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Novi Police Chief David Molloy and his wife, Lisa, love hearing the sound of little ones playing in their Novi home. Sean, 3, left, and Ian, 7.

Adoption Option

■ Molloy says give children a chance

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Police Chief David Molloy and wife, Lisa, love hearing the sound of little ones playing in their Novi home.

The Molloyes have two adopted sons — Ian, 7, who hails from Chelyabinsk, Russia, and Sean, 3, a biracial child born to a local woman.

During November, which is National Adoption Awareness Month, the Molloyes encourage others considering adoption to take the plunge.

"There are a lot of young children out there who need some loving, caring parents and a nice home environment in which to live and grow," David said.

"Give it a chance," he said. "Look into adoption. Investigate it. Ask questions."

The Molloyes say their two sons complete them. "They are definitely a blessing," Lisa said. "They have been the center of our universe from the time they got here."

When the Molloyes, who have been married since 1989, had difficulty conceiving, they didn't have to go far to find a solution.

Lisa is a caseworker for Adoption Associates,

Considering adoption?

Adoption Associates, Inc., in Farmington Hills has a monthly informational meeting, with the next one scheduled on Dec. 13.

For more information, visit www.adoptassoc.com or call (248) 474-0990.

Inc., in Farmington Hills. The agency's international program currently focuses on placing children from Russia, Guatemala and China.

Ian was 2 when he was adopted. Not long after the Molloyes brought him to the states they received a call that another baby boy was available.

Sean was a newborn who came home with them from a downtown hospital three days after birth.

Sean's was an open adoption

Since Sean became part of the family through an open adoption, the Molloyes met his birth mother, a 39-year-old single mom at the time with two other children.

"It was a very surreal time for us," Lisa said. "We were excited, anxious and a little nervous

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Festival of Trees comes to the Rock

■ Event proceeds will benefit medical research

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Kandi Karban will bring a bush to Novi next week area residents won't want to miss.

Karban, executive director, Festival of Trees, announces that one of the biggest holiday fund-raising events will move its festivities to the Rock Financial Showplace this year.

Celebrating its 21st year, the Festival of Trees is the largest annual special event fund-raiser benefiting Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Established in 1985 to generate funds received from the festival, the Evergreen Foundation supports pediatric research. Today, the fund boasts more than \$6.5 million.

The festival is a display of more than 100 professionally designed holiday trees, vignettes, an elaborate gingerbread village, hand-

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Fri., Nov. 25:	noon-9 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 26:	10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 27:	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 28:	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 29:	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 30:	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 1:	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 2:	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 3:	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 4:	10 a.m.-6 p.m.

■ Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children ages 2-12. Children under 2 are admitted free.

■ To purchase tickets for Festival of Trees or any of its associated events, call (313) 966-TREE or visit www.tot.org.

made wall hangings, wreaths and centerpiece, and a festive gift shop.

Karban said members of the public are invited to purchase the decorated trees during the event.

"Trees are available in a variety of price ranges, so there's something for everyone," she said.

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Coffee with Craig

■ Speaker serves capital news at Big Boy

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche (R-Nowi) knows two things that work well together — caffeine and conversation.

He brought the two to local residents Tuesday morning at his "Coffee with Craig" event at the Big Boy Restaurant on Novi Road.

A handful of Novi residents came out to knock back a few cups and learn about the latest in Lansing.

DeRoche talked about the fact that Michigan has one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation and discussed the governor's proposed bipartisan jobs package that legislative leaders have failed to support.

The Speaker said Granholm

and lawmakers disagree over business tax reforms such as the Single Business Tax, which the governor wants to continue indefinitely. DeRoche would like to see the tax "sunsetted" in 2009.

"The Single Business Tax is bar none the worst tax in the entire country," DeRoche said. "We enacted it 30 years ago next month, and it's a job killer."

DeRoche hopes Michigan can achieve some tax reform soon so that companies like Delphi that are trying to consolidate don't decide to leave.

"If we start losing big plants, the smaller plants go away," he said. "Then property values go down. This has a profound ripple effect on our economy."

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Sheryl's definitely in the city

■ Community relations rep gives 100% to her city job

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Sheryl Walsh is not one to shy away from much.

In fact, give her a challenge and she'll not only meet it, she usually exceeds it.

Walsh is the city of Novi's community relations manager — a position that holds many responsibilities.

She is required to oversee the city Web site; she produces letters that get mailed to 28,000 residents and businesses in the city; she

does the city's annual report calendar; she coordinates and produces the quarterly report with the city manager for city council, and she oversees the cable productions for the South West Oakland Cable Commission's channel 13.

Wait. The list goes on. Walsh coordinates a variety of city events, the state of the city address, the annual appreciation dinner for employees, and she was most recently charged with being the liaison to the city's newly-formed youth council.

Also, in addition to all media relations for the city, she takes care of community relations as well.

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On top of all that, Walsh hosts her own show on SWOCC channel 13 called "Sheryl in the City."

Someone would really have to love their job to do all of that and still have a smile on their face at

the end of the day. Walsh does. That's why city manager Richard Holwig backed her hiring three-and-a-half years ago.

Walsh recalled an incident that took place right after she got the job.

"I will never forget standing with Richard Holwig on 12 Mile and Novi roads during all the construction that was going on at the time," Walsh said. "I looked at him and said, 'I never thought I'd see the day I'd be so excited to see concrete being poured. It brings a tear to my eye.' He said that's when he knew the city was in my blood, and it was."

She's open to citizens

Community members who call her office with questions, comments or concerns will find that Walsh's door is always open.

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Courtesy photo

The city of Novi's community relations manager, Sheryl Walsh, earned a first place regional award for her SWOCC-13 cable show, Sheryl in the City.

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"They have been the center of our universe from the time they got here."

Lisa Molloy
Adoptive mother

Molloys say give children a chance

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because we weren't sure at that point whether she was going to be able to go through with the adoption. But she felt it was in his best interest.

The Molloys now send Sean's birth mother letters and pictures a couple of times a year to let her know how he's doing. They've also set up an e-mail address so she can contact them if she has any questions or concerns.

They traveled twice to Russia to meet and then adopt Jan. Since he was in an orphanage the first two years of his life, they don't know a lot about his family.

"He just transitioned so well for a little guy who had no idea of what was going on," Lisa said.

Recently, Lisa and Jan visited his second grade class at Novi Woods to talk about Russia on the class' Cultural Day.

"It was nice that we got to do both types of adoption — domestic and international," Lisa said.

A social worker for more than 15 years, Lisa has worked for Adoption Associates for a year and a half. She now provides many Novi families information about adoption.

"Having adopted both of our children, we both feel it's our mission to educate people and sup-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News
David Molloy walks with his son Sean, 3, in his arms near his Novi home.

port people who want to adopt," she said.

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for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@gannett.com

Community relations rep gives 100% to her city job

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In fact, "Sheryl in the City" was born in an effort to open up more avenues for people to showcase events within Novi, and the many accomplishments of the city.

At first, the show featured Walsh going out into the community to meet and greet people. But now she does package pieces, where she will do four or five mini-shows in one.

"We showcase events, promotions and new businesses that come into town," Walsh said. "It's an easy way for people to keep up with what's going on in the community."

The most recent episode featured Providence Hospital's groundbreaking, SWOCC's open house, the fire department's open house, and the International Festival.

"There's a good variety of different events happening in the community that we were able to, through this one show, bring people into the loop," she said. "It's a really cool show. I am so proud of it."

Walsh's strength comes from some famous words she lives by. She has a quote up on the wall in her office that reads: "You are stronger than you seem, you are

Sheryl Walsh

Age: 39
Occupation: community relations manager for the city of Novi
Family: husband, Michael, and two children, Abbie, 14, and Jan, 2
Hobbies and/or interests: She loves to golf, she's an avid reader, and she loves to travel and throw get-togethers at her house for family and friends.
Advice: "You have to be dedicated, very high energy, and just love life," she said. "You have to be able to see the big picture of where an organization needs to be and put all of your efforts into making that happen. You need to value everyone's opinion and listen to everyone from community members to business partners and be responsive. It's the entire makeup of that that makes a community work."
Awards: Walsh's television show, "Sheryl in the City," on SWOCC-13, won first place in a regional award.
Schools: graduated from Utica Eisenhower High School and earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and communication from Michigan State University.
Years in business: She has been with the city of Novi for three and a half years. Prior to that, she worked for St. Joseph's Mercy in Clinton Township in the public relations department for six years.
Grew up in: Shelby Township

smarter than you think and braver than you believe," Walsh said. "I love my job. There are days that are harder than others, but it's fun. I would never want to come to work every day if I didn't have fun here."

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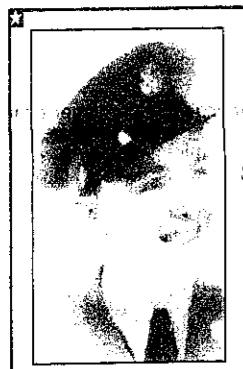
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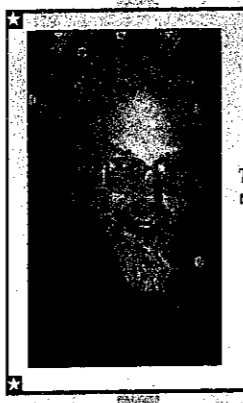
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What else is in store?

- A Black Tie Gala is set for 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26. Tickets are \$250 for dinner and \$150 for the reception only.
- A Dance Party will take place from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3. Tickets are \$25 per person.
- A Red Hat Luncheon is slated from noon to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Tickets are \$25 per person.
- Lunches with Santa will take place from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 26, and Sunday, Dec. 4. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for children 2-12 and free for children under 2.



Courtesy photo

The 2005 Festival of Trees will take place at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace. Proceeds from the Children's Hospital of Michigan fund-raiser will go toward pediatric research.

Fest of Trees comes to the Rock Showplace

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Decorated trees can be purchased in heights of two, four, seven and nine feet. The larger trees can be delivered.

The fun begins at noon on Nov. 25 and lasts through 6 p.m. Dec. 4 at Novi's new \$18 million conference and exhibition center at 46100 Grand River Avenue between Beck and Taft roads.

Karban said that the event was moved to the new Novi facility after receiving feedback from last year's attendees and participants.

"We conducted a survey about last year's festival, and a lot said we needed a larger space," Karban said.

After 18 years at Coburn Conference & Exhibition Center in Detroit, the festival moved to the Ford Motor Company's Conference and Event Center in Dearborn in its 19th and 20th years.

New venue offers more space

Karban said she is thrilled to have the event this year at the new Rock Financial Showplace.

"We are so excited to have the Festival of Trees at the beautiful new Rock Financial Showplace," Karban said. "We think it will be a perfect venue for all of our festivities."

The new location means the festival will increase from 10,000 square feet to nearly 65,000 square feet, according to John Bowen, executive director and general counsel of the Rock Financial Showplace.

This year, the festival will sport a new stocking area, rides, a stage where groups can perform, storytellers and children's crafts.

Other events include holiday karaoke and photos with Santa.

"Festival of Trees depends on the dedication and hard work of more than 2,000 volunteers," said Mark Meranti, president, Festival of Trees Board of Directors.

"The commitment of those volunteers and also of the doctors, nurses, and staff at Children's Hospital of Michigan inspires us to continue each year," he said.

"The children treated at Children's Hospital of Michigan are, of course, our primary inspiration. It is our great privilege to serve them."

The 2005 Festival of Trees will benefit the Computer Assisted Robotic Enhanced surgery program at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

The success of this research will allow many minimally invasive surgical procedures to be performed on infants and children, according to Dr. Michael Klein, surgeon-in-chief at Children's Hospital.

The Festival of Trees also has several sponsorship levels.

Those who would like to volunteer at the Festival of Trees can contact Virginia Gelfe at (313) 483-3036. For sponsorship information, call Karban at (313) 745-0178 or e-mail her at kkarban@dmc.org.

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Speaker serves news from capital

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DeRoche said if he doesn't do everything in his power to keep businesses in Michigan that can lead to failure on education, health care and other issues.

"In the end, it's for the workers," he said. "That's where my heart and my head are."

The Speaker believes instead of the Single Business Tax that Michigan should have a corporate income tax instead like other states.

"In good years, when businesses make money, a percentage goes to the state. In bad years, when a business needs help, instead of laying off workers, businesses don't pay the tax," he said.

DeRoche said 37 states currently have a corporate income tax.

As for the Wixom and I-96 interchange, DeRoche said he was disappointed Granholm vetoed proposed funding for the new road-work.

"I thought that was a big setback," he said. "Up until now, governors Engler and Granholm never



Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche (R-Now) discusses current legislative issues with Novi residents Ron Boron, left, and Justin Fischer, right, on Tuesday morning at "Coffee with Craig" at the Big Boy Restaurant on Novi Road.

had to face the issue head-on. This was the first time that it actually went to her desk. But, the UAW is on my side, and they let her know that."

DeRoche added the governor has received thousands of letters from Catholic Central High School graduates supporting a new interchange at Wixom Road.

