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BeGole retires, again!

By Jim Totten
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS



Photo by GILLES BENOIST

Retiring Green Oak police officer Lee BeGole, who retired as police chief for the Novi Police Department, smiles at a lighthearted comment by Green Oak Police Chief Bob Brookins at the police department's Recognition and Awards Ceremony Tuesday night.

In a two-month period in 2004, Green Oak Township police officers saw one of their own almost fatally wounded in a shooting and another die off-duty from an apparent heart problem.

A year later, Chief Bob Brookins gathered all his police officers and personnel from various emergency departments Tuesday to thank those who helped after Green Oak Township Police Officer Pat Moll and Brighton Police Officer Mike Zaccagnini were shot by a teenager with an AK-47-type weapon at point-blank range May 29.

BeGole, who has lived in Novi for 49 years, said he'll likely spend his free time working as an attorney and handling more civil cases. BeGole graduated 53 years ago from the University of Detroit Law School and worked for Plymouth before entering law enforcement. He served in the military in World War II.

"I was very fortunate to have these people with me that day," Moll said about the police officers, firefighters, paramedics, helicopter pilots and surgeon who attended the ceremony.

The 130 people — including many family members — who attended the awards ceremony saw a special dedication in honor of John Popowich, a township officer who died unexpectedly on July 28. Brookins presented Popowich's widow, Vicki, with a collection of personal police items arranged in a frame by fellow officers, and the township has designated July 28 as John Stanley Popowich Day. Popowich was 41 and had undergone heart bypass surgery.

Special recognition was also given to Lee BeGole, who will retire July 5 after serving 15 years with the township police. BeGole, 62, a retired Novi police chief, during the shooting prompted him to invite representatives from all

departments. Those honored included the Green Oak Township Fire Department, Brighton Police Department, Livingston County Sheriff's Department, Livingston County EMS, the Brighton post of the Michigan State Police, Hamburg Township Police Department, Livingston County 911, University of Michigan Survival Flight, University of Michigan Medical Center and the Michigan State Police Crime Lab.

The night proved emotional for Moll, who saw the numerous people who helped save his life. One of those honored was Dr. Stewart Wang, the on-call trauma surgeon at the University of Michigan Hospital. Wang, associate chairman of the Department of Surgery, oversaw treatment of the two officers and operated on Moll.

Wang said Moll had numerous gunshot wounds from high-velocity rounds, and the surgery required several medical procedures. He said all the emergency personnel, from the police officers, firefighters and paramedics who administered first aid, to the hospital staff, did a superb job. Wang said he was impressed with Moll's dedication.

"One of his first questions was 'When can I go back to work?'" Wang said.

New fire inspectors complete training

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Novi Fire Department administration recently announced that the four newest Fire Protection Officers have completed the fire inspector training program and are now qualified to conduct fire safety inspections in the city of Novi.

Fire Protection Officers Jeffrey Lachman, Randall Keen, Joshua Bunsie and Patrick Bush completed the Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement Class this week conducted by Fire Marshal Michael Evans.

The class is based on the fire inspector qualifications developed by the National Fire Protection Association and included 80 hours of classroom instruction and field observation training. The class covers topics such as Legal and Administrative Issues, General Fire Safety Procedures, Occupant Loads and Means of Egress requirements, Hazardous Materials storage and handling and Evaluation of Water Supplies and Fire Protection Systems, including the testing of sprinkler systems and fire alarms.



Photo by JEFF JOHNSON

The Novi Fire Department uses a Company Inspection program to conduct fire safety inspections in its nearly 2,500 businesses. All of the department's 25 Fire Protection Officers and supervisors are trained fire inspectors. Last year, the department conducted more than 3,300 inspections in new and existing businesses.

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Household treasures ready to set "sale"

Garages, flea markets on the way as weather gets warmer

By Kim Kovellev
STAFF WRITER

Like scores of others, Elvera Hidde has a mission this Saturday: To get a good deal. More specifically, the Northville Township Kings Mill resident hopes to end a five-year quest. "I'm going to be looking around here for hot car lots," said Hidde, president of her community's women's club, "Noi the Veldem." From 9 a.m.-3 p.m., she'll get her chance at Kings Mill's 24th annual flea market.



Photo by KIM KOVELLEV

Kings Mill residents Elvera Hidde, Margaret Lada, Tom Tucker and Rae Bruder display household items commonly found at their neighborhood's annual Flea Market.

Garage sale season is setting sail. For many subdivisions and independent homeowners alike, it'll be anchoring away. As weather warms, clothes and toys stacked on card tables, jewelry in shoe boxes and furniture dotting the law are familiar sights. Sometimes the prices are set firm. Other times, a lacking tug means an open invitation to barter. "Everybody loves it," Hidde said. "It's a camaraderie. They may have lived here for 20 years and not know everyone."

Get it together

Once the plastic signs, balloons and piles of stuff are in hand, it's time to get organized. Keeping realistic goals is key, said Tom Kage, a part-time Northville antique dealer who helps with two-three garage sales a year. "If you want to get rid of things, don't try to make it prices," Kage said. "Price it so people will want it."

Be willing to haggle, he said, and consider last day "half-off" sales to clear out items. Preparation is key, too. Keep tarps handy, especially if it rains. Stock food, change and plastic grocery bags. "Be prepared, just like anything," Kage added. "Get a friend

or a couple friends. It's kind of a social time together." That also can help during the morning rushes, when early bargain-shoppers are out in force. Take care in displaying valuables and plan ahead, whether pricing items or advertising. "I wouldn't do it the night before," Kage said. "You're going to drive yourself crazy."

GROUND RULES

When it comes to hawking household items, Novi residents don't need garage sale permits. Novi Neighborhood Services Coordinator Cindy Uglov said those haven't been necessary. "Unless we get a concern that they're abusing the privilege of holding under six a year," Uglov said, Uglov said, "then we would revert to the ordinance. We've never really had any one abuse the last."

By city law, signs must be kept out of main road intersections. They are permitted at neighborhood entrances, though, and directional signs are OK within neighborhoods. Code enforcement officers remove out-of-place signs, Uglov said. "We have a lot of new residents coming and going," she said. "This is part of our education at the association meetings."

- For more information, call the city of Novi's neighborhood services at (248) 735-5678.
- Sales tips**
- Stay organized, preparing several days before the sale
 - Start putting aside unwanted items several weeks before the sale
 - Post an advertisement in the local newspaper or online
 - Make water-protected, visible garage sale signs (and be sure to remove them at the end of the sale)
 - Keep many plastic grocery bags or other packaging on-hand
 - Have drinks and snacks handy in case you get hungry
 - Head to the bank to stock up on plenty of change
 - Play quiet background music, such as a local radio station, or have a book on hand

POLICE REPORT

Felonious assault

Novi resident Andrew Frie, 25, was arrested and arraigned last month for felonious assault and a weapons charge. At 9:56 p.m. on May 5, Frie reportedly got into a verbal argument with a male neighbor regarding a parking spot outside their River Oaks Apartments home on Boulder Court. After threatening to get a gun, Frie did point a weapon at the neighbor and threaten the man, Novi police said. A police investigation resulted in an arrest on charges of felonious assault and the recovery of a handgun, which officers reportedly found hidden in the dirt of a pooled tire in the master bedroom. The man was arraigned May 10 in 524 District Court, while Magistrate Andrea Richardson setting bond at \$50,000.

Burglary on Brownstone

When she returned to her home on a May afternoon, a 31-year-old Novi woman reportedly found more than \$7,000 worth of missing items. The woman told police her condominium on Brownstone Drive had been robbed on May 11 at 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. May 13. Police reported no signs of forced entry in the end unit of the condo building near Meadowbrook and 13 Mile roads. The resident told police she left home and did not lock the door from the garage to the laundry room. When she returned home, she noticed the garage and front doors were ajar. Inside, she reportedly found disheveled closets and dresser drawers. Stolen property included a \$6,100 gold engagement ring, two men's watches totaling \$400, a woman's watch valued at \$100 and a \$450 digital camera. Police reported no leads.

Fleeing and eluding

After being chased by three police departments, a 34-year-old Novi man was arrested for fleeing and eluding officers at 1:23 a.m. May 5 at South Lake Drive and West Park Drive. A Novi officer was patrolling Novi Road at Old Novi Road when she saw the suspect's car pass her. The vehicle had a loud muffler, which police consider defective equipment. The officer reportedly activated her patrol car's emergency lights, siren, drive-side spotlight and air horn, but the driver did not stop. After the driver continued to travel for several more minutes and commit several moving violations, officers considered placing stop sticks on the road. Several Novi Police Department, Wixom Police Department and Walled Lake Police Department units were

advised in December 2004. Much also served on the Novi Housing and Community Development Committee. He has participated in several city studies, most recently the Novi Greenway/Pathway Study. A founding member and current president of the Friends of Novi Parks, Much has helped plant trees and clean up local parks. A recent city council budget session, he presented ideas for an improved bike path system in Novi. As a systems technician at the Waterford Township Public Library, Much oversees and maintains the library's computer work stations, networks and services. He

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Mutch and Markham announce council bids

Former planning commissioner focused on development

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Former planning commissioner Andrew Mutch announced Tuesday he will seek a city council seat. Much served on the planning commission from July 1998-November 2001 and as a library board trustee from 1996-1998. While on the planning commission, he was a member of the Novi Master Plan and Zoning Committee, which developed the master plan, which was adopted in 1999.

He supported designating Walled Lake property in Novi as a future park in the plan. This change was included in the last master plan update adopted in December 2004.

Residents know I'm not only willing to speak up and be heard but that I also have the ability to work with others to find solutions," he said.

If elected, Mutch said he will advocate responsible development. "New development needs to be compatible with surrounding residential areas," he said. "We can no longer accept development that outpaces infrastructure, destroys woodlands and wetlands, and leads to too much traffic and overcrowded schools."

He believes the city needs to continue building roads that last, park facilities that meet the needs of residents and ensure that residents get value from their tax dollars. A significant concern will be the selection of the next city manager. He said the city needs to complete major road projects and address traffic problems. A self-described history buff, he's taken on his own local preservation project — his 1926 Sears Catalog house. He's also involved in land preservation efforts in southeast Michigan, assisting others to protect and preserve open spaces and farmland in their communities.

Markham to run for Novi City Council

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Former Novi Planning Commission member Gwen Markham announced her candidacy for city council May 27. A native of Pontiac, Markham has lived in Novi for 10 years and served on the planning commission twice — from 1996-1997 and 2000-2004. Her term ended in June 2004. Currently, she's a volunteer with Boy Scout Troop 54, vice president of the Friends of the

Novi Theaters and a piano accompanist for the Hillside Middle School Music Department. Her father, the late Daniel Murphy, was Oakland County Executive.

She decided to run for council because it's a way she can serve the community. Markham believes her time on the planning commission would serve her well, if elected. "It helps you understand the benefits of each of the kinds of development and why it's important to balance commercial, industrial and residential in a community," she said.

Markham believes it's important for residential areas to be safe, clean and quiet. And, she said in industrial areas, businesses need to operate a factory or manufacturing operation without a lot of restrictions. "It's important not only to plan a city properly for the tax base that comes from the different kinds of development but also to put the right kinds of development

in the right places," she said. Markham said that's why a master plan is important. She served as chair of the Novi Master Plan and Zoning Committee for about 18 months. "It's ultimately the residents who have a say in what we want our community to be," she said. "I University with a degree in chemistry, she worked as a manufacturing manager and engineer for the automotive and aerospace industries. "I'm not just a lightweight mom who's looking for something to do. I actually bring an engineering and a business background. I think of myself as semi-retired," she said.

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Who would like to see the four school districts connected through the city. "It's as if they don't talk to each other at all," Markham said. And, she said she would like to ensure that recreation possibilities are available for all citizens. Before Markham moved to Novi, she had a professional life. A graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in chemistry, she worked as a manufacturing manager and engineer for the automotive and aerospace industries. "I'm not just a lightweight mom who's looking for something to do. I actually bring an engineering and a business background. I think of myself as semi-retired," she said.

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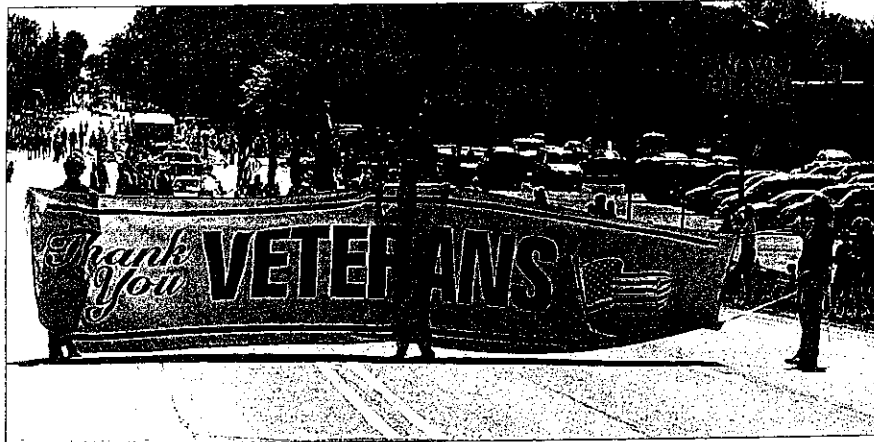
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Members of Novi High School's marching band performed as they walked the parade route along 10 Mile Road Monday.



