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THIS WEEKEND

Children's Day in the Park

Head over to the Lyon Oaks Nature Center (52251 Pontiac Trail, Lyon Township) from 2-3:30 p.m. on Sunday for this fun-filled event where kids can use nets to find dragonflies, damselflies and other insects... and it's only \$1 per person. — Page 15A

Memory Wash

Help fight Alzheimer's by getting your car washed at Waterwood at Twelve Oaks. — Page 13A

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Downtown Wixom in limelight

Event next Friday includes food, car show

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Deanna Magee is preparing for one of Wixom's biggest bashes ever. Magee, director of community services for the city of Wixom, invites Wixom businesses and area residents to a special celebration on Friday, July 21, showcasing all that is Wixom.

The event, appropriately named, "Showcase Wixom," will take place from 2-9 p.m. on Pontiac Trail and introduce the public to the new Village Center in downtown Wixom.

The event is being presented by the city of Wixom and Tribute, a partnership between Cohen Homes of Farmington Hills and Robertson Brothers of Bloomfield Hills. This partnership developed the condominiums that are part of the new center.

The party will include a New, Classic & Vintage Car Show, music, dance performances by



"This is an opportunity for the residents to bless this town that has been built in accordance with their wishes and desires which came out of town meetings that were held in 1998."

Mike Doman
Wixom City Manager

students from the Wixom Dance Academy from 4-6 p.m., strolling clowns, a Taste of Wixom featuring food from Wixom restaurants and displays from Wixom businesses.

A Downtown Dedication will take place at 6 p.m., with a town meeting at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided throughout the day and include a DJ from 2-4 p.m., strolling

clowns, and live entertainment at 6 p.m. from the "F Street" Band, which features 1970s and top 40 rock and roll.

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Get in the Game

Moe's on Ten serving breakfast for Parks Foundation golf outing

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Are you ready to get in the game? Novi Parks Foundation members invite the public to its "Get in the Game" Golf Outing on Thursday, Aug. 3, at Links of Novi Golf Course.

This is the second foundation golf event, with proceeds benefiting Novi's Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department.

The foundation, established in 2004, also provides funding to both children and adults who want to participate in departmental programs but lack the funds to do so. Last year's event raised more than \$20,000, thanks to a major gift from Singh Development of Farmington Hills.

Singh plans to develop the property now occupied by Links of Novi as well as the Singh Trail, a network of pathways on parkland the developer donated to the city in southwestern Novi. A sponsor of \$125 per individual golfer includes breakfast compliments of Moe's on Ten Restaurant, an 18-hole scramble, golf cart, lunch, steak dinner and silent auction.

Make a hole-in-one on the designated par 3 and drive away in a Ford Mustang GT, compliments of Tom Holzer Ford in



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To contribute cash or items to the silent auction, contact Kathy Cosentino at (248) 349-0578 or e-mail her at noko71@aol.com.

To download a brochure on the outing with registration information, visit the website: www.linksnovi.com

Farmington Hills.

Registration and breakfast will begin at 8 a.m., with the driving range open. A shotgun start begins

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Expo owners sue

Trust claims \$500,000 owed on Novi center

By Julie Edgar
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

The owners of the old Novi Expo Center are suing the lessee of the now-abandoned center, claiming he owes them \$500,000 in unpaid rent.

Also named in the lawsuit, filed by the Adell Brothers Children's Trust in Oakland County Circuit Court, is a company, that says it plans to sublease Expo Center space for an international auto-

mobile mall. The case will go to an arbitration panel to be handled privately, said Keefe Brooks, an attorney for Blair Bowman, who has been leasing the Expo Center since 1991 and owns the new River Financial Showplace farther west on Grand River.



B. Bowman

The Adell trust has owned the 320,000-square-foot Expo Center

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Gene Brady, President and "Idea Guy" of Brio Advancing, a Novi-based branding and marketing firm, enthusiastically gestures as he shows off some of the dynamic products his firm's produced for local businesses.

He's the idea guy at Brio

Work, family, writing keep Gene Brady busy

By Matt Doran
STAFF WRITER

There were a lot of things about being a trial lawyer that appealed to Gene Brady of Novi.

Brady liked the idea of getting to know a client, understanding the truth, and presenting a case. He didn't end up going into law as he had once considered, but wound up doing something surprisingly similar: working in marketing.

"I'm essentially doing the same thing in marketing," Brady said. "The jury to us is customers."

Brady is the president and "idea guy" of Brio Advancing in Novi, a marketing firm which

takes its name from the musical term indicating an energetic style of play. He helped launch the company in 2000, and Brio moved to Novi in January after being located in Livonia for six years.