"We give the governor over a billion dollars a year to cover roads, and we've seen \$400 million go to the city of Detroit," DeRoche said. "We're talking about \$23 million for the Wixom Road interchange, and that Ford plant is the largest plant in North America."

DeRoche said the governor didn't like it that in the proposed road funding, monies were specifically earmarked for Wixom Road.

He feels discussions on the issue have been surrounded by pettiness in the last week.

"This is just another example of that," he said. "We're not getting the things done that we should be getting done in the state of Michigan."

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Holiday Home Tour to benefit Novi Theatres

Attendees to see four local houses

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

It seemed like a long time away when Kim Tice began planning for the 2005 Novi Theatres Holiday Home Tour last December.

"But now, it's just around the corner. I started right after the conclusion of the 2004 Holiday Home Tour, and the date for this year's tour is almost here," Tice said.

The event, which benefits the community theater, will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2. "Friends and family have the opportunity to gather to kick off the holiday season by visiting several spectacular homes decorated for the holidays," Tice added.

Two homes on the tour are in

Where to purchase tickets

Tickets to the Dec. 2 Holiday Home Tour are available at:
• Gina Augusta Salon, 39831 Grand River Ave.,
• Senior Center at Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road,
• High Wire Girls in the Center City Plaza, 25875 Novi Road, Suite 115,
• Home Depot concession stand, 47950 Grand River Ave., and
• Novi Parks, Recreation & Forestry office at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road in Novi.
Tickets are \$15 through tomorrow. Starting Saturday, they will cost \$18. Tickets are also available for \$18 the day of the tour at the individual homes.
For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

Waldenwoods, one in Broadmead and one in Westmont Village. All of the homes are located off of 10 Mile Road or 11 Mile Road between Beck and Tall roads.

The Holiday Home Tour will include exclusive interior design work by local interior decorators. This season, tour-goers will be able to see a home featured by Christmas Decor, which offers outdoor lighting.

Holiday music from WNC Radio will be playing at one of the featured homes. Guests will also receive a gift bag and special shopping offer to High Wire Girls at City Center Plaza in Novi.
The business home will offer specialty gift items such as hand-made soaps and jewelry. Knit Witz and hand-painted tableware that can be purchased for holiday gifts.



Courtesy photo

Novi City Council Member Lynne Paul and family's home in Westmont Village will be one of four homes featured in the Dec. 2 Holiday Home Tour benefiting the Novi Theatres. Tickets are only \$15 through tomorrow and \$18 after.

Council Member Lynne Paul's home will be one of the homes on the tour.

Attendees can view an elaborate snow globe collection and have a chance to win a specialty snow globe at one of the homes.

Tice and Tricia Dooley are coordinating this year's event.

Novi Theatres put on seen productions a year, with cast members of all ages. Sheri Sunson is the cultural arts coordinator for the Theatres, replacing recently

retired Linda Wickert.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Ring in the Holidays date set

The city of Novi staff announces a new date for this year's Ringing in the Holidays event at Main Street Novi.

The event will take place from 6-9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1. The parade starts at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department at (248) 347-0400.

Commissioner pay hikes halted

The top four leadership positions on the Oakland County Commission, won't see large salary increases for at least a year, after an amended resolution heads to the full commission.

Last Thursday, the commission's finance committee amended a resolution to stop the bonus pay, which was to be \$10,000 for the chairman and \$5,000 each for the vice chairman and two caucus chairs.

High Crawford (R-Novi) serves as vice chairman of the commission.

The resolution was amended to that a special committee can be set up to study the question of leadership bonuses.

The resolution, which must be approved by the full commission, states a deadline of Nov. 1, 2006, as the deadline for the special committee to make its recommendation on the issue of leadership pay issues.

Toys for hurricane victims

Christmas toys (valued at \$20) are being collected at Church of the Holy Cross, 40700 W. 10 Mile, Novi, and will be taken to children in Mississippi for distribution on Christmas Eve. Deadline for collection is Dec. 11th. Toys will be wrapped and labeled by volunteers at the hurricane relief office.

Also, \$20 value gift cards are being collected and purchased for children aged 12 and over in the devastated areas of Mississippi. If you would like to make a donation for a gift card-send your donations (tax deductible) to The Bishop's Fund (address below) and memo: Christmas gift cards.

Looking for a gift for someone who has everything? Purchase a bed through hurricane relief office. Cost \$75. Beds are needed and being shipped to Louisiana. If you would like to designate your gift in honor of someone, a special Christmas card acknowledging your gift will be sent to the hospice.

Donations may be made payable to: The Bishop's Fund, 4800 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48201 and please memo: hurricane relief.

Free Thanksgiving meal slated at Moe's, Leon's

Local restaurateur Moe Leon will offer a free Thanksgiving meal to seniors and those in need on Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving, again this year — no questions asked.

Leon has provided this service

for more than a decade. He will offer the meal at Moe's on Ten Family Dining on 10 Mile Road just west of Hagermy Road, (248) 478-9742, and at Leon's Family Dining on the east side of Wixom Road north of I-96, (248) 926-5880.

The free meal will be served at both restaurants from 2-8 p.m.

City seeks involvement

The city of Novi is seeking Novi residents who would like to serve on one of the community's boards or commissions. Interviews are scheduled for Monday, Dec. 12.

The Zoning Board of Appeals currently has three members whose terms are expiring plus one vacancy.

Other groups that have members whose terms are expiring are the Board of Review, Election Commission, Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee, Historical Commission and Woodlands Review Board.

Deadline for application is 4 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 7. For more information, call Maryanne Cornelius, city clerk, at (248) 347-0456.

Nine Mile construction done

Nine Mile Road between Novi and Meadowbrook roads opened Monday, with traffic now moving east and west following several weeks of construction.

The all-asphalt road features a new entrance on Chase Drive. Rick Helwig, city manager, noted that businesses and residents in the area were greatly impacted by this construction and the Meadowbrook Bridge replacement on Meadowbrook Road between Nine Mile and 10 Mile roads last summer.

With both of these major projects completed, traffic will move more efficiently in this area of Novi.

Swanson Family Eyecare is Toys for Tots Site

For the second year in a row, Swanson Family Eyecare in Novi is proud to be an official Toys for Tots drop-off site. Since 1947, the Marine Corps Reserve has been collecting new, unwrapped toys for needy children in the community. Each year this great tradition has helped thousands of children enjoy the holidays.

Dr. Craig R. Swanson and staff encourage everyone to participate in this wonderful program.

Swanson Family Eyecare will collect toys now through Monday, Dec. 19. If you would like to donate a new, unwrapped toy please stop by the office anytime during normal business hours at 39915 Grand River Ave., Suite 550, one block west of Haggerty. Business hours are Monday and Wednesday from 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Tuesday and Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and the first and third Saturday of the month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

For more information, please call

'Be a Santa to a Senior' remembers forgotten seniors

Area retailers, along with agencies that serve older adults, have joined forces with a local senior care service to deliver gifts and companionship to isolated seniors during the busy holiday season.

Last year, more than 53,000 needy seniors throughout North America received gifts as part of the "Be a Santa to a Senior" program.

The program runs from tomorrow through Monday, Dec. 5.

Prior to the holiday season, the participating local non-profit organizations will identify needy, elderly and isolated seniors in the community and provide those names to Home Instead Senior Care for this community service program.

Christmas trees, which will go up in participating stores and bank branches tomorrow will feature ornaments with the first names only of the needy seniors and their respective gift requests.

For a complete list of the participating Kroger, CVS, Walgreen's and National City locations, please visit www.santatosenior.com. Click on "Tell Me How" and then select "Locate a participating store."

Holiday shoppers can pick up an ornament — as they did last year from 720 retailers nationally — by the items on the list and return them unwrapped to the store, along with the ornament attached.

Home Instead Senior Care will then enlist the volunteer help of its staff, senior care business associates, non-profit workers and others in the community to collect, wrap and distribute the gifts to these seniors. A gift-wrapping day, when hundreds of the presents will be wrapped, will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering to help on the gift-wrapping day, contact Home Instead Senior Care at (866) 922-1400. Businesses are encouraged to contact the local Home Instead Senior Care office about adopting groups of seniors.

Neighborhood baby-sitting co-op

Ever need someone during the day to watch your kindergarten-age or younger child while you go alone to an appointment, work at your child's school or run errands? Ever want to meet women with children close in age to your children?

Through using the co-op, you and your children can make friends and get what you need accomplished without the little ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's night out

and other social events. Earn points by watching other children and use points for having your child(ren) cared for. For further information about our next meeting, call Sue Tracz, (248) 380-0998.

Retirees nominate officers

The City of Novi Retirees Association recently nominated a new slate of officers.

The nominating committee reported to the association Oct. 10 that the following members are being considered: Kathy Crawford for president; Bill Charles for vice president; Jack Grubb for treasurer; and Gory Stipp for secretary.

Crawford has agreed to be considered as president. She is well known in Novi as a native and longtime resident who brought senior living to the forefront of the community. She served as senior program director for the city for many years and helped push for senior housing, which led to the eventual construction of the city-owned senior center on Meadowbrook Road.

The membership will vote on the nominations at a future meeting. For more information about the association, contact Richard Faulkner, current president, (248) 349-0639.

Volunteer opportunities

Festival of Trees, the premier fundraising event for Children's Hospital of Michigan, needs volunteers for all areas. Proceeds benefit the Computer Assisted Robot Enhanced surgery program at Children's Hospital of Michigan. The event will take place from Friday, Nov. 25, through Sunday, Dec. 4. Times vary upon availability.

The all-volunteer run holiday extravaganza is a public display of more than 100 professionally designed holiday trees. The event also includes an elaborate gingerbread village, handmade wall hangings, wreaths and centerpieces, entertainment for all ages, a festive gift shop, fun-filled children's activities, photos with Santa, a Secret Santa Shop just for kids and more. This year there will be rides for kids.

The 2005 Festival of Trees will be held at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue.

For more information, call (313) 966-7800, or sign-up online at www.fot.org.

SWOCC in opposition of bill

SWOCC is asking for community members to come into SWOCC Studios to sign letters that will be sent to all Michigan Representatives opposing Bills HR 3146 and S 1349. Letters will also be sent to Representatives in Washington D.C. regarding the

SWOCC Studio happenings

On Sunday, "Sheryl in the City," hosted by Sheryl Walsh, Community Relations Director for the City of Novi, attended the Catholic Ribbon Dedication Ceremony. The story highlights the blessing and the ribbon cutting of the new school which moved to Novi. The show also takes a look at the CC Alumni, as they were able to walk through the halls they once remembered.

The SWOCC staff was also on hand at the first CC home football game. Hundreds of people showed up to support the team and see the new CC football field.

Next, the SWOCC staff went to the Forest Farm Event. Last, there was Kicks on Route 66, a senior variety show. There was a lot of dancing and entertainment and SWOCC Studios got up close and personal with two of the senior couples.

The show will be broadcasting on Channel 13: Mondays at 10:37 a.m. and 10:37 p.m.; Tuesdays 2:40 p.m.; Fridays 10:37 a.m. and 10:37 p.m.; Saturdays 2:40 p.m.; Sundays 6:40 p.m. SWOCC Studios was recognized this year in the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors annual video awards. The NATOA conference is strictly for government programs from municipal centers all over the United States. SWOCC Studios competed against cities such as Los Angeles, Phoenix, San Francisco and Boston. SWOCC Studios earned:

- Visual Arts Category-Farmington Funny Film Festival Promo (Second Place)
- Event/Program Promotion-Farmington Funny Film Festival Promo (Honorable Mention)
- Visual Arts Category - Anatomy of a City (Honorable Mention)
- Event/Program Promotions Category - Novi Halloween Promo (Second Place)
- Interview/Talk Show Category - Nature in the Hills (Honorable Mention)

SWOCC Studios also took home video awards in the National Halloween Video Awards, a national competition. This summer The Alliance for Community Media handed out the awards at their annual conference and SWOCC won the following:

- Documentary Category - Novi Police Fifty Years of Excellence - First Place
- Live Category-Santa Call-In-Show-First Place
- Institutional Training Category - Rain Gardens (Honorable Mention)

In early November, The Alliance for Community Media regional conference will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, and the annual Philo T. Farnsworth video awards will be awarded.

SWOCC is a consortium of the cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi, which oversees the contract with the Cable Company pertaining to regulatory matters. SWOCC also promotes the community TV channels for public, educational and government access.

Telecommunications Act Rewrite.

These bills take resources from the locality and create a local authority for an already healthy private telecommunications sector.

Telephone companies, such as SBC and Verizon, may enter the video market today as common carriers, as Open Video Systems, or under the same franchising framework as cable companies. These bills do not achieve the goal of increasing competition and consumer choice. And the bills will strip local authorities of their ability to meet the needs of local communities.

If this legislation is allowed, it will eliminate resources to organizations like SWOCC Studios in Farmington, Farmington Hills, and Novi that provide training, facilities and local, commercial-free, Public, Educational, and Government television to the public.

The Alliance of Community Media, thousands of its members. Access centers all over the nation, and SWOCC Studios urge Congress to REJECT HR 3146 and

S1349.

