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Fox Run resident Ernie Harwell and employee Fred Mochetta fondly recall their years at Tiger Stadium in Moschetti's memorabilia-covered office. Harwell spent decades at Michigan and Trumbull as the Tigers' radio announcer and Mochetta worked at the stadium in its food service.

Take us out to the ball park

Demolition can't erase memories from Tiger Stadium

By Tracy Miahler
STAFF WRITER
Fred Mochetta remembers the good old days selling sausage and nachos at Tiger Stadium. "I always felt like I was working in a part of history," said...

Mochetta, director of sales and marketing at Fox Run. "There was always a sense of excitement driving down Michigan Avenue and seeing that huge stadium... Just thinking about who used to play there is amazing."
After years of debate, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick has decided it's time to make use of the land currently home to Tiger Stadium, first opened in 1912, and demolish it.
"Everyone remembers spending the day at the baseball park," Mochetta said. "It's sad to see it go because of the great history it has."

Baseball is the national pastime. And although the stadium has sat vacant since the Tigers moved to Comerica Park in 2000, several Novi seniors remember the days spent at the original ball park, located at Michigan Avenue and Trumbull.
Eric Harwell, 88, of Fox Run, spent 42 years as the voice of the Detroit Tigers.
"I loved the people; the ambience of the ball park; the smells of the food!" Harwell said.
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Legacy for Life

Power Park event proceeds to help with cancer research

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Metro Detroit residents got a chance to salute the Red Wings goalie Manny Legace's fan base change last Saturday in Novi. Although the hockey goalie's mug is usually hidden behind his metal mask, he was up close and personal during the Legacy for Life Foundation Scribble Tournament at Power Park. The event raised \$15,000-\$20,000 for breast cancer research and to combat domestic abuse, with players competing on all four ball parks during the event.

Jeff Weber, 11, and Ryan Davis, 11, both of Novi, showed for the event, too. "Our brother had a baseball game, and I coach first base," Davis said. He enjoys pitching and playing first base. Weber also coaches first base and likes to pitch and play catcher. They help coach the Inferno youth baseball team in Novi.

Manny's wife joins game

Manny Legace's wife, Giann, better known as "Gi," was part of the co-ed softball team along with her husband. She could be seen wearing his goalie mask at the start of the game. The two live in Village Oaks subdivision in Novi. The Legacy for Life Foundation will be the benefactor of the China Cafe Classic at Mendoc Brook Country Club on Monday, Aug. 28. The organization has not yet determined what charity will benefit from this tournament, according to Sandy George, Gianna Legace's mother. The foundation benefits many charities, not just breast cancer research and domestic abuse prevention.

Manny Legace

Sam Olson, 11, of Novi got Legace to autograph his shorts at the event. "I see Yezzeram at the Sports Club of Novi a lot," he said.

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New lounge joins mix of Novi's growing nightlife

Bring a friend; have a martini

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER



Dan Helka, left, and Eric Lowery are part of a group of businessmen who have opened the new Mix Lounge on Novi's Main Street.

Are you ready to "mix" it up? The owners of the new Mix Lounge on Mylar Street invite area residents to check out Novi's newest nightclub in the heart of downtown Novi. The newest night spot in Novi opened last Friday. The art deco-style bar features prints of famous nightclubs such as the Boom Boom Room, the Frolic Room, Club Flame, Torch Club and the Golden Nugget, from the art deco period from 1920-1930. The owners also claim the nightclub sports the longest bar in Oakland County at about 70 feet. The bar is fashioned in solid African cherry by a designer who has created custom looks at bars from Los Angeles to New York. "There are no venders used in the whole bar," said Eric Lowery, one of the four owners. The half-moon booths in a black-and-blue design offer a cozy atmosphere next to the bar. Other owners include Randy Gregory of Novi, and Dan Helka and Mitchell Angelos from Dearborn. Some of the owners also owned the Double Olive in Grrosse Pointe and Dearborn and own another bar in Grosse Pointe, Delux. Two 50-inch plasma TVs grace the long bar, with a 42-inch plasma screen, two pool tables and the Golden Tee golf video game at the front of the bar. A large lounge area is situated in the back of the bar with custom-designed miller-lit furniture. "Blue was a very big color in the deco period, so that's why we incorporated a lot of it in the bar," Lowery said.

periodicity. As far as the types of music provided, "We'll continue to mix it up," Lowery said, no pun intended. Since the back area is free-standing, it can be reconfigured for dancing or special functions. The 4,000-square-foot space can accommodate 241 patrons. "We serve no food currently but will eventually offer light appetizer menu," Lowery said. "We expect people to come in before or after dinner," Lowery said. "That basically the premise of all dance bars that we've been involved in, and they've all been very successful," he added. The bar even has a signature drink, the No. 11 Mixer with six different types of liquor. Several different cocktail menus will be available, including a martini menu, a mixed drink menu and a large selection of beer.

Entertainment, dancing

The Mix Lounge will feature live entertainment and dancing

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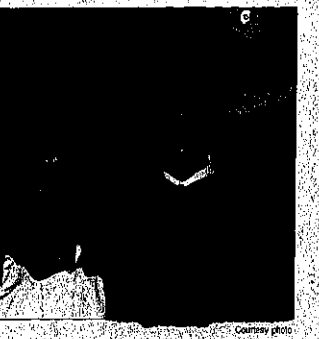
Studying for the bar exam keeps Ken Myers busy

By Matt Doran
STAFF WRITER

The floors were dirt and when it rained at night, water dripped on his bed. And to Ken Myers, it was the most normal thing in the world. "It made me very open-minded and aware of different cultures," said Myers, a 1997 Novi High School graduate. His experience with the busy good job of maintaining me to for came during one of two summers he spent as a child living in a poor neighborhood in Veracruz, Mexico. The first summer, he lived with a family and made friends with a carpenter down the street. He lived with the carpenter the second summer, and recalled teaching the other kids in the neighborhood how to play Uno. Myers' childhood summers abroad were part of his parents' plan to teach him independence. He spent other summers in Korea and Japan, where he lived with his grandmother. "(My parents) did a really good job of motivating me to motivate myself," he said.

A man of many languages

Myers is fluent in Japanese and Spanish, and speaks some Korean. He put his fluency in Japanese to good use growing up in Novi, when he taught a "Junior Japanese" program, designed by his father, to his fellow students. Myers' parents, even broadcast on Novi public access, enable Myers to follow suit. Myers admitted the program, although his "shortened" English, led to some ridicule later on. "It was definitely the source of some mockery when I was in high school," he said. continued on page 4



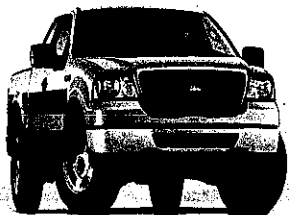
Ken Myers and his mother, Izumi, celebrate his recent graduation from Harvard Law School.

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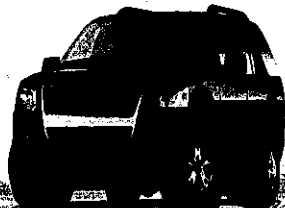


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Demolition can't erase memories from Tiger Stadium

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"When I first heard they were going to knock it down, I joked that I wanted the urn that was in the visitors' clubhouse that so many famous players like Babe Ruth had used."

Memories live on

Harwell came to Tiger Stadium, then known as Briggs Stadium, in 1969 after announcing for the Baltimore Orioles for several years. "I spent seven decades as a major league announcer and four of those in that stadium," Harwell said. "I

think we've got used to the fact that (Tiger Stadium) was going to be demolished some day once we moved to Comerica Park." Barbara Green said she used to go to Tiger Stadium quite often as a child. "I'm sorry to see it go," said Given, of Fox Run. "It was one of those places you had to go to."

Shirley Skumhan said before tearing the stadium down, the city should preserve a portion to memorialize it. "It's a good idea to save part of it, maybe first base," she said. "It's so old and things change. You don't want the reason (Tiger Stadium) is demolished to be because something had happened."