The company helps clients market to their best customers, instead of just trying to appeal to everyone, Brady said. They started by working mainly with automotive suppliers, but have since broadened their client base to include tech and financial firms, healthcare and service companies, among others.

Brady enjoys the work because it allows him to have fun on the job, he said. "We love what we do so much," he said.

"The long and winding road..."

Brady's career path has been more of a wind-

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Preteens ready to rock 50's Festival

The Outtakes set to open for headliner on Saturday night

By Allen Wingblad
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

The Outtakes might be gint-sized, but when they get behind their instruments and microphones, they rock and roll in a really big way.

The preteen classic rock musi-

clans, who hail from Milford, Brighton, Highland and Hartland, will take to the main stage of the Michigan 50's Festival at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 29, when they perform as the opening act for Rocky and the Rollers and Gary Lewis and the Playboys.

Busting out with a classic rock repertoire that includes Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Sweet Home Alabama," Bob Seger's "Old Time Rock and Roll" and Bachman Turner Overdrive's "Takin' Care of Business," as well as a few modern hits, The Outtakes will play their crowd-

For information on 50's Festival volunteers, please turn to page 4A.

pleasing favorites for about 45 minutes. Before they are done, they will likely dazzle the audience with a talent that belies their years.

"They are just awesome," said Tim Twiss, owner of Milford Music, where the five members of the group take music lessons. "Their high energy is very

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HELP WANTED: 50's fest needs volunteers

A variety of assignments available

By Matt Doran
STAFF WRITER

Looking to volunteer at the Michigan 50's Festival? Help is available, according to Cindy Kopyzynski, one of the event directors. "We're always looking for volunteers," she said. "We're looking for whatever we can get. We don't want to turn anyone away." Kopyzynski said it can be difficult finding volunteers during the daytime hours, since so many people have jobs. However, she is hoping volunteers will sign up to help with festival set-up starting Wednesday around noon. The information is available at the festival's website, www.michigan50s.com. Thursday afternoon and Saturday evenings in admissions, selling tickets and giving out wristbands. Kopyzynski is also hoping high school students looking to rack up some community service hours will turn out to help with tasks like trash clean up, and setting up and taking down tables and chairs.

Help is also needed with taking the festival down, starting around 11 p.m. Saturday, and continuing on Sunday. "They're not glamorous jobs," Kopyzynski said. However, volunteering does come with some perks. Volunteers pay \$10 and receive a T-shirt along with a name badge that gets them in to the entertainment events. They also receive admission, along with a guest to the VIP event Wednesday from 5:30-7 p.m. The VIP event, which is not open to the public, is a party for sponsors and volunteers and includes a light dinner, open bar, and hours of music.

Kopyzynski said volunteer turnout goes through peaks and valleys, averaging around 30 people. One year there were 90 volunteers, she said. She has been volunteering with the festival for 19 years, and said it's the people who keep her coming back. "It has been a lot of fun," she said. "I have met and made so many friends. When you have good years and it's fun, it's really gratifying." Matt Doran is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 109, or by e-mail at mdoran@novinews.com.

The Outtakes set to open for headliner on Saturday night

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contagious. When they play for an audience, they really get them going. They're right there — and they bring the audience right there, too."

Beginnings

Twiss put the group together two years ago after selecting the top students from a summer "rock band" class he taught at his store. The band's members include drummer Daniel Smallegan, 12, of Highland; keyboardist and lead vocalist Jack Prey, 11, of Milford; guitarist Nate Lester, 12, of Brighton; Mickie Bliss, 10, of Highland, who plays bass guitar; and her brother, Noah Bliss, 12, who plays lead guitar. Nate and Noah also sing lead on a few of the band's selections, while Mickie handles backup vocals.

Since getting together two years ago, The Outtakes have played at the Milford Memorial summer festival, Brigham's Battle of the Bands, a benefit concert for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, Oak Valley Middle School's seventh and eighth-grade dance, and a charity fundraiser for Hunn Valley's Silent Hands organization. And while they are participating in a great crowd at the 50's Festival, these ragtag rockers said they aren't anxious at all about their upcoming performance. "I was nervous when we first started playing gigs, but then I got used to it," Daniel said. "And we practice a lot to get ready."



The Outtakes: (from left to right) Jack Prey, Nate Lester, Mickie Bliss, Noah Bliss and Daniel Smallegan.

"Most people might get nervous doing something as big as this show," added Jack. "But I was born to be on center stage — so I'm excited by myself!"

Naah agreed. "It's normal to be nervous, but then again, why be nervous? I mean, if we mess up or something, it's not like it's the end of the world."

And besides, they said, being in the band is something they really enjoy. "There is really no other way to say it except that it's fun," said Daniel.

