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### INSIDE

#### In his honor

After losing her husband to lung cancer last year, July Williams is honoring his memory at this year's Northville-Novi Relay For Life by auctioning off an autographed Barry Sanders game jersey given to him by their daughter, Amy, four months before he died.



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#### Endorsement

Voters will head to the polls Tuesday to pick either George Kortlandt or Katie Rezac for the open seat on the Novi School Board. See who the Novi News recommends.

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### SPORTS



**Lady leader**  
Without soccer player Stephanie Crawford will once again be a leader in Novi's hunt for a KVC title and a state play-off berth.

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## Wixom/I-96 interchange gets go-ahead

### Construction to begin in fall

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

The new interchange slated at I-96 and Wixom Road was placed on the fast track with a statewide deal announced April 20.



Craig DeRoche, House Speaker, said the project is a "win-win" for local residents and businesses and had adversely affected job growth.

The current overpass, which was constructed when west Oakland County was barely developed, has become a bottleneck as the population of the surrounding area has boomed. The overpass is unable to meet transportation needs of local residents and businesses and had adversely affected job growth.

Earlier this year, Ford Motor Company announced that it was

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## Bylaws approved

### 10 percent of chamber's membership votes, 33-17

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Following a process that led to the ouster of one board member, the Novi Chamber of Commerce board of directors announced last week that controversial revisions to the organization's bylaws were approved by a 33-17 vote earlier this month.

The announcement was sent to chamber members last week, six days after the bylaws were voted upon during an April 11 chamber lunch at Fox Run Village.

Some members objected to revisions that gave board voting rights to the chamber's president and that kept the president's salary confidential from most board members.

day, and they were uncomfortable with the voting," she said. "They were also told by board members to refrain from voting if they didn't like it [the way the vote was being handled]."

Kozlowski said there were many who also expressed concern about the fact that their names were on the ballot.

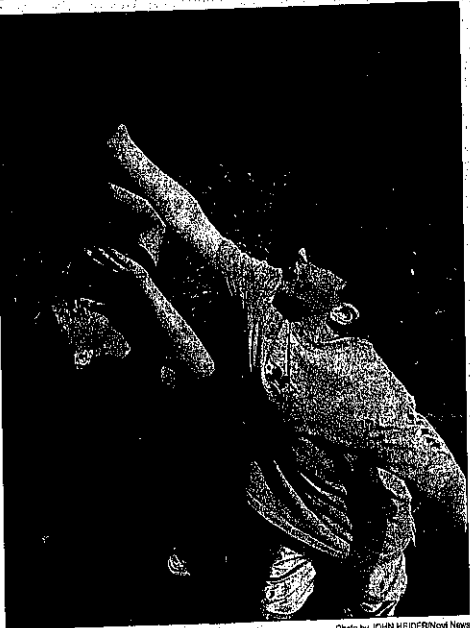
"Many refrained from voting because they had clients in the room," said Kozlowski, "and they were afraid if they voted 'no' that they might lose a client."

The chamber's letter, emailed to the Novi News from board chair-elect Art Johnson, states that the ballots "were collected and placed in sealed envelopes" at the membership luncheon and taken to a notary for the final tally.

The ballots were then returned to the chamber in a sealed envelope with an official stamp of approval by a notary for the State of Michigan.

The envelope was opened at a special board of directors meeting April 13, just after the board voted on the Novi News, after the newspaper's out director Cal Stone, editor of the Novi News, after the newspaper, on several stories and editorials on the proposed bylaw changes.

Pam Fleming can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105.



"I got it!" With gloves at the ready, Erik Biberstein, 9, and Daniel Schorin, 9, right, vie for a pop fly while playing baseball last Thursday morning at Novi's Community Sports Park on Eight Mile Road.

## Trying to sell your house? Why not throw in the sports car, too?

### One sweet deal for any Corvette lover

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Robert Cummings is a marketing man from Wixom, Mich. And, the Walled Lake resident is using that marketing background to help sell his home.

The asking price on his three-bedroom, four-bath home at 2505 Rosebud Court off Pontiac Trail includes his 1995 red Corvette convertible with leather seats. Or, you can buy just the house if a two-stater isn't something on your wish list.

The property includes a parcel across the street with access to 600-acre Walled Lake.

The home, which was built in 1996, has 1,725 square feet total on



Walled Lake resident Robert Cummings is including his convertible Corvette in the deal for whomever buys his home.

His new home probably won't be finished until early 2007, Cummings said, so he's not desperate to sell the home on

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## Comic book dreams come true

### Novi's Comic City is one of three owned by Smethers

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

While traveling the country working for KB Toys, Bob Smethers noticed something unique about the Detroit area.

He found the most major United States cities seemed to support at least one comic book chain with three-to-five stores. But Detroit didn't at the time.

Being a casual comic book fan himself, the Baltimore man consulted his wife, and they decided to go into business for themselves — right in our backyard.

where my past skills in retail and my wife's past skills in retail, as well as in administration, would be very useful in putting something together here," said Smethers. "We love Detroit and we're going to stay here forever."

The Smethers opened their first Comic City store in Canton in 1993. Their second store was opened in Pontiac in 1997 and finally, the third one was opened in Novi in 2007.

"Novi has been very good for us," said Smethers. "Demographically, this intersection of Novi Road and I-96 is one of the primary retail areas in the whole Detroit market. We were looking to put a store here for quite a few years."

The main emphasis of the store is obviously on comic books, but Comic City sells a lot of graphic novels, as well, or collections and stories, as well as individual

monthly periodicals. And, just like any other book store, the variety of material crosses all genres, all ages and both sexes.

"There's really something for everybody," said Smethers. "Our primary categories are monthly comics, collected editions, action figures, T-shirts and apparel."

### Expansion to come

Smethers said he and his wife are focused on one goal at the moment: to grow the company even more. The big question they're debating now is whether they want to put a new investment into another store, or if they'd be better off putting that money into a new Web site to sell their items.

"Our goal primarily has always been to open stores," he said. "We

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Bob Smethers owns Comic City in Novi's West Oaks II mall.

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### LANSING CONNECTION

#### Senators pass bills to protect children from sexual predators

Legislation was approved in the Senate that is designed to give judges and law enforcement officials a powerful new weapon to protect children from sexual predators. The proposal will give prosecutors the ability to charge and judges the option of sentencing individuals convicted of sex with children to life in prison with no chance of parole.

If signed into law, Senate Bill 709, along with two companion bills, will make it possible for an individual convicted of criminal sexual conduct in the first degree to serve a life sentence without a chance of parole if their victim was under the age of 13. The proposal also requires one of the following circumstances be present: infliction of injury, use of a weapon, force or coercion, or the perpetrator held a position of authority. The bills are now before the House Judiciary Committee.

remain in their homes may transfer those and other assets to irrevocable trusts, which are often managed by parents, spouses or children.

The former law created an unfair tax burden by making the home liable to the 18-mill, non-homesteaded tax designation. Public Act 114 of 2006 corrects this.

This is a victory for caretakers of disabled residents. They will now simply pay their fair share of taxes, rather than the unfair amount they did previously. By paying extra, they were drawing down the amount of money in their trusts too quickly. The losses of disabled residents will now correctly be considered their principal residence. The lower taxes paid on the trusts will allow more money from the trust to be used as it is intended, for the care of the individual.

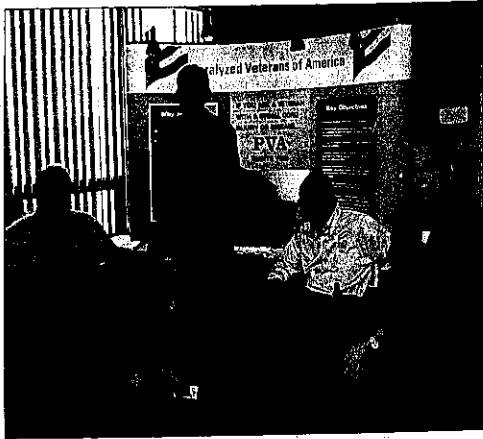
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State Senator Nancy Cassels, a Nov 19 Republican, represents the 15th Senate District, which includes the townships of Coopersville, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake, as well as the Villages of Holly, Milford and White Lake and the cities of Novi, Northville, Farmington Hills, Oakwood, Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Westland.

#### Bill correcting unfair tax burden for caretakers of disabled residents signed into law

A new law extends the six-mill, principal residence exemption to a trust created for a disabled beneficiary. Disabled residents who wish to

remain in their homes may transfer those and other assets to irrevocable trusts, which are often managed by parents, spouses or children.



**Open house**  
Nov 19 Mayor David Landry was among more than 100 community members attending the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) Open House in Nov 19 during Michigan Paralyzed Veterans Awareness Week. Mayor Landry congratulated MPVA staff and volunteers for 45 years of service in Michigan. Pictured (l to r) are MPVA Deputy Director Mike Harris, Mayor Landry, Catholic Center High School volunteer Keith Slopes, MPVA Executive Director Maurice Jordan, and volunteer MPVA Board President Kevin Elya. The event was sponsored by Assisted Technology of Michigan, Botsford General Hospital, Gresham Driving Aids, and Telcom Credit Union.

### Citizenship

Nov 19 School Board President Bruce Bagdedy, at far right, meets with Boy Scouts from Nov 19 Troop 407 during a recent troop meeting at Old Nov 19 Township Hall. The Scouts are working towards earning the Citizenship in the Community merit badge, which is a prerequisite for the rank of Eagle Scout. Among the requirements for the badge is to meet with a local official, discuss an issue of importance to the community and find out how young people can help. The scouts had previously attended a meeting of the School Board where they learned about different sides of local issues and how to form an opinion on those issues. Boy Scouts is a values-based program for boys age 11 through 18 and highlights outdoor adventure, character development, citizenship and leadership training, and mental and physical fitness. Troop 407 meets Tuesday evenings at 7:00 at the Old Township Hall and any boy who is interested in finding out more about Scouting is welcome to attend.



Photo by Frank Maynard



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**Clean up time**  
Nick MacDonald joined about fourteen fellow Husky employees at Nov 19's Lakeshore Park last Friday to spruce it up for the companies' annual Earth Day commitment.

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# SENIORS

## Fox Run building a healthy 'garden' view

### Senior facility to offer continuum of care by 2007

By Tracy Miskler  
STAFF WRITER



Renaissance Gardens

Jean Landreville anticipates Fox Run Senior Community transforming into a full continuum of care facility by spring 2007.

With almost 600 residents currently living at Fox Run in Novi, Landreville, administrator for Fox Run's Renaissance Gardens, hired in August to oversee and educate residents on the project, said the facility's opening will allow for assisted living and skilled nursing care options for current and future residents.

lived in their apartment.

"Therefore, we have found a way to incorporate many of these basic human needs into their life at Renaissance Gardens," she added.

#### Construction: coming soon

The complete project consists of three phases, with completion of phase two and three based on community growth in the future.

The ground breaking for the phase one 90,651-square-foot facility took place in October 2005.

The 24-hour medical care facility will have three floors and 132 units.

Shaffer said because of the closeness of buildings, spouses don't have to be separated completely if they need medical treatment at Renaissance Gardens.