According to city officials, the plan, brought to the city last year by the Greater Corktown Development Corp., preserves the old stadium playing field to be used for Little League games, concerts and community events. The dugouts would also be preserved along a portion of the stadium, near the corner of Michigan and Cochran, to be used as a memorial to the Tigers' history. "This decision meets our goals of increasing economic development while maintaining the integrity of the neighborhood," said Kipairick in a recent Detroit Free Press article. "The future of the Michigan and Trumbull site will honor and preserve the memory of Tiger Stadium."

Harwell said he'll never forget the final game played. "It was Monday, Sept. 27, 1999," he said. "They brought back all the old players and let me be the (master of ceremonies)."

He said the evening was a good-bye to Tiger Stadium.

"The crowd was so respectful of the ballpark and even the lights went out. It was sad but moving because of the reverence that everyone had," Harwell said. "I will always remember I spoke the final words inside those walls."

"It's been 88 years at Michigan and Trumbull," he said. "The tradition built here shall endure along with the performance of the Old English 'D'. But tonight we must say 'good-bye.' Farewell old friend Tiger Stadium, we will remember."

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Studying for the bar exam keeps Ken Myers busy

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Studying for the bar

These days, Myers is studying up for the bar exam, which he plans on taking in late July. After that, he has his sights set on heading west for a little travel, visiting the West Coast, Asia and Eastern Europe before starting his job at a New York law firm in the fall. "I recently graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School and plans on specializing in corporate law, perhaps working for an IT company someday."

Ken Myers

How you know him: He graduated from Novi High School in 1997 and taught the "Junior Japanese" program on local cable. Where he is now: Studying in Boston for the bar exam after graduating cum laude from Harvard Law School. Interesting fact: He spent two years as an assistant coach on the rowing team at the University of Michigan.

Quota: "(My parents) did a really good job of motivating me to motivate myself," he said. "I'm pretty psyched," Myers said.

received a law degree from Wayne State University, and the possibility of law school was always on Myers' radar screen, he said.

Myers studied hard for the test for several weeks, and ended up being accepted at Harvard. He finished out his second year as assistant coach of the U-M rowing team secure in the knowledge that his days as a "bum" were drawing to a close. "It was a great experience," he said. "I think I'm one of the few rowing coaches to go through Harvard Law School."

Keeping busy

Once he starts working for the New York law firm this fall, his rowing options will be limited, Myers said, since he'll be working in downtown Manhattan. "I don't think I'm going into a situation where I can keep rowing," he said.

In August, Myers will be presenting a paper at Wikimedia 2006 in Cambridge, Mass. The paper, which he wrote Harvard, examines the extent of legal liability for defamatory remarks published on Wikipedia's website. The article will also be published in the Harvard Journal of Law & Technology.

"I'm pretty psyched," Myers said.

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Saying 'good-bye'

Kocan honored for term on planning commission

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER

After dedicating half a decade to the city of Novi, Lynn Kocan said good-bye. The 52-year-old planning commission member looked to developing city plans for the time during last night's planning commission meeting.

Upon her final hour, Kocan said she enjoyed every minute on the board. "Some of the best work I think I've done has been at committee meetings in revising the city ordinances," Kocan said. "I was able to bring common sense and a resident eye to the development. I tried to be the residents' eyes and ears."

Kocan served on the planning commission since January 2001. "My avocation actually started in 1994, but I wasn't until 2000 when I applied for the zoning board of appeals that I got even more involved," she said. "The process is what caught me - here's what you have on the books, what has to be done and working in the confines of the government."

Kocan, who served as planning commission chairperson from 2004-05, was honored during the meeting by her fellow board

members and presented with a framed certificate by Senator Nancy Cassis (R-Now), Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche (R-Now) and Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

"It's something to acknowledge Lynn for her dedicated service on the commission and in serving the community of Novi," said Victor Cassis, planning commission chairman. "These tributes are something that only a select few receive and Lynn deserves it."

Cassis said he remembers when Kocan first emerged from the grass roots of the community to pursue a zoning change in her neighborhood. "She articulated her comments before city council with vigilance," Cassis said. "As a result of her involvement with local issues, she most deservedly earned an appointment to the planning commission."

Andy Gutman said he was honored to work with Kocan and has her a mentor. "Lynn has been truly an inspiration to us all on the commission," said Gutman, planning commission member. "She has brought true dedication and a sincere focus on doing what she believes is in the best interest for the community."

Though he has only served two years with her, Gutman said Kocan has taught him the importance of paying attention to the smallest of details in order to understand the bigger picture. Kocan said after dedicating more than 2,000 hours to the

planning commission, it's time to take a break. "I may go back to the ZBA some day," she said. "So never count me out."

In the meantime, Kocan will be working part-time, having been a financial administrator for the past 25 years, and will turn her advocacy toward her parent's health care. "I have parents in their 80s and that's where my attention needs to be," she said. "It's time to take care of me and my family... not to say that I won't keep an eye on what's going on though."

She also said she will continue volunteering for her church and community events, but on a smaller scale. Kocan said her favorite part of being on the planning commission was looking at site plans. "I'm a very visual person," she said. "I like knowing what's going on, and I will continue to do that."

Words of wisdom
Brian Burke, currently with Novi Parks and Recreation, will be taking Kocan's seat on the planning commission. "It's easy to let your opinion about a project interfere with the compliance of an ordinance," she said. "It's also easy to say yes and difficult to say no."

"If you don't agree with the ordinance, don't always give variance. Change them," Kocan said she's enjoyed working with everyone in the planning department and hopes she has brought some good to the city. "Everyone has their own insight and background," she said.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News
After being with the Novi Planning Commission for five years, Lynn Kocan studies some development blueprints at her home for her last meeting, on June 28.

"I don't believe anyone should agree, but you have to agree to disagree," she said. "Her voice will echo in the halls of the Civic Center again."

Cassis said the city of Novi owes Kocan a great deal of gratitude for her hard work and efforts. "I am sure we will be hearing from her in the future," he said. "Her voice will echo in the halls of the Civic Center again."

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50's Festival holding essay competition

Scholars and authors between the ages of 7 and 14 are invited to share their talents by entering an Essay Contest, hosted by the Michigan 50's Festival presented by Eight House Networks and the Novi Town Center.

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Winning essays will be published in the Novi News. Names of all who enter will appear in the festival insert. The Michigan 50's Festival is a celebration of the 1950's featuring entertainment, food, classic and new cars, fireworks, a family area with petting farm, Arts & Crafts, Scrabblemania, AM 910 Radio Disney performances and a giant sandbox.

This year's festival will take place at the Novi Town Center July 26-29. For more information about festival events, visit www.michigan50sfestival.com.

72-hour limit on RV storage may be removed

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Novi residents who own recreational vehicles or are planning some home improvements will want to pay attention to ordinance changes that may be adopted soon. At city council's June 19 meeting, members approved the first reading of amendments that would affect requirements for outdoor storage of recreational vehicles and construction materials in residential areas.

Gregory believes Novi needs more spots for the mature crowd. "We fell like this type of business was lacking in this area," Gregory said. "The owners are planning an official grand opening in a couple of weeks."

The owners are working on a promotion in which patrons can put their name in a hat and receive free shuttle service to and from the bar. "We want to differentiate ourselves from other establishments," Gregory said. He noted that his late father, Russ, was a Wayne County Sheriff, and the staff is police-friendly and

planned to work with a couple of local call companies on getting patrons home safely. "We met with the two (licensees) recently at the Novi Police Department just to get off on the right foot," Gregory said. "We want to be a good corporate citizen and a good addition to the city."

Gregory pointed out that there's plenty of underground parking in the building. "We want to complement the restaurants in the area," he said.

'Mix' it up on Main Street

The new Mix Lounge at 43155 Main Street in Novi is open from 3 p.m. - 2 a.m. daily. For more information, call (248) 347-MIXX or visit www.mixlounge.com

people to clean and maintain their recreational vehicles on their property," Capello said. The second proposed zoning ordinance change would prohibit the storage of construction materials in residential areas unless the homeowner has a building permit. Council Member Tom Nagel asked if the proposed change would affect residents undertaking siding

or roofing projects. She felt if this was the case that the proposed changes regarding storage of building materials was too restrictive. City staff explained that materials are allowed to be stored on property when their use was considered normal repair, such as siding and roof repairs. This subject was originally brought to Council's attention in September 2002 by Steven Landau.