Honing their chops

All the kids have been involved in music lessons for a few years, some longer than others. Along with their lessons and individual daily practices, they get together to play as a band about once a week, though they've stepped it up a bit in preparation for the festival. Twiss said he decided to form the band as a way to get kids with similar talents to meet and experience the joy of putting their talents together, which is especially beneficial to those who play ensemble instruments, like they do. "Once you learn how to play and reach a particular skill level, you really need to be part of a band," he said. "It's so different than just playing by yourself."

have a maturity you don't usually see in kids this age," said Twiss. "I started out slow, but it's now taken on a life of its own. I just figured we'd try this and get the ball rolling. And the ball is definitely rolling!"

The band members all have their personal favorites in music, which include modern rock and Christian contemporary rock, but they share a preference for the classic rock tunes they play as The Outtakes. "It's just fun music, and the songs have good drums in them," explained Daniel, who usually brings the house down while performing the drum solo on "Wipeout." (It's music fun relate to — the playing part, not the lyrics," he said with a laugh.)

"Rock and roll is just good, solid music that's easy to play, easy to follow and easy to understand," added Jack.

Twiss said he's hoping the group stays intact for many years to come, and the kids do, too. They said they are proud of how much they've learned so far and look forward to continuing to get better as they get older. And the kids say their performance at the Novi 50's Festival is not to be missed.

"I don't want to brag, but for our age and the amount of time we've been together, we've come a long way," Daniel said. "I guess you could say we're pretty good."

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COMMUNITY

Local classic rock fans roll out monuments to musical legends

WCSX 94.7 FM prepares for 20th anniversary

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Joe Julian and Molly Phillips are getting some books on the road these days. That's because Julian, of Wixom, and Phillips, of Commerce Township, have their vehicles decked out with custom-designed vinyl film of their favorite classic rock artists. They are two of the 16 members of the WCSX FM-94.7 Listener Advisory Board who recently became charter members of the Peninsula radio station's Classic Rock Pace Car Program. The station decided to create the rolling monuments to the legends of classic rock in preparation for its 20th anniversary in 2007. Last week, the 16 advisory board members gathered in Peninsula to show off the wrap designers' and installers' creations. Phillips' 2003 Expedition features the bands the Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd, the Beatles and Queen. "I got to pick all the bands that were to be featured on my vehicle," Phillips said. "The only one I asked for that I didn't get was David Bowie." Phillips, who graduated in 1980

from Andover High School in Bloomfield Hills, is a semi-retired accountant who works part-time for Farmington Hills engineering firm. She noted that the wraps were the work of employees from the Woodward I Group at Grand River Avenue and Haggerty Road in Farmington Hills.

Other WCSX Classic Rock Pace Car owners include Curtis Labiak, Lori Lynn Barnum and Mark Orlovski of Warren; Susie Tanner of Garden City; Mack Swanson of Madison Heights; Cynthia Kopyzynski and Ves Chilcutt of Canton; Jim Masterson of Woodhaven; Diane Wals of Taylor; John Long of Grosse Pointe Farms; Kevin Kennedy of Macomb; Chip Cryderman of White Lake and Phil Hamelin of Clarkston.

Phillips said the vehicles themselves also run the gamut — from a wheelchair-equipped van to a Ford Thunderbird, Jeep and a Camaro. These "ambassadors of rock" won't just be driving around with their illustrated vehicles, however. The station will also invite them to be on site at various events, such as the Woodward Dream Cruise in August or WCSX-promoted concerts at DTE Energy Theater. In the coming months, the pace car owners' vehicles are getting lots of attention. "Most of the neighbors have come over to look at it, and I've

been getting lots of hoots and thumbs up," from fellow motorists, Phillips said. "People let you in when you need to merge, too," she joked. The vinyl wraps will remain on the vehicles for six months to a year, according to Phillips.

Julian, who's been told he even looks a little like Bob Seger, drives a 2001 Explorer Sport Truck with vinyl wraps featuring Aerosmith on the hood, Bob Seger on one side, Van Halen and the Rolling Stones on the other side. "They took album art from the classic rock and roll era and transferred it onto the vehicles," Julian said.

He says he gets comments while in fast-food restaurant drive-thrus, and a lot of people think he works for the radio station. An automotive engineer who graduated from Willow Lake Western in 1977, Julian said he likes driving the conversation piece. "I enjoy it immensely," he said. "It's great." For more information about WCSX-sponsored concerts and charitable activities in the Detroit area, visit www.wcsx.com. 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.



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BUSINESS

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Novi software provider invents search engine, database combo

First customers to be automotive

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

John Cain knew he could build a better mousetrap when it came to finding information.

