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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News
Fox Run resident Pearl Hofferty, left, and Andrea Peragine (its Community Resident Manager) will be among those helping the Novi community to collect prom dresses for high school students in New Orleans affected by hurricane Katrina.

Making dreams come true

Seniors help send Katrina victims to prom

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER

Eleanor Dolenga remembers spending her prom, in the 1930s, with friends. The Fox Run resident said although she doesn't remember much about the evening, she does know it's an exciting time in a teenager's life. "Prom was great," Dolenga said. "You'll

remember it for a good 30 or 40 years." Dolenga is among several members of the Fox Run community asked to donate formal items to students who lost everything to Katrina and will be attending prom in May. Although most residents attended prom several decades ago, there is a vested interest in this year's season, supporting a dance held several hundred miles away in Louisiana. Now through April 14, residents and staff are participating in an effort coordinated by the Miracles of Hope Network, called "Help Make

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Minimum wage jump stirs debate

Feelings mixed about the Oct. increase

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER

Ian Somerville doesn't want to see small businesses, like his own, suffer from the minimum wage rate increase in October. The owner of Play It Again Sports in Novi said an increase is going to hurt; why do this now? "I support the concept to help people who are trying to support a family," Somerville said, "but it's going to hurt the small businesses. Now is just a bad time when we can't afford it." The current minimum wage rate is \$5.15. By 2008, the rate will increase to \$7.40, according to state officials. "We believe that a fair day's work should get a fair day's wage," said Liz Boyd, spokesperson for Gov. Jennifer Granholm. "We've seen inflation increase

Minimum wage rates

Jan. 1, 1981	\$3.35
May 1, 1997	\$4.75
Sept. 1, 1997	\$5.15
Oct. 2006	\$6.95
July 1, 2007	\$7.15
July 1, 2008	\$7.40

Source: Minimum Wage Law of 1964 and State of Michigan

over the past nine years ... We've seen prices and the cost of living increase ... It has not had an adverse affect on employment or the economy as a whole." Once the bill reaches Granholm's desk, Boyd said she will have 14 days to sign.

Tipping the scales
Along with the minimum wage rate, the tip wage rate will also increase. "It doesn't directly raise the tip wages, but (the bill) says if

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Photo by TRACY MISHLER
James Frazier, 18, serves pizza at SBarro's, located in the food court at Twelve Oaks Mall. Frazier said he anticipates the minimum wage increase in order to make more money.

Isabel Collins remembered for love of people, politics, nursing

Novi leader no fence-sitter

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Family and friends are mourning the loss of one of Novi's community activists this week following the death of longtime resident Isabel Collins early Sunday morning of lung cancer.

She was 86. Known as one of Novi's most involved residents, Collins did much to shape Novi in its formative years in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. "She was a close friend of state Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-
Novi). Shortly before her death at Angela Hospice in



Isabel Collins

Collins even told family members she wanted Cassis to give her eulogy. "She had such enthusiasm," Cassis said. "She could go forever. She read constantly and was interested in politics, people and nursing. She was the consummate volunteer and extremely patriotic," said another close friend, Audrey Murphy. Cassis said Collins was active

for in Novi both in front of and behind the scenes. "She helped plan her community, being a very active voice but not looking for personal recognition whatsoever," Cassis said. "She had a lot of friends in town." Served as U.S. Army nurse Born Isabel Scanlon in Somerset, Ohio, in 1919, after high school, she enrolled in the

Mt. Carmel School of Nursing in Columbus, Ohio. She served in the Army Nurse Corps from 1941-1946. Her daughter, Jeannie Lajovic of Commerce Township, said the story goes that after graduating from nursing school, her mother and a girlfriend decided it would look good on their resumes if they served as Army nurses for a year.

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Improving Novi community his passion

Retired resident would like to see more get involved

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Asa Smith has seen Novi grow from wheat and corn fields to what it is today — a booming city. But living on the north side of town for most of his life, Smith has also seen Walled Lake grow as well.

And he'd like nothing better than to continue to improve both cities to make them the best places possible to live in. "I was raised on the shores of Walled Lake, where I still live today, I was always in Novi Township, and we shared common boundaries between the city of Walled Lake and Novi for over 70 years." Smith can recall watching the city develop from when it was just a cross road and a lot of apple orchards, wheat fields and corn fields into a mature city today. He said back then all the

roads were dirt horse-and-buggy trails. Smith is known by his neighbors as a north-end resident of Novi who has all the answers. He and his brother were born in Detroit, but moved to Novi at an early age. They grew up as frontier kids, learning how to survive using wetlands and woodlands to feed themselves. They learned about the ways of nature, how different species survived and how the fish reproduced themselves from big waters to streams and wetlands.

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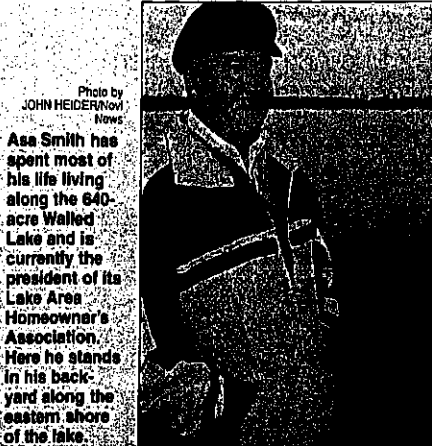


Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News
Asa Smith has spent most of his life living along the 640-acre Walled Lake and is currently the president of its Lake Area Homeowner's Association. Here he stands in his backyard along the eastern shore of the lake.

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(servers) don't make sufficient tips to bring them to that level," Boyd said, "then the employer would have to make up the difference."

Nick Berias said increasing tipped wages is not worth it if a waitress is leaving with \$130 after only working for six or seven hours.

"Waitresses make good money," said Berias, owner of downtown Northville's Joseph's Coney Island. "We can afford to pay them ... it's the cooks and dishwashers that deserve the increase."

According to the Michigan Restaurant Association, the tipped wage will increase from \$2.65 to \$4.60 by Jan. 1, 2007, if the bill is passed.

Andy Deloney, director of public affairs for the Michigan Restaurant Association said an increase in minimum wages will kill Michigan jobs at a time when the state can't afford to lose more.

"Michigan's constitution was never intended to guarantee automatic annual pay raises to a select group of people," Deloney said in a statement. "Not to minimum wage workers, not to lawyers, teachers, or lobbyists or politicians. Making the constitution a

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New Orleans High School Teens Prom Dreams Come True.

Andrea Peragine said Fox Run's sister community, Cedar Crest, in New Jersey, brought the event to their attention.

"We immediately knew it was something we wanted to be part of," said Peragine, Fox Run's community resources manager. "It was the perfect way for Fox Run to make a contribution, especially for our student dining staff, who understand the importance of a prom for high school students."

The community is collecting prom necessities to send south, including evening dresses; tuxedos and suits; shawls and ties; gloves; jewelry; dressy shoes; handbags; unused cosmetics; male and female hair products; hair accessories, including barrettes and tiaras; and men's accessories.

All prom items and monetary donations will benefit nearly 600 kids expected to attend the New Orleans High School Prom.

Kathie Shaffer, public relations manager for Fox Run, said although they aren't counting on getting too many dresses from residents, they hoped many of the student employees would contribute.

"This is a great opportunity for them to give back," Shaffer said. "I think we'll have at least 50 dresses to send."

The event is sponsored by the Miracles of Hope Network, which is comprised of worldwide child agencies and organizations, dedicated to the creation and restoration of good in children's lives.

Along with receiving donated prom necessities, the agency is flying in beauticians, make-up specialists and tailors to help the kids get ready for their special day.

Peragine said she hopes to fill several boxes to send south when the event is complete.

"Everyone here is just so generous," she said. "I have about eight dresses to donate myself."

Shaffer said she and her daughter, Maggie, 21, will try donating items.

"Those kids have just been through so much," she said. "This is just a good way for people to give back without spending a lot of money."

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But, then the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, and the next thing they knew they were serving their country in wartime.

Collins rose to the rank of lieutenant and was stationed in several southern states, including Florida, Alabama and Georgia.

She met her husband, William, also a first lieutenant in the Army, and they married in 1947.

"Her husband was from Detroit, and that's what brought her to Michigan," Lajovic said. "She always remarked that he never out-married her."

"Collins' close friend, Audrey Murphy said, "I don't think she was proud of anything, aside from her family, than her military service. My husband, Ray, called her Lt. Lizy."

Murphy added that Collins liked local politics because of its nonpartisan nature.

Cassidy said she was able to stop some rezonings in the city and was active in condominium fights, fighting for the rights of owners.

"When she had a cause, you couldn't sway her. She did her research and then formulated her opinion," Cassidy said, who noted that Collins remained active in the community almost to the end.

"To me she is my wild Irish rose friend, and I say that with the greatest of fondness," Cassidy said.

A former member of the Novi Planning Commission, it was Collins who inspired Cassidy to run for city council. Collins worked on former Mayor Bob Schmidt's political campaign and frequently contacted state representatives.

On Collins' 80th birthday, Oakland County Commission Board Chair Bill Bolland and Cassidy presented her with a state tribune.

"She never did this for accolades but with a sincere belief that people could make a difference, and she made a difference in our community," Cassidy said.

Collins' husband died when their youngest was only 2 years old.

"She raised four children pretty much on her own," Cassidy said. "She's left a wonderful legacy behind for her eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren."

Cassidy said Collins was a pioneer in planning Novi and was never shy about discussing her concerns with city council.

"She was a real fighter. It is not unusual that she fought her disease with vigor and faced the challenge head on."

"She was a really strong personality," said Ruth O'Rear of Novi, another close friend.

"My mother always believed you would get more done her way," Lajovic said. "And, she loved this city."

Collins remained a licensed nurse until her death and was also very involved in her church, Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi.

Improving community is his passion

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A growing society

It wasn't until growth began to take shape in Novi that Smith found one of his true passions.

"Growth started to take a hold of everything in Novi, and all the wetlands started to disappear," said Smith. "We had to deal with all of our natural areas becoming either contaminated or overused and abused. We had stormwater runoffs in different directions and not being treated properly, and it all ended up in our main waterways."

Smith got to thinking about who was going to help stop this. That's how he got involved in the city of Novi.

"I've been involved in the north end with the homeowners association for 40 years at different levels," he said. "I'm always a voice of opinion somewhere. I always do it in a positive way."

Smith belongs to Novi's Stormwater Management and Watershed Stewardship Committee and Comfort Station Committee. He's also president of the Lakes Area Homeowners Association.

Before retiring he was in the electrical construction business for over 46 years. He specialized in industrial applications, building of auto factories and nuclear power stations, everything to do with heavy industrial electricity applications from installing equipment and electrical systems, to making them function. He was also a project manager for an engineer staff with three different companies that specialized in that type of work.

"It was a good career for me, said Smith. "I enjoyed doing it, there were a lot of challenges and a lot of hard work. Along with that, there were heartaches that had to be dealt with also, but it was all part of growing and being in a career I chose to make a profession."

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"Especially now that we're nearing a final part of our growth," said Smith. "We're not doing a modernization of a city. We're building a city, and we have an opportunity to do it right. If it doesn't get done right, it would be very hard to go back and change it."

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Asa Smith

Age: 73 Occupation: retired electrician Family: wife, Carol, son, Christopher Hobbies and/or interests: He serves on Novi's Stormwater Management and Watershed Stewardship Committee and Comfort Station Committee. He's also president of the Lakes Area Homeowners Association. Advice: "Whatever your interest may be, you should step forward and get in contact with somebody in the city and ask what you can do to help." Education: he graduated from Wilsted High School in 1951 and received degrees from Henry Ford Community College, Lawrence Technological University and Eastern Michigan University. Years in business: 46 years. Grow up in: Novi.

opinions, or ones of their friends or neighbors immediately around them." Smith said only motivated people can bring a voice to a committee that, in unison, can put some kind of thought together and get a message to the leaders of the community who can then act upon making some sort of improvement. "Whether it be in zoning changes, neighborhood stop signs, tree replacement, beautification of flower beds, or roadways, there are numerous things that happen within a city that I think a lot of people do not really understand," he said. "They know what a city outside of its own structure needs to make it work, or how it works, but they don't know where to go or how to get involved."

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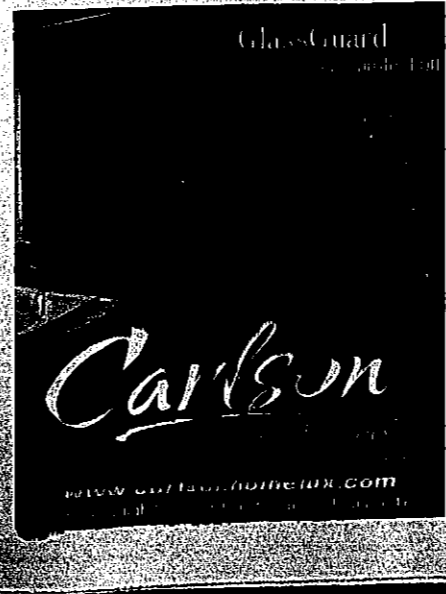
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Town Hall Lecture Series to showcase wildlife filmmakers

Siblings make videos, music

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Multimedia is the name of the game for wildlife filmmakers Rob and Laura Sams.