"Residents living in our independent facility can still visit and have interaction on a daily basis with their spouses and friends," she said. "They don't have to leave the facility."

Shaffer said Fox Run officials received notice last Wednesday that the foundation for the new facility has been poured and con-

struction will begin soon.

"We are excited to be starting the building of our Renaissance Gardens," said Executive Director Mike McCormick in a statement. "It will provide our residents with a full spectrum of extended care services, including rehabilitation, dementia and respite care."

#### Curiosity everywhere

Any Cockfield said many of the residents have shown great interest in the coming features to their community.

"Watching this being built is putting them at ease," said Cockfield, outreach coordinator. "They know it's coming and they may need the care that will be provided in their future."

Fox Run is currently recruiting registered nurses, nursing practical nurses, certified nursing assistants, supervisors and managers.

Landreville said they have created a priority list of about 70 names of people who have expressed interest at working at the new facility.

She said the senior community will also be hiring an activities, rehabilitation and social work staff.

"Our mission is that at Fox Run, we create a community that celebrates life," Landreville said. "We embrace not only our residents with this philosophy, but our employees as well."

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### SENIOR CALENDAR

Friday 4/28	2:20 p.m.	Message by appointment
9 a.m.	Stretch and Strength	
10 a.m.	Body Recall	
12:30 p.m.	Lunch	
12:45 p.m.	Dipl. Bridge	
1:30 p.m.	Bingo	
2:20 p.m.	Massage by appointment	
Monday 5/1		
9 a.m.	Stretch and Strength	
10 a.m.	Body Recall	
12:30 p.m.	Lunch	
1:30 p.m.	"Pinch"	
2:20 p.m.	Massage by appointment	
6:30 p.m.	Clogging*	
Tuesday 5/2		
8:30 a.m.	Panor Bread cancelled	
8:30 a.m.	Coffee and Conversation cancelled	
9 a.m.	Line Dance*	
10 a.m.	Asian Pacific cancelled	
1:30 p.m.	Lunch	
2:20 p.m.	Bingo cancelled	
Wednesday 5/3		
9 a.m.	Stretch and Strength	
10 a.m.	Body Recall	
11 a.m.	Blood Pressure	
11 a.m.	Taking Off Pounds Scavvy class	
11:30 p.m.	Clogging*	
12:30 p.m.	Lunch	
2:20 p.m.	Massage by appointment	
Thursday 5/4		
9 a.m.	Line Dance*	
9 a.m.	Medicare Part D Assistance by appointment	
11 a.m.-noon	Beginner Computer Class	
12:30 p.m.	Lunch	
12:45 p.m.	Contract Bridge*	
1:30 p.m.	Line Dance	
2:20 p.m.	Computer Lab open	
	Massage	

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being awarded, valued at \$60 to \$125. Aveda's special edition "Light the Way" candle is being sold for \$10 with 100% of proceeds donated to the United Plant Savers.

This year the company hopes to collect 275,000 signatures and raise more than \$1.5 million.

**Promotion at DeMaria**

DeMaria Building Company, of Novi and Detroit, recently promoted Brian Kelly to project estimator from project engineer. Kelly will be responsible for assembling estimates for all four of the company's business groups including commercial, health care, industrial and university.

**Lending a lift**

Project Freedom, a Michigan-based non-profit agency serving people all over the state, including Novi, Novi and Livonia, is marking five years of service with a campaign to raise funds in order to purchase 20 additional lifts for disabled individuals during the next year.

Project Freedom began operation in 2001 with five lift units,

and has steadily expanded its number of lifts in service. In December 2002 the program was expanded from the Metro Detroit area to include all of Michigan. To spread the word about the program, Project Freedom has sent referral forms and program information to hospitals, rehabilitation institutions, senior citizen organizations and nonprofit organizations that assist disabled individuals.

The lifts use a freestanding unit that occupies eight square inches of floor space for each of the four supports. The unit operates on a 12-volt rechargeable battery and can transport a patient to any point in the room. When a patient no longer needs a lift, the unit is taken back to the manufacturer, refurbished and put back into use.

For additional information about Project Freedom, visit [www.projectfreedommi.org](http://www.projectfreedommi.org) or call 734-240-2265.

**Technology showcase**

Robert Bean, chief operating officer of Kubcoek USA, Ed Hermond, CEO of Bernard Mouldt, and industry consultant, speaker and author, David Pravel, founder and president of Longview Advisors Inc. will be speaking on a panel at the MoldMaking Expo 2006 April 25 on 9:15 a.m. at the Rock Financial ShowPlace.

The session called, "The Search for CAD Interpretability" will be chaired by Bean. Panel members will address why CAD interpretability continues to be a major productivity issue across the manufacturing sector and discuss specific implications for mold makers. A number of "real world" solutions designed to help mold makers compete in today's global supply chain will be offered.

MoldMaking Expo 2006 is the

**Helping hands for housing**

Michigan has received \$62,684,339 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to promote a variety of community

**Citizen's increases**

Citizens Banking Corporation, with new facilities in Novi and Royal Oak, announced net income of \$20.8 million for the three months ended March 31. This represents an increase of \$1.9 million or 9.9 percent over

only event devoted exclusively to showcasing technologies and strategies used in mold making and rapid manufacturing. The conference will feature new technologies and applications, networking opportunities with colleagues, customers and prospects and product and service solutions for mold makers.

**Breakthrough for Ford Motor Company**

Ford Motor Company achieved a breakthrough in sourcing with diverse suppliers by purchasing \$5.5 billion in goods and services from its minority supply base in calendar year 2005. The figures reflect direct spending of \$3.7 billion with tier one minority suppliers and an additional \$1.8 billion in purchases with minority and women business enterprises at the tier two level.

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**Ready for Robotics**

Black Dog Robotics, composed of seven Novi seventh graders, will be participating in a robotics competition from 1-5 p.m. Saturday. Robofest is a team-oriented approach to problem solving involving the programming of completely autonomous Lego Mindstorm RCX robots. The competition will be held at Ann Arbor Trail Middle School at 7635 Chatham in Detroit.

Pictured here are: (1 to r, back row) Andre Hags, Andy Bagdady, Sourik Bektan and Derek Smith; (front row) Zoey the dog (team mascot), Ben Dale, Connie Robbins and Katrina Shah. For more information, visit [www.robofest.net](http://www.robofest.net).



**ON CAMPUS**

Novi resident Marie Guha has been awarded the Donald A. Morris Award from Olivet College. The award is presented to the top five graduating seniors with the highest grade point averages. Marie was recognized at the annual Honors Convocation in April.

Novi residents Lauren Angskil, Dustin Fox, Cleland Tomaszewski, Erin Schoenblode, Ryan Sistiak and Katrina Westbrock were among the December 2005 graduates of Central Michigan University during commencement exercises.

Lance Suttle, of Novi, has been named to the dean's list for winter term at Northwood University.

Novi resident Jeremy Salo has been awarded the Ernest I. Nolan Award for Distinguished Achievement in the Humanities at Madonna University. He is a 1998 graduate of Novi High School and a television and video communications major.

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## Novi's Parks, Recreation & Forestry going camp crazy

■ New camps added to lineup sure to make this summer fun for everyone

By Ramaz Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

While some people in this city might be going camp crazy about this time, Novi's Parks, Recreation & Forestry department wants to remind everyone to go a little camp crazy as well.

With new camps added to an already impressive lineup, Novi's youngsters are sure to have a blast while participating in many different activities.

"We've expanded our options for the summer," said Tracie Ringle, event and marketing coordinator for the city of Novi's Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department. "We've also partnered with LifeTime fitness this year."

This year's camp lineup includes:

- Camp Lakeshore
- Road Warriors
- The Novi Theatres One Week Acting Camp
- The Novi Theatres Kids on Broadway Summer Camp
- LifeTime Fitness Camps
- Fantastic Foods Camp
- Girls Just Want to Have Fun Camp
- Golf Camp
- Junior Summer Camp
- Basketball Camp
- Cheerleading Camp
- Monkish Soccer Camp
- Horseshoe Camps at Wildwind Equestrian Center in South Lyon
- Summer House Camp and
- Tiny Tots Summer House Camp

### Camp details

Camp Lakeshore is an annual favorite at Lakeshore Park. It offers a nurturing environment full of fun, activity and friends. Campers will enjoy art projects, games, sports, swimming, guest performers and field trips weekly.

The Road Warriors Camp is designed for kids seeking adventure and extreme outdoor recreational activities. Through this highly interactive program, kids will experience go-karting with a global position system to learn



Photo by JOHN HEIDEN/NOV NEWS

Tracie Ringle is the event and marketing coordinator for the city of Novi's Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department.

how to plot where they're going, ropes courses, climbing, beach days, canoeing and more.

For those looking for a rewarding, short-term, valuable acting experience, they should look no further than the Novi Theatres One Week Acting Camp. Campers will learn to perform with confidence as well as the technical side of the theater. From auditioning to producing, it's all covered at this camp. There will be a performance for friends and family to enjoy as well.

At the Novi Theatres Kids on Broadway Summer Camp, campers will experience what it means to be a triple threat. Dancing, singing and acting will be taught, and "Wicked," "Phantom of the Opera," "The Lion King," "The Music Man" and more will be featured.

The Novi Parks department is also offering new opportunities by partnering with LifeTime Fitness. Residents don't have to be members to participate in these camps. All camps meet at LifeTime Fitness in Novi unless otherwise noted.

During Fantastic Foods Camp, participants will learn kitchen safety and how to make and follow a recipe, while preparing an

actual dish. Camp will take a field trip, and participants will receive a daily snack and camp T-shirt. They need to bring a sack lunch daily.

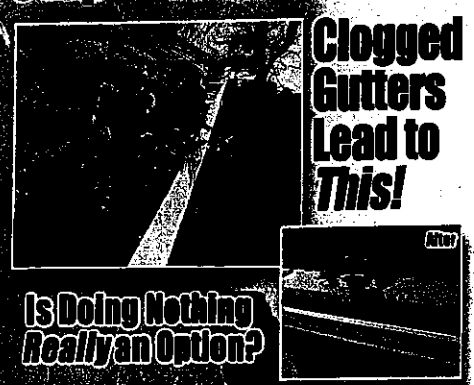
At the Girls Just Want to Have Fun Camp, participants will experience what it means to be the feminine and strong. Activities may include scrapbooking, swimming, self defense, rock climbing and hair and make. Each day will cover specific topics such as healthy eating or positive role models and may feature a special guest. Camp may visit a salon or other locations. Participants must bring a sack lunch each day and field trip expenses and daily snack and T-shirt are included.

Registration for the Novi Theatres One Week Acting Camp begins Thursday, June 1, but registration for everything else begins Monday, May 1.

For more information, call the Novi Parks, Recreation & Forestry department at (248) 347-0400.

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The bride-elect is a graduate of California State University Fullerton with a bachelor of arts degree in Geography. She is currently employed as an Associate Planner at McKenna Associates of Northville.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Queensland University of Technology with a bachelor of science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is currently employed as the O&M Account Manager at ECR.

An October 2006 wedding is planned.