Now, Cain, CEO of Novi-based software provider 3IS, Inc., announces the launch later this year of a new combination search engine-database for researching the global electronics industry.

Cain's company, 3IS, is actually an acronym for "Integrated Industry Information Services."

The first version of 3IS new product, aimed at the automotive market, is called the "VI" (or "Version 1") Automotive Electronics Service.

The subscription Web service allows customers to compile market data specific to all levels of the global electronics industry.

It also allows subscribers to configure the information in a manner that enables them to learn technical, financial and business trends, industry standing and other information.

Here's how it works "If you're researching anything, let's say you want to find a chocolate store in Novi, that's very simple," Cain said.

But, let's say you're in the chocolate business, and you want to find every chocolate store in Novi that sells Godiva muffins with blue wrappers that come in gold boxes.

"Now you've got a problem," Cain said. "That's the kind of problem this service solves. It saves people time in their research efforts."

The next market launch will be more consumer-oriented and include products related to broadband, wireless, telecom, medical and industrial industries, according to Cain.

"Automotive is a very small market niche in the global electronics industry," Cain said. "Once we expand into the next market, the service will just get bigger and bigger."

An example of an automotive use of the product would start with a company that wants to know the specification for a system that controls vehicle steering and all related components.

"Instead of going to every Web site of every one of the component manufacturers and the system builders and the vehicles that they're on, they can now pull it all up with just a couple of key strokes," Cain said.

The search engine-database is updated daily and identifies the public and private domain source of key technical, commercial and market trend information.

The information is then loaded into a database configured specifically for the client.

The product allows the subscriber to rapidly and comprehensively access critical customer, supplier and competitor information, which would be a lengthy process.



Rich Sheridan, left, president and CEO of Menlo Innovations; Tom Anderson, director of the Automation Alley Technology Center; and John Cain, president and CEO of 3IS, met recently at the technology center in Pontiac. The center helped Cain in touch with Sheridan to form a new partnership centering around 3IS's new search engine-database combination.

chase agreements in its initial launch market.

"We are thrilled to be in our company's development, driven significantly through our partnerships with Automation Alley and Menlo," Cain said.

"Not only did they provide funding, they helped us refine our business plan and strategy, introduced us to the proper financial markets and government agencies, and provided exposure to key industry partners."

For more information about the new Web service, contact Automation Alley at (800) 427-5100 or visit www.automationalley.com.

The Novi firm has also entered into a partnership with Menlo Innovations of Ann Arbor.

Menlo will receive an equity position in 3IS in exchange for software development services.

More gas choices available

Marathon moves into Speedway site

By Tracy Misher STAFF WRITER

Since 1887, the Marathon Oil Corporation has been making energy history ranking as the third largest chain of gasoline retail outlets located in more than 31 states across the U.S.

And after years of twin Speedway gas stations facing each other on the northeast and southwest corners of Novi and 10 Mile roads, customers looking for some diversity can now choose Marathon.

Construction has been underway since May 24 to transform the once smaller Speedway located on the southeast corner into a Marathon gas station.

"Speedway wanted to sell," said Marathon owner Al Hammond. "Speedway owned both gas stations, and we liked the area and thought it was a good opportunity to bring a Marathon to the area."

Speedway SuperAmerica LLC, a subsidiary of Marathon.

Hammond said he bought into the Marathon Corporation after spending 27 years in Canton owning and operating a liquor store.

"I enjoy this type of business," he said. "My goal is to bring better service, personal attention and better prices to the people of Novi."

According to Speedway officials, the station location on the northeast corner will remain open.

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Source: www.marathon.com

Hammond said the new location will offer a greater selection of goods than the former Speedway station.

"We're still adding on and working on bringing in new products," he said. "Many things will remain the same, but we've expanded our beverage, candy and chip selections, added magazines and clip selections."

"So far, business has been good. We hope the neighborhood will accept us and work with us, and I hope we can fulfill our promise of providing a clean, fresh environment."

Hammond said customers choosing Marathon will notice more variety and options available. He said through this store is located across from Speedway, competition makes for good business.

"We're not limited to what we can sell," he said. "We offer more than Speedway... I enjoy competition... It benefits the customers, and I enjoy a challenge."

location is a breath of fresh air. "It's a very nice atmosphere for our customers," he said. "So far everything has been going good and we're happy with the new location."

Manheim's gas stations and credit cards are managed by Marathon Petroleum Company, a component of Marathon Oil Company.

Private owners own and operate each Marathon gas station under the Marathon Corporation.