The amended ordinance would include lumber, bricks, concrete or cedar blocks, plumbing materials, electrical wiring or equipment, heating ducts or equipment, single-pane, concrete or cement, nails, screws or any other construction materials. Council members will review a second reading of the ordinance changes before making a final approval.

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Council asked to set standards for pet boarding facilities in city

■ Parking and waste concerns noted

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Entrepreneurs may be able to open a pet boarding facility in areas zoned Light Industrial in Novi in the near future.

City council members approved the first reading of a proposed ordinance amendment at their June 19 meeting that would identify an appropriate zoning district and establish standards for household pet boarding facilities in the city.

Currently, the city's zoning ordinance does not provide for these types of facilities, and there is no reference to a similar use, such as a dog kennel.

Veterinary clinics are considered Special Land Uses within the General Business zoning district.

Over the last couple of years, the planning department has received several calls from people wanting to establish this type of facility in Novi as this seems to be a new trend in pet care.

The text amendments were initiated through a series of events that took place in late 2003 and early 2005.

In 2003, members of the Zoning Board of Appeals heard a use variance request from Teri Brennan of "Gone to the Dogs" doggie day care facility, which is located in an industrial building on Westlip Drive.

ZBA members decided that the dog day care use was similar to other Light Industrial uses.

Commissioners eventually formulated language creating a new section in the city's zoning ordinance allowing "Pet Boarding Facilities" as a primary

use in Light Industrial districts.

Planning commission members have recommended approval of the proposed language to city council.

No limit on number of pets

At the June 19 council meeting, members Terry Margolis and Lynne Paul inquired about the number of animals that would be allowed in such facilities.

The proposed ordinance amendment does not address this, and pet boarding facilities are not regulated by the state like child day care facilities.

The ordinance change would also allow pet boarding facilities to be located next to a residential district as a Special Land Use. "The amendment does not allow farm animals."

Kirk Nicola of Beverly Hills, Mich., who is trying to open a pet boarding business in Novi with his wife, Laurel, addressed city council June 19. He asked if the number of required parking spaces in the proposed ordinance could be reduced.

The amendment currently states that there be one parking space for every 350 square feet of usable floor space.

Council Member Andrew Mutch is concerned about the volume of traffic such facilities might produce.

"I do think we need to provide this type of use in the city, though," Mutch said.

The ordinance change states that such facilities shall not be closer than 500 feet from adjacent residential and that they must be in the side yard or back yard.

A fence or wall must completely enclose the facility; animal waste would have to be removed daily and disposed of in a sanitary manner; and pets wouldn't be allowed to remain outdoors overnight.

Family's move to Novi depends on outcome of proposed change

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Kirk and Laurel Nicola are playing the waiting game.

They want to open a pet boarding facility in Novi as soon as possible.

But, they are waiting until a proposed amendment is made to the city's zoning ordinance before he can do so.

The Beverly Hills, Mich., residents are ready to move their family to Novi, and are just waiting for city leaders to approve the change.

"I'm going to meet with one of the planners next week," Kirk Nicola said on Friday.

He came before city council June 19 to talk about the number of parking spaces that the current amendment suggests, which is one for every 350 feet of space used for such a facility.

Nicola believes the number of parking spaces should depend on the number of dogs the pet boarding facility is going to accommodate.

"You usually only need about six or seven parking spaces for

such a facility, because most of the traffic is drop off or pick up," he said.

"People are usually in a hurry."

He added that these types of facilities don't require a lot of employees either—usually one employee for every 15-20 dogs.

Nicola does not currently own a pet boarding facility in Beverly Hills, and the proposed facility in Novi would be a new business for him and his family.

The entrepreneur said that he is looking at moving such a business into an existing building in a Light Industrial area in the interest of time.

"It takes two years to run up a building in Novi or longer," Nicola said.

He thinks Novi needs another pet boarding facility as there aren't an abundance of them in the area, and a lot of people own dogs.

The Nicolas also plan to board cats in the proposed facility.

In the meantime, they're using a wait-and-see approach before going forward with their business plans.



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Kirk and Laurel Nicola of Beverly Hills, Mich., hope Novi city council pass a new zoning ordinance that would allow pet boarding facilities in light industrial areas. With them is their pet, Scooter, a Bichon Frise.

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• Wixom Music In The Park. Thursday, June 25 at Gilbert Willis Memorial Park off Loon Lake Road. Admission is free. Festivities from 6 to 10 p.m., band music, kids' games, concessions, etc. Fireworks after the concert. Phone: (248) 624-2850

• Northville's Independence Day parade begins at 10 a.m. at the corner of Griswold and Main Street in Downtown Northville on July 4. Festivities begin with the Sweet Adelines singing patriotic tunes prior to the parade and starting the parade with the Color Guard standing at attention while the National Anthem is sung. There will be many children's characters including Fawns from the Detroit Tigers, Louie the Lightning Bug, the Whambugler, Shooter from the Whalers, the Big Boy, South Lyon Marching Band and Guard who are second place in the State of Michigan and much more in this year's parade. Everyone is invited to be a part of the parade either making a float, bringing your favorite pet to the Pet Parade, or decorating your bike for the Bike Parade. Again, this year Meijer is sponsoring the Bike Parade and will award two bikes, one to a boy and one to a girl for the "best decorated" bikes. If you have a parade entry and would like to participate you must pre-register by calling (248) 374-0200 by June 26.

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day festival. <http://www.ci.westland.mi.us>

• Red Wine and Blues at the Opera House in Howell during 2008 Streetfest, 2 to 11 p.m. July 6, Brick (2008), rated R, opens June 30 through July 8. 1. Concerts, art show, wine tasting, Opera House tours, silent auction, free kids activities at the library, also watch local artists paint throughout downtown Howell. For more information and reservations (\$35 advance, \$40 night of the event) call (517) 540-0065.

• Greenfield Village Annual Salute to America, Friday, June 30, through Monday, July 3, at Greenfield Village. Admission, see website. Games, contests, Detroit Symphony Orchestra concert. Phone: (313) 982-6001, <http://www.thegreenfield.org>

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• The Taste of Whitmore Lake in downtown Whitmore Lake will be 12 to 9 p.m. July 1. This exciting event will feature an array of succulent taste temptations presented by local restaurants and eateries, along with a beer tent. There will also be entertainment along with raffle drawings for great prizes, and the Grand Finale Fireworks Extravaganza.

• Camp Dearborn Beach Bash, Saturday July 1 at Camp Dearborn. Phone: (248) 684-6000, <http://www.cityofdearborn.org>

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• Also on July 1, down at Lake Erie Metropark in Brownsown, there will be fireworks at dusk. This Metropark has a wave pool, children's play area, basketball, softball, tennis, and volleyball courts. Also there is a boat launch and shore fishing slings.

• Holly, Saturday July 1 at Lakeside Park; Bush Lake; end of Thomas Street and Holly Bush. Admission is free. Festivities start at 6 p.m. with the Holly Festival Band. Phone: (248) 634-1900, <http://www.hollymi.com/>

• White Lake, Tuesday July 4 at Dawson's Island, Ormand Road at Jackson Blvd., north of M59. Admission is free. http://www.lansinglognubs.com/vla_n_ection/4ofjuly.html

• Clarkston 2008 Festival of Fun, Tuesday July 4 at Clintonwood Park. Admission is free. Many events all day including music, games, contests - see website for complete information. Parade at 10 a.m. Phone: (248) 625-1924 <http://www.twp.independence.mi.us>

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• On July 2, Hudson Hills Metropark on North Territorial in Dexter will be showing off their fireworks display. Before hand beginning at 7 p.m. the big Pinky Band will perform at the activity center. There are court games, food service, a lot lot, disc golf, and bike rentals.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Granting scholarships
DeMarla Building Company, of Novi and Detroit, recently awarded Jeff Owsark, an architecture student enrolled in the College of Architecture at the University of Detroit Mercy, the DeMarla Building Company Scholarship. The DeMarla scholarship fund was established in 2002 to help deserving students gain access to private education and to assist the university in supporting students of high achievement and promising talent.