Domididis-Coe

Nicholas and Linda Domididis of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Linda Domididis to David Donald Coe, III, son of David and Anne Coe of Williamsville, N.Y.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Northville High School and a 2001 graduate of the University of Michigan, earning a bachelors degree in political science and Russian studies. She is currently attending Case Western Reserve University School of Law, anticipating graduation in May. She will then become an associate with the firm of Cavitch, Familo, Durkin and Frukin in Cleveland, Ohio.

The groom-elect is a 1993 graduate of St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, Buffalo, N.Y. and a 1997 graduate of Case Western Reserve University, earning a bachelors degree in computer engineering. He currently attends the University of Michigan Law School, anticipating graduation in May. He will then become an associate with the firm of Jones Day, Cleveland, Ohio.

A May 2007 wedding is planned.

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# Festival springs at Kensington

Family-friendly activities like sheep shearing, hayrides, rock climbing included

By Kristofer Karol  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

As Mary the sheep lead out to the amphitheater, the woolly animal let out a deep, heh-like "baa."

But Mary learned to take things in stride when she realized she was getting a new handler — Kensington Metropark staff were trimming 10 pounds of wool as part of a shearing demonstration at Saturday's Spring Festival.

"We always try to strive to show some people where their products in their everyday lives come from," said Chris Williams, Mary's hairstylist for the day and a Kensington farm interpreter. "She did quite well."

Kensington staff members say the festival, at the Kensington Metropark Farm Learning Center, has been around for 23 years. It helps celebrate spring's arrival and shows off some of the baby animals at the metropark, which this year includes two new calves, a lamb and goats.

Officials were hoping for 1,000 visitors. Cars packed several parking lots and lined the street adjacent to the Farm Learning Center on Saturday.

In addition to the sheep shearing, attendees could also check out a harnessing demonstration, the Michigan Horse Vaulting Team, a craft corner, rock climbing, hayrides, Rascals the Clown and sheep herding, just to name a few of the events. Most activities were free.

Howell's Charie Lawson was at the shepherding area with her children, husband and grandchild, watching a border collie obey commands, react to whistles and chase three sheep around the pen. "They're pretty interesting," Lawson said of the sheep-chasing border collie. "I wish I had a dog that would do that to my chickens."

Her daughter, Alexis, 9, was also having fun Saturday.

"It's pretty neat because of all the animals," Alexis said. "I really like animals. They're really cool and friendly, kind of."

But one of the bigger crowds early on was at Mary's shearing.

"We just liked watching the way the sheep sat there," Waterloo Township resident Heather Collier said. "I grew up with pigs on an Iowa farm, and I really want my kids to be exposed to (farms) because it's so fun."



Photo by Hal Gould

Novi's Cameron Smith, 5, gets some help on the wall from Robert Lemasters

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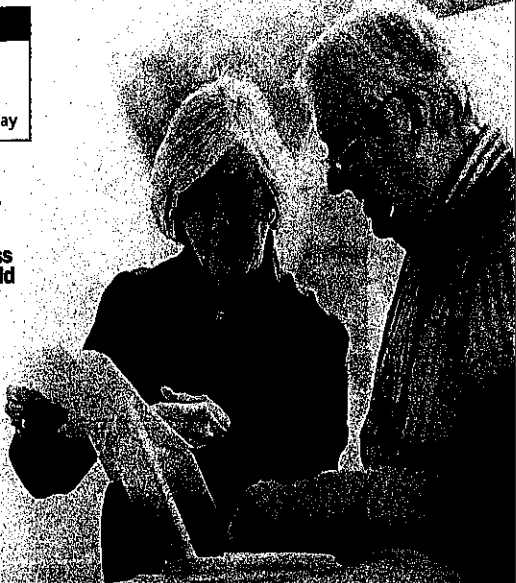
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## Novi resident, D12 rapper Swift failed three drug tests in a year

### Judge says he admits addiction.

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

A rapper from Novi will be spending almost three months in jail after he was a no-show in 52-1 District Court last week.

Swift, a member of local rapper Eminem's band D12, whose real name is Oudie Moore, was arrested by Novi police the afternoon of April 20 at an apartment complex off Haggerty Road, according to Novi police.

"Police learned of his whereabouts, and he arranged to turn himself in," said Det. Todd Anger of the Novi Police Department.

Det. Mike Wilson made the arrest, and Swift was allowed to drive himself to his court appearance.

Judge Brian MacKenzie had issued a bench warrant for Swift's arrest when he failed to appear in court the afternoon of April 19.

Swift said he missed the court appearance because he was an honorary pallbearer at the funeral of fellow D12 band member Proof who was shot at the CCC Club, an after-hours club in Detroit, in the early morning hours of April 11.

Proof, whose real name is DeShaun Holton, was pronounced dead on arrival at an area hospital that morning. Proof allegedly shot Keith Bender Jr. at the CCC Club on east Eight Mile in Detroit near Gratiot. Bender then allegedly shot Proof.

Bender died of his injuries a week later on April 18. The shooting was supposedly over a game of billiards.

shown to be .06 percent at that time.

"I pulled his blood and held him in jail for a week," MacKenzie said. Swift was then elected with more testing and intense probation supervision ordered.

MacKenzie said on April 13, two days after Proof's death, Moore tested positive again for

alcohol, with blood alcohol levels of .079 and .084 percent.

"I issued an immediate show cause order and scheduled a court appearance the following Wednesday morning, not knowing that the funeral was that day," MacKenzie said.

MacKenzie was informed that Proof's funeral was that day, so he

rescheduled Swift's court appearance for that afternoon. "The funeral was over at 2:30 p.m., and I waited until 4:15 to issue the warrant when he didn't show up."

After Novi police found Swift on April 20, he appeared in court that afternoon. MacKenzie then sentenced him to 93 days in the Oakland County Jail.

Moore had previously served 10 days in jail, which he received credit for, so he will serve another 83 days.

"He had three positive drug tests," MacKenzie said. "He's a six-figure addict who acknowledges that he's got an addiction."

MacKenzie said what Swift didn't receive was a contempt hearing,

in which he could have sentenced him to six months in jail.

As it stands, "he's going to miss a good part of the summer touring season, which is going to cost him a lot of money," MacKenzie said.

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### Problems began last October

MacKenzie said Swift was arrested on Grand River Avenue in October 2005 and pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle while visibly impaired.

"The day he pleaded guilty, he tested positive for methamphetamine, Ecstasy and marijuana," MacKenzie said.

After holding him in jail for a couple of days, MacKenzie sentenced the rapper to two years of probation combined with outpatient counseling, attendance at Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and mandatory drug testing.

"Then he missed some of the drug tests, which is always a bad sign. I upped the testing, and then he tested positive in March for alcohol use," MacKenzie said. Moore's blood alcohol level was



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# How hot are these firefighters?

■ Proceeds to go to burn patients

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Novi firefighters will show just how hot they are next month. Several male members of the department will model at the Men's Wardrobe Seminar and Charity Event, a special fundraiser on May 5 during the May 4-7 Michigan International Women's Show.

The event will take place at 7 p.m. on the show's Fashion & Entertainment Stage at Rock Financial Shopping on Grand River Avenue just west of Taft Road.

Firefighters will wear this spring's hottest styles for men while helping raise funds for the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center.

Specifically, money raised will go to help send children to the Kids Burn Camp.

These public servants will trade in their uniforms for a night for the latest looks for the fashion-conscious man from Marshall Field's Oakland.

Shechon, president of one of the Novi firefighters unions, said the department was approached by a representative from Marshall Field's about providing models for the charity fashion show.

Kris McLeod, assistant store manager for Marshall Field's Oakland, said her husband is a Novi firefighter, and her sister used to work for the U of M Burn Center, so she has a couple of connections to the cause.

"The Novi firefighters are always looking for opportunities and ways to raise money for charitable causes," McLeod said. "We thought this would be something fun and different they haven't done before."

A 20-year veteran of the department, Shechon was chosen to rally his fellow firefighters for the cause.

"We're going to have a great turnout," he said. McLeod said about 20 Novi firefighters have volunteered their time to model. Shechon noted that several Novi firefighters have visited the



Fashionable firefighters include (l to r) Andy Copeland, Zahi Kassab, Joe Shelton and Kevin Pierce along with Alicia Hollies (center) of the U of M Trauma Burn Center. Courtesy photo

University of Michigan Burn Center to follow up on patients, and they have also done charitable work for the center in the past.

"A lot of people spend their vacation helping these kids," he said. "It's like a good, old-fashioned, summer camp."

The Kids Burn Camp is designed for children age 8-17 who have survived devastating burn injuries. The camp takes place the week after Father's Day (June 19-23 this year) at Camp Manitowish, a YMCA camp in Middleville.

"It's a collaboration we do with Spectrum Health and Bronson Hospital out of Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo, respectively," said Alicia Hollies, marketing coordinator for the U of M Burn Center.

The camp costs about \$500 per child, and about 50-80 children attend each year.

When a child leaves the hospital after a burn injury, they must confront many psychological, physical and emotional issues, such as peer acceptance and self-acceptance.

The Burn Center staff understands the importance of these children being with other kids who have experienced the same injuries. They can share their emotions and stories in a safe, nurturing and fun environment.

Besides participating in swimming, horseback riding, hiking, canoeing and crafts, the children also gain social confidence and the ability to cope with life after being burned.

Kids Burn Camp counselors are comprised of U of M nurses, occupational and physical therapists, firefighters and social workers, with extensive expertise in treating and caring for pediatric burn patients.

## Want to make a donation?

Can't attend the Novi Firefighters Fashion Show on May 5 but still want to help send a child to the Kids Burn Camp?

Mail your tax-deductible check made out to the Kids Burn Camp, c/o University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center, 1327 Jones Drive, Suite 107-A, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

"It's only through donations, such as what these great firefighters from Novi are doing for us, that we can support the program," Hollies said.

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# Prosecution suggests elaborate insurance fraud in murder trial

## Mykolaitis' defense cites lack of evidence

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Cameron Wade Sanders and Kevin Mykolaitis were friends at one time as fellow convicts in a Michigan Department of Corrections facility.

But Sanders' body was found in a field near Twelve Oaks Mall on the afternoon of April 11, 2003, and now Mykolaitis is being accused of his murder following an alleged insurance scheme involving the two.

Opening arguments began in the murder trial at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Judge Michael Warren's courtroom. Prosecuting attorney Paul Willott told jurors, who have not been sequestered, that the trial may last as long as three weeks.

Police and prosecutors believe Mykolaitis and Sanders conspired an intricate insurance fraud scheme while in prison. The alleged plan was to create a phony business, take life insurance policies on each other as business partners, fake one of their deaths, and split the proceeds from the death claim.

Sanders' body was found by a passerby in a field near Twelve Oaks Mall. He is still in execution-style in the head, shoulder and chest. The time of death has been estimated at about 1:30 a.m. on April 11, 2003.

"This was a crime that was born with a germ of an idea that began in prison," Willott said.

Willott said Sanders, who was 26 at the time of his death, had grand ideas about being a businessman like his father.

"He conceived a plan in which he could make a lot of money fast. He was going to partner with someone, take an insurance policy out on his life, then suddenly disappear. But, first he had to create an insurable interest," Willott said.

Calling the plan "a conspiracy of fraud," the prosecution presented witnesses from the State Farm insurance office at Nine Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills, where the two came in to take out the life insurance policies on each other.