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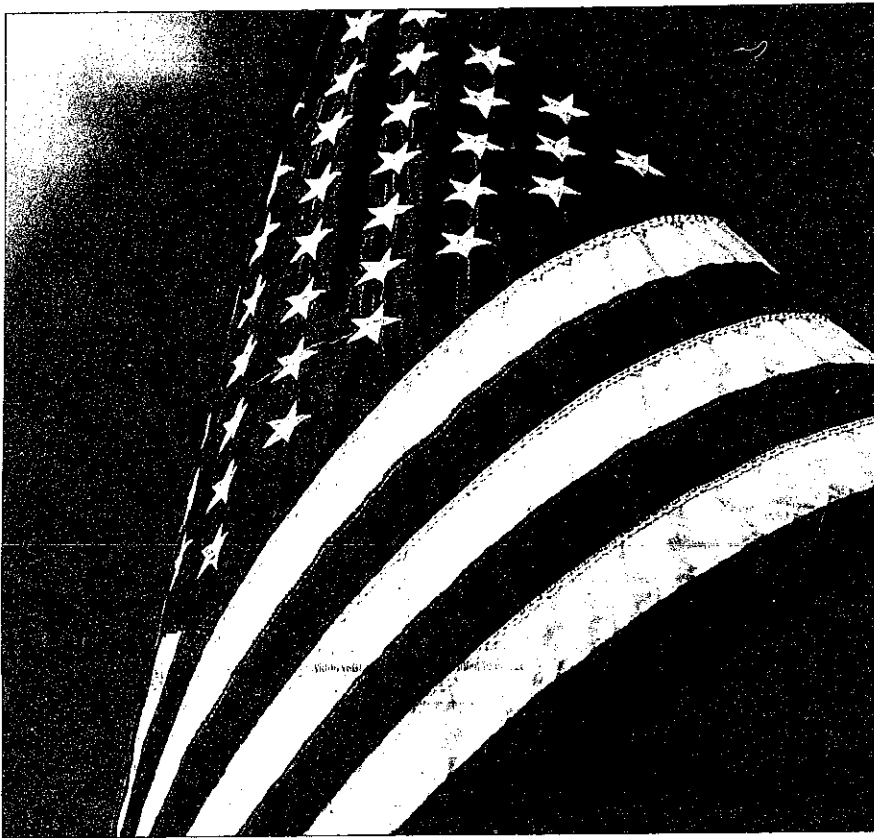
It's not only people who celebrated Memorial Day.



Three horses walked along in the parade, drawing shouts from several little children near the corner of Meadowbrook and 10 Mile roads.



A Novi youth baseball player carries an American flag during the Novi Memorial Day Parade.



Old Glory was the center of attention during the Memorial Day parade in Novi Monday.



Novi police on motorcycles along 10 Mile Road to announce the start of the Memorial Day parade.



A girl shows off Old Glory from the back of a classic car.



There was no shortage of red, white and blue along the parade route.



Kids wave from the back of a truck during the Memorial Day parade Monday.



Members of the Novi High School marching band walk along 10 Mile Road.

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LEFT: Veterans wave from the back of a float in Monday's Memorial Day parade; RIGHT: Two veterans throw candy from the back of the Lions Club float Monday.

'Eye on Novi' to recognize city's beautiful yards

New program revives interest in landscaping

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

It might not be as exciting as former "Tonight Show" sidkick Ed McMahon awarding a million-dollar Publishers Clearinghouse check, but selected Novi residents will receive a surprise visit in a few weeks. In a new program, "Eye on Novi," members of the Novi Beautification Commission and city staff, will knock on selected residents' and business owners' doors to present them with a special certificate recognizing the beauty of their landscaping. Commission members will identify a resident's home, subdivision entryway or business that has done an outstanding job of landscaping, such as flowers, shrubs, trees and other plantings. The contest will take place between April and December. Members of the "Eye on Novi" committee could award a certificate to an individual homeowner, homeowners association or business. The winners will receive a certificate that will state that they have been recognized by the Commission. The certificate will be signed by Mayor Lou Cordas and Moira Robinson, chairperson, Novi Beautification Commission. "We're going to go out and identify those responsible for an individual residence, subdivision entryway or business who has done an outstanding job in creating an attractive look," said Jack Lewis, deputy director, Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, city staff liaison for the program. Nominations will be accepted from fellow residents or business owners, and Beautification Commission members will then go out and review the property. Lewis noted that the "Eye on Novi" crew already has some homeowners in mind in Novi that they may award certificates to this spring. Anyone who sees a beautiful yard in their neighborhood, attractive subdivision entryway or eye-catching landscaping at a local business can contact Robinson at (248) 249-8205, and members of the Beautification Commission will go out to assess the property. "We will try to award at least one or two certificates a month," Robinson said.

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Novi garden walk planned next summer

Northville, Novi club members to scout out yards

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Ladies and gentlemen, start your gardens. It's only a year until the first-ever garden walk organized by the Gardeners of Northville and Novi. There's no time like the present to think about entering your home in the walk. Members of the relatively new garden club, which is only three years old and has residents from several communities in the area, will start scouting out Novi yards this fall in search of five gardens to be part of the walk. The walk will be followed by a tour of Michigan State University's Tollgate Center in Novi on the northwest corner of Meadowbrook and 12 Mile roads. "Novi has never had a garden walk, so we're working on the project now. We want to have one in the summer of 2006," said Doris Brownell of Novi, vice president and program chair of the club. To give residents a chance to think and prepare their gardens, members wanted to get the word out now. Although the club is only three years old, it already has 28 members. Brownell noted, Meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of every month from September to June alternate between the Novi Civic Center and the Northville Public Library, Yvonne Dematios, president of the club, lives in Northville. Dues are \$20 a year. Besides starting to scout out Novi homes for the garden walk

TOUR DETAILS

The Gardeners of Northville/Novi will have a speaker who will share her knowledge of roses, a plant swap and tour of the Michigan State University Tollgate Center at 6:30 p.m. June 16 at the center located at the northwest corner of Meadowbrook and 12 Mile roads. For more information, contact Doris Brownell, vice president and program chair, (248) 348-2426.



Photo by PAM FLEMING

Doris Brownell of Novi, left, vice president, and Yvonne Dematios of Northville, president, Gardeners of Northville/Novi, look at some flowers to be planted outside Brownell's home. The two plans to start searching for yards this fall for the club's first garden walk in Novi next year.

this fall, club members will enhance flower beds around the Novi Public Library on 10 Mile Road and the Northville Chamber of Commerce office on S. Main Street.

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A Soldier Remembers

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base. He had to hitchhike to get from Naples, where he was stationed, to the coast.

A jeep stopped to pick him up with the 45th bomber squadron emblem painted on it—the same crew as William. He mentioned to the soldier who he was going to visit but the soldiers didn't respond. Instead, they stopped in front of the orderly room and then BeGole had a talk with a major from the squadron.

His brother had departed Dec. 9 after volunteering to take the place of another pilot. It was William's 41st run and one from which he would never return.

Lt. William BeGole's remains were later brought home and given a hero's burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

"I never have," said BeGole of visiting his brother's final resting place. "I've always intended to and I gave it a lot of thought, but I never have. I just don't have the inclination to go see all those graves."

BeGole has had more connections to Memorial Day than he'd like to remember. After WW II, the former police chief was active in the National Guard during the Korean War and knew plenty of men from the Detroit area that didn't return home.

"A friend of mine got off the boat and one day later was done for," said BeGole.

During Vietnam, he was involuntarily pulled back into the military and trained soldiers at Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri. Plenty of those men met their fates as well.

"I've seen them disappear through three wars now," said BeGole. "I don't know if it's ever going to end."

There's a question why BeGole holds a special place for Memorial Day in his heart and he said Memorial Day should be returned to what it once was—a celebration of those who have fought and died for the United States.

"I think it should be," he said. "The parades are no where like they used to be and the ceremonies aren't decorated like they were. Even the American Legion and the other veterans' groups do very little, if anything, any more."

"Maybe people will start to realize again, with what's going on in Iraq, that people still give their lives for this country."

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Making a point of discipline, education

Kelley starts his third year at West Point

By Kim Kovelle
STAFF WRITER

Long duffle bag in tow, Pete Kelley was told he had 90 seconds to bid his family farewell.

He and a fresh crop of cadets were then whisked off for basic training at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in New York.

"It's just kind of hit the ground running," Kelley, 20, said. "On the other side, it's just people yelling at you. It was challenging. It was fun, at the same time."

It's been two years since the Novi resident had his West Point Reception Day—a better known as "R Day."

Home briefly this month, Kelley is visiting local schools and scout troops on a mission to share details on his school's academic, military and athletic staples.

"You get everything you get at a conventional school but you get a little more," he said.

Getting in
But cut hair, shoe polishing and military jargon were new to Kelley as a "plebe," or first-year cadet, in 2003. His dad, an engineer, had suggested West Point.

"I always kind of thought the military was a noble cause," Kelley said. "I was doing something different than my friends."

As a first-grader, he was impressed by a quick Army victory in the 1991 Gulf War. He said Sept. 11 attacks inspired interest.

"It seemed like the United States was going to need more people to volunteer," Kelley said.

During his junior year, the high school class treasurer and wrestler began a yearlong process of nominations and tests. Out of 12,000 applicants, he and about 1,200 others reported as cadets.

Nature of the beast

From day one, cadets are expected to fall in line.

"Everything is assigned," Kelley said. "They try to instill everything on you right away."

Divided into squads, plebes' first weeks are spent in "Beast Barracks." Officers drill formations, rules, attire and etiquette. Candidates get only three supervised calls home.

"It wasn't like, 'Hey, how's it going?'" Kelley said. "You're not allowed to talk unless you're addressing someone."

Permitted phrases: "Yes sir," "No sir," "No excuse, sir" and "Sir, I do not understand."

After training, accepted cadets begin the August school year. Scheduled breakfasts start at 7 a.m.; lunch is promptly at noon. In between are academic courses—about five per semester.

Optional 6 p.m. dinner follows two hours of marching drills and fitness. For Kelley, that includes intramural combative wrestling.

An evening study period starts at 7:30 p.m. A half-hour after taps play, it's lights out at midnight.

Or else. Cadets caught up late, underage drinking or "blowing post"—leaving campus when not allowed—get demerit hours. Rifle in tow, they march in full uniform on weekends.

"I've never had it, thank God," Kelley said. But he once exited a bathroom without hands "cupped" into a standard, loose fist.

"A sergeant caught me," he said. "I had to walk around the hallway five times. I had to yell out, 'Hey,



Pete Kelley looks through West Point admission materials in his Novi home last week before returning to the U.S. Military Academy.

guess what? I own this place!" It was just kind of an embarrassing thing.

Kelley said he's learned to work with his comrades in Company D-1, dubbed "The Ducks." Last summer, Operation Highland Warrior exposed his group to 10 days of intense infantry tactics in the woods.

"Everyone has to pull guard duty

during different times in the night," Kelley said. "Definitely teamwork comes into play."

Future ahead
Contemplating a marketing major, Kelley said his third year will begin with platoon sergeant training duties this summer. He's graduated to pre-polished

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"Cordani" shoes. Soccer might replace wrestling as his sport. And as a junior, he can own a vehicle after spring break to travel on weekends.

A gold Chevy Colorado is in his sights.

"There's really no public transportation right around West Point," Kelley said. "It's part of the whole discipline thing."

Via letters, he's kept in touch with his parents and two siblings.

"I have a lot of respect now for anyone who's in the armed services," Kelley said. "It feels right so far."

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Citizens' ideas sought on trail system

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

A community's parks and recreational opportunities provide fun, sun and serenity for young and old.

If you want to help form Novi's recreation scene, come to a special Pathway/Greenway Study Public Input Meeting from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. this Saturday at Lakeshore Park, 601 South Lake Drive.

Members of the community are invited to come and share their ideas, suggestions and concerns regarding a pathway/trail system in the city.

This is the second in a series of meetings on Novi's trail system. The first public meeting took place on April 28, with about 10 people attending. More meetings will take place in the future, according to Darcy Schmitt, former city planner, who recently took a new job in East Lansing.

Mark Spencer, a new city planner in Novi, will oversee meetings in the future.

One concern revealed in polls of residents on the city's land use master plan as well as the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department master plan is there are too many

gaps in city sidewalks.

"We want all the schools to have connections between the neighborhoods, so kids don't have to go out in the streets," Schmitt said.

So, sidewalks will be one of the first challenges in a pathway/trailway system. Already budgeted in the 2005-06 budget are new sidewalks along 10 Mile Road.

City planners are also looking at surrounding trails throughout the county that can be connected, the Singh Trail that will be part of the new Legacy Park subdivision built in 1973.