Boosting revenue
Austin technology consulting firm Perficient Inc. will join the Russell 2000 index on tomorrow. Overseen by the Russell Investment Group, the index is reconstituted every May. It ranks the largest U.S. stocks by total market capitalization to create the Russell 2000. The index 1,000 companies then comprise the Russell 2000, with the Russell 2000 composed of the remaining companies.

Seeking businesses
Automation Alley's International Business Center announced it is accepting applications for southeast Michigan companies to participate in a trade mission to China this fall. Scheduled for Nov. 1-15, the trade mission will bring area businesses to the cities of Beijing, Chengdu, Chongqing, Guangzhou and Shanghai.

Gas spill costs millions
The owner of an East Toledo petroleum terminal seeks millions of dollars in damages over a containment system the firm claims would have averted a gasoline spill last year if it had been operating properly.

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This is also the only diner train in the country that prepares every bit of its food fresh on board from the applicator to the steamer, Brown said.

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Michigan Star Clipper Train has new owner, overnight packages

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Oishi offers fusion of various cuisines

■ Noodle, rice dishes served

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Anyone who has gone to college in the U.S. knows what ramen noodles are.

But restaurant owner Jai Park is serving up the real thing — authentic ramen noodles and rice dishes at his new restaurant, Oishi, on Main Street in Novi.

The restaurant is located on the east side of the Main Street building across from Gus O'Connor's and the Post Bar.

Oishi means "delicious" in Japanese, and he's hoping area residents will use this adjective to describe his dishes.

Park and business partner, in Lee, a resident of Novi for 20 years, opened the doors to the new restaurant last Friday, and already had 140 patrons on one of their first days.

Describing the selections as "healthy Japanese-Chinese fusion cuisine," Park added that the cost is also easy on diners' wallets, with no item priced higher than \$9.

The restaurant features a contemporary, industrial look, with open ceiling and bright colors.

One corner offers traditional Japanese seating in which tables are placed in an opening of the floor, with patrons sitting around them.

Home-made dumplings are one of the restaurant's specialties. Chefs even have a demonstration table just outside the kitchen where they can teach diners on how to make their own.

This is Park's second restaurant in the Main Street building, as he also owns a Korean restaurant, Bi Bin Bab, in the interior of the complex.

Third restaurant opening soon
Park and Lee plan to open a third restaurant, Zuma, in September. This restaurant will offer sushi and sashimi and will be located just south of Oishi where the Coffee Trader used to be.

As co-owner of these restaurants soon, "I'm excited and proud," Park said jokingly.

Oishi includes a variety of dishes including: chicken, beef, pork and kimchi-and-pork combination. (Kimchi is a spicy, pickled cabbage.)
Wok stir-fry selections include: Clit Slump, a spicy, lightly bread-



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Oishi noodle shop owner Jai Park, right, and his nephew David Park, sit at one of the Novi Market St. eateries' recessed dining tables. Park enjoys a bowl of miso ramen.

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Third restaurant opening soon
Park and Lee plan to open a third restaurant, Zuma, in September. This restaurant will offer sushi and sashimi and will be located just south of Oishi where the Coffee Trader used to be.

As co-owner of these restaurants soon, "I'm excited and proud," Park said jokingly.

ed shrimp topped with thinly-sliced scallions; Green Pepper Beef; Assorted Vegetables; Liver and Assorted Vegetables; The Works, which includes seafood, pork and vegetables; Tangy Chicken and Mopu Tofu.

Park fried rice and shrimp fried rice are other entree selections, with side dishes including sea zuke, an assortment of pickled vegetables; kimchi; and Three Flavors, a combination of kimchi, roast pork and bamboo shoots.

The restaurant can seat 75 diners and about 25 outdoors.

Park and Lee don't currently have a longer lease for the new restaurant but plan to obtain one in the near future and said that city staff have been great to work with on the new business.

If the Novi location is successful, they hope to establish a franchise. "This corridor has really become the Mecca of ethnic food in Novi," Shaikh said.

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Oishi chef Coco Sublano prepares a bowl of miso ramen noodle soup.



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

A part-time legislature?

The most enduring memory I have from the Detroit Chamber of Commerce's policy conference on Mackinac Island last month was the widespread scorn for the Michigan Legislature.

The kindest thing I heard was "incompetent and inexperienced." Other more caustic comments ranged from those not suitable for a family newspaper to "unbelievably incompetent."

Granted, politicians have never been popular... but this is a level of contempt unknown in two decades ago. Why?

Much of it has to do with the fact that legislators in Michigan are term-limited. State house members can serve six years, maximum state senators, eight. And then they're out of those offices — for life.

The voters adopted term limits in 1992. The theory was that it would break the arbitrary power of long-time incumbents and encourage "citizen legislators" over professional politicians and special interests.

I supported term limits back then. How was I ever wrong? I learned for the life of me, figure out why I should have presumed that holding public office is a job where experience is a bad thing.

Today, most Michigan lawmakers have little idea of what they're doing or how to go about it. Ambitious legislators no longer get elected to office when they start floundering to run for the next one, lining up the lobbyists with their hands out to raise money for the next campaign.

Billier that, they start angling for some high-paying private sector job with all the potential conflict of interest that implies.

Yet through term limits clearly don't mean good government — the only problem is that voters seem to still like the concept.

Falls especially show overwhelming resistance to lengthening term limits, let alone doing away with them altogether.

So earlier this month I was obliged to read a column on the subject by Nelson Filley, editorial page editor of the Detroit News. Filley argued that lengthening the term is merely a band-aid around the edge of the problem, and he pointed out that you have to offer the voters something important if you're going to abandon term limits. His solution: Put on the 2008 ballot a proposal to eliminate term limits — in return for creating a part-time legislature. That makes a lot of sense.

A part-time legislature — which is what Michigan used to have, decades ago — would reduce the original goal of "citizen legislators." It should cost a lot less than our full-time body. And it would provide those elected with time to gain experience in their job, while at the same time leaving the voters the ability to drop the bums out if they screw up. (We have always had the best form of term limits: they're called elections.)

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, it turns out only four states — California, New York, Pennsylvania and Michigan — have truly professional, full-time legislatures.

Of our neighboring states, Ohio, Illinois and Wisconsin have "full-time" legislators. Iowa, Minnesota and Indiana have legislators who spend around half-time in session.

Excited by the prospect, I called some of my snazziest and most experienced friends to get my figured would be support for the idea. To my surprise, several came down hard against it.

Craig Rupp, a self-described "child of the executive branch" who served in the Millikan Administration, told me tracking a part-time legislature for removing term limits would be "poison."

Politics and policy are tough enough, Rupp says, and expecting people with very limited investment in their job to do it well is silly.

LETTERS

Power hit the mark...

Three cheers for Bill Power's courageous exposure of the Republican plot to destroy Michigan's economy and Governor Granholm's chances of re-election. Such forthright action deserves commendation. Now, if only those voters considering voting for DeVos would read and learn the facts.

Patrick M. Downey
Novi

...or did he?

As the owner of a Michigan business that supports over 150 employees and families, I am quite upset that Mr. Powers has the platform to put forth his criticism of the concept of lower business taxes that is the driving effort to create more opportunity for business and job creation. It may be forward thinking, but the attached article regarding the ongoing economic "miracle" in Ireland should be required reading for those opposed to lower taxes. Less government intervention and free enterprise.

Mr. Powers seems to feel that any antidote that will change the status quo is bad for the Michigan economy. Of course, he's wrong even as he sites specific studies that help support his argument. Unfortunately, these studies quoted by the Citizens Research Council and Michigan's Future, Inc. are unknown to the average reader as is their financial backing and political agenda. Perhaps it would be refreshing to have the opinions from other authors who are actually creating jobs, paying the SBT taxes and involved in the worldwide marketplace in your newspaper in contrast to your current offerings.

Please take a few moments and review the article (<http://www.crcinc.com/usingyourpen-articles/economiccrisis/promotepartim.html>) and perhaps your criticism page can be the future take on a "real world" view of the business market, job creation and taxes. The "proof" is in the pudding" and this article spells that out in detail. Sometimes real facts get in the way of those using incendiary terms like "right-wing" ideologies.