Witnesses included Lorette Hicks, customer service representative; Reshalee Green, who wrote the policy; and Dwight Jones, who owns the agency. They explained how amounts requested on the policy rose from \$100,000 to \$300,000 to \$600,000.

Green testified that Mykolaitis called the agency a week before Sanders' body was found to ask if all of the premiums on the policies had been paid.

### No 'smoking gun'

Lawrence Shulman, Mykolaitis' attorney, said police deviated Mykolaitis killed Sanders soon after Sanders' body was found to ask if all of the premiums on the policies had been paid.

Police found a digital scale,

latex gloves and baggies in the truck of Sanders' green Volvo.

"You will learn that his [Sanders'] fingers were in a whole lot of things," Shulman said.

"Mr. Mykolaitis didn't kill Cameron Sanders," Shulman told the jurors. "You have to listen to everything presented in the case, and let me tell you what he [Paul Willott] left out, because there's a boatload of it. You have to listen to all of the evidence."

Shulman said what jurors won't hear from prosecutors is that, "There is absolutely no physical evidence whatsoever linking Mykolaitis or anyone else to the scene because the evidence doesn't exist. There are no fingerprints, no the truck."

The defense also noted that Mykolaitis did not attempt to leave the area during the two-year murder investigation, and that there's nothing wrong with putting life insurance on a person you go to in business with.

"Instead of fleeing or hiding, he stayed," Shulman said.

Mykolaitis is suing State Farm Insurance for failure to pay the death claim.

The last witness of the day was Beth Placinski, who later contacted police after she and co-worker Jennifer Babcock heard gunshots in the early morning hours of April 11 as they left the T.G.I. Friday's Restaurant by Twelve Oaks Mall.

Laughter erupted in the courtroom when Placinski said she looked behind her friend after hearing the shots.

"I was startled," she said. "I ducked and ran to the car."

### Police and prosecutors believe Mykolaitis and Sanders concocted an intricate insurance fraud scheme while in prison. The alleged plan was to create a phony business, take life insurance policies on each other as business partners, fake one of their deaths, and split the proceeds from the death claim.

Placinski, a district sales manager for Clare Boutiques, told co-workers about the incident the next day and eventually gave a written statement to police.

Mykolaitis could face life in prison if convicted. The trial resumes at 8:30 a.m. today in Warren's courtroom.

*Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@gannett.com.*

# Arson suspects will stand trial

By Dan Trudeau  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

An Oakland County probate court judge ruled Thursday that two Novi teens will stand trial for arson after they allegedly started a fire in the South Lyon High School auditorium.

Judge Eugene Artine Moore ruled that county prosecutors presented sufficient evidence to show they were seeking the right charges against the right defendants during the first phase of a waiver hearing. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Keri Middledeitch said.

The court will decide whether the teens will be charged as adults or as juveniles during the second phase of the hearing at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, June 5.

The prosecutor's office filed a petition earlier this month asking the Probate Court to have jurisdiction of the case and pins it along to Circuit Court so the defendants could be charged as adults.

Middledeitch said the rationale for seeking adult charges was

based upon, "our view of the facts, the seriousness of the offense and the extent of the damage."

Before the second phase of the waiver hearing on June 5, Middledeitch said the two defendants will undergo psychological profiling under the court's orders.

"That will be a big part of phase two of the hearing," she said.

The two suspects have been expelled permanently from the South Lyon Community Schools after the alleged arson.

The fire caused sprinklers in the auditorium to discharge large volumes of water, resulting in hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of damage.

The felony charge of arson of real property carries a possible penalty up to 10 years in prison, police said.

*Dan Trudeau is a reporter for the South Lyon Herald. Reach him at (248) 437-2011 or at dt Trudeau@gannett.com.*

### Wellinger sentencing scheduled yesterday

Thomas Wellinger, the 49-year-old Farmington Hills man who pleaded no contest last month to murder in the deaths Nov 19 jewelery Gary Weinstein's family.

Wellinger was to appear at 1:30 p.m. in Oakland Circuit Court Judge Rudy Nichols' courtroom.

Wellinger was charged with three counts second degree murder in the deaths of Judith Weinstein, 50, and sons Alex, 12, and Sam, 9, when his 2003 GMC Denali crashed into the Weinsteins' Honda near 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads on May 3, 2005. His blood alcohol level was determined to be between .36 and .39 at the time of the accident.

### CITY OF NOVI SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE APRIL 8, 2006 APRIL 30, 2006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Novi will meet on SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2006 AND SUNDAY APRIL 30, 2006 AT 10:00 A.M. at the Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, for the purpose of discussing the proposed 2006-2007 Budget.

If you have any comments regarding the proposed 2006-2007 Budget, they may be presented in writing or during the Audience Participation section of the agenda.

(4-27-06 NN 2735758)  
MARIYANNE CORNELIUS  
CITY CLERK

### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2006-2007 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council will hold a PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CITY 2006-2007 BUDGET at the Regular Meeting of Council to be held on Monday, May 8, 2006. Said hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached, at the Novi Civic Center Council Chambers, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

Interested citizens may appear and present written and/or verbal comments on the proposed budget.

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

A copy of the proposed 2006-2007 budget is currently available at the Novi Civic Center, Office of the City Clerk for public inspection, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan.

(4-27-06 NN 280845)  
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### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ELECTION MAY 2, 2006 NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO THE QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTORS of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, notice is hereby given that an Election will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2006, in the City of Novi from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following Polling Locations:

PRECINCT	LOCATION	ADDRESS
1	Meadowbrook Congregational Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road
2	Meadowbrook Congregational Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road
3	Village Oaks Elementary School	23939 Willow Road
4	Novi United Methodist Church	41671 Ten Mile Road
5	Orchard Hills Elementary School	41900 Culbuck
6	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road
7	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road
8	Meadowbrook Elementary School	23200 Meadowbrook Road
9	Pearlsouth Apartments	91170 Wallington Drive
10	Hickory Woods Elementary School	30655 Novi Road
11	Faith Community Presbyterian Church	44400 West Ten Mile Road
12	Novi Meadows School/ ITC Bldg.	26299 Taff Road
13	St. James Catholic Church	46325 West Ten Mile Road
14	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
15	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
16	Thornton Creek Elementary School	46180 West Nine Mile Road
17	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING LOCAL CANDIDATES THAT MAY FILE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:  
NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION;  
NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION;  
WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

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NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
VOTE FOR TWO - FOUR YEAR TERM  
Karen Padorek  
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Kribbin Smith

WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
VOTE FOR TWO - FOUR YEAR TERM  
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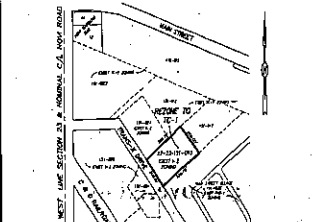
All polling places are handicap accessible. Braille and audio versions of voting instructions are available at the polling places.  
Absentee ballots are available at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. The deadline for receiving applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 22, 2006. Persons qualified to vote by Absentee Ballot may obtain a ballot in person until 4:00 p.m. Monday, May 1, 2006. A ballot obtained on May 1, 2006 must be voted in the City Clerk's Office.  
The City Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absentee voting on Saturday, April 22, 2006 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

(4-27-06 NN 275694)  
MARIYANNE CORNELIUS  
CITY CLERK

### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.661

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDINANCES:  
Part I. That Ordinance No. 37-18 known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.661 attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.  
Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED: Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and to be hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is May 2, 2006.  
MADE AND PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVI, Michigan this 17th day of April, 2006. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.



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# FAITH

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**Meadowbrook Congregational Church** will return to the video series "Questions of Faith" for its 2006 Lenten Program. The video is approximately 30 minutes long, and will be followed by discussion. Each class will meet Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

**Book Club** news: The church's newest selection is "Wicked" by Gregory Maguire. It's a story of the Wicked Witch of the West.

**Meadowbrook** is located at 2155 Meadowbrook Road in Novi. The church can be reached at 248-349-7157 or at www.mbcree.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 Compassion is held at 8:30 p.m. Rice 13 (ages 11-14) and 12A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner. Youth Worship Service is held at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Sunday of every month; all are welcome.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross is located at 4070 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. Call (248) 427-1175 or visit www.churchoftheholycross.com.

**Faith Community Presbyterian Church** invites you to worship at either the 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. services. Adult Sunday school is offered at 9 a.m. Sunday school and nursery care is available at both services.

The Faith Community Fun Run will be held at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, June 3. Mark your calendar and join both 5K runners/joggers and one-mile fun runners/walkers in the church's third year of hosting this family event. The fun run is an

event that started in June of 1982. It took a sista for a few years, but with the help of Faith Community congregational members and volunteers from the local Novi Tracker Running Club, it has grown each year. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Novi Youth Assistance program. For more information, contact the church, or Mike Everett at everett@stcglobal.net.

Dr. Henderson will be teaching an Arnes and Hoses class on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Cost for the book and class is \$19. Everyone is welcome.

Women's Bible Study, led by Jani Martin, is the first Wednesday and Thursday of each month, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The church is located at 4400 W. 10 Mile Road in Novi. Call (248) 342-2345, or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.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.

**Oak Pointe Church's** service times will be at 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. every Sunday. Visit www.oakpointe.org or call (248) 912-0043. The church meets at Novi High School.

**St. James Catholic Church** Life Center is having a Kids' Health and Safety Fair 12:30-3 p.m. Sunday.

Activities include pediatric safety, 911 phone call simulator, sun safety, bike helmet raffle, injury prevention information, poison prevention and much more. Admission is free.

The church is located at 40325 10 Mile Road, Novi. Call (248) 343-7778.

**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.

Church worship time schedules are as follows: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. on Sundays. The church is located

at 777 W. Eight Mile Road (at Taft Road), Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-1144, or visit www.lamconorthville.org.

**The Baba'i Faith** 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 Kians, 23803 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 Baba'i Faith. For more information, visit www.usbaha.org.

**The First Presbyterian Church** Thursday evening programs begin at 7:30 with social time, followed by the speaker at 8 p.m.

Single Place is also offering a Divorce Recovery Workshop Tuesdays through May 11. Workshop topics include Networking, Stages of Grief, Putting Your Ex in Focus, Legal Aspects of Divorce, Church & Divorce, Helping Children Through Divorce, Relationships Old and New and a Panel Discussion with people who have gone through the recovery process.

The workshop meets in the Emeritus Room of First Presbyterian Church from 7:30-9:30 Thursday evenings. Child care is available through grade six. Please register for childcare at least two weeks before the Divorce Recovery Workshop begins.

The cost of the workshop is \$35 and includes the book "Growing Through Divorce."

Programs vary every week and may involve information, inspiration, entertainment or group interaction.

Tonight, there will be two activities. Don Seidman will speak on Travel with Elderhostel.

Elderhostel is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing extraordinary learning adventures for people 55 and older. The second activity is an open forum offering participants an opportunity to discuss the topic "Why People Remarry" with Sandy Baumann as the group leader.

Single Place offers a number of other social activities. Every Saturday a group participates in Walk in the Park at 10 a.m. They meet at the Visitor Center of

at 777 W. Eight Mile Road (at Taft Road), Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-1144, or visit www.lamconorthville.org.