Call Melissa Cohn at SWOCC Studios for more information, (248) 473-2840, or visit www.swocstudios.com.

The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission provides public, community, and government access for the cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi.

Novi Post Office extends its hours

The Novi Post Office hours are 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Friday and 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday. The office is located at 24875 Novi Road. The lobby is open, 6 a.m.-10 p.m., Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday and noon-5 p.m., Sunday for customer access to their P.O. Boxes, stamp vending machine and The Automated Postal Center. Passport Service available, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

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Csordas: Being Novi's mayor was "nothin' but fun"

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Outgoing mayor Lou Csordas is starting a new chapter in his life. After a much-needed vacation, Csordas will be back at work as vice president of corporate communications for U.S. Health and Life Insurance Company in Sterling Heights, where he's been for six years.

"I'll just continue my career here, which seems to have gotten busier in the last year or so," Csordas said. When State Sen. Nancy Cassis decided to run for governor, he expressed some interest in running for her State Senate seat.

But, with her dropping out of the race after Labor Day, Csordas says he doesn't have any political aspirations right now.

He hasn't totally given up the idea of running for political office again, however.

"I don't know what the future will hold," he said.

After serving a combined nine years on the planning commission, city council and the last two years as mayor, Csordas says he's tired.

"It just kind of wore me out, doing what I consider two full-time jobs," he said.

"I never paced myself when it came to the responsibilities of being mayor, and at some point it became exhausting."

He considered office an honor

He added that, at the same time, he really enjoyed being mayor.

"It was a great honor to have that position. And, I didn't want to say no to anybody because they had elected me to this honor."

Csordas said he remembers feeling the weight of his responsibility of being mayor during his swearing-in ceremony in November of 2003.

"But, I welcomed the challenge, and I wanted to do everything that I could."

Csordas believes one highlight of his term in office was the closing of the Sandstone lawsuit, in which a developer won a \$70 million judgment against the city.

Another major accomplishment was the completion of projects in the year 2000 road bond, which included the I-96 Beck interchange, reconstruction of Grand River Avenue from Wixom to Novi Road and the replacement of the CSX railroad bridge.

The opening of the Rock Financial Showplace, which Csordas saw from its inception to its grand opening in August.

"That's a great addition to the city," Csordas said.

Other noteworthy events during his term were the approval and groundbreaking of Providence Park Hospital and the reconstruction of 12 Mile Road from Meadowbrook Road to Fountain Walk shopping center.

Members of the housing and Community Development Advisory Committee reviewed grant requests at their October meeting and recommended the following programs:

- HAVEN, a program for battered and abused spouses — \$15,773
- Novi Youth Assistance — \$11,773
- Senior van transportation services — \$25,000
- Residential repair program for senior citizens — \$64,000

Smith-Roy noted that with the program year 2006, Oakland County will allow participating municipalities to only spend a maximum of 45 percent of their annual allocation on public services. This represents a 5-percent decline from previous years.

The finance director also said that as part of the "Strengthening America's Communities Initiative," the 2006 proposed federal budget would consolidate 18 different programs into a single program administered by the Department of Commerce.

The Community Development Block Grants would fall under this umbrella.

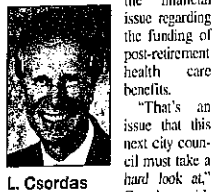
He mentioned, for instance, that he moved the State of the City address from the more sodic council chambers to the Hotel Barometre under the sponsorship of the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

"We really kicked that up a notch," Csordas said. "It was nothin' but fun."

So, does he plan to remain active in community affairs in the future?

"I'm going to take some time off and let the new council do what they have to do," he said. "But, I'll still be paying attention."

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L. Csordas

Grants to help youths, seniors and abused

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Young and old residents as well as victims of domestic abuse in Novi will receive some assistance in the near future after city council members approve grant funding at their next meeting on Nov. 28.

A public hearing took place Monday night on the proposed allocation of funds for the Community

Development Block Grant Program for 2006. The program is estimated to total \$116,769, according to Kathy Smith-Roy, finance director. Only one person, a representative from HAVEN, a program for the victims of domestic abuse, spoke at the hearing.

Oakland County has not received confirmation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on exact funding lev-

els for 2006. However, HUD staff members have instructed the county to prepare for a 10-percent reduction in funding.

Novi's 2006 allocation would decrease \$11,059 from the current year's grant money.

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Novi people, places to earn building industry honors

■ Saven named 2005 top official

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Three people or places in Novi will be recognized soon for outstanding achievements in the building industry.

Professionals in the industry will gather to honor the award winners Tuesday, Nov. 29, at Dearborn's Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

• Don Saven, city of Novi, will receive the Thomas Ricketts Annual Award as the Region's Outstanding Building Official.

• Jason Levy, Global Office Solutions, Novi, will be awarded the Associate of the Year for the second consecutive year.

• Mark Guidobono, Cambridge Homes, Northville, will be presented the Development of the Year for Novi's Bellagio subdivision on Beck Road.

• A "Spike" award recognizing outstanding membership recruitment efforts will be given to Myron Archambeau, FDI Group/George B. Ford Agency, Novi. Archambeau receives the Insurance Spike of the Year.

• John P. McCullough, Oakland County Drain Commissioner, will gain a Distinguished Service Award for service in government.

The association will honor these and other award winners at the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and the Association of Building Officials in Michigan, features 55

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BUSINESS

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Free spirits in business

Ladies boutique, a blissful experience

By Tracy Misher
STAFF WRITER

Kim Haf will never forget her first day at work. It was a "free trial" day. And she will always thank her Hungarian heritage for the inspiration for her new business, Gypsy Wind.

Haf, of Novi, recently opened the ladies boutique on Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake with her 28-year-old daughter, Sunnie. "When I was young, I was called a 'gypsy,' which means gypsy in Hungarian," Haf said. "This has stuck with me all these years, and the name Gypsy Wind just lit me one night."

Part boutique, part tearoom, both Haf and her daughter agree their store is quite unique in its new location. "We wanted to stand out," Haf said. "I don't want to be another high-end store with merchandise not selling. We have original items that women are really going to want."

Gypsy Wind offers an array of hand-knitted scarves and shawls, hand-made soaps, a wide assortment of scented candles, costume jewelry, sweaters and skirts and other unique hand-knitted items. "The whole point was to have the ladies feel free-spirited," said Haf. "We're free-spirited gypsies."

Aside from shopping, Gypsy Wind offers a tearoom on the weekends to ladies looking to sip a cup of tea with some friends. "We rent the room out by the

hour and offer the ladies a tray of baked goods and several type teas," Haf said. "We were thinking of having book club meetings here and other committee meetings. It's a great place to relax and enjoy yourself."

Sunnie runs the store during the week, while Kim works her full-time job in sales. "This was a great way for us to work together," Sunnie said. "I'm hoping to expand the store into other locations, maybe two or three, once we get this up and running."

Kim said she enjoys being able to spend time with her daughter, and the store was a good way to keep the business in the family once she was too old to take care of it. "We're still unpacking, but things that happen here finally get unpacked," Sunnie said. "New things come in every day. It's always something different here."

Kim said she wasn't afraid to be different, and she hoped Gypsy Wind would spread her message.

"There are a lot of really nice clothes out there that people are too afraid to wear," she said. "We're not expensive here, but we do follow fashion and good taste."

Kim said she would like to get more Hungarian products in the store, but in the meantime she's happy having different items from all over the world. "We want the ladies to keep coming back," she said. "We're trying to be affordable and offer a little bit of everything. We don't have one specific theme, and that's the point. We're free-spirited and unique."

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Sunnie Haf and her mother Kim will offer a number of specialty goods, like this hand-knitted Ppoint sweater for \$45, at their Walled Lake boutique, Gypsy Wind.

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Documentary receives award

The Novi Police Department's documentary profile of 50 years of excellence won second place in the Philo T. Farnsworth Awards. The "Philos" which are named after Philo T. Farnsworth, the inventor of the modern television, is a regional award for SWOCC (Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Kentucky).

The awards, which included several categories, highlight Community Access Programs and are sponsored by the Alliance for Community Media.

The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission provides public, community, and government access for the cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi.

Jewelry design contest

Larson Jewelry Design in Novi is hosting its 6th annual jewelry design contest open for grades K-6 and 7-12. Design deadlines are 5 p.m. next Wednesday. Students are asked to design a creative and unique piece of jewelry, and owner Brian Larson will choose two designs, one from each group to be designed into a real piece of jewelry.

The designs will then be auctioned off in a silent auction at the store on Dec. 23. Proceeds from the auction will go toward the Novi Good Fellows.

Larson's is located at 43155 Main Street, suite 201 in downtown Novi. For more information, contact (248) 347-4653.

Shopping for the holidays

Just in time to take the stress out of the holiday season, we get made over for all upcoming festivities. Twelve Oaks announced the opening of three new stores.

Tricho Salon and Spa, located on the lower level near Sears, offers a full menu of salon services including hair, make-up and hair removal.

For more information and to make a reservation, call (248) 305-9111.

See's Candies, located on the upper level near Lord & Taylor and only open around the holidays, offers a wide selection of hand-crafted, old-fashioned chocolates.

Day by Calendar Co., also located on the upper level near Lord & Taylor, offers a wide variety of calendars from quirky to practical.

Twelve Oaks Mall hours are: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, visit www.shop12oaksmall.com.

Shopping and football

Thanksgiving weekend brings out the best in shopping and football at Borders in Novi.

Combining the two at noon, Saturday, Nov. 26, Borders welcomes seven-time Pro Bowl tight end Charlie Sanders. Sanders will be accompanied by veteran sports writer Larry Paladino, and together they will discuss and sign their new book, "Charlie Sanders' Tales from the Detroit Lions Sidelines."

Bank awards future scholarship

The Community Financial Scholarship Fund, an affiliate of the credit union, with locations in Novi, Northville and Plymouth, announced scholarship applications for 2006 are now available on its Web site www.cfu.org and at all branch offices.

The winners will be selected from eligible students who are Community Financial members and will use the funds to attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution.

Community Financial has two annual scholarship funds, one in

Tobacco settlement

The Michigan Legislature and Governor Jennifer Granholm should use a greater portion of the state's future tobacco settlement payments for business tax relief, according to the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

In response to a proposed compromise agreement on tax relief and economic development investment between Granholm, Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikema, and House Speaker Craig DeRoche, the Michigan Chamber recently called for providing greater tax and regulatory relief for businesses.

Based on feedback from Michigan Chamber members, several problems need to be remedied, including an inadequate reduction in the SBT rate that would not take effect for over three years, the doubling of liquor license fees on Michigan's hospitality industry, provisions that treat out-of-state taxpayers differently than in-state taxpayers, and prohibiting the deduction of gains that triggers costly litigation.

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Ironman on the run

Restaurant owner takes on new challenge

By Tracy Misher
STAFF WRITER

Billy Downs started off on the right foot, and the left.

The owner of his Mongolian Barbecue not only has the challenge of owning several restaurants throughout the U.S., but now he's taking on the Ironman triathlon.

Swimming, running and biking are all it takes, but getting to the level to qualify is what Downs is working on.

In 2001, Downs was approached with the idea of entering a triathlon.

Since then, he has caught the bug and just finished his first Ironman Triathlon Sept. 11 in Madison, Wis.

"The Ironman World Championships is the ultimate," Downs said, "and my goal is to one day get there."

Finishing 811 out of 2,076 racers in 13 hours and 45 minutes, Downs said he was satisfied with his first Ironman results, but is training harder than ever to improve.

Mongo Multisports, Downs' self-sponsored team, is made up of several business men and women between the ages of 20 and 60.

"They're all great athletes," Downs said. "I'm lucky to be part of the team."

Downs said running the Ironman was one of the hardest things he'd ever done.

"But once I crossed that finish line," he said, "it was all worth it."

Having never run more than five miles in his life, Downs trained from February to September to swim 2.4 miles, bike 112 miles and run 26.2 miles.

He said the race was a definite challenge, but it was worth it



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NOVI NEWS

Billy Downs, owner of BD's Mongolian Barbecue, recently ran, swam and biked in the Ironman Wisconsin triathlon meet.

when he saw his wife, Amy, and children Amanda, 12, Abigail, 9 and Brendan, 5, run from the crowd and cross the finish line with him.

"Crossing the finish line with my family was one of the my greatest and most rewarding achievements," Downs said. "Becoming an Ironman has been an incredible experience."

"It was a tremendous physical

Ironman 2006

The race consists of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike and a 24-mile marathon run. The cutoff time from the beginning of the race is 17 hours.

The entry fee for the Oct. 14, 2006 Ford Ironman World Championship is \$475. In addition, there is a \$10 Global Tri Group one-day license fee.

Racers are required to finish the triathlon's three stages in less than 17 hours to achieve official "Ironman" status.

For more information on the Ironman, visit www.ironman.com.

January to improve my running for Lake Placid," he said. "It's my biggest weakness, and to get any better, I've got to improve."

The Ironman competition is important to Downs, but not his main priority.

"My family is first and the restaurants comes next," he said. "But with all my training and commitment, I've been getting everyone involved in this new lifestyle."