Mark McManus Sr.
Chairman, Nov Horizons Computer Learning Centers

Eggleston column questioned

I am the Executive Director of the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association in an article written by one of your sports writers (Stan Eggleston, All State Process Needs to be Tweaked...June 22, 2006) took our association to task in regard to our All State selection process and our Miss Soccer selection process. As the Executive Director and a high school coach I could not disagree with Mr. Eggleston more firmly. Not only did he leave out important facts while attempting to play us in the public eye, he made statements that are simply not true. Although there are many examples to select from in my response I will consider only two. The first has to do with his criticism of our selection for Miss Soccer. He openly states that he has never seen our selection play but criticizes that the player from a school in your readership should have been selected over the selection our committee made. I find it hard to take his criticism. With his statements, alone, his column should have made it no further than the copy room floor. How can a sports writer be taken seriously when he makes the statement, "I have never seen her play but know she is not so good as..."?

The second example is his inflammatory statement that our process is made up of coaches who favor

small, west-side schools and that is why we made the decision we made about Miss Soccer. Again, he shows no journalistic integrity. Of the thirteen coaches on the selection committee, eight of them would be considered from a large school and from the east-side. In the past ten years our process has been the same. During that time frame eight of the ten Miss Soccer awards went to large, east-side schools. One of the two who were not east-side went to Lindsay Tarpley from a large school, Portage Central. Tarpley plays on the US National team. I believe your writer not only set out to hurt the credibility of our coaches but took an unnecessary shot at quality high school athletes to feed his own prejudice. He showed a lack of credibility and a complete lack of journalistic integrity. I have prepared a point-by-point response to show Mr. Eggleston's failure as a writer and a public news person. I believe he owes our association a public apology. Not because we disagree with his assumptions and conclusions, but because he obviously took little time to get the facts right. He use a paper that buys their ink by the barrel to make statements that are incorrect, based upon false assumptions and lack any journalistic research. In fact, come to think of it, he really owes you readers an apology, not our association. But, if he has the integrity, we will take it.

Dave Hulings
Executive Director, MHSSCA

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Armful of fun
Caitlin Ellis, 10, has her arms full as she helps to move a bunch of basketballs during last week's Lady Wildcats camp at Novi High. About 40 girls attended, learned the fundamentals of hoops, and walked away with commemorative t-shirts and basketballs.

Don't perpetuate the No. 6 myth

...Meyer suggested a monumental tasking... a sage suggestion, since this was the site of the No. 6 stop." (Novi News 6/19/06).

According to Wikipedia, the fine encyclopedia on the internet:

"The name Novi was taken from the township, which was organized in 1832 from Farmington Township. The name was offered by resident Dr. J.C. Emory, at the suggestion of his wife. Residents were especially looking for a shorer name than Farmington. Several popular but historically inaccurate explanations have been given for the origin of the name Novi. One version is that it was named after the 6th tollgate on the Grand River toll road (96th St.). However, the township was named in 1832 and the toll road was not constructed until the 1830s. A similar claim is made about the township being named 6 on the railroad. However, the railroad was not constructed through the township until 1870-1871, almost 40 years after it was named."

Admittedly the possibility of a former stage coach line parallels as I haven't found proof that it never existed. But evidence of its existence evades me. Providing a negative is a tough task. Maybe Mr. Meyer will offer proof.

Patrick M. Downey
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FAITH

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The Gospel, in Japanese

Local church appeals to Japanese community

By Matt Doran
STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Kanji Fuki estimates that there are 7,000 temporary Japanese residents in Novi, Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield. Most are here on assignment for automotive companies, and return to Japan after a few years, he said.

But while they're in Novi, Fuki has dedicated himself to bringing them the gospel message each Sunday in their native language, through Detroit Japanese Christian Fellowship, the church he founded a few years ago.

Fuki, a 55-year-old Canadian citizen, moved to Novi in July, 2002 from Toronto, Ontario, with the mission of starting a church for Japanese people in the area. He had no core group calling him, no church building, and his only affiliation was with the Baptist General Conference.

"I asked the Lord to provide someone to help me and immediately he gave me one couple," Fuki said.

Building a group
He slowly began building a group of people and started looking for a meeting place. The group had little money, so he wanted to find something where they would not be charged rent. Fuki was successful. First Baptist Church, located at the corner of West 11 Mile and Tait roads in Novi, allows the group to worship each Sunday afternoon, and does not charge rent.

On crowded days, like Father's Day and Easter, the church draws around 80-100 people, Fuki said. Attendance is generally lower, but the church has grown "little by little, bit by bit," he said.

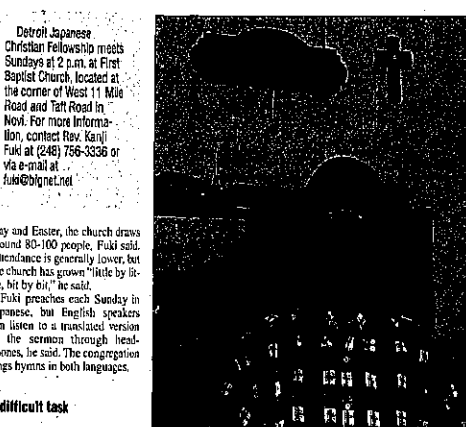
Fuki preaches each Sunday in Japanese, but English speakers can listen to a translated version of the sermon through headphones, he said. The congregation sings hymns in both languages.

A difficult task
Fuki estimates 2 percent of Novi's population is Japanese. However, only 1 percent of the population in Japan is Christian, and converting new believers among the Japanese population can be difficult, he said.

"It's not an easy job," Fuki said. Many of the people who attend the church are not believers, Fuki said. The church appeals to Japanese families because it offers education and sports programs for children, as well as instruction in English.

There are also small groups and home Bible studies, and Fuki said he has baptized some new believers. The environment in America is much different than Japan, he said, and the greater prevalence of Christian influences in the culture tends to spark curiosity in the gospel message.

"When they come here, they become more open to the gospel," Fuki said. "Fuki said. Some of the church members



The Rev. Kanji Fuki preaches a sermon in Japanese every Sunday afternoon at First Baptist Church.

even keep in touch once they return to Japan. Fuki said there is a group of 18 "alumni" of the church who meet in Tokyo. He said he is to send well-trained new Christians back to Japan.

Comparing Ideologies
Fuki became a Christian while he was a high school student in Japan. He was curious about comparing different ideologies, he said, and decided to pick up the Bible after reading Karl Marx's "Communist Manifesto." He read the Bible while taking the train to school, he said, and the Gospel of John especially stood out to him.

After graduating from college, Fuki became a marketing researcher, but decided later to go to seminary. He moved to Canada in 1987 and founded a church in Toronto, before heading to Singapore as a missionary. He ended up teaching theology at a seminary in Singapore before returning to Canada.

Fuki is married and has a 19-year-old daughter who is attending the University of Windsor in Canada.

"I'm planning to stay here for good," Fuki said. "I'm trying to be a churchman."

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The Grapes (and mashed potatoes, pizza and fried chicken) of Wrath

This was supposed to be the Summer of Abs.

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The God Demons, sensing that I was on the brink of turning the tide to the so-called "Bible of the Bible," unleashed their most potent secret weapon yet: mom's home cooking.

Like banker-souped borscht, mom's soups, pizza, pork chops, fried chicken, spiral-cut ham and home-baked breads... have evaporated my chances of losing another 10-15 pounds this summer, and finally unsealing those distended stomachs I just know are hiding somewhere beneath that extra inch or two of goo stubbornly clinging to my mid-section.

I just don't have the resolve to eat another serving of that rice-baked chicken pot pie, which is

merely the most comforting food ever concocted by mankind. And who am I to turn down another one of those rich, buttery biscuits made from scratch? After all, mom works so hard making them. It would be wrong not to show my appreciation by eating four or five.

Couple my inability to deny my stomach its every gluttonous whim with every my failure to exercise, and you have a recipe for pain that would be wrong not to show my appreciation by eating four or five.

Take the Country-Fried Steak, for example. First of all, the name is exceptionally misleading. It's a regular weekend schedule I can stick to, and you have a recipe for pain that would be wrong not to show my appreciation by eating four or five.