Rob Sams



Laura Sams

The books were written by their cousins, wildlife photographers and authors Carl Sams and Jean Strick. Rob and Laura Sams will be the third and final speakers in the 2005-2006 Novi Town Hall Lecture Series at 11:30 a.m. at Rock Financial Showplace.

Proceeds will go to the Novi Public Library Capital Campaign designed to help fund an \$18 million expansion to the building on 10 Mile Road east of Tait Road.

How they got invited
Kathy Crawford of Novi, one of the founders of the lecture series explained how the Sams got the invite.

Dianna Canup and I were at the Sugarloaf Art Fair in Novi, and we came upon the booth of Carl Sams," she recalled.

Their first inclination, obviously, was to invite Carl Sams to speak, but he recommended his cousin instead, who are directors of the award-winning video, "Stranger in the Woods: The Movie," and creator of Sister Adventures, which stands for Sister/Brother Educational Adventures.

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Laura Sams has a degree in zoology and parks and recreation as well as a master's degree in natural resources education.
Rob Sams has a degree in zoology and one in communications, so he can talk to the animals, or at least try to, according to Laura Sams.

The Sams travel all over the country to present their interactive, educational assemblies that combine nature, art, music and humor.
Carl Sams will also send a number of his autographed books to the Town Hall Lecture Series.
"We're sharing the stories behind 'Stranger in the Woods' and 'Lost in the Woods,'" Laura Sams said.
"It will be a mixture of lots of stuff," she said. Their presentations include nature, art, music and humor.
They will do some voices from

their three children's films as well as talk about some of the circumstances involved in creating wildlife movies and photographs.
The two traveled to England for the Willkerson Film Festival a few years ago to show their film, "Stranger in the Woods," which was one of the top four children's wildlife films that year.
"We were up against the Discovery Channel, the BBC and the NHK, one of the main broadcasting stations in Japan," she said.
They've been to many film festivals and have traveled to San Diego, Chicago and Portland, Ore., as well as throughout Michigan.

How to get tickets
Tickets for award-winning filmmakers Rob and Laura Sams' talk at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Rock Financial Showplace are \$35 for the lecture only and \$50 for the lecture and lunch.
Reservations can be mailed with a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a check made payable to Novi Town Hall Series, Ltd. to P.O. Box 539, Novi, MI, 48376, or call Kathy Crawford at (248) 349-5079 and (248) 348-1822.
To be seated with friends, all registration and checks must be included in one envelope. A table can seat 10 people.

The Sams love doing presentations.
"It's a perfect blend for us with our backgrounds in zoology, education and communications," Laura said.
"Wildlife filmmaking is a somewhat solitary business, because we're out in the wilderness by ourselves. So, it's nice to get to interact with the people we made the movies for when we visit various schools."

Workshop materials for students are also available that build off the book and the video.
"Bearly Alike," another video they produced, compares a day in the life of grizzly bears with a day in the life of a young man.

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Native plant rain garden to blossom

Excess water to be put to use

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER



Passport Fair Saturday

The Novi City Clerk's Office, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, will host a Passport Fair from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday in various city and township offices, as well as county offices in the area.

The fair is being coordinated by Ruth Johnson, Oakland County Clerk, and the city clerk's office will be open during this time to accept passport applications.
The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 now requires passports for travel to numerous countries.
By Dec. 31, 2006, all air and sea travelers to or from Canada, Mexico, Central America and South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda will need passports.
By Dec. 31, 2007, the requirement will be extended to all land border crossings as well.
This means that starting Dec. 31, 2007, Metro Detroit residents must have a passport to travel to Windsor.
It used to take about six weeks to get a passport. Now, the process takes a little longer, so travelers should plan accordingly.
The Novi City Clerk's office's normal hours of operation are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Passport applications are only accepted from 9 a.m. to noon, and the office does not take passport photos. For more information, call the Novi City Clerk's office at (248) 347-0456.
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The Northville City Clerk's Office, 215 W. Main Street, accepts passport applications from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, and does not take passport photos.
The Northville Township Office, 41600 W. Six Mile Road, accepts passport applications by appointment only from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information about passports, visit travel.state.gov.

Novi Beautification Commission members Moira Robinson, left, and Barbara Greenberg check out a 3-D display of a proposed Rain Garden to be installed on the southwest side of the Novi Civic Center.

"Rain, Rain Go Away," is one sure member of the Novi Beautification Commission doesn't sing.
That's because they know rain is a valuable commodity and are working on a new Demonstration Rain Garden near the south entrance to the Novi Civic Center.
One of the group's student commissioners gave a presentation on native plant rain gardens at the March 13 meeting. A display board the student created and 3D model of a rain garden will be shown in the atrium during the Natural Features Expo April 4 at the Novi Civic Center.
Barb Greenberg, an advanced master gardener, designed the garden's outline.
"I'm hoping we may get some native plants through our perennial exchange this spring," Greenberg said.
The Spring Perennial Exchange will be from 9 a.m. to noon on May 27 outside the historic Novi Township Hall on 10 Mile Road just east of Tait Road.
"This will be a nice addition," said Cindy Uglow, Neighborhood Services coordinator, city of Novi.

Where to buy native plants
Here are some Michigan nurseries that carry native plants:
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Reel Talk has new home in Novi

Emagine hosts film discussion group

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

If you're a film lover who likes to refresh the movie immediately afterwards, Novi has just the club for you.

Reel Talk, the monthly movie discussion group hosted by Detroit News film critic Tom Long, now takes place at the Emagine Theater at Fountain Walk at 12 Mile and Novi roads.

The discussion group, in which movie-goers get to see films before they open to the public, used to be at the Star Theater in Smallfield.

When that theater was purchased recently by AMC Theaters, the new owners didn't want to continue the discussion group.

"I got in contact with Emagine Theater because I have a good relationship with the management there, and I like the theater," Long said. "They were very receptive."

How to sign up for Reel Talk

For the movie, date and time for Reel Talk, members can call (313) 222-1457 or (313) 222-1458.

New members must register the night of an event. For more information, call one of the numbers above or inquire at emag-inpromo@hotmail.com.

Reel Talk members started meeting at the Novi theater in February. Last month, they discussed the thriller "Freedomland" starring Samuel L. Jackson and Julianne Moore.

Ruth Daniels, vice president, sales and marketing, Emagine Theater, actually started the program at the Maple Theater in 1994, and it moved with her when she began working at the Star Theater.

After the program was no longer offered at the Star, she was welcome to have it return at Emagine.

"I think it's a great program," Daniels said. "Since I was initially involved in creating it, it was a natural progression for it to come back to me," she said. "I'm thrilled to have it."

Next movie on March 30

On March 30, the group will watch and discuss "Take the Lead" starring Antonio Banderas. "He plays a guy who teaches inner-city kids how to ballroom dance," Long said, who added that the new release follows in the wake of the successful documentary "Mad Hot Ballroom," an independent film.

Long said Reel Talk has 600-700 members and that the turnout was good for the first meeting in Novi at the Emagine.

"It was packed," he said. "We had about 80 new people sign up," he said.

Members pay \$40 and can see 12 movies. The discussion group meets once a month on the third or fourth Thursday of the month. Once you become a member, you're issued a card, and you e-mail or call in your reservation.

Although seating is limited since the theater is still open to other viewers, "We've never had to turn anyone away," Long said.

A short discussion immediately follows the viewing.

"We talk about the movie informally," Long said. "It's not very academic."

"What we generally do is talk about whether the movie is successful, why it's successful or why not and the quality of the acting. We also talk about the theme of the movie and try to relate it to other movies like it."

Long noted that he doesn't express his opinion during the discussion.

"I never tell people what I think," he said. "I don't want to start any arguments," he said. "I



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Tom Long
Moderator, Reel Talk

just try to get people to talk about what they liked or did not like about the film."

Generally, Long knows by the first of the month what that month's film will be.

Long has a degree in aesthetics studies, which is basically

training in criticism, from the University of California at Santa Cruz.

He has worked at the Detroit News for nine years and has been a full-time film critic for three years, watching about 250 movies a year. "I love doing Reel Talk," Long

said. "I like going out and talking to people. It gives me a better sense of how audiences react to things. It's a really check for me."

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'Shavees' collect over \$20k

St. Baldrick's Day event combats cancer

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER



Photo by PAM FLEMING

They came, they donated, they got their heads shaved.

More than 60 women and men reared some hats Saturday afternoon after they had their hair cut for a cause at the first annual St. Baldrick's Day at the Walled Lake Fire Hall.

The event, organized by Jameson and Emily MacBeth of Walled Lake, who lost their 2-year-old daughter, Fanlan, to cancer in 2002, raised more than \$20,000 for cancer research.

Stylists from Wixom Hair Care, including Annette Krzykowski of Commerce Township, volunteered their time to clip the coils of those who dared.

Hair from the fund-raiser will be donated to Locks of Love, a nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children age 18 and under suffering from long-term medical hair loss.

The youngest "shavee" was 14-year-old Dwayne Poole of Wolverine Lake, a Walled Lake Middle School student whose mother, Carolyn, has cancer. "I just wanted to do this for her," he said.

The MacBeths lost their daughter to non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and the Walled Lake event was in her honor.

This was the third year Emily

MacBeth had her head shaved on St. Baldrick's Day. The MacBeths have two healthy children — sons Derry, 4, and Kieran, 2, who were present at last Saturday's fund-raiser.

"This is incredible," Emily MacBeth said. "We far surpassed our goal."

This was the seventh year for St. Baldrick's events across the country. The event began in New York when three Irishmen took donations to have their heads shaved at a party.

Today, the fund-raisers have raised more than \$12 million nationwide for cancer research, with more than 16,000 heads shaved.

Donations are still being accepted by the St. Baldrick's Foundation through the end of the fiscal year for those who missed the event.

For more information, visit www.stbaldricks.org or call (888) 899-BALD.

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Protesters honor young woman killed supporting Palestinians

Michigan CAT in Novi site of event

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Novi was the site of a protest last week honoring the death of a young woman who died March 16, 2003, supporting the Palestinians' right to a homeland.

A coalition of human rights, peace and justice, and religious groups sponsored two events in the area last week to mark the anniversary of the Israeli murder by bulldozer of Rachel Corrie of Olympia, Wash.

Corrie was 23 when she was crushed beneath a U.S.-made Caterpillar while trying to protect the home of Palestinians from being destroyed.

In Detroit, a film poetry, readings from Corrie's letters and talk by Noura Erakat, legal advocate from the U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation, took place at Barn Hall last Wednesday.

In Novi, protesters, including Hassan Nowash, director of the Michigan Citizens for Palestinian Rights in Dearborn, gathered outside Michigan CAT headquarters on Novi Road last Thursday.

Corrie, a student at Evergreen State College in Olympia, was in Palestine as a volunteer peace activist when she was killed.

"We are exposing the actions of the Israelis against the Palestinian

civilian population using the Caterpillar, which should be a product for farms and producing food," Nowash said.

"Instead, it has been transformed into a war machine overseas. We invite Caterpillar to do something about it."

Lawsuit filed

The Center for Constitutional Rights and partnering law firms filed a federal lawsuit against Illinois-based Caterpillar, Inc. last week on behalf of Corrie's parents.

The suit alleges that the company violated international and state law by providing specially designed bulldozers to Israeli Defense Forces that it knew would be used to demolish homes and endanger civilians.

"Even though it's been three years since her death, she's not been forgotten," said Kristine Corrie of Grosse Pointe, an American who formerly lived in the Gaza Strip and Israel and is an advocate for Palestinians' right to a homeland.

"Her death has been a catalyst to keep us fighting for the rights of Palestinians," Corrie said. "We do it in part in Rachel's memory but also for the rights of Palestinians."

What greater way to honor someone that to keep alive the work that they were doing."

"As an American company, Michigan CAT strongly supports the protesters exercising their First Amendment right to free speech and free assembly," said Matt Zabiega, Michigan CAT



Protesters from across the area collected over the Novi Michigan CAT headquarters last Thursday.

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spokesperson. "Michigan CAT is not a division or a subsidiary of Caterpillar, but an independent, family-owned, authorized dealer of Caterpillar equipment."

"We do sympathize, however, with all of those affected by unrest in the Middle East."

Corrie said more than 20,000 homes have been crushed or damaged in Palestine since the occupation began in 1948 when Israel declared its independence and began to push 700,000 Palestinians from their homes.

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Novi Police mourn death of Starnes, retired captain

Funeral held in Rogers City

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Plans were flown at half mast Monday morning following the death of retired Novi Police Captain Robert Starnes Jr. on Sunday in Rogers City.