West Bloomfield developer Singh Development on 10 Mile Road, is scheduled to open this fall.

An Adopt-A-Trail Program might also be initiated, so local residents can help clean up the Singh trail and other areas.

For more information about Novi's paths and trails, contact Spencer at (248) 735-5607. The next Pathway/Greenway Study Public Input Meeting will be in September. "All of the public input information will be kept in a file and on our working map," Schmitt said.

Marcus said there were actually two addresses at one time on connected buildings at the site, according to Marcus.

Marcus, who owned the building for more than 35 years, said Frazer Staman, former Novi Township supervisor, had the building constructed for the town-

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Auction-It Today

eBay-inspired business to open in former Marcus Glass shop

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Two area businessmen have joined to create a new eBay-inspired business that will open shop at a historic Novi location.

The former Marcus Glass building and then Harmon Glass building, on the east side of Novi Road just south of Grand River Avenue, will become Auction-It Today Novi.

Longtime Novi resident Tom Marcus and his wife, Thelma, owned the building for at least 35 years along with Dick and Ruth Bingham of Novi. Bingham was in the insurance business, Talmay Insurance, which still has an office in Walked Lake, according to Marcus.

"They were involved for about 12 years," Marcus said.

When Marcus retired, he leased the building to Harmon Glass. That business closed recently, leaving the building vacant.

Well-known Novi businessman and planning commission member Victor Cassis purchased the build-

ing and about an acre of property from Marcus about two months ago, leasing it to entrepreneurs Art Low and Kevin Merta about a month later.

"I got so many calls on it because it's a strategic location," Cassis said.

Low, who lived in Novi for eight years and now lives in Pinckney, is one of six members of the new Michigan Boxing Commission. Famous boxer Tommy "The Hit Man" Hearn plans to attend the Auction-It Today grand opening, according to Low.

Merta, a builder from Brighton, met Low when he built his and wife, Donna's, home in Pinckney. Low and Merta became friends, and the next thing he knew, Merta was going into business with Low in the new franchise.

At Auction-It Today Novi, people can pick up or drop off garage, sale items, cars, jewelry, cameras, computers, video games, antiques, event tickets, real estate,

sporting goods, construction equipment, boats, auto parts, furniture, electronics, motorcycles, art and collectibles.

The goods will then be auctioned off on eBay, an Internet-based auction business. Currently, eBay has 100 million registered users in more than 150 countries and indirectly employs over 500,000 people, Low said.

"eBay Motors is currently the largest auto dealer in the world. There's a car sold every three seconds," Low added.

Low noted the business already has about 30 pieces of numbered art that will be auctioned on eBay. "We'll have a lot of sports memorabilia, too, including items from many famous boxers like Hearn's," Low said.

Low prepared the franchise to Merta because they both like computers and have experience buying and auctioning their own items on eBay. He sees the business as one area residents can use when moving, redecorating, acquiring new items or getting rid of old items from their home.

Low previously owned three Goodyear Tire stores in the area about 20 years ago and also owned a business that promoted entertainers and athletes.

"I represented boxer Leon Spinks for seven years as well as Thomas the Hit Man Hearn, a seven-time world champion boxer," he said.

Merta has a degree in electrical engineering from Lawrence Technological Institute and previously worked at a start-up software design company, Savance. His parents have owned a construction company, Custom Estate Home Builders, in Brighton for about 15 years. He joined forces

with them about five years ago, establishing a partnership with his parents about two years ago.

"We do 15 to 16 homes a year, leaving me time to do this business, too," Merta said.

He's currently remodeling the entire interior of the Auction-It Today site in Novi, including new flooring and custom cabinets.

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Owners of the Auction-It Today Novi franchise, Kevin Merta, Al Low and his wife, Donna, who will work at the store, with building owner, Victor Cassis, far left, outside the new business. People will be able to bring a variety of items to the Novi Road location to auction on the Internet-based auction business, eBay.

New business' building dates from 1950s

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

The new Novi location of the Auction-It Today franchise will be in a building that's been a fixture in the city since the early 1950s, according to former owner Tom Marcus.

Marcus said there were actually two addresses at one time on connected buildings at the site, according to Marcus.

Marcus, who owned the building for more than 35 years, said Frazer Staman, former Novi Township supervisor, had the building constructed for the town-

ship post office.

This post office was the first one in Novi that mail was actually sorted and then delivered. At early post offices, residents had to come pick up their own mail, Marcus said. The attached building housed the local justice of the peace.

Marcus Glass was the first glass business in Novi, with the original store on Grand River Avenue. There was a house with a garage-type barn behind it, and we opened the glass business there in 1970," he said.

In 1973, Marcus Glass moved to Novi Road, with the business being sold to Harmon Glass in 1990.

Harmon Glass then closed the business several months ago. The building was vacant for a few months, because the Marcus family decided to wait to market the structure until after the construction was completed on Novi Road.

The family sold the building to local businessman Victor Cassis in March, and the building was leased to entrepreneurs Kevin Merta and Al Low for the Internet-based auction business Auction-It Today in April.

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- Developing a Long-Range Planning process for the District
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 - Advancing the use of technology throughout the system as a model for other schools across the state
- Avid sports enthusiast for Novi athletic programs (and Michigan State University!)

The entire community salutes you and your contributions to our community.

Dr. Emmett Lippe
Novi Community School District

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Farmer Jack sale pending

Novi's Farmer Jack is among nearly 90 locales in Ohio and Michigan parent company Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Inc. plans to sell.

The company announced May 10 plans to sell a core of 70 well-performing stores in the Tri-County area as a group. These locales have undergone remodels and program changes during the past two years and are to stay open, A&P said.

Under-performing stores, along with 10 Food Basics discount stores reportedly will be closed or sold separately over the next few months.

Novi's Farmer Jack is located at the northwest corner of 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

Sheraton hosts conference

The Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel recently hosted a first-ever daratcheMVP2005 conference.

Held May 23-24, the event was organized by Daratche, Inc., a market research and technology firm based in Cambridge, Mass. Eight case studies explored new marketing, visualization and 3D publishing might soon change the face of product development in automotive, aerospace, electronic and other industries.

Nearly 60 companies attended the two-day event, according to Daratche. The Sheraton is located at 21111 Haggerty Road.

Learning Care news

Novi-based Learning Care Group, Inc. recently announced it received an award and hired a new human resources manager.

Tutor Time Learning Centers, one of the group's local sub-

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Photo by KATHY MUTCH

Happy birthday!

The Novi News celebrated its 50th anniversary Thursday with a reception at Lucky's in the Fountain Walk shopping center. State Senator Nancy Cassis (R, Novi) formally recognized the newspaper with a proclamation signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche (R, Novi) and Cassis. Shown are lifetime Novi residents Kathy and Hugh Crawford flipping through past issues of the Novi News; Cassis is in the background.



Photo by PAM FLEMING

Novi Hold 'Em Champ

Nora Champion, center, president, Novi Chamber of Commerce, and Eddie Bourque, right, general manager, Lucky's, congratulated Mario Savino, left, of Romulus on winning the \$500 prize in the poker tournament at the Novi Hold 'Em Casino Night May 14 at Lucky's at Fountain Walk shopping center. Dan Stowell of Pinckney won \$300, and Joe Sutschek won \$200 in the tournament. Proceeds go to the Chamber's relocation fund.

Prior to the move, Smith was vice president of human resources. Learning Care Group, Inc., also parent company of Childtime Learning Centers, is located at 21333 Haggerty Road, Ste. 300.

Taubman redoing Web site

Taubman Centers, Inc., which operates Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall, announced it is redesigning its corporate Web site.

The company said last week

that it has selected Detroit advertising firm Campbell-Ewald for the task. The revamped site, located at <http://taubman.com>, is expected to launch by fall.

Taubman is based in Bloomfield Hills.

Retail forecasts cool

Michigan retailers are forecasting lower short-term sales, according to the Michigan Retailers Association's retail index.

After holding steady for three months, 56 percent of retailers in April believed their sales would increase from now through July. That was down from 67 percent positive projections in March. In all, 207 businesses responded to the survey.

Furniture and appliance stores reportedly led retail industry sales, followed by apparel. The industry's overall sales performance remained sub-par for the sixth consecutive month.

the index reported.

Auto production down

Automakers nationwide were expected to produce 218,014 vehicles this week, down 12.4 percent from last week, according to Wards Automotive Reports. So far this year, production has been about 5,45,828 units, down 2.3 percent from this time last year.

Compiled by Kim Kovelle

Smiling Irish arrive at Gus O'Connor's

Novi pub's four Irish employees add to authentic theme

By Kim Kovelle
STAFF WRITER

Before he began bartending at Gus O'Connor's in Novi, Mick Gallagher learned how to serve up cold Guinness beer at Spelman's Bar in tiny town of Ballaghaderreen, Ireland.

Now, he's helping Noelle Spellman, one of the bar owners' children, learn the ropes at the Novi pub — along with two other new Irish workers.

"First pint I ever poured was in her parents' bar," said Gallagher, 27. "At home, I worked restaurants, bars and hotels. You've got to come in with a good attitude."

Joining Gallagher on April 20, Spellman, Sean Farrelly and Ashley McCabe are the newest faces at the Gus O'Connor's. Unmarried and in their 20s, the crew is here on 18-month work visas to taste American culture and pub work.

"I was at home, and I just thought well, there's nothing really much going on here," said McCabe, 23. "I'm going to live it up a wee bit. You meet different people coming through."

Authentic flair

Named for the 1832 original in Doolin, Gus O'Connor's pub was built in Waterford, Ireland before landing in Novi during late 2003.

Spelman, 26, quickly realized the Motor City wasn't as walkable as her 3,000-person hometown.

"There's no public transport," she said, whereas at home, "Everything close together."

McCabe is the only one of the Co-owner Mark Smith, a new group who's been to

third-generation Irish descendent, said he wanted genuine personalities to complement original wooden planks and slate flooring.

"We wanted to make it as authentic as possible," Smith said. "They have great stories. They're always in a great mood. It's something different. You're getting the background."

"They're good kids. It was a natural fit."

Ready to face the "big bad world," Gallagher was the Irish pioneer. Arriving the January after the pub opened, he discovered the new territory included more mixed drinks and martinis — and patrons placing orders.

"We go up, you grab a drink and you pay as you go," he said of bar etiquette at home. "It's more service-oriented over here."

As social events go, he's noticed backyard barbecues for more common than stampedes for "last call" at the local watering hole. His three new co-workers soon learned similar lessons.

Now bartending, 25-year-old Sean Farrelly began as a chef in his bustling hometown of Belfast. O'Connor's dishes like beer-battered fish and Shepherd's Pie are close to home, he said.

Still, "It was culture shock, sort of. Back home, it's just like, eat and drink and that's it, there's not really much interaction. Here ... you get to know people."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Irish men and women are joined by their Gus O'Connor's boss Mark Smith, center, for a photo and a dark pint of Guinness. Bartender Sean Farrelly, left, has been in Novi for 18 months and decided to stay even longer. The other visitors from the Green Isle, Ashley McCabe, Mick Gallagher and Noelle Spellman, right, have been at the Novi pub for about a month now.

States before. In 2002, she helped out special needs children at Camp America in New York.

As an O'Connor's server, McCabe has noticed she's a bit of a focal point with customers.

"A lot of them say, 'Is that an Irish accent?'" she said. "Once we start talking, they can tell we're not from around here."

For the most part, the crew doesn't mind.

"There is things you do want to keep personal," Farrelly said, "but anything else in general — just anything for a year, anything to consider the district's proposed 2005-06 budget."

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2005-06 budget until after the public hearing. Beginning June 6, 2005, a copy of the proposed budget will be available during normal business hours at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Tall Road, Novi, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

(6-2-05 NN 216747)

FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 05-029

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Pulte Homes is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a temporary sales trailer for the Tall Knolls subdivision at 48254 Jacob Drive. This permit is to be issued from June 10, 2005 to June 10, 2006.

A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 10, 2005. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider EVERGREEN ESTATES, SITE PLAN NUMBER 04-42A FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL, WETLAND PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 16, NORTH OF NINE MILE ROAD, EAST OF HARRIER ROAD IN THE R-4, RESIDENTIAL ACRES DISTRICT. The subject property is approximately 14.97 acres. The applicant is proposing 10 single-family homes.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 8, 2005.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
LOWELL SPRAGUE, SECRETARY

(6-2-05 NN 217179)

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 8, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider VILLAGE WOOD LAKE CONDOMINIUMS, SITE PLAN NUMBER 04-15A FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL, WETLAND PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 25, EAST SIDE OF MEADOWBROOK ROAD BETWEEN NINE AND TEN MILE ROADS IN THE R-4, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT. The subject property is approximately 14.97 acres. The applicant is proposing 10 single-family homes.

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NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
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(6-2-05 NN 217610)

FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 05-031

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mozart Homes LLC is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a temporary sales trailer for the Tall Knolls subdivision at 48254 Jacob Drive. This permit is to be issued from June 10, 2005 to June 10, 2006.