I even had a crack back on me at a restaurant recently. I sat down and heard a cracking sound as the wicker gave way, leading to barely suppressed snickers from my fellow diners. Her hair, Go ahead.

Folks, laugh it up. But don't blame me. This one is all mom's fault. And I was doing so well, too.

This past school year, while at college, I lost 25 pounds. I credit the flexible nature of college schedules, which allowed me to get in a solid workout every day, and the fact that eating the cafeteria food is only slightly more pleasant than, say, running naked through a preserve of giant, nuclear-powered mosquitoes.

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another serving?"

I'm sure by the time I was done with my third helping of smoothie, my body was filled with more vitamins than one of those health food stores that sells tiny packages of incredibly healthy, useless crackers made of organic beans that cost more than an iPod. Problem is, I had so much that I don't think I ended up really counting any calories, which was sort of my goal in the first place.

I generally end up making bold resolutions to myself every morning, swearing that I'll start getting up at 5:30 every morning so I can run 8 miles before work, or that I'll start eating rolling out lightly steamed spinach and drink nothing but liquidated lean beef. It never happens. I'm too good at rationalizing. "Go ahead, have some more pot roast," my brain says. "You can just go for a nice long run later on and come out even." It sounds good, and it must

be convincing, because I fall for it pretty much every time.

At this point, I'm becoming re-accustomed to the fact that my ripped abs (I swear, if you look carefully, you can kind of see four of them poking out a little bit) sit atop my stomach, which probably remains buried, at least for now. I'll do what I can to eat right and exercise as often as I can, but I probably won't be winning any Super Stud awards this summer.

It doesn't matter all that much. I have a secret weapon at my disposal: school starts up again in a couple of months. I can already smell the Country Fried Steak.

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CONTACT: Tim Nowicki at (248) 437-7345 or visit www.oakgov.com/parkrec

Aug. 26

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Second City Comedy Club

TIME/DATE: 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: "Bobbie 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.
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LOCATION: 43075 Crescent Boulevard
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Wisom City Council

DATE: Tuesday, July 11
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Wisom City Hall, 49045 Pontiac Trail
CONTACT: (248) 624-4557

Novl City Council Meeting

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

Novl Band Car Wash

DATE: Saturday, July 15
TIME: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 Ten Mile Road, west of Meadowbrook Road
DETAILS: Donations raised will support the Novi High School Band.
CONTACT: Patti Kuchyan, (248) 348-5135

Novl School Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, July 11
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 23345 Tait Road
CONTACT: (248) 449-1200

Novl Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, July 11
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
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Cricket Camp

DATE: Saturday, July 22

BUSINESS

Females in the Family Business Affinity Group

TIME/DATE: 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, jhubbard@walshcollege.edu

GOLF OUTINGS

Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing

DATE: Wednesday, July 12
TIME: 9 a.m., registration; 10 a.m., shotgun start
LOCATION: Links of Novi, 50395 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: The cost is \$98 per person and includes lunch, snack, dinner, goody bags, door prizes and a raffle. Sponsorships are available.
CONTACT: (248) 347-4622

Novl Lions Club Golf Outing

DATE: Thursday, July 13
TIME: 9 a.m., shotgun scramble
LOCATION: Links of Novi, 50395 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: Individuals and businesses are needed to participate as sponsors, golfers or to provide gifts or gift certificates as prizes to the attendees, or donate items for the "Silent Auction." All proceeds will be given to local charities.
CONTACT: Jerry Coonce, (248) 348-0531 or Terri D. Taylor, (248) 725-2384

Novl Wildcats Boys Basketball Golf Scramble

DATE: Saturday, July 15
LOCATION: Tanglewood Golf Course, 53503 West 10 Mile Road, South Lyon
DETAILS: This event includes lunch, a raffle and

prizes.
CONTACT: Dave Crandell, (248) 380-3148 or Doug Reichley, (248) 380-3921

Novl High School Band Golf Outing

DATE: Sunday, July 30
TIME: noon, tee-off
LOCATION: Tanglewood Golf Course, 53503 10 Mile Road, Lyon Township
DETAILS: The cost is \$100 per golfer (includes dinner) and \$35 for dinner only. There will be prizes and a raffle. Golfers and donations are needed.
CONTACT: Diron Kochyan, (248) 348-5135

Novl Parks Foundation Golf Outing

DATE: Thursday, Aug. 3
TIME: 10 a.m., shotgun start
LOCATION: Links of Novi, 50395 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: The cost is \$125 per golfer including breakfast, lunch, steak dinner and silent auction. Proceeds will benefit Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.
CONTACT: (248) 561-5055 or visit www.noviparks.org

Novl Chamber of Commerce Tycoon Tee-Off Golf Outing

DATE: Wednesday, August 9
LOCATION: Moose Ridge Golf Course, 11801 Doane Road, South Lyon
DETAILS: This outing will include sponsorship opportunities, prizes, networking and championship caliber golf.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3743

CLASSES

Providence Center for the Healing Arts

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47681 Grand River Avenue, Novi
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455
Reiki Camp Day
DATE: Friday, July 14
TIME: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
DETAILS: This is a day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, information and a new perspective on healthier living. The cost is \$50 and includes materials and lunch.
Registration is required.
Colored Pencil Workshop
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., see-

DETAILS: No partner needed for lessons in this pay-as-you-go program. Cost is \$5 for Novi residents and for those ages 55 and up; \$6 for non-residents.
CONTACT: (248) 348-9116

LIBRARY LINES

Novl Public Library Hours

LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile Road
HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday (closed during the summer)
DETAILS: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

Independence Day Hours

DETAILS: The library will be closed Tuesday, July 4.

Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales

DETAILS: This is the summer reading program for fourth grade students and under.

Creature Feature

DETAILS: This is the summer reading program for fifth grade students and up.

Drop-In Story Time

DATE: Friday, June 30
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
DETAILS: This is for ages 1-3. It will include stories and fun. Registration is not required.

Line Dancing

DATE: Monday and Friday, ongoing
TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate
LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena, 24200 Arena Drive

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The 12th Annual
Michigan Fillies Festival
 July 26-29
 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48065
 Tickets: \$10-\$25
 For more information, call (248) 347-0410

**CITY OF NOVI
 NOTICE OF ADOPTION
 ORDINANCE NO. 06-124.15**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 06-124.15, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 11-238(C) AND (E) AND 11-278(B)(1) AND (3) OF THE NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING BICYCLE PATHS AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PATHS.

The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, June 19, 2006. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

(6-29-06 NN 294934)

MARYANNE CORNELIUS,
 CITY CLERK

**NOTICE
 CITY OF NOVI
 REQUEST FOR
 TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
 TUP 06-029**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rick Genrich of Cambridge Homes is requesting a Temporary Use Permit for the placement of a temporary sales trailer on Lot 83 in the Trosbury Place which is located on the north side of 8 Mile Road and east of Garfield Road at 20894 Europa Drive from June 30, 2006 through August 30, 2007.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 9:30 a.m. on June 30, 2006 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Robin A. Working and must be received prior to June 30, 2006.

ROBIN A. WORKING
 TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY
 (6-29-06 NN 293065)

**FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
 TUP 06-031**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Gary Hanor of Barton Malow Construction is requesting a renewal of a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a temporary construction trailer for Providence Park to be located at 47801 Grand River on the southwest corner of Grand River and Beak Roads. This permit is to be issued from July 5, 2006 through December 31, 2006 or until the final certificate of occupancy has been issued.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 9:35 a.m. on July 5, 2006 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Robin A. Working and must be received prior to July 5, 2006.

ROBIN A. WORKING
 TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY
 (6-29-06 NN 293455)

**NOTICE
 CITY OF NOVI
 REQUEST FOR
 TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
 TUP 06-030**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Walsh College is requesting a Temporary Use Permit for a two day emergency management conference utilizing the parking lot of the campus located at 11 Mile and Meadowbrook Roads from July 20, 2006 through July 21, 2006.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 9:30 a.m. on July 5, 2006 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Robin A. Working and must be received prior to July 5, 2006.