**St. John Lutheran Church** is located at 23225 Gill Road in Farmington Hills. Saturday service begins at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday traditional services are at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday contemporary service begins at 9:50 a.m. and Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. Nursery is provided.

Prayer each Friday begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by adult bible study at 10 a.m.

Call (248) 474-0584 or visit www.stjohnlutheran.com for more information.

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

The church is located at 29200 Meadowbrook Road, just south of 13 Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 427-2300 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 to get more out of it, may sign up for a study group. Books will also be available through the church. Study groups will meet at various homes in Northville, Novi, South Lyon, Plymouth, Canton and Livonia. Most will meet Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Children who will be 5-years-old by Friday, Dec. 1 may register now for full-day or half-day kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran School, 201 Elm Street in downtown Northville. Call the office at (248) 349-3146 or stop by the school between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The church will host Daniel Foster and Marsha Fols Violin and Harpsichord 4 p.m. Sunday and

at 777 W. Eight Mile Road (at Taft Road), Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-1144, or visit www.lamconorthville.org.

**St. John Lutheran Church** is located at 23225 Gill Road in Farmington Hills. Saturday service begins at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday traditional services are at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday contemporary service begins at 9:50 a.m. and Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. Nursery is provided.

Prayer each Friday begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by adult bible study at 10 a.m.

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## April showers bring May families

### ■ Oak Pointe Church to hold family fun month

By Ramoz Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Novi families who attend Oak Pointe Church should get geared up for a fun time in May.

Other than the normal weekly activities, the church will be holding what is called a "family fun month" consisting of events for youngsters and adults alike.

"We don't necessarily do this every May, but it seems like that's when a lot of these activities fall," said Valerie Herriman, director of marketing and events for Oak Pointe Church. "We try to do different events throughout the year."

Featured in May will be programs called "Pump It Up" at Paradise Park, "Father and Son Paintball," "Girls Night" and "Senior Banquet."

According to Herriman, most kids who visit Oak Pointe Church end up calling it "the fun church" and beg their parents to bring them back.

"Parents enjoy it because their kids are learning valuable life lessons, and they see the positive impact Biblical truth and caring leaders have on their kids," she said.

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Interactive games and crafts from preschool and up.

Pump It Up is geared for children in grades kindergarten through third. They will jump, bounce, climb and slide with friends at Pump It Up Party Center. Everyone is welcome, including parents.

At Paradise Park, fourth and fifth graders will be playing laser tag, racing go carts, playing miniature golf, scaling the climbing wall and jumping on a giant trampoline. Everyone is welcome.

Father and Son Paintball will be four hours of intense guy time. Students in sixth through eighth grade and their fathers are sure to make new friends playing paintball. Boys can still come if their dads can't make it.

Girls Night will be filled with the things women usually love: hair, nails, make-up, fashion, crafts, cards, flowers, dance, games, prizes, conversation and food. The event will be a celebration of women, honoring mothers and daughters. Junior high school girls are welcome, even if their moms can't attend.

At the senior banquet, high school students will honor graduating seniors through a buffet, memorable activities, music, pictures and more. The event is free for all graduating seniors.

For more information on one or more of these events, visit Oak Pointe Church at (248) 912-0043, or visit www.oakpointe.org.

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Heritage Park on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads in Farmington Hills.

Single Place of Northville is offering a Divorce Recovery Workshop II, Living Beyond Divorce. Pam Jacobs-Lindor is the speaker. The workshop meets on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:30 p.m. May 18 to June 15. Topics covered include honesty, trust, loneliness, depression and self-esteem. The cost of this workshop

is \$45. Childcare is available for toddlers through grade six. Register for childcare at least two weeks before the Divorce Recovery Workshop begins.

For more information, or to register, call the First Presbyterian Church at (248) 349-0911, or visit www.singleplace.org. The church is located at 200 East Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

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# CALENDAR

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## EVENTS

### Second City Comedy Club

TIME: 8 p.m.  
Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday: 8 and 10 p.m.; Friday, 7 and 9 p.m.; Saturday  
LOCATION: 42795 Grand River Avenue, across from Novi Town Center  
DETAILS: "Hobble Heads of State" is the theme for this month's shows. Tickets are \$15 on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday and \$20 on Friday and Saturday.  
CONTACT: Visit www.walldelcomedians.com or call (248) 645-6666

### Spring Fashion Show

DATE: Today  
TIME: 6-8 p.m.  
LOCATION: Smart Chicks Consignment Store, 43039 Grand River Avenue  
DETAILS: This takes night out event is free. It will include individual color analysis, tips on accessorization and how to stretch your clothing budget.  
CONTACT: (248) 347-1600 or e-mail smartchicks.net

### "Bye Bye Birdie"

DATE: Today-Sunday  
LOCATION: Brighton Center for Performing Arts, Brighton High School, 7878 Brighton Road, Brighton  
DETAILS: South Lyon High School will be presenting the musical "Bye Bye Birdie." Tickets will be sold at the door.  
CONTACT: (248) 573-8188

### Concert and Spaghetti Dinner

DATE: Tuesday  
TIME: 5:30-7 p.m. dinner; 7 p.m. concert  
LOCATION: St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 430 Nicolet St., Walled Lake  
DETAILS: The Grunoy's are a men's a cappella jazz vocal group. The cost is \$5 per person for the spaghetti dinner. The money will benefit a local food pantry, Hospitality House.  
CONTACT: (248) 624-3817

### Arbor Day Celebration

DATE: Saturday  
TIME: 10 a.m. to noon  
LOCATION: Community Sports Park on High Mile Road just east of Harper Road  
DETAILS: Public is invited to join in tree planting and other festivities in observance of Arbor Day.  
CONTACT: City of Novi, Community Relations Office, (248) 735-5628

### Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, May 2  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

### Farmers Market

DATE: Thursday, May 4-Oct. 26  
TIME: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.  
LOCATION: Noviville Doves parking lot, corner of Seven Mile and Sheikou Road, Northville  
DETAILS: There are 100 stalls of fresh produce, plants, flowers, baked goods, garden art, crafts and home accessories available. This is sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and Preswick Estates of Northville Hills Golf Club.  
CONTACT: (248) 349-7640

### Flower Sale

DATE: Saturday and Sunday, May 6, 13, 20 and 27  
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon  
LOCATION: Oakland Schools Technical Campus, "Southwest," 1000 Beck Road, Westland  
DETAILS: This sale includes annuals and perennials and is sponsored by the Agriculture Greenhouse/Landscape Class.  
CONTACT: (248) 668-5673

### Novi Chorales Spring Concert

DATE: Saturday, May 13  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Fayer Auditorium at Novi High School, 24062 Tull Road  
DETAILS: The Novi Chorales will perform their spring concert featuring music from film and television. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and children under 12. They are available from any Chorales member, Novi Parks and Recreation, the Novi Senior Center at Meadowdale Commons, and at the door.  
CONTACT: Noel Brown, President, (248) 349-0439

### Northville Genealogical

CONTACT: (248) 349-3743

## Society

DATE: Sunday, May 7  
TIME: 2:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Northville District Library  
DETAILS: Joanne Harvey will discuss ancestor searches. Ms. Harvey is a professional genealogist and lecturer and is a teacher of genealogy at Michigan State University.

Individual Help  
TIME: 1-3 p.m. Monday, ongoing and by appointment  
DETAILS: Volunteers are available to offer individual help on genealogy.  
CONTACT: Grace Wilfong, (248) 349-9079 or visit www.rootsweb.com-mings

## Photo Show

DATE: May 15-21  
LOCATION: Wisconsin Library, 4015 Pontiac Trail, Westland  
DETAILS: This is the fifth annual photo show titled "Visions of a Child." The opening reception will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 15. This is a show of pictures taken by students in fourth grade. Photographer Monte Nagler helped select one from each child for the exhibit.  
CONTACT: (248) 624-2850

## Novi Hold 'Em Casino Night

DATE: Saturday, May 20  
TIME: 6-10 p.m.  
LOCATION: Lucky's Lucky Strike, Fountain Walk  
DETAILS: This is a fund-raiser for the Novi Chamber of Commerce. A variety of sponsorships are available, including attendance and donations. Sponsors are needed.  
CONTACT: Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-3743

## SCHOOL/ GOVERNMENT

### Weston City Council

DATE: Tuesday  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Weston City Hall, 49045 Pontiac Trail  
CONTACT: (248) 624-4557

### Novi City Council Meeting

DATE: Monday, May 8  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 344-0470

### Novi School Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, May 4  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Tull Road  
CONTACT: (248) 449-1200

## BUSINESS

### Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Events

CONTACT: (248) 624-2826  
New Member Reception and Orientation  
DATE: Thursday, May 18  
TIME: 8:30-10 a.m.  
LOCATION: Hampton Inn, 169 Loop Road, Commerce Township  
DETAILS: Meet other members and learn how to take advantage of chamber membership at this reception. Bring business cards.

### Females in the Family Business Affinity Group

TIME: 8-9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of every month  
LOCATION: Walsh College, Troy Campus  
DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in, or work for family businesses. Items discussed will be common issues and share solutions in a non-threatening, non-competitive, non-sales roundtable. Registration is required.  
CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, email: jhubbard@walshcollege.edu

## GOLF OUTINGS

### Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce

CONTACT: (248) 624-2826  
2006 Spring Golf Scramble  
DATE: Monday, May 22  
TIME: 1:30 p.m. shotgun start  
LOCATION: Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road, Commerce Township  
DETAILS: This event includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, buffet dinner, contests and door prizes.

### Novi Chamber of Commerce

CONTACT: (248) 349-3743

## CLASSES

19th Annual Tycoon Tee-Out Golf Outing  
DATE: Wednesday, August 9  
LOCATION: Moose Ridge Golf Course, 11801 Duane Road, South Lyon  
DETAILS: This outing will include sponsorship opportunities, prizes, networking and championship caliber golf.

## Novi Community Education

DATE: Tuesday, May 9 and Thursday, May 11  
TIME: 6-10 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Middle School, 49300 11 Mile Road  
DETAILS: The seminar is designed to help people plan and complete a successful basement remodeling. The seminar costs \$99 plus \$10 for textbook and materials payable to teacher. Spouse's discount is half of the tuition. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, May 5 to Novi Community Education.  
CONTACT: (248) 419-1206, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

## Walled Lake Community Education

DATE: Tuesday, May 2 and 9;

Thursday, May 4 and 11  
TIME: 6-10 p.m.  
LOCATION: Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake  
DETAILS: This is a workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as a road map to success. The fee is \$40 per person. Registration is required.

Write a Business Plan  
DATE: Thursday, May 18  
DETAILS: This is a workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as a road map to success. The fee is \$40 per person. Registration is required.