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MATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH 3880 Five Mile Rd. S.E. (Hogarty) Farmington Hills, MI 48334 Novi, MI 48240 Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Rev. Fr. George M. Saporito, Pastor www.mvcm.org	ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH Farmington Hills • 2725 Oak Rd. • 248-414-0664 Summer schedule Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. 5/28, 7/2, 9/10 am ONLY Nursery Available	BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA 4500 E. 10 Mile, Novi, MI 48240 Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.	CHURCH DIRECTORY For information regarding rates call The Northville Record or Novi News (248) 349-1700

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Eric Goldobono of Goldobono Building Company is requesting a Temporary Use Permit for a temporary sales office located on lot #4 in the Tuscany Reserve which is located on the north side of 9 Mile Road and east of Gibraltar Road at 29500 Baroda Drive from July 19, 2006 through July 19, 2006.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 500 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 19, 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 19, 2006.

ROBIN A. WORKING
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY

(7-13-06 NN 297615)

FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 06-036

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tim McKone of Barton Malow White Construction is requesting a Temporary Use Permit for a temporary construction trailer for Providence Park to be located at 26811 Beck Road on the southwest corner of Grand Road and Beck Road. This permit is to be issued from July 19, 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 500 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 10:45 a.m. on July 19, 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 19, 2006.

ROBIN A. WORKING
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(7-13-06 NN 297676)

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Novi will hold a public hearing at their regular meeting on Monday, July 24, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan for the purpose of accepting public input for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application. This permit is requesting funding for the acquisition of 16.2 acres of property located north of Nine Mile Road and east of Gibraltar Road, known as the Heritage Sheppes, LLC property.

If you have any comments regarding this proposal, they may be presented in writing or during the Public Hearing session of the Agenda.

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Fountain Walk changes approved

■ Road, building demolition slated

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Bruce Reid and other owners of Fountain Walk can now move ahead on plans for the Novi shopping center.

City council members approved requests from the new owners, known as the limited liability corporation FHT Devco, at Monday night's meeting.

Plans include the construction of a north-south street that will connect with the current east-west street, the demolition of a building on the north side of the center and the addition of a small parking lot near this area.

The bulk of the discussion revolved around the width of the parallel parking versus the width of the sidewalk on the north-south connector and plans for a parking lot to be built in the interior of the center.

The proposed two-way drive with curbs, sidewalks and a drop-off area will have a total of 10 parking spaces, along both sides of the new driveway.

Plans are to construct a 26-foot wide roadway with seven-foot wide parallel parking spaces and retaining the sidewalk with concrete on each side of the drive to 10 feet.

Parallel parking spaces are usually eight feet wide, but the city's traffic engineer was comfortable with the one-foot reduction due to other traffic-calming measures in the area.

Council members unanimously approved the first request.

They approved the second request in a 4-3 vote, with the stipulation that the number of parking spaces on the interior parking lot be reduced by 50 and additional green space to be installed in their place.

Mayer David Landry and Members Terry Margolis and Bob Gott voted against the second motion as they thought council should have approved the original request rather than make any changes.

Gott thanked the developers for bringing the revitalization plan to the center.

Other council action

Kirk Nicola of Beverly Hills appeared before city council again Monday night to discuss the city's proposed city ordinance amendment that would allow animal boarding facilities in light industrial areas.

Nicola said he recently met with Tim Schmitt, city planner, regarding the parking requirements.

After further research was done on zoning requirements, the amendment was changed to read one parking space per 700 square feet of space used for such a facility rather than one for every 350 feet.

The Beverly Hills resident, who wants to open a pet boarding facility in Novi, also said that there really isn't a "rush hour" when it comes to people dropping off and picking up their pets, and that, typically, clients come to such facilities throughout the day.

Council members approved the second reading of the proposed amendment.

"Anything we can do to bring more business into the city I'll support," Gott said.

Reid told members at the end of the discussion that he was not aware his partners had denied the city the use of Fountain Walk for its annual 50's Festival this year and that he would look into bringing it back to Fountain Walk in 2007.

"There will be a different review next year," Reid said.

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.

BUSINESS BRIEFS



Eloy the miniature pincushion, receptionist at Brogan and Partners, a marketing firm in downtown Birmingham, was the winner of HelpmeFindMYPET's Professional Pet contest. He will be receiving a \$100 gift certificate to Petland in Novi.

Petland participates in pet day

Petland Novi was one Metro Detroit area business to participate in the national "Take Your Pet to Work Day" event June 23. The store raffled off four \$25 certificates to participants in the event, and a \$100 certificate was to be awarded to the winner of the "Most Professionally Dressed Pet," according to Nicholas Acosta of helpmefindmypet.com, which was also involved in the event.

Acosta said representatives of his organization passed out 55 gift certificates to Petland in participating businesses in the Oakland County area.