Downs said fitness has become very important to him. Since his debut triathlon, he has been promoting wellness within his company.

"Our general managers receive fitness memberships," Downs said. "And we do have fitness options available for other employees and management."

Downs took the last several months off to recoup from Wisconsin, and he will be starting to train again in the next few weeks.

"I've got a long way to go until the World Championships," Downs said. "The more you train, the better you get, and I'm going to get there."

Downs is currently training for Ironman Lake Placid on July 23 in New York.

"I'm going to Phoenix in

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Kids make Novi Woods beautiful

Novi Woods third and fourth graders spent a recent afternoon sprucing up the school's flower beds and planting bulbs as part of a community service project. Pictured here are fourth graders Alison Teran, Lauren Cojell, Matthew Sorisio and Marco Saicic.



Courtesy photo

A hardy meal before competition

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Parkview to add one more kindergarten class

Free-standing wall in each classroom to be knocked down

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

If all goes as planned, when Parkview Elementary students arrive to school on Monday, Dec. 5, they could be greeted with a brand new kindergarten class.

The building has received approval from the board of education to create the new class, as well as to do some renovations to the existing kindergarten classrooms. The renovations will be done during the district's holiday break in December.

There are three a.m. kindergarten sections already and one full day section. The new class will be the school's fourth a.m. class.

Peter Dion, the district's superintendent, explained that the project will entail three aspects: "We're going to reduce the number of students in every room by about five or six, we're going to purchase movable storage

cabinets to store seasonal equipment that teachers have, and move them out of the rooms so we can create some more space; and we're looking to take down the free-standing wall in each of the current sections, because that's going to give us more room as well," Dion said. "We'll put the coat rack, which is on those walls currently, against a main wall."

Parkview Principal Jennifer Michos held a parent meeting on Nov. 9, that she said was well attended. She plans on conducting interviews for a new kindergarten teacher this week, and her hope is to offer the position to someone by Monday.

"We've gotten phenomenal support in making this transition because the parents see it as a win-win for all," Michos said. "I would like to get class lists out as well by Monday or Tuesday."

Michos would like to have one week of transition time for the students sake, before the class actually begins. Her hope is that the new teacher could get to know the students, the staff and the long-term curriculum plans next week.

"The idea is to create more space and reduce the number of students in each room because of the particular shape and size of

the classrooms," Dion said. "The restroom area in each room takes up a lot of space, so we need to do something to clear it."

Dion said that, with kindergarten classrooms, you want to have space for the kids to move about, and to also have some space on the floor. The current rooms just don't not make themselves conducive to that.

"We've also added computers in the room that take up space," he said. "In my opinion these rooms were not built for kindergarten originally."

Michos said that her number one goal is to find an outstanding candidate to come in and be able to be up and running by Dec. 5.

"We're moving as fast as we can and still try to make good decisions along the way," she said. "That is the critical key component."

Dion agreed. "Our goal is to provide the very best for our kids and employees, and that's what we're doing," Dion said.



Sitting around the (indoor) campfire

Novi Woods fourth graders had a "campfire" to close out their legends/myths unit. As a culminating event, the students were to write their own legend. Titles ranged from "Why Giraffes Have Long Necks" to "Why Thunderstorms Happen." To celebrate their legends, they turned out the lights, sat around a "campfire," ate popcorn, and read their legends by "torch light" (flashlight). Pictured here from left to right are: Nao Sugiura, Naho Maki, Claire Neville, Justin Jung and Connor McDonald, as they listen in as Jeswanth Kodali (middle) shares his legend with the class.

Making yummy maps

Most of the Novi Meadows fifth grade teams participate in an activity to culminate their geography unit studying the topography of the United States by creating U.S. dough maps. Some of the teams use all edible supplies which then allow them to eat the "fruits of their labor" after their project is graded. Pictured here are students in Gary Hurst's and Marianne Malarky's fifth grade team. They are (from left to right): Lauren Brown, Kelsey Larkin, Callie Collins, Teena Martin and teacher, Gary Hurst.



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Cleaning up for Mother Nature

Seniors pitch in to pitch out old newspapers

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER

Mabel Fake has always been concerned about nature. Now, at 99 years old, Fake and other residents of Fox Run Senior Community found a way to give Mother Nature a hand by recycling.

"I've been recycling for as long as I can remember," Fake said. "It's about time we did something with all those newspapers we keep throwing away."

In 2004, Fox Run started recycling with Abitibi Recycling Company. One year later, the community has made \$587.38 and recycled over 56 tons of paper.

Instead of paying for paper to be removed, Abitibi pays communities like Fox Run to recycle.

"All the money received goes toward the seniors Benevolent Care Fund," said Sidney Saeger, facilities manager. "Not only are people recycling, but the paper is actually being reused and not just thrown away."

Abitibi Recycling is the world's

Benefits of recycling

Americans buy 62 million newspapers a day, and 44 million of them are not recycled.

Recycling helps to slow the depletion of our finite natural resources

- One ton of newspaper paper used to make newspaper saves:
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largest recycler of newspapers and magazines and a division of the world's largest newsprint producers.

Reaching out to the community

Fox Run is the only senior community taking part in the Abitibi recycling program. However, there are over 700 recycling bins in Michigan alone.

"The point is to get more people recycling," said Paula Peters, area manager for Abitibi Recycling.

"Our target audiences are schools and churches, but senior communities have a lot of people willing and wanting to help out. Fox Run was a good place to start."

Catherine Cossey took the initiative to pickup all the papers to recycling when the program started.

"I would go to every floor three times a week and pick up all the newspapers in front of everyone's doors," said the 81-year-old resident. "It's a shame to have that good stuff go to the dump."

Now, Saeger's staff travels the halls of Fox Run each week collecting papers to put into the recycling bin.

"Our Benevolent Care Fund helps us to offer our residents a home for life," Saeger said. "This program is an easy way for our residents to contribute and help each other out."

Fox Run's Benevolent Care Fund is funded solely by donations and benefits residents financially in the event they suffer an unexpected or prolonged illness that may deplete their savings.

"This program helps in two ways," Fake said. "Some of us will depend on that money one day. If we don't recycle, we're going to pollute ourselves right out of here one day."



War stories

The 85 fifth graders from Meadowbrook Elementary School visited Fox Run on Veterans Day, sang patriotic songs and then broke into groups and talked to residents about their experiences during war times. The students came prepared with questions and good conversation. The students were also able to share lunch with the residents during their visit.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church presents

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Saturday, December 3

7:30 p.m.
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Admission is free to the community.

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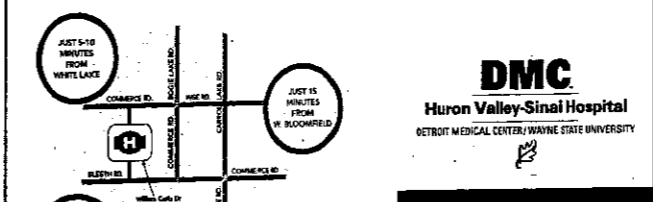


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WHERE WE STAND

To the future: New leadership faces challenges

Monday evening marked the beginning of a new era for Novi as three city council members and a new mayor were sworn into office.

Kim Capello, Andrew Mitch and Terry Margolis were picked by voters to join Lynne Paul, Toni Nagy and Bob Gatt on council, and David Landry will take over the leadership position that Mayor Lou Csondas held for two years.

These seven individuals face some serious challenges as they start their terms:

- Rick Helwig will be retiring as city manager in February. He's been here since 2000, and his replacement will be the driving force behind Novi.
- Pension and health care benefits for current city employees and health care for city retirees will have to be addressed now to avoid a disaster in the future.
- Control of residential and commercial growth are key factors as the city tries to attract the highest tax-producing businesses (high-tech) while managing residential areas so infrastructure keeps pace. With the road bond money now spent, the city must find dollars to maintain major thoroughfares and repave and maintain neighborhood roadways.
- Parks like Power and Community Sports need improvements, and with the addition of lighting can help the city generate revenue through adult leagues.
- Money must be spent if the city is to maintain its plan to increase police and fire staffing.
- The city must figure out the best ways to allocate the \$7.9 million in drug forfeiture funds coming in.
- Novi must do something about its reputation - whether its perceived or real - of being a difficult city to do business in.

The city just topped the 53,000 residents mark. We're confident the new council / mayor are dedicated to serving each and every one of them while continuing to make Novi a great place to live, work and visit.

Congratulations to all!

What an election. I would like to congratulate all of the winners - Kim Capello, Terry Margolis and Andrew Mitch - and wish you all the best of luck as you act as our representatives on City Council. Also, congratulations to both David Staudt and Justin Fischer for running excellent campaigns and putting yourselves forward as candidates.

The campaign experience is particularly unique, and I very much appreciate all of the support and guidance I received from those residents who supported my candidacy. The best part of the campaign was the development of new friendships and the strengthening of existing relationships with so many incredible people. Your commitment and passion for Novi is amazing. Simply amazing.

Lowell M. Sprague
Novi

She's for Dem

We are less than a year into George W. Bush's second term and there is a long list of failures. The federal response to Hurricane Katrina is one of the latest. Despite the lessons of the 9/11 attacks, the federal government's rescue and relief efforts were tangled in a mess of incompetence with unqualified political cronies in charge.

Another failure is this administration's mushrooming scandals. We should not allow the questions regarding Tom DeLay's indictment for violating campaign finance laws to fade from public scrutiny. Nor should we allow the possible improper stock dealings of Senate Republican Leader Bill Frist to be swept under the rug. Even more shocking is the leaking of the identity of a covert U.S. intelligence agent. This was done as a shameful act of political payback.

Still another failure of this administration has to do with fiscal policies. Bush's fiscal policies are disastrous. The policies of this administration have turned President Bill Clinton's record budget surpluses into record deficits while giving huge tax breaks to the wealthiest Americans.

As for Social Security, when we look at this administration's policy toward Social Security, we see another failure. Bush has led the Republican effort to "privatize" Social Security which could put the retirement security of America's seniors in jeopardy.

And then we come to the environment. George W. Bush gets a failing grade here also. Our wildlife sanctuaries are in danger of being handed over to big oil interests. Our waters and our forests are not being protected

for future generations. In the Michigan legislature, industrial-scale water users have succeeded in getting red herring legislation introduced in the Senate that will allow continued abuse of our waterways and the Great Lakes.

Michigan has strong Senators in Washington who have tried to hold the line against a Republican majority on many of these issues. I will continue to support Democratic candidates who are working for the citizens of this great state and for the good of our country.

Doreen Lawton
Novi

Life on the campaign trail

As I sit down to write this, election night is just a big memory. This election year, however, I got to see through a different view. My husband, Dave Staudt, ran for city council.

As you all know now, he did not win. I'm sure you are thinking here's a bitter wife because I did not win. That is not why I am writing. I decided to write because working at the polls on election day was big eye opener. I was appalled at the comments people expressed to me about Dave. People who probably never took the time to learn who Dave is. Dave is a very open-minded person. Dave is just trying to help Novi become a better city. This was not the first time he has volunteered his time for Novi. In the past couple of months our door was always open for people to come and get to know Dave, and many did.

My hope for future elections would be that more people get involved, whether to get to know that person, or better yet volunteer to help with a campaign. This was my first time. If everyone helped just one time, they would take away some good hard lessons. I would like to thank all the people that helped Dave and I. We both learned some things that will benefit us in life.

Jean Staudt
Novi

Here's to our Vets and to Gus O'Connor's

Novi Rotary held its annual Veteran's Day Celebration on Nov. 10.

Mark and Ed Smith graciously hosted the lunch, which was enjoyed by all.

All veterans attending the event were presented a copy of the book "The Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw.

Our big thank you to all veterans and Gus O'Connor's owners.

Mav Sanghvi
Novi

Nothing ventured, nothing gained

I am writing today to thank everyone who made my bid for a seat on Novi's City Council a memorable experience. Many family members, close friends, and colleagues selflessly donated not only with their checkbooks, but most importantly their time and unwavering support to my campaign - and for that I will be forever grateful.

Congratulations to those who won seats on City Council, as well as those who were willing to serve the residents. I enjoyed my time debating issues with such a worthy pool of candidates. It was an honor to run for office with each and every one of you.

The experience of personally meeting and interacting with so many fine people residing in the great city of Novi is immeasurable. I heard great ideas and legitimate concerns over the last couple months. I know that those who won seats on City Council also heard your concerns and will do an excellent job representing you.

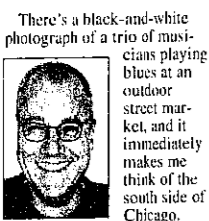
That said, I would like to offer some additional advice to my fellow residents: PLEASE GET INVOLVED & STAY INVOLVED!

Currently, the city of Novi has several boards and commissions with open vacancies. If you have an interest in serving on one of these boards, I encourage you to call the desired department at city hall, a city councilperson, the mayor, or current board member or commissioner to obtain additional information and apply to be appointed. I would be glad to talk about the duties of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and I am certain that goes for all those I mentioned above.

Justin Fischer
Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals
Former Candidate for Novi City Council

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Shutterbugs, show us your version of hometown Novi



There's a black-and-white photograph of a trio of musicians playing blues at an outdoor street market, and it immediately makes me think of the south side of Chicago.