## Women's Empowerment

Weekend  
TIME: 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Saturday

DETAILS: This seminar is sponsored by Suttle Enterprises LLC, Marilyn Suttle. The cost is \$150. Class is limited to 20 women. Marilyn Suttle is a communication professional specializing in bringing life into balance with practical, usable skills that improve relationships in every arena of your life.  
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## Providence Center for the Healing Arts

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi  
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455  
Colorful Pottery Workshop  
TIME: 1-3 p.m., second Tuesday of every month  
DETAILS: This is a free class. Artist in Residence  
TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. first and third Thursday of every month  
DETAILS: Join Artist in Residence Mary Ours. Teachers and experience with drawing, pastels, watercolor, Chinese brush painting, mixed media and collage. Beginners are welcome, there is a \$5 materials fee.  
Ceramics Class  
TIME: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 1-5 p.m. Wednesday  
DETAILS: \$10 materials fee.  
Fall Chili Class  
TIME: 12:15-1 p.m. Thursday  
DETAILS: This is an ancient Chinese exercise used to improve flexibility, balance and strength. No

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# SPORTS

## Talk about talent

Stephanie Crawford and team ready for everyone's best

It's great to interview Stephanie Crawford. She's the kind of athlete you wish all of them were like. She's kind, sweet, honest and talented. Most of all, she's modest. Crawford never takes the credit. Who cares if she scored 33 goals and had 14 assists in 25 games last year. Or the year before that she had 23 goals and 11 assists in 22 games. So far this year, she has nine goals and three assists—that's just six games in. That's an average of more than a goal a game and nearly one assist per contest. Pretty impressive.

Not to mention she also verbally committed to a full ride scholarship to the University of Michigan last year as a sophomore.

A team would have to be nuts not to focus their defense against her.



Stephanie Crawford can score as well as I can and so can the other forwards.

"It's a lot more than just me," Crawford said. "This team is very talented. If a team tried to defend against just me, someone else would score."

### There's no 'I' in team

What makes Crawford so darn good though? If we were able to discern that the soccer world would be splicing genes and injecting them into the future stars of the game.

Is it her speed? Her mind? Her determination? Maybe that flowing hair of hers? As far as Crawford is concerned, what makes her so good is her team.

"We have an amazing team," she said. "We have a good, solid defense and an amazing goalie. (Goalie Erin Zerle) is young, but she's good."

And the only way the Wildcats are going to keep winning—they have 12 straight victories in press time—is to keep working as a team, Crawford said.

The problem with defending a state title is that every team wants to gauge their own program by how well they do against you.

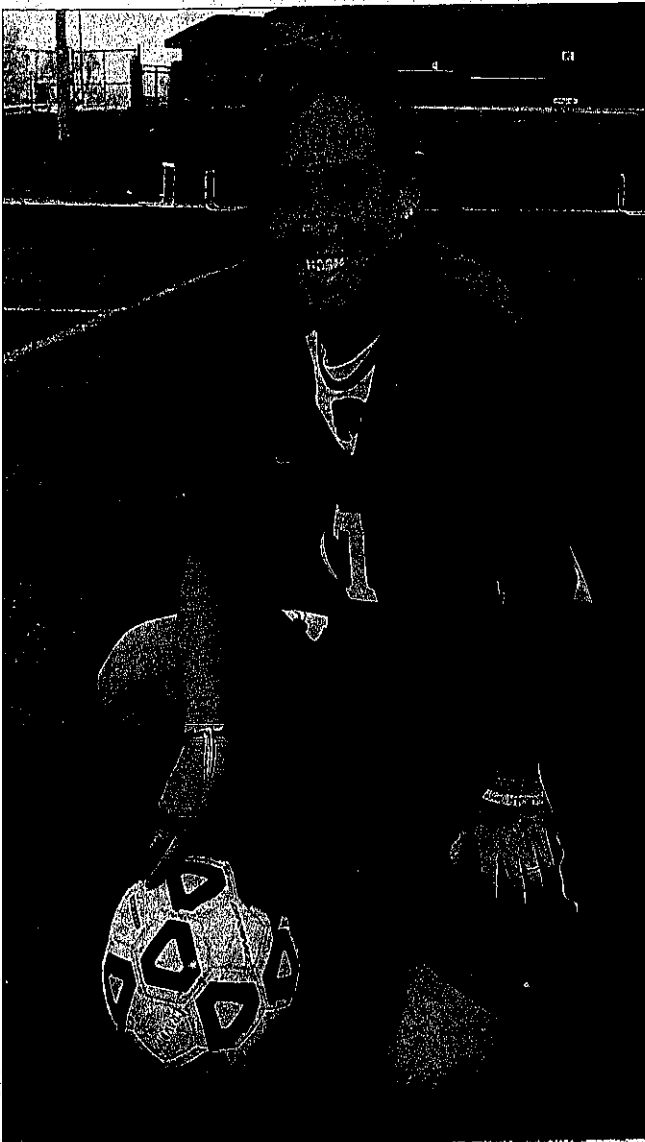
"Everyone wants to beat us," Crawford said. "We scrimmaged Stevenson in the beginning of the year and they tied us. They were so excited. It's that huge for them."

Despite Crawford not wanting to give herself any credit, her team is more than happy to. In speaking with Lauren Marchionni earlier this year, she commented that Crawford was an outstanding forward.

Cowach Brian O'Leary agreed. "She is relentless in her efforts on the field," he said. "No matter how many times she gets knocked down or stopped by the defense, she just keeps plugging away."

### Persistent

What sports writers call dedication and persistence, opposing coaches call annoying. Crawford fits that description. She's dedicated in the eyes of writers because of the number of times she's on the field. In every way she is a team player in every



Photos by JOHN HELD

Wildcat soccer player Stephanie Crawford will once again be a leader in Novi's hunt for a KVC title and a state play-off run.

### Stephanie Crawford

■ Freshman year: Crawford scored 23 goals and dished out 11 assists in 22 games. Her team won the Kensington Valley Conference title and lost to eventual state champion Northville in the state playoffs.

■ Sophomore year: The veteran Crawford scored a whopping 33 goals and helped out with 14 assists in 25 games. Her Wildcats won the Kensington Valley Conference and the Division I state Championship over Brighton. She earned second-team All-State honors and verbally committed to a full ride to the University of Michigan.

■ Junior year: So far Crawford has nine goals and three assists in six games.

"I love the kind of game she plays during the club season. For opposing coaches, Crawford is a player they can't wait to see graduate. Unfortunately for them, she's only a junior.

"Teams think they are doing a great job on her and then they leave her open for one possession and she scores a goal," O'Leary said. "She has great speed and shoots the ball extremely hard."

That's just Crawford's game. Throughout the playoffs last year she was knocked down, tripped, kicked and bruised. She'd get back up, brush herself off and make sure she got

where she needed to be in order to make the play. The junior forward also brings a host of laughs to the game. Her work ethic is outstanding, her love of the game is second to none and she knows an assist is just as good as a goal on her side sheet. "I always just try to do the best I can," she said. "Scoring goals and getting assists aren't what's most important. I want the team to do well and I want the team to win. Hopefully we keep that up."

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## Rugby hosts Dexter today

By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

Ron Correll wants to see some faces in the crowd.

That's why the Knights rugby coach has worked with Chris Geans and Ron Angove to make sure his squad can play their home games at Northville's football stadium. "They've helped us coordinate our matches so we can use the football stadium for our home games," Correll said. "They've been very helpful and it's nice to see the kids be able to play in Northville this year."

The Knights used to play their home games as far away as Southfield despite being based locally. This season has found more fans, more player and more interest in the sport.

The squad, made up primarily of Northville and Novi athletes, will play host to Dexter today at 5:30 p.m.

"We don't have any history with Dexter, but I expect this is going to be a very tough match," said Correll, who is in his 10th year of coaching. "It's just their second season in the league and this will be the first time we match up with them."

But Dexter's program has strong roots in the high school rugby league. Northville's Knights helped create Correll said their coach was a former player from Brighton who went on to college and then settled down in Dexter where he formed the team.

"It's nice to see it coming back," Correll said. "It's nice to see them coming back and giving their experience to a program."

The Knights are busy building experienced players of their own. Notables on the team are four-year player Jack Mason, standouts Jonathan Pace, Dan Williams and Cam McNamara and even athletes like Evan Corbell and Peter Chylin.

Another player to watch is Lucien Best, a strong scrum half and speedy player.

With a strong core of athletes to lead them, the Knights are hoping to get their fans on their feet as they play through the competition.

Correll said he doesn't expect it to be a one-sided competition. "We both lost to Brighton by about the same margin," he said. "I think it's going to be a good match."

The Knights started their season off with a loss to the Brighton Bulldogs but bounced back with a victory over Howell.

Correll said it doesn't matter that his team took a loss in the opening game, rather how they handled it.

"I think we made the right adjustments and we handled this loss the way we needed to," Correll said. "We played well against Howell and we got back to the basics of the game. We're a lot more confident now."

The Knights won't be off from competition very long after the Dexter match. They will travel to Indiana to participate in a festival tournament.

Their schedule has them playing one game this Saturday and two games Sunday. The first will be against a team from Peori, City, Iowa before taking on a squad from Columbus, Ohio and another from South Bend.

"We're going to be playing a lot of rugby over the next three weeks," Correll said. "We're going to have a lot of fun."

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## Spring break timing was off

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Spring break is supposed to be fun, but it's downright disrupting in terms of athletics.

This year's break, which took up 10 days starting April 14 until Monday, managed to come at some very inopportune times for high schools like Northville and Novi.

"The way spring break fell this year, it hurts all teams," Northville baseball coach John Kostezka said. "Last year we didn't play any games before spring break. This year we played eight and then our players leave on spring break."

Just as coaches are beginning to develop their players and strategies, spring break managed to cause havoc.

This year's schedule found some sports completing nearly half their season before spring break. So much for mid-season form.

Some programs take the week off knowing all the other schools they play are suffering through the same problems. Others choose to let spring break work for them.

While many teams are away, some choose to play — or practice, at least.

"We have full, comprehensive practices during this time," Novi boys track coach Robert Smith said.

"There are many athletes who do not go anywhere. As a coach, I believe it is important to lead by example. In my 26 years as the head coach of Novi Track, I have never taken a spring break."

For teams that are having trouble earning victories, spring break can be a good way to get things back on track. For those teams with a lot of momentum, spring break can be a difficult distraction.

The Northville Mustangs softball team, which has managed to stay undefeated in the Western Division, now has to make sure they're still on the same page and in the same mind set as when they left.

"It's hard to maintain any momentum a team may be experiencing going into the break," Northville coach Terry Fox said. "It is also hard to continue working on improvements that need to be made. The few days leading up to the break are also difficult in the sense that players need to remain focused. During this particular break, there were only four players that didn't go out of town, so we weren't able to really practice."

Most coaches offer the same options: stick around and practice with the team or do individual workouts while away on vacation.

The problem, said Smith, is the view our society has on break.

"Athletes who join a team make a commitment to the program," he said. "Unfortunately, there is a culture in our society that says that students are almost expected and required to go to exotic places and let their commitment slide for 10 days in the middle of the season."

"It is not just a Novi issue, however. All of our opponents in the KVC and across the state are in the same situation."

That's why most don't fight the system. Schools like Brother Rice had matches in some sports but the majority of squads took the entire break off.

Novi soccer, which is undefeated this year in defense of their state championship, finds other ways to get their players back on track.

"On the Saturday or Sunday before we come back to school we always have a scrimmage to get the rust off the players' games," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said.

"The players that do go on vacation do usually lose a little, but we are so busy when school resumes (with three games, two practices and one optional practice this week), the rust wears off easily."