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NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
LOWELL SPRAGUE, SECRETARY

(6-2-05 NN 217179)

FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 05-027

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that J.B. Donaldson is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a temporary trailer for Infinity Medical Group located at 41850 West Eleven Mile Road. This permit is to be issued from June 10, 2005 to December 10, 2005.

A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 10, 2005. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider EVERGREEN ESTATES, SITE PLAN NUMBER 04-42A FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL, WETLAND PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 16, NORTH OF NINE MILE ROAD, EAST OF HARRIER ROAD IN THE R-4, RESIDENTIAL ACRES DISTRICT. The subject property is approximately 14.97 acres. The applicant is proposing 10 single-family homes.

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(6-2-05 NN 216749)

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

Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be meeting to interview applicants for appointment to the Beauty/Polish Commission, Economic Development Corporation, Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission, Planning Commission, Public Access Promotion Committee, Youth Council and Student Representatives, high school level, to serve on the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission, Historical Commission, Beautification Commission, Library Board and Housing and Community Development Advisory Commission.

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

The deadline for filing an application is Wednesday, June 8, 2005, at 4:00 pm to allow time for scheduling interview appointments.

Council will be interviewing applicants on Monday, June 13, 2005, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers; interviews are scheduled for 10 minutes each and all City Council meetings are televised.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS,
CITY CLERK

(6-19/26 & 6-2-05 NN 212025)

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New leadership

Elections held for council

By Courtney Ratkowiak
SPECIAL WRITER

"Making the world a better place since August 30, 1988."

This slogan, accompanied by a smiling baby picture on signs posted school-wide, made students laugh and propelled Chris Aberly to presidential victory in the Novi High School student council elections.

Class officer elections were held May 19-23, followed by class representative elections May 25-30. Out of 102 candidates, 72 were elected to comprise the 2005-2006 student council. The Student Council Executive Board, led by president Jordan Barnes, facilitated the election process.

This year, the executive board introduced an online ballot for class officer elections. Using laptops set up in the high school atrium, students were able to vote during lunch. Although the online ballots eliminated the time needed to sort and count votes, Barnes said that the amount of work required to perfect the system was "almost a little more work than that was worth."

The class representative elections were run with traditional paper ballots. Fourteen candidates were chosen from each class, an increase from 12 in last year's election and an indication of the high school's growing population.

"Our school is getting bigger and we need to have a larger student council so that there will be a better percentage of students who are representatives on the council," Barnes said.

To be considered for candidacy, all student council hopefuls were required to collect signatures from 25 students in their class, as well as the signatures of two teachers, counselors, or coaches, and one class sponsor. Presidential and vice-presidential candidates delivered speeches that were broadcast during school lunches.

Arin Chandrasekaran, class of 2007 president-elect, said her speech was her strongest campaigning tool.

"In my speech, rather than selling myself, I tried to sell my ideas,"

Honors Ceremony is done in record time

Novi High seniors take center stage

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Many of Novi High School's graduating class of 2005 gathered at the Novi Expo Center last Thursday night to receive all of the honors and scholarships they have earned throughout the year.

The annual event was over in record time, as 11 minutes were shaved off from last year's program. But according to Novi High Principal John Lawrence, the idea was to make it as honorable to the students as possible, while making it as quick as possible.

"All of this represents 12 years of hard work," he said. "It's very well deserved and we don't want to rush through it, but yet we certainly want to make it double. I think that we've done a very respectable job of honoring our seniors who have worked so hard. It just makes for a very nice evening."

Senior Class President William "B.J." Chaklos and Vice President Kelsey Collins were proud to represent their class. Chaklos earned a Cum Laude status, the School Board Award and the Student Council President award, while Collins earned a Phi Beta Kappa award, Magna Cum Laude status, four year honor roll, Presidential Education Award, School Board award and student council vice president.

"It was nice to see everyone's accomplishments," Collins said. "I learned things about people that I didn't really know before. I think that over the years our class has really bonded and the difference between what we were like when we were in middle school to now is just amazing."

Chaklos agreed. He said there were some awards he didn't even know existed and he was pleased to see what his classmates were able to accomplish.

"Our class has so many stand out individuals in both sports and academics," he said. "I just think



Novi High senior class officers Laura Hirshfield, (treasurer), Marybeth Miles, (secretary), Kelsey Collins (vice president) and William "B.J." Chaklos (president), have a good time and receive many awards at the school's senior honors night.

that the possibilities are endless for this class because we've accomplished so much already," Kendall Ziegler, another member of the 2005 class, managed to make it up to the stage a whopping seven times. Her accomplishments included earning a Summa Cum Laude status, the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, the Community Volunteer Service Award, four year honor roll, the David Langham Memorial Award, the Providence Hospital Health Career Scholarship and the Brooks Kushman P.C. Technical Scholarship.

Lawrence was glowing like a proud papa after the ceremony was over. "I expect to be reading and hearing about great things that this class will accomplish down the road and I certainly look forward to hearing from them as they move through their post-secondary education and on to their careers," he said.

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Novi schools adopting new wellness policy

Beginning stages include music in cafeteria

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

During a presentation to the board of education at a recent public meeting, JoAnn Clements, director of food services for the Novi Community School District, announced an astonishing statistic.

She said that childhood obesity in Michigan has increased 900 percent in the last 20 years.

Michigan isn't the only state with this problem and that's why the federal government has mandated that, by July, 2006, every

public school in the country must have a new wellness policy in place, which is supposed to improve nutrition and fitness of all staff and students.

Clements has taken that challenge head on, and is proud to say that Novi is well ahead of many school districts in surrounding states.

"I was at three different conferences in the past couple weeks in Indiana, Michigan and Ohio," Clements said. "I talked to all kinds of directors and the things that I hear them say they want to start are things we're already doing. I think we're very fortunate."

Clements explained what she is

trying to do is implement small changes that, perhaps, will be seamless to the students, but will ultimately produce healthier lunches and breakfasts.

The government has asked schools to look at vending, fund raising, teacher rewards and what is offered at staff meetings for improving nutrition.

Fitness wise, it is asking schools to look at how much gym is required for students, and how to incorporate more physical activity in a day that isn't necessarily physical education, but could be part of some other class.

The Novi Schools food services department has already started a wellness committee comprised of community members, industry people, administrators and physical education teachers, in order to have representation from every aspect of the district.

"We're talking about, realistically, what we can do to improve," Clements said. "It's nothing that will happen overnight. We're not going to get first graders to start eating broccoli and brown rice next year. But we can serve whole grain instead of white bread, and we can make sure that when we have breakfast or lunch, we're serving healthy cereals. There are a lot of little things that we can do."

Students at Novi Meadows Elementary School have already seen changes this year in the cafeteria, from the food they eat to the atmosphere.

Their favorite tunes are being played on a boom box as students eat everything from baked chicken legs and mashed potatoes, to salads and vegetables.

"We want to make the whole lunch hour be more fun and more enjoyable for the kids," Clements

said. "We thought we would try playing music at lunch time to see how they would enjoy it and it's been a huge hit. We've gotten to the point where the kids didn't want to leave the cafeteria because they were dancing to the music."

Of course, the kids have enjoyed their own music more than the oldies that Clements brought in initially. In fact, within one lunch hour, she had over 100 requests that they wanted to hear. The idea is to make school lunch fun, so that the kids look forward to it.

Clements said she has already been contacted by Village Oaks Elementary School, who wants to have music in their cafeteria next school year.

"It's like when you go out to eat, it's nice to have music in the background," Clements said. "For anyone who wants to do it, we'll certainly encourage that. It's not expensive and it's just fun."

In order to make the healthy changes, the foods department needs full cooperation from all staff.

"By in large, teachers and staff need to be the role models," Clements said. "It's easy to say, but it's hard to do. That's a push we're going to look at for next year."

Any parent input and/or involvement on the wellness committee is welcomed. For more information, e-mail JoAnn Clements at rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.



The Novi School's bus depot is completed and in operation. Included with the facility is a hydraulic lift capable of hoisting buses for easier inspection and repair.

New digs

Transportation department now fully functional

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

The first time eccentric John Zofchak walked into the Novi Community School District's new bus garage, he smiled, took off his coat and felt right at home. And that was in January.

At that moment transportation director Dan Tooman knew things were going to be a lot better for him and his staff, as they were moving into their new building, but now to work in this kind of facility is really nice. You feel appreciated here. You didn't always feel appreciated in the past as much as I think drivers should be."

Some might take the fact that the new building has heating, cooling and much more lighting with the windows for granted, but not Tooman and his staff. Other improvements include four work bays with two brand new lifts, an automatic power bus wash, a drivers lounge and a conference room, among many other improvements.

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That's because the old building, which was demolished to clear room for construction on the current one last year, didn't have heat. In fact, that building had a lot of faults that are now cleared up. For instance, it had a flat roof that leaked, the windows leaked, the bathrooms were too small and Tooman didn't even have his own office.

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it was," Tooman said. "It's a hard thing to describe, but I saw it on their faces when I said we're moving our furniture over to the new building. That was a great day. There were cheers."

The one aspect that Tooman enjoys the most is having his own office, where he can talk to drivers privately. Gone are the days where he either had to tell everybody to leave the office, or take the drivers outside to talk, or maybe even take them out back, where the mechanics were busy working on buses.

"It was not good," Tooman said. "Now we can come in and sit down and talk. It's like night and day. We are able to do these things. Working in Novi is a big plus to begin with, but now to work in this kind of facility is really nice. You feel appreciated here. You didn't always feel appreciated in the past as much as I think drivers should be."

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has not had great difficulty coming to work, but it's nice to come to a pleasant facility," Bill Erickson said, a Novi bus driver for the past five and a half years. "This is a very pleasant and versatile facility. Drivers have their own personal lockers, which we did not have in our old facility, we have a lunch room which accommodates the number of drivers we have, which was not the case previously and we have a place where we can take care of our non-driving business, such as a conference room and a classroom/lounge room."

See Erickson, who will be finishing her seventh year as a Novi bus driver, is happy to have many computers to work on.

"You don't have people looking over your shoulder waiting for you to finish," she said. "Also, I know people get to interact more with the bigger space. Before, only about eight to 10 people was all you could fit in there comfortably. Now you have all the tables in there and each table holds seven or eight people, so you can fit everybody in there now."

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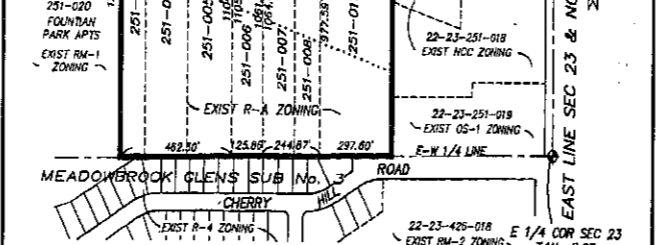
CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.648

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS: Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.648, attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is July 7, 2005.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan this 23rd day of May, 2005. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.



To rezone a part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 23, T1N, R8E, City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcels 22-23-151-003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008 and 011 more particularly described as follows: Parcel 22-23-151-003, 004 & 005 Beginning at a point on the East-West 1/4 line of Section 23 and the North line of Meadowbrook Glens Sub. No. 3 as recorded in Liber 145 of Plats, Page 1, Oakland County Records, said point being N89°58'54"W, 1239.29 feet from the East 1/4 corner of Section 23; thence continuing N89°58'54"W, 462.60 feet; thence N00°16'54"E, 1265.91 feet to a point on the South line of Grand River Ave. (100 FT. wide); thence S70°39'18"E along said South line, 487.71 feet; thence S00°12'08"W, 1104.49 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 12.63 acres.