ROBIN A. WORKING
 TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY
 (6-29-06 NN 294982)

**CITY OF NOVI
 NOTICE OF
 CLOSE OF REGISTRATION
 FOR TUESDAY,
 AUGUST 8, 2006
 PRIMARY ELECTION**

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan

Notice is hereby given that Monday, July 10, 2006 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above election.

If you are not currently registered to vote in the City of Novi at your present address, you may do so in any of the following ways:

In Person:

- At the Novi City Clerk's Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.
- At any of the Secretary of State Branch Offices located throughout the State during normal business hours.

Online

Main-In voter registration applications may be obtained by visiting the city's website at www.ci.novi.mi.us and click on forms, then click on Voter Registration Form.

By Mail:

- By obtaining and completing a Mail-In Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official listed below by the close of registration deadline, July 10, 2006 or contacting:

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk
 45175 West Ten Mile Road
 Novi, MI 48065
 (248) 347-0458

Note: Persons who register to vote by mail are required to vote the first time in person unless they have previously voted in person in the State of Michigan or are at least 18 years of age or are physically unable to attend the polls.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS,
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PLAYING NICE: Novi, Northville soccer players set aside rivalry to play club season together

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SPORTS

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PITCHING A FIT



Alberthy earns honors

Chris Alberthy just smiled when the subject of earning All-American honors was brought up last Saturday.

The recent Novi graduate, sporting an Eastern Michigan University T-shirt, had found out two weeks prior that he had earned the right to an All-American diving title thanks to his record-breaking senior year.

"I was sleeping and my dad came in and woke me up," Alberthy said. "He said 'Guess why I'm so happy.'"

Alberthy was too groggy to take a stab at the answer, so his dad just told him. His response?

"I told him to list me get back to sleep," Alberthy said with a laugh.

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Athletes everywhere

Rachele Folino's graduation party was like an athletic reunion. Standout Novi athletes were in every corner of Genitelli's Hole-in-the-Wall restaurant in downtown Northville last week.

Beyond Folino's basketball teammates and coach, Bill Kelly, faces in the crowd included John Favonite and Dan Spiva and Chris Alberthy.

Folino, who will be playing at Niagara University on the women's basketball team in the fall, stood near the door and greeted everyone who came in and handed out hugs as they left. Along the wall were newspaper clippings and photos of her varsity basketball days as a Wildcat.

"Isn't it great?" said her grandfather, Steve. "We're so proud of her."

Last day

Well, I said I would announce when my final day is going to be here at the Novi News and it's now official: July 30!

It's been a lot of fun and I've enjoyed getting to know everyone in the community. There are a lot of wonderful athletes who have come and gone through Novi High School and a slew of quality coaches to teach them.

This fall should be a big one for the Wildcats. The football team will try to make the playoffs again, the boys soccer team will reload and get in the hunt for a conference title and the boys cross country team is just going to be laden with talent.

Make sure to keep in touch with the sports pages for complete news.

All-American, part two

Congratulations to Cadillac Central junior heroine standout Patrick Nemes, who carried All-American honors this year while leading a young Shamrocks team to a second-place finish in the state behind the powerhouse that is Brother Rice.

Nemes will be back next year with a ton of other talented players. Predictions? The rumor mill already has them vying for a state title.

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Strong pitching, great offense leads East to victory

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Audrey Sabourin stepped into the pitch and made solid contact, firing the ball out of the infield and driving in three runs to give her team a major advantage.

And that was the third inning.

Sabourin, a Lakeland High School softball standout, joined seniors from Novi, Northville and Milford to form the East squad in the annual East-West All-Star softball game last Tuesday.

When the dust settled at Pinckney High School, the East topped the West, 9-0.

The West team was made of players from Brighton, Howell, Harland, Fowlerville and Pinckney.

"It was a lot of fun," Sabourin said after the game. "I really think it was a great way to end our high school careers."

Sabourin, who normally patrols the field as a shortstop, played catcher for the East and handled the task of snagging pitches from hurler Jessica Wojcik of Milford. Wojcik allowed just two hits and walked one while striking out nine batters.

"I'm really glad I was able to play," Wojcik said. "Getting a chance to play with girls who I

normally play against was a lot of fun."

The East took a 2-0 lead in the first inning when Northville's Bridget Hughes and Sabourin crossed the plate on a hit by Novi's Brittany Stedman. The advantage increased by one in the second

inning off a play by Northville slugger Laura Zima that scored Lakeland's Kelly Barlett.

The game-deciding inning was the third when Northville's Christy Baden, Lakeland's Nicole Sarver, Hughes and Sabourin all scored runs for a 7-0 lead.

In the fourth, the East added a run off a hit by Northville's Kelly Lockman that scored Milford's Missy Roy. The final tally came in the fifth inning when Hughes slapped a shot to score Baden for the 9-0 final.

Coaching the East was Terry Frikken, the Milford head coach.

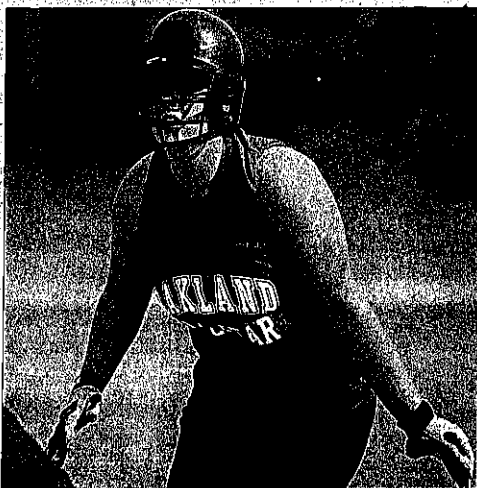
"If I argue, will I get kicked out of the game?" he asked the umpire jokingly at one point.

Frikken, who announced the softball All-Star game last year, just smiled when asked about keeping the game light-hearted.

"It's an All-Star game and it's naturally going to be geared toward having fun," he said. "Don't get me wrong though, played to win and that's how they play."

"They're competitors and they're not going to just let the other team win."

The game, which ended after



Laura Zima keeps her eye on the catcher as she inches away from first base.

seven innings of play, had a strong turnout of fans. In between innings, before a handful of East players had to leave for club softball rears, parents, friends and fans took photos of the squad gathered behind the dugout.

"This is a great way to end the year," Frikken said. "It's always nice to see the seniors get to play one last game."

Novi was represented by Stedman and Jen Miller while

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REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

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Novi News

Thursday, June 20, 2008

Home Owners... Are your Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors Operational? Do you have them in your home?

Smoke alarms are an invaluable safety device. When the new century saw popularity in the 1970s, it would have been the first death rate was cut in half. Now, more than three decades later, you should have at least one smoke alarm. However, we will have a problem.

In one quarter of the homes with smoke alarms, the alarms don't work. The cause is missing or dead and/or disconnected batteries. Fixing them would have an impact on you to maintain your smoke alarms in an operational state. The same is true for carbon monoxide detectors.

The Benefits of Smoke Alarms
To Wake You If a fire breaks out while you are asleep, you might expect the smoke and flames to wake you up, but if you don't see, you cannot see the smoke while you are asleep. The fact is you will not wake up. That is the main reason we have smoke alarms.

Early Warning There is another key benefit of smoke alarms. The sooner you know you have a fire, the better the outcome. For a minor fire, early warning may make the difference between quick containment and a fire that is out of control. For a larger fire, an early warning would make the difference between minor damage and complete loss of your home.

The Benefits of Carbon Monoxide Detectors
To Wake You If a gas furnace or hot water tank should leak carbon monoxide while you are sleeping, the alarm will wake you and allow you to get your family safely out of the house. Get out of the house and call a heating professional immediately. Do not enter the house until the home can be verified that it is safe to re-enter.

Smoke Alarms
Here are the general guidelines:
• There should be at least one smoke alarm per floor including the basement.
• Many authorities suggest an alarm inside each bedroom.
• The alarm can be placed on the ceiling or high on the wall.
• If the alarm is on the ceiling, it should be at least four inches away from any walls.
• If the alarm is on the wall, it should be at least four inches but not more than twelve inches from the ceiling.
• Packed ceilings that store air at the top. The smoke alarm should be three feet from the light fixture.
• Do not place the smoke alarm where it could be affected by drafts such as near a window or air vent.
• Follow the manufacturer's instructions provided with the smoke alarm.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms
• There should be one carbon monoxide detector in each sleeping area and the main living area of the home.
• Installed carbon monoxide detectors as described by the manufacturer.