Starnes, who lived in Rogers City for about 15 years, was 70. He died of cancer.

Born May 7, 1935, in Detroit to Robert Starnes Sr. and Grace Starnes, he was a member of the Novi Lions Club.

Molloy, who planned the funeral, said Starnes was a member of the Novi Police Officers Association and was a member of the Novi Lions Club.



R. Starnes

Starnes was awarded the department's Purple Heart and the first ever Medal of Honor during the department's 50th anniversary celebration on Aug. 28, 2004.

The Purple Heart is presented to those injured in the line of duty. The Medal of Honor is awarded for extraordinary heroism in the face of great risk to one's life.

The awards stemmed from an incident on July 30, 1968, that led to him being abducted by five teenagers during a traffic stop, who beat him and discharged his gun several times in his head.

The kidnapping ended in a standoff in Lyon Township, where Starnes was eventually rescued.

He was a modest man

Starnes is survived by six children: Robert III, James, William, Cynthia Griffin and Katherine; 13 grandchildren; and a brother, James.

"He was a modest man," said his son, James, an Oakland County Sheriff's deputy for 26 years.

Grandson wore his insignia

When James' son, Brett, joined the U.S. Army and graduated from Ft. Knox, the base his grandfather

Moved to Novi from Detroit

The Starnes moved to Novi from Detroit's far east side and lived on the southwest corner of 12 Mile and Novi roads in the former Sarah Flint house.

"He was a good administrator," Betts said. "He was very serious and took his job seriously. I think he'll be remembered as a person who combined excellent police work with great administrative talents."

Was someone else's date

His widow, Pat, said they met when she was someone else's blind date, but he danced one dance with her.

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Police seek arson charges against two Novi residents

By Dan Trudeau
GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

South Lyon Police held a pair of South Lyon High School students on Monday in connection with arson that closed the school and caused extensive damage to the auditorium last Thursday.

After being questioned by police, the students were released to the custody of their parents.

South Lyon Police Chief Lloyd Collins said they will be petitioned to Oakland Probate Court, where they could face charges as juveniles, Collins said.

One suspect is a 16-year-old female Novi resident. The other is a 15-year-old male Novi resident. Both are under indefinite suspension from school, Collins said.

At Monday night's meeting of the South Lyon Community Schools' Board of Education, district Superintendent Bill Pearson said the two suspected students came close to offering a full confession.

Six seats in the balcony were burned, spreading smoke damage throughout the auditorium. A sprinkler system extinguished the fire, causing water damage as well.

Water also flowed into nearby classrooms and a choir room, but was cleaned up by late Thursday, Meister said clean-up alone for the auditorium will take about 30 days and cost thousands of dollars. About 150 seats are being removed from the balcony to be cleaned or refurbished.

Juvenile pleads guilty

A juvenile pleaded guilty Monday morning in Oakland Circuit Court for assaulting a Novi teen Sept. 17, 2005, at Fountain Walk shopping center.

The juvenile appeared in the Oakland Circuit Court Family Division.

Det. Kevin Gilmore of the Novi Police Department was present as the person charged with the crime and the victim.

The incident occurred when three Novi teenagers who were waiting at the shopping center responded verbally to a comment yelled from a passing car full of other young people.

Occupants of the car then exited the vehicle and assaulted two of the teenagers, one of whom suffered a broken jaw. The other teenager was not seriously injured.

Sentencing in the case will be April 25.

"The juvenile who committed the assault has been ordered by the court to not visit Fountain Walk at least until he is sentenced," Gilmore added.

The detective said the suspect was identified by police after extensive interviews with teenagers in neighboring communities.

Victim robbed outside Bank One

Police are searching for a man who stole \$2,300 from a Bank One patron at 43100 Grand River Avenue in Novi at about 9:15 a.m. Monday.

The suspect is described as a black male in his early 20s, 5 foot 10 inches tall, with a thin build and full "pouty" lips.

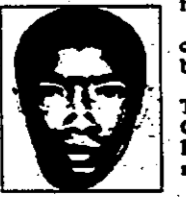
He had no facial hair, spoke clearly and was wearing dark, baggy clothing.

The victim had driven from Twelve Oaks Mall to the Bank One branch, located on Grand River Avenue near Novi Road, to make a business deposit.

As the victim began to exit the vehicle, the patron was next by the suspect, who was standing by the opened door of the vehicle.

The suspect demanded the person's deposit and asked if the patron had any more money. The suspect left in an unknown direction; no vehicle information is known.

Any department with a similar incident or investigative leads is encouraged to contact Det. Serrod Hax, Novi Police Department, at (248) 347-0204.



Suspect

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Students want to paint the town

Novi High graduate takes to the streets, seeking help

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

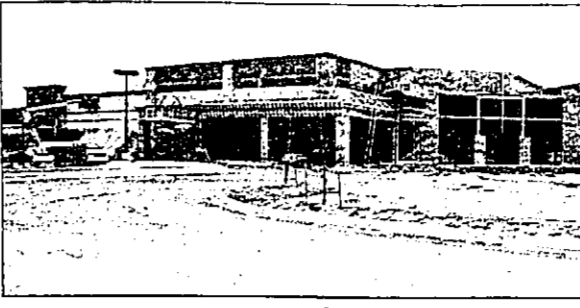
Novi resident Mike Walker and his crew are ready to paint the town — literally.

Walker became a branch manager for Student Painters in October 2004 and was promoted to regional manager this year. He has already overseen the painting of several homes in the Novi/Northville area.

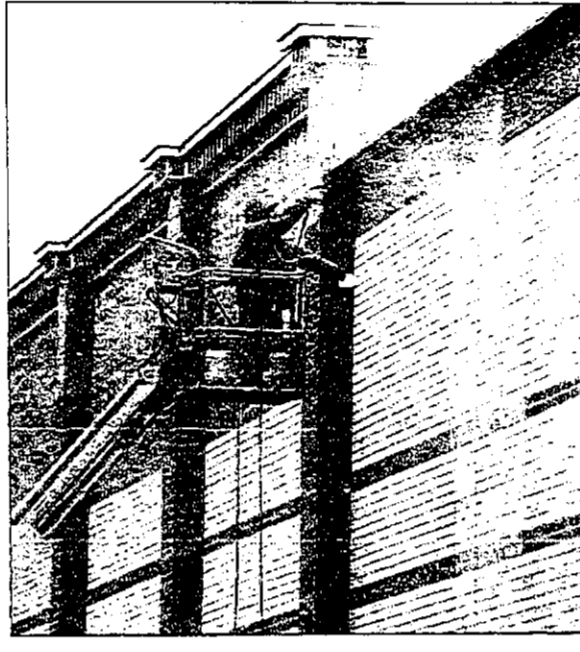
A business student, Walker graduated from Novi High School in 2004 and attended Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo for one semester. He then returned to Novi enrolled at Henry Ford Community College.

He plans to finish his undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan Dearborn after receiving an associate's degree at HFCC.

Originally, he was given two branch managers to oversee. But one dropped out two days before training, so he now has only one person under him — Zach Smith of West Bloomfield who attends Michigan State University and covers the West Bloomfield and Walled Lake area.



Soon-to-be Sam's Above, the new Sam's Club store will be located at the southeast corner of Grand River and Wixom Road. Below, a worker puts the finishing on a brick wall of the facility.



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assist in the training and provide information," he said.

Walker believes his experience as a manager during his college years will give him an edge over other graduates when it comes time to start his business career.

"A college degree alone just isn't enough now," Walker said. "As a student painter, you gain real-life experience. I ran a \$50,000 business last summer."

"This summer, he hopes to kick it up to \$75,000-\$100,000.

The company offers free painting estimates plus provides liability and workman's compensation insurance.

He answers the call

Walker said he learned about Student Painters while attending Western Michigan University.

"I answered a phone call at the dorm, when an interviewer, they invited me back for a second interview and hired me," Walker said.

"To be a manager, students have to be age 18 or older. You can't be out of college, however, to be hired into the program," Walker said.

It's a year-long business, and everyone in the company recruits and trains their own branch managers.

Walker feels that day he answered the phone in his dorm was his lucky day.

"I love it," he said. "It's the best thing that every happened to me. I want to start my own company, and this will give me valuable experience that I can't gain just from going to college."

Branch and regional managers don't actually do the painting. They obtain leads, hire painters and organize the jobs.

"We do all the marketing and job estimates, too," he said.

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Plymouth Whalers marketing specialist Rob Murphy gets some help from Novi Middle School student Casey Loisel as he explains how to host sell a hockey team to the public. Murphy and others were at the school for its annual Career Day and told the kids that, "people buy things from others they feel comfortable with."



Career Day teaches middle school students about real life

■ Making good money choices one of many lessons learned

By Ramez Khuri

speakers who represented different careers.

The reality store is a company that runs through a game with students. Students choose a career. They learn how much money they're going to make in a month, and they have 12 choices to make regarding how they're going to spend that money.

"I think the students are realizing how much everything costs," said Schramm. "Every child wants to come in and buy a brand new convertible. Well, four students down they're out of money because the brand new convertible costs \$200 more a month than a used convertible. They're realizing how the different choices affect them."

Each guest speaker in the seventh grade had a student guide who introduced them and told their biography. Students saw four 25-minute presentations.

"Life is a lot harder than I thought it would be," said Mech. "You would think \$2,000 is a lot, but it's really not."

The life lessons learned also included how much children cost. Schramm told a story about how one student told her they

speakers who represented different careers.

"Another student said they were going to say their child ran away."

"It was difficult," said Slack. "I didn't really have that much money left after I went through Career Day. In fact, I had to take out a loan."

Slack feels Career Day benefits himself and his fellow students by better preparing them for what life will be like in the future.

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

St. Paul's auction

St. Paul's Lutheran School, in downtown Northville, will be holding its annual school auction at 6 p.m. Saturday at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Proceeds from the auction will be used to cover school operating expenses. For more information contact the school office at (248) 349-3146.

Automation Alley to support RARE foundation

Automation Alley, which drives the growth and image of southeast Michigan's technology economy, encourages students to participate in this year's "Everyday Hero" student essay competition presented by the RARE foundation in partnership with Automation Alley, Detroit Newspapers in Education and Your Child. Students in grades six through 12 have the opportunity to win savings bonds and other valuable awards by nominating their "Everyday Hero" in a three-page essay. Awards include \$300-\$200-\$100 savings bonds for the top essays in each grade level, plus the top essay in each of six categories: Business and Management, Human Resources, Research and Technology, Health Services and Natural Resources will be considered by RARE for its Everyday Hero Award that includes a \$1,000 honorarium for the winner. Essays are due Tuesday.

William J. Branstrom award

March 29 and winners will be announced in May. Recipients of the RARE Award will also have their stories documented in print and video and made available free to schools, mentoring programs and community organizations that serve youth. Nominations for the RARE Award are also open to the public. Details can be found at www.rarefoundation.com. For more information, contact Jenette Stump at (313) 222-8653.

The award recognizes the top five percent of freshman students who maintain a 4.0 grade point average while completing at least 14 credit hours. In addition, Rowe is on the Dean's list for academic excellence. Rowe is a current University of Michigan-Dearborn student, where she received a Salutarian scholarship. She will be transferring to the Ann Arbor campus in the fall to begin pre-veterinary requirements before completion of her degree at Michigan State University.

ON CAMPUS

Novi resident Armon Jalung, Jr. will be listed in the 2006 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Novi resident Kenneth Delgrosso was among the December 2005 graduates during commencement exercises at Kettering University.

Novi resident Jennifer Brownell was among the graduates of Eastern Michigan University during August 2005 commencement exercises. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tomaskowski of Novi and the daughter of the late Nancy Tomaskowski Brownell. Novi resident Arlie Jirascek is on the executive board of the Northwood University 2006 Style Show. She is a sophomore pursuing a degree in entertainment, sport and promotion management. Adam Noble, of Novi, is a member of Western Michigan University's Integrated Supply Matrix Management Program team that took top honors in the 2006 APICS Case Competition in February.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

• Meadowbrook

Congregational Church will return to the video series "Questions of Faith." The video is approximately 30 minutes long and will be followed by discussion. Each class will meet Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Meadowbrook is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi. The church can be reached at 248-348-7757 or at www.mbcce.org.

Normal Sunday worship service at 10 a.m.

For further information, ask for the Rev. Dr. E. Neil Hunt, Minister of Meadowbrook.

• The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

offers a worship service every Wednesday from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Come and share your lunch hour with God at a worship service that includes scripture and Holy Communion. The church invites all to worship Sundays at 7:45 and 10 a.m. Nursery care is available at 10 a.m. worship service. (The nursery is coordinated by a registered pediatric nurse.) Adult Bible Study is Sundays at 9 a.m. Worship Center for children ages 3-7, and Sunday School is at 10 a.m.

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

• St. James Catholic Church

is located at 46323 10 Mile Road, Novi, Call (248) 347-7778.