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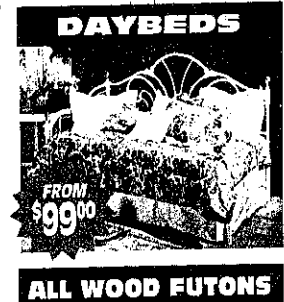
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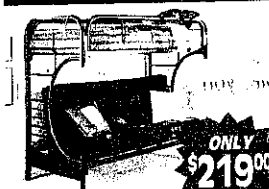


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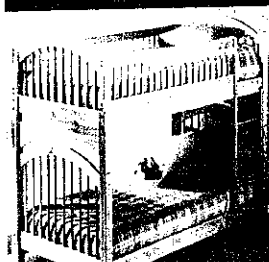
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FAITH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

- Meadowbrook Congregational Church** invites everyone to attend a Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads. Call (248) 348-7757.
- The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross** offers a worship service every Wednesday from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Come and share your lunch hour with God at a worship service that includes scripture and Holy Communion. The church invites all to worship Sundays at 7:45 and 10 a.m. Nursery care is available at 10 a.m. worship services. (The nursery is coordinated by a registered pediatric nurse.) Adult Bible Study is Sundays at 9 a.m. Worship Center for children ages 3-7, and Sunday School is at 10 a.m.
- Worship Service of Compline** is held at 8:30 p.m. Rice 13 (ages 11-14) and 12A (ages 14 and up).
- groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner. Youth Worship Service is held at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Sunday of every month; all are welcome. Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross is located at 40700 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi. Call (248) 427-1175 or visit www.churchofthe-holycross.com.
- Faith Community Presbyterian 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 through 12th grade. Dr. Henderson is leading a class on world religions at 7 p.m. on Tuesday nights. The cost is \$5 to cover materials. The on-going women's Bible study is Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m. The church is sponsoring a 5k race and a 1-mile Walk/Run on Saturday, June 4. Participants may walk or run either distance. The church Web site is www.faithcommunity-novi.org and has a downloadable application. The church is located at 44400 W. Ten Mile Road in Novi. Call (248) 349-2345.
- The Holy Family Church** - What it means to be Catholic. Are you interested in the Catholic Church? An invitation to come in and get your questions answered will take place on June 6 at 7 p.m. at the church. Please RSVP or call the church (Maria) with any questions. The Church of the Holy Family is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Road, between Grand River and Ten Mile Road. Call (248) 349-8817 or visit www.holyfamily-novi.org.
- Oak Pointe Church** service times will be at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. every Sunday. Visit www.oakpointe.org or call (248) 912-0043.
- St. James Catholic Church** is located at 46325 Ten Mile Road, Novi. Call (248) 347-7778.
- St. John Lutheran Church** is located at 23225 Gill Road in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 988-9604 or (248) 474-8521 for more information.
- First United Methodist Church of Northville** is located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road (at Tait Road), Northville. Phone: (248) 349-1144.
- Church of the Holy Cross** is located at 40700 W. Ten Mile Road (between Meadowbrook & Haggerty roads). Visit www.churchofthe-holy-cross.com for more information.
- The New United Methodist Church** is located at 41671 W. Ten Mile Road. Sunday worship is at 9:45 a.m. with Rev. Jacqueline E. Holdsworth. Call (248) 349-2652 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 Thirteen Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 427-2700 or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.

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Society keeps retirees' minds active

Program lets folks SOAR to greater heights

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Who said you can't teach old dogs new tricks?

Members of the Society of Active Retirees are good examples that it just isn't so.

Graham Ward of Novi, a retiree and resident of the Island Lake development, loves to read and enjoys being a member of this special local society, known as SOAR.

The program, operated by Wayne State University in Detroit, brings a variety of topics to its members. Most courses are scheduled at WSU's Oakland Center Satellite Campus at 33737 W. 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

"It gives you a chance — without having to worry about studying for tests or getting through your assigned reading — to listen and learn," Ward said. "You're

never too old to learn something." Retired Wayne State professors who teach the classes can even be seen in the audience, according to Ward.

The lectures are usually one or two sessions. A morning session will go from 10 a.m. to noon and an afternoon session from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Courses in the last catalogue included archaeology, portrait painting, "Understanding Islam Through its Art," basic computer courses and even a study group on great decisions.

Health topics have included lectures on the medically uninsured, Alzheimer's disease and cancer genetics.

Last fall, Professor Martin Barr, former dean, WSU pharmacy school, gave Society of Active Retirees members information about the new Medicare drug plan.

"We hear this scare talk about Social Security. If you're really concerned about the future, you ought to be looking at the funding of Medicare, which makes Social Security look like no problem at all," Ward said.

History courses includes discussions of the American Civil War and the "Mediterranean Campaign in World War II," taught by Henry Bohn, former WSU provost. Other history courses feature "Life in Persia: Iran in the 20th Century" and "The Opening and Modernization of Japan."

Human relations courses cover grandparenthood and marriage, and literature courses are taught by retired English department professors. A class on "The War on Terrorism in the Courts," was instructed by a judge. And, a class on "Civil Rights and Civil Liberties" was taught by Robert Sedler, a WSU Law School professor.

Science buffs can enjoy lectures on such topics as "Nuclear Energy and World Security," taught by a former WSU physics professor.

Ward said courses have also been taught on the conflicts of the Middle East by a University of Michigan professor.

"It's a broad range of subjects and kind of easy for those of us who have a lot of time in our day

DETAILS

The Society for Active Retirees, known as SOAR, is a special program operated by Wayne State University for area citizens age 50 and older. For only \$50, retirees can attend up to eight sessions offered in spring and fall. For more information, visit www.LL.wayne.edu/soar.

to slip in here and there," Ward said.

The program of noncredit courses is designed for social enrichment and personal growth. The only requirement is to be age 50 and over. Cost is \$50 a session, and members can take up to eight lectures; sessions are offered in the spring and fall.

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Photo by PAM FLEMING

Graham Ward of Novi, outside his Island Lake home, exercises his mind by being a member of the Society of Active Retirees, an educational group for area retirees run by Wayne State University. Most lectures take place at WSU's Oakland Center Satellite Campus at 33737 W. 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Friday 6/2

8:45 a.m. Panera Bread
9 a.m. Stretch and Strength cancelled
10 a.m. Body Recall
10-11 a.m. Jack Main, Medicare Assistant
noon Lunch/clogging
12:30 p.m. Bingo
12:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge
1-2:30 p.m. Massage/Healing Touch
Chicago Trip

Monday 6/6

8:45 a.m. Men's Golf
9 a.m. Stretch and Strength
10 a.m. Body Recall
noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. Pinochle
12:30-2:30 p.m. Registration and Rehearsals begin for senior show "Kicks on Route 66"
6:30 p.m. Clogging*

Tuesday 6/7

9 a.m. Panera Bread
9 a.m. Line Dance
9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
10 a.m. Asian Pacific
11 a.m.-3 p.m. "Drawing from Photos," class demonstration in Craft Room

noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. Bingo held in activities room
12:30 p.m. Focus Hope/TFAP (note date change)

Wednesday 6/8

9 a.m. Stretch and Strength
9 a.m. Women's Golf
10 a.m. Body Recall
10:30 a.m. Quilting
11 a.m. Blood pressure
11 a.m. Taking Off Pounds Sensibly class
noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. Clogging*
1-2:30 p.m. Massage/Healing Touch
1:30-2:30 p.m. Sing-A-Long with George and Caroline

Thursday 6/9

9 a.m. Line dance*
9 a.m. Mixed Golf
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mobile Nursing Clinic
noon Lunch
12:15 Bridge*
1-2 p.m. Line dance cancelled
1:30-3 p.m. Book Discussion "The Salem Syndrome"
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Scoreboard

The Novi Wildcats had plenty of success this spring as the baseball team and the soccer team both earned KVC titles. The golf team finished fifth overall.

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Kicking their way to the top

The Novi Wildcats soccer team is ranked first in the state and 13th in the nation. Why? Because they've got enough fire-power to level nearly any team they could face.

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Bill Winegarden and son Jim have been meeting satellite TV needs at their South Lyon location for 15 years.

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Quick Hits

America's sport

Like mom's apple pie and rock and roll, baseball was busy representing the United States of America right along 10 Mile Road in Novi Monday.

Several members of various baseball teams came together and walked the course followed by the Memorial Day parade. They wore their uniforms, caps and some even had balls and mitts. Several were displaying their pride in America by carrying Old Glory along with them.

Gritting teeth

Dan Coleman may have to bite his lip or grit his teeth this weekend when he competes in the pole vault in the state finals for the Novi boys track and field team. Coleman hurt his knee in the Kensington Valley Conference track and field meet but is expected to compete in the finals.

Another step up

Lucky number 13. The Novi Wildcats soccer team will test their luck with that number after earning the ranking nationwide last week. The team, led by Brian O'Leary, had the long side of the bracket in the district tournament but was expected to win their opening game. If they did, the Wildcats will play in Livonia Stevenson today at 5 p.m. against the winner of the Walled Lake Central/Walled Lake Northern contest.

Northville, ranked second in the state behind Novi, will play tonight at 7 p.m. against Livonia Stevenson. The game will also be at Stevenson.

The winners of the two games today will play tomorrow at Stevenson at 7 p.m. for the district title.

Placing the blame

A lot of people have decided athletics director Curt Ellis is to blame for the code of conduct's proposed revisions. The truth is, he was just part of a committee that included athletes and coaches among others.

And back on the table? Drug testing. Of course, Novi may not be the only community reading up on the subject since it's rumored the future of MHSAA tournaments may include steroid testing in the very near future. Will it happen? Only the politicians know, but peeing in cups may not be so random for teams making the state playoffs anymore.

It's gotta be the shoes

Zach Putnam is a named to be recognized in high school baseball and, quite possibly, professional baseball in the near future.

No one knows that better than Putnam himself. In a recent article about the pitcher, he admitted he has a bit of a love for tennis shoes. So much, in fact, he buys a pair, wears them for a while, and then sells the "Putnam worn" artifacts on Ebay to help fund his next shoe project.

And to think we thought Mike Hart was a celebrity when he has t-shirts made of him in the 2003 football season! Putnam doesn't want to be like Mike though — he just wants the shoes.

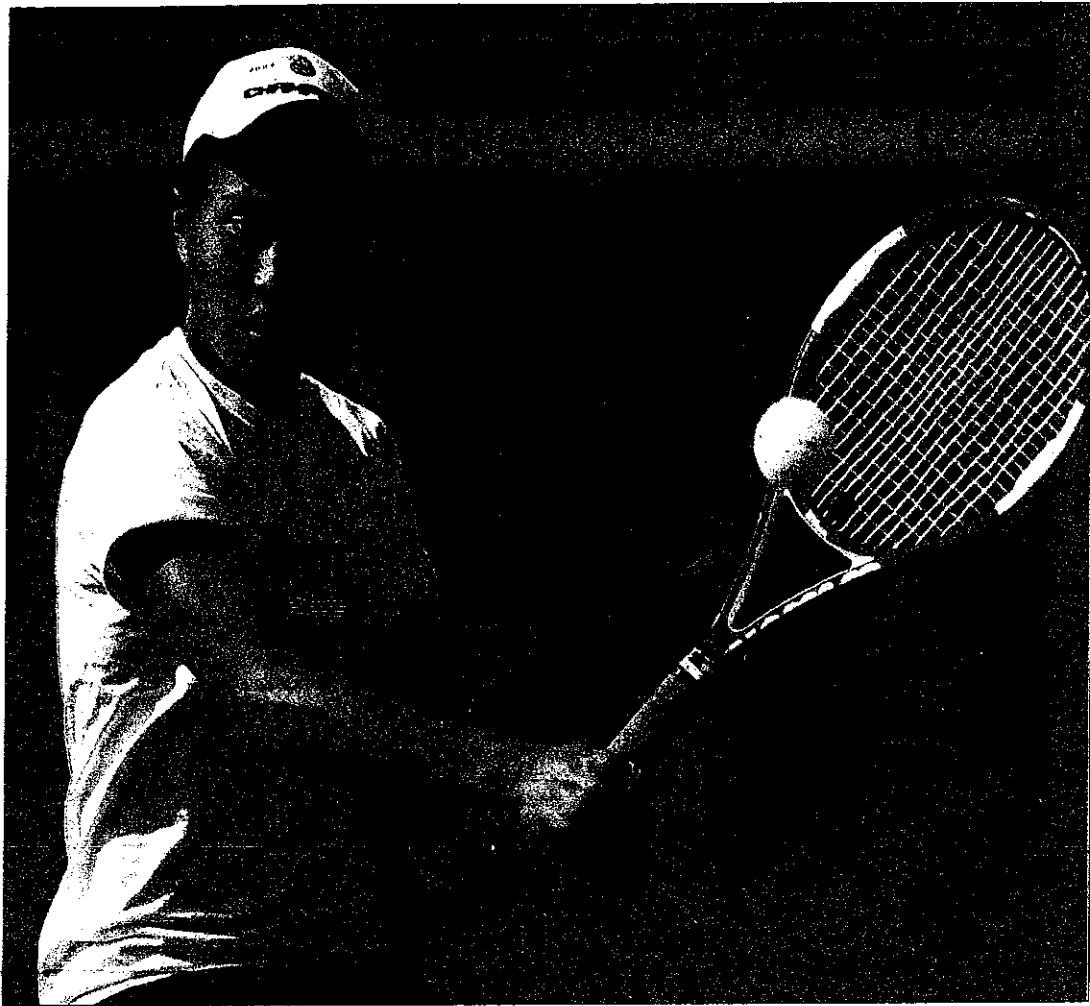


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Wildcat Justin Namm, Novi's #3 singles player, gets in a backhand at the net during his match against an Ann Arbor Greenhills School player.

Wildcats ready for state finals

Injuries, tough schedule can't deter Novi tennis team from reaching season goals

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It's a bit of a trek to Midland for the Novi Wildcats boys tennis team to compete in the state finals. But they don't mind.

Really. "It's a great place to play tennis," said Novi coach Jim Hanson. "It's beautiful there."

The Midland facility will offer more than sights for the Wildcats to enjoy. There will be plenty of competition as well.

Names like Ann Arbor Pioneer and Huron and Catholic Central are just some of the teams that will be in attendance.

Novi isn't heading into the finals with illusions of grandeur. They're well aware they aren't going to be in the running for the top spot in the state.

"We're just going to play our best tennis," Hanson said. "That's all we can really ask for."