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## SPORTS SCHEDULE

Novi			
<b>Tennis</b>			
Varsity			
4/29	Home	Novi Invite	8 a.m.
5/1	Home	Brighton	4 p.m.
5/3	Away	South Lyon	4 p.m.
5/4	Away	Livonia Stevenson	4 p.m.
JV			
4/28	Home	Twilight Quad	3 p.m.
5/1	Away	Brighton	4 p.m.
5/3	Home	South Lyon	4 p.m.
<b>Track</b>			
4/29	Away	Holly Relays	TBA
5/2	Away	Brighton	4 p.m.
5/4	Home	South Lyon	4 p.m.
<b>Softball</b>			
Varsity			
4/28	Home	Herland	4 p.m.
5/1	Away	Pinckney	4 p.m.
5/3	Away	Milford	4 p.m.
JV			
4/28	Away	Herland	4 p.m.
5/1	Home	Pinckney	4 p.m.
5/3	Home	Milford	4 p.m.
<b>Baseball</b>			
Varsity			
4/28	Home	Herland	4 p.m.
4/29	Home	Allen park	10 a.m.
4/29	Home	Trenon	12 p.m.
5/1	Away	Pinckney	4 p.m.
5/3	Away	Milford	4 p.m.
JV			
4/28	Away	Herland	4 p.m.
5/1	Home	Pinckney	4 p.m.
5/3	Home	Milford	4 p.m.
<b>Golf</b>			
4/27	Away	Howell	3 p.m.
5/1	Away	Lady Pirate Golf Invite	8 a.m.
5/3	Home	Lakeland	3 p.m.
5/4	Away	Brighton	3 p.m.
5/5	Away	Farmington Best Ball	8 a.m.
5/8	Away	St. John's Tourney	12 p.m.
<b>Lacrosse</b>			
Varsity			
4/27	Home	Brighton	6:30 p.m.
4/29	Home	Grosse Pointe South	1 p.m.
5/1	Away	South Lyon	7 p.m.
5/3	Away	Grosse Pointe South	7 p.m.
JV			
4/27	Home	Brighton	5 p.m.
4/29	Home	Grosse Pointe South	11 a.m.
5/1	Away	South Lyon	5 p.m.
5/3	Away	Grosse Pointe South	5 p.m.
<b>Soccer</b>			
Varsity			
4/28	Home	Lakeland	7 p.m.
5/3	Away	Brighton	7 p.m.
5/5	Away	Howell	7 p.m.
JV			
4/28	Home	Lakeland	5 p.m.
5/3	Away	# Brighton	5:30 p.m.
5/5	Away	Howell	5 p.m.
<b>Catholic Central</b>			
<b>Baseball</b>			
Varsity			
4/29	Home	Villanova	11 a.m.
5/3	Away	Brother Rice	4 p.m.
JV			
4/29	Away	Villanova	11 a.m.
5/3	Home	Brother Rice	4 p.m.
<b>Tennis</b>			
Varsity			
4/28	Away	Cranbrook Academy	4 p.m.
4/29	Home	CC Invitational	8 a.m.
5/1	Home	Brother Rice	4 p.m.
5/3	Away	Grosse Pointe South	4 p.m.
<b>Lacrosse</b>			
Varsity			
4/29	Home	Bloomfield Hills United	1 p.m.
5/2	Away	De LaSalle	6 p.m.
5/4	Home	Ann Arbor Pioneer	7 p.m.
JV			
4/29	Home	Bloomfield Hills United	11 a.m.
5/1	Away	De LaSalle	5 p.m.
5/4	Home	Ann Arbor Pioneer	5 p.m.
<b>Track</b>			
4/29	Away	West Bloomfield	10 a.m.
5/1	Home	Divine Child	6 p.m.
5/5	Away	Harrison Relays	3 p.m.

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## Wildcats drop doubleheader

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The younger players of the team are starting to learn my system and know what's going on."

Rick Green wasn't the happiest coach in Novi last weekend, but he still managed to find bright spots in his team's double loss to Detroit Country Day.

The Wildcats had a four-run lead in both games but lost the contests. In the opener they fell 12-7, and dropped a 10-6 decision in the night cap.

"It was a little disappointing that we weren't able to keep the lead," Green said. "Things are going better. The younger players of the team are starting to learn my system and know what's going on."

The Wildcats, who are 1-3 in the KVC Valley Conference and behind in the count when it comes to their season record, were without seniors Mike Hart, Tom Ciavarella and Craig Lawler.

"It's no excuse," Green said. "The Wildcats did have a couple of bright moments over the weekend. Ryan Figurski slapped his first varsity home run to center field and had a double in the fifth. Bret Glover added a two-run homer in the second game, his second of the year."

Novi will be back in KVC action this week.

Tennis wins  
The Novi tennis team notched two more victories before spring break.

The team upended KVC foe Pinckney, 8-0, and topped a tough Saline squad, 6-2.

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# GUEST COLUMN

# It's hard to leave

Eight years ago, never did I have the notion that I would be composing a letter of this nature. But, as many things in life, changes occur with the minutes and hopes of moving forward and upward in whatever the change may involve.

As many know in this date, I have stepped down as head coach of the Novi varsity hockey program. It was a decision that took a great deal of thought and was a difficult process for me to do.

After sitting back and evaluating the season as I do every year, I was also faced with an opportunity presented to me to move into coaching at the junior hockey level. After much thought and talk with my family and looking at my occupational commitments, a seemed as though moving to junior hockey was going to create a flexible and balanced opportunity to move to a higher level. But, most of all, the opportunity put in front of me ignited a passion to pursue, very much like the same passion that drove me to pursue the Novi varsity program eight years ago.

In my time at Novi, there has always been a primary goal for myself and the tremendous staff that I've had around me that always concentrated on creating, and that was a sound athletic program and that created opportunities for students-athletes to grow athletically, academically and personally as productive role models in the community and productive young adults in society. In addition to this primary reason for existence, we have strived to open additional opportunities for those who wanted to pursue the sport of hockey.

At a higher level — whatever the individual goals of each player that played in our program, were, but in some way, shape or form we were able to provide them with a vehicle to accomplish those goals, on or off the ice, in the arena or in the classroom.

A constant in all my years in Novi has been the tremendous support I have received from the administration, community and parents that I have been fortunate to have throughout the past eight seasons. They have not only helped to make the program what is today, but they have extended their friendship to myself and my staff that will continue on. It would take more than a season to individually thank everyone that has supported our program. So please accept this as a heartfelt appreciation to all the people and for what they have done for eight successful seasons.

Behind the scenes, it would not be complete without recognizing

certain individuals: Donna Mabit for all of her countless hours and professional touch that gave the program a mark of excellence and most of all for her friendship throughout the years that will continue for years to come.

Mr. John Lawrence for his support and professionalism and all his participation to the program. Your friendship will always be cherished.

Scott Olsen, Bernie Fratio, Roger Javni and Paul Flavin for not only their time and efforts, but for creating active opportunities and support for our program and for kids.

A special thanks to Mr. Curt Ellis for his leadership, guidance, professionalism and sincere friendship. He is a tremendous supporter of the varsity hockey program and gave me the opportunity to provide what we felt was a plentiful atmosphere for our players experience in our program. He has a vision to continue to grow Novi athletes into a "world class" program. I sincerely believe that he is the man who can do it — Thanks Curt.

My good friend David Zarem for turning the initial light on to pursue the position and for all his support as my coach and mentor of all-time — Thanks Z-Man.

And I would like to thank Mr. John Fandol for ultimately creating the opportunity for me to endure. Thanks for your guidance and friendship John. I've "in high and let 'em fly as you enjoy a well deserved retirement.

As I look to start a new chapter of my life, I can always look back as my years in Novi as some of the most assured times in my life. I especially want to say thank you to all the players that have passed through our doors. It is my hope that somewhere in their lives, they can look back and say there was something they learned in their time with us that has helped them in their life. It is from those moments, as a coach that success and gratification can be felt. There is nothing more that makes a coach feel stronger than a positive impact he made knowing that it was beneficial to a player's life.

I have never been more proud for "good boys" than I have of a "see you later" type of guy. I want to again thank everybody that has touched and been a part of my life as the Novi varsity hockey coach at Novi High School. There will always be a part of me that bleeds Green and White. "Go Cats." See you at the rink.

**Dan Phelps**  
Former Novi Hockey Coach



Photos by JOHN HEDBERG/Now News

Wildcat softball player Jenny Heathfield cuts a cut. Her coach said she has the ability to play in college.

# In the swing of things

**■ Jenny Heathfield has what it takes to play college softball**

By Courtney Ratkowiak  
SPORTS INTERVIEW

Sometimes, the field isn't big enough. Jenny Heathfield, deep in center field, sprinted to catch a fly ball. Keeping her eye on the ball, she failed to notice the waist-high, orange fence that marked the boundaries of the softball field.

"The fence went straight into my stomach and my entire body launched over and I landed on my back, on the other side," Heathfield said. "I just remember my coach sprinting out to center field as fast as he could."

Undaunted and unembarrassed, the self-proclaimed "pearlball of the team" and captain immediately "displaying her deep knowledge and white in the outfield" in her second year on the varsity team, the junior outfielder is a starter and All-KVC athlete who hopes to play college softball.

Heathfield played on Novi's junior varsity team in the ninth grade and joined the varsity team as a sophomore. She played

on Motor City Madness summer teams for four years and, this summer, will be a member of the Dawknite Diamonds travel team.

As a sophomore on varsity, Heathfield won All-KVC honors, finishing with a team-high .317 batting average. She also led the team with a .362 on-base and .453 slugging percentage while having a near-perfect fielding percentage.

"She's just a tremendous outfielder," varsity softball coach Kevin Sutherland said. "She had played second base and put her out in the outfield last year. She adjusted, and learned, and worked at it. I don't think she had any errors last year. Basically, every ball that comes to her, she scoops up."

Heathfield, as a sophomore, enjoyed being one of the youngest on a team with many seniors.

"I made me grow a lot as a softball player, playing with older people instead of playing with my age group all the time," she said. "It was a great experience to play with older people and to have that little sophisticated and starting all the games."

This year, she hopes to improve her team's record by focusing on stronger team chemistry and increased offensive production.

"I hope that, this year, we can all come together more as a team," Heathfield said.

"A lot of the girls on this team have played together, because we were on (Motor City) Madness summer teams, so we should be able to communicate well."

"I also hope to be a really good hitting team. Novi hasn't really seen a batting team in awhile."

During the next two years, Heathfield hopes to earn a college softball scholarship. To help her achieve her goal, Sutherland has entered the team into the tournament in Sterling Heights that is popular with college scouts and prospective collegiate athletes.

"My goal for her is to make her ready and get her noticed, get her in to play college ball somewhere," Sutherland said. "It could be a D2 or D3, but she definitely has the talents to do it as she keeps working."

"I've had January on my high school team and my summer ball teams, and I've seen her grow over the last few years. I'm looking forward to more growth after this season and then, hopefully, I can count on watching her play college ball."