Famous Dave's on the way

Famous Dave's of America is scheduled to open Monday, July 17 at 43350 Crescent Blvd. in Novi. The restaurant will mark the company's fifth restaurant in the Metro Detroit area with locations in Roseville, Taylor, Rochester and Westland. Famous Dave's has 136 units nationwide with locations in 33 states.

The new Famous Dave's Bar-B-

Que is 6,600 square feet and has approximately 220 seats. The restaurant will provide an extensive array of catering services and offer a comprehensive take-out menu along with a full service bar. Famous Dave's hours of operation are 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que features hickory-smoked St. Louis-style ribs, Texas Beef Brisket and Famous Dave's award-winning Rich and Sassy Barbecue sauce.

Famous Dave's of America, Inc. develops, owns, operates and franchises barbecue restaurants. The company currently owns 38 locations and franchises 91 additional units in 31 states.

Obstruction of Justice

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce expressed its support for State Senate Majority Leader Ron Sikema's call for a review into what two judges at the Michigan Tax Tribunal told Gov. Jennifer Granholm was an obstruction of justice in one of the largest property tax cases in Michigan's history.

The Michigan Tax Tribunal is an administrative court that hears tax appeals on all Michigan taxes.

The case in question concerns The Dow Chemical Company, which has been in an on-going property tax dispute with the City of Midland. After nine years, a majority on a three-judge panel prepared an order in favor of the taxpayer.

Five gas

Most Jeep vehicle owners don't need an incentive to take an off-road adventure, but Jeep is giving them one anyway: free gasoline. And if that's not enough, there's a performance by Jake and Elwood Blues.

Owners who register before July 24 for Jeep with Jeep locations in Novi, the family-friendly event is being held for the first time ever at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wis., August 10-12, will receive a \$75 gasoline card.

Solid sales

Volkswagen of America, Inc. announced brand sales through June were up 20 percent over the same time period last year, supporting the company's overall solid sales and marketing performance for the first half of the year.

Strong January through June sales of the all-new Jetta, Passat and GTI, and the restyled New Beetle contributed to Volkswagen's favorable showing. The all-new 2006 Jetta sedan grew its sales volume by 37.9 percent over the same period last year and the award-winning, newly redesigned Passat showed a 70 percent increase. The all-new GTI and New Beetle coupe also contributed to Volkswagen's strong performance, with sales up 51.5 percent and 30.8 percent, respectively.

Growth in Volkswagen vehicle sales during the first half of 2006 reflect product success, and a positive comparison with 2005 when volumes were lower due to transitions in the model range. As volume gained momentum in the latter half of 2005, with launching new models increasing showroom traffic, Volkswagen anticipates double digit year-over-year growth when year-end sales are tallied.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Meadowbrook Congregational
LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: Rev. Dr. E. Neil Hunt, (248) 348-7757 or visit www.mbcoc.org
Sunday Worship TIME: 10 a.m.

Novi United Methodist
LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross
LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or www.churchoftheholycross.com
Sunday Worship TIME: 7:45 and 10 a.m., Sunday School TIME: 9 a.m., Adult Bible Study: 10 a.m., Worship Center for ages 3-7: 10 a.m., All ages
Lunch Hour Worship TIME: 12:10-12:20 p.m., Wednesday, ongoing
DETAILS: This will include scripture and Holy Communion.
Youth Worship TIME: 7 p.m., second and fourth Sunday of every month
DETAILS: All youth are welcome.

Holy Family
LOCATION: 24535

Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org
Catholic Faith Questions
DETAILS: The church has information available regarding "Being Catholic, What's It All About?"
CONTACT: Maria, (248) 349-8847 or e-mail: hfnovi@adobe.com
Adoptive Parent Networking
Meeting DATE: Last Wednesday of each month, ongoing
TIME: 10-11 a.m.
DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Childcare is available. Registration is required.
CONTACT: Lisa Molloy, (248) 334-3595

Oak Pointe
LOCATION: Novi High School, 24062 Turt Road
CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit www.oakpointe.org
Sunday Worship TIME: 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

St. James Catholic
LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778

Commerce United Methodist
LOCATION: 1155 North Commerce Road, Commerce Township
CONTACT: (248) 363-3935

Vacation Bible School
DATE: July 31-Aug. 4
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
DETAILS: This event is for kindergarten through sixth grade students. The theme is "Sun Treasure Island." Registration is required and the deadline is June 30.

First United Methodist of Northville
LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or visit www.fumcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship TIME: 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m.
Community Healing Service DATE: First Monday of every month
DETAILS: This service is open to anyone seeking God for healing in their life, or that of someone close to them.