Beyond the top teams in the state, some familiar faces will be present in the finals as well. Brighton qualified out of their regional and earned at seeding at one and three doubles.

The Wildcats will have a break through the first round as all of them earned byes with the exception of Kevin Lain at two singles, who will take on Mike Stefani of Grosse Pointe South in the initial round of play.

At one singles, Kyle Goodman will earn a bye before taking on David Midler of Flint Carman-Ainsworth in the second round of play. The two singles match-up of sophomore Roshan Ramachandran and Brighton's Chris

Walker will be intense in the second round with the two players having faced off twice already this season.

At third singles, Justin Namm will have his hands full in the second round against a tough Ryan Mitter of L'Anse Creuse North.

In doubles action, the first team of Ryan Heffernan and Felix Liu have a first round bye but take on West Bloomfield's Steven DeMare and Mike Brodsky in the second round while the very strong two doubles team of Richie Feters and Eric McQueen will have the task of playing Ryan Hagen and Steve Batcheler of Grand Blanc in their first match.

The Wildcats' third doubles team of Mike Mehl and Adam Doster will take on Kyle Hendley and Eric Chodoba of L'Anse Creuse North in the second round and the team of Jason Hsu and Chris Shah at fourth doubles will play an extremely tough match against Tyler Gradolph and David Zaske of Brother Rice — the third-seeded team in the state.

"These are the best teams in the state," said Hanson. "We're going to have to play our best tennis of the year if we want to win."

But winning, they say, isn't everything.

"Just going to the state meet is worth the experience," said Richie Feters in an interview earlier this season. "It would be nice to win, but even if you don't you can at least say that you were able to go."

Everything else? It's just icing on the cake.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi #2 doubles teammates Richie Feters, left, and Eric McQueen give each other a low-five after winning a point against their opponents in a late-April match.

NOVI WILDCATS TENNIS LINE-UP

SINGLES		
First	..... Kyle Goodman	..... Junior
Second	..... Roshan Ramachandran	..... Sophomore
Third	..... Justin Namm	..... Senior
Fourth	..... Kevin Lai	..... Sophomore
DOUBLES		
First	..... Ryan Heffernan/Felix Liu	..... Junior/Senior
Second	..... Richie Feters/Eric McQueen	..... Senior/Junior
Third	..... Mike Mehl/Adam Doster	..... Junior/Junior
Fourth	..... Jason Hsu/Chris Shah	..... Freshman/Senior

By the numbers

13th

Novi soccer's current ranking nationally. They are just first in the state polls.

1st

Place Novi soccer took in the Kensington Valley Conference this year.

1st

The spot in the KVC boys baseball bracket in the south-division.

1st

Novi tennis final standing in the Kensington Valley Conference.

13

Number of athletes the Novi boys track and field team will send to the state finals.

7

Combination Nov soccer and basketball players named in this year's All-Star games.

0

Games lost by Novi soccer this year. The first undefeated season in Novi soccer history.

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Whole lotta holes

Fox Hills has something to offer everyone

By John Mueller
SPORTS WRITER

Making the decision to play Plymouth's Fox Hills is a decision you won't regret.

Be warned, though — there's additional decisions to make even after you've decided to play there.

As in, "Which 18 holes — or 27 holes — should I play today?"

With its three separate courses spanning 63 holes, Fox Hills has something to offer just about every type of golfer, whether you're just learning the game or shooting right around par.

As you approach 8768 N. Territorial Road by car, you quickly realize you're surrounded by holes, holes, holes. At that point it's time to make a decision: should you play the Strategic Fox, the Fox Classic or the Golden Fox?

To answer that question, ask yourself what kind of game you have, and go from there.

"At our facility, we can handle a golfer right from the beginning stages all the way to the advanced stages," said Roger Bliss, director of golf at Fox Hills.

"We have a golf course for everybody," he continued.

The Strategic Fox, which was built in 2001, consists of 18 par-3 holes and is ideal for the begin-

ning golfer. In addition to playing this course, beginners can take lessons at the Crystal Mountain Golf School, which is run through Fox Hills.

Many golfers with a little more experience, the Fox Classic offers more of a challenge. The layout consists of 27 holes, 18 of which (The Hills and The Woodlands) were built in 1921, while the third nine (The Lakes) was built in the early 1980s.

The course's designers stuck to the tradition of building small, round greens with undulations around their edges rather than across them.

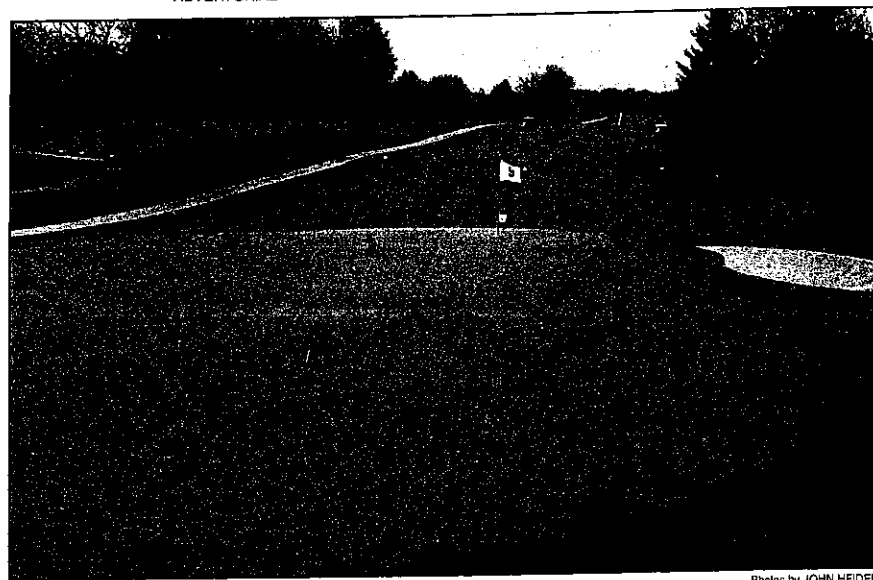
Many golfers choose to play The Hills and The Woodlands for their 18-hole combination. The former measures out at 2,815 yards from the white tees while the latter is 2,576, so extra distance isn't a must-have.

However, with narrow fairways and water coming into play on several of the holes, accuracy and smart shot placement is required.

The Hills consists of six par 4s (the longest of which is the 408-yard fifth hole), a pair of par 3s and one par 5 measuring out at 421 yards that the big hitters can reach in two as long as they're hitting it straight.

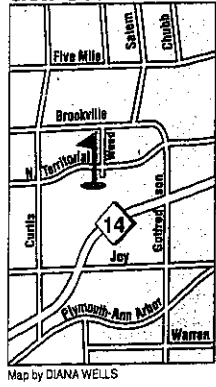
The Woodlands is similar, with its six relatively short par 4s, two par 3s and the 459-yard par 5 sixth hole.

"Just like any other golf course, you want to keep it in play," said



The ninth green at the Fox Classic's The Hills course, like most of the holes on the course, has undulating edges. Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Fox Hills Golf Course



Map by DIANA WELLS

Scott Wilson, Crystal Mountain Golf School's director of instruction.

"The premium is on accuracy, and length isn't as much of an issue," he continued. "Most of our greens are sloped back-to-front, so you want to stay below the hole."

Then there's the Golden Fox, the venue's signature layout. Constructed in 1989, the Golden Fox is comprised of 18 championship-caliber holes, featuring more small greens, narrow fairways and a whole slew of other challenges in the form of sand traps and water hazards.

"There's a little bit of everything out there," Wilson said. "It's more of a modern course, a tournament-caliber course," Bliss said.

There's more length, more bunkers and more hazards. On the Golden Fox, you're forced to hit a higher-quality golf shot.

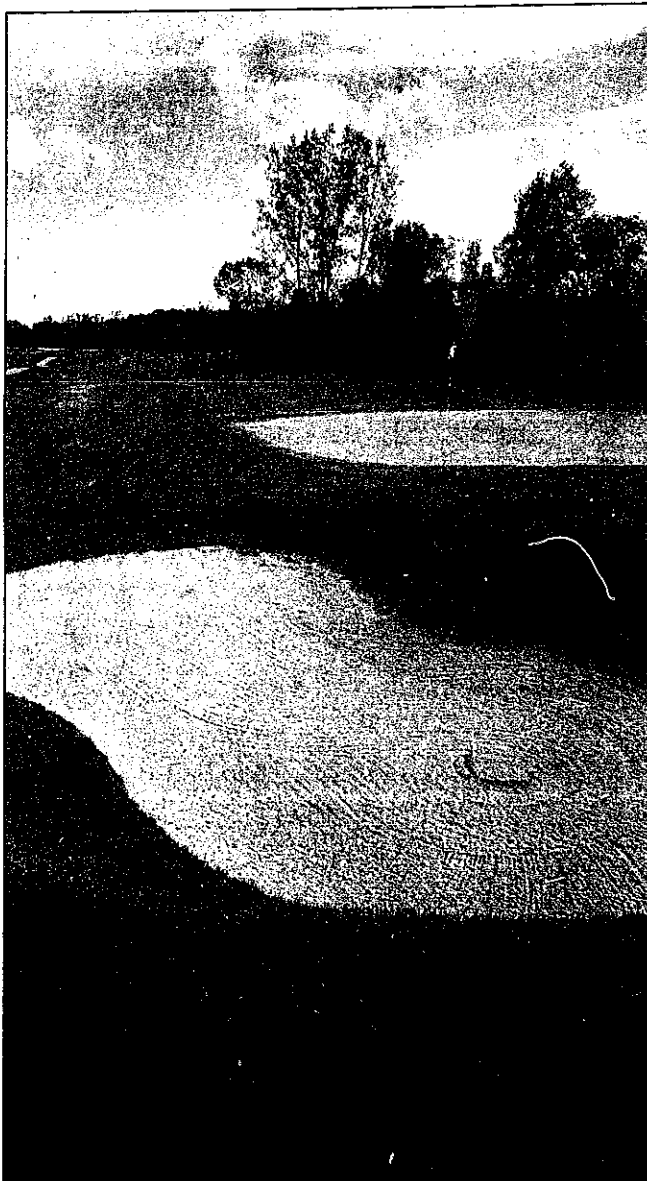
Regardless of how they play, people who show up to Fox Hills seem to like what they see and experience.

"Their initial impression is always very positive," Bliss said. "A lot of people mention that they plan on coming back."

"Which makes sense. After all, it would be difficult indeed to play all 63 holes in a single visit.

"The variety here in one location is really second-to-none," Wilson said. "And the crew keeps the courses in wonderful condition."

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While long-ball strength isn't required on much of the Fox Hills layout, deep bunkers like the one shown above present tough challenges throughout, as do the occasional water hazards spread around the courses. The Golden Fox was built in 1989, while the Strategic Fox came around in 2001. The Fox Classic, meanwhile, got its start in 1921 with the building of the first 18 holes. A third nine-hole course was constructed in the early 1980s.

Pro tip

Fox Hills pro Scott Wilson, on slicing:

"The root cause of the slice is an open club face at impact in points to the right of the intended target line. Your hands and your grip is what's controlling the clubface. The best, most general thought you can have is to let your fingers wrap around the club, instead of trying to grab and hold it with your hands. If the fingers wrap around the club properly, it allows your hands and wrists to hang at a very neutral position. A check point to look for: You'll create two 'Vs', a V in your top hand and one in your bottom hand at the base of your hand and thumb, and they should point to the right shoulder of a right-handed player. That will allow you the best chance to return the clubface to a square position at impact."

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Baseball, soccer win KVC titles

The rumblings at the beginning of the spring sports season indicated there would be a changing of the guard when it came to the KVC title in baseball.

These rumblings, the Novi Wildcats are proud to say, were wrong.

The Novi baseball team, coached by Rick Green, collected their sixth-straight KVC title with two wins over Milford last week, 6-1 and 12-1.

"I'm really happy with how the guys played," said Green. "I'm actually surprised with how easily we won it this year. We won it earlier than last year though our record isn't as good."

When the dust settled, records from last year definitely didn't matter. Only which teams were producing did and Novi was producing.

In the first game against Milford, the Wildcats earned a 6-1 victory behind the pitching of Billy Morrison. He threw a complete game, giving up one run, striking out four and allowing four hits. It was his eighth win of the season for an 8-1 mark.

Morrison helped his own cause from the plate, going 2-for-4 with four RBIs while Cal DePotter earned a double and a RBI in the win.

The second game was less of a challenge for Novi as Richard Vanderveer went the distance, allowing one run and four hits while striking out two and walking three. Once again, Morrison was the leading hitter, going 3-for-4 with



With a Hartland defender close by, Jeff Pollicchio wheels around behind the Eagles' net in the first half of a home game last week on his way to scoring one of his first half goals.

three RBIs while Zach Flavin went 2-for-3 and Matt Simpson went 1-for-2 in the victory.

Novi also competed in the Grosse Pointe South Tournament two weeks ago where they won one of three games.