Statue of Liberty, the Golden Gate Bridge, maybe even an automotive assembly line.

We relate images to places. Maybe a multi-colored photo of fall and leaves turning makes you think of a drive up north.

What makes you think of Novi? Is there a particular image that as soon as you see it, you think of this city?

Perhaps the colorful water tower near 12 Oaks Mall or a traffic jammed up on Wixom Road and I-96 (sorry, I had to).

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Photo Competition" included in the memo portion.

Beginning Monday, forms will be available at the Parks, Recreation and Forestry department at the Novi Civic Center (45175 W. 10 Mile Road, between Tatt and Novi roads) and at the Novi News (104 W. Main, downtown Northville).

So, start snapping those pics!

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Wake up! Is 7:15 a.m. too early? Not for Novi High students

"Working 9 to 5, what a way to make living. Barely getting by, it's all taking and no giving. They just use your mind, and they never give you credit. It's enough to drive you crazy if you let it!"

These are lyrics from Dolly Parton's 1980s hit song, "9 to 5."

If she thought 9 a.m. was too early, she must have forgotten what being in high school was like. The point, aside from the fact that I'm dating myself by talking about the 80s, is that next time you're sitting at work at about 10 a.m. and you feel tired, just

remember, high schoolers have been in school for over three hours already. And, they have been up a lot longer than that, just to get ready.

Like Parton, I too forgot what waking up to get to school was like until I landed this job a little over three years ago.

During one of my first interview appointments I was making with a teacher at Novi High School, I had no idea that school hours were 7:15 a.m.-1:55 p.m. I was thinking I could set it up for about 9:30 a.m., maybe 10 a.m. WRONG!

The teacher was like, "Sure I'll talk to you, why don't you come to my class before first block, say 6:45 a.m.?"

HOW THE HECK AM I GOING TO GET UP THAT EARLY? Needless to say, I did make it to the interview. A little late, but I was there.

It's been a few years, and for the most part, I do arrive to work at about 9 a.m. every day. I have gotten used to the early morning interviews I have to do every now and then, simply because they're unavoidable when you cover the education beat.

The fact that Novi High School starts that early isn't unique, however. Every high school I know of starts before 8 a.m. But what's the reason for that?

According to John Lawrence, Novi High principal, one of the reasons is to have a close standardization of high school start times so that end times will be about the same as well.

"When it comes to after-school extra-curricular activities or sports, all the schools will be in sync in time for contests or events," he said. "In that sense, it does make sense to have somewhat of a standardized time."

Lawrence did go on to say, however, that research has been done which suggests that students at the high school age need more sleep than most everyone else. The idea behind the study was to give them more time in the morning to sleep in, so they will be sharper in their first block classes.

That sounds good, but it won't work unless students do their part by going to bed at a decent hour at night.

"What time they go to bed is bounded by how involved they are," Lawrence said. "If they're involved with after-school activities, or if they're working after

school and then leaving time for their homework, it kind of dictates what time they go to bed."

Lawrence did say, however, that the body of research that suggests more sleep is truthful. He firmly believes that everybody needs at least eight hours of sleep per night. But would starting school at 7:40 a.m. as opposed to 7:15 a.m. make a big difference?

"I don't think so," he said. "If you start at 9 a.m., or perhaps as late as 10 a.m., yeah, you might see that difference. Would I suggest it for Novi High School based on what I've seen? Not at this time."

As in all walks of life, however, Lawrence explained that some people are more sharp at different times of the day than others. You're going to find your morning people and afternoon people in any given group. And Novi

That's amore!

Local pizzarias help dish out one of America's favorite foods on pizza's 100th anniversary

By Sam Eggleston and Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITERS

Trent Howard opened up the pizza box as he made his way back toward his car and he smiled.

"You've got to love pizza," said the Wixom resident. "It's the greatest food ever."

Though pizza hasn't officially earned the title, there aren't a lot of people who would openly disagree with Howard. Pizza has reigned king for a long time and looks like it's only going to keep growing.

Dough, tomato sauce, cheese and some toppings - it sounds like a recipe that has been circulating for centuries. The 10th is pizza's only birthday this year. The first official pizzeria was New York's Lombardi's Pizzeria, which opened up shop in 1905.

Since then, pizza has quickly climbed the food chain with Americans consuming approximately 100 acres of pizza every day, translating to about 350 slices per second.

That's quite the appetite. "When it comes to pizza, the best, premium pizza in town," Nofar agreed, saying tastes for pizza have switched from quick and easy to quality. He said some of the ingredients they use are top-of-the-line mozzarella and chicken breast with pizza.

"Each man, woman and child in America eats and drinks an average of 45 slices (23 pounds), of pizza per year," says people want now. "It's not just plain pepperoni anymore."

Along with the quality of the pizza being served, Nofar and Stewart both said a key to building a pizza business in an area like Novi is service. Both stores offer delivery and both offer products like wings, sandwiches, pasta dishes, pop and even alcohol that can be ordered as well.

According to American Business Lists, there are over 61,000 pizzerias in the United States with a \$32-billion industry. Pizza also accounts for more than 10 percent of all food service sales.

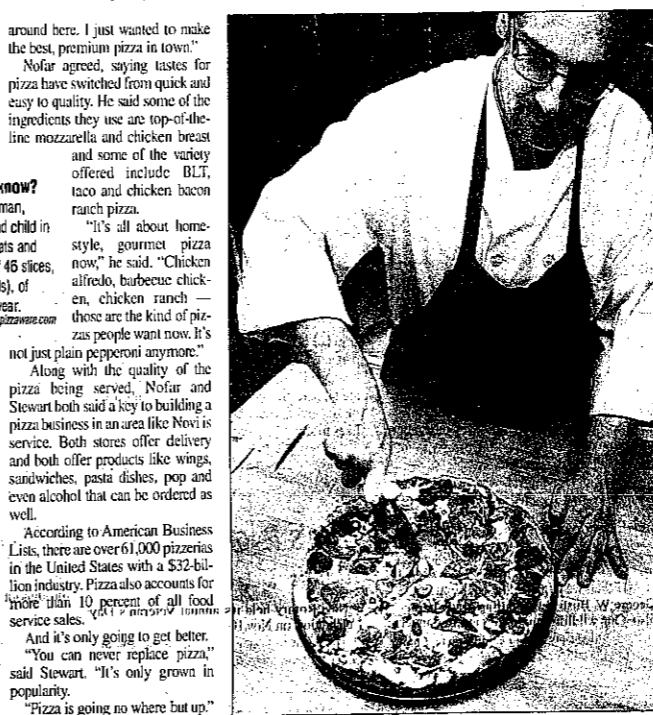
And it's only going to get better. "You can never replace pizza," said Stewart. "It's only grown in popularity."

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ABOVE: Novi Bowl owner Jerry Harris checks a pizza Monday; BELOW: Cicero's Pizza chef David Krysztof slices up a pizza pie at the Eight Mile Road shop.



Hungry for pizza? There's plenty to choose from. Check out these local pizzarias.

Name	Address	Phone	Delivery?	Pick-Up?
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NOVI PIZZA COMPANY	24265 Novi Road	(248) 348-1111	Yes	Yes
PAPA ROMANO'S PIZZA	340 N. Center Northville	(248) 348-8550	Yes	Yes
PIZZA CUTTER	340 N. Center Northville	(248) 348-3333	Yes	Yes
PIZZA HUT	21228 Novi Road	(248) 348-1000	Yes	Yes
PIZZA MARVELOUS	43340 Ten Mile Road	(248) 348-1000	Yes	Yes
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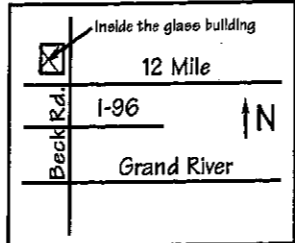
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"Adventures in Narnia"

■ One-man play coming to Franklin Road

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Franklin Road Christian School will be graced by the presence of an award-winning actor-playwright and author on Sunday as Mark McPherson will be performing "Adventures in Narnia".

The one-man performance will take place from 4-6 p.m. and admission is free. McPherson explained that he wrote the play "From Narnia with Love" seven years ago and has been performing it since. But when Laurel Martiniello, of Franklin Road Christian School, saw his performance at a Bloomfield church, she asked if he could visit her school and put the show on for students.

"This is going to be a bit of a readjustment from what I have been doing," McPherson said. "I've tailored the play for the younger audience, and this will be its debut."

McPherson explained that "Adventures in Narnia" is the story of C.S. Lewis, a storyteller who became an atheist at a young age. But by the time he attended college, he converted to a Christian. Lewis wrote seven books before he died, which were called "The Chronicles of Narnia."

"The starting point I'm using is, how would C.S. Lewis be approaching an audience of seventh, eighth and ninth graders?" McPherson said. "Also, how does someone move from being an atheist to become a believer in God, and then to become a believer that God had a son, and to call themselves Christian? It's not easy. It doesn't happen over night

or because of a miracle. It comes as a result of your hopes and your bad dreams, good and bad conversations and all the doubts you've ever had."

McPherson said that two questions will be raised to his audience during the performance: Why Christianity today? What is a Christian expected to do? "Lewis seems to cut across all of the lines, in terms of the ages of his readership," McPherson said. "It has been on my mind to present Lewis to a younger audience, which is more likely to attend the debut of 'Disney's The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' on Dec. 9. That's essentially why there is so much interest in C.S. Lewis now."

Disney's new movie

The movie is an adaptation of Lewis' first book, in which four children, who are living in the house of an old professor during World War II, stumble across a wardrobe, which turns out to be a gateway to a magical kingdom.

"Lewis' metaphor is, we all need to step through the wardrobe, crossing from a point of disbelief and what we think is reality into a position of disbelief," McPherson said. "Consequently, when the children do this, they enter the Kingdom of Narnia, which is under siege because an evil power is holding it and a good power needs to redeem it."

That good power is called Aslan, who is in the form of a lion. Aslan is a symbol for Jesus Christ, and in the story, he sacrifices himself for the children before coming back to life. "We're taking something that is so religious, and we're making it understandable and interesting and ideally, we're making it comfortable," McPherson said. "We're not beating anyone over the head by saying they have to believe it."



About Mark McPherson:

- Age: 58
- As a journalist, he has contributed material to electronic and print medias.
- As a filmmaker, he has produced such award-winning documentaries as "The Great Shakespeare Duel," "An Egyptian Odyssey" and "The Houdini File."
- As an author, his most recent effort is "Looking For Lisette: In Quest of an American Original," an historical overview of the institution of slavery in the old and New World.
- He has worn the hats of actor, director, producer and playwright. His original productions have included "An Evening With Sir Arthur Conan Doyle," "Immodestly Yours, G.B.S.," "Churchill: The Finest Hour," "The Last Knight," "A Man of Mark: Meeting Mark Twain," "A Dickens of a Christmas," and "Theodore Roosevelt: The Man in the Arena."

They can take it or leave it. That's very important to keep in mind."

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Friends of Suzette hosting show to benefit Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit

A special treat is in store for American Girl fans as Friends of Suzette presents its second annual American Girl Fashion Shows on Nov. 19-20 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi, 21111 Haggerty Road.

Four shows total will be held with two November 19th at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and two November 20th at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

The fun, engaging program showcases the styles of girls yesterday and today with historical and contemporary fashions from American Girl as well as Bitty Baby outfits for younger girls. Proceeds from the event will benefit Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit.

The shows will feature more than 40 young girls, including Julie Novelly of Novi and Haley Estes of Waller Lake, serving as models all from throughout Metro Detroit. Each show will include a light meal, favors, door prizes, souvenirs and a raffle for some fabulous American Girl packages.

"If your daughter, granddaughter or niece is an American Girl Doll fan, this is the perfect opportunity to see their favorite dolls come to life on stage through this fashion show," said McLean, one of the show organizers and a founder of Friends of Suzette. "In addition, the shows provide an entertaining and educational look at how generations of American girls have used clothing to express their own unique style and personality."

Now in its second year, Friends of Suzette hosts the American Girl Fashion Shows to benefit Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit. Friends of Suzette is a group of women who came together to continue the fight against breast cancer when their friend, Suzette Herskovitz battled and sadly lost her fight with the disease in 2001 at the age of 32. Initially, the group came together to raise funds for a bone marrow transplant that Suzette needed. Now, the group is committed to raising \$50,000 to endow an art room in memory of Suzette at Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit.

Gilda's Club is a non-residential clubhouse located in Royal Oak where people affected by cancer can come to find social and emotional support in a home-like community atmosphere with others who are living with cancer.