St. Paul Lutheran
LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-3140
Kindergarten Registration
DETAILS: Children who will be 5-years-old by Friday, Dec. 1 may register for full-day or half-day kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran School.

Faith Community Presbyterian
LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org
Summer Worship and Sunday School
TIME: 10 a.m.

The Baha'i Faith
CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit www.us.bahai.org
Devotional Gathering
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last Sunday of every month
LOCATION: 23803 Ripple Creek St., Novi

Sunday Worship
TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville
LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911
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(248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org
Thursday Program-Ongoing
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CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit www.stjohn-lutheran.com
Vacation Bible School
DATE: Aug. 7-11
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
DETAILS: The cost is \$15 per person. The theme is "All Aboard! The Gospel Express."
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Fundraiser set to help young cancer patients

■ Portion of sales at Rebecca's will go to cancer group

By Matt Doran
STAFF WRITER



Photos by Matt Doran, Nov News

Teens Aiding the Cancer Community members are hoping to get a little help from the community in their quest to deliver goodie-filled backpacks to children dealing with cancer.

The group, which was founded by Novi High School students in 2001, is holding a fundraiser July 23 from 6-9 p.m. at Rebecca's in downtown Northville. A percentage of sales at the restaurant will go to the organization, which is hoping to raise \$500-\$600.

"Fund-raising is huge," said group president Emily Grzybowski, who will be a senior at Novi High School this fall. "We are kind of low on cash right now."

The event will include live entertainment from four different acts featuring piano, guitar, saxophone and harmonica. There will also be prizes and a raffle.

"It's really fun and it gets the community involved," said former group president and Novi High School graduate Kristina Thomas. The fundraiser has been held at Rebecca's for the past four to five years.

Backpacks for kids

The group's focus is working at hospitals and counseling centers around Michigan, helping kids who have cancer or spend a lot of time at the hospital with a sick relative. They deliver backpacks filled with items like CD players, board games and stuffed animals to the children, Grzybowski said, as well as gifts and letters.

"We try to put ourselves in the position of someone who's going to be hospitalized," Thomas said, noting that group members also visit with hospi-

talized children during the holidays.

"It's a really great experience for us too," Grzybowski said. "I always volunteer. I always have."

Sarah Holt, a 2002 Novi High School graduate, helped found the group in 2001 and estimated that since then, 1,500 of the backpacks have been passed out. Each year, they donate 150 of the backpacks to Camp Quality in Penosky, a camp where kids undergoing cancer treatment can get away from the hospital for a little while.

"It's a huge expenditure for us," said Holt. "The majority of the group's activities are in the southeastern Michigan area, Holt said, but they also volunteer at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing and at other locations around the state."

Expanding

The group is focusing right now on fundraising and public relations, Grzybowski said. They are hoping to expand the non-profit organization beyond just Novi High School, recruiting volunteers and board members from other schools, such as Northville High School.

All board members of the group are teenagers, and so far, most of the recruitment efforts have been at Novi High School, where Holt said the group has a "strong affiliation."

Grzybowski got involved because she spent a lot of time in hospitals growing up, and was frequently around children being treated for cancer.

Matt Doran is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 103, or by e-mail at mdoran@gannett.com.

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Memory wash

■ Second annual Alzheimer's Association Car Wash splashes in

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER



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Waltonwood senior residence activity director Barbara Buck, (left), and co-worker Gary Nowakowski practice up for their July 15th fund-raiser car wash to benefit the Alzheimer's Association.

Second Annual Alzheimer's Association Car Wash

Location: Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks, 27475 Huron Circle
Date: Saturday, July 15
Time: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Price: Donations are welcome, proceeds benefit the National Alzheimer's Association
Contact: For more information, call (248) 735-1500

Memory walk

Waltonwood of Twelve Oaks is looking for more individuals interested in joining in at the Memory Walk 7 a.m.-noon Aug. 20 at the Detroit Zoo.

Memory Walk is the Alzheimer's Association's national signature event to help those coping with the disease.

Since 1989, Memory Walk has raised more than \$200 million for programs and services for people with Alzheimer's, their families and caregivers. Participants can walk as individuals or as part of a team. And walkers can ask friends, family and business associates to sponsor them by making a donation to the Alzheimer's Association. Interested walkers should register on or before Friday, August 11 to be eligible for the \$10 early bird registration. For more information call, (248) 351-0280.

Elizabeth Edenstrom is looking forward to seeing shiny cars pull out of Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks parking lot after the second annual Alzheimer's Awareness Car wash Saturday.