In the first game, they earned a 7-1 win over Grosse Pointe with Steve Hart earning the win from the mound. He also went 2-for-3 from the plate. Kevin Cisko went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and a RBI while Flavin was 2-for-3 along with Morrison.

Novi lost the next two games, though Green wasn't too concerned. "We had 10 double plays through the whole tournament, which was nice," he said. "We played two double headers earlier in the week and then three games in that tournament. We were just exhausted."

Novi fell to top-rated Catholic Central, 4-3, and Sterling Heights Stevenson, 5-0.

Yes! The Novi Wildcats soccer team secured the Kensington Valley Conference with a tough 3-2 win over Brighton last week.

"It was a very exciting game in which we played quite well," said coach Brian O'Leary.

Scott Walker opened up the scoring off a Krisi Timur crossing pass for the 1-0 lead before Brighton tied things up off a shot off the crossbar.

With a 1-1 score at the half, Novi knew they had to come out with

some of their best soccer. Sarah Schmitt helped boost her team to that level, heading in a Stephanie Crawford free kick for the 2-1 lead before Brighton, once again, tied the game.

Both teams had chances late in the game but it was Novi who capitalized. Timur took a Schmitt pass with four minutes left and fired in the winning goal.

The title marked Novi's third-straight KVC championship. They finished with a 17-0-1 record for the first undefeated regular season in Novi soccer history.

Fifth overall The Novi Wildcats golf team wrapped up a stellar season last week when they competed in the

Post-KVC tournament. There, the team finished sixth to compete a fifth-place overall showing in the conference.

"This season has had many successes with school records being broken and the girls making new friends and developing a love for the game of golf," said Deb Harris, the team's coach.

In the Post-KVC tournament, Jessica Westfall and Abby Greulich finished with a 99 each while Audrey Oh shot a 104, Ashley Symms shot a 104, Lindsey Haskett scored a 108 and Brenna Quinley shot a 110.

Receiving All-KVC honors were Westfall and Greulich on the second team and Oh and Chudy earning honorable mention.



Jaguars U10 Boys Green wins two tourneys The team won their division at the fourth annual Jaguars Invitational with a 4-0-1 record. They were also winners of the Spring Invite held in Grand Rapids with a 4-0-0 record. Pictured (left to right): Front Row: Justin Danks, Jacob Bedi, Colin Warner, David Ortzak, Edward Coyne, Cory Odell. Standing: Head Coach Mike Scoble, Adam Haynes, Craig Latham, Phillip Soong, Travis Hamers, Nick Shelar, Zachary Bock, Assistant Coach Brian Zawislak.

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Vanderveer makes best of senior year

Senior Richard Vanderveer isn't concerned about being the first name mentioned when Novi Baseball is brought up.

Instead, he's just happy to be a part of the game.

"I love it," he said of being a Wildcat. "This team is so great. We've really come together as a team. Hopefully, we'll be playing for a while."

In order for the Novi baseball squad to keep playing, they're going to need to earn a few wins in the post-season. Vanderveer said that even if it doesn't happen, he's completely satisfied with how his senior season has gone.

"I don't have anything I regret, that's for sure," he said. "It's been a great season."

Vanderveer pointed to the fact that Novi won its sixth-straight Kensington Valley Conference title as the highlight so far. It was a championship, the Wildcats were determined to capture.

"I'm going to try and walk on there," he said. "I'm hoping to make the team. If I don't, I'm going to play some club baseball."

But Vanderveer, who graduates next week, hopes he's going to be very busy for a while.

"I'd love to win the district and go to the regional," he said. "I think that would be the best way to end my senior year."

Ending that senior year with other top names like Cisko, Morrison, and Zach Flavin. They have been the performing players on the team throughout the entire year.

"I've had such a great time with all of these seniors," said Vanderveer. "It's been a lot of fun. I can't wait to graduate with them. Hopefully, we'll be busy that day playing, too."

Overall, Vanderveer has been a solid contributor to a very successful Novi squad.

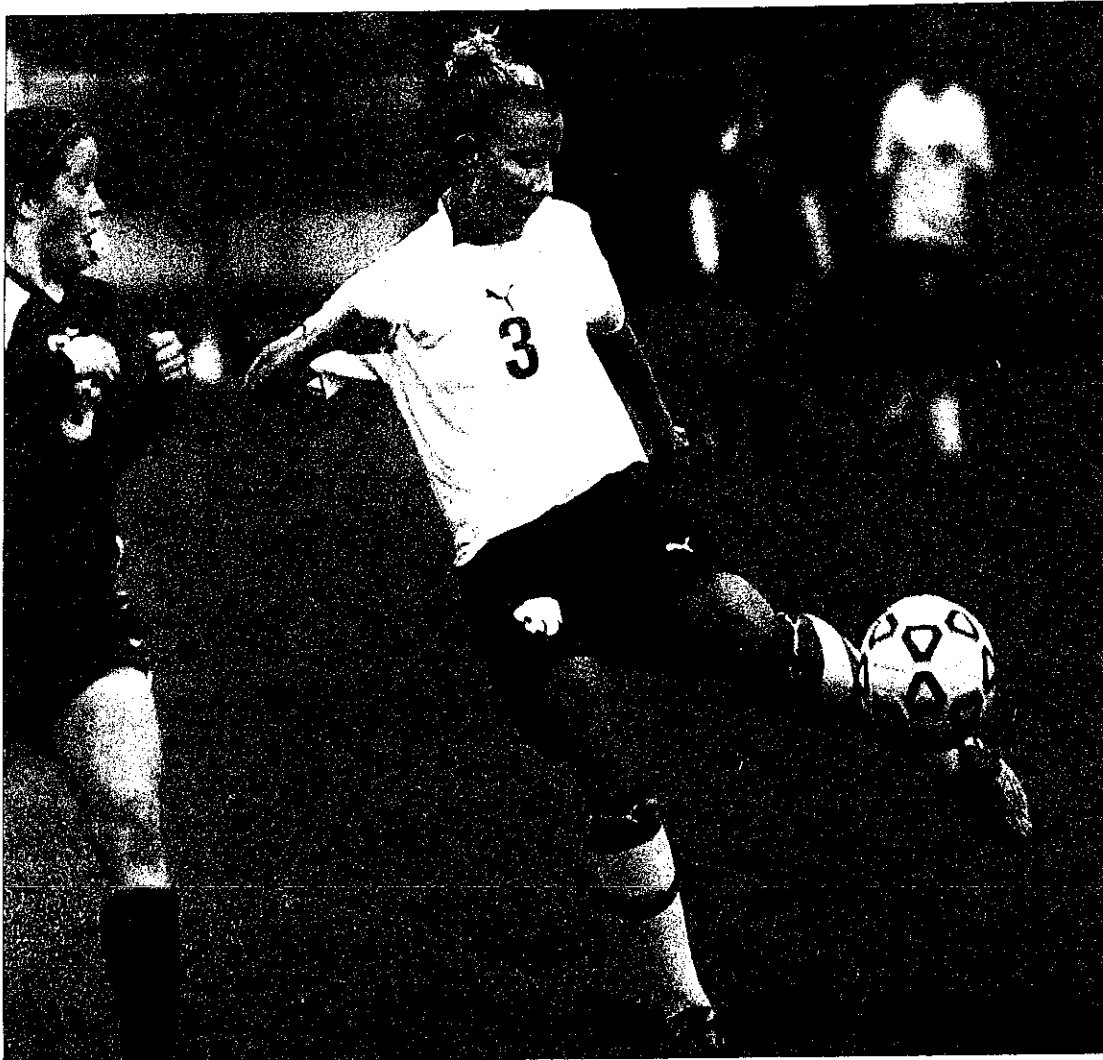
"He's had a great year," said Rick Green, Novi's coach. "He's been a big part of this season."

Vanderveer throws four pitches for the Wildcats — the fast-ball, curveball, knuckleball and a changeup. He learned his trade while playing in the Novi Youth Baseball organization.

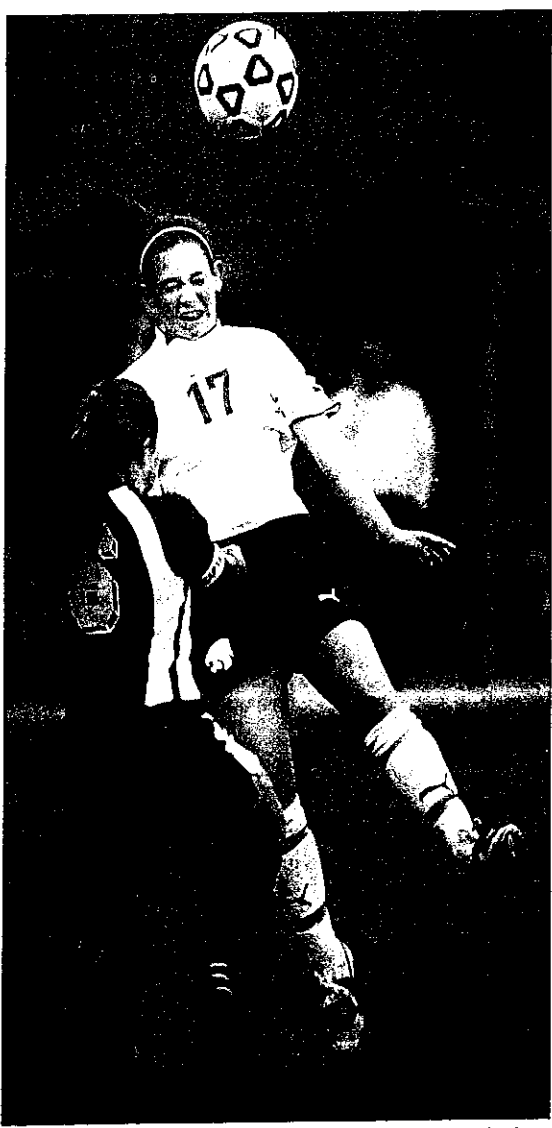
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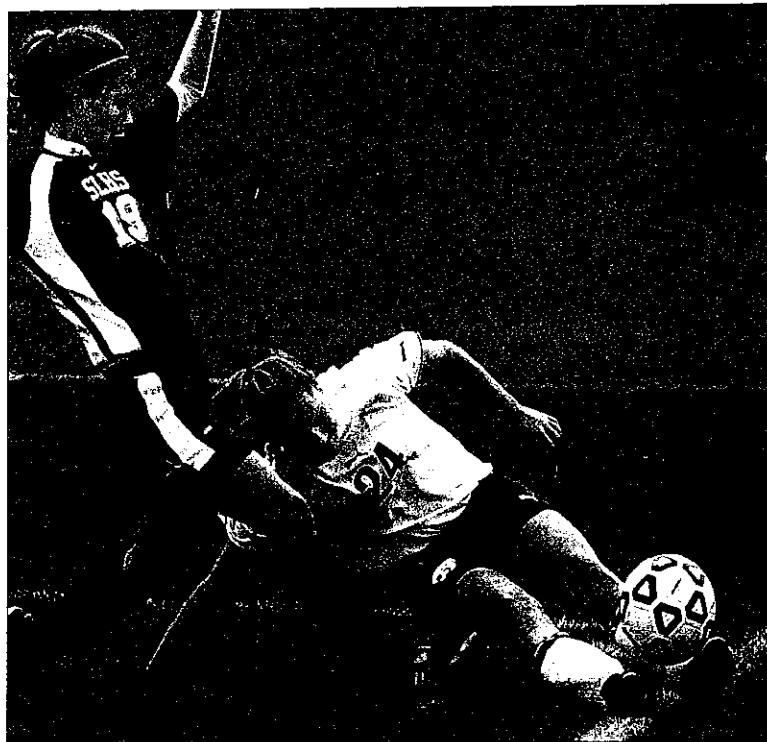
Wildcats ready to roll dice in state playoffs with top ranking in the state, No. 13 in nation



Novi Wildcat Emily Esbrook took this ball out of midair and in one 50 foot kick placed it into the upper left hand corner of South Lyon's goal for Novi's first goal in last week's home game.



Wildcat Stephanie Crawford leaps into the air to head a ball during last week's home victory against South Lyon.



Pursued by a South Lyon Lion, Wildcat Kristine Chalkos slides to try to prevent a ball from going out of bounds in the South Lyon zone during last week's home victory for Novi.



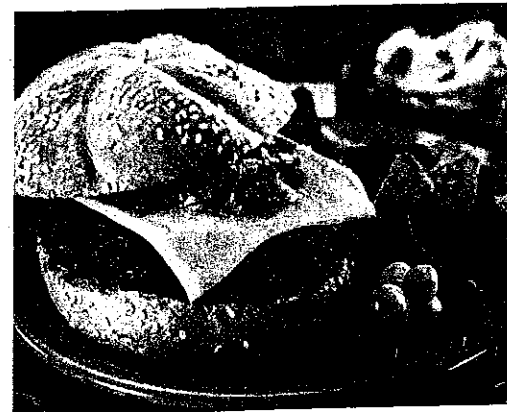
LEFT: Novi Wildcat goalie Kim Herbst makes a save during warmups before last week's home game against South Lyon.