Types of Smoke Alarms
There are two different types of smoke alarms: photoelectric and ionization. Photoelectric smoke alarms are slightly better at detecting smoldering fires such as in a bedroom, burning in a couch whereas an ionization type is slightly better at detecting flaming fires such as burning paper. In the past, this generated much discussion about which one was better. If the alarm is on the wall, the difference is negligible. Both must pass the same certification requirements for all types of fires.

Maintenance
Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors require regular maintenance.

• Test the alarms once per month by pressing the test button and the alarm sounds then release the button.
• If the smoke alarm is battery operated, replace the battery every year.
• If you have a chimney and the smoke alarm requires a battery, it is a weak and requires replacement. Check the batteries.

• Dust or vacuum the surface of the alarm periodically.
• Replace the entire unit if it is older than 10 years or if you are not sure how old it is.
• Print the installation date inside the cover.

False Alarms
Nuisance tripping of your smoke alarm is known to happen occasionally. For example, smoke from the stove could trip the alarm. Unfortunately, many people remove the battery to silence the alarm with the good intention of replacing it after the smoke clears. That is one of the most common causes of non-functioning smoke alarms.

Here are some better ways to deal with nuisance tripping:
• Move the smoke alarm a little further from the kitchen area.
• If a nuisance tripping of alarm. Some experts say that photoelectric smoke alarm a little less sensitive to common causes of false alarms.

Hard-wired Alarms
Many homes today have smoke alarms wired into the household electrical system. This is a good idea.
• The alarm is powered from the electrical system. Many also have a battery backup in the alarm system in case the power goes out. These alarms also be replaced yearly.
• You can have the alarm interconnected. This means if one alarm in the home sounds then the others sound as well. This is a big advantage for example, if there is a fire in the basement, you may not hear a smoke alarm coming from two floors away while you are asleep. If the alarm are interconnected, the alarm in the basement will trigger all the alarms in the home.

Escape Plan
Smoke and carbon monoxide can spread quickly so you need to react quickly. It is vital that you and your family know what to do on hearing an alarm. You should plan an escape route from every area of the home and identify a safe area to meet outside the home. You should rehearse the escape plan with your family. Use bright and clearly visible lights that may slow you down such as windows that are jammed or exits that are crowded with storage etc.

Home owners should understand that these are just a few recommendations to help keep your family safe from fire and carbon monoxide.

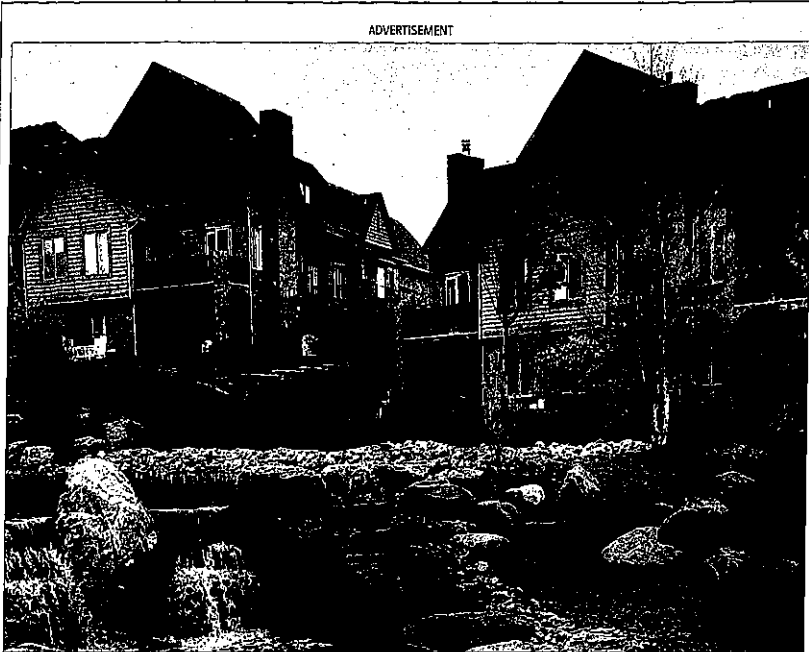
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ADVERTISMENT



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The Hidden Lake residential development, located in Green Oak Township, offers a unique lifestyle for families of all ages and sizes.

Hidden Lake: home, at last

Residential community offers unique flair

By Annette Jaworski
SPECIAL WRITER

It could be the gentle waves lapping over the marina, or the six miles of paved walking paths. Maybe it's the lush landscaping dotted with formal gardens and waterfalls that make Hidden Lake development seem like a resort. Although they call it home, residents say they often feel like they're on vacation. Homeowners here can enjoy everything from biking, boating or swimming to nature walks, all in their own back yard.

You might think an exclusive development like this would require a long commute to work and other daily activities. Think again. Hidden Lake is located minutes from two major expressways in Green Oak Township and Brighton School District. It's 20 minutes from Ann Arbor, 10 minutes from South Lyon and Brighton and five minutes away from the new shopping development at Lee Road and US-23.

"There's really no place like it. It's truly resort style living. Every day you can play, relax and unwind," said Diane Pazzas, marketing director and office administrator for Beck Development Co. and Green Oak Properties.

Mystery and mystique

From the beginning, developers set out to develop a one-of-a-kind community and lifestyle. A jewel in the heart of Livingston County, once prospective buyers visit here, the community sells itself, Pazzas said.

"Hidden Lake is so, apply-

HIDDEN LAKE

More information

The Information and Marketing Center is open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. Or call (248) 446-3541.

Location

Hidden Lake is located one mile east of US-23, Take Silver Lake Road (exit 55) off US-23, just three miles south of I-96.

Online

Visit www.hiddenlakeonline.com.



named, because we are tucked back from the main roads," she said.

Not visible to the public is the dramatic entryway, branching lake view, waterfalls and luxurious mature landscaping, natural woodlands and wetlands. It's a pleasant surprise to first-time visitors.

Hidden Lake is a 110-acre all sport spring fed lake. (for this prohibited). It features a private community marina with boat launch, fishing pier, as well as a sandy beach and designated swimming area. The community common-

area features a fabulous building equipped with a concession stand that sells ice cream, slushies and popcorn during the summer months. It also features an amphitheater where many events are scheduled. Homes not located on the lake may purchase or lease boat slips for lake access.

From condos to estates
In addition to single-family homes, there are many premium attached condominiums available, with full privileges of the community.

"They have some of the prettiest views in the community, because they're not only by the lake, they also have a view of the waterfalls," Pazzas said. Attached condominium units range from 2,200-2,700 square feet, each with a walk-out lower level which allows expanded living space.

"They're very livable, well-designed floor plans." Four different floor plans are available, with base prices starting at \$395,000 for these attached condominiums. Single-family and estate homes come in various sizes and prices ranging from the low \$500,000s to \$1 million-plus.

The good news is the development is not age-specific. Residents range from single professionals, young families to empty-nesters. It works for every stage of life. The amphitheater for residents (only), school's open picnic, special activities for teens and "twens," annual

Hidden Lake offers plenty of unique features and services for community residents.

Octoberfest, holiday tree lighting and more. Although there are many social opportunities, those who enjoy solitude will find it there, too, she assured.

A home and a lifestyle

In addition to the numerous recreation opportunities already found at Hidden Lake, even more activities and points of interest are close at hand, including Moose Ridge Golf Course, Kensington Metropark, Mt. Brighton and Island Lake State Park.

"The overall theme for Hidden Lake is set to be English Manor or French Country Cottage," said Pazzas. To maintain the integrity of this premium development, there are architectural controls and landscaping standards. Several builders have been pre-approved by the development for single family homes.

Events are scheduled throughout the year by the community association at the gazebo. This includes weekend concerts at the amphitheater for residents (only), school's open picnic, special activities for teens and "twens," annual

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