Edenstrom, executive director for Waltonwood, said all five Waltonwood locations, including Canton, Rochester, Royal Oak and Sterling Heights, along with their parent company, Singh Development, are sponsors for the National Alzheimer's Association.

"We have competitions amongst the different communities and properties to see who can raise more money for the Alzheimer's Association," she said. "Everyone does something different."

Edenstrom said research for Alzheimer's is very important and affects many families and people in the community.

"A great deal of our residents have memory impairments," she said. "Any advancement or development to assist in research regarding this disease or funds that go toward Alzheimer's patients is near and dear to us."

According to the National Association, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive brain disorder that gradually destroys a person's memory and ability to learn, reason, make judgments, communicate and carry out daily activities. As the disease progresses, people may also experience changes

in personality and behavior, such as anxiety or agitation, as well as delusions or hallucinations.

Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks has more than 175 residents, including a 25-bed secure memory care unit, with 24-hour care and services.

"There is no cure for Alzheimer's," Edenstrom said. "Our hope is to slow down the Alzheimer's and gain more information about the disease so we can better treat those who are affected."

At the car wash

Edenstrom said all proceeds from the car wash, including money from refreshments, will go toward Alzheimer's research.

"As a community, we have been doing a lot of different fund-rais-

ers for Alzheimer's research," she said. "We're trying to raise about \$2,000 this year."

About 15 Waltonwood staff members will be spraying and scrubbing, and Edenstrom hopes to wash about 50 cars.

Both residents of Waltonwood and members of the community are invited to the car wash and donations are welcome.

"We're giving out free sun visors as a token of our appreciation," she said. "And if anyone would like a tour of our community during their car wash, we're happy to have them step into the air conditioning and out of the sun."

Tracy Mishler is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or at tmishler@gannett.com.

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SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Friday 7/14

9 a.m. Stretch and Strength
10 a.m. Body Recall
11:15 a.m. Dr. Marie Nelson, Podiatrist
noon Lunch
noon-1 p.m. Foot Stren. by appointment, free
12:30 p.m. Dupl. Bridge
1:45 p.m. Bingo
2:30 p.m. Massage by appointment

Monday 7/17

9:45 a.m. Men's Golf
9 a.m. Stretch and Strength
10 a.m. Body Recall
noon Lunch
12:30 p.m. Pinochle*
2:30 p.m. Massage by appointment
6:30 p.m. Clueing*

Tuesday 7/18

8:30 a.m. Panera Bread
9 a.m. Line Dance*
10 a.m. Asian Pacific
10:30-11:30 a.m. Bookends
11:4 a.m. Computer Lab Open
Lunch

12:45 p.m. Bingo
2:20 p.m. Massage by appointment

Wednesday 7/19

9 a.m. Stretch and Strength
9:15 a.m. Women's Golf
10 a.m. Body Recall
11 a.m. Blood Pressure
11 a.m. Taking Off Pounds Sensibly class
noon Lunch
1 p.m. Game Day, free
2:30 p.m. Massage by appointment

Thursday 7/20

9 a.m. Line Dance
9 a.m. Mixed Golf League
9:30 a.m. Travel Meeting
noon Lunch
12:15 Contact Bridge at Senior Center
1:2 p.m. Live Dance emceed
1:30 p.m. Computer Lab open
2:30 p.m. Massage by appointment

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"Pizza Taste-Off"
DATE: Monday
TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Teens are invited to identify pizzas from local businesses. This includes games and prizes.
Preschool Storytime
DATE: Wednesday
TIME: 11 a.m.-noon
DETAILS: This storytime is intended for ages 3-5. Teens will read games, crafts, stories and puppet shows. Refreshments will be provided.
Summer Reading Program
DATE: Through Aug. 3
DETAILS: "Plans, Claws, Seals and Tails" will be the theme for this program. It is designed for ages 5 and up and includes crafts and games. No registration is required.
Stories in the Park
DATE: Monday and Wednesday through Aug. 2
TIME: 12:30-1:15 p.m.
LOCATION: Riley Park, Common Street and Sims Park, Walled Lake.
DETAILS: This is designed for preschool through third-grade students. It will include crafts, games, puppets and songs. Participants are invited to bring a picnic lunch and chair or blanket. No registration is required.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting

DATE: Last Wednesday of each month, ongoing
TIME: 10-11 a.m.
LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church, 2858 Meadowbrook Road.
DETAILS: This informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. There is no charge. Childcare is available. Registration is required.
CONTACT: Lisa Molloy, (248) 334-3595

Neighborhood Baby-sitting Co-op

DETAILS: Using the co-op, you and your children can make friends and get what you need accomplished without the little ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's night out and other social events.
CONTACT: Sue Tracz, (248) 380-0998

Friendship Circle

DