Maria Dosh of Novi was named an independent consultant with Daisy Blue Naturals, the company recently announced.

Launched in 2002, Daisy is a personal skin care product direct sales business that offers more than 100 personal products.

DeMaria hires two DeMaria Building Company, which has a Novi regional office, recently announced two new hires at its Detroit headquarters.

Any Osobed joined the marketing and sales team as marketing coordinator, while Douglas Buhner now works in the same department as sales coordinator.

DeMaria's Novi office is at 45500 Grand River Ave.

Walsh hosts seminar Walsh College's Novi campus today will host a small business workshop on succession planning.

Sponsored by Comerica Bank, the 8:30-11:30 a.m. event will feature Mark Landau of Maroko and Landau, P.C., which specializes in estate and succession planning.

Jeffrey Levine, vice president and managing director of the Advanced Planning Group of Comerica Insurance Services, also will share tips.

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tomers and \$75 for non-customers. Make reservations at (800) 829-5214 or www.comerica.com.

Walsh College is located at 41500 Gardenbrook Road.

Taubman reports earnings

Taubman Centers, which operates Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall, reported its first quarter earnings April 20.

Shareholders saw a two-cent increase from last year on common stock shares, which rose to \$0.07 by March 31. Funds from operations were \$0.56 per share, a reported 5.7 percent increase from last year.

Sales per square foot increased 7.2 percent, the company said.

Taubman also recently announced a Nordstrom store will be arriving at Twelve Oaks.

Marshall Field's will add another 60,000 square feet, and the mall itself will get an extra 25-30 stores.

Based in Bloomfield Hills, Taubman offers information at www.taubman.com.

Auto production update

Nationwide, automakers are expected to produce 257,299 vehicles this week, up 0.7 percent from last week, according to

Ward's Automotive Reports. Output this year stands at \$25 million, down 1.9 percent from this time last year.

Patient safety concerns

A State Commission on Patient Safety will be held today in New Hudson to discuss how to increase patient safety and reduce health care costs.

Comprised of 15 state organizations, the group said it will compile a report to submit to Gov. Jennifer Granholm. In its fourth meeting, the commission will discuss how to obtain and review public testimony. It also reportedly will examine compiled recommendations for a final report.

Northwest gets more jets Northwest Airlines announced April 22 that it will be getting 15 additional jets.

Deliveries of the Bombardier CRJ200 Regional Jets are expected to begin this September.

Northwest said the 50-seat aircraft will be operated by Mesa Airline under terms of a non-binding letter of intent.

Visit www.nwa.com to learn more.

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Faith Community Presbytery Church invites you to worship at 9 and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Sunday School is offered at both services for children of all ages, preschool-12th grade. Harpist Christa Giv and the Jazz Trio will be performing on Sunday, May 22 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available and are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for children under 12.

The church is located at 44400 W. 10 Mile Road in Novi. For more information, call (248) 349-2345. Visit www.faithcommunity.org.

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross offers a worship service every Wednesday from 12:10-12:30 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 is on Sunday at 9 a.m. Worship Center for children ages 3-7, and Sunday School is at 10 a.m. Rev. Karen Henry is

pastor and priest in charge and Rev. John W. Henry II is assistant priest.

Worship Service of Complines is held at 8:30 p.m. Rite 13 (ages 11-14) and Rite 12A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner at 7 p.m. Youth Worship Service is held the second and fourth Sunday of every month; all are welcome.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross has moved to 40700 W. 10 Mile Road between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads. Novi. Call (248) 427-1175 or visit www.churchoftheholycross.com.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church invites everyone to attend a Sunday Worship Service at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 1-Worship and Children's Pageant at 10 a.m. Monday, May 2-Meadowbrook Academy of Religious Studies at 10 a.m. Book Series, "Meeting Jesus for the First Time" Wednesday, May 4 Meadowbrook Academy of Religious Studies at 7:30 p.m. Book Series, "The Heart of Christianity" Saturday, May 7 Langford

Men's Choir at 7:30 p.m., free will offering.

The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads. Call (248) 348-7757 for more information.

Oak Pointe Church service times will be at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. every Sunday. For more information, visit www.oakpointe.org or call (248) 912-0043.

St. James Catholic Church is located at 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi. Call (248) 347-7778.

First United Methodist Church of Northville presents a community-wide healing service with prayers for healing of body, mind, relationship and spirit on the first Monday of each month at 4 p.m. The service is open to the Northville/Novi community and persons of all faiths. It is a service of hope.

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The Holy Family Church offers a Spanish speaking mass

once a month. All masses begin at 6:30 p.m. in the church: April 30, May 28, June 25, July 30, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 29, Nov. 26.

The church "Theology on Tap" program designed for young adults, but all are welcome. It will be held at Gus O'Connor's on the corner of Grand River and Market Street from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. The schedule is:

- Monday, May 2 - "The Legacy of John Paul II...and What's Next"
- Moderator: Fr. John Budde, Pastor, Holy Family, Novi
- Monday, May 9 - "Yes Lord, BUT...Discerning God's Will for Me"
- Moderator: Fr. John Budde, Pastor, Holy Family, Novi
- Monday, May 16 - "Are You Saved? Is Baptism Enough? Understanding that Key Question"
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The Church of the Holy Family is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Road; between Grand River and 10 Mile Road.

For more information, call (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org.

Tickets will also be available at the door for \$13 a piece. Make checks payable to Church of the Holy Cross and note Mothers Day Tea on the checks. Mail checks to Church of the Holy Cross no later than Monday, May 7.

Funds raised will support Outreach Missions, including Crossroads Soup Kitchen and Detroit Area Haiti Mission. Visit www.churchoftheholycross.com for more information.

Crosspointe Meadows Church meets Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School. Services are at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Fresh brewed hot coffee is available from 10-10:30 a.m. The church also has children's programs for all ages and a nursery available. The church is located at 29200 Meadowbrook Road, just south of 13 Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 427-2700 or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.

Outreach Committee presents its first annual Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 7.

The event is for mothers, grandmothers, children and non-mothers as well. It will be held from 1-3:30 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Cross, 40700 W. 10 Mile Road (between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads).

Tickets are \$12 a piece, but children 5 and under get in free.

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Fox Run honors student workers



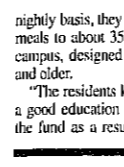
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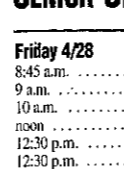
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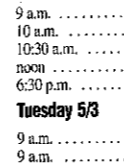
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Awardees include:

- Amanda Post, North Farmington High School. Target college: University of Michigan or Michigan State.
- Chris Laskey, Western Michigan University. Planned study: political science.
- Megan Steele, Novi High School. Target college: Oakland Community College.
- Kyle Bishop, Novi High School. Target college: Western Michigan University.
- Aidis Tuxhart, Walled Lake Western High School. Target college: to be determined.
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- Jeffrey Helper, Novi High School. Current college: Lawrence Technological University. Study course: electrical engineering.
- Ben Nelson, Franklin Road Christian School. Target college: Oakland Community College. Planned study: general studies, youth pastor.
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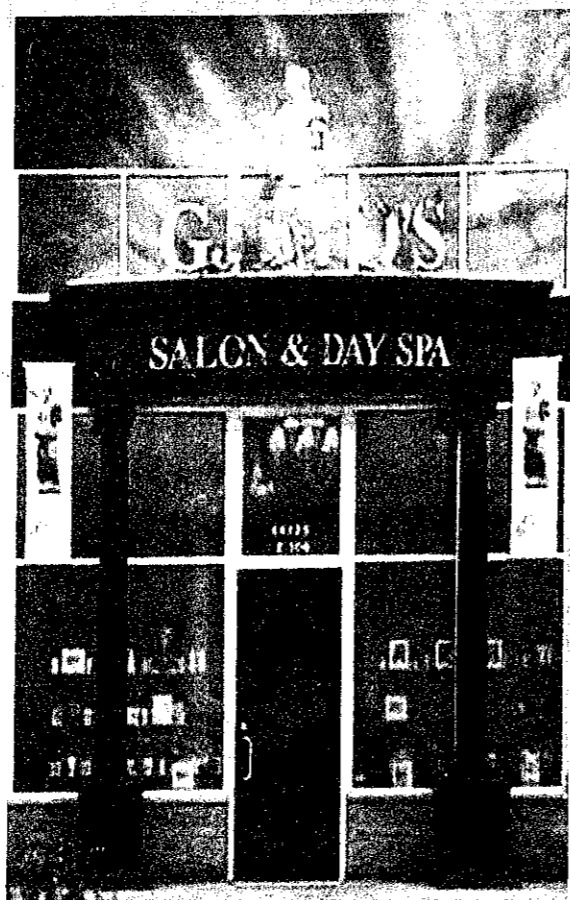
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EDUCATION

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Total physical response

■ Middle school students excelling with new method of learning

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Walk by a foreign language class at Novi Middle School on any given day, and you might just see something a little out of the ordinary.

You might witness students closing their eyes while standing at their desks acting out words by doing hand motions, while all the while, not saying a word.

This method of teaching is called "Total Physical Response," and has only been around the middle school for a couple years.

It was first piloted by Karen Bryant, French and Spanish teacher at Novi Middle School. She said she introduced it because the traditional way of teaching with a textbook was just not meeting the needs of students anymore.

"Basically, we were using a program in the eighth grade that we didn't think was good," Marian Tyler said, who also teaches French and Spanish at Novi Middle School. "We were ready for a change and as far as the seventh grade goes, it seemed like we were teaching them to memorize words and phrases, but it wasn't really effective and it wasn't long term."

Even though material that was being taught to students could be used later on in their lives, like days of the week or numbers, the TPRS method is more of a progression.

Tyler described it as more of a natural way of teaching, in that it works on listening and speaking skills first, and reading and writing



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi Middle School French teacher Karen Bryant sets up an scene for her students to perform as they learn the language through acting out fun scenes using TPRS or Total Physical Response Storytelling.

skills later on.

"When you think about it, that is how we learn language," Tyler said. "Our first language was listening and speaking and much later, you do the reading and writing."

"They don't have enough years under their belts to see what kind of impact this method of teaching is having at the high school level yet, but Bryant and Tyler said do see a major improvement in their own students since switching over."

"Most of my kids love it," Bryant said. "It's an active class, they're involved, they're engaged and it's not intimidating. There is so much to do as a group, that they're not worried about failure."

The proof of student improvement is in their grades. Ryan Dougherty is an eighth grader in Bryant's class. He explained that in fifth and sixth grade, he wasn't sure how he was doing in foreign language because he didn't feel confident, but with this new way of teaching, he is doing very well.

"In fifth and sixth grade we were taught from a book and it was really difficult," Dougherty said. "This year is a lot different because we learn in different ways, we write words down, we draw pictures, we

do actions and we act it out. I like it because I'm able to actually look at the story that Madame Bryant gives us and I'm able to comprehend what it says."

Eighth grader Monica Ayala had similar views. In the past, she said that she had a hard time grasping different concepts being taught to her because she didn't find it interesting. But now she said she's paying attention more and participating.

"I think I can relate to the class a little bit more now because of the stories and the songs and it's something that interests me," Ayala said. "Not like reading from a boring book."

Annalisa Morgan is also in the eighth grade. She says her foreign language class is "very fun because (Bryant) will show you an action for a word and it helps you to remember it better."

"On a quiz, if you can't remember what the word is, you can always think of the action and it will stick in your head."

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

State band festival

Novi High School is hosting the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's State Band Festival for both middle and high schools. Groups from area middle and high schools will be performing on Friday, April 29, from 2-9 p.m. and Saturday, April 30 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. On April 29, the Novi Middle School seventh grade band will perform at 3:30 p.m. Performances take place in the Fuerst Auditorium and admission is free. Concessions are also available.

Awards galore for NHS

Twenty-two students representing The Cut's Eye television broadcast, The Wilkitts Rest, Novi High's newspaper, and Reflections, the yearbook staff, attended the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association's Spring Conference/Award

Ceremony recently, and cleaned up. Broadcast and Yearbook entered the contests for the first time, but for the newspaper, it was a return visit.

Broadcast won several awards: First place: Amanda McCracken - weathercast; Kaitlyn Rich - video; DVD/CD production and staff - newscast.

Honorable Mention: Drew Loxmer - openers and a public service announcement; Matt Irwin and Loomer - commercial.

Yearbook won several awards (all are based on the 2004 yearbook, so all but one of the individual winners graduated last year):

First place: Kevin Shaanon - index

Second place: Katie Slovan - advertisement spread; Kristin Kolyarok - graphics; Melissa Dillman - academic photo

Third place: Steve Gawronski, Citra Smith, Becky Roegner and Lindsey Blank - feature spread

Staff - division pages

Honorable Mention: Shaanon - sports action photo

The newspaper captured the coveted Spartan Award, which is the highest ranking it can achieve in the state. The kids won it based on their entry of the November, December and January and February issues of the Roar. They are judged on writing, photography and design.

The students were successful in individual categories also:

First place: A.J. Glabzinski - news page spread; Cameron Lewis - editorial content; Carla Morabito - portrait photo

Second place: Chad Thurman (class of 2004) - feature column; Mariem Qamrizzaman - new/feature photo Jordan Barnes - ad design

Third place: Margaux Roizian; Stephanie Park

Honorable Mention: Chelsea Thorne - news analysis; Qamrizzaman - human interest feature, sports feature, new story; Emily Erickson - sports photo; Tiffany Liu - news/feature photo and story package; Lewis - two for illustrations; Bryan Dechert - opinion page spread; A.J. Glabzinski - news page spread; Lauren Preston - entertainment page spread.

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ENGAGEMENT



Ann Bechtel & Kyle Kearney

John and Debbie Bechtel of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Ann Bechtel to Kyle Kearney, son of Myles and Patty Kearney, of Northville. The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Novi High School. She earned her bachelor's degree in education at Central Michigan University and is teaching third grade at Cesar Chavez Academy in Detroit. The groom-elect is also a 1997 graduate of Novi High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at Michigan State, and is employed at Belsi Electronics in Plymouth. A July 2005 wedding is planned.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Suttle Toastmaster winner

Novi resident Cliff Suttle recently won second place in the Division 28 Toastmasters International Speech Competition. A Toastmaster of two-and-one-half years, Suttle competed against participants from Ohio, Southern Michigan and Western Ontario. The event was held April 24 in Toledo. Suttle is a professional presenter of leadership and esteem building training based at 22203 Antler Drive in Novi.

IN THE SERVICE

Army Pfc. Jay W. Graunstadt

is deploying to Afghanistan to serve as a member of Combined Joint Task Force-76 (CJTF-76). The soldier is regularly assigned to the Southern European Task Force (Airborne) based at Caserma Ederle, Vicenza, Italy. Graunstadt is assigned and joint rotation unit supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. The soldier will join other units that comprise CJTF-76 to help the Afghan people continue on their progress to a free society. Mission objectives of the combined joint task force include establishing security, defeating Al-Qaida and Taliban forces, and deterring the re-emergence of terrorism. The soldiers are committed to staying the course in Afghanistan and standing firm with the Afghan people against forces actively working to prevent the establishment of a stable and secure environment.

Graunstadt, an infantryman, is the son of Linda K. Barwell of Mesa, Ariz., and Randy J. Graunstadt of Walled Lake. He is a 1997 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School. He is currently in the middle of a routine scheduled deployment, while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, homeported in Bremerton, Wash. McMurray and more than 7,600 of his shipmates of the Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Group (CSG), deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of the global war on terrorism. The Carl Vinson CSG recently relieved the USS Harry S. Truman CSG in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and maritime security operations. Carriers like the Carl Vinson are deployed throughout the world to maintain United States presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors, and are equipped with the most versatile and powerful weapons and aircraft available. McMurray is a 2001 graduate of Millford High School and joined the Navy in March 2002.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Nicholas L. Wanne, a 2002 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School, Walled Lake, and the Marines of 2nd Force Service Support Group recently assumed operational control of Marine Corps Logistics forces, while stationed at Camp Taqaddim, Iraq. Wanne's unit deployed from Camp Lejeune, N.C. in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and provides logistical support including supplies, maintenance, transportation, landing support and health services for II Marine Expeditionary Force.

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HEALTH

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Cardiovascular institute offers care, convenience

Two private cardiology practices and the Providence cardiac imaging services at Providence Park have come together to form an outpatient cardiovascular care center that focuses both on care and customer convenience.

Physicians from Consultants in Cardiology and Heart Cardiology Consultants will see patients at the Cardiovascular Institute of Novi, a newly designed facility that incorporates the physician's offices and all cardiovascular and respiratory testing into a single location at Providence Park. This will provide one-stop shopping convenience for patients who require noninvasive diagnostic tests.

In addition, Cardiac Rehabilitation is located next door to the Institute.

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More than \$4.5 million in grants have been awarded to community programs operated by Trinity Health-owned or managed member hospitals since the program began in 2000. Clinica Santa Maria, a clinic operated by Saint Mary's Health Care in Grand Rapids has used part of its multi-year grant award from 2004 to expand its medical staff and expand access and quality of care to underserved Hispanic persons.

"With these funds, we've been able to improve our ability to care for people who otherwise would have a difficult time receiving much-needed services," said Virginia Morales, R.N., regional operations manager of Clinica Santa Maria. "We appreciate Trinity Health's support to positively impact the health and well-being of the Grand Rapids community."

Area hospitals that received the award include: Saint Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital in Pontiac, for medically and economically jeopardized children receive developmental services to prevent developmental problems; Saint Joseph Mercy Health System in Ann Arbor. Saint Joseph Mercy Behavioral Services' Low-Fee Clinic will provide mental health services to uninsured and underinsured adults, families and children.

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Richie Feters knows how to be good at anything he does — by never calling it quits. The tennis and football player made an impact at Novi High, just as his parents made an impact on him.

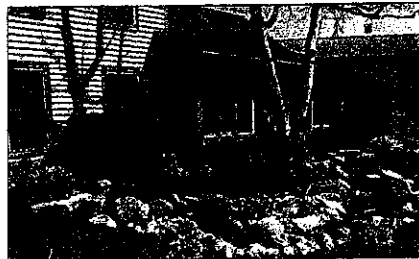
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Using her head

Emily Esbrook is one of the best soccer players in the country. She's not the kind of athlete to admit that though, so it took a selection to the Olympic Development Program's national team to say it for her.

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Quick Hits

Grand Slam

Novi graduate A.J. Rowe didn't wait to come back home from the United States Marine Corps before getting back into baseball. Instead, he tried out for the USMC baseball team and earned himself a spot as a pitcher.



"He's so excited," said his mother, Lynn. "He said he wasn't throwing as hard as he used to, but he'll get there."

Rowe, who spent two tours in Iraq, is expected to get out of the Marines in September.

Next-level lacrosse

Jeff Policicchio and Sean Costello are two very happy lacrosse players these days. Why?



Both found out they'll be playing the sport in college next year.

It's not very common for two players from the same team to get scholarships for playing sports, but for both to land in the same state? Both Policicchio and Costello won't have to drive far to see each other. Both Wildcats will be playing their collegiate ball in New York next year.

Check back next week for full details.

Verbal commitment

Rachelle Folino, a junior basketball standout, has finally made her decision. After receiving letters from colleges like Eastern Michigan University, Miami of Ohio and the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay — among a slew of others — Folino has verbally committed herself to playing for Niagara, New York. The Wildcats forward, who averaged 14 points a game and 8.8 rebounds for Novi last season, was an All-Area Dream Team Player of the Year and a member of the squad for the past three years.



Silver Anniversary

A lot of people may not realize it, but this year marks Novi coach Bob Smith's 25th anniversary as the track coach at the high school. Through the years he's helped make the Wildcats one of the top teams in the state. He's coached conference, regional, state and even national champs in his time.

We just have to wonder what he'll do in the next 25 years.



His turn

Next year could be Novi graduate and current Central Michigan University football player Matt Gorman's year to shine. The guy that was starting ahead of him in the defensive back corps was none other than James King of Walled Lake Western Farn. King not only won a state championship under Mike Zedebski at Western, but he went on the CMU to set a NCAA record for the most blocked punts in a game (five). Now, King has signed a free-agent deal with the Cleveland Browns. He reports to rookie camp today.

With King out of the way, it's Gorman's turn to shine. We wish him the best of luck.

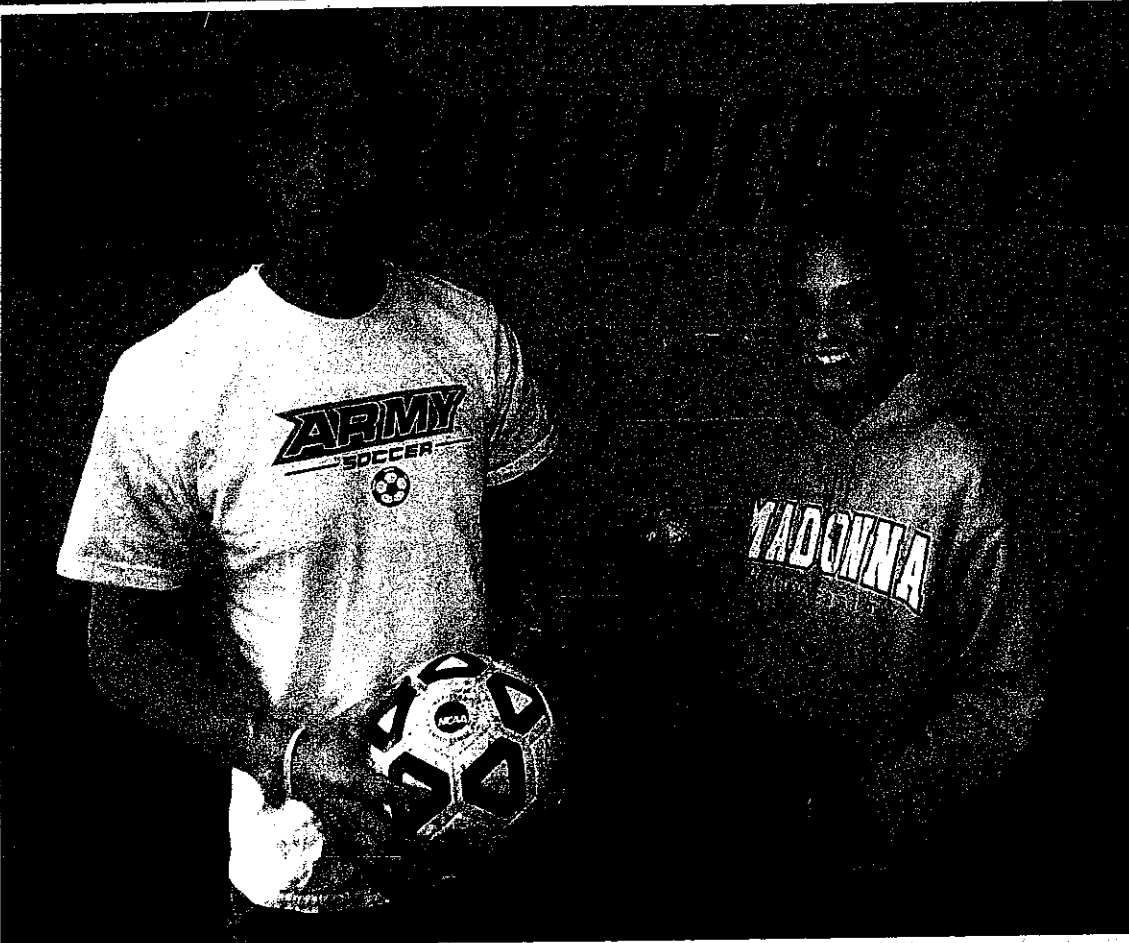


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Wildcat A.J. Glubzinski will be headed off to Westpoint in the fall to play soccer while Alyssa Wagner will be staying a little closer to Novi and will be playing softball at Madonna University.

NOVI'S ELITE

Glubzinski headed to Army

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Joining the United States Army wasn't something Novi senior A.J. Glubzinski thought about until this year.

Now, he's going to be playing soccer for them.

"Originally their soccer coach contacted me in early August before I participated in the Score on the Shore in Long Island with my club team," Glubzinski said. "It was a standard recruiting letter and I really never thought of it again until October when I received a letter of assurance."

Glubzinski thought it over and decided to go through the application process. He earned a congressional nomination and then his appointment to the Military Academy at West Point. He visited the campus, met some cadets and made his decision.

"It's such a great opportunity to be trained as a leader and to get one of the best educations in the country," he said. "I was impressed with the cadets on the soccer team and I believe they are people I can get along with and it's a place where I can fit in."

The Novi goalie had plenty of interest from other institutions as well. He could have played at Colgate University, the University of Chicago or Albion College. He spoke with

the coaches at Dartmouth before that possibility eventually fell by the wayside.

"I had a lot of opportunities," he said. "I took visits to all of those schools but West Point felt like the right place for me."

And West Point thinks Glubzinski is the right fit for them, too. The school calls for great leadership, intelligence and athleticism out of any of their cadets. Glubzinski fits that bill.

Not only was he one of the top goalies in the state this year, Glubzinski is the editor and chief of the school newspaper, the Wildcat Roar, and is the secretary of the National Honor Society. Glubzinski also strives to always be the best.

"I feel that I'm an extremely driven person," he said. "I feel I'm extremely tight, extremely constrained and extremely disciplined. As well as any cadet going to West Point, my goal is to be in the top of my class. I'm not going to be less than the best I can be in any situation. I feel this is going to be a challenge and I'm going to be ready for it."

Glubzinski said he's very excited about the possibility of getting playing time next year. The team is expected to have an opening at goalie and the Novi Wildcat is hoping to slide right in and take it.

"I have to put everything I have into preparing myself," he

said. "I've got to be able to put myself in the best situation for me to succeed and in order to do that I can't cut any corners at this point through my workout. I don't want any regrets."

The decision to join the Army was a hard one for Glubzinski but it was even harder on his family. His father, Bob, and his mother, Ann, are supporting his choice as is his little sister, Amy.

Glubzinski is appreciative of all of the support he has had from them over the years but he knows it's up to him to make West Point the opportunity he knows it can be.

He did say, however, that he hasn't decided if he's ready to make the Army his only career. "As far as that goes, I'm holding back for now," he said. "I've got four years in school and then time in the service to see how I like it. I'm not closing the door to it, but I want the experience and seeing how that works out will dictate what I do in the long run."

Glubzinski has earned his place at the top in athletics, academics and extracurricular activities. Now he's headed for the Army and everyone has to wonder just what he'll accomplish now that he's put his mind to succeeding at that.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Madonna University softball coach Al White, right, will be welcoming Nov's Alyssa Wagner to his team this fall.

Wagner inks with Madonna University

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Novi senior Alyssa Wagner is one tough girl.

After having arthroscopic knee surgery to remove some cartilage from her knee, Wagner was on her feet and limping about the very same day.

"I was on crutches for about

five minutes," she said. "I just couldn't stand it."

It's that kind of toughness and determination that helped land Wagner a spot on Madonna University's softball team for next year, not to mention a little bit of scholarship money to go with it.

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	Novi baseball's record in the Kensington Valley Conference.	Novi soccer's rank in the state after defending champion Northville lost.	Players selected to the Olympic Development's national team. Novi's Emily Esbrook is one.	Years Novi's Bob Smith has been coaching Wildcat boys track and field.	Novi tennis' combined score over Ann Arbor Greenhills and the Pinckney Pirates.	Novi soccer's combined score over the Lakeland Eagles and South Lyon Lions.	Shutouts senior goalie Kim Herbst has collected so far this season.



Novi tennis ace doubles player Richie Fetters.

Fetters just wants to make a mark at Novi

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Anyone who has ever met Novi senior Richie Fetters likely came away with the idea he's a quiet kid.

Which is why it's always so surprising to watch him play sports.

Fetters, who made a career at Novi with football and tennis, isn't so quiet when he's competing. Instead, he draws plenty of attention by being a standout athlete.

One of the most distinct things about his athletic endeavors is his choice of sports.

"It actually kind of happened when I was little," he said. "I fell in love with tennis and football."

The love for the two sports came from his mother, Jana, and his father, Rich.

The tennis-loving blood that flows through Fetters' veins came from his mom's side as she played the sport at Northville High School. His father was a high school football player.

The choice to play both sports came at a cost for Fetters. "They told me that I could either be great at one or good at both," he said. "I decided to be good at both."

And good he has consistently been. Fetters, who turned 18 April 14 — the same birthday as his father — earned playing time under the coaching of Tab Kelleporey for football's run to the regional finals. He's also a

two doubles tennis player under Jim Hanson this spring.

Fetters said he doesn't have a clear-cut favorite sport, but noted he gives 100-percent of his dedication to the sport he plays when that season comes around.

His efforts, he hopes, rub off on the players who are coming through the ranks beneath him.

"I've never really ever given up in tennis or in football," he said. "I always keep trying. I hope I leave a good impression on the underclassmen on how not to give up and to always keep fighting for what you want."

Fetters found out the true meaning of fighting last fall when he found out his mother had been diagnosed with cancer.

"It was pretty rough," he said. "We first in Milford that week and then I found out the news about my mom. It was a rough week."

The Novi senior considered his options. Even leaving the team was something he pondered — but not for long.

"She told me she's disappointed if I quit because of her," he said. "She wanted me to continue with football and that was the right decision. She really helped me out there."

And his teammates helped out too. The Novi football team was quick to support their longtime teammate and told him they were going out to win some games for his mom.

"She's doing good," Fetters said. "She's done all of her

chemotherapy and radiation. She feels it's all taken care of but she's going to the Mayo Clinic to find out her final results."

Meanwhile, Fetters will keep playing. He'll keep striving to be a leader for his team and someone for other players to learn from. And while he's playing, his mom will be watching.

"She comes out to every football game and every tennis match," he said. "She's there cheering me on along with my dad."

Through the years Fetters has realized the value of sports. Though he knows his future isn't one of professional fame, he intends on being involved at that level nonetheless.

"I'm going to Miami of Ohio and I'm going to study accounting and law," he said. "I realize I'm not going to play professional sports. I want to stay with sports by becoming a sports agent."

If Fetters applies all he has learned from sports and stays as dedicated to his career as he has his athletic endeavors, then there's no doubt he's going to be successful.

"Who knows, I might end up representing a guy like Kevin Cloke," he said. "I wouldn't mind that."

Most likely, neither would he.

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Novi #1 doubles teammates Felix Liu, left, and Ryan Heffernan do a mid-air leaping slam to celebrate a won point in their match against Ann Arbor's Greenhills School.

Wildcats jumping for joy with recent success

The Novi Wildcats made short work of their tennis foes last week as they crushed both Ann Arbor Greenhills and Pinckney, 8-0.

Greenhills, the defending Division IV state champions, presented Novi with a stronger challenge than the Pinckney Pirates could muster, but in the end the results were all the same. "Greenhills is a solid team," said Novi coach Jim Hanson. "They're always a

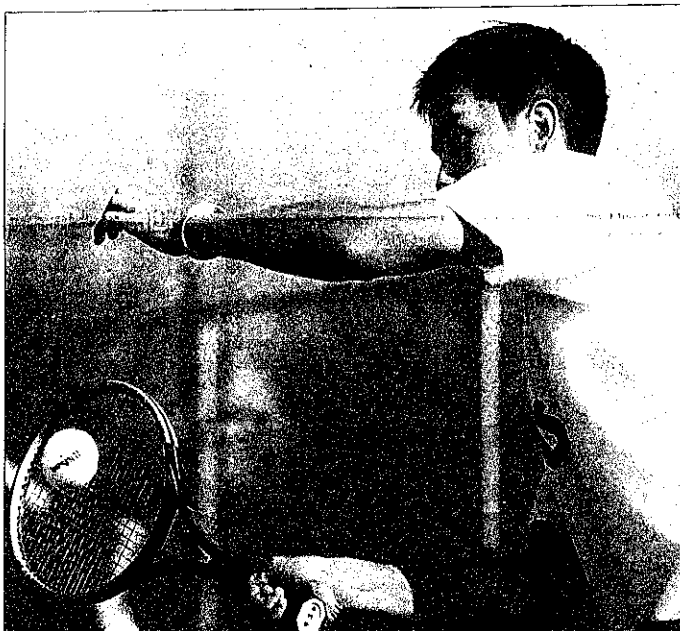
tough team. It's a good high school tennis match."

The Wildcats currently have what they believe to be their final line-up until the hopeful return of Prasanna Venugopal, who is out with a shoulder injury.

Kyle Goodman, a junior, is at one singles while Roshan Ramachandran, a sophomore, is at two singles. Justin Namm is at three singles and Kevin Lai will play fourth singles.

At one doubles, Ryan Heffernan and Felix Liu will play while Richie Fetters and Eric McQueen are at two doubles.

Playing at three doubles is Mike Mehl and Adam Doster, while Jason Hsu and Chris Shah are taking on teams at four doubles. Nan Jiang and Uday Vadala have seen action of five doubles when the Wildcats play the exhibition flight against other teams.



Novi #1 singles player Kyle Goodman hits a forehand at the net as he warms up for his match against an opponent from Ann Arbor Greenhills School.

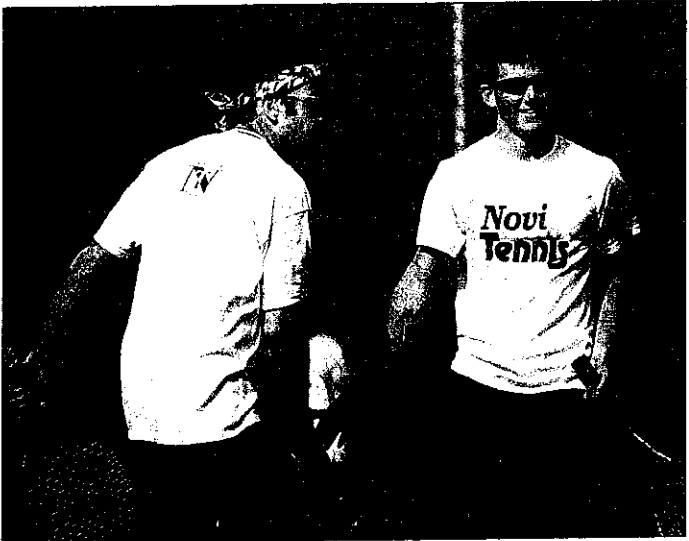


Novi #1 doubles player Felix Liu hits a forehand in a game against Ann Arbor's Greenhills School.

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Novi High's Roshan Ramachandran hits a forehand Ann Arbor Greenhills School.



Novi #2 doubles teammates Richie Fetters, left, and Eric McQueen give each other a low-five after winning a point against their opponents in a late-April match at the Wildcats' temporary home: the courts of Novi Middle School.

NOVI SCHOOL ELECTION

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Field for 2 seats now down to 6

Board election set for Tuesday

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Only five days remain as six Novi School Board candidates continue to campaign for two seats, soon to be vacated by president John Streit and member John Balagna who have decided not to run again.

The election, which normally takes place in June, is set for Tuesday, May 3 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Candidates include Danford Austin, Mario Fandarski, Ann Harold Glubzinski, Dennis O'Connor, Katie Racen and Lisa

community." Besides Balagna and Streit, the seven board team currently consists of George Kortlandt, Carol Elfring, Bruce Bagdady, Julie Abrams and Dave Brown.

Board member terms are for four years and start July 1.

Once elected, the two new board members will be making decisions for a school district that has a \$60 million budget and as of February had 6,180 students. The Novi Community School District houses eight schools, which are broken down into six elementary schools, one middle school and one high school.

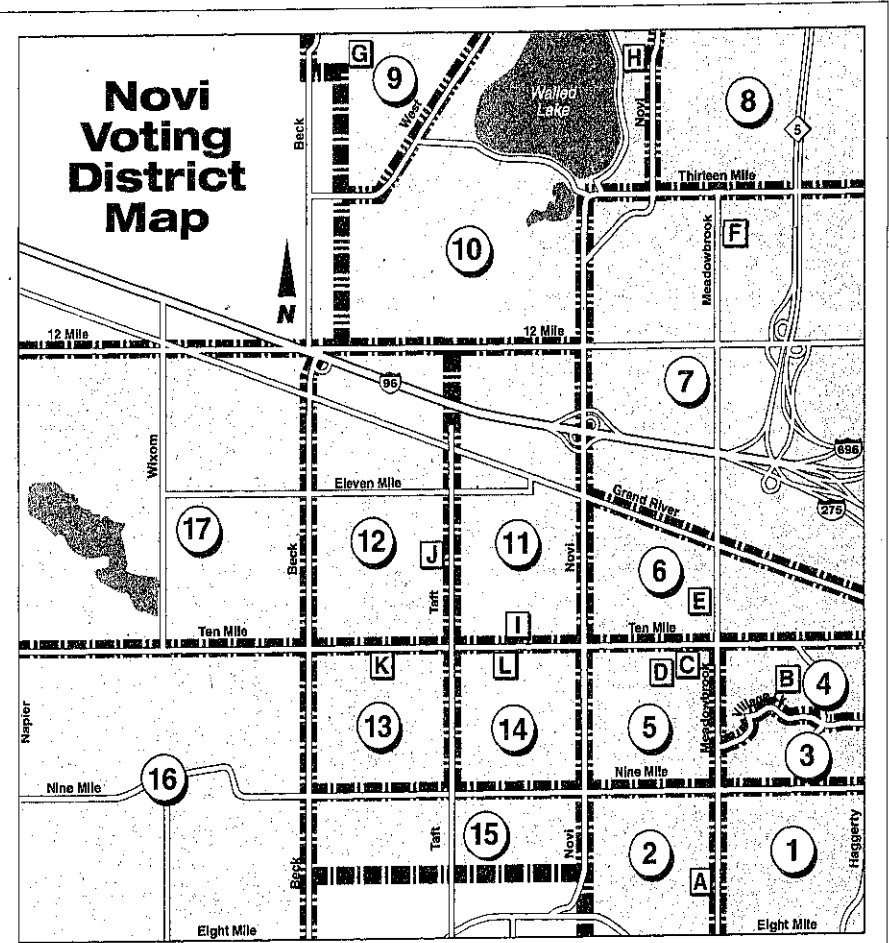
They are Novi High School, Novi Middle School, Deerfield Elementary School, Parkview Elementary School, Novi Woods Elementary School, Novi Meadows Elementary School, Village Oaks Elementary School and Orchard Hills Elementary School.

As of November, the district changed the date to the first Tuesday following the first Monday in May each year. The original intent of the change was to consolidate all the schools to a November election, but school districts thought they should have more options than that, so the state came back with four dates to choose from. The May date made the most sense to Novi.

There originally were seven candidates, but due to personal circumstances resulting from a family illness, Paul Flavin announced that he can no longer present himself as a viable candidate for the election.

"While I sincerely feel my experience and commitment to the schools would have offered the voters a clear alternative to the traditional candidate in this election, I have been unable to actively campaign for this position," Flavin said. "The circumstances have taken and continue to take a considerable amount of time that would otherwise have been available to the school district and

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2. What do you think is the role of a board member?
3. What are the top three challenges facing the Novi Community School District and how would you go about handling them?
4. What process do you think the board should use in coming to decisions?
5. Do you believe the board of education communicates well with the public?
6. Many parents have brought up concerns about the full-day kindergarten situation...
7. How would you go about prioritizing budget issues?
8. In terms of quality of education and meeting the student needs and state and federal mandates, what overall grade would you give to the school board?



Danford Austin
Age: 59
Resident of Novi: 10 years
Spouse: Rashli
Children: Ashley, 26, Nicole, 13

Profession: Currently the deputy superintendent for Oakland County Schools. Served for 15 years as interim superintendent in 2003. Education: Bachelor of arts from Kalamazoo College, master of arts and Ph.D. from Michigan State University

1. As a parent of a daughter who has attended Novi schools from kindergarten through eighth grade...

As a parent of a daughter who has attended Novi schools from kindergarten through eighth grade and who will enter Novi High School in August, I have a deep interest and commitment in assisting the school board to make the best possible educational decisions...

2. A school board member's primary role is to set policy and provide direction...

A school board member's primary role is to set policy and provide direction. Some examples include: 1. Representing the community to assure the best possible education is provided in the most cost-effective manner...

3. I am maintaining excellence in academic and student support programs...

I am maintaining excellence in academic and student support programs in a number of ways: 1. Maintaining high accountability standards and changing student needs; 2. Effectively managing the district's long-range planning committee...

4. The school board is a representative of the public's interest...

The school board is a representative of the public's interest in providing the highest quality education possible. As a result, the board needs to emphasize open, two-way communication and collaboration that maxi-



Mario Fundarski
Age: 60
Resident of Novi: two years
Spouse: Grazyna Rataj, deceased
Children: none
Profession: Professional matchmaker, owner/manager of Looking for Love Introduction-International Marriage Agency
Education: Bachelor of arts degree, political science, history, Michigan State University

1. I want to serve the students, parents, seniors, taxpayers of Novi.

I want to serve the students, parents, seniors, taxpayers of Novi. I believe in a strong school system that provides a quality education for all students...

2. The role of a school member is completely open to what the board member makes it.

The role of a school member is completely open to what the board member makes it. I will be completely accessible at all times to our community and pro-active, politically active to enhance our Novi schools.

3. AA. Funding. BB. Solution to our current lottery system...

AA. Funding. BB. Solution to our current lottery system for our kindergarten students. CC. More political involvement in the financial industry, information technology and youth ministry...

4. On any major decisions, town hall meetings should be held...

On any major decisions, town hall meetings should be held to receive the community's input and the board should support the majority position.

5. I believe our current board does communicate well with the public.

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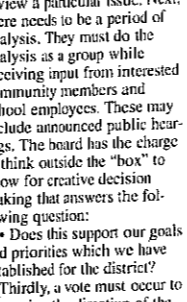
6. I have already answered this in question number 3.

7. Curriculum always comes first. All other items are negotiable.

Curriculum always comes first. All other items are negotiable. I believe in a strong curriculum that prepares students for the future.

8. Grade AAA!!

Grade AAA!! I believe in a high quality education for all students. The school board should ensure that all students receive the best possible education through a commitment to excellence.



Ann Harold Gtubinski
Age: 48
Resident of Novi: 22 years
Spouse: Bob
Children: A.J., 18; Amy, 16
Profession: Area administrator for Young Life
Education: Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in political science and MBA with an emphasis in marketing

1. In 1992 my eldest child enrolled in Village Oaks Elementary and I became an active participant in Novi Schools.

In 1992 my eldest child enrolled in Village Oaks Elementary and I became an active participant in Novi Schools. My involvement has never ceased and today I volunteer as the treasurer of the Novi Athletic Boosters...

2. I am proud of the excellence that Novi strives to achieve...

I am proud of the excellence that Novi strives to achieve and have a desire to continue the tradition. I believe I have the knowledge base and skills necessary to make quality decisions...

3. AA. Funding. BB. Solution to our current lottery system...

AA. Funding. BB. Solution to our current lottery system for our kindergarten students. CC. More political involvement in the financial industry, information technology and youth ministry...

4. Currently, the lottery is not satisfying the demand for all-day kindergarten...

Currently, the lottery is not satisfying the demand for all-day kindergarten. Two major hurdles must be overcome: 1. The demand for all-day kindergarten; 2. Space and teachers...

5. First the board should categorize and prioritize the budget items...

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6. I would award the District a B+.

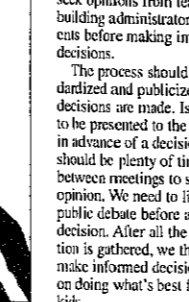
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Dennis O'Connor
Age: 47
Resident of Novi: 14 years
Spouse: Gall
Children: Sara-Beth, 20; and Lisa, 18
Profession: Training/marketing consultant, DODCM Consulting, LLC
Education: MBA, Wayne State University, majoring in marketing/management; BA, University of Michigan, 1979 double major: Journalism and mathematics; secondary teaching certificate

1. I want to serve on the school board as an "extension" of my volunteer service...

I want to serve on the school board as an "extension" of my volunteer service to the Novi community. I am an alumni member of both the Novi Band Boosters and the Novi Athletic Boosters...

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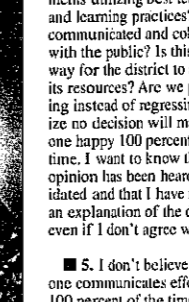
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Katie Raean
Age: 47
Resident of Novi: 19 years
Spouse: Floyd Raean
Children: Nick Raean, 17; Elissa Raean, 15; and Alex Raean, 10
Profession: Registered nurse for 25 years; currently working part-time at Berry Surgery Center in Farmington Hills
Education: University of Michigan School of Nursing; bachelor of science in 1980

1. A public school board should comprise a representative sampling of the community...

A public school board should comprise a representative sampling of the community. As a registered nurse, I will contribute my acute assessment, problem solving and communication skills to support learning for all our children within caring and joyful learning environments...

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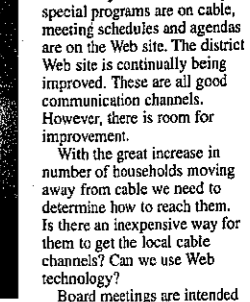
My overall grade would be developing as expected and consistently striving for excellence. High quality education and the pursuit of excellence is the expectation in Novi. It was one of the reasons I moved here 19 years ago...

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Lisa-Ann Smith
Age: 42
Resident of Novi: 7 years
Spouse: Rick
Children: Elizabeth, 10; Rebecca, 5
Profession: Part-time independent consultant
Education: Bachelor of arts in science and computer science and master's in science and administration

1. Our kids are our future and it's imperative that we provide the best education possible for each child...

Our kids are our future and it's imperative that we provide the best education possible for each child. That is why I have been actively involved in numerous district committees and served in several PTO leadership positions over the past five years...

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NFIB UPDATE

Moonlighting in Self Defense

Moonlighting — working two jobs to make ends meet — is more than a time-honored American tradition; it's a necessity for a substantial share of the nation's workforce. According to the most recent employment-situation summary released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 7.2 million Americans hold more than one job.

The federal government doesn't collect statistics on how many of the nation's 25 million small-business owners are forced to juggle the equivalent of two jobs most of the time. They don't do it to earn extra income, but to protect what they've already gained against a never-ending list of government regulations, tax schemes and ill-conceived, but politically popular programs that gnaw incessantly at their cash registers and bank accounts.

And while these late-night-oil-burning entrepreneurs are certainly not eager to add anything else to their time-crunched schedules, President Bush's State of the Union message was a clear call for them to put in some extra hours. Only this notice from the nation's chief executive was a plea for help to roll back some of those anti-free-enterprise initiatives that have gobbled up far too much of the American business sector's precious time and financial resources.

Fitting a third job into their already long days won't be easy, but by becoming grassroots political activists at every opportunity between now and Election Day 2006, small-business owners can have a major, favorable impact on their struggling enterprises.

The president has made it very clear that he understands the important role of entrepreneurs in the nation's economy. Announcing his Fiscal Year 2006 budget, he specifically pledged to boost small-business owners and their employees, calling on Congress to make health care more affordable and accessible to Americans through the enactment of Small-Business Health Plans (also known as Association Health Plans or AHPs).

These plans are a key priority for the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). Passage of legislation such as the Small Business Health Fairness Act would make health insurance more affordable for small-business owners by allowing them to band together across state lines through bona-fide trade associations to buy insurance at lower premium costs for themselves and their employees. Main Street supporters U.S. Reps. John Boehner of Ohio, Sam Johnson of Texas, Nydia Velazquez of New York and Albert Wynn of Maryland, recently introduced the Small Business Health Fairness Act in the U.S. House. U.S. Sens. Olympia Snowe of Maine, Jim Talent of Missouri and Christopher "Kit" Bond of Missouri have introduced companion legislation in the Senate.

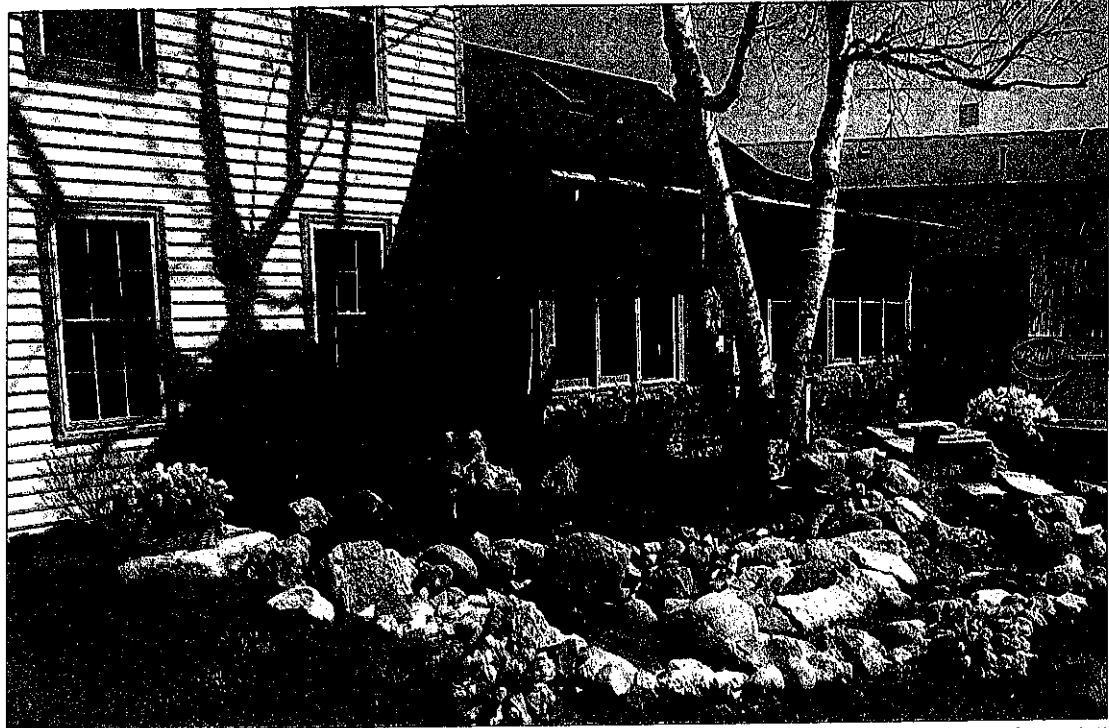
The cost of health insurance has been ranked the No. 1 problem for small-business owners since 1986, according to the NFIB Research Foundation's "Small Business Problems and Priorities," which reports on the most pressing issues facing small business. While very important, it is just one of the issues that need attention.

The president also promised to focus Congress' attention on the pressing need to make permanent the tax cuts that were passed in 2001 and 2003, to repeal the "death tax," and to reverse the upward trend in frivolous lawsuits.

By moonlighting as letter writers, e-mail messengers and visitors to their elected officials' offices to help them promote these crucial small-business agenda items, America's overworked, excessively taxed and red-tape tangled entrepreneurs could, in the long term, reduce the moonlighting they're now required to do to hold the government at bay.

Jack Paris is president of NFIB, the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals.

ADVERTORIAL



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Polished Outlook is located in Milford in the unique setting of a restored historical home built in 1857 with an elegant, but homey, Victorian décor.

Get rejuvenated at Polished Outlook

By Annette Jaworski
SPECIAL WRITER

Those who have discovered it know that a visit to Polished Outlook Salon and Spa in Milford feels like a warm welcome home. It begins at the front door where clients take off their shoes and slip into a pair of cozy slippers.

Owner Mona Ruggers knows it's little touches that make clients feel special, like gentle background music and wonderful aromas. Flavored coffee and snacks can be found in the kitchen. You'll find fresh flowers and real hand towels in the bathroom.

Polished Outlook is located in the unique setting of a restored historical home built in 1857 with an elegant, but homey, Victorian décor. No wonder they were voted the No. 1 place to sluck stress in the Best of Detroit survey in 2002.

For the month of May, mom's the word, according to Ruggers. Mother's Day Spa gift certificate packages are the perfect way to show mom that she's appreciated. Polished Outlook can put together a relaxing day with the services she enjoys the most, whether it's a massage, pedicure, makeover or facial. Confused? Monetary gift certificates are a great way to let them to choose what they like best.

Why not make it a family affair with a mother/daughter package? They also feature teen pricing for their younger patrons where applicable. Don't forget prom dates are quickly approaching; schedule appointments early to avoid disappointment. It's also the time of year for weddings, whether it's the bride to be or mother of the bride or groom. They'll help you look glamorous for that special occasion.

Mom or not, every woman wants her skin to look it's best. Polished Outlook offers a number of facials, including its deep

cleansing signature facial, vitamin mask, glycolic acid resurfacing or elasto freeze collagen treatment. The staff can recommend the benefits of each to their clients and prepare a regimen for continued care at home.

Get ready for the bathing suit season and protect yourself from sun's rays with a buff and bronze treatment and sunless tan application. Or rejuvenate every inch of skin with hot stone therapy, aromatherapy, algae therapy body treatment, a contouring re-texturizing treatment or cellulite reduction. Add the smooth look of depilatory waxing hair removal from eyebrows to bikini waxing. Polished Outlook also offers Brazilian bikini waxes.

"Spring is also a great time to update your look from makeup to hair. Right now curl is back," said Mona Ruggers. Why not refresh your makeup with a mini-makeover.

The entire staff is image consultants from nails to makeup to spa treatments, she added. They'll help you discover your best look.

"Our makeovers are personalized and individualized for each person. A new trend isn't always suited for everyone."

After 18 years of experience, Ruggers and her staff continuously strive to improve their service and techniques and offer the finest in salon products. They use only top-of-the-line products, exclusive private label beauty products not found in other stores or salons. They're careful to use only natural nail spa products so there's no overpowering smell. Healthy, natural nails are easier than ever to have. They can demonstrate how.

"Everyone can have healthy nails if they follow through with home care treatment," said Ruggers.

"It's that time of year for toes," she reminds. Get ready to show off feet in sexy sandals and enjoy a relaxing pedicure. Why not try a marine hydro spa pedi-



Karen DiCicco (left) discusses products with owner Mona Ruggers

cure complete with pulsating hydrotherapy, and a 15-minute leg and foot massage. Both feet are then immersed in a warm paraffin bath for deep moisturization or have them treated with algae therapy spa treatment. Top it off with a fresh polish — a favorite or something fun. Guys can enjoy the same treatment with a matte finish. Or try sole relief to remove callouses and to make feet soft, smooth and silky.

Polished Outlook recognizes that men also want to look their best and aims to accommodate them as well. Due to the increas-

ing demand, they're adding a new, more masculine décor to one of their treatment rooms. They can take advantage of a number of spa services including nail and hair care.

In addition to all the Mother's Day specials, there's always something new and exciting to try at Polished Outlook. The best way to discover new techniques and promotions is through its Web site at www.polishedoutlook.com, which features new and creative beauty treatments exclusively on line. Of course they continue to offer the latest

techniques and trends for haircut, color and care.

A fun place to shop, Polished Outlook's boutique is stocked with lovely one of a kind gifts like hand made purses by Lauren Scherz, fragrant sachets, triple milled soaps and physician endorsed hats with UVB and UPF protection. No appointment is necessary to shop.

Polished Outlook is only short walk from downtown Milford tucked away on a quiet side street at 119 East Washington Street in Milford. Call (248) 685-9898 for an appointment.

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An affordable mother-to-be package that includes a dry brush exfoliation, a 60 minute prenatal massage, a signature facial and a take-home gift.

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For those that know she loves the "spa stuff" but have no idea what treatments she prefers...cash value gift certificates are the way to go!



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