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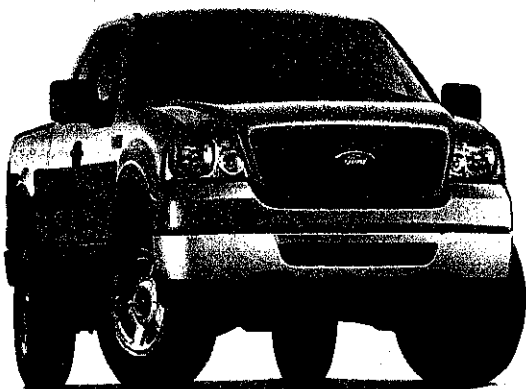
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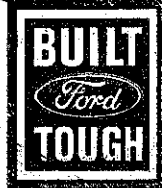
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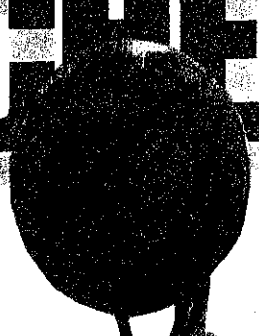
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Three 'Cats earn All-Area nods

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

In just a year, the All-Area swimming and diving team has grown from just a few swimmers to a whole slew of them.

Why? Mostly because the swimming talent has grown that much in just a year, thanks to some amazing freshmen and some talented tankers who decided to represent their high schools this year.

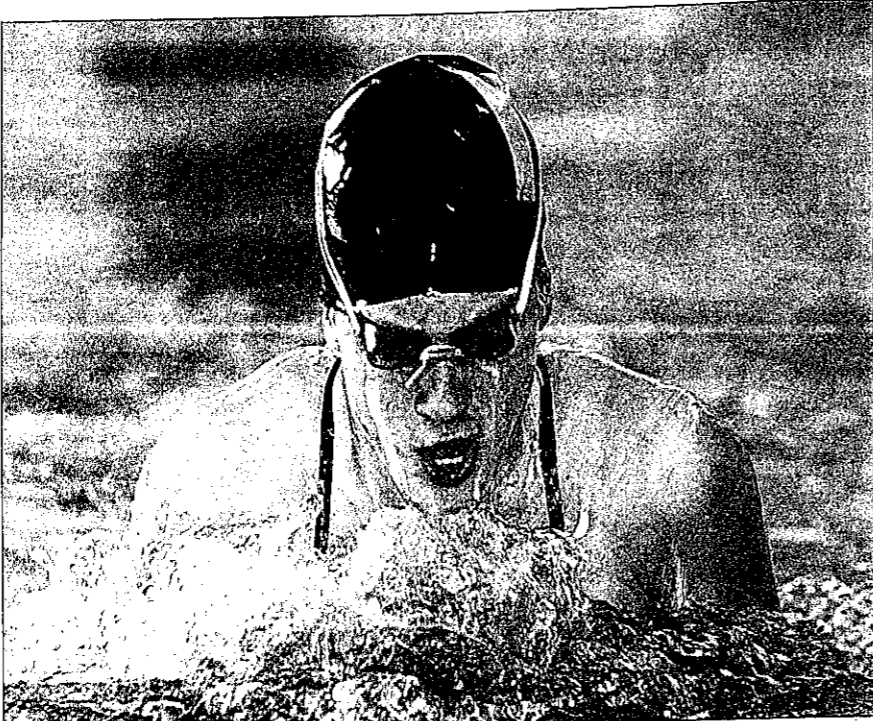
great swimmers, though she's clearly a head above the rest. Expect to see her continue to grow as a swimmer, making a name for herself at the state finals and well beyond.

Room to grow

If anyone is expected to grow up to be anything like this year's Summer of the Year, it's Northville freshman Grace Fredlake.

Fredlake may not have as many pool records as Ohlgen does and she may not have swum in the Olympic Trials, but she still has plenty of room to grow.

The talented underclassman made a bit of a splash this year, earning state cut times in the first couple of competitions and going on to improve her seeding thanks to some incredible swims in the finals and will no doubt be a future member of the All-Area team, maybe even at the list.



Northville Mustang Alandra Greenlee swims the breaststroke.

Olympic-minded individual

Few swimmers are as talented as Ava Ohlgen.

The Northville senior not only holds just about every record at Northville High School right now, she's just a few seconds off the national high school record in the 200 individual medley as well.

Take that and add the fact that she swam in the 2004 Olympic Trials and suddenly it all becomes crystal clear as to why Ohlgen is considered one of the best around.

Because of her talents, Ohlgen has been a bit of a mystery in Northville. If she's so good, then why hasn't she swam for the high school team before?

Well, the answer is one of those ones that make sense, but nobody likes to hear. The truth is, high school just isn't competitive enough for Ohlgen, who has yet to be beat this year. Getting ready for the Olympics takes a lot of hard work and a lot of intense training.

So what's a girl supposed to do when she finally wants to swim for her school but wants to keep the intensity up? Hiring her coach along, of course.

Ohlgen's coach, Brad Brockway, took over the Northville program this year and the results are obvious by the number of tankers the Mustangs have on this year's All-Area team.

Ohlgen is just one of many

Summer of the Year

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Schramm will compete in the state finals this year, hopefully paving the way for Wildcat to follow in her footsteps in the coming years.

Leading the way

The Novi Wildcats swimming and diving team was in a bit of a pickle. They hadn't qualified a swimmer for the state finals in a couple of seasons and the outlook was beginning to be a little bleak.

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The grass is always greener

Alanda Greenlee has a pretty name. But it's not near as pretty as her swims.

The Northville Mustang tanker earned a state cut this year, joining

the tanks of several of her teammates. Beyond that, she helped her team to their first WLA conference title in a long time.

Greenlee is the kind of tanker that knows what it means to be a leader. As a senior she wanted this season to be her best and she's done that, helping motivate her squad along the way. She's a natural fit with her peers on the All-Area squad.

Girls Swimming

Swimmer of the Year

■ Ava Ohlgen, Northville

All-Area

- Liz Johnson, Millford
- Kelli VanderBaam, Millford
- Kara VanderBaam, Millford
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- Melissa Falletti, South Lyon
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- Kelsey Traube, South Lyon
- Jacque Traube, South Lyon
- Shannon Mocerri, South Lyon
- Kati Schwarzkopf, South Lyon

Family tradition

Last season — the first for All-Area swimming — there was a name that helped lead the way and gave a new honor for area swimmers: Alex Tereszczenko.

This year, that tradition continued as her sister, Tanya, earned an All-Area nod — thanks to 19 other impressive performances in the pool.

Tereszczenko, a Northville tanker, notched a state cut this season and helped her team to some huge wins, including a cross-town rivalry victory over Novi and two big wins over conference foe Stevenson.

All-Area is meant to be for the best of the best and Tereszczenko earned her place.

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With some water spinning off her hair, Novi Wildcat Amy Glubzinski begins to look for the pool surface as she completes a dive.

Young and talented

It's a shame Novi freshman Kerry Abel didn't swim every event. The multi-talented tanker doesn't need to though. She's already qualified for the state finals in the maximum amount of events and she's hoping to really make a splash by placing in most of them.

Don't put it past her. Coming into this season Abel was a relative unknown in the swimming and diving ranks. Now, she's a common conversation starter in the area.

Expect Abel to swim well at the finals. She feeds off of competition and there's no better place to be than the state championships if that's what you're looking for.

Cheers!

What's better than a talented senior swimmer? A talented senior swimmer with a cool British accent.

Sarah Bardsley, a Northville senior, has all of the above. She's talented, she's one of the team's captains and she's from across the pond from tiny little country that once tried to rule the entire world called Britain.

Don't fret though. Bardsley is more interested in owning the pool than the world. She took a giant

Can I get a vowel?

There aren't many names that have been misspelled more times in the newspaper than Emily Hopcin's. Why? It's a pretty simple name, right?

Hopcin doesn't mind though. She shrugs it off, corrects the spelling and dives right back in the pool for another strong swim. That's probably because they get her name right on the list for those

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Niagara Purple Eagles new team for standout

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

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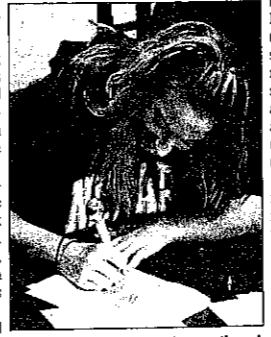
Rachele Folino smiled as the basketball-adorned pen moved under her right hand, leaving an ink trail that soon formed into her signature.

It was final at 2:15 p.m. last Thursday. She was going to Niagara University to play women's basketball for the Purple Eagles.

"It's a relief," Folino said. "It's something I've always wanted and now it's happening. It's a dream come true."

It just so happens the Purple Eagles will think the same thing. Bill Agronin, the Niagara head women's basketball coach, said Folino fits a role the team had been hoping to fill.

"We're really excited she's coming to play for us," Agronin said. "We targeted her as our number one recruit for this coming year. We liked the way she played and we liked her as a person. She fits the mold we were looking for."



Rachele Folino signs her national letter of intent to play for Niagara last Thursday.

Tough situation

Folino hasn't always been the kind of player that fit in perfectly. As a freshman she stepped into the halls of Novi High School and was brought to the head of the class as a starter on the varsity basketball team.

The move proved troublesome for some members of the basketball following.

"Her freshman year was very difficult," said Folino's father, Lou. "Because she started that year, she displaced a lot of seniors. That caused problems not only for the coach, but for the parents and the players as well."

The coach at the time was Dennis Cichowski, who was later released from his position and current coach Bill Kelp was hired.

The change was difficult for Folino, who had become attached to Cichowski.

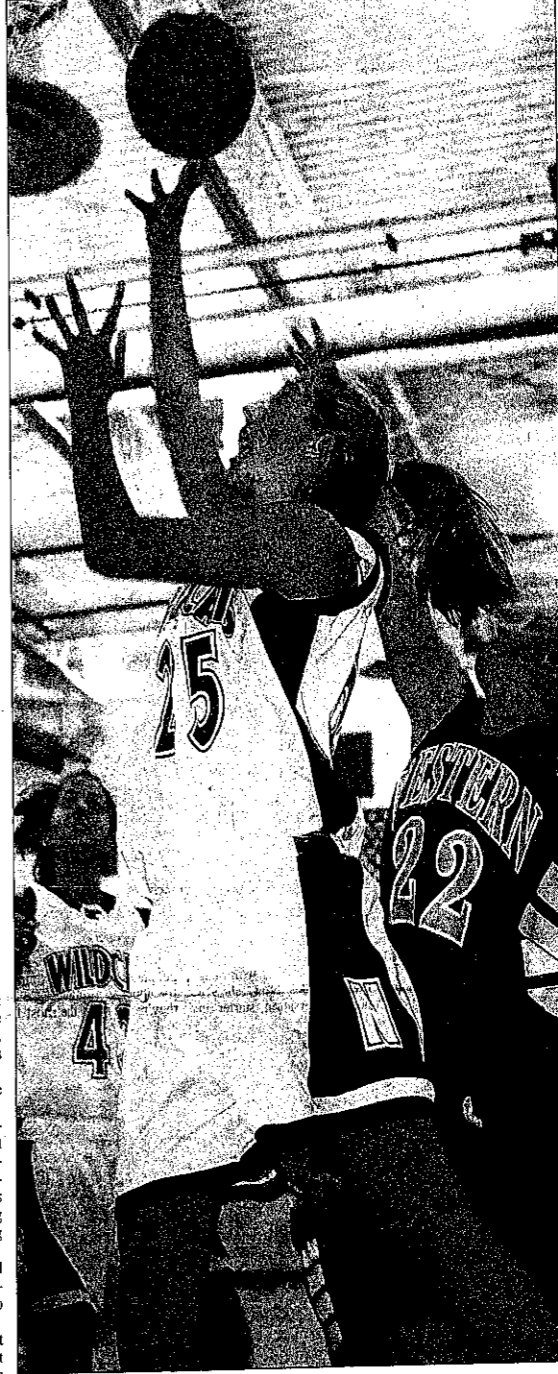
"I loved Coach Dennis," she said. "I was sad to see him go. As a freshman I was probably the most emotionally attached to him because he kind of took me under his wing."

"But I love Bill too. I've never had a coach so passionate and dedicated to a program like he is."

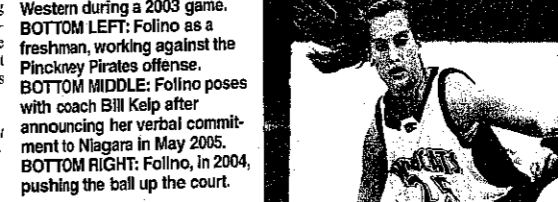
No matter who was coaching, Folino was starting. She quickly became the team's leading scorer and used her abilities to earn an All-Area Player of the Year nod, All-KVC First Team Honors and a slew of other awards. She was even named one of the top 25 girls basketball players in the state heading into her senior year.

"Rachele is an amazing basketball player," said Kelp. "She's the kind of player a team can really depend on."

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ABOVE: Rachele Folino drives to the basket against Walled Lake Western during a 2003 game.



BOTTOM LEFT: Folino poses with coach Bill Kelp after announcing her verbal commitment to Niagara in May 2005. BOTTOM RIGHT: Folino, in 2004, pushing the ball up the court.

Dear Rachele,

So this is good-bye. It's been a good run, hasn't it? I remember the first time I watched you play. Walled Lake Central against Novi, 2002. It was my second season as a sports writer for the Novi News. I was just over a rookie season around here and you were starting yours.

You could play. There was no doubt about that. Dribbling, shooting, blocking. It was as though you had been at the varsity level your whole life. I had definitely watched worse varsity players. I still do.

I've watched you grow up. You were a gangly little freshman. You're a beautiful young lady now. It's hard to believe how much you've changed, especially when I think about all the things that are still the same.

You still get upset after games that the team loses, don't you? You're frustrated because you should have done more. Played harder, maybe? Shot less? Passed more? Squared up to the hoop or maybe kept your hands to yourself when you got those two early fouls?

Sometimes you still cry when you lose, don't you? I used to do the same thing, back when I played high school football and we lost. It was a lot. I'll tell you that much.

It's nothing to be ashamed of. It just means you cared so much about the game and that moment that you put every ounce of yourself into the game, physically, mentally and emotionally. It's called passion.

This year must have been especially hard. People thought you should lead them to victory since you're a Division I recruit. They thought you should lead on offense and defense and from the foul line. But did they ever stop to consider that this was your season to have fun?

It was, Rachele. But how much fun could you have? You're the best on the floor. You're supposed to score. Forget about the double teams and the constant pressure. Forget that every player on the other team has been told to stop you from scoring and rebounding and helping Novi win.

In the end, it doesn't matter if you scored two or 20. You're going to college to play college basketball. No one can really play college basketball since you're a Division I recruit. They thought you should lead on offense and defense and from the foul line. But did they ever stop to consider that this was your season to have fun?

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Guess that makes you the first.

You've been the first at a lot of things, Rachele. And you've been one of many when it comes to other aspects of high school life.

Petty jealousy, upset parents, coaches being fired and hired, the whispers, the rumors and the drama — it's all a part of high school girls basketball.

Just think about the next four years. You've been a big part of this chapter in your life. It's time to start a new one for both of us. Yours will be in Niagara, playing for the Purple Eagles. Mine? Well, I can tell you it starts with a big void on a girl's basketball team and the need for someone to step up and fill it.

It's been a fun ride, Rachele. Sure, no KVC or district tournament titles, but it's been fun nonetheless.

Always,
Sam Eggleston



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P.S. I talked to the coach over at Niagara and I have some good news. It seems they don't have a player wearing No. 25 yet. He said he'd order one for you when it came time to get a new shipment in.

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Novi earns three All-Area cage nods

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

This year's All-Area basketball team sure reads a lot like last year's.

That could be because the Northville Mustangs and the Novi Wildcats mastered the art of letting their young stars step up and take the lead.

Last year, most of them were juniors. This year, most of them are seniors. Next year? Well, it's hard to even think about area basketball without some of these names in the mix.

Folino takes top spot

There's not much more that can be said about Rachele Folino that hasn't already been said.

She's smart, aggressive, talented, outstanding, amazing and skilled. She's modest, fun-loving, interesting, friendly and she's healed to a Division I college to showcase her talents with Niagara University.

It would come as no surprise to the fans of area basketball that, once again, Folino has earned the top spot as the Player of the Year. Why? She's shooting as well as ever, playing twice as hard and making defenses work double just to slow her down.

It's been a blast covering Folino over the years. She's earned All-Area honors three seasons in a row and repeats as the top player in the coverage area.

Player of the Year

Expect to see her name in the papers through the years. Just because Folino's going to New York to play hoops doesn't mean she won't be getting the media attention she deserves.

Last year the All-Area article said Folino was everything a college recruit should be. With the dozens of letters she received since then, it looks like a few collegiate programs agreed.

Expect Novi coach Bill Kelp to have an impossible task of replacing Folino next season. She's the first Division I basketball recruit in the history of the game at Novi High School. It's taken this long and Kelp may have to wait a while longer to see another player with the skills of Folino.

Girls Basketball

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

■ Rachele Folino, Novi

FIRST TEAM

- Brittni Hutton, Milford
- Megan Bouwens, Lakeland
- Danielle Gotham, South Lyon
- Danielle Toney, Northville
- Nicole Stephen, Novi

SECOND TEAM

- Kaitlyn Schultz, Milford
- Meghan Kurze, Lakeland
- Amanda Thomas, South Lyon
- Simone Toney, Northville
- Jessica Gasiorok, Novi

A fresh face

Danielle Toney, a Northville junior, is no stranger to All-Area recognition. She's been a member of the All-Area soccer team already and now she's made herself comfortable as a member of the All-Area girls basketball team.

Toney has everything a guard should bring to the table. She's quick, she can shoot and she sees the floor like few can. That's why she's been responsible for helping the Northville Mustangs get a few big wins this year, including some impressive victories over very tough Western Lakes Activities Association teams.

This year Toney earned a spot on the All-Area team thanks to her abilities. If she continues to improve, next year those abilities might lead her to be the Player of the Year.

Welcome back

The second returning player to this year's All-Area squad is none other than Nicole Stephen.

Stephen, a senior at Novi High School, is one tough cookie. She's responsible for playing down low and pounding the boards with some of the best post players around thanks to the overloaded Kensington Valley Conference.

She holds her own through and has been known to step up and take control of a game when she needs to.

Stephen can play with the best of them, which explains how, once again, she's landed herself an All-Area nod.

Setting the tone

Talk about a veteran point guard.

Northville senior Simone Toney has been playing the position for four years, stepping in as a freshman and getting playing time while building herself to be the top player in the school this season.

She shares a lot of that spotlight with her sister, but she doesn't seem to mind. Toney's as unselfish as they come. She can shoot just as well as she can pass and she doesn't flinch at being asked to do either.

Northville's basketball success has a lot to thank Simone Toney for. She's as capable as they come and the Mustangs are lucky to have her sister ready to step up and fill the shoes she's going to vacate this year with graduation.

Hit the gas

The Novi Wildcats thought they were going to have quite a mess on their hands when a Hartland player put her elbow smack dab in the middle of senior Jessica Gasiorok's face, breaking her nose.

Gasiorok didn't scream or cry in defiance. She got to the bench, checked to make sure her nose hadn't bent at a 45 degree angle and then went back out on the floor to finish the game.

If that doesn't get an All-Area nod, what does? Take that and add the fact that Gasiorok was key in Novi's success this year, snagging rebounds, shooting buckets and dishing out blocks and it's clear to see why she's a great fit with the All-Area squad this year.

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Mustang Simone Toney, right, makes a move around Livonia Franklin's Elizabeth Dempsey.

Catholic Central rules Area golf

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Boys Golf

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

■ Adam Hogue, Catholic Central

ALL-AREA TEAM

- Brett Oultquit, Milford
- Ryan Blarzy, Milford
- Bryan Lynch, Lakeland
- Phil Snow, Northville
- Alex Lyall, Novi
- Michael Murray, Catholic Central
- Brian King, Catholic Central

The talent level in the game of golf has suddenly shot through the roof now that Novi's newest addition, Catholic Central, has come to town.

The golf teams all had their fare share of new faces. Every player in the coverage area of the Northville Record and the Novi News is new to the All-Area team. It's refreshing to know that a few of them will be back again next year.

Adam's apple

This year's Player of the Year, Adam Hogue, is one of the best to play the game in the entire state. He proved that with a selection to the All-State Dream Team, which is no small feat.

Hogue's the kind of player that has had college interest since he first hit the links in high school and followed through nicely with a recent signing to play golf for North Carolina State.

Player of the Year

This year Hogue not only led his team to a fifth-place finish in the state for Division I schools, but shot a 141 to be the second-best golfer in the field. He finished just one stroke off the lead.

Hogue and the Shamrocks are a new addition to the All-Area coverage, but they're a welcome one. If they keep playing like this, there's bound to be a few more blue and white representatives on the team in the coming years.

The new kid

There were probably a bunch of teams checking Northville junior Phil Snow's eligibility this year when he hit the scene.

Snow moved to Northville from Washington, bringing with him some immense links ability. Alas, he was eligible and he led the Mustangs through the season and then took his own game to the state finals as an individual.

There, he finished sixth overall with a 143.

Snow earned recognition his first year in Michigan, scoring a place on the All-State First Team.

All the King's men

Brian King is another Catholic Central player who proved his worth on the links this year.

A tough competitor in the game of golf, King was recognized as one of the state's best by the coaching association with a selection to the All-State First Team.

He comes to the game sporting a strong swing and a smooth short game, shooting a 151 in the state finals to help his team to a top-five finish.

King is the kind of player a coach can depend on and a great pick for the All-Area team.

Rockin' the house

One thing can be said about Catholic Central this year: they are well represented on the golf course.

Michael Murray is not only on our list, but he's the third Shamrock to earn All-State honors this year as well. Murray earned a Second Team nod.

But it's not just titles and awards for Murray. He can play with the best of them. This year at the state finals, Murray recorded a 149 — just four strokes from a top-10 individual finish.

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Northville's Philip Snow chips out of the rough near the first hole at Walnut Creek golf course.

Novi well represented on soccer team

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Soccer in Northville and Novi is unique compared to most coverage areas. Why? The talent level in a game that has yet to reach its pinnacle of popularity in this country is just outstanding.

With Novi, Northville and Catholic Central all in the mix, there's never an easy choice as to who to take on the team and who to leave off.



A pair of "8s" go up for a header during last week's district playoff hosted by Novi High School. Wildcat David Deighton, bottom, squares off with Central Catholic's Chris Pruitt.

Wildcats get share of tennis dream team spots

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

What a year for tennis in the coverage area of the Northville Record and the Novi News.

The Northville Mustangs showcased their talents all season, winning yet another Western Lakes League title without too much trouble while the Novi Wildcats won the Kensington Valley Conference crown for the 10th straight year.

Nightville finished 10th in the state this year and Novi finished seventh. Not bad considering the immense tennis powers the state has come to breed like Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ann Arbor Huron.

It's also a year of repeats for these two teams. Several players who earned nods were members of the squad last year — including the Player of the Year.

Still swinging

Two seasons ago when Christina Ruiz arrived at Northville there was a lot of hype about how good she was.

The hype wasn't wrong.

Ruiz, now a junior, proved to be a competitor in every aspect of the game this year. She dominated nearly everyone she played in the regular season and made a run to the quarterfinals in the state finals.

Player of the Year

It's been a career of proving herself in Northville. The critics thought she was moved up to one singles too fast. The fans thought she wasn't getting enough competition in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Ruiz has proven she belongs in the upper echelons of tennis in Michigan. She's been to the state

finals twice with Northville and she plans on making a third trek her senior year.

Sandy Woodfall, Northville's coach, once said Ruiz was one of the most talented players she has ever coached. Once again, Ruiz hasn't let her down.

Expect to see Ruiz at the top of plenty of lists again next year. A two-time All-Area Player of the Year, she's bound to be in the running come 2006.

Knock it to ya

In Novi, there's a name that's come to be directly related to tennis: Ayano Nakamura.

Nakamura made the move to one singles this year and had a rough time of it. Of course, it's never easy playing the best player on every team, no matter what game is on the schedule.

As a senior, Nakamura didn't go down without a fight. She picked up nine wins while helping lead the Wildcats to a 10th Kensington Valley Conference title in as many years.

It's going to be hard for Novi to say farewell to Nakamura, who has been a member of the All-Area team for three years. She's the kind of player that has the ability to lead by example, which are the hardest kind to replace.

Another familiar face

It's been a tough year for Diana Ticu, a senior at Novi High School.

The former one-singles player lost her spot, getting knocked down to three singles this year. The year before, she lost her father in a car accident. He and tennis went hand-in-hand in her life.

But Ticu fought her way through, it all. She put up big wins this season, leading from an unfamiliar

flight but refusing to let it bother her. Ticu earned a KVC flight championship and went to the state finals quarterfinals round.

Working through difficult situations is something Ticu is becoming a master at. She's going to be missed at Novi and will be one of the best players coach Jim Hanson has ever had to replace.

Sister act

If you played Northville this year, you didn't want to be in any of the

singles flights. If you didn't get Ruiz at one singles, then you got one of the Johnson sisters at two and three singles.

Chelsea Johnson, a senior this year, destined everyone she came across this year. Johnson took a WAAA flight championship and repeated the performance in the regional tournament. In the state finals, she earned a two seed and advanced all the way to the semifinals, losing to the state runner-up.

The future

Her sister Haley, a freshman this year, fared well. She earned a

WAAA championship in her flight and another in the regional. At the state finals, Haley notched two victories to advance to the quarterfinals. With Chelsea Johnson being lost to graduation, Coach Woodfall should be comforted in knowing her replacement isn't just a member of the team already, she's in the same family.

Doubles trouble

People think playing doubles is easier than singles flights. You've got less ground to cover and two racquets are better than one, right?

The Novi Wildcats have been blessed with a strong doubles line up.

This year, Amanda Brandemuhl and Allison Yee showed why people think doubles is easier — because they make it look that way.

Few shots made it past these two and they earned a big KVC crown because of it. It takes a pair of special players to be able to bond and play as one. Brandemuhl and Yee are just that.

Welcome back

Jackie Taylor is no stranger to the All-Area tennis team and this year she brought along a new doubles partner in Alicia Weber.

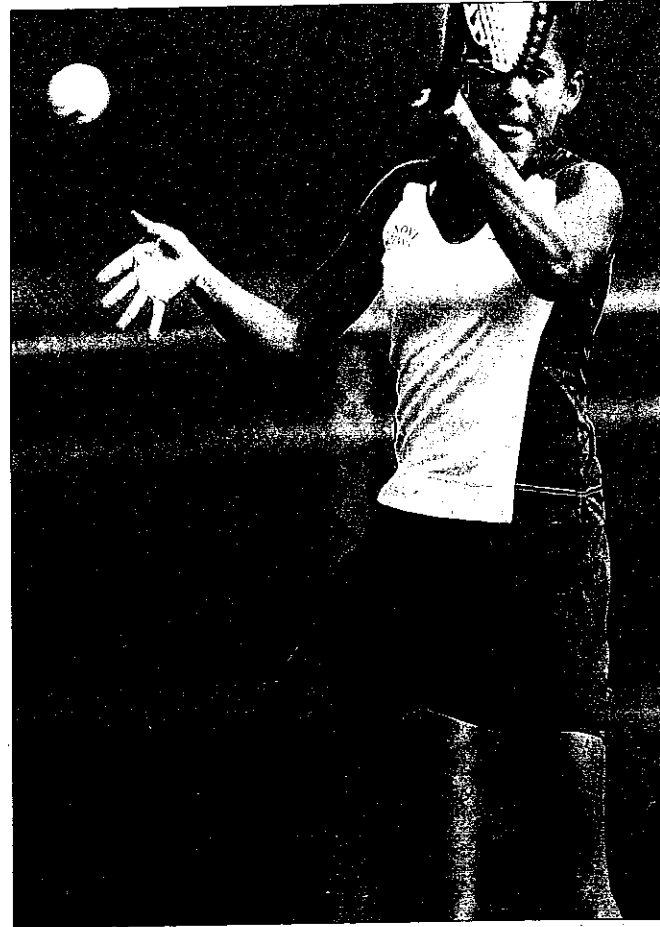
Together, the duo won the Western Lakes Activities Association title for their flight and helped lead their team to yet another conference crown.

They made it look so darn easy too.

While Taylor may not have had the chance to move up to singles competition, she showcased an ability by these past seasons of helping make her doubles partner better.

Weber stepped into a role vacated by Shannon Farris nicely, learning to work with her partner to become the best doubles team in the WAAA and one of the best in the area.

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Novi's Jennifer Felcher competes against Northville's Johnie Powers.

Girls Tennis

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

■ Christina Ruiz, Northville

ALL-AREA TEAM

- Erin Hawkins, South Lyon
- Jaime Reichmayr, South Lyon
- Chelsea Johnston, Northville
- Halle Johnston, Northville
- Ayano Nakamura, Novi
- Diana Ticu, Novi
- Jenn Felcher, Novi
- Amanda Brandemuhl and Allison Yee, Novi
- Jackie Taylor and Alicia Weber, Northville
- Angie Trajkovskiy and Kayla Verter, South Lyon

I'm Lovin' it

There are few people who make as much difference in a game as Novi senior defender Trey Love. That's why he's the All-Area Player of the Year.

How can a defender be the best player in the area when there are so many skilled offensive forwards and midfielders? The answer is simple: When Trey Love plays those outstanding offensive scorers, they usually end up not scoring.

Player of the Year

Love is the kind of player who knows how to mark. He sticks to his target and doesn't let them by, often neutralizing the threat along the way.

Love deserves his nod as All-Area Player of the Year and as a three-time member of the All-Area team. Love is definitely going to be missed after he moves on thanks to graduation.

Modest Mustang

If there's one thing Northville senior Mike Cornelius isn't know for, it's being a showboat. This guy doesn't even throw his hands in the air after scoring a goal, though he had plenty of opportunity to do just that during his high school career.

This year Cornelius took the job of playing center stage for the high-powered Mustangs. It was a role he filled well, leading his team to another WAAA championship game both and another chance at the District title.

The things that make Cornelius so special really don't show up on stat sheets though. It's more the intangibles that can't be kept track of.

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A&W

He's cool, crisp and refreshing. He's Novi's A.W. Stanek.

Boys Soccer

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

■ Trey Love, Novi

FIRST TEAM

- Ormeed Firoozgan, Lakeland
- Jon Heidt, Milford
- A.W. Stanek, Novi
- Matt Crawford, Novi
- David Deighton, Novi
- Mike Cornelius, Northville
- Nick Kaldis, Northville
- Jon Junca, Northville
- Mike Prudhomme, South Lyon
- Brian Walsh, Catholic Central

SECOND TEAM

- TJ Clacher, Milford
- Evan Fisher, Lakeland
- Hiroki Yamada, Novi
- Marc Chocobelli, Novi
- Todd Janer, Novi
- Alex Rickett, Northville
- Chris Lacchetti, Northville
- Enrique Acovado, Northville
- Robbie Girkin, South Lyon
- Kevin Kowalski, South Lyon

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David Deighton may not have

Done a spark?

Need of the many Northville soccer fans should take a moment and give Jon Junca a call and thank him.

There were times this year when the Mustangs should have lost contests just for the fact they couldn't get anything flowing in the right direction. Then, Junca would step up and make it happen. A goal, an assist, a great play — whatever it took, Junca was willing to do it. His intense play and dedication to being the best made him an easy All-Area choice this year.

Need a spark?

What doesn't Matt Crawford do on the soccer pitch? This guy looks like he's every where, assisting and scoring goals, snagging errant passes and generally being involved in just about every play.

Speed and strength play an important role in Crawford's success, but so does his determination. That's why Crawford fits in so well with his All-Area peers. He never gives up until the job is done.

Need a spark?

Being a captain shouldn't be something that is just handed out. It should be earned.

Northville senior Nick Kaldis definitely earned his title this year and he was deserving. He carried that leadership onto the field and helped Northville to a Western Division title and earned All-WAAA honors while he was at it.

Need a spark?

One goal in mind

It's not easy being a talented senior on a team that's trying to find its future identity, but Brian Walsh didn't let it get to him. The senior goalie at Catholic Central doing the thing he does best: Stopping goals and helping keep his team in the game.

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Home Owners Do You Know... About Radon Gas & Carbon Monoxide Issues?

RADON GAS

It is estimated that between 20,000 to 40,000 deaths occur annually, in the U.S. from radon gas poisoning. Radon gas, an invisible, odorless, and tasteless gas, occurs naturally in the environment - it is the product from the decay of uranium and it is measured in units called picocuries per liter (pCi/L). Radon seeps up through rock and soil and enters a house through cracks in the foundation, around water and sewer pipes, and floor drains, or in well water. In the U.S., the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) has set the "action level" at 4 pCi/L.

There are many detectors available to test for radon gas. Most common, for "short term" testing - a minimum of 48 hours - are charcoal canisters which absorb radon from the air to determine the presence of radon. A "long term" test, 90 days or more, provides a more accurate reading.

The modern measurement technique used by professionals is the Continuous Radon Monitor (CRM).

This device provides an hourly report for the level of Radon in your home. You are provided a detailed report at the end of the 48 hour test period. The EPA guidelines for testing protocols and remediation guideline should always be followed.



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YOU CAN FIX A HOME WITH ELEVATED LEVELS OF RADON:
 1. SEAL LARGE CRACKS IN THE BASEMENT FLOOR AND WALLS, SLABS ON GRADE, AND GAPS AROUND PIPES
 2. INSTALL A RADON MEDIATION SYSTEM IN BASEMENTS OR CRAWL SPACES BY ADDING PIPES BELOW THE FOUNDATION TO CARRY THE GAS AWAY. THIS SYSTEM HAS A VENTILATION FAN TO DISSIPATE THE RADON GAS TO THE OUTDOORS. THIS NOT ALLOWING THE RADON GAS TO REMAIN INSIDE YOUR HOME, AND AVOID BREATHING THE RADON GAS.

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO)

Annually some 200-300 people die due to accidental carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning; another 500 are treated in hospital emergency rooms; and many more are not accounted for, since many of the symptoms - dizziness, nausea, vomiting and fatigue - are mistaken for the flu. These symptoms stem from toxic products known as Aldehydes. Aldehydes have an acrid odor and are produced along with CO.

LEVELS OF CO—ppm (parts per million):

- 12,800 - can cause death in one to three minutes
- 1,500 - can cause nausea within 20 minutes and death within one hour
- 800 - allows serious health consequences and death within two hours
- 400 - frontal headaches within one to two hours and fatal within three hours
- 50 - maximum exposure in a eight hour period
- 9 - typical indoor air quality ("levels according to the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE))

The source of the CO is usually faulty fuel-burning (any combustible fuel such as oil, gas, propane, wood or coal) appliance such as a furnace, water heater, space heater, wood stove, gas range, or gas dryer. The best way to minimize the risk of poisoning is through proper maintenance of those appliances. But an essential backup is a Carbon Monoxide detector that monitors the air constantly.

Issues to understand about CO are:
 - heat exchanger cracks alone do not produce CO - CO is produced in the combustion process. CO is produced when there is not enough air supplied to a combustion appliance - or when there is an insufficient or restricted air opening into the space in which the appliance is located.

- properly adjusted equipment will produce very little CO - regardless of the amount, it is important to have the CO properly vented outside the dwelling. Weather-tight houses and the increased use of exhaust fans, can create a negative pressure within the home thus contributing to the problem.

Call us to have your home tested for elevated levels of Radon Gas or Carbon Monoxide, to ensure your family's health and protection.

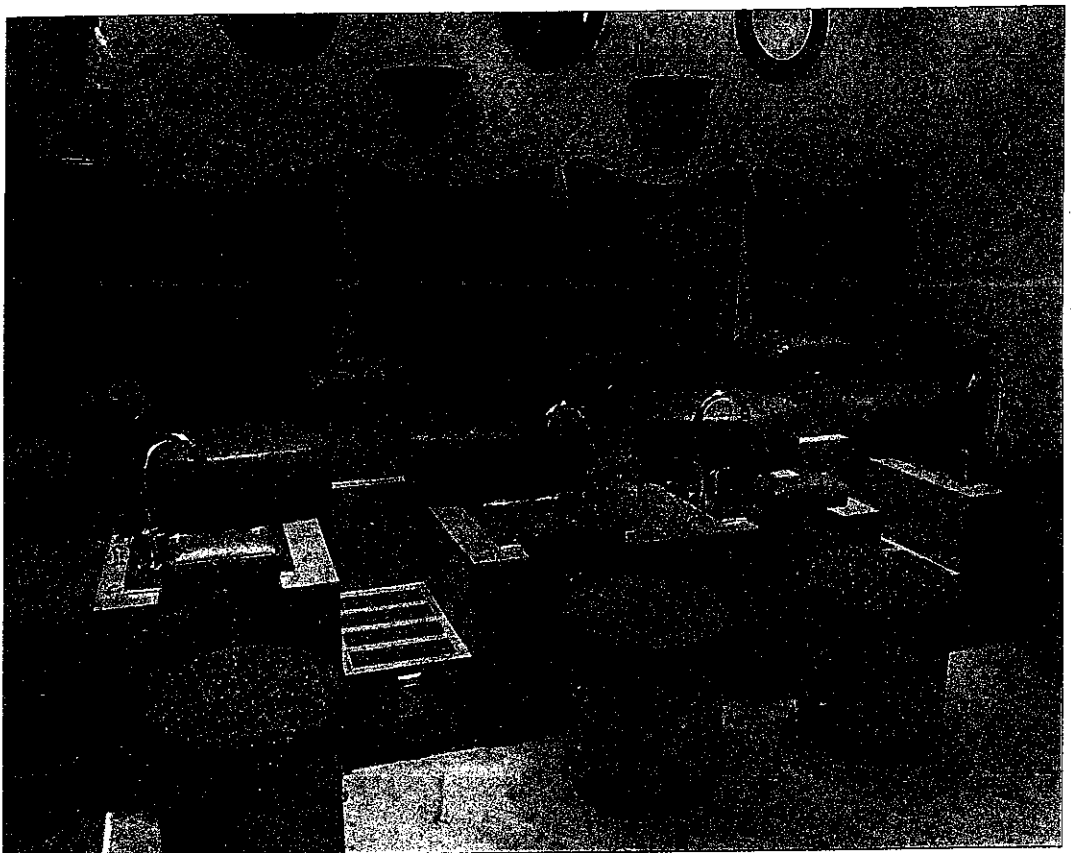
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Scappare's new pedicure room features custom made "thrones" of rich burgundy ostrich leather that allow customers to sit back and relax. The chairs offer a deep massage, while feet are warmed and massaged in a whirlpool foot bath.

Scappare gives clients royal treatment

Pedicure room pampers guests, rejuvenates feet

By Annette Jaworski
 SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

The sensational new addition actually stops visitors in their tracks.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The state of the art salon and the incredible staff are just two of the reasons that Scappare continues to provide the ultimate in

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Along with their elegant ambience, clients who visit on Saturdays can relax to the



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

DISNEYLAND FOR THE FEET

Best reasons to visit Scappare during the holidays

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

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

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