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Before houses replaced fruit trees in Simmons Orchard and Twelve Oaks became a shoppers' paradise, Gordon Seiler came to Novi to become the district's sole band director. As he concludes his career, 34 years and countless students later, the Novi Middle School teacher has helped transform the Novi band program from fledgling to flourishing.

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Rallying for education's future

Capitol event scheduled for June 21

By Ramez Khuri, STAFF WRITER

Novi residents are invited to take part in a cause to improve their school district on Tuesday, June 21, by joining a rally to Lansing.

A group called the K-16 Coalition for Michigan's Future organized the Rally for Adequate Funding of Public Education, which is in support of Senate Bill 246 and House Bill 4582.

Both of those bills are to have adequate and regular funds go to the schools, said Lisa Ann Smith, who is organizing Novi's rally. Interested residents are asked to e-mail Smith at lisannsmith@pobox.com to let her know they're going on the rally. Those going are scheduled

to meet at Novi Middle School, located at 49000 W. 11 Mile Road, at 11 a.m. June 21. The group is expected to leave for Lansing at 11:30 a.m. "We want everyone to wear Novi shirts if they're going," Smith said. "I don't know how many

L.A. Smith

people to expect, but we're just now trying to get the word out. Anybody can be involved; it's even a kid-friendly day."

At least 20 school districts including Novi have committed to sending a rally to Lansing. Once there, participants are asked to register from noon-1 p.m. They will participate in a pre-rally and march to the capitol. The actual rally will be from 2-3 p.m.

Smith, who recently ran for a seat on the Novi school board, created the School Funding Task

Force, which has been included in the district's recently developed long range plan. Nancy Davis, assistant superintendent of instructional services, and Jim Koster, assistant superintendent of business and finance, are chairpersons along with Smith of the task force.

The main effort of the task force is to try to make people aware that something needs to change in terms of funding to

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Win puts 'Cats in their first regional

By Sam Eggleston, SPORTS WRITER

It was the most intense game the Novi Wildcats girls soccer team has played all season, but when the dust settled all of the hard work, blood and sweat was all worth it.

They were going to the regional title game for the first time in the program's history.

Novi, coached by Brian O'Leary, pounded out a hard-fought 2-0 victory over the Saline Hornets Monday night.

The victory put Novi at 21-0-1 on the year with 16 shutouts off the goaltending of Kim Herbst. She made three saves on the night to help secure the victory over the Hornets.

Novi will play Canton in the finals tomorrow at 6 p.m. at Walled Lake Northern.

"We controlled the game from the beginning, possessing the ball almost the entire game," O'Leary said following the game. "We just had trouble finishing our chances."

The chances were plenty for the Wildcats, who had an 11-2 advantage in shots on goal over the

Hornets. Novi just couldn't find the back of the net despite their double-digit attempts, and they went into the halftime break knotted up, 0-0.

The Wildcats improved their aim in the second half as they notched the game's first goal five minutes in. Kellie Walker took a pass from future Michigan State Spartan Kristi Timar and fired a shot to the far post into the back of the net for the 1-0 lead.

For more girls soccer results, please turn to page 3B.

Midway through the second half, the Wildcats added a similar goal to seal the scoring and the game. Sophomore Stephanie Crawford snagged a pass from Timar and rocketed in the shot to ice the game.

Though it was the stars of the team scoring, O'Leary made a note of his bench.

"With the weather being so hot today, our substitutes did a good job of providing valuable minutes," he said, noting Katie Chaklos in particular.

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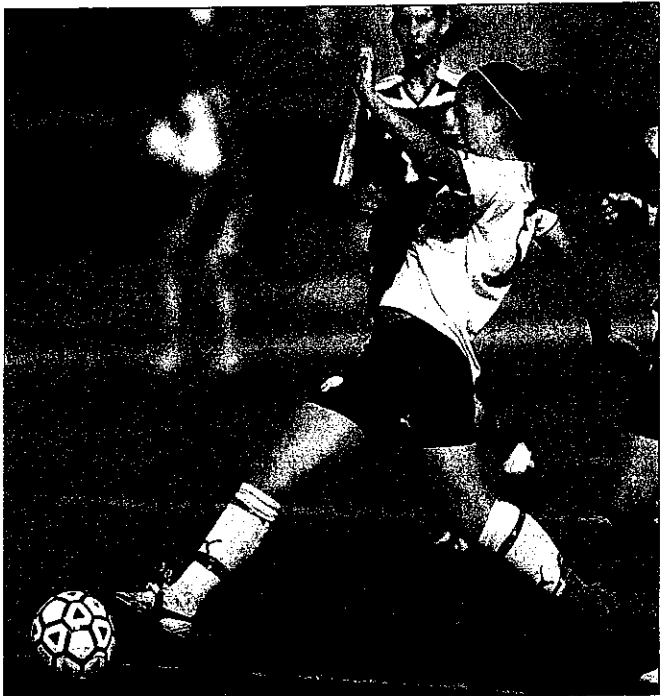


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's Stephanie Crawford stretches out in the goal box to knock in the Wildcats' 2nd goal during Tuesday night's playoff game against Saline.

School district gets new code of conduct

Parents in attendance disappointed with decision

By Ramez Khuri, STAFF WRITER

The Novi school district has a new athletics code of conduct, but it received a less than enthusiastic reaction from parents

attending Tuesday night's board of education meeting.

School board president John Streit explained that after considering both the document that Athletics Director Curt Ellis submitted for approval and the draft that Superintendent Emmett Lippe worked on with a group of parents, the board put together a document that reflected what the school district believed is a good one.

A special workshop to discuss the two drafts was held Monday with the board approving the

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Keith Sisson

Father of two Novi High School students

final version Tuesday. "We tried to accommodate and incorporate portions of what the parents believed in as well as the

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Pet lovers invited to fund-raiser, adoption event



Courtesy photo

Jonna Corer of Westland snuggled up to "Billy," a dog offered for adoption at a previous year's "Hogs for Cats and Dogs" fund-raiser. Animals can be adopted at Saturday's Michigan Humane Society fund-raiser, "Hogs for Cats and Dogs/Puts for Paws," outside Motor City Golf Warehouse at Main Street Novi on Grand River Avenue east of Novi Road.

'Hogs for Cats and Dogs/Puts for Paws' Saturday

By Pam Fleming, STAFF WRITER

Pet lovers and their companion animals have something to look forward to this Saturday with "Hogs for Cats and Dogs and Puts for Paws," a Michigan Humane Society fund-raiser from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Motor City Golf Warehouse parking lot at Main Street Novi. The event, sponsored by Motor City Harley-Davidson and Motor City Golf Warehouse, both owned by Tom Celani of Livonia, will take place in the parking lot right outside Motor City Golf Warehouse on the south side of Grand River Avenue just east of Novi Road.

Visitors to the event can even adopt a companion animal. The Michigan Humane Society's

Mobile Adoption Unit will be on site with a variety of cuddly critters looking for new, loving homes.

Attendees can also meet Michigan Humane Society cruelty investigators Debby MacDonald and Shawn Hairston, who appear on the award-winning Animal Planet cable television series "Animal Cops: Detroit."

Golfing enthusiasts can test their putting skills by entering the "Puts for Paws" Contest.

"Gone to the Dogs" canine grooming and recreational facility in Novi will wash dogs for donations.

Irish pub Gus O'Connors, next door to Motor City Golf Warehouse, will even feature a canine-friendly menu from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday just in case anyone wants to take their dog to lunch.

Send donations to "Hogs for Cats and Dogs" c/o Donna Hammar, 42875 Grand River Avenue, Suite 201, Novi, MI, 48375.

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Police produce wish list

Patrol cars among forfeiture fund suggestions

By Pam Fleming, STAFF WRITER

Having a lot of money is one thing; spending it properly is a whole different ball game.

The Novi Police Department recently received about \$1.3 million in federally forfeited funds from a March 18, 2004, case involving the arrest of two men at the Studio Plus Hotel who were

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PERMITTED USES

- The following are the permitted uses of Federal forfeiture funds: Activities to enhance future investigations, Law enforcement training, Law enforcement equipment and operations, Detention facilities, Law enforcement facilities and equipment, Drug education and awareness programs, Pro rate funding (such as purchasing a new financial management system for the city), Asset accounting and tracking

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Michigan school districts as a whole, said Smith. "We've asked people to let their legislators know that we want a change," Smith said. "We haven't been affected as much as some of the other school districts have, but it's still not getting better. Everybody needs to have adequate funding." Koster agreed. "What is going to be addressed at the rally is to treat all districts equally," he said. "And then to increase funding in general to public education." For more information, visit www.novihigh16.org or www.novihigh12.com and click on "parents and community," then on "school funding task force."

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Senate proposal could cost Novi schools \$855,000

If passed, district will have to review plans for teacher growth

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Novi school administrators are worried about a recent senate proposal that, if agreed upon, would reduce 201 funds by 50 percent to all school districts eligible to receive it.



Jim Koster

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School district gets new code of conduct

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original draft," Streit said. "Curt (Hillis) and his department will now take a look at it. If revisions need to be made, I'm sure they'll make them as they go along. I think that's to be expected because it's a living document. They would probably present any revisions to the board. I have confidence that if it's not acceptable the way it is now, they'll take a look at it and try to make it a better document."

Streit said the board tried to give students a chance to correct their mistakes prior to dismissal or exclusion from any sports.

"We tried to make that as fair as we could," Streit said. "We made it a learning experience as opposed to an out and out exclusion."

Vacations versus family vacations was another hot topic. Streit said the board took that part out of the original two drafts and revised it to say that when school is in session, students cannot be penalized for not being at a

practice, but must stay in shape so they don't get hurt upon returning.

Though the seven parents in attendance didn't represent the whole Novi community's view, at least five of them had the same feelings after the final decision was made.

"The main disappointment is we never really felt, except with Dr. Lippe ... our voices were heard," Keith Sisson said, who is a father of two Novi High School students. "When you speak to someone and you don't get any feedback at all, you don't know whether they understand what you're saying or not."

Sisson felt the board rushed through the whole process before making a decision. He said that what the board approved was "a scrawled together document" that wasn't all complete.

"We hadn't seen the entire document written from one end to the other," Sisson said. "It was un-professional and there were still a lot of questions to many people's mind as to what exactly it contained. They also didn't give the public an opportunity to ask questions about it."

The main question that Sisson still has about the approved document is what he referred to as 247/365. This wording in the approved code was changed to "It is important to remember that

our student athletes are expected to exhibit outstanding sportsmanship, behavior and compliance with the athletics code of conduct throughout the calendar year, both on and off school property."

Jan Buck, mother of three, also felt the board rushed through a decision and is disappointed about it.

"We have spent time, we have come to meetings and they took one workshop to discuss it between themselves, and pass it without really spending a lot of time answering the questions we had," Buck said. "Parents had a lot of questions which we brought up after they passed it. That doesn't do us any good now."

Buck also doesn't understand how the district can discipline students every day of the calendar year.

Police wish list includes patrol cars

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of \$288,000. The next on the list is an integrated financial management system, which at \$205,000 represents the proportional cost to the police department. Department of Justice staff members have already granted permission for this use.

Third on the list is communications equipment at \$203,000. This includes, among other improvements, a change to an advanced technology radio system that allows public safety agencies to talk to each other in times of need.

Fourth on the list is first-year salaries for two additional uniformed patrol officers at a cost of \$172,600. Second-year costs, which would come out of the city's general fund, would be about \$160,000 for the two officers.

The list also includes \$90,000 for overtime, \$65,000 for computers, \$50,000 for building improvements and maintenance; \$48,100 for patrol equipment, including Taser stun-guns and new motorcycle emergency lights; \$36,300 for an Emergency Operations Center, and \$5,600 for education and training.

This leaves a reserve balance of \$169,980 or 12.8 percent of the total received by the police department so far.

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Woodland Glens domestic dispute

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Dispatch workers also said they heard the female subject yell, "He choked me."

Officers found the woman walking and crying, saying her boyfriend had choked her and taken her cell phone and car

the day shift manager responsible for the cash drop on that day, who said that she filled out the appropriate paperwork and placed the cash inside the store's safe. Apparently, she is supposed to drop the money off at the bank, but did not do so, claiming she wasn't feeling well.

The caller also spoke with the night shift manager, who came into work on May 23 and took over for the other manager. She checked the safe before and after she had left for the day and there was no deposit in the safe.

Car search reveals cash

Three men ages 18, 28 and 32, all of Lansing, were arrested for various offenses at 10:57 p.m. May 27 at Crescent Boulevard and Novi Road. A search of the car also revealed \$9,500 in cash, marijuana and open intoxicants in the car.

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NOVI HOMEOWNER ARRESTED

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Thirteen minors were also arrested for minor in possession of alcohol by consumption. Blood alcohol content ranged from .029 to .11 percent.

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Cash missing at Burger King

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The complainant told police that the business was missing a cash register bank drop of \$1,593.50 from May 23. The caller said she had spoken with

NOVI ROAD PROJECT UPDATES

Westbound I-96 Off-Ramp to Novi Road

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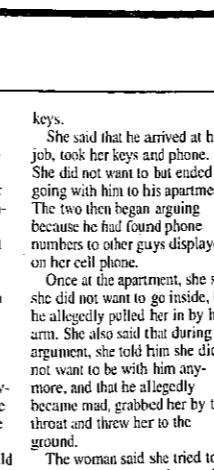
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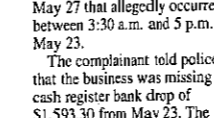


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Novi Road / Post Office Signal

Construction began on May 23 and was scheduled for completion by June 6. The new traffic signal will be activated a few weeks later.