RIGHT: As a South Lyon Lion tries to slow her down, Novi Wildcat Kallie Walker gets closer to the net during last week's game hosted at Parkview Stadium.



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IN THE KITCHEN



BUILDING Kid-Pleasing Meals

FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

What do kids need to be their best? Good nutrition — for physical health — and family time — for emotional well-being. On-the-go lifestyles can sometimes mean a less nutritious diet, just at the time when kids need to be building strong, healthy bodies for life. Busy schedules can also limit family fun time. One solution? Take a break for a healthy meal or snack.

Meal time is an opportunity for families to have fun preparing foods together. It's also an opportunity for parents to help kids make educated choices about what they eat. Connie M. Weaver, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor and Head of Foods/Nutrition at Purdue University, says children are being short-changed by not getting the proper amounts of calcium, vitamins and minerals each day. Part of the problem is food choices. "With so many other drink choices, children are choosing options other than milk, such as soft drinks and sugary juices," says Weaver. "Less milk consumption can mean less consumption of calcium, potassium, magnesium and vitamin D unless these kids are getting these nutrients from some other sources." To get on the right track, try making these wholesome and kid-pleasing recipes, perfect for snack time or a quick meal.

For more family-friendly recipes and fun family activities, visit the Borden Brand Cheese Web site, www.elsie.com.

BBQ Meatball Melters

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 5 minutes
Makes 4 sandwiches

- 24 frozen homestyle meatballs, thawed (about 24 ounces)
 - 1 cup prepared barbecue sauce
 - 8 Borden Cheese Kid Builder American Singles
 - 4 hoagie rolls, partially sliced
- Sandwich toppings such as dill pickle slabs, bread-and-butter pickle chips, chopped onions, lettuce leaves or thinly sliced mushrooms

PREHEAT oven to 350°F. COMBINE meatballs with barbecue sauce in microwave-safe bowl and toss to bread. MICROWAVE on High (100% power) 2 to 2 1/2 minutes or until hot. Spoon evenly into split hoagie rolls. TOP each hoagie with 2 slices cheese. WRAP loosely in foil and heat in oven 5 to 8 minutes or until cheese melts. SERVE warm topped with pickles, onions, lettuce or mushrooms if desired.

Tip: For younger children, cut each hoagie in half for easier handling.

Cheeseburger Pizza With Everything on It

Prep time: 12 minutes
Cook time: 8 minutes
Makes 4 individual pizzas

- 1 pound lean ground beef
 - 3/4 cup ketchup, divided
 - 1/2 cup prepared pizza sauce
 - 4 (7-inch) prepared pizza crusts
 - 12 to 16 Borden Cheese Kid Builder American Singles
- Pizza toppings such as pickles, ketchup, mustard, onions, tomatoes, olives, lettuce, bacon or mushrooms

PREHEAT oven to 425°F. BROWN ground beef and drain. COMBINE with 1/4 cup ketchup and set aside. COMBINE pizza sauce with remaining ketchup, spread evenly over each pizza crust. TOP each pizza evenly with ground beef mixture. ARRANGE 3 to 4 cheese slices over each pizza. PLACE pizzas on baking sheet or pizza stone and heat 8 to 10 minutes. SLICE into wedges and serve with pizza toppings.

Tip: Get the kids in the kitchen! Younger children can stir the sauce and help sprinkle on ingredients. Older children can cut cheese into triangles for easier placement on the pizzas.

Fast Fiesta Cheeseburgers

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 14 minutes
Makes 4 burgers

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 (1-ounce) package taco seasoning
- 4 Borden American Singles
- 4 of your favorite hamburger buns, toasted
- 1/4 cup chopped tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons seeded and finely chopped jalapeño pepper (optional)
- 1 cup shredded iceberg lettuce
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- 2 tablespoons chunky salsa

COMBINE ground beef and taco seasoning in bowl; mix thoroughly. Shape into 1/2-inch-thick patties. GRILL burgers 5 to 6 minutes on each side or until fully cooked. TOP burgers with cheese and grill until melted; layer cheeseburgers on bottom halves of buns. COMBINE tomatoes, jalapeños (if desired) and shredded lettuce in small bowl; portion equally over cheeseburgers. GARNISH with 1/2 tablespoon each sour cream and salsa and close with top halves of buns.

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- Combine fortified milk or ice cream with fresh fruit or even peanut butter for a quick and delicious smoothie. Sprinkle the top with colored or chocolate sprinkles and add two twisty straws.
- Wrap it up! Wrap a fortified cheese slice around a thin piece of raw carrot, zucchini or apple. Then dunk in ranch dressing or peanut butter.
- For Peanut Butter Cup Milk, in a tall glass, combine 1 tablespoon creamy peanut butter and 2 tablespoons chocolate syrup until smooth. Whisk in 1 cup milk and enjoy!

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NFIB UPDATE

Small-Business Focus: Recommended Summer Reading

We Americans tend to scan the things we read, a skill taught in most secondary schools. While that's a worthwhile timesaving talent that enables us to lead more efficient lives, it can have a somewhat detrimental impact on the understanding of our history.

Most of the U.S. population has heard of the Bill of Rights, but few have actually taken the time to read it. These rights, we assume, come with our citizenship. They were the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution. The fact that they were almost literally written in the blood of our forefathers is something to which we rarely give full consideration. After all, our minds are preoccupied with today's challenges. Something adopted almost 214 years ago is ancient history.

The danger of falling into that mind-set revealed itself recently when it became frightfully evident that history was beginning to repeat itself in a little-noticed corner of the federal government known as the U.S. Tax Court. Certainly the tax court wasn't plotting to repeat the oppressions of Great Britain's King George III, who set in motion the American Revolution by enabling his government to impose a variety of taxes. But when the court denied small businesses due process of law, it trampled upon some of the basic rights of all American citizens.

Ignoring those rights in the case of Ballard v. Commissioner of Internal Revenue, the tax court refused to allow the small-business defendant access to reports prepared by special trial judges. Without that information, the defendant lacked the tools and information needed to mount a fair fight.

Fortunately, the National Federation of Independent Business's Legal Foundation stepped in, filing a friend-of-the-court brief last summer that challenged the tax court by showing that the small firm's rights were not only being violated, but that the court's stand was unconstitutional.

When the issue reached the U.S. Supreme Court, the justices overwhelmingly agreed, striking down the tax court's unfair practice by a 7-2 vote and overturning a 1983 decision that unfairly denied the rights of small businesses and other litigants. Now, special trial judges will be required to reveal their reports.

This is crucial to the American small-business sector because 85 percent of those who own Main Street firms file their taxes as individuals, and the tax court is the only place where they can contest an income tax levy without first paying the full amount.

But the celebration of this important victory won't last long. True, it is a burden lifted from the shoulders of small-business owners, but the challenge that all Americans face is to remain vigilant. It's far too easy for a government as large as ours to forget the lessons of history and tread on those rights that we assume came with the territory.

With summer vacations on the horizon, it might be a good idea for all Americans to forego reading the latest novel and get a copy of a document that begins: "We, the People of the United States."

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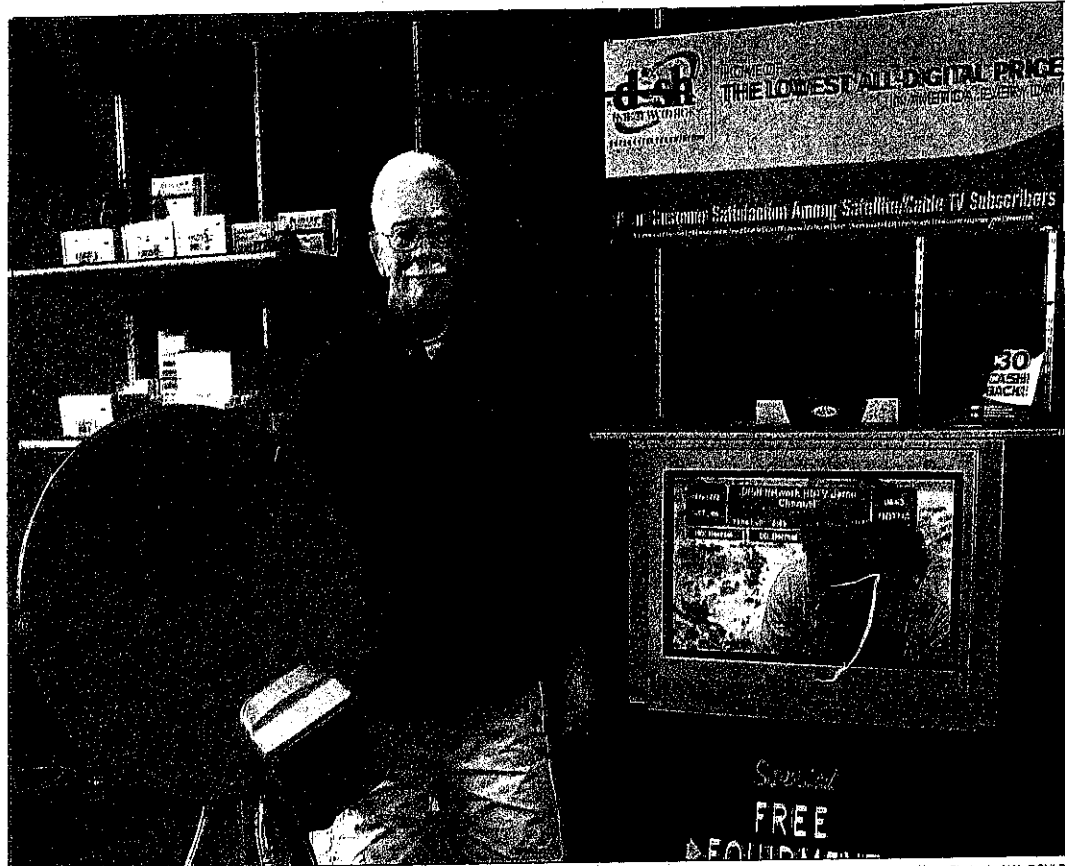
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Satellite TV: Get the picture from Digicomm

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Jim is a 1982 graduate of South Lyon High School and had two years of technical training at NIT. After that he worked as service technician in an avionics service center.

Let's talk Dish Network, they have several promotions avail-

able for the consumer. **Sizzling Summer Savings.** America's Top 60 channels \$19.99, American's Top 120 channels \$30.99 and America's Top 180 channels \$40.99 for the first three months of service. The satellite receiver's availability range from the basic single tuner to HD DVR that has a recording capability up to 25 hours in HD and 180 hours in standard definition. "HDTV (High Definition TV) is making it's way into the customer's home", said Jim Winegarden. Customers can sign one year agreement and receive six free months of HD programming with high-definition receivers in up to two rooms at no charge. For a limited time,

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Digicomm Electronics has the answers to satellite TV questions

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HDTV Format

Most digital TV programs are broadcast using either the 1080i (interlaced) or 720p (progressive) high-definition format. You don't need to know all the detail about these since any HDTV that doesn't support both directly will automatically convert the unsupported format to its "native" screen format, but it's useful to have gen-

eral ideas of what distinguished them.

A digital image displayed on a TV is made up of horizontal scan lines, or pixel rows, and the format number indicated how many lines or rows (Counting for the top to bottom) are in a complete video image or frame. The frames of the 1080i format which is used by most local broadcast TV stations are interlaced, which means that the even and odd lines of a frame are assigned to separate, interlocking fields displayed one after the other. The 720p format used by ABC is progressive scan, with each line of a frame transmitted in sequence so the entire frame is shown at once. In general, 1080i excels with more images, while 720p is the best with fast motion.

Standard analog TV uses a 480i image. Any 480i programming is "up converted" for high-definition broadcast, resulting in image that aren't true HDTV but might look better than their analog counterparts.

The digital TV standard also allows for 480p "enhance defini-

tion" transmission. Fox is the only network currently using this format, and plans to switch to high-def 720p this fall. You'll find that some digital sets are enhanced-definition TVs or EDTV. While these sets aren't capable of the full resolution of high-def models, their pictures can be noticeable better than those of traditional TVs.

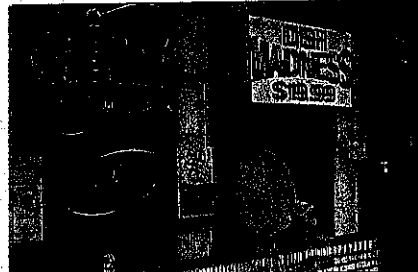
Aspect Ratios

A few HDTV's have 4:3 aspect ratio screens, but most have 16:9 screens, which means you won't see large black bars above and below the picture when watching most wide screen movies. The disadvantage of 16:9 screens is that you'll have black or gray bars on either side of the image when watching anything broadcast in 4:3 and that includes older movies and most TV shows.

High-Definition and Satellite

Dish Network Model 811 High-Def receiver has all the bases covered.

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station broadcast HDTV in the evening hours. Check your local listing for times and channels.

And that's about it. When you go shopping for your first HDTV you'll need to be more aware of the options. Call Digicomm Electronics concerning your HDTV/SATELLITE equipment.

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