• First United Methodist Church of Northville will be hosting a community-wide healing service, called Prayers for Healing of Body, Mind, Relationship and Spirit on the first Monday of each month. This service of hope is open to the Northville/Novi community and persons of all faiths who desire to ask God for healing in their life, or that of someone they hold dear.

A one day women's retreat will be held 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. Registration begins at 9:30 that morning. The \$20 fee includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Church worship hour schedules are as follows: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. on Sundays. The church is located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road (at Tenth Road), Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-1144, or visit www.funm-northville.org.

• The Holy Family Church is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Road, between Grand River and 10 Mile Road. Call (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org.

• St. John Lutheran Church will hold Holy Week services: 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 13; 7:30 p.m. Good Friday, April 14; Service of Shadows, April 16; Easter Sunday services are: 8:30 a.m. Early Service; 9:50 a.m. Praise Service; 11 a.m. Late Service.

The church is located at 23225

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will host a community-wide devotional gathering focusing on prayers for peace at 11 a.m. on the last Saturday of each month at the home of the Klans, 23003 Ripple Creek Street, Novi. Interested parties are asked to call in advance, (248) 473-0355. People of all faiths are welcome. "The earth is but one country and mankind its citizens."—The Baha'i Faith. For more information, visit www.usbahai.org.

• Crosspointe Meadows Church incites Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School. Services are at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Fresh brewed hot coffee is available from 10-10:30 a.m. The church also has children's programs for all ages and a nursery available.

The church is located at 29200 Meadowbrook Road, just south of 13 Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 427-3700 Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or www.crosspointemeadows.org.

• St. Paul Lutheran Church in Northville will be studying the best selling book, "Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren during Lent. Over 13,000 churches nationwide have gone through this campaign. St. Paul is hoping to bring this book and study to homes locally. Those who already bought the book and are looking

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• The First Presbyterian Church of Northville, March 30. David Blake will showcase his musical gifts and discuss the Five Languages of Love by Gary Chapman. The five stages of love

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OBITUARIES

ISABEL C. COLLINS

Passed away peacefully March 19 at age 86. She was preceded in death by her husband Wm. T. "Rip" Collins. Dear mother of William T. (Renee), Jeanne (Terry) Lajovic, John F. (Joyce) and Michael C. (Donna) Isabel also leaves 8 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Four remarkable Sisters, extensive family and many friends to celebrate her life. Visitation at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River Nov 1-248-348-1800 Thursday 2-9 Scripture Service Thursday at 7:30. Funeral Liturgy at Holy Family Church 24505 Meadowbrook Nov Friday 11:00 am. Isabel's wishes are for memorials to the American Lung Association 25900 Greenfield # 401 Oak Park MI 48237 or Angela Hospice 14120 Hartburgh Livonia MI. 48154-5010 On Line sympathy message at www.obrien-sullivanfuneralhome.com

RITA L. LEDGER

Age 64, March 14, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Warren. Dear mother of Paula (John) Harris, Karl (Tom) Malarky and Laura (Marco) Spadoni. Loving grandmother of Bradley, Emma, Trevor, Spencer, Chase, and Delaney. Sister of Carol, Michael, Charles (Phyll) Baloga, Maribeth Baloga and Richard Baloga. Funeral mass was held at Holy Family Church on March 18th. Donations in Rita's memory can be made to Angela Hospice, 14120 Hartburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. Online sympathy message at www.obrien-sullivanfuneralhome.com



Photo by Frank Maynard

Crossover ceremony

Webelos Scouts from Cub Scout Pack 54 cross the bridge as they become Boy Scouts at a ceremony held at Novi Woods Elementary School last Thursday. The fifth graders, now students at Novi Meadows, all attended Novi Woods, and some had been Cub Scouts since first grade. They each hold a commemorative arrow symbolizing earning the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting, which they received earlier this month. Shown left to right are Parker Maynard, Alex Lee, Joey Leone, James Allen, Blake Reynolds and Jordan Horan. Not pictured is Krishnan Manivannan. The new Boy Scouts will continue their Scouting adventure as members of Novi's Troops 407 and 54.

WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. David Tardella

Leigh Kristine Hornung and David Joseph Tardella were married June 18, 2005 at Flushing Country Club, Flushing, Mich. in an outdoor ceremony. Darryl Harvey officiated the ceremony. A reception was held also at the Flushing Country Club.

The groom is the son of Julie and Dan Tardella of Novi. He is a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University and is a fourth grade teacher in Forsyth County, Ga.

The bride is the daughter of Debbie and Chuck Hornung of Flushing. She is a 2004 graduate of Grand Valley State University and is a second grade teacher in Forsyth County, Ga.

Jenni Lampron is the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Lindsay Anan, Kelly Lynch and Christina McGuire.

The best man was Brian Trost. Serving as groomsmen were Brooks Youngblood, Joel Hornung and Andy McGuire.

The couple honeymooned in Mexico and will make their home in Duluth, Georgia.

NAMES IN NEWS



Patricia Nalda

Remenic United Realty announced that Patricia Nalda was presented three awards for her achievements in 2005: Team Player, Top Listing Agent and Over \$6.5 Million in Sales.



David and Tanni Deutsch

David M. Deutsch, Master of Photography, Commerce Township will be presenting their program, "Getting Back to Basics," at the Montana Professional Photographers Association's annual convention. Mr. Deutsch will also be judging critics in the states print competition.

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Novi resident honored by Mott Comm. College

Flint school's longest running president served from 1970-80

By Ramez Khuri
SFFWRITER



Photo by JONI HEDGECOCK/Novi News

Dr. Charles Pappas, a resident of Fox Run in Novi, was honored by Mott Community College recently when the school's Presidential Conference Center was named in his honor.

"I contacted me over a year ago and talked about the possibility of honoring me," said Pappas, the school's longest standing president. "We were up there and I had a nice plaque from the governor and two Congressmen were there."

Pappas said he wasn't surprised by receiving an honor because of his prior knowledge of it, but he didn't know what kind of honor it was going to be.

"My wife and I had no idea they were going to name a building after me," he said. "We were very happy about it."

In addition to serving as Mott's president from 1970-80, Pappas was on the Mott Community College School Board for six years after retiring.

In addition, Pappas has won several different awards over the years. He received the Walter P. Reuther Award, the second highest honor of the United Auto Workers. He was also one of the first in the country to start a weekend college.

"That allowed adults to go to college at non-traditional times," said Pappas. "I also became the first president of community college to add programs for the deaf."

Pappas worked with the Michigan School for the Deaf which was offering kindergarten through 12th grade education. During his tenure at Mott, the school was the first to provide a

gold card which allowed people over 60 to go to school at no cost, a practice that is now done in most community colleges.

Mott was also one of the first colleges to start the open-door policy, which meant it allowed anyone to go to school whether they had a high school diploma or not.

Many of the programs Pappas initiated are now standard at most community colleges. It was his innovation, drive, belief in access

and leadership that elevated community colleges into a force in higher education.

Pappas has been happily married to his wife, Sydel, for the last 61 years. They have three sons, Norman, Edward and Richard, and eight grandchildren.

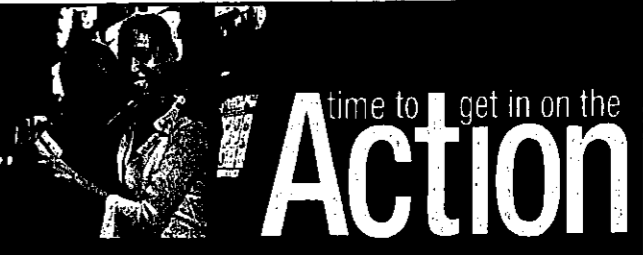
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SENIORS

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Friday 3/24	8:45 a.m. Pancra Bread	2:20 p.m. Message
9 a.m. Stretch and Strength	Body Recall	
10 a.m. Lunch		
12:30 p.m. Dapt. Bridge		
12:30 p.m. Bingo		
2-2:30 p.m. Massage		
Monday 3/27	9 a.m. Stretch and Strength	
10 a.m. Body Recall		
12:30 p.m. Lunch		
2-2:30 p.m. Massage by appointment		
6:30 p.m. Clotting*		
Tuesday 3/28	8:30 a.m. Pancra Bread	
9 a.m. Line Dance*		
10 a.m. Asian Pacific		
12:30 p.m. Lunch		
12:45 p.m. Bingo held in activities room		
Wednesday 3/29	9 a.m. Stretch and Strength	
10 a.m. Body Recall		
11 a.m. Blood Pressure		
11 a.m. Taking Off Fouads Scouting class		
11:30 p.m. Clotting*		
noon Lunch		
2-2:30 p.m. Massage		
Thursday 3/30	9 a.m. Line Dance*	
9 a.m. Medicare Part D Assistance by appointment		
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Income Taxes by appointment		
noon Lunch		
12:15 Contract Bridge*		
1-2 p.m. Line Dance		
1-3 p.m. Computer Lab open		
2-2:30 p.m. Massage		

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To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan Notice is hereby given that Monday, APRIL 3, 2006 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above election.

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By Mail:

- Obtaining and completing a Mail-In Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official listed below by the close of registration deadline, APRIL 3, 2006 or contacting: Marianne Cornelius, City Clerk, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 (248) 347-0456

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10 steps to a safer, drug-free workplace

Most drug users are employed, and when they arrive for work, they don't leave their problems at the door. Some absences, accidents and errors are obvious. Others, such as low morale and high illness rates, are less so, but their effects may be equally harmful. Small businesses are often burdened with these costs, since they often do not have the resources to address the problem. In fact, according to the United States Department of Labor, 87 percent of full-time employed illicit drug users work for businesses with less than 500 employees. More than 40 percent work for businesses with less than 25 employees.

To protect your business and employees, consider the following 10 reasons to establish a drug-free workplace policy.

1. Creating a policy is easy: It can be as simple as adding a drug-free provision to an employee handbook stating, "Employees are prohibited from unlawfully consuming, distributing, possessing, selling, or using controlled substances while on duty. In addition, employees may not be under the influence of any controlled substance, such as drugs or alcohol, while at work, on company premises or engaged in company business. Prescription or over-the-counter medications, taken as prescribed, are an exception to this policy. Anyone violating this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination." All policies should be in writing and effectively communicated to all employees.

2. Reduce workplace injuries: One in six workplace deaths, and one in four workplace injuries, involve drugs or alcohol use. Implement clear rules and communicate the consequences of using drugs or alcohol during work.

3. Improve productivity: Employees who frequently use drugs or alcohol tend to miss work or run late more often than non-users. Additionally, those who use drugs are twice as likely to change employers three or more times in a year than non-users. A drug-free policy holds workers accountable.

4. Establish safe, healthy work environments: Show your desire and commitment to having a safe, healthy work environment.

5. Decrease workers' compensation claims: The National Institute of Drug Abuse found that substance users cost employers twice as much in workers' compensation and medical expenses as non-users. Additionally, substance abusers are five times more likely to file workers' compensation claims.

6. Decrease workers' compensation premiums: To encourage businesses to implement drug-free workplace programs, some states, such as Florida, Georgia, Texas, Virginia and Washington, have passed laws that enable businesses to receive workers' compensation insurance premium credits of as much as 10 percent, if they employ a drug-free workplace program.

7. Educate employees about the effects of drug use on the company: A drug-free workplace program should contain an educational component that informs employees on the health and safety risks drug use imposes on all employees. You should also point out to employees the costs drug use has on your company's bottom line, productivity and increased health-care costs.

8. Show employees you have a vested interest in them: By providing helpful resources, such as confidential hotline numbers or names of treatment centers, to assist employees who have substance abuse problems, you show your commitment to seeing your employees get help and improve their quality of life.

9. Overall cost savings improve the bottom line: Benefits from implementing a drug-free workplace program include lower absenteeism, increased productivity, reduced workers' compensation filings and fewer accidents. More discrete savings include improved employee morale, creativity and emotional stability.

10. Federal government contracts: If your business wants to contract with the government, you must have a drug-free policy in place, mandated by the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1998. The Department of Transportation requires companies operating any commercial vehicle in interstate commerce to have a drug-free workplace policy.

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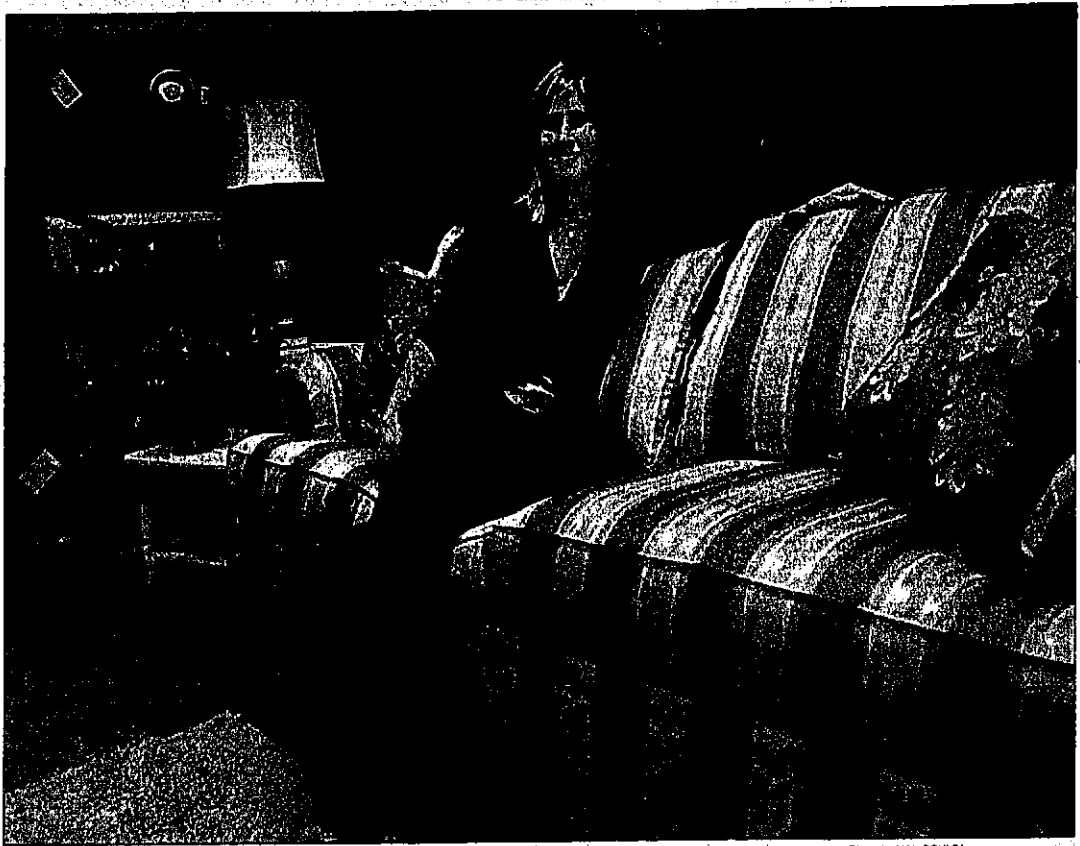


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Chris Meredith uses friendly customer service and unique interior design ideas to make "Your Nesting Place" feel like home.

Be unique: Your Nesting Place

■ Unique Milford store offers friendly service, fresh design ideas

By Annette Jaworski
SPECIAL WRITER

Even after 11 successful years in business, Chris Meredith is amazed to find there are still area residents who haven't checked out her popular Main Street shop. True, a faithful following has developed for Your Nesting Place. In fact, many travel from neighboring communities to explore their one-of-a-kind merchandise. At this point, she doesn't want to be Milford's best kept secret any longer.

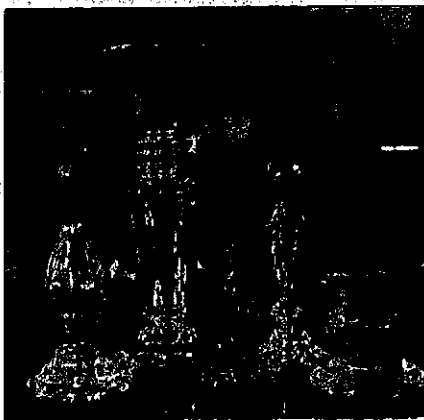
"I want to stand on the roof and holler 'Come check us out!'" said Meredith. "We're not snobbish and we're not expensive. We have expertise, quality furnishings and we're not going to hound you."

She sees trucks from the big box stores pass by, and wonders why people haven't checked out their downtown merchants first. It's time to clear up the misconceptions.

"You can find exactly what you're looking for and we're your neighbor," she emphasized. "We have thousands of samples for custom design, or if you're in a hurry you can purchase a sample right off the floor."

Affordable style

Meredith stresses that although they offer the latest



merchandise on the cutting edge of home fashion, there's something to suit everyone's taste, and great quality is guaranteed. Yes, many ideas are fresh and funky, but there are equally as many items with a more traditional flair. Plus they're affordable.

"We're fashionable, but we're sure that what you choose will stand the test of time."

Not only do you get good quality at a fair price, Your Nesting Place offers something the big box stores can't - their flair for style and personal attention. Meredith and her staff provide expert advice on pulling it all together. You won't find that personalized service or distinctive style elsewhere.

"The big box stores are not going to give you their personal time and extra touches. I mean, where else can you talk to the owner? I'm involved in every detail of the business. I know as a consumer that's important to me," she said.

Let's say you shop out of state and it comes in damaged, you don't have an advocate to help you out. Those who don't deal directly with Meredith at Your Nesting Place are in good hands with her knowledgeable staff. Her mother "big Chris" has now joined the staff adding her unique creative talent, and "she's great for putting things together," adds her daughter.

Sizes for every need

With a gallery of Flexsteel furniture and over 2,000 samples, you can easily build the décor of a single room or an entire home. On the other hand, you can also find a unique \$10-\$20 gift. Your Nesting Place now carries their own line of custom candles, with inviting new scents. As always, when shopping here, if something catches your eye, take it with you. With one-of-a-kind merchandise, chances are it'll disappear quickly.

YOUR NESTING PLACE

Store Hours:
• Monday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
• Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
• Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
• Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
• Closed Sunday

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Mercury glass fixtures are among the many unique offerings at Your Nesting Place, located in downtown Milford.

What's New?

Just fresh in from the latest home furnishing shows, Your Nesting Place is bringing in a springy cheerful look to chase away the winter blues. Meredith's observations? Furniture has cleaner look, with simpler more modern lines - a neat and tidy look. Brown, orange, and aqua are popular new colors. Look for unexpected design sideboard/bookcase in a non traditional material - like distressed stainless steel. Coral prints are hot. Your Nesting Place has a set of four in beautifully mirrored frames. Mercury glass, a hot new item in the marketplace can be found throughout the store.

Your Nesting Place now features several areas where she groups like items together in little vignettes, for example gardening items, candles, etc. And as always, she is a great source

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Chris Meredith
Owner, Your Nesting Place

for design ideas, with groupings that illustrate how to put together a stylish decor. Unlike uptight designers, Chris' down to earth attitude welcomes others to be inspired. After all, it's the highest compliment she could be paid.

"I'm not afraid of copycats because that means they like what they see," she explained. Floor models are currently on sale for up to 60 percent off. Check the windows for other sales/specials. New merchandise is arriving continuously following the design shows.

Design Associate Jeanne Imboden agrees. "The store has never looked this good!"

Explore Your Nesting Place at 332 North Main Street in downtown Milford. They welcome customers to stop by frequently as the landscape changes daily. Free parking is available at Milford Auto Parts, just have the ticket validated.

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OFF THE DEEP END

Diver Chris Alberty breaks record at high school level by his brother

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Chris Alberty broke his second record at the state level in his ear. The record was familiar. It was the same record that Alberty could have bragged about what his brother. Instead he took a deep breath and told Mike Alberty. He had broken his

"It wasn't as easy as I thought it would be," Alberty said. "I had wanted to do it earlier in the season, but I couldn't. I had to kick it up a notch. I was starting to get a little worried because it came down to the last few dives."

The record came in the Kensington Valley Conference meet as Alberty took first place, earning 454.55 points over 11 dives. The mark shattered his brother's eight-year-old record of 411.65.

"It wasn't a new experience for Alberty, who also broke the six-dive record of his other brother, Steve."

"They supported me and stood behind me every step of the way," Alberty said. "They didn't want anyone else to break it. They wanted to keep the record in the family."

It wasn't the only goal Alberty earned this year. For a few years he's talked of finishing in the top five at the state finals. This year, he did it.

He came into the regional ranked 13th overall before climbing to seventh for the state finals. There, he put on one of his best performances of the year and finished fifth, beating out last year's champion and a diver favored to win the event.

Though it wasn't his best diving of the year, Alberty said he was happy with his results.

"I was ecstatic," he said. "I knew coming into this year I was behind because I knew other kids had dives that I didn't. I was so excited to see myself move up like that."

Alberty has constantly had the motto of just doing the best he can. It's something that has helped him through some rather rough times. An injury hampered him early in his career and it took a lot of hard work, including diving on Sundays at Eastern Michigan University, to even get back in stride with other divers.

The hard work paid off. Two records and an All-State selection aren't even the highlight of his senior year. Instead, earning All-American consideration with his dives is what he pegs as being the most exciting.

Currently he has sent in a tape of his best dive, which will be reviewed and judged again by a committee. That same committee will sort through all of the All-American consideration tapes sent in and the top 80 public school divers and the top 40 private school divers in the country will earn All-American recognition.

"It's definitely exciting to even have a chance at being an All-American," Alberty said. "If I get it, it's definitely the biggest highlight of the year."

But it's probably not the last accolade the Wildcat tanker will ever receive. He said he's considering several interested schools that would like him to come dive for their swim



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ABOVE: Novi High diver Chris Alberty recently finished fifth in the state competition in Ann Arbor.

RIGHT: Alberty takes a dive at Novi's pool, showcasing the form that earned him All-State and All-American consideration honors.

teams. In the coming weeks he has several recruitment trips scheduled to schools like Eastern Michigan University, Grand Valley State, Oakland University, Ohio, Clemson, Michigan and Michigan State.

He said strictly considering diving, Eastern Michigan would win out. If he strictly considered academics, then he said he'd lean toward Michigan State University. But it's a choice he hasn't made yet and one he said he'll make his time with.

Until then, Alberty has plenty to

keep him busy. He's involved in several extracurricular activities, including being the senior class president. Alberty is also a member of the track and field team under the guidance of coach Robert Smith.

This spring, when track is in full swing, Alberty said he'll be eyeing the pole-vault record. It's currently set at 13-feet-4.75-inches.

Though his personal best is only 12-6, Alberty said he has plenty of motivation to help him try and break the record — it's held by his brother, Mike.

Who knows, maybe Chris Alberty will be the only one of his siblings left in the record books by the time he graduates.

"I'm trying," he said with a laugh. "My brothers were always better than me when we were growing up. As I got older, I've tried harder to break their records. I just want to show them I can do all of those things as well as they did. Even better."

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Chris Alberty

Novi High School All-State and All-American Consideration Diver



NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY Novi earns several grappling nods

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Wrestling is one of those sports where you're either really, really good or you're not.

This season was a tough one for both the Northville Mustangs and the Novi Wildcats. Neither team advanced past the district, running into the powerhouse known as Catholic Central in the district tournament.

But that didn't mean the two teams didn't boast individual talent. The area happens to be chalked full of it.

Big Al

At 103 pounds, it's hard to describe anyone as "big," but Novi junior Al Vellathottam wrestles much bigger than what he is.

As an individual, Vellathottam earned a second-place showing in the district tournament, advancing as an individual to the regional where he bowed out.

But Vellathottam has a full year left ahead of him and he has high hopes. A state finals berth. A title.

Who knows what Vellathottam will be capable of come his senior year, but odds are he'll be in the running for all his goals and, of course, another berth on the All-Area wrestling team.

Bright future

Northville's wrestling team is experiencing some growing pains right now, finding itself as it builds a competitive program.

One wrestler who experienced some of the pains this year but will be around for the next two is sophomore Jonny D'Anna.

D'Anna comes from a line of Northville wrestlers who competed for titles and made names for themselves on the mat. He's continuing that tradition, nearly earning a berth to the regional tournament in the 119-pound division. An electrical outage during the district tournament came back on and the scoreboard indicated D'Anna was in the lead. He and his coach adjusted their strategy accordingly and when all was said and done, the official ruled against D'Anna and he lost by one point and failed to make the regional.

But D'Anna isn't deterred. He'll be back next year and he'll be looking to make sure that's a scenario that doesn't repeat itself again.

Mighty Jeremy Young

It's all about adjusting on the fly in the world of wrestling and

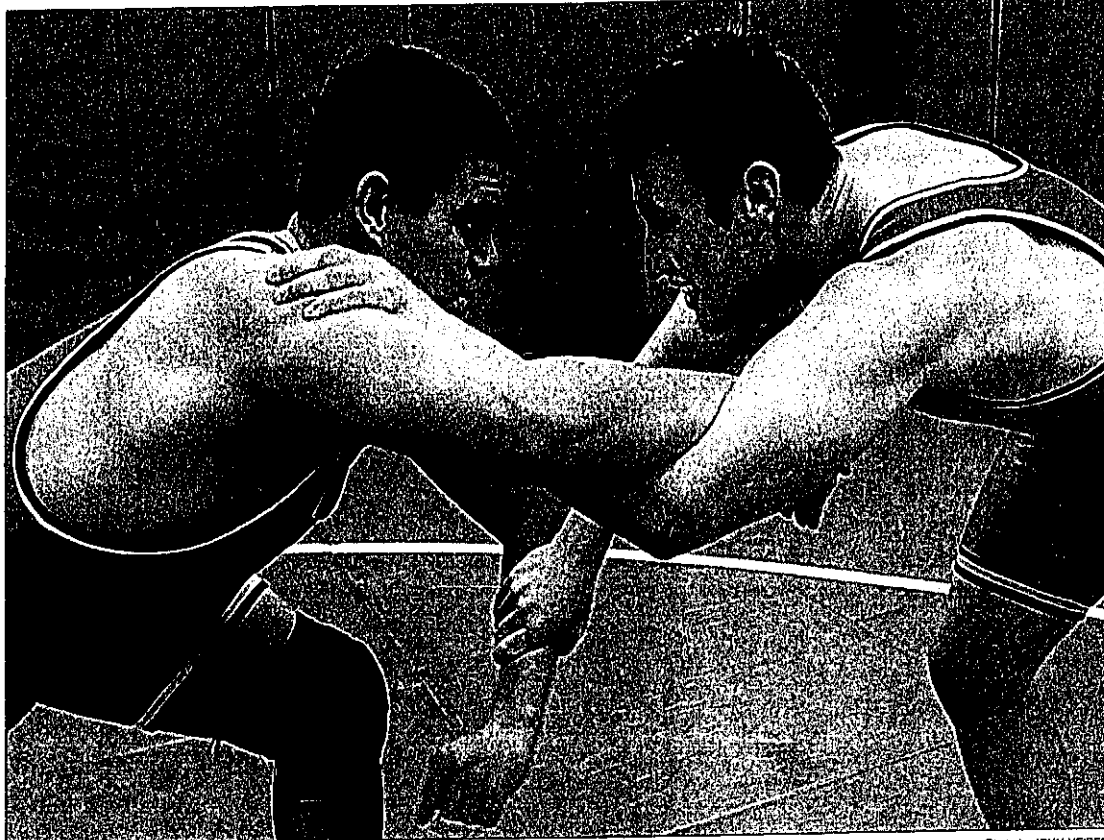


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Northville wrestlers Tim Resnick, left, and Grant Garber spar in the team's training room. Resnick earned All-Area honors this year.

few do that as well as Novi junior Jeremy Young.

Young wrestled in the 140-pound weight class this year, known for scrappy and quick grapplers, and he had plenty of success. This season he brawled his way to fourth in the district tournament, taking on some of the most talented wrestlers in the post-season event.

Young helped secure a name for himself this year and will be a factor in Novi's continued success next year.

Big name brawler

John Favorite is the kind of athlete that belongs on an All-Area team. He's tough, agile, fast and furious when the need calls for it.

Favorite wrestled this year in the 160-pound division, turning in a strong record while taking on some of the Kensington Valley

Conference's finest.

Though he didn't advance as far this year as last year, Favorite still made his mark by leaving an example for younger wrestlers to follow. As the team's captain, he helped lead them on their path of growth and advancement, helping build the foundation for future success at Novi High School.

We're going to miss Favorite next season, as he's been a repeat member of several All-Area teams and a great athlete to follow.

Oh, Danny boy!

Setting tough goals can sometimes lead to tough seasons. Novi senior Dan Sprys had high hopes this season, grappling in the 189-pound weight class. He wanted to win, to help his team and to build a reputation for himself as one of the area's top wrestlers.

The first goal didn't come easy,

especially with some of the best athletes in the area grappling in his division. The second was difficult because of the competitive nature of the Kensington Valley Conference. The third was a success.

Sprys has become known as an athlete with determination, determination and skill and he's a fine addition to the All-Area Dream Team.

From Dubai to Northville

Northville senior Tim Resnick brings plenty to the table. He's a talented wrestler, there's no doubt about that. Grappling at the 215-pound division, Resnick picked up 31 pins and made a run for the regional tournament.

He was a captain this year, helping build tradition and talent at Northville High School.

But what Resnick does is more than wrestle. His leadership style

All-Area Wrestling (other members)

- Player of the Year: Billy Curry (Milford)
- Kyle Liddell (Milford)
- Jason Rhodes (Milford)
- Brandon Duke (Lakeland)
- Jeremy Sherman (Lakeland)
- Alex Chandler (South Lyon)
- Mark Carliso (South Lyon)
- Joey Snyder (South Lyon)
- Chris Mauney (South Lyon)

makes him popular because he finds ways to make all the work, sweat and tears of wrestling fun. He cracks jokes, tells stories and makes friends.

Resnick moved to Northville from Dubai in the United Arab

Emirates two years ago. Their loss was Northville's and the All-Area team's gain.

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Wildcats get three Dream Team volleyball selections

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

In the world of high school volleyball, it's all about spikes, blocks and aces.

The squads at Northville and Novi have plenty of all three. Novi had some rough moments this year, struggling in an ever-improving Kensington Valley Conference while the Northville Mustangs earned their second Western Division title and made a run at the conference and district crowns.

Talent is something that's not lacking in the area and plenty of recognition is being handed out to both programs.

Volleyball is life

Jenna Kuhn, a Novi senior, has made a career out of being one of the best around when it comes to volleyball.

She's tenacious and she's furious and few players bring the same level of intensity to the game like she does. A captain for the Wildcats this year, Kuhn had hoped to make her final season her best. Individually she continued to stand above the crowd even as the team went through some growing pains as the younger members of the squad gained experience.

Though Kuhn's season didn't roll along as smoothly as many would have liked, she earned honors with an All-KVC selection and another All-Area nod.

No doubt about it

Has anyone seen Northville's Joanna Foss play? If not, you're missing out. She's quite the dominating player.

Foss stepped up this year, leading the Northville Mustangs to a back-to-back Western Division title. Foss helped them push along into a run for the conference crown before making another run at the district tournament title, where the season came to a close against state-ranked Churchill.

This season, Foss led her team in several categories, earning 105 blocks, 378 kills and a .398 kill percentage and an All-Region nod. She's also one smart cookie, earning an Individual Academic All-Region honor, too.

With a season left ahead of her, there's no doubt Foss will be looking to have another impact year and perhaps even another berth to the All-Area team.

Determination

Novi is lucky enough to have one of the most determined athletes in the entire area in Jessica Bamdt.

She's smart, talented and she can play with the best of them. Bamdt was an easy selection to this year's All-Area team. Her ability is only matched by her intensity, which is hard to believe when you meet her. She's normally all smiles and as friendly as they come, until she's competing, that is.

Bamdt earned All-Kensington Valley Conference honors this season, a tribute to how well she played despite going against some of the state's best volleyball talent.

What injury?

You'd never know it by watching Northville sophomore Krysta Cicala play, but she actually missed a big chunk of this season thanks to an unfortunate injury. But Cicala bounced back nicely.

Cicala notched some impressive numbers, including a .368 assist percentage and 71 total aces. Cicala also collected an All-Region nod despite being excluded from the All-WLAA squad. She did, however, earn an All-Western Division honor.

Big things are expected from Cicala in the coming years. She'll be a leader, a factor and a role player. Not to mention she'll probably have a couple of All-Area Dream Team spots waiting for her.

Another notable sophomore

There's nothing wrong with having a young All-Area team. It just means the future for the team's players represent — as well as the All-Area Dream Team — is bright.

Stephanie Cripps is a sophomore at Novi High School and has the potential to be one of the best volleyball players the Wildcats have ever had. She's tall, talented and determined. The key to her success this year was her ability. The key to her success in the coming years is going to be experience.

What a Daul!

When it comes to seniors, attitude is everything. Morgan Daul, a senior at Northville High School, has the right attitude at all the right times.

She's a very talented and deter-

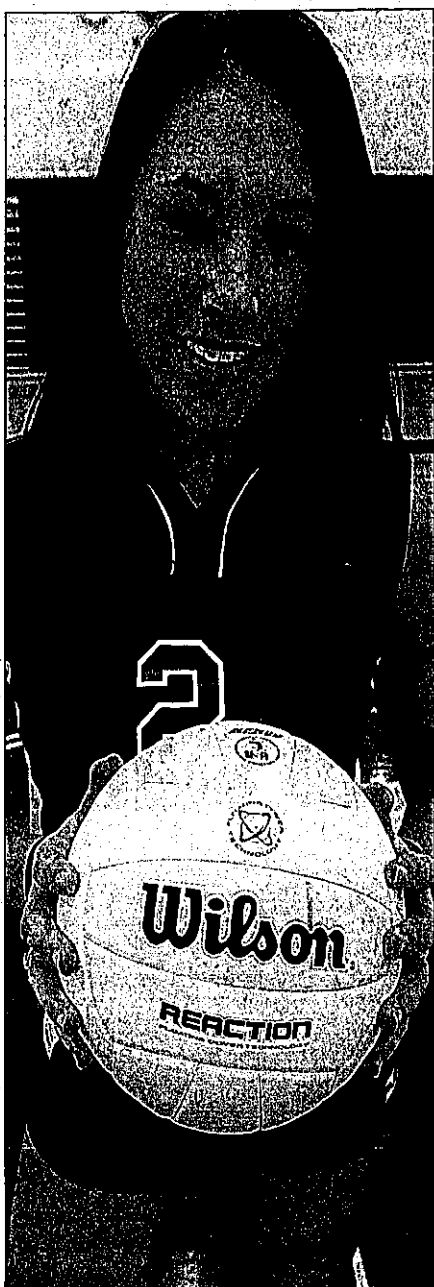


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Novi's Jenna Kuhn earned All-Area honors this season as one of the KVC's top players.

All-Area Volleyball First Team

- **Player of the Year**
Alex Priedilis, Milford
- Kati Westenberg, Milford
- Kera Dukic, Lakeland
- Audrey Sabourin, Lakeland
- Heidi Wick, Lakeland
- Brooke Ward, Lakeland
- Lauren Verbitsus, South Lyon
- Jenna Kuhn, Novi
- Jessica Bamdt, Novi
- Krysta Cicala, Northville
- Joanna Foss, Northville

All-Area Volleyball Second Team

- Kaitlyn Schultz, Milford
- Laura Adler, Milford
- Lauren Smith, Milford
- Laura Ward, Lakeland
- Hannah Stocker, Lakeland
- Emily Fallert, South Lyon
- Stephanie Cripps, Novi
- Morgan Daul, Northville
- Amanda Marquardt, Northville
- Kristin Ehehalt, Northville

mined athlete, and a smart one too. A 3.68 grade-point average placed her on the individual Academic All-Region team while her ability landed her an Honorable Mention All-Division nod and a first-team All-Region selection.

Daul also led the team with her severe percentage, collecting a .959 as one of the top servers in the entire area.

On the receiving end

When the serve is hit, there always looks to be a moment of adjustment as players move about the court to position themselves in just the right place to receive it.

Northville's Amanda Marquardt is always in the right spot. This year the Mustangs knew she would be in the right spot at the right time as she gathered an impressive .837 serve reception percentage. Thanks to her ability, teams' choices for where they could place the ball were greatly reduced.

Her ability earned her an All-Division Honorable Mention spot.

Senior leadership

Finding a senior who can step up and lead without worrying about personal gain is tough. Northville was lucky with their three captains this year, including Kristen Ehehalt.

Ehehalt knows the game of volleyball. She plays it as well as anyone else on the All-Area team but she does it with plenty of intelligence. Her 3.55 grade-point average was one of the top on the team, earning her All-Region academic accolades.

Beyond her ability on the court and in the classroom, Ehehalt had a genuine care for her team and the success of her teammates. Her team-work and her desire to make those around her better by being the best she can be made Ehehalt a natural choice for this year's All-Area squad.

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Currently in his eighth season as head coach, Tim McIntee has been at the forefront of the successful turnaround of the Manhattan men's lacrosse program. McIntee joined Manhattan after a stellar playing and coaching career on the collegiate, professional and international level.

Darryl Della is a certified US Lacrosse Progression Instructor, as well as a co-director of Run and Shoot Lacrosse Camps. Della coaches at Fairfield University where his duties include serving as Offensive Coordinator as well as, Recruiting Director for the Stags.

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Spring Learn to Skate at Novi

Novi Ice Arena will run an eight-week spring session of its Learn to Skate Program from March 8-May 13, 2006 (no classes April 12-23). Classes are offered Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and skate rental is available.

Learn to Skate students get a punch card for free admission to open skating at Novi Ice Arena throughout the program they are enrolled in. Classes will run once per week for 30 minutes with optional 30-minute practice sessions.

The following classes will be offered:

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- Snowplow Sam 1-3
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Open registration for Learn to Skate is underway and skate rental is available. The Learn to Skate Program is very popular so call the Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010 or visit www.noviicearena.com today to inquire about the proper class for your skater.

Sign up for Suburban Showdown

Team and individual registration is underway for the Suburban Showdown Youth Spring Hockey League. All West League games will take place at Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills and Novi Ice Arena, while all East League games will take place at Suburban Ice-Macomb and the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena.

Two divisions will be offered for team registration this year - the Gold division permits up to three players who competed at the A, AA, Junior Varsity or Varsity level during the 2005-06 season, while the Silver division does not allow players from those levels to compete. Teams will only play other teams in their division at the mite (1998-99 birth years), squirt (1997-97 birth years), pee wee (1994-95 birth years), bantam (1992-93 birth years) and midget (1990-91) age classifications. All teams will play 10 games plus playoffs and practice ice can be purchased at a discounted rate based on availability. Individual registrations are being accepted at

the mite, squirt, pee wee and bantam age classifications. Players who competed at the A, AA, AAA, Junior Varsity or Varsity levels are not eligible to compete. New this year is a girls division. All girls ages 7-14 are welcome to register, regardless of ability level. Players who sign up as individuals will participate in an evaluation skate to form teams, and will only play against other teams made up of individuals. Requests to play together will be honored whenever possible.

The Suburban Showdown Youth Spring League schedule will begin in April and end in mid-June, with no games during Spring Break, Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekend. All players in the Showdown will be eligible for a discount towards a Suburban Hockey Schools summer program if they register by April 30!

For more information, contact Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010 or go to www.noviicearena.com.

2006 pre-season baseball training camp

Rick Green, head coach of the Novi High School baseball team and winner of six consecutive KVC Championships (2000-05) is offering this fundamental camp for players ranging from 7-14 years old. Rick and his staff - Scott Combs, Mike Kocesi, Paul Sabol and the 2006 Varsity Team will instruct participating players in the following:

- Hitting
- Fielding
- Throwing fundamentals
- Pitching mechanics
- Base running
- Stretching/conditioning
- Video station and hand-outs included

The cost for each session is \$50 in advance/\$55 at the door. \$5 discount for registration of five or more players from the same team. Camp fee includes Novi Wildcat Baseball t-shirt. Pre-registration payment and application are due by March 15th.

Each player should be prepared to workout indoors and will need to bring their own glove, bat, and batting helmet. Baseball pants/sweats, athletic shoes (cross training or running) and athletic supporter/cup should be worn.

For more information, contact Jim Celeski at (248) 735-8781 or Doug Scott at (248) 374-6122.

Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp.

This camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls, ages 10-19, are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from every state and 18 countries attended the 2005 camp.

College basketball scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. Camp locations include: Lebanon, Tenn., Prescott, Ariz., Thousand Oaks, Calif., Sterling, Colo., Bridgeport, Conn., Babson Park, Fla., Gainesville, Ga., Champaign, Ill., North Manchester, Ind., Towson, Md., Ypsilanti, Glassboro, N.J., Schenectady, N.Y., Hickory, N.C., Commerce, Texas, Blacksburg, Va., Lyndonville, Va. and Beloit, Wis. For more information and a free brochure, call (704) 373-0873.

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Wildcats boast best player on Dream Team

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Detroit has long been known as Hockeytown and the high schools in Northville and Novi have done their best to become the little Hockeytowns.

Both areas boast plenty of hockey talent with the Mustangs and the Wildcats fighting their way into the post-season and as deep into the playoffs as they can.

This year the Northville Mustangs ran up against the eventual state champions, Brighton, in the regional finale while the Wildcats won their regional but bowed in the following round against a very talented Saline squad.

The two school have nothing to be ashamed of especially when it comes to this year's All-Area team. Both the Mustangs and the Wildcats are well represented.

Forget me not

You'd never guess it, but for two years straight Novi senior Steve Rousseau was omitted from the roster for the hockey preview.

Rousseau didn't let it get to him. A simple phone call reminding people he was actually on the team was all that was involved and then he went out to show why people shouldn't forget him.

This year he brought out his best, ending his career as the team's leading scorer with 37 goals and 11 assists. His numbers alone propelled him to the top of the All-Area list, earning him Player of the Year honors.

Player of the Year

"He's quite the player and he really stepped up for us," Novi coach Dan Phelps said. "Steve was on fire this year and he made a big difference for our team."

Rousseau was a key member of Novi's squad as he scored goal after goal to help lift them from what looked to be a finished season with a 3-6 mark heading into the Wildcats annual game against Northville. Novi won that game and set up a winning streak that took them into the playoffs and to a regional title. Their final loss came against Saline in the playoffs.

But Rousseau's impact isn't one that will be forgotten after he graduates this year. Instead, it's the kind of year coaches will point to and use as an example

of how a season isn't over until it's over and even the quietest player who is accidentally left off the roster can help lead his team to a regional title and the respect the Novi Wildcats deserve.

Repeat selection

There are few reasons why Derek Mohacsi wouldn't make the All-Area team and plenty reasons why he would.

A prolific scorer who managed 20 goals despite missing several games this season, Mohacsi makes all the difference when he's on the ice. Not only does Mohacsi have the ability to score, he knows the value of dishing the puck as well. This season he picked up 25 assists to help the Mustangs make the trek to the regional final where they bowed out to eventual state champion Brighton.

"Derek was our best offensive player," Northville coach Brad O'Neill said. "He's gifted offensively. He has great hands and can score from anywhere. He played in every type of situation for us."

Mohacsi wrapped up a three-year varsity career this year as a captain for the Mustangs and one of the all-time leading players for the program. He is the only returning first-team All-Area selection from last year.

Oh captain, my captain

In the beginning of the season, Novi senior captain Tom Ciaverilla said he hoped to become a good leader. It was a goal he reached without much trouble.

Ciaverilla has become a staple when it comes to Novi hockey. His name is brought up in nearly every conversation about the team. And why not? He's been on the squad for years, scoring goals and making big plays for his coaches, teammates and fans. It's not uncommon to see signs in the stands cheering him on.

Why? Because Ciaverilla is a damn good hockey player and a great representative of Novi High School.

"We rely on Tom to be a leader for us and he doesn't let us down," Phelps said. "He's a talented hockey player who has played a big role for us."

Ciaverilla scored 22 goals and notched 25 assists this year, showing he's more about team than personal accomplishment. When he was defended against, Ciaverilla passed. When he had



Photos by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Wildcat senior Ryan Fox pulls down a Highlander along the glass during the first period of a recent home game. Fox, a co-captain, was called for a penalty on the play.

an open look, he scored. That's why he was an obvious selection to this year's All-Area Dream Team.

All-State pick

What can't Andrea Soloko do? The Northville junior defender was an assistant captain this year, one of the top defenders in the state and Northville's leading scorer.

"Andrea is an outstanding player," Northville coach Bill Holden said. "Being selected to the All-State team was a great way for her to be recognized for her ability."

Soloko notched 11 goals and nine assists from the defensive side of the ice, leading her team throughout the season. She brings speed, offensive awareness and skating ability to the game and isn't afraid to feed the puck to another player for a

chance for them to score. As a junior, Soloko has a full season left ahead of her and she's already an All-Stater and a member of the All-Area Dream Team. What's next?

Defense!

When it comes to the defensive side of the puck, few players on the All-Area team can match up with Pat Uetz, a Northville senior.

Uetz earned all-league honors thanks to his presence on the ice, which helped him net eight goals and 23 assists this season. "Pat had an outstanding year," O'Neill said. "He logged a lot of ice for us. He played physical yet provided us with a lot of offense from the blue line. Pat is a very tenacious player and was a big impact on our team this year."

Being a senior this year means

Uetz's are shoes the Mustangs are going to have to try and figure out a way to fill. That sounds like a big job.

Oh, so Clos

In the beginning of the year a Novi hockey fan asked if it was necessary to say who took the loss or earned the win as a goalie. It's a tough stat to follow because goalies, like pitchers in baseball, are one of the few players in any sport to be accountable for a loss or a victory.

Novi goalie Brad Clos took a few bumps early on, helping his team to just a 3-6 record to begin the year. But Clos, and his team, buckled down and went on a winning streak that included wins over Northville and South Lyon, teams that had beat them early. When all was said and done, Clos had double-digit victories and a regional title to his name.

"Brad knows what it takes to play that position," Phelps said. "It's not easy. When you get scored on you feel like you let people down. Brad knows how to handle it. He doesn't let it get him down and he gets right back up and ready for the next shot."

Clos may not have had the best start as a goalie, but when the season was over he proved he could finish strong. In sports, the opening minutes never matter as much as the performance in the final ones.

First-year player

Junior Brandon Wales was quick to find a place where he was comfortable in the Northville hockey program. As a first-year player, Wales earned playing time as a forward and quickly climbed through the ranks as one of the team's leading scorers. He notched 16 goals and 16 assists throughout the year.

"Offensively, Brandon is very strong around the net and has very good hands," O'Neill said. "He's a dangerous player when he has the puck in the offensive zone. Brandon works very hard on his game and will be a big player for us next season."

Wales earned All-Western Division honors this year, indicating his future with Northville is a bright one indeed.

Foxy player

As a sophomore and a junior, Novi's Ryan Fox played a role for the Wildcats, but it wasn't as

a standout. This year, as a senior, Fox dug deep and decided to leave it all on the ice.

Putting up over 20 points this year, Fox almost tripled his output from each of the last two years.

"Ryan really stepped up for us this year," Phelps said. "We were very happy with him and how well he played."

Well done

Following in the footsteps of the great girls hockey players to come out of Northville these past few years is no easy task. But Anjali Saran managed to do it.

A senior center for the Mustangs, Saran notched seven goals and five assists as she helped her squad along this year. A tough post-season draw ended up finding the Mustangs bowing out in the early rounds, but Saran did her part in leading the team through actions and examples.

Timid Timar?

As a sophomore, most people would expect a varsity player to be quiet and a little timid. Novi's Ryan Timar must not have received the memo.

This season, Timar notched over 30 points to help lead the Wildcats to a regional championship and a strong late-season showing. Though he's only an underclassman, Timar's ability and determination makes his future look to be a bright one indeed.

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With teammates and traffic near his net, Wildcat goalie Brad Clos keeps his eye on the puck.



Submitted Photo
Andrea Soloko earned All-Area First-Team honors this season.



Chicken & Vegetable Stir-Fry

SOUP UP YOUR DIET

FAMILY FEATURES
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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) MyPyramid symbolizes a personalized approach to healthy eating, allowing you to choose from a variety of options in each food group to meet your needs based upon your age, gender and level of physical activity.

Adding soup to your menu plan is a quick and simple way to help you meet the new recommendations. Most prepared soups are moderate in calories, low in fat and provide a good source of nutrients, as well as vegetables, lean meats and grains. There are also many varieties of soups to choose from, including reduced- and low-sodium selections, so you're sure to find a soup that's right for you!

Visit Campbell's Center for Nutrition & Wellness at www.campbellwellness.com for articles on ways to choose foods that meet the new MyPyramid recommendations. And get a FREE copy of Campbell's *Soup for Life Plan*, a flexible meal plan that you can customize to help you to meet your individual MyPyramid requirements.

Following are some "souper" delicious ideas that can help the whole family put MyPyramid into practice!

Chicken & Vegetable Stir-Fry

Prep/Cook Time: 25 minutes
Serves: 4

- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 3/4 cups Swanson Chicken Broth (Regular, Certified Organic or Natural Goodness)
- 1 tablespoon low-sodium soy sauce
- 1 pound boneless chicken breast, cut into strips
- 5 cups cut-up vegetables (use a combination of broccoli florets, sliced carrots and green or red pepper strips)
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder or 1 clove garlic, minced
- 4 cups hot cooked rice, cooked without salt

MIX cornstarch, broth and soy sauce.

SPRAY nonstick skillet with vegetable cooking spray and heat 1 minute. Add chicken and stir-fry until browned. Remove chicken. ADD vegetables, ginger and garlic, and stir-fry until tender-crisp. STIR in cornstarch mixture and cook until mixture boils and thickens. Return chicken to skillet and heat through. Serve over rice.

Calculated Nutritional Values per Serving (with Swanson Chicken Broth): Calories 413, Total Fat 4g, Saturated Fat 1g, Cholesterol 74mg, Sodium 633mg, Total Carbohydrate 59g, Dietary Fiber 4g, Protein 33g

Calculated Nutritional Values per Serving (with Swanson Certified Organic or Natural Goodness Chicken Broth): Calories 413, Total Fat 4g, Saturated Fat 1g, Cholesterol 72mg, Sodium 469mg, Total Carbohydrate 59g, Dietary Fiber 4g, Protein 34g

MyPyramid contributions (per serving)

- Vegetables: 1 1/4 cups
- Grains: 2-ounce equivalent (Substitute whole grain brown rice for white rice in this dish and you add 3 grams of fiber and whole grain to your meal.)
- Meats & Beans: 3-ounce equivalent

"Souper" Ways to Meet Your MyPyramid Goals

Guide to MyPyramid based on a 2000 calorie reference diet*

- Vegetables: 2 1/2 cups
 - Fruit: 2 cups
 - Grains: 6 ounces (make at least 3 ounces whole grains)
 - Dairy: 3 cups of milk or milk products
 - Meat & Beans: 5 1/2 ounces
- *Visit www.mypyramid.gov for your individual needs.

Soup has been called a "secret weapon" for weight loss success because you can actually eat more to weigh less. Because soup is a "low-calorie-dense" food, you can fill up on fewer calories and stay satisfied longer.

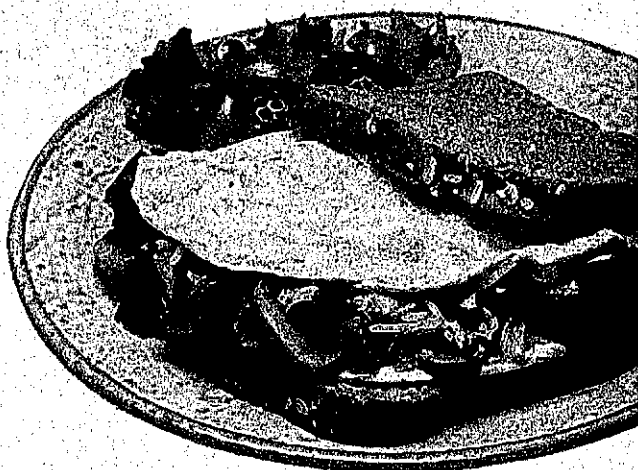
Why does soup work?

- **More for less!** You can eat larger portions of water-rich foods, like broth-based soups, which have relatively few calories per serving.
- **Variety!** With so many soup options, you can enjoy a different soup every day.
- **Satisfaction!** No matter what your personal goals, soup can add taste, variety and satisfaction for a plan you can stick with.
- **Nutrition You Need!** Cutting calories can often result in cutting nutrients your body needs. Choosing foods like soup that are low in calories but provide fiber and important vitamins and minerals, such as calcium, iron and vitamins A and C, can help ensure that losing pounds doesn't mean losing out on nutrition.



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Soup & Sandwich Lunch

Serves: 1

1 serving (8 ounces prepared) Campbell's Healthy Request Tomato soup

Turkey Sandwich: 2 slices Pepperidge Farm 100% Whole Wheat Whole Grain Bread; 2 ounces sliced turkey breast; 1 teaspoon mayonnaise; 2 pieces leaf lettuce and 2 tomato slices

1 cup total carrot sticks, celery sticks and red pepper strips

Calculated Nutritional Values per Serving with Campbell's Healthy Request Tomato soup: Calories 457, Total Fat 9g, Saturated Fat 2g, Cholesterol 50mg, Sodium 869mg, Total Carbohydrate 67g, Dietary Fiber 10g, Protein 29g

MyPyramid contributions (per serving)

- Vegetables: 1 1/2 cups
- Whole Grains: 2-ounce equivalent
- Meats & Beans: 2-ounce equivalent

Breakfast Omelet Sandwiches

Prep/Cook Time: 15 minutes
Serves: 2

- 1/2 cup chopped fresh mushrooms
- 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped tomato
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
- 1/2 cup cholesterol-free egg substitute
- 2 teaspoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 4 slices Pepperidge Farm 9 Grain Natural Whole Grain Bread

SPRAY nonstick skillet with vegetable cooking spray. Heat skillet over medium heat. Add mushrooms, green pepper, tomato and onion. Cover and cook until softened. Remove from skillet. Wipe out skillet with paper towel.

SPRAY nonstick skillet with vegetable cooking spray. Heat skillet over medium heat. Add 1/4 cup egg substitute and top with half the cooked vegetables. Cook until set but still moist on top, lifting edges of omelet with spatula. Sprinkle with half the cheese and fold in half. Place on 1 bread slice and top with another. Repeat with remaining ingredients.

Calculated Nutritional Values per Serving: Calories 236, Total Fat 3g, Saturated Fat 0g, Cholesterol 1mg, Sodium 430mg, Total Carbohydrate 35g, Dietary Fiber 7g, Protein 16g

MyPyramid contributions (per serving)

- Vegetables: 1/2 cup
- Whole Grains: 2-ounce equivalent
- Meats & Beans: 1-ounce equivalent

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Local News

Thursday, March 23, 2006

Home Owners... Do You Know the 10 Most Common Home Maintenance Problems?

I am always amazed to find that many homes have very similar conditions and problems. Some of the issues listed below can be related to the age of the home or the systems in the home. However it is interesting to note that many of the 10 issues listed are related to water and moisture concerns.

1. Improper Surface Grading and Drainage. By far the most frequent problem. It is responsible for the most common household aggravations, including water penetration into the basement or crawlspace. All basements will eventually leak if the water is not moved away from the foundation.

2. Improper Electrical Wiring. This includes such situations as insufficient electrical service coming into the home to meet modern day requirements. It also includes inadequate overload protection, and amateur (often dangerous) wiring connections.



3. Roof Damage Ranked third, leaking roofs are a frequent problem. This is caused by old or damaged shingles or improper flashing and drainage which has not been repaired.

4. Heating Systems. Defect items in this category include broken or malfunctioning controls, blocked chimneys and exhaust, dirty filters, humidifiers which are not functioning properly, and older conventional furnaces which are operating past their useful life and are a potential for carbon monoxide in the home.

5. Poor Overall Maintenance. A common problem with all homeowners. Some of the signs of poor maintenance include cracked, peeling or dirty painted surfaces; crumbling masonry; makeshift wiring or plumbing; broken lighting fixtures and/or appliances, damage exterior trim, gutters, downspouts, and driveway/walkways in need of repair. Every home needs to have TLC in order to look nice and have proper protection from weather.

6. Structurally Related Problems. As a result of problems in one or more of these categories, damage is sustained by such structural components as foundation walls, floor joists, rafters, windows, and door headers. Having a leak go unnoticed or repaired can allow water to penetrate into the wall and create various issues as a result.

7. Plumbing. Though not ranked as a number one problem, plumbing defects still rank high. This includes the existence of old or incompatible piping materials, as well as dripping faucets, faulty fixtures, and damages or clogged waste lines.

8. Exteriors. Flaws in this category, such as exterior seals around windows, doors and wall surface joints, rarely have structural significance but may pose discomfort to the occupants due to water and air penetration. The most common culprit is inadequate caulking and/or weather-stripping.

9. Poor Ventilation. In an effort to save energy, many homeowners have "over sealed" their homes, resulting in excessive interior moisture. Significant moisture can lead to decaying and failure of both the structural and non-structural elements. This includes interior moisture from bathing (both exhaust fans), cooking (lack of having exhaust vent to exterior), and humidifiers setting to high in winter months.

10. Miscellaneous. This category includes interior components (often cosmetic in nature). Things such as cracked wall plates, broken floor moldings, holes in walls under sinks which water pipes come through, cracked window panes, and windows which have failed seals (when moisture gets between the glass and the window looks foggy). These can lead to an inefficient heating and cooling environment for the home.

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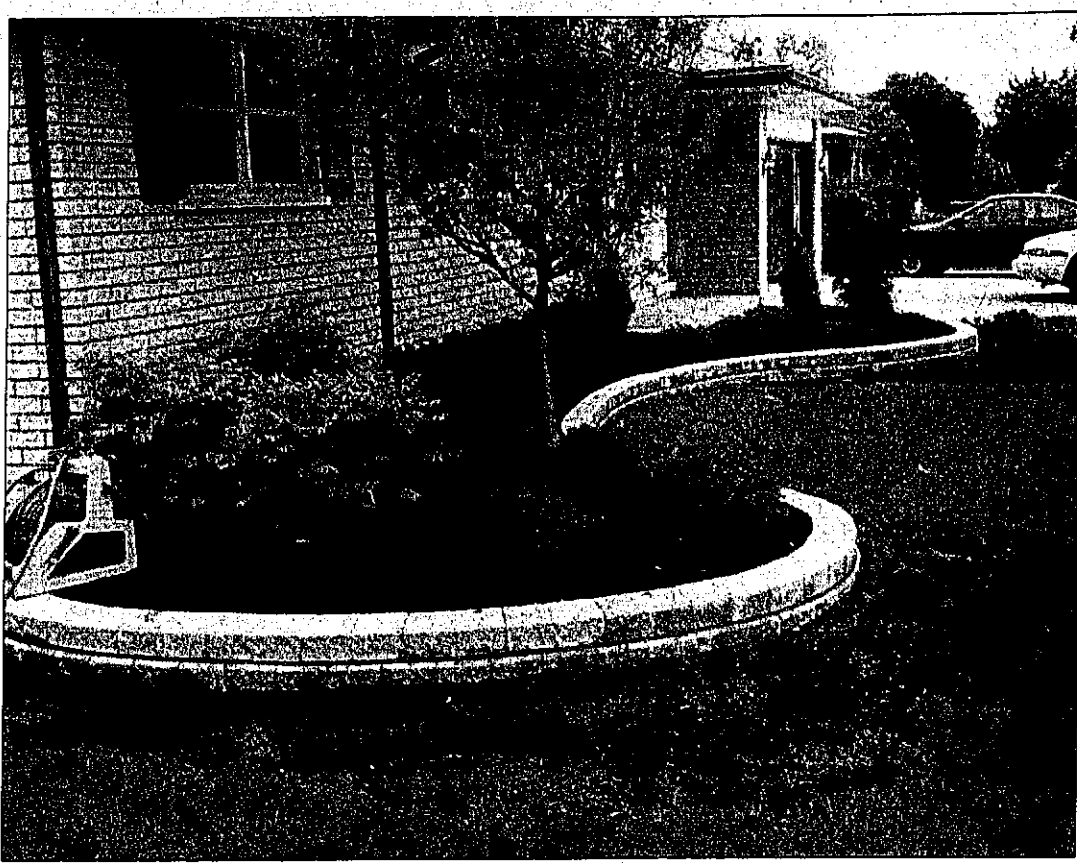
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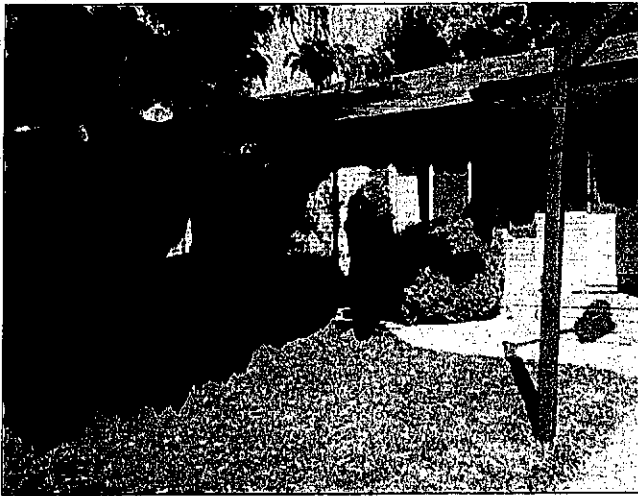


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Landscaping your home is a major investment — whether it is a new home you have just built or an existing home that you own or have just bought.

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In addition to the landscaping of new homes, installation of brick patios, walkways, driveways and landscape lighting, Jackson Landscape specializes in landscape makeovers. A landscape makeover can take your old overgrown landscape and give it a fresh new look while increasing the value of your home.

Your makeover can be as simple as changing a few shrubs, adding some flowers and freshening up the bark or stone bed covering to pulling everything out and starting all over. Take a look at your home the next time you pull up and see what other people are seeing, do you need a fresh new look?

With less time and higher prices to travel today, many families are staying close to home and enjoying their own backyards. Jackson Landscape can help create your own retreat by the addition of a new brick patio, a water feature, landscape lighting, a fire pit, or even an outdoor kitchen area for your entertaining.

A well-designed landscape is a pleasure to the family, enhances the home and adds to the property's resale value. Landscape design involves much more than placing trees, shrubs and other plants on the property. It is an art which deals with conscious arrangement of organization of outdoor space for human satisfaction

and enjoyment.

Your landscape plan will enable you to know what the end result will look like and allows the flexibility to do the work over a few years if you want to, you wouldn't build a home without a plan, why would you landscape without one. Ron Jackson will meet with you in your own home and take your ideas and his ideas and create a plan that you will love and enjoy for many years to come.

With the sluggish home sales market, Jackson Landscape is now offering a "designed to sell" package. Home sellers understand that with the current buyers market, homes are passed by if yards lack appeal.

Jackson Landscape can help with a low-priced plan to fix things up, by trimming or pull out things that are overgrown and adding a few new plants so that the yard has some color and beauty. Simple changes can make all the difference and dollars in your pocket.

One of the most popular services Jackson Landscape offers is a yearly grounds maintenance package. It includes things like spring and fall cleanup, trimming plants, freshening up the bed covering, adding flowers, or changing out dead or overgrown plants. It's perfect solution for a busy family.

Many people cut and trim the grass once a week, but they

never really get around to taking care of the plants when it is needed. You have spent money to make it look good, now they have a way for you to keep it that way professionally.

"You want to protect the investment you've made in your yard and help it to grow," explained Jackson.

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