Novi Road / 10 Mile Road Intersection

The intersection remains open throughout construction, with project completion scheduled in mid-July. Please continue to patronize community businesses at this intersection.

Novi Road / Grand River Avenue Intersection

The KOOC reports that the contractor is completing right of way restoration and sidewalk construction around this intersection. There are intermittent closures of the outside lanes of both roads. Work is scheduled for completion by June 15.

Meadowbrook Road Bridge between Nine and 10 Mile roads

The design and construction engineering services contract calls for a "stretch" completion date of Aug. 18. The police department continues safety patrols throughout the area.

T-96 / Back Road Interchange

MDOT is working on the southern approaches and exit/entrance ramps for this interchange. Completion of the new single-point urban interchange is scheduled for November.

Nine Mile Road Rehabilitation/Novi Road to Meadowbrook

The city of Novi will reconstruct this roadway in late summer/early fall with traffic being maintained.

Public information meetings regarding the project are scheduled for Thursday, June 16 at 3 and 7 p.m. in the Police Department Training Center, located at 45125 W. 10 Mile Road.

For the most current road construction information, log on to the City's website at www.ci.novi.mi.us To join the City's Road Construction Update Notification List, email kamolsch@ci.novi.mi.us or call the Community Relations Office at (248) 735-5628.

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#4 Drawing 3pm - United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan will be giving away a 2005 Harley-Davidson XL1200 Custom Sportster on site TODAY!

#5 All finished off with a pizza party and stories of the weekend.

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The Northville Optimists' Club meets twice a month at Main Street's Bee's Knees to strategize how best help their community. From left are Janice Prewill, Jennifer Weiler, Lori Dow, and Jim Keskey.

Optimists supporting community youth through fund-raisers

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Janice Weiler has grabbed hold of the Webster's definition of optimism: the belief that good will prevail.

The Northville resident said the Optimists Club is the new service organization in town and the members aim to make a difference in the lives of local youngsters.

For the past six months, Weiler and 25 Northville and Novi residents have met twice a month at the Bee's Knees, 141 E. Main St. in Northville, to talk about how to channel their conviction into financial support.

"I was relatively new to the community," Weiler said. "This was a way to introduce myself to

causes in the community."

Now the club member handling public relations finds herself surrounded by volunteers representing a variety of community facets, from Northville Civic Concern to high school youth assistance programs to local public safety education projects.

"We're really targeting so many different programs for kids," Weiler said. "We're determining what the needs are for the kids in our community."

The Northville/Novi group is modeled after the national and international public service organization started in 1911, Weiler said. Their focus is on youth, effective government, civic affairs and inspiring respect for the law, she said.

Local members bring their sug-

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Local business owner files mayoral office candidacy

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Filing at the 11th hour at 3:55 on a 4 p.m. deadline, independent businessman Keith Kuhn filed his candidacy for mayor of Novi June 3.

As of the morning of June 6, he has 14 signatures shy of the 100 needed for his filing, as some submitted were not registered voters in the city of Novi. At least 100 signatures from city-registered voters are needed if filing petitions are submitted: Kuhn has until the end of the business day June 13 to come up with the 14 signatures.

The owner of Innovative Mortgage for 10 years at Eaton Center on 10 Mile Road just west of Novi Road, Kuhn said he thinks Novi needs to make some changes, and that he's the man for the job.

Although he has not served on any city board or commissions to date, he has been a member of a governing body as a board member at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon.

A native of Detroit, Kuhn, whose father worked for General Motors, moved with his family to Harper Woods and then Rochester, where he graduated from Adams High School.

A graduate of Central Michigan University with a degree in business administration, he and his wife, Cindy, a former college track star and third-grade teacher for 11 years at Parkview Elementary, Jenna, 17, a junior and volleyball standout at Novi High School; and Brett, 12, a seventh-grader at Novi Middle School, have lived in Novi since 1993.

He believes that Novi needs to concentrate on building its infrastructure, such as the proper road, water and sewer systems, before completing large residential communities. Key issues to him are the possible widening of 10 Mile and Beck roads to accommodate the influx of new homes in the area.

Kuhn would like to see more interaction between neighbors and more of a sense of community within Novi subdivisions.

He believes Novi city government has a few people who speak up, and the entire council believes that's the sentiment of the entire city, when that may not be true.

"I think we have listened too much to too few people having a vocal presence in the community," Kuhn said. "If you come to me with an issue, you'd better have several hundred people supporting your issue."

An avid golfer and self-described sports enthusiast, Kuhn was a member of the original Novi Youth Hockey Board prior to the construction of the Novi Ice Arena. He now plays on the over-60 men's hockey league in Novi.

As a small business owner, Kuhn said he must make decisions daily and expeditiously.

"I work well with others, and I'm open to a wide array of opinions, which you need to be able to make judgments as to what direction to go. Those are things I think I can bring to the table."

Kuhn added that he also has no special interests or personal agendas to satisfy.

So, how does he feel his chances are against opponent Mayor Pro Tem and attorney David Landry?

"If there's someone I was going to vote for besides myself, it would probably be Dave Landry. I think that he would do a good job. I just think I have a little different concept about the city, and that you don't have to be an attorney to be mayor."

"I'm going into this with the thought that I want change and that I could do a good job."

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Mitch Ryder to perform benefit concert June 30

By James Mitchell
STAFF WRITER

Local music legend Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels will headline a benefit concert June 30 at Baker's of Milford. Proceeds from the show will be donated to two causes: Active Faith Community Services, which assists families in need within the South Lyon Community Schools district; and the South Lyon to Sri Lanka fund, which is providing tsunami relief for orphans.

Ryder, a veteran rocker who gained national recognition for his "Devil With a Blue Dress" and "Jenny Take a Ride," will share the bill with local blues band The Martindales.

Tickets for the show are \$30, with table seating available in groups of 10 (total \$300) in an intimate setting. Included with the ticket is a 10 percent discount coupon for dinner at Baker's of Milford before or after the show. Tickets may be purchased beginning Friday, May 27, at The South Lyon Herald office, located at 101 N. Lafayette in downtown South Lyon, or at Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road, (248) 683-0505.

The concert was designed as a charitable passing of the torch, bringing to a close the South Lyon to Sri Lanka fund-raising campaign which began in February and taking the opportunity to help those in need closer to home. Inspired by a South Lyon High School student concerned over the tsunami, the founding organization of Grace Care Center, has identified more than 100 boys made orphans by the tsunami, and is working to place them in existing facilities and build a companion boys orphanage.

Through dozens of community activities large and small, ranging from spaghetti dinners and wine auctions to school "penny wars" and bottle drives, the South Lyon to Sri Lanka fund has raised nearly \$15,000 for Grace Care Center. Other fund-raisers include the conclusion of a sale at Solid Rock Bible Church Sunday, June 5. Following the 9:30 a.m. service at Centennial Middle School, Tamara Dalke will be selling clothes hand-made by the girls at Grace Care's vocational training program. Last weekend, the church sold about half of the clothing brought back from Sri Lanka by Ann Arbor nurses Denise Bennett and Renee Anders, who spent two weeks in February training older orphan girls to be nursing assistants.

For information about VeAhava, visit the organization's web site at www.you-shall-love.org.

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Ryder recalls nearly half century of music

By James Mitchell
STAFF WRITER

Mitch Ryder isn't the type of man who drops names just to impress people. Then again, when the people you "got a chance to meet" over nearly a half-century in music include a couple of Beatles, you don't have to work too hard for credentials.

The name Mitch Ryder, founder of the Detroit Wheels, is impressive enough. A list of "songs that shaped rock" compiled by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame includes Ryder's signature, "Devil With a Blue Dress On." Rolling Stone magazine called him "the Detroit voice of the 1960s." The influence of that voice is heard in a cover version of "Jenny Take a Ride" by Bruce Springsteen, and Ryder's name is prominent in John Mellencamp's tribute, "R-O-C-K in the USA."

Sometimes, a benefit concert can overshadow the memories of the band's first single, or watching a hit song climb the sales charts. But those aren't the true precious memories of Ryder's life. Those would be meeting the people he looked up to as musical heroes, whom he not only met but could sit and have a conversation with.

By day, Ryder enjoys a quieter life, whether walking his Yorkshire Terrier or (still) expanding his musical interests (he listens to a lot of classical and jazz lately). A new blues album is in the works, and old favorites can be heard at venues to include the Woodward Dream Cruise.

With its ups and downs, Ryder has mostly fond memories of a life in music that "go beyond what you might do statistically" with hit singles or record sales. "And we didn't do too bad statistically."



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Raffle to help surgery

Wixom's Curves is hosting a raffle at 6 p.m. tomorrow to help fund surgery for a young cancer patient who belongs to the women's fitness club.

A 14-year-old Wixom girl is in need of proton radiation treatment for a brain tumor, Curves owner Christine Smytkowski said.

To help the family with travel costs and any other expenses tied to the out-of-state procedure, Curves members have made themed baskets up for grabs in a \$1-a-ticket raffle.

Thirty-plus offerings include chocolate, golf certificates and Curves-themed paraphernalia.

"Everyone's made up something," Smytkowski said. "It's a community-type thing. Everyone's welcome to come in and buy a ticket."

Wixom Curves is located at 1545 Wixom Road, just north of Potter Road. To learn more about the raffle, contact the club at (248) 668-8282.

Gardeners to meet June 13

The Gardeners of Northville-Novi will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 13, at the Michigan State University-Tollgate Center located on the northwest corner of Meadowbrook and 12 Mile Roads, not on June 16 as reported in last week's issue. The event will include tips from an expert on roses, a plant swap and tour of the Tollgate Center grounds. For more information, call Doris Brownell at (248) 348-2426.

Seniors ready to compete

Peg and Arlon Quigley set off June 3 for Pittsburgh to take part in the 2005 National Summer Senior Games.

The Novi senior citizen couple will compete in different sporting events. Arlon, 80, is taking his shot at badminton and the 50- and 100-yard breaststroke swimming races. Peg, 78, will be biking 5K and 10K stretches in timed trials.

Both Quigleys participated in the 25th Annual Michigan Senior Olympics last August. The national event runs until June 18.

Speedway may be rebuilt

A Novi Speedway may soon get a makeover complete with a new convenience store, gas station and first food take-out restaurant.

In a 6-0 decision on May 25, the Novi Planning Commission approved a preliminary site plan. Proposed by Curtis Smith of

Marathon Ashland, the 3,830 square-foot building would sit on about two acres at the southwest corner of Pontiac Trail and Beck Road.

Commissioners said ordinance waivers would be needed for land use, entry drives and other elements. A final site plan likely will be handled administratively.

Court volunteers sought

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners is looking for volunteers to serve the community through appointment to the Friend of the Court Citizen Advisory Committee (FOCCAC).

The FOCCAC's purpose is to advise the court and the board of commissioners on the Friend of the Court's duties and performance. The group also reviews office operation and gender bias grievances. The FOCCAC is advisory only; it does not have any power or authority over Friend of the Court operations. The Committee also cannot intervene in individual cases.

The following positions must be filled by the end of the business day on Monday, June 13:

- an advocate for children,
- a representative of non-custodial parents,
- a representative of custodial parents, and
- a member of the general public who does not qualify under the other three categories.

A county resident may apply to serve on the FOCCAC by completing an application form. Forms may be requested from the Oakland County Board of Commissioners office at (248) 858-0104, or forms can be printed from the Web site. Visit www.co.oakland.mi.us and click on Oakland County Board of Commissioners. Then go to the news section on the Web site and click on Boards, Committees and Commissions Application section. Forms cannot be completed online.

Completed application forms are to be returned by June 13 to Oakland County Board of Commissioners, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Dept. 470, Pontiac, MI, 48341, or faxed to (248) 858-1572.

The quarter-mile BMX track at Waterford Oaks County Park opened May 3 for practice Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-8 p.m. Instructional clinics are offered throughout the season.

The fast-paced sport of National Bicycle League sanctioned racing began Saturdays, through Sept. 24, and Wednesdays, through Aug. 31. Rider classes are novice, expert, cruiser, girls, and open.

Saturday registration and bike inspection is 4-5 p.m. with races to commence at 6 p.m.

Wednesday registration and bike inspection is 5-6:30 p.m. with racing at 7:30 p.m.

The NHL National Race is set for August 12-14. Primitive camping will be available for \$20 per weekend.

Track amenities include modern restrooms, concessions, ample parking and picnic tables. First Response medical attention will be on site Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Bicycle and helmet rentals are available with 24-hour advance reservation. All riders are required to wear gloves, helmet, long pants, long-sleeved shirt and mouth protection with open-face helmets. Bike pads are recommended.

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A second collection is planned for Commerce residents Sept. 24 in Waterford Township.



Time of their lives
The Friends of the Novi Public Library raffled a vintage mantle clock at their April Antique Roadshow. The winners of the clock were Peggy and Charles Cline of Northville. Presenting the clock to Peggy Cline, right, is Judy Bridon, vice president, Friends of Novi Library.

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Motor Inn, National Bicycle League, Oakland County Parks, and Waterford Oaks BMX Volunteer Parent Association.

Waterford Oaks County Park is on Scott Lake Road, between Dixie Highway and Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford.

For more information, call (248) 858-0915.

House passes resolution supporting free Lebanon

A resolution supporting a democracy in Lebanon was unanimously passed recently by the U.S. House of Representatives.

Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia), congressman for the 11st District, presented the resolution on Lebanon, H. Res. 273.

Novi resident and Lebanese-American Michael Abi-Asaf was instrumental in developing the resolution urging the U.S. government to support free and fair elections in Lebanon scheduled at the end of May.

The resolution also urges withdrawal of Syrian forces from Lebanon, the development of democratic rule in Lebanon and calls for the immediate release of all exiles and political prisoners.

It also requests that all political groups be allowed to enjoy fair

participation in a democratic system in Lebanon.

Abi-Asaf was joined in Washington, D.C., by his friend, Karim Karam, of Southfield, formerly of Novi, at a news conference on May 10 in Washington, D.C., to support the resolution.

For more information, contact McCotter's office at (734) 632-0314.

Kids' Fair

The Novi Parks and Recreation Department's free community event will take place from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 18 at Community Sports Park.

- Stop the stroller at the Tiny Tykes area, where the smallest of kids will enjoy creating rhythm and rhymes.
- Bounce off the walls and spin in circles at the Carnival Station. Enjoy two moonwalks, a climbing wall, airbrush tattoo artists and much more.
- Pet some furry friends, ride ponies and feed exotic birds at the Animal Farm.
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Rock Financial Showplace's grand opening set for August

Public invited to gala, visitors' festivities

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Festivities won't take place for a couple of months, but plans for the gala surrounding the grand opening of the new Rock Financial Showplace Aug. 26 and 27 are in full swing.

The new 320,000-square-foot center is under construction on the north side of Grand River Avenue between Beck and Taft roads.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony is slated for 3 p.m. with a facility christening at 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 26. The theme for this day's activities is "Your Premier Destination."

Also set for Aug. 26 is "The Show of Shows," an invitation-only event and dinner gala costing \$100 a ticket for advance sales. Some sponsorships receive tickets, and additional tickets can be purchased for \$100. Tickets for non-sponsors are \$150 a person or \$250 a couple. About 1,200-1,500 are expected for the event. Depending on sales, tickets may be available at the door.

At the "Show of Shows," promoters will display items and information about their individual events as well as community-related and other sponsor displays from 5-6:45 p.m., with a strolling dinner starting at 7 p.m. The Novi High School Jazz Band will perform at the event. All proceeds from the evening will benefit Providence Park Hospital, scheduled to open in 2008 at Grand River Avenue and Beck Road in Novi.

"The Show of Shows will be a display of diverse shows, events and community programs that we will host in the new facility," said Blair Bowman, managing director of The Best of Novi, LLC, the organization that owns and is developing the Rock Financial Showplace.

A special program will begin at 8 p.m. with headline entertainment to follow.

SHOW SCHEDULE ADDITIONS

Before the grand opening of the facility, Rock Financial and TBO, LLC, were able to add the following list of new events to the show schedule:

- Children's Hospital Festival of Trees will begin Nov. 25 and run through Dec. 4. Families can get into the holiday spirit at this annual event by viewing and purchasing beautifully-decorated Christmas trees, arts and crafts and holiday treats, with proceeds going to Children's Hospital of Michigan.
- The two entities associated with the new showplace have been working with members of the Super Bowl XL Host Committee to provide the Rock Financial Showplace for the sporting event's Super Bowl Week activities.

Business, conference and trade shows planned include:

- Malico Beauty Show
- 2005 Society of Manufacturing Engineers Midwest Machine Tools Show
- UK & International Press Testing Expo
- The Associated Food Dealers annual event
- Leone Wine Tasting Event
- Fall Camper and RV Show
- The World's Largest Snowmobile Show
- North American Horse Spectacular
- America's Family Pet Expo

Events in 2006 will include:

- The Ultimate Fishing Show
- The Livingston and Oakland County Dog Shows
- The Spring Home and Garden and Home Improvement Shows
- The Michigan Golf Show
- The Michigan United Conservation Club's Outdoorama and the Hunting and Fishing Show



On the "public day" of Aug. 27, the new facility will open to the public at 10 a.m. at no charge. The theme for this day's festivities will be "Celebrate the Experience."

Food and beverages will also be served that day. Entertainment will start with an opening act at 7 p.m., a headliner at 8 p.m. and fireworks scheduled at 9:45 p.m. Standard Federal Bank will serve as the Grand Opening Signature Sponsor.

For more information about sponsorship activities, contact Bowman's office at (248) 348-5600, ext. 210.

Mixed-use 'Brooktown' development on hold

Too many exceptions to 'Gateway' zoning, planners say

By Kim Kovelie STAFF WRITER

A hometown builder has a downtown-style development vision called "Brooktown" for nearly 28 acres along Grand River Avenue.

But although Novi City Council recently allowed Adco Properties to rezone the land to Gateway East District, planning commissioners said the company's mixed-use plan doesn't yet measure up.

Parking deficiencies were among 15 issues that prompted the commission to postpone a decision on the concept at a May 25 meeting in a 5-0 vote.

Lynn Kocan and David Lipski were absent, while Victor Cassis abstained because he owns some of the land located west of Meadowbrook Road.

"I don't doubt that this is going to be the most exciting project in Novi," commissioner Mark Perhonen said, but "We don't have enough information. We could be providing a false positive to city council."

Adco Properties' initial plans included 225 condominiums and more than 70,000 square feet of retail, office and restaurant use. Included were "live-work" locales with first floor businesses and upper-level living quarters.

Representing Adco, attorney Matt Quinn said Brooktown would be the "first true project" under the Gateway East zoning.

"It's going to live on Grand River Avenue on the south side, which has basically sat vacant since before Novi was a city," Quinn said. "People will like this project."

Previously zoned for commercial and residential use, the land was rezoned by city council May 23. The new Gateway East designation aims to create a downtown identity on the avenue between Meadowbrook Road and Main Street.

Two projects have been built in the zoning district so far. Across the street, Gateway Village was built as the result of a court consent judgment.

Located east of Meadowbrook Road, the newly opened Hammer dealership technically is outside the district, but requested the zoning.

Novi planners said the proposed Brooktown site previously was master planned for Gateway East.

Quinn said a shared parking study was in progress to address whether a 25-percent lot deficiency was feasible.

Adco also proposed parking in the front of buildings abutting Grand River Avenue. Not permitted in the district, "front yard parking" would be among several necessary variances.

"That's the only one these businesses can compete and make it," Quinn said, adding that such parking exists at Gateway Village.

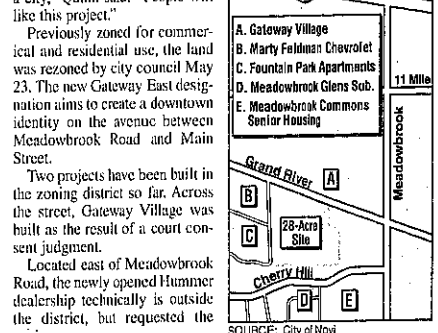
Residents from nearby Meadowbrook Glens were concerned with proposed three-story buildings being too close to their neighborhood to the south.

"Right now, we're looking at trees," resident Becky Staab said. "What we're concerned about is, we're going to be looking at buildings that are taller than the houses that are across from them."

Commissioners agreed to hold off on a decision until the developer presented more information on shared parking on other factors.

Plans are to come before planning commission again at an undetermined date.

Once an approval or denial is made, city council would have the final say on the project, the planning department said.



Proposed "Brooktown" Mixed-Use Development

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

DeMaria announces contracts

DeMaria Building Company, which has a Novi locale, recently announced three new project award construction contracts. The company it has been hired as construction manager for Ford Motor Company's \$11.7 million diesel dynamometer laboratory in Dearborn and the Thompson Educational Foundation's UPA Elementary Charter School in Detroit, a \$6 million renovation. Also, Wayne State University also brought the business onboard as a general contractor in a \$2 million capital improvement program on the Detroit campus. DeMaria is located at 45500 Grand River Ave. in Novi.

(CAL)-HAVE MUG WITH THIS?

Messerknecht: top employee

Valassis, a Livonia-based marketing services company, recently awarded Novi resident Mary Elizabeth Messerknecht its administrative employee of the year. Company-wide honors were given May 25 at the company's 10th annual Vision Awards Ceremony in Livonia. Valassis is located at 19975 Victor Parkway in Livonia.

BrassCraft promotes director

BrassCraft Manufacturing Co. of Novi announced last month that it has promoted Joel Paul to operations director for its packaging and distribution facility in Brownstown Township, Mich. His duties begin in July. With the company since July 1990, Paul most recently served as director of sales administration. The South Lyon resident also served as an information services programmer and a shipping supervisor. Paul, who earned his business administration master's degree from Eastern Michigan University in 2000, lives with his wife and two children. Located at 39500 Orchard Hill Place, BrassCraft makes water

supplies and plumbing products.

Singer joins Detroit Popcorn

Evan Singer of Novi recently joined the Detroit Popcorn Company as its new manager of operations, announced the business this month. Entering with six years' experience with the local Vitamin Outlet chain, Singer, 21, now will help oversee day-to-day operations at the 70,000 square foot facility. Previously, Singer also studied to be a firefighter. The Detroit Popcorn Company manufactures and distributes a variety of popcorn and other treats at 12843 Greenfield in Detroit.

'Bundles' at Bamboo

Beginning June 14, Novi's Bamboo Club is offering Three-Course Adventure "bundles" of trademark Asian Bistro cuisine. Options allow diners to mix and match meals with a soup, appetizer and entrée from any of the countries including China, Japan, Thailand and Vietnam. Signature dishes include Firecracker Shrimp with Peppers, Sizzling Teriyaki Steak and Lemongrass Chicken with Asparagus. Bamboo Club is located in the Novi Fountain Walk, 44375 Twelve Mile Road, Ste. G 147.

Theater rocks the corps

At 1 p.m. June 27, a Walled Lake cinemplex will be among 132 Regal Entertainment Group movie theaters nationwide playing a filmed concert dubbed "Rockin' the Corps." Filmed April 1 at the U.S. Marine Corps base at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, Calif. The concert was seen by more than 40,000 marines, sailors and their families, the company said. Hosted by Cedric the Entertainer, music performers ranged from Destiny's Child to Kiss, while comedians Jay Mohr and Louis Anderson also appeared. On sale now, \$15 each ticket proceeds will in part fund the non-profit Support the Corps

group, Regal announced. The United Artists Commerce Township Stadium 14 is located at 2022 Springvale Drive in Walled Lake. For details, visit www.bigscreenconcerts.com.

Taubman to present

Taubman Centers, which operates Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall, announced plans to present today at the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts' annual institutional investor forum. From 3:55-4:30 p.m., Taubman said it will provide a general company overview and question and answer session at the event, held in New York City. A replay is available for 30 days at www.taubman.com. Taubman is based in Bloomfield Hills.

Auto production down

Nationwide, automakers were expected to produce 206,183 vehicles this week, down 4.3 percent from last week, according to Wards Automotive Reports. To date, output totals more than 5.35 million units, down 2.2 percent from this time last year, Wards announced.

Health: biggest state employer

Health care is Michigan's largest employer, according to a study released June 3 by the Department for Michigan's Health. The industry reportedly provides more than 472,300 direct jobs and 254,340 indirect jobs that pump \$29.8 billion a year in wages, salaries and benefits. Titled "Economic Impact of Health Care in Michigan," the study also indicated that health care workers and employers in the state pay more than \$8 billion in annual taxes. Following Wayne County, Oakland County came in second place statewide with 78,531 in direct jobs and \$3.8 billion in wages, salaries and benefits. For a complete copy of the study, visit www.economicimpact.org.

Walled Lake holds the Key again

Former popular eatery has new owner

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER



Key Largo — a former Walled Lake hot spot — will reopen under the same name around the end of June.

The restaurant, located in downtown Walled Lake on East Lake Drive along the historic waterfront, features 8,500 square feet inside and a deck that measures 3,000 square feet.

The building was recently purchased by businessman Randy Traxel of Wolverine Lake, who is currently sprucing up the site, using a coral and teal blue color scheme.

"It's going to be a fun, tropical atmosphere with water fountains on the deck," he said. Traxel, who was born and raised in Walled Lake, has been in and out of the restaurant business for more than 20 years.

The restaurant was Bogey's and The Boathouse before it closed; the building has been vacant for about a year and a half. Traxel plans to construct a deck outside the restaurant with 14 slips, so boaters can pull right up to the building.

"It's really nice that a local person has bought this restaurant," said Charlene Long, managing director, Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority. "We have several new businesses down at the lakefront, and Key Largo opening again will add to all of that activity. We're so excited."

large dance floor, and live entertainment during dinner hours will feature Jimmy-Buffet-style, acoustic music, steel drum bands and jazz.

"Once the kitchen closes, we'll have a DJ for the evening crowd," Traxel said.

"We are going to have the building painted, have the tables recovered and purchase all new chairs for the large deck. An area near the bar indoors will feature 18 feet of salt water aquariums.

The menu will also feature tropical selections. "We are going to keep all of our entrees under \$20, and we're going to re-emphasize a seafood menu," Traxel said. But mainstays, such as steaks, ribs, prime rib and pizza will also be available. Daily specials will also be served.

Traxel just started accepting applications early last week for waiters, waitresses and bartenders and has already received more than 80 applications. Gary Grandsko, of Novi, was a customer when the business opened as the original Key Largo in 1988.

county area that can see so many people and be directly on an inland lake," Grandsko said. "People would come all the way from the east side just to come here. In the early 1980s and 1990s he could walk around in this place it was so crowded."

Grandsko said many people met at Key Largo and later married. "It's a million-dollar view, and it's got the best location," he said. "It's the kind of place where you think you're going to slip in and stay and hour, and next thing you know, it's three hours."

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BIRTH



Laurel Kathleen Jagodzinski

Andrea Lynn Jagodzinski and Shawn S. Jagodzinski of Austin, Texas, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Laurel Kathleen Jagodzinski, on April 1, 2005. She weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and was 22 inches in length. Laurel joins a big sister, Emma, 2.

Proud grandparents are Kathleen L. Johnson of Novi, Donald R. Johnson of Novi and Ann and Stan Jagodzinski of Cedar Falls, Iowa. Proud great-grandparents are Jeanne and Roger McGonagle of Plymouth and Evelyn and Fred Johnson of Plymouth.

A June 2005 wedding is planned.

ENGAGEMENT



Johnson-Crutchfield

Don and Kathy Johnson of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellie Johnson, to John Crutchfield, son of Marvin and Patsy Crutchfield of Kenedy, Texas.

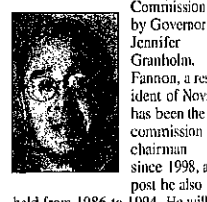
The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Novi High School and received her bachelor of science degree in finance and economics in 1998 from Lake Superior State University. She is employed by Dell, Inc. as a program manager.

The groom-elect is a 1989 graduate of Kenedy High School and received his bachelor of science degree in Kinesiology in 1993 from The University of Texas. He is currently employed by Round Rock School System, ISD.

A June 2005 wedding is planned.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Brian W. Fannon, chief operating officer of Son Communities, has been re-appointed to his 10th term as a commissioner on the Manufactured Housing

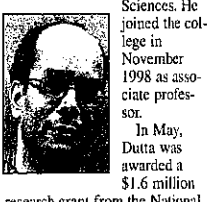


Wayne State University professor Eugene Applebaum

Commission by Governor Jennifer Granholm. Fannon, a resident of Novi, has been the commission chairman since 1996, a post he also held from 1986 to 1994. He will continue to serve as the agency's chairman during the current year and has served continuously as a commissioner since the body's inception in 1977.

The Honorable Fred M. Mester, Oakland County Circuit Court judge, was presented with the Frances R. Avardena Memorial Award at the Oakland County Bar Association Annual Meeting Dinner on June 1. The award, named in memory of the bar association's first female president, is presented to a member of the association who has made significant contributions to the community outside of the legal profession. Judge Mester has been a circuit judge since 1982 and has received many awards for his professional and civic contributions.

Wayne State University announced the promotion of Alok K. Dutta, Ph.D., to professor in the pharmaceutical sciences department, Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. He joined the college in November 1998 as associate professor.



General Thomas Cutler

In May, Dutta was awarded a \$1.6 million research grant from the National Institutes of Health. His research project, entitled "Novel neuro-protective treatment for Parkinson's disease," is the study of a new generation therapy, which aims to treat Parkinson's disease by slowing the neurodegeneration process.

Dutta, a resident of Novi, has authored more than 44 publications on drug development for the central nervous system-related disorder and has received research funding from the National Institutes of Health for more than 10 years.

General Thomas Cutler of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs presented Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard with a Distinguished Service Medal, an actual military medal of honor, for his support of Staff Sergeant James McKevey. This special medal was given to Sheriff Bouchard for his support to the family of Staff Sergeant McKevey who is also a deputy at the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. McKevey is a member of the 745th Explosive Ordnance Detachment, who was critically injured while disarming and explosive device in Iraq. Sheriff Bouchard visited McKevey at Walter Reed Army Hospital and raised funds so that Ruth McKevey could remain by her husband's side during his recovery.

OBITUARY

DONALD ROBERT BURTON

Age 74, of Grayling, formerly of Brighton and Novi, died June 3, 2005 at St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital, Howell. Born August 13, 1930 in Detroit, the son of Justin M. and Elizabeth (Gittens) Burton. Donald loved the outdoors. He is survived by his children, Robert Burton of Howell; Joseph Burton of Fenton; John Burton of Howell; and Cindy Hughes of Howell; 3 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren and 3 brothers. Funeral services were Wed., June 8 at MacDonald's Funeral Home, 315 N. Michigan Ave., Howell (517-546-2800). Cremation followed.

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Cynthia Champion retires after 20 years on the board

Walled Lake Schools Board of Education member Cynthia Champion attended her last board of education meeting June 2. Over the 20 years she has attended more than 250 school board meetings and countless committee, PTA, Oakland County School Board Association, Michigan Association of School Board and other meetings on behalf of the Walled Lake Schools.

"Cynthia Champion is dedicated to children first," said Dr. James Geisler, Walled Lake Schools superintendent. "Her commitment to Walled Lake Schools on behalf of children and public education for all children is unwavering. She is a child and parent advocate and has served the Walled Lake Schools community well. We thank her for her steadfast determination and years of tireless work."

Champion was given the Walled Lake Schools PTSA Council Honorary Life Member Award at the PTSA Council's Installation and Awards Night recently. Pictured with her are Mark Hess, Sarah Banks Middle School Principal who the PTSA Council named Administrator of the Year, and school board member Mary Ellen Trotter (left) who presented Champion with her award.



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For more than 30 years Champion has been involved in PTA and PTSA in Walled Lake Schools. She has held almost every office in the individual school PTAs she was involved in. She was active in PTA at Oakley Park Elementary School, the former Walled Lake Junior High, and at Walled Lake Western High School while her four children were in school. And she was an officer, including president of the Walled Lake Schools PTSA Council, the group that provides leadership among the 22 PTAs in Walled Lake Schools. Throughout her tenure on the Board of Education she continued to attend the Walled Lake Schools PTSA Council meetings and functions. She distributed diplomas at the Walled Lake Central, Northern and Western High School graduations at the Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center June 5 and at the Walled Lake Community High School graduation June 7 at Central High School's auditorium. Champion has done this 20 times and will congratulate the Class of 2005 while distributing diplomas to the first graduating class at Walled Lake Northern High School. Board President Mike Karson will be giving the diploma to his son at Walled Lake Central's graduation this year and board member Tom McConnell will give the diploma to his son at Western's graduation this year.

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- Larry Teahan Novi High School social studies teacher 22 years
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A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 12:00 noon on Thursday, June 16, 2005. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375. Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Gail Backus at the City of Novi Building Department 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 05-026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Michigan CAT is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a tent at 24800 Novi Road for an employee picnic to be held on June 23, 2005.

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FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 05-030

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DATE: Saturday, June 11
TIME: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: Information for parents interested in enrolling their three or four year old.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3223

Walled Lake Library Summer Reading Club Kick-Off

DATE: Saturday, June 11
TIME: 2 p.m.
LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple, Walled Lake
DETAILS: Reading Club for all ages. The Brainstormers will perform at this event with audience participation, fun and games.
CONTACT: (248) 624-3772

SCHOOL/GOVERNMENT

Wixom City Council

DATE: Tuesday, June 14, 28; July 12, 26; Aug. 9, 23; Sept. 13, 27; Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 9, 23; Dec. 13 and 20
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Wixom City Hall, 49045 Pontiac Trail
CONTACT: (248) 624-4557

Novi City Council Meeting

DATE: Monday, June 20
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

Novi School Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, June 16
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi
CONTACT: (248) 449-1200

Rabbi to Lecture on New Pope

DATE: Monday, June 13
TIME: 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
LOCATION: Fireside Restaurant in the Ascot Clubhouse at Erickson's Fox Run retirement community, 41000 W. 13 Mile Road, Novi
DETAILS: For its third program in the Fox Run Center For Continuous Learning Lecture Series, Fox Run is hosting Rabbi Shervin Rabin Shervin T. Wine, dean of the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism in North America. Wine will discuss Pope Benedict XVI in a lecture titled "The New Pope: What To Expect."
COST: \$5 pre-registration fee, includes lunch
CONTACT: Marie DiCostanza, (248) 668-8630

BUSINESS

Gardeners of Northville and Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Events

Evening Connection

DATE: Tuesday, June 14
TIME: 5-7 p.m.
LOCATION: Twin Beach Golf and Country Club, 7625 Glascoot, W. Bloomfield
DETAILS: Artist May Tevans instructs. Class will include drawing, pastels, watercolor, and mixed media. There is a \$5 materials fee. Drop-in or register.
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

Annual Award Ceremony and Membership Breakfast

DATE: Tuesday, June 21
TIME: 7:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road, 42050 Grand River Ave.
DETAILS: Speak will be Rob Casella, Providence Hospital President.
CONTACT: Chamber, (248) 349-3743

Tea Time Talk Luncheon

DATE: Wednesday, July 20
TIME: noon-1 p.m.
LOCATION: Wren's Nest Bed and Breakfast, 7405 West Maple Road, W. Bloomfield

Business Referrals

DATE: every Wednesday
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road
TIME: 7-8:30 a.m.
DETAILS: Meeting of local professionals and business looking to increase word-of-mouth referral business. Various classifications open and eager to bring you qualified business leads.
CONTACT: (734) 462-6460

CLASSES

Providence Center for the Healing Arts "Tuesdays at Assarian"

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

Line Dancing Classes

DATE: every Monday
TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate
LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Arena Drive (activity room, main floor)
DETAILS: No partner needed for lessons in this pay-as-you-go program. Cost is \$5 for Novi residents and for those ages 55 and up; \$6 for non-residents (fees are for the entire evening).
CONTACT: (248) 348-9116

Line Dancing Classes

DATE: every Friday
TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road (activity room, main floor)
DETAILS: No partner needed for lessons in this pay-as-you-go program. Cost is \$5 for Novi residents and for those ages 55 and up; \$6 for non-residents (fees are for the entire evening).
CONTACT: (248) 348-9116

Providence Center for the Healing Arts - Artist in Residence

ONGOING: Thursdays
TIME: 1:00-2:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Creative Arts Studio, Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave.
DETAILS: Artist May Tevans instructs. Class will include drawing, pastels, watercolor, and mixed media. There is a \$5 materials fee. Drop-in or register.
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library Hours

LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road
HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, closed during the summer.
DETAILS: Unless noted below.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOVI, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi Community School District will receive sealed bids for the following items:

Musical Instruments
Bids will be accepted at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48374-2423 until 2:00 p.m. on June 23, 2005. Specifications may be picked up at the Educational Services Building during normal business hours.

(6-9-05 NN 218674)

FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 05-026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Michigan CAT is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a tent at 24800 Novi Road for an employee picnic to be held on June 23, 2005.

A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 9:30 am on Thursday, June 16, 2005. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375. Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Gail Backus at the City of Novi Building Department 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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ed. There will be puppets, storytellers and guest readers all summer.
CONTACT: (248) 624-3772

GOLF OUTINGS

Walled Lake Rotary Club 17th Annual Emery E. Jacques Jr. Golf Classic

DATE: Friday, June 17
TIME: 11 a.m., registration; 1 p.m., shotgun start
LOCATION: Links of Novi, 50395 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
DETAILS: Registration fee includes drinks, lunch, dinner and raffle.
CONTACT: Doug Clark at (248) 449-2929

St. Mary Mercy Hospital 10th Annual Golf Classic

DATE: Friday, June 24
TIME: 6:30 a.m., registration for 7:30 a.m. shotgun start; 11:30 a.m., registration for 1:30 p.m. shotgun start
LOCATION: Cattails Golf Club, 5737 N. Nine Mile Road, South Lyon
DETAILS: Proceeds will assist Cardiology Services at the hospital.
CONTACT: (734) 655-4800

Novi High School Band Golf Outing

DATE: Sunday, July 31
TIME: noon
LOCATION: Tanglewood Golf Course, 53503 10 Mile Road, Lyon Township
DETAILS: \$100.00 per golfer, lunch, dinner and prizes included. Raffle prizes are needed.
CONTACT: Darrin Koehy, (248) 348-5135

Novi Lions Club 12th Annual Charity Golf Outing

DATE: Thursday, July 14
TIME: 9 a.m., shotgun start
LOCATION: Links of Novi Golf Course, 50395 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: Proceeds will go to Parkinson Center for Blind Children, Taylor, Mich.
CONTACT: Lion Jerry Conice at (248) 348-0331, Lion Pete Hoadley at (248) 960-9042 or Lion Terri D. Taylor at (248) 960-3562

1st Annual Novi Wildcats Boys Basketball Golf Outing

DATE: Saturday, August 6
LOCATION: Tanglewood Golf Course, 53503 10 Mile Road, Lyon Township
DETAILS: Families are invited.

FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 05-030

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Anson-Dambs Development is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a temporary sales trailer for Novi Corporate Campus at the northeast corner of Twelve Mile Road and West Park Drive from June 16, 2005 through June 16, 2006.

A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 11:30 am on Thursday, June 16, 2005. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375. Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Gail Backus at the City of Novi Building Department 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

WALLED LAKE BRANCH OF THE MIDDLE ROUGE RIVER STREAMBANK STABILIZATION PROJECT NORTH OF CHATTMAN/SOUTH OF ORCHARD HILLS WEST SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT; AND SOUTH OF MEADOWBROOK LAKE TO NINE MILE ROAD

The City of Novi Engineering Division will be conducting a Public Information Meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center - Banquet Quarter located at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the Walled Lake Branch of the Middle Rouge River Streambank Stabilization Project to be conducted north of Chattman and south of the Orchard Hills West Subdivision development; and south of Meadowbrook Lake to Nine Mile Road. The purpose of this meeting is to present preliminary engineering plans for stabilizing the streambanks of the Walled Lake Branch of the Middle Rouge River within the project limits. City staff and consultants will be conducting the meeting and will be available to answer questions and address concerns.

(6-9-05 NN 218879)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NINE MILE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION FROM MEADOWBROOK ROAD TO NOVI ROAD AND ROETHEL DRIVE FROM NINE MILE ROAD SOUTH 1700'

The City of Novi Engineering Division will be conducting two Public Information Meetings on Thursday, June 16, 2005 in the Training Center facility of the Novi Police Headquarters located at 45125 W. Ten Mile Road for the Nine Mile Reconstruction project referenced above. The first meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. for businesses impacted by the project; the second meeting will occur at 7:00 p.m. for residents abutting the project limits. The purpose of this meeting is to present preliminary engineering plans for the reconstruction project. City staff and consultants will be conducting the meeting and will be available to answer questions and address concerns.

(6-9-05 NN 218877)

In Loving Memory of Judy, Alex and Sam Weinstein

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the community for all your love and support during this trying time.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

WHERE WE STAND

Mayoral candidates: Now it's a two-horse race

Candidates for the three city council seats and one mayoral office in the upcoming election in November had until 4 p.m. June 3 to file their intentions.

There are seven candidates for city council — Kim Capello, the only incumbent; Justin Fisher; Gwen Markham; Terry Margolis; Andrew Mutch; Lowell Sprague; and David Staudt. As of 3:54 p.m., June 3, the city had only one candidate for mayor — Mayor Pro Tem and local attorney David Landry. But Keith Kuhn, local businessman and owner of Innovative Mortgage for 10 years, stepped up to the plate at exactly 3:55 p.m. to file his candidacy for mayor. He still needs 14 signatures, however, to complete the filing.

One of his friends and political confidants suggested he run for city council first, since he has no prior service on any city boards or commissions. But, he didn't want Landry to run unopposed and decided he might as well give the mayoral seat a shot.

From our standpoint, this is a good thing; it's rather uneventful to have a mayor's race with only one person running. There's no mayoral debate with only one person. Having two candidates makes for more interesting copy at the very least, especially with two candidates who are quite different.

Landry seems to be a logical, by-the-book, straight-shooter who obviously looks at issues in relation to their legal implications for the city. Kuhn, on the other hand, appears to be more of a free-wheeling entrepreneur who believes he has excellent decision-making abilities, works well with people, and wants to listen, implement and learn.

While Landry operates on solid ground as a current member of the city's governing body, Kuhn's approach seems to be to appeal to the common man with his common sense and business savvy. It will be interesting to see how these campaigns will play out between an already high-powered participant vs. a newcomer to the political scene.

But whatever happens, it's good for the political system to have a mayor's race with only one person running. There's no mayoral debate with only one person. Having two candidates makes for more interesting copy at the very least, especially with two candidates who are quite different.

One year and two personalities later

"Hi! This is Kim Kovelle with the Northville Record. And the Novi News."

"Well, actually, both." Call it a split personality. It all began a year ago to the date, when my first full-time journalism job as "swing reporter" for the two newspapers began.

Since then, during countless interviews, the clumsy greeting has slipped more than twice.

But starting June 13, I'll have a different greeting — along with new places, names and faces to get to know.

I'm moving on to report with the Metro Parent Publishing Group in Southfield, and Ferndale, and actually, they're moving in July.

Call it another nomadic journey. Then again, that's why I picked this field. In the constant change, there's always fresh detail to absorb and personality to discover, topped by the challenge of getting it into accurate, coherent form by print deadline.

Though it's only been 12 months, working dual beats has unleashed a world of lessons.

Deciphering the world of government was a biggie. New municipal buildings, a public safety dispatch merger and the rise and fall of development plans for 415 acres were among Northville Township's hot issues.

In November, the thrills and pitfalls of covering local elections and making endorsements hit home. Flushing out key issues and people was the ongoing objective.

Late night Novi Planning Commission meetings shed light on zoning, sewer systems, consent judgments, driveway egresses, PROs ... ah yes, and somehow

making the stuff readable. Driving everything were scores of fascinating folks. Business owners were pitted against unending road construction odors. Authors, actors and artists shared their stories, along with farmers, ministers, bikers and cancer survivors.

Whether competing in "Olympics" or frolicking on stage in leotards, senior citizens proved there's plenty for me to look forward to some 40 years from now.

I've shared in people's losses, celebrated their joy and knocked on plenty of doors.

Robberies and runaway horses alike kept me on the ball — plus generous portions of chocolate and caffeine.

Naturally, there was much I still hoped to do. As an admitted history and preservation buff, I was geared up to explore more of Novi's past in a monthly series forged in January.

The future of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property was another. Along with tax base potential, the site also hosts 28 deer and plenty of untold tales.

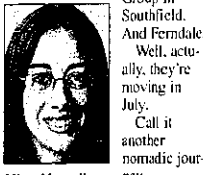
During my first days on the job, a fellow reporter suggested I always fully listen to what people have to say and resist zipping through questions. That's where the story is.

I've striven to do so, and I'm grateful and indebted to all those who've opened up and helped me along the way.

No matter where the future leads, my plans are to keep that up.

And catch up on my reading, restore an old theater and get back to being out Broadway tunes on stage.

Call it a road with lots to come. It'll be busy, but fortunately I'll have two personalities in tow.



Kim Kovelle



Retiring Novi School District superintendent Dr. Emmett Lippe, right, shakes hands with Novi High School teacher Ron Flutur at Lippe's Wednesday afternoon retirement ceremony.

A leader honored: Dr. Emmett Lippe's going out with a bang

There he was, as humbly as ever, receiving many gifts and praise from the board of education and administrators alike.

He stood in front of a crowded educational services building last Thursday night in his typical suit and tie, with that smile on his face that this community has grown accustomed to seeing for the past 13 years.

Dr. Emmett Lippe has had quite an eventful last few months, and no doubt his emotions must be running high right about now. First and foremost, it's business as usual for him.

One of his last major projects as superintendent of the Novi Community School District is to see a final draft of Novi High School's athletic code of conduct approved by the board.

But even though that's the only thing he probably would like to be thinking about at the moment, his colleagues won't let him forget how much they will miss him and how much they appreciate and love him.

After 13 years of service to the district, Lippe has decided to join his wife, Marge, in retirement following the conclusion of the current school year. Administrators and board members presented him last Thursday with a memento that bears the district's logo on the back and comes complete with a

block scheduling at Novi High School, multi-age design of Deerfield Elementary School, an innovative middle school design that incorporates learning support for academic learning and advancing the use of technology throughout the district, which was served as a model for other schools across the state.

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Why all of the praise? Well, not only has this man been a close friend to just about everyone in the district, and someone who doesn't even work in the district (that would be me), but during his time as superintendent he has made the Novi Schools grow from a good district to a great one. Specifically, his accomplishments include:

- Always placing students first
- Providing an atmosphere for joyful learning
- Guiding \$190 million in facility additions and improvements
- Serving as an educator for 42 years
- Developing a long-range planning process for the district
- Being involved in the community through Novi Rotary and the Novi Chamber of Commerce
- Setting a direction that has earned the Novi Community Schools prestigious awards at both state and national levels
- Developing and maintaining a collaborative work environment for staff
- Leading the development of business partners for each school
- Being a visionary leader
- Supporting innovation and excellence in all aspects of the educational system, such as

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I would like to take the time to congratulate Dr. Lippe and to thank him for not only making my job easy, but for being a friend and dear friend of mine, and that was evident this week. Thank you again for beautifying our city!

Lynne Paul
Novi City Council member

John A. Kuenzel
Novi

War's not the answer

Where is the war to end all wars? There is no such thing! Our country is caught up in fighting terrorists on foreign soil. People of this wonderful planet need to learn, to know, that there is no security from terrorism. We cannot kill in the name of freedom. It's an oxymoron.

All rational beings, living on the planet we call earth, are connected by the same desires. To live without want. When there is such a wide divide between those that have and those that have not, there is bound to be foment. Oh, how I wish our country's leaders could be wise enough to spend the billions it is taking to fight this "war on terror" on building in places where people are suffering from lack of the very basics needed to live life without fear. We are bringing fire and blood, not peace. Wake up America! Our nation is becoming known for its heavy handedness instead of for its humanism.

Thank you for all of the high school students plus other residents who came out to clean up Rotary Park. We had over 90 people and the event was extremely successful. This is the best attended Rotary Day I

Doreen Lawton
Novi

OTHER OPINIONS

UAW and the 'mushroom' effect

Memorial Day is a holiday now rightly devoted to the remembrance of things past. Originally designated to honor those who died serving our country, the holiday has taken on broader meaning. These days, it is right and fitting to take this occasion to recall friends and family from all walks of life who are no longer with us. Like many other families, my wife Kathy and I marked the day by planting flowers (bright red geraniums in our case) in front of the black granite gravestones on our family plot in the cemetery.

My mustings about the meaning of Memorial Day were nourished by a lunch I recently had with a friend of more than 40 years who — until retirement — held a high position in Michigan's labor movement.

We got together to discuss their planned move to Florida, where the warm and humid weather is supposed to help rheumatism. But our conversation quickly shifted to what we saw ahead for our state.

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We agreed the auto parts supply chain that has employed so many people was also in trouble. And we concluded that the management of companies in the industry and the leadership of the United Auto Workers union were "hiding under a

mushroom," as my friend put it. "If you were running the UAW these days, would you do?" I asked. "I would do everything I could to help the domestic auto industry," was the response. "I'd eliminate all those job classifications. I'd drastically reduce work rules. I wouldn't touch health care, but I'd take the money now being wasted in all those training programs and redirect it into health care ... I'd freeze wages, at least until the companies turned profitable."

When former Secretary of Defense Charlie Wilson said, "What's good for General Motors is good for the country, and vice-versa," he wasn't just making a political statement. He was setting out a business model that worked in Michigan for decades. But that model is broken today. The men who built it are either dead or retiring.

As we finished our lunch, my friend and I agreed on one reason so many people were so anxious on this Memorial Day holiday. It's not at all clear what business model makes sense for Michigan today.

Worse, I'm beginning to think that the traditional places we look to for answers — our great corporations and labor unions and the politicians — are the places least likely to come up with any sensible ones. They are all imprisoned in iron boxes, so hemmed in by demands from their constituencies they are scared to offer far-reaching solutions.

And I couldn't help reflect that while my old friend and I could talk intelligently about what the union should do to help the auto industry, there was something poignant about the occasion. For it was a conversation that took place just before the retired leader was abandoning our state for Florida. How symbolic of the situation in which we find ourselves.

Phil Power is chairman of HCN, Inc. and a longtime advocate of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at ppw@homecomm.net.

Every year, Michigan faces a state budget deficit crisis of staggering proportions. Not only does this tie our lawmakers in knots for months, it is beginning to threaten the health of our major research universities — the hope of our state's economic future — as they bleed from a thousand little funding cuts.

Yet there is a better way to balance the books, one the lobbyists and many legislators would rather you didn't think about. It involves a poorly understood and more poorly managed program called Medicaid, for which Michigan taxpayers shell out \$8.9 billion a year.

By making a few commonsense changes, the state should be able to save at least \$1 billion a year — while providing better quality care to the poor. No, this is not a shell game, or an illusion. Just the facts.

So how do we save a billion dollars? Well, believe it or not, dramatically reducing the cost of health care is not rocket science. We can learn from some well-run corporations.

Frankly, if Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan adopted a similar approach, our corporations could cut their premiums in half.

But that's their business. The state budget crisis is everyone's problem. And a solution is sitting right under our legislators' noses.

Brue Hansen has been president and vice president of several Health Maintenance Organizations, and also served as director of budget, policy and computer systems for the state Medicaid program.

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Overweight and obese people may have a greater chance of developing asthma, according to a new study. Risk of asthma increases as body mass index (BMI) rises. Says a recently released study of 135,800 Norwegian men and women. Results were published in the American Journal of Epidemiology. Study participants aged 14 to 60 years old were followed for an average of 21 years. Adjustments were made for smoking, education and physical activity. The link between BMI and asthma risk remained consistent regardless of smoking history or education level. In men, asthma risk rose 10 percent for each unit of increased BMI between 25 and 30. In women, the similar value of increased risk was 7 percent. Being a specialist trained and experienced in treatment of your specific medical condition can often result in earlier diagnosis and proper treatment. If you have any questions about today's topic, or if you would like to schedule an appointment, call the ALLERGY AND ASTHMA CENTER OF MICHIGAN, the caring allergist who gets results. For an appointment call (248) 473-6400. We are conveniently located at 24120 Meadowbrook Road, STE. 201, Novi, MI 48240. New patients are welcome. "The Caring Allergist Who Gets Results."
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Artistic menagerie on display

Waltonwood seniors share creations at Senior Art Expo

By Kim Kovellev
STAFF WRITER

Glittering like rare gems, hundreds of vintage buttons stood in neat rows beneath plastic sheaths on B.J. Smith's display table.

Tiny enamel, pearl, china and wood artifacts, some dating back to the 1820s, have filled boxes in the former sewing teacher's homes since 1958.

"The closet in the second bedroom is packed," Smith said. "A neighbor got me started. It is overwhelming to people when they see all this."

"It's fascinating. I'm partial to paperweight buttons."

The colorful, mounded glass varieties were among treasures on display May 26 at Novi's Waltonwood senior citizen community.

In a two-hour art expo, 16 seniors showcased collections, poems, needlework and more.

Next door to Smith, Edward Gray flipped open a family Bible signed by his father's parents in 1881.

Working at genealogy for six decades, the 91-year-old has an array of old documents and said he's traced his roots to Lady Godiva.

"She's a grandmother many

times removed," Gray said. "My father had a family history. I took his information and elaborated on that."

Through correspondence and research, he's found ties to Mayflower pilgrim William Brewster.

A pioneering relative who made rope in Boston left an inheritance to the Grays — which today would be about \$1 million, Gray said.

"That didn't reach us," he said with a grin.

Others shared painted images set to traditional canvases.

Favoring pastels and ink pens, 81-year-old Marilyn Beesley said her penchant began in 1942, when she drew a horse's head in a high school art class.

"The teacher at that time was impressed with it," Beesley said. "She said, 'How far do you want to go with this?'"

Since then, she's captured loved ones' portraits, Grand Canyon scenery and San Francisco streetscapes at her dining room table "studio."

Tips were picked up along the way from several local art groups.

"Eyes are hard to capture. You've got to make sure you've got the dots in the right place," Beesley added.

Marceline Ross, 75, also showcased paintings — along with hand-made porcelain dolls, poetry and 700 recipes she keeps on her personal computer.

The former elementary school art teacher said she began most of her endeavors when she retired 14 years ago.

"I'd go on to something new



Photo by KIM KOVELLEV

Marilyn Beesley, 81, arranges portraits she painted of a current and former daughter-in-law. The Waltonwood artist started painting in 1942.

every year and a half," Ross said. "Everything that I make goes to my kids. You have somebody in mind. It becomes a part of you, and it's very, very important."

She's kiln-fired and hand-painted baby dolls and painted light-houses for three daughters and seven grandchildren.

Hand-drawn Christmas cards with penned verses are another favorite tradition for Ross.

Cradling a doll named "Sugar Britches," she said she has no plans of retiring again.

"You can get more joy out of the arts than in any other way than your family or your Lord," she said. "I have strength to do it and I will until the day I die."

Eyes shining like glass buttons, other artisans, researchers and collectors might have agreed.

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Friday 6/10

8:45 a.m. Panera Bread
9 a.m. Stretch and Strength
10 a.m. Body Recall
noon Lunch/clogging
12:30 p.m. Bingo
1:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge

Monday 6/13

8:45 a.m. Men's Golf
9 a.m. Stretch and Strength
10 a.m. Body Recall
11:30 a.m. Goodie Lady
noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. Pinochle
6:30 p.m. Clogging*

Tuesday 6/14

9 a.m. Panera Bread
9 a.m. Line Dance
10 a.m. Asian Pacific
11 a.m. "Hot Weather Warnings"
noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. Bingo

3-4 p.m. "Drawing from photos" Shaw Festival Trip

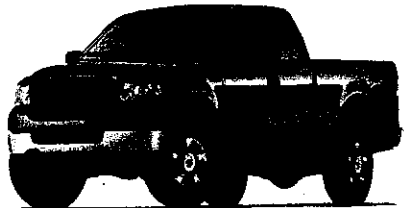
Wednesday 6/15

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
2-4 p.m. Estate Planning by appointment

Thursday 6/16

9 a.m. Line dance*
9 a.m. Mixed Golf
9:30 a.m. Travel Meeting
noon Lunch
12:15 Bridge*
1-2 p.m. Line dance
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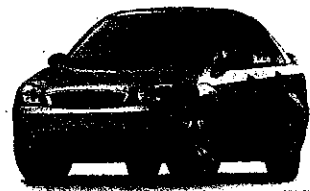


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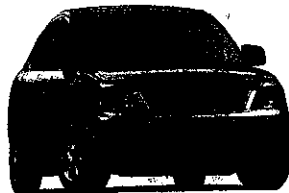


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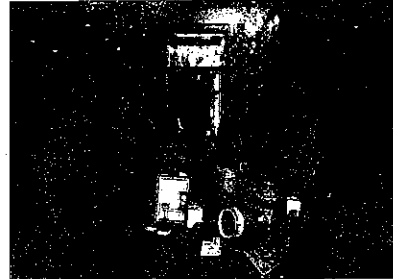
Yee-haw!

The Novi Wildcats soccer team showed just what it takes to tame a Mustang when they upended the defending state champions in the district championship game last week. — Page 3B



Angry Wildcats

The Novi Wildcats girls and boys track and field teams didn't do as well in the state finals as they would have liked. Ryan Pritchard was the only one to place of the 16 who went to the meet. Check out our glimpses of moments from the meets in this week's photo page. — Page 4B



Regional Marketplace

Tutto, located in the Old Church Square in downtown Northville, also offers interior design services for home décor. — Page 6B

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Quick Hits

And the winner is...

Novi. There had been chatter leading up to the game between Novi and Northville that the Mustangs were going to repeat as district champions. When the game was said and done, it was the strategy of the Wildcats that proved the best, doubling up on Mustangs' standout Danielle Toney in hopes of neutralizing her presence on the field. With a 4-1 final and a berth to the regional tournament, the Novi Wildcats maintained their ranking in the state, at No. 1, by ousting No. 2 Northville.

What a weekend!

The Novi Wildcats were sure well represented this weekend. Not only did the soccer team secure a district title, but the boys and girls track teams both had representatives in the state finals, the tennis team made the trek to Midland to play in their own state finals and the lacrosse team refused to call their season quits as they advanced to the quarter finals in the playoffs under the guidance of Brad Muston. Congratulations to all of the Novi Wildcats this season. It has been a heck of a year.

It's been swell

The Novi High School graduation ceremonies are this weekend and we here in the Novi News sports department would like to take a quick moment to say "thanks" to all of the seniors who have helped make our coverage some of the best in the state. Some are college-bound athletes who will continue their careers at the next level while others have hung their uniforms up for the finals time this past year. In either case, we were proud to be able to cover your accomplishments. Wins, losses and ties — at Novi they're all exciting and worthwhile. So, as a final farewell, we wish you the best in all that you do in the coming years. Take the lessons you learned from athletics and apply them to life. You can't go wrong if you do.

The future is bright

Novi's athletic future doesn't seem to be in any kind of question lately. The Novi Jags soccer program has been executing some impressive wins with the girls U9 and U10 teams even capturing titles at the very prestigious Dayton Tournament in Ohio. The girls beat teams like the Michigan Hawks to get the championship. Novi's own Amateur Athletic Union volleyball team — the Novi Extreme Divas — has also showed some promise with a season full of big wins and impressive performances. With so much talent already being shown at such a young age, it's exciting to wonder how good Novi athletics will be in the coming years. Best of luck to all the Novi youth who strive to be the best they can be in athletics.

ALL-STAR STATUS



Photo by SAM EGGLESTON

Northville's Matt Williams (left) and Novi's Kevin Cislo have been selected to several All-Star outings this year.

Sixth Annual All-Star game ready to roll

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

This year the Kensington Valley Conference and the Western Lakes Activities Association have been blessed with outstanding baseball and softball talent. Novi and Northville are some of the best teams in those conferences and boast some of

the best talent.

The teams will be well represented at this year's East versus West All-Star baseball and softball games, which pit some of the best players in Livingston and Oakland counties against each other. The games are co-sponsored by the Northville Record and the Novi News along with sister publication the Livingston

Country Daily Press & Argus.

The games, which are in their sixth season, will be played at Milford High School this year. Coaching the East softball team will be Lakeland's Joe Alsop while the baseball squad will be coached by Rick Green. Nearly 40 baseball stars and 30 softball standouts from both counties will take the fields

with their peers and, as always, it looks to be some promising competition.

The East teams — or the Oakland All-Stars — consist of players from Northville, Novi, Milford, South Lyon and Lakeland while the West teams — the Livingston All-Stars — have players from Hartland,

Tigers choose Kevin Cislo

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It's a year of All-Stars for the Northville and Novi baseball programs this spring. Matt Williams, a senior catcher for the Mustangs, and Kevin Cislo, a senior short stop for the Wildcats, have both been selected to play in the Third Annual Negro Leagues Celebration High School All-Star Game Aug. 5.

The game, which will be played at Comerica Park, will host 28 of the state's top players as selected by the Detroit Tigers.

"It's such an honor to be picked for a game like this," said Williams, who was a pre-season All-America Selection and a selection for the 2005 High School Sports American Mark Mulder All-American Student Athlete Baseball Team. "I'm looking forward to getting the chance to play with some of the best players in Michigan."

It's a chance both players said they are looking forward to. Though the Tigers had not released the complete list of selections by press time, Cislo and Williams said they expect the talent level to be high.

"There are so many other good kids out there," said Cislo. "It's a huge honor for me to be selected. I think it's great I'll be able to meet and play with some of the best athletes in the state. It should be a great game."

The All-Star game will be played in honor of a week-long Major League Baseball salute to Negro Leagues.

Cislo said he thought it was a great way to applaud those players who have come and gone.

"They had a great league going even with the segregation," he said. "So many great players were involved in that league but you've probably never heard of them. They did have an impact on baseball though and I'm proud to be able to help honor them."

For both players, they're hoping their time at Comerica Park will be a glimpse of what they might get to do in the future.

"It's been a life-long dream of mine to play in the pros," said Williams. "To have a pro team see me as one of the top 28 guys in our state is a nice accomplishment. It's nice to know the Tigers know who I am."

Williams, who will be attending Duke to play baseball in the fall, and Cislo, who will play at Michigan, have both been selected to play in the Sixth Annual East/West All-Star Game hosted by the Novi News and the Northville Record and their sister publications. Both are also expected to be possible selections for the 24th Annual Michigan High School Baseball Coaches' Association East-West All-Star Game, which will also be played at Comerica Park.

"It's been a great year," Cislo

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By the numbers

3rd

Place in the state Novi's Ryan Pritchard finished in the district last week.

0

Shots on goals for Northville's Danielle Toney allowed by Novi's soccer defense.

9

Points earned by Novi tennis in an extremely tough state finals tournament.

12th

Place the tennis team earned in the state following their performance.

6

Goals scored by Novi soccer sophomore Stephanie Crawford in three playoff games.

15

Shutouts Novi soccer goalie Kim Herbst has collected this year — her season goal.

2

Goals allowed by Novi soccer's defense in the past three playoff games.

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Photos by HAL GOULD

The view from the fourth tee at Prestwick Village shows a slice of lush, undulating fairway that is typical of the layout. The country club opened in 1996.



The par-3 17th hole, measuring out at 162 yards from the white tees, is the club's acknowledged signature hole, offering a breathtaking view from an elevated tee.

Big-time challenge Picturesque Prestwick Village already leaving special mark

By John Mueller
SPORTS WRITER

The course isn't quite 10 years old yet, but a quick glance at Prestwick Village Golf Club's resume illustrates its stature and importance in southeastern Michigan's golfing community.

The private country club, located just off M-59 in Highland, has hosted three U.S. Open Qualifiers since opening in 1996, as well as the U.S. Amateur Qualifier in 1998 and the State PGA Assistant's Championship last year, to name a few premier events.

Who says a course has to be 70+ years old to be known as a hallowed championship layout? Not the people who play Prestwick Village, it seems.

"We try to hold a lot of events here, so I get a lot of feedback from professionals," Prestwick Village head professional Jeff Gniewek said. "And they love the place."

Everywhere you look, there's quite a bit to love.

The front nine consists of relatively wide fairways and large greens, measuring out at 3,018 from the white tees. It features five par 4s (the longest being the 355-yard fifth hole), two par 5s (520 and 481 yards) and two par 3s (147 and 162 yards). The layout is dotted with numerous elevated sand traps, and water comes into play on three of the holes.

Things change slightly on the back nine, which features a magnificent stretch of four holes (No. 13 through No. 16) that delves into the woods. Compared to the front nine, the tree-lined fairways on the back nine will make you think the following thought a little more urgently: "Straight. Straight. Straight."

It's best to take this thought seriously.

"The back nine is more of an atmosphere where you have to be more accurate," Gniewek said. "By that time, your game better be ready, because you have to hit it straighter. And the wind tends to blow a lot, which makes you have to hit more clubs."

The back nine gets under way with the 500-yard par-5 10th hole, where a sprawling sand trap runs along most of the hole's right-side length. Golfers trudging into this trap hoping to coax their balls out of trouble resemble astronauts walking across a vast lunar landscape.

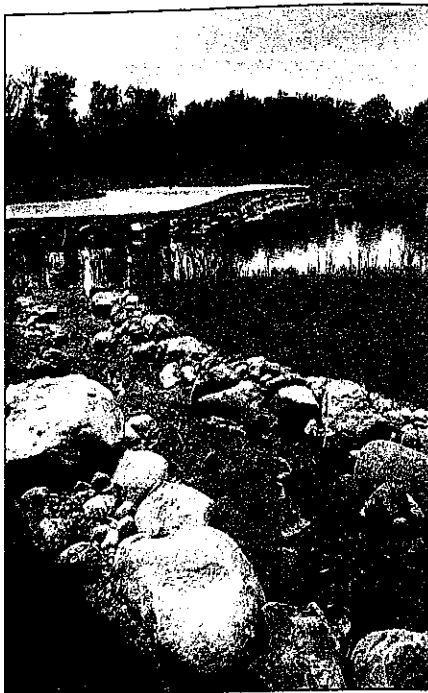
Following this tough challenge, golfers have to contend with two par 3s (147 and 162 yards), five par 4s (the 388-yard 16th hole is the longest) and another par 5 (456 yards).

The course's signature hole is the 162-yard 17th hole, which offers a breathtaking view from an elevated tee area. The green sits far below, and properly-struck tee shots seem to linger in the air for an extended length of time before landing (hopefully) on the softly-undulating green surrounded by a curling sand trap.

"Most of the greens throughout the entire 18-hole layout slope from the back to the front, which means a shot that comes up short of the pin is often safer than one that goes too far."

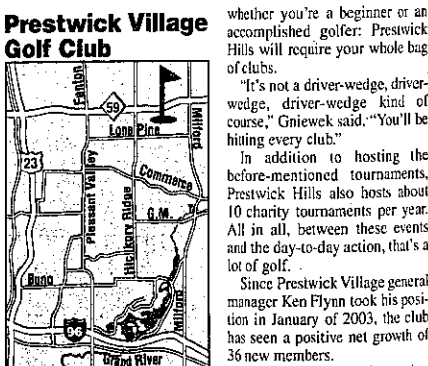
"When our pins are set in back of the green, you never want to be over the green," Gniewek said. "It's very difficult to get up and down from behind the green. The best advice is to try to stay below the hole."

Whether you're a beginner or an accomplished golfer, Prestwick Hills will require your whole bag of clubs.



Picture here is the waterfall near the No. 1 green, just another visually appealing element that makes Prestwick Village stand out.

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Whether you're a beginner or an accomplished golfer, Prestwick Hills will require your whole bag of clubs.

"It's not a driver-wedge, driver-wedge, driver-wedge kind of course," Gniewek said. "You'll be hitting every club."

In addition to hosting the before-mentioned tournaments, Prestwick Hills also hosts about 10 charity tournaments per year. All in all, between these events and the day-to-day action, that's a lot of golf.

Since Prestwick Village general manager Ken Flynn took his position in January of 2003, the club has seen a positive net growth of 36 new members.

Clearly, the word is getting around.

"Everyone likes the challenge, and they like the community feel," Flynn said. "This club is very well-established for such a young club."

Anyone interested in becoming a member at Prestwick Village should contact Flynn or Sue Reece at (248) 887-1762.

Reach sports reporter John Mueller by phone at (248) 685-1507 ext. 25 or by e-mail at jmueller@ht.homecomm.net.

Pro tip

Prestwick Village head professional Jeff Gniewek, on chipping woes:

"With chipping, the biggest mistake people make is that they get too handsy with the shot, too wristy. The solution is, if you put the ball back in your stance a little bit and put your hands more forward, you create a downward angle—a steeper angle—coming into the ball, creating solid contact. If you get too wristy, the clubhead can get caught up in the grass."

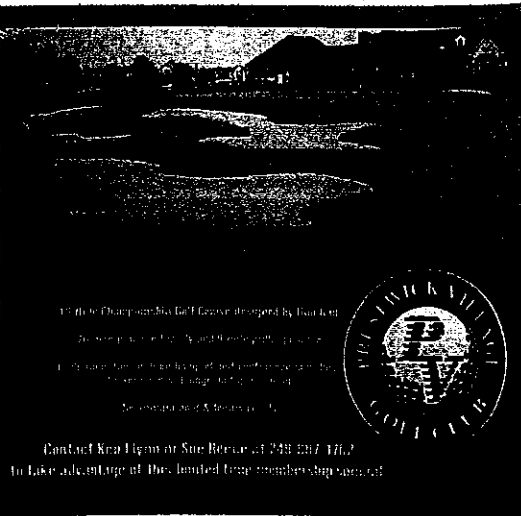
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Novi teammates including Kellie Walker (#10) celebrate the first period goal by Stephanie Crawford, right, last Friday night against Northville.

YES! Novi ousts Northville in district championship

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Novi soccer coach Ron Metzger has said since the end of last season that one of the hardest things to do in high school sports is repeat as state champions.

Last Friday in front of a packed crowd and under the lights at Livonia Stevenson, the Novi Wildcats proved him right.

Novi earned a stunning 4-1 victory over their cross-town rivals to earn a berth to the regional title game off the tremendous play of their defense.

"We played outstanding from start to finish," said Novi coach Brian O'Leary. "My four defenders played spectacular as a group. They held Northville's national-team forward Danielle Toney without a shot on goal."

It was a frustrating night for Toney, who has become accustomed to being one of the top scorers in every game. Novi's Jessica Barnd, Kelly Hebert, Kristine Charles and Lauren Marchioni marked her throughout the night, double teaming the speedy goal scorer much of the time.

It wasn't only the Wildcats

defense that played well. Northville had been plagued by injury all season but was finally back to full strength for the match up. Novi's offensive surge sent the entire crew home to lick their wounds.

Novi showed the value of a deep bench after Stephanie Crawford opened the scoring at 33:50 in the game for an early 1-0 lead. She found the back of the net after converting on a corner kick by Sarah Schmitt.

The Northville defense adjusted, focusing their attention on Crawford, All-State forward Kristi Timar and Novi's own national team forward Emily Eshook. It was an adjustment that didn't bother the Wildcats too much as Katie Walker took an assist from Schmitt and fired it past Northville's goalie for a 2-0 advantage at the 25 minute mark.

The score would remain stagnant until halftime where Northville pumped themselves up and came out firing. The Mustangs got on the board just five minutes into the half when stellar forward Lauren Hill broke through. The Novi defense and speed away for a goal against Novi's Kim Herist to cut the lead, 2-1.

It would prove the last time the Mustangs would score in the contest despite several attempts.

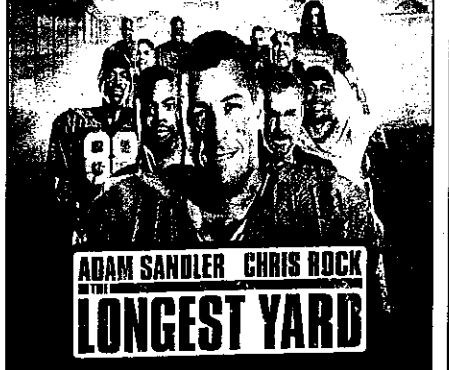
The Walker twins took advantage of the Northville defense's desire to shut down the Cats top forwards as they went on to tally the final two goals of the night. The first came at the 25 minute mark when Katie Walker one timed a Kelly Hebert throw in for a 3-1

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Mustang Kate Hawthorne, left, goes up for the ball along with Wildcat Katie Walker during last Friday night's playoff action at Livonia Stevenson.

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Missing more than games

It's not easy to go from scoring goals to keeping a tally of them on paper.

Chelsea Atiyeh, a senior forward for the undefeated Novi Wildcats soccer team, went from All-State scorer to scorekeeper this year following a knee injury while skiing before the season began.

As she rode the snow downhill, a fellow skier went out of control, falling right into her path. Atiyeh put on the breaks the best way she knew how to avoid a collision: She threw herself down onto the snow.

"When I fell I heard a pop," she said. "I knew it was bad. I knew that if you heard a pop, you probably tore something."

And tore something she did. Her anterior cruciate ligament — more commonly referred to as the ACL — had been damaged, doctors told her. She would require surgery.

The outlook wasn't bright either. The All-State selection from 2004 was told she would miss about six months following the procedure. That was January 14. Soccer season started in April.

Atiyeh passed the news on to her coaches — both Novi's Brian O'Leary and her future coaches at Division I Oakland University where she earned a scholarship to play with the Golden Grizzlies.

Both staffs gave their support. The Grizzlies knew Atiyeh would be back on her feet in time to play for them. O'Leary knew his team had just taken a serious blow.

"Losing her was obviously a set back for our team," said O'Leary. "She is an extremely fast player with a very hard shot and is a strong player that wins many 50-50 balls. She's also a great leader and was voted a captain for this season."

But Atiyeh kept herself involved despite not being able to participate on the soccer pitch. She has kept score at every game of the season and has attended a few practices just to keep tabs on the strategies the Wildcats have been using.

It hasn't been easy though. Atiyeh has had to convince herself on several occasions to actually attend the games.

"It's been really hard," she said. "Sometimes I've just sat in my car until I've forced myself to go."

She's good at being subdued and at being headstrong enough to bull her way through the tough times.

"That's why I want to be out of the question for Atiyeh to be seen on the field much sooner than expected."

The Novi senior forward has been pushing herself harder than anyone would have thought possible. She's been running, kicking a soccer ball and staying well ahead of the curve in her physical therapy.

If Novi continues to push forward in the hopes of a state title, she might make it back in time to at least see a little playing time.

"It feels really good," she said of her knee. "I'm able to do a lot of shooting now and I feel like the



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A scene soccer fans might see soon? Chelsea Atiyeh Kicks "Wilson" around outside of Novi High Monday.

power is back. I'm still hesitant though and I'm not doing a lot of really fast footwork or anything."

A scheduled appointment for tomorrow was trying to be rescheduled for sooner as of press time. Atiyeh is excited at the possibility of finally getting to don her uniform with intentions of playing again.

"Even if I can just get on the field for a little bit it would be nice," she said. "I just hate sitting on the sidelines. I'm a part of the team and I'm not even playing! It's hard."

"She is an extremely fast player with a very hard shot and is a strong player that wins many 50-50 balls. She's also a great leader and was voted a captain for this season."

But Atiyeh noted she doesn't plan on hitting the slopes any time soon, especially with the chance to play for Oakland University on the horizon.

"I'm definitely not going against for the next four or five years," she said. "I'll still have fun. I just won't be skiing."

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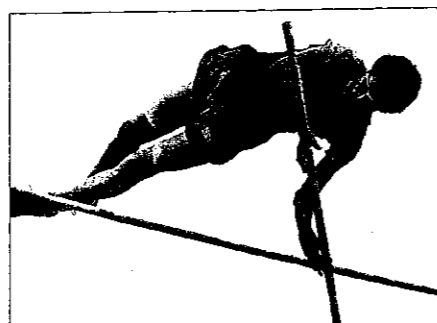
STATE WILDCATS FINALS



Novi's Ryan Pritchard sent this discus 160'6" on his second attempt during last Saturday's state track finals at Rockford High. Pritchard was the only "Cat" to place at the finals.



Novi Wildcat Christina Lis clears a little over 5' at the start of flight's efforts on the highjump at the state track finals.



LEFT: Novi's Dan Coleman competes in the polevault at last Saturday's state final meet at Rockford. RIGHT: Allison Lotgren competes in the long jump.

Novi's Spencer Ornes competes in the 4x800 meter relay race at Rockford High last Saturday.

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ROAR!



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Wildcat lacrosse goalie Corey Simone looks a ball into his stick's webbing before the start of last week's home game against Hartland.

Novi lacrosse advances

The Novi Varsity Lacrosse team beat Bloomfield Hills, 17-6, last Friday Night to advance to the regional finals against Birmingham Brother Rice.

Bloomfield Hills started the scoring with a goal deep in the first quarter but the Wildcats responded in turn as senior Jeff Policicchio scored on a pass from senior Jacob Haf to tie it up, 1-1.

Bloomfield went ahead with 31 seconds to go in the first quarter and the Novi fans in the packed stadium assumed the stanza would end with Novi down, 2-1. The Wildcats, however, had other plans. With 16 seconds remaining in the first quarter, junior John Favorite won the face-off, took the ball down the field and scored. For insurance, Policicchio scored another before the quarter ended, and Novi led 3-2.

The second and third quarters proved too much for Bloomfield Hills as Novi outscored them 12-3. Policicchio and senior Kevin Gee had four goals each over the two quarters while Bobbie Watts scored two and Favorite and senior Parker

Other Novi results

The Novi Wildcats baseball and softball teams didn't get out of the district tournament last weekend.

The Novi baseball team lost to Northville, 8-6, in the first game after beating South Lyon in the pre-district contest last week.

The softball team, on the other hand, topped Northville in the opening game after also beating South Lyon in the pre-district contest. The squad, however, fell to a tough Canton squad in the title game.

Check back next week for two sports wrap-ups for the two sports and photos from their district tournament games.

moment, adding six goals and three assists to his year-long totals to reach a career-best 100-point season.

Late in the fourth, senior defender Kyle Safford delighted the stadium with an offensive move deep in the opponents zone that resulted in his first assist of the season.

Novi dominated the face-offs, which are critical in controlling the offense, by a 19-7 margin. The Wildcats also amassed a total of 56 shots on goal.

Novi's tough defense — comprised of seniors Will Deighton, Kyle Safford, Jeff Froese and Sean Costello and juniors Nick Shafer and Jeff Kolb — scooped up 16 ground balls, dominated the zone and smothered Bloomfield's offense, allowing only 27 shots on goal. Senior Corey Simone once again proved stellar in goal and posted his 12th victory of the season.

Up-and-coming goalies Eric Hepler and Kyle Simone saw some action late in the fourth, made some saves and got some playoff experience.

Wildcats beat Northville

lead. Just seven minutes later, Kellie Walker fed a slot pass to her sister, who was taken down in the box and awarded a penalty kick.

Katie Walker took a deep breath, picked her spot and fired it in for the 4-1 finale.

Novi is now 20-0-1 overall and ranked No. 1 in Michigan and No. 13 in the nation. Northville was state's No. 2 ranked team heading into the district championship.



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A long road

The Novi Wildcats didn't have the luxury of just hopping into the district finals against the Mustangs, but it was obvious by the way they played in their two other district games they had their eyes set on a title.

In the opening game of the district tournament, the Wildcats ousted Farmington Hills Mercy, 6-1, before taking down Walled Lake Central, 5-0, to advance to the title game.

Against Mercy, the Wildcats opened the scoring off a Crawford penalty kick just five minutes into the contest before Timar tallied a score of her own just two minutes later on a pass from Crawford for a quick 2-0 lead.

The Mercy Marlinas added a goal of their own to slice Novi's lead in half, but it would be the last effective run their offense would have.

Timar converted again on a Crawford pass with five minutes left in the half to take another two-goal lead, 3-1.

The Wildcats scored quick to put the game away as Kelly Hebert threw in a perfect ball to Katie Walker, who fired the shot into the back of the net for a goal just one minute into the second half.

The Wildcats found Crawford scoring again as she took off on a

diagonal run across the field before receiving a pass from Esbrook. Crawford pulled away from the defense and scored for the 5-1 difference. Crawford also tallied the last goal, taking an assist from Lauren Troher for the finale.

Against Walled Lake Central, the Novi Wildcats made an even more impressive display of talent for their fans as they helped Hebert earn her 15th shutout in goal to bypass her brother's all-time record of 14.

"We played very well in all aspects of the game and dominated from start to finish," said O'Leary.

Not surprisingly, Crawford started the scoring on a penalty kick just five minutes into the game and

Novi didn't look back. She scored again 10 minutes later on a breakaway pass from Timar to make it a 2-0 game heading into the half.

Novi tallied another score 12 minutes into the second half off the foot of Schmidt following a scramble in front of the Walled Lake net. Hebert was awarded the assist following a throw-in that started the play.

With just 10 minutes left in the game, freshman Jarnie Frato headed in a Katie Walker cross to make in a 4-0 advantage before Walker notched a score of her own on a Troher cross for the 5-0 final.

Novi was scheduled to play Tuesday night in the regional tournament at Walled Lake Northern.

Cislo to play at Comerica

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said of his performance and the recognition he has received from it. "I'm excited to be a part of these kinds of games. It really is an honor."

The two All-Stars said they are hoping to get the chance to play on each other's teams instead of against one another when they take to the field Aug. 5.

Cislo said he and Williams have played together before.

"I've played with Williams before and he's caught me," he said. "I'm looking forward to hopefully being his teammate again. I've played against him enough to know I don't want

him on the other team."

Williams had similar respect for his high school season rival.

"Cislo is a great player," he said. "I haven't had the chance to play with too many guys that are as good as he is."

But both won't be a stranger to the talent they'll be surrounded by in the All-Star contest. The two standouts both play with some of the best club programs the state has to offer.

The biggest moment for both players won't be the fact they are in an All-Star game, but rather the fact they'll be representing something much bigger than themselves.

"I'm happy to be able to be a

representative for Northville and our baseball program," Williams said. "I've had the opportunity to play with some great guys here and I'm happy to be able to represent them in this game."

Cislo echoed the sentiment.

"It's exciting to be able to represent Novi and the coaches who have done so much work for me," he said. "I'll be able to show what they've taught me and what kind of baseball we're capable of playing in Novi."

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All-Star game set for June

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Howell, Brighton, Pinckney and Fowlerville on the roster.

The East squads have had plenty of success over the past five games. The baseball teams, which have had such stars as Mark Sorensen, A.J. Rowe, Mike Hart, Brendan Buckley and Mitch Maier take the field, have compiled an impressive 4-1 record against their Livingston counterparts.

The East softball team, boost-

ing such notables as Kim Zarczynski and Kim Larson on last year's squad, leads the annual series, 3-2.

The games — which are free to attend — are scheduled to be played at Milford High School with the softball game taking place June 22 and the baseball teams facing off June 21. Both games begin at 4 p.m.

Novi and Northville each have four baseball and three softball invitations for the game. Novi's Alyssa Wagner and Andrea

Jirasek and Northville's Kristen Zawacki, Jane Kruszewski and Kim Bagian have confirmed their intentions to play for the softball team as have Richard Vanderver, Billy Morrison and Zach Flavin from Novi and Tyler Laing, Steve Besk and Rick Birdsell from Northville for the baseball game.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Girls basketball camp

The Novi Wildcats girls basketball team will be hosting a girls basketball camp June 27-July 1 at the Novi High School Field House.

The camp, hosted by varsity coach Bill Kelp and members of the girls varsity basketball team, will teach girls, grades 2-9, the fundamentals of the game of basketball.

Cost is \$126 and includes a T-shirt and a basketball in addition to the experienced coaching of skills and basketball basics. Registration begins May 2.

For more information, please call Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

outdoor basketball. The fee is \$126.

Boys and Girls Shooting Camp (grades 3-9)

DATE: Monday-Friday, July 18-22

TIME: 8:30-10 a.m., grades 3-6 and 10:30 a.m.-noon, grades 7-9

LOCATION: Novi High School Field House

DETAILS: This shooting camp will be packed with instruction, techniques, and the drills a player needs to shoot the basketball well. Emphasis will be placed on 3-point shooting, free throws, shooting off the dribble, and spot shooting. Awards will be given to shooting contest winners. Gym clothes and shoes are required. The fee is \$63.

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MONEY MATTERS

Flexible spending account holders now have more time to spend money

Holiday shopping aside, December may be a little less hectic for workers with flexible spending accounts (FSAs). That's because FSA account holders now have a grace period of up to two and a half months after the close of their flexible spending plan year to pay for medical and dependent care expenses.



Mary Davis

Under the prior rule workers could only use the funds for treatments and services provided before the plan's year end, which for many companies is Dec. 31. Funds not used by this date were forfeited under the "use it or lose it" rule. Now workers can use funds remaining from the previous year to pay for expenses incurred up until March 15 of the current year. Companies are not required to adhere to this new rule. Employees should check with their company's human resources department to see if this grace period applies to their plan. And remember, the "use it or lose it" rule still applies: Unspent funds not used by the deadline, whether it's Dec. 31 or March 15, are forfeited.

How FSAs work

FSAs allow you to direct, on a pre-tax basis, part of your earnings into a special reimbursement account. During the year you use this money to pay for medical costs not covered by insurance such as deductibles, copayments, as well as for qualified dependent care expenses such as daycare fees. Employees must determine the amount to be withheld for the upcoming plan year before the conclusion of the current plan year.

The maximum amount an employee can contribute to a health care FSA each year is \$2,500. FSA participants pay for services, prescriptions and other eligible benefits up-front, and submit a claim to the FSA administrator for reimbursement.

Savings vary

How much you save in a year depends on your federal income tax bracket. For example, if you are in the 28 percent tax bracket, you might save as much as \$280 in taxes for every \$1,000 you set aside in an FSA.

Another benefit of a health care FSA is that at any point in the year an employee can spend more than they have contributed to the account up to that date as long as it does not exceed the scheduled contribution for that year. For example, if an employee elects to contribute \$200 a month to their health care FSA, and they incur \$1,000 of qualifying expenses the first month, they are entitled to the full \$1,000 reimbursement even though to date they have paid only \$200 into the plan.

With dependent care spending accounts, employees can save pre-tax dollars for the purpose of day care, after school care and summer day camp for dependents under age 13. Under the current law, the maximum tax-free reimbursement for a dependent care FSA is \$5,000. Keep in mind, if you contribute to a dependent care FSA, any tax-free reimbursement reduces the expenses eligible for the dependent care credit, so employees will want to calculate which dependent care method is most cost effective.

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From left, Anthony and Cheryl Nestro with associates Kathy Masciulli and Gina Elker at Tutto in downtown Northville.

Tutto: Everything for the Home

Unique store offers home décor items, and design service

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

Tutto, the word for everything in Italian, offers "everything for the home" including exquisite decorative items, fine art, furniture and accessories in an inviting shopping environment. The unique business, located in the Old Church Square in downtown Northville, also offers interior design services for home décor. The inspiration for Tutto came from owner Cheryl Nestro's admiration and passion for exquisite home interiors like the beautiful home where she grew up. She drew upon her Italian heritage to come up with a name that summarizes it all, Tutto.

"It's challenging and exciting to balance the design and retail aspects of the business," said Cheryl.

"The premise of the retail shop is to accentuate the design and reflect her creativity," said Anthony, her husband and business partner.

Cheryl began her interior design business out of her home six years ago after studying at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. She experienced the good fortune of having dear friends approach her about opening a design studio and retail store.

One year ago, Cheryl opened Tutto, a combination of shop and studio at its present location. The interior space of the store required extensive remodeling before opening last May.

"The store is dramatically different from the day I took occupancy," she said. "I spent three months day and night working with my general contractor to make the space unmistakably beautiful."

They knocked out ceilings, changed the electrical layout, added travertine tile flooring and walls with new storage space. Nestro remodeled the powder room with exquisite trim work and wall finishes that she designed and finished herself.

"My landlords, Bob and Margene Buckhave, have done a remarkable job of revamping the Old Church Square," Cheryl said. "My store just adds to the ambiance and quaintness of the square."

Customers will find a unique style of custom-framed artwork exclusively available at Tutto. Nestro also offers fine hand-painted frames from Rome with custom and standard size mirrors as well as limited edition wall art.

Tutto presents an exquisite selection of fine fabrics from Italy with a host of other nationally acclaimed fabric lines. Italian crystal is an appropriate gift for any occasion, according to Nestro.

"I travel extensively to find items of the highest quality for my store," said Cheryl. "Most home accessories are hand finished with much attention to detail. Everyone will experience something that speaks to them."

"Tutto is a magical moment of



Cheryl Nestro works in her design space at Tutto with catalogs and samples of home interior accessories all around her.

time to explore the palatable possibilities for your own home," said Kathy Masciulli, an associate at Tutto. "You will find a style that is unique with continuous attention to classic timeless design."

Tutto offers everything for the home, including:

- Full service interior design
- Fine Italian fabrics and linens
- Specialty painting services
- Custom window treatments
- European home accents

Nestro will soon stimulate the homemaker's senses with Hickory Chair and Habersham's newest designs in furniture and finishes. The self-designed vignette at Tutto will show what

she offers in high style design to make every home everything its owners imagined it could be.

"Cheryl is fabulous and I love Tutto," said Jackie Gandol of Farmington Hills. "There is always something new and unique that you wouldn't find anywhere else." Gandol has used Cheryl's interior design services and purchased several items for her home at Tutto.

Nestro combines the ideas of the homeowner with their favorite colors, styles and tastes to create an interior design suitable for each individual customer.

"I want to make people comfortable with the design in their home," Cheryl said. "I have a

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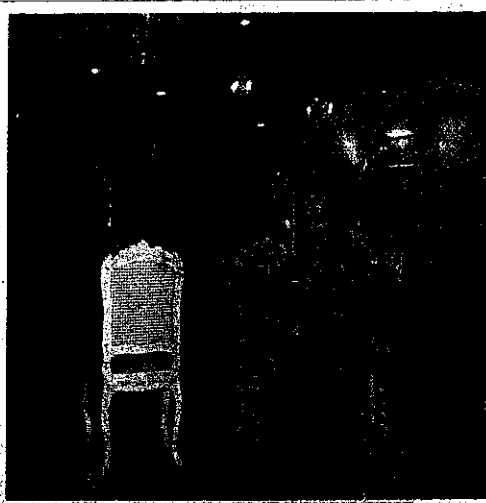
"Working with Cheryl was amazing. She is easy to work with. She understood my tastes and what I expected from her in my house," said Cecilia Ulla, who moved to Northville just six months ago.

Nestro created completely new designs for Ulla's family, dining, and living rooms and master bedroom.

"My house looks beautiful. I love what she has done," said Ulla.

Nestro is carrying her passion for beautiful things into contributing to the community. She is purchasing a selection of exquisite artwork and paintings for the art auction at an upcoming charity event.

The Grand Art Extravaganza at Shelly Pond will present a night of elegance, great food and fun on June 24 at the beautiful Summit model by Vistal Homes at 18198 Shelly Pond Court in Northville. The proceeds of the art auction and elegant event will benefit the Karmanos Cancer Foundation.



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