*Courtney Ratkowiak is a sports intern for the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.*

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Girls basketball camp

Registration is underway for the Lady Wildcats basketball camp for girls in grades 2nd-9th. The camp, which costs \$126 per player, will run June 19-23 at the Novi High School gymnasium. It will focus on all game phases, including dribbling, shooting, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and an introduction to the Lady Wildcats offensive and defensive schemes.

Camp Director will be Bill Kulp, the girls varsity basketball coach at Novi High School. Gym clothes and shoes are required. All participants will receive a T-shirt and an outdoor basketball.

For more information or to register, please contact Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

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### Girls, boys basketball camp

Future basketball players, grades K-2nd, are invited to learn basketball skills and build confidence. Emphasis will be placed on dribbling, pivoting, passing, lay-ups and shooting. Gym clothes and shoes are required. The camp will run July 24-28.

Cost for the camp, which will be run by Novi varsity boys basketball coach Pat Schleiter, is \$70. It will be run at Novi Meadows 5 gym.

Contact Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

### Northville alumni dinner

Northville alumni athletes, coaches and administrators are invited to attend the Varsity Alumni Dinner May 12, starting at 6 p.m. at Genetti's in Northville.

The cost is \$20 per person plus a cash bar and the event is open to any former Northville High School student-athletes, coaches, administrators and their guests that graduated in 2001 or before. Payment is due by May 5 and can be sent to the Athletic Department of Northville High School with the guest's name, year, graduation address and if they are a former athlete, coach or administrator. Please mail payment to Bryan Masi, Athletic Director, 45700 W. Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. 48166.

For more information, please contact Northville athletic director Bryan Masi at nasi@northville.k12.mi.us.

# 'Cats coach to hold elite camp

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Pat Schleiter is happy to have so many talented players interested in his guidance.

The Novi High School varsity boys' basketball coach will join South Lakes coach Daren Clayton to direct the All-Arena 4-Star Basketball Camp. The camp invites the top players in the area for a five-day camp and grades fifth-12th for boys and fifth-10th for girls. Boys and girls will have separate camps.

"We've had more and more elite every year," Schleiter said. "We have very limited space this year."

"With only 100 spots allowed per session," Schleiter and Clayton require that each participant gets a mandatory referral from their coach, which states the player is considered one of the best players in their age group. Sessions are split from fifth-seventh and eighth and ninth for both girls and boys.

The camp's objective is to provide an opportunity for the

"serious" players in the area to come together in one gym, creating a competitive environment while developing individual and team skills in preparation for varsity basketball.

The camp, said Schleiter, is very structured, disciplined and physically demanding. It features three-on-five and three-on-three, free-throw contest, stunt work, special guest speakers, but shot competition, level shooting contests and a Mikan layup competition.

The cost for the camp is \$160 per player. Boys camps will be run at Novi High School July 10-14 and girls camps will be at South Lakes Millennium Middle School July 17-21.

For more information about the camps or to see photos and witness a variety of contest from previous years, visit www.allareabasketballcamp.com.

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# Novi grad helps Third World girls

By Chris Lau  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Last May, during a mission trip with some schoolmates to the Dominican Republic, Colleen Lewis played basketball with some girls.

Basketball is this 24-year-old Novi resident's passion and she's always looking to play.

But Lewis noticed something was amiss: There was a glaring obvious lack of nonparticipation.

"When I was playing basketball with the boys, I realized that the girls weren't playing — they just watched," said Lewis, who in May will finish her master's degree in organizational leadership at Siena Heights University in Adrian. "I figured out that the country had a social difference."

Lewis, fluent in Spanish and a member of the Novi High class of 2000, has spent most of her time since then trying to change that. She founded a nonprofit, Basketball as a Mission, to spread the game she loves to Third World countries.

"The big point for me is that girls can do what boys can do," she said.

In March, on her own dime, she spent a week at a Christian orphanage in Cienfuegos, Mexico. She taught girls and boys some basic basketball fundamentals, using a hoop she helped

Basketball as a mission

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"She is fantastic," said Siena Heights junior forward Laura Panozzo, a 2003 Berkeley High grad who'll be one of the coaches for July mission to the Dominican Republic. "She has such a drive to get this off the ground. She wants to get people involved because it's her passion."

Playing basketball in Mexico wasn't initially easy, Lewis said. Many of the boys had attitudes and "knew why they weren't practicing soccer. Many of the girls were hesitant to participate."

At one point, she lectured her young athletes on behaving if watched. By the end of the week, mission, "the kids were angels," she said. "The boys discovered a new sport. The girls learned they had athletic abilities, too. And, ultimately, the hardest-working camps were our girls."

"That's what Lewis was looking for. That's what she wants to do more in the future."

What Lewis ultimately would like to see happen is basketball becoming more popular in Spanish-speaking countries, Lewis said. "They have a lot of very good athletes, but basketball doesn't seem to be much of an option for most of those athletes."

To also, like to see "better, equality treatment" men and women in those countries. Sport can be the great tool to use to help achieve that.

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### Screening employees before hiring saves money, aggravation

By Jeffrey Moses  
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Pre-employment screening is becoming almost a necessity in today's business environment. Studies conclusively show that making a little extra effort and expense toward screening employees can effectively increase overall productivity as well as reduce theft, drug use, absenteeism and employee turnover. This can translate into big savings in the short-term and company stability and profitability in the long-term.

The Internet has made the cost of pre-employment screening extremely reasonable during the past few years. For most small companies, hiring a firm that specializes in employee screening is more cost-effective and produces better results. Screenings usually can be completed in 48 hours or less and can be surprisingly comprehensive. Firms specializing in screening can give advice on how to save money by determining the level of screening for applicants to specific positions.

Aspects you should screen during the review process include:

1. Credit history. Industry experts usually agree that a review of credit history can help determine the trustworthiness of an applicant. Individuals with poor credit history are more likely to commit theft. If the position applied for does not involve the handling of funds, however, not hiring based on credit history may be viewed as discriminatory. Consult with your attorney on this matter.

2. Criminal record. Comprehensive screening for convictions on the federal and local levels can be difficult, so you should base the level of screening on the applicant's essential responsibilities in the company.
3. Job history. Since this normally cannot be accomplished via the Internet, you should place calls to previous employers named in an applicant's resume and prepare a pre-determined list of questions for former employers. You may also want to investigate gaps in employment.

4. Educational background. You should contact all named educational institutions.
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7. Driving record (which, licensing, drivers or delivery personnel).

Document all pre-screening results for an applicant—and apply the same standards to all of these applying for similar positions.

When instituting a policy of pre-employment screening, a company should announce to all applicants that it will use screening during hiring. As with many applicants with criminal histories or falsified information will simply not bother to apply. This saves the company time and expense throughout the hiring process.

For most small companies, hiring a firm that specializes in employee screening is more cost-effective and produces better results.

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At Polished Outlook, located at 119 E. Washington St. in downtown Milford, the friendly staff makes sure clients look and feel their very best. (Left-Right) Ruslena Medyanikova, Amanda Henig, Mona Ruggers and Deanna Reason. (Not pictured: Larry Meger and Allina Medyanikova.)

## Polished Outlook: Be your best

### Milford spa/salon restores and rejuvenates

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SPECIAL WRITER

Get ready to be re-energized. A visit to Polished Outlook in Milford is the perfect place to leave behind the frantic rush of every day life. Check your shoes and stress at the door and let their staff help you unwind and rejuvenate.

Feeling special is only part of the experience when you visit this salon/spa. Gentle background music is playing. Cozy slippers are ready for your feet. Scented candles glow; and there's fresh flowers in the vases. Fresh-brewed Chakra tea, juice, and other beverages are offered.

Whether it's a hair shaping, manicure or an entire day at the spa, Mona Ruggers and her staff have been indulging their clients for more than 20 years, delivering up-to-the-minute styling in hair, nails, facials, pedicures, makeovers, massages and much more. Chosen as one of the Top 200 Salons in the nation by Salon Today, they're pioneers when it comes to the latest in beauty treatments and techniques.

"The key to success is being progressive and staying updated," Ruggers said. "You've got to keep learning. You never know it all, because in this business it changes daily."

#### It's all about mom

If you haven't thought of a great Mother's Day surprise, Polished Outlook already has. What better gift for mom than the gift of beauty and stress

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relief? Why not make her the guest of honor with a day at the spa?

There are numerous packages to choose from, including a "Mother's Makeover," with a relaxing signature facial, newly shined and conditioned hair design and personalized makeup application. Or, put together a package with the services she might enjoy most. A gift certificate would allow the same flexibility.

A mother and daughter date at the spa is a perfect way to spend time together. Ruggers suggests "Just the Two of Us." "How do I love Thee," or "Mother Daughter Spa Day." For example, "Just the Two of Us" includes one-hour massages for two, hot oil deities, while relaxing in the boutique, followed by "warm spa" manicures.

#### Hot looks for a cool spring

Three-D, semi-permanent, lashes are one hottest new look featured at the Chicago Midwest Beauty Show. Recently perfected for a truly natural look, chosen from a practical everyday look to fabulous glamour.

"It's all about technique and

product," she explained. "We've researched a lot of them."

Safety is crucial during the application. "Most importantly, we thoroughly protect the eye area."

Don't underestimate the power of an eyebrow wax. "Slipping is so important. It can change the entire facial expression," she noted. Why not combine your new lashes with an eyebrow wax or eyelift for a complete eye makeover?

You don't need a plastic surgeon to look younger. For those who want to reverse aging, an instant facelift provides a great alternative to surgery. This safe, affordable procedure can be applied to a chin lift, eye lift, face lift, even a bust line lift.

"An eye lift will cost no more than an eyebrow wax, if such," she added. "It's a great way to feel glamorous at that next special occasion."

Spring is the perfect time to update your look with a makeover. The entire staff at Polished Outlook are trained consultants to help clients achieve their best look. Ruggers uses one word to describe their skin care: "Phenomenal!"

If you're taking a spring break to warmer climates, think hair and bikini waxing. A buff and bronze shins; spray on tanning treatment, or manually applied, sunless tan is the perfect way to jump-start your vacation look. Don't forget waxing for other areas, including face, legs, back, or underarms.

While visiting the salon, take a minute to browse through their gift shop. It's filled with a variety of goodies. A favorite are their private label body candles.

"They're all natural; they're good for the environment, and they smell wonderful. We can't keep them in stock."



Polished Outlook offers a wide array of products.

#### Gentlemen welcome

By the way, Polished Outlook believes that pampering isn't just for ladies only.

More and more gentlemen are taking advantage of these great stress reducers. Ruggers and her staff have welcomed this trend by offering all kinds of services tailored specifically for men. How about a "His Turn" spa package, which includes a deep-cleansing gentleman's facial treatment, cleansing back treatment and relaxing Swedish massage? Or try the "Executive Spa" for men or women featuring a relaxing vegetable vitamin facial with eye contour-massage and Swedish body massage.

#### Wish lists are welcome as well

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For more inspiration, visit their Web site at [www.polishedoutlook.com](http://www.polishedoutlook.com). It contains a complete menu of services for face, hair, nails and more, including exclusive online specials and promotions.

Call: (248) 685-9898 for appointments. Polished Outlook is located in an elegantly restored Victorian at 119 East Washington Street in downtown Milford.

## For All She Does... Mom Deserves A Day Just For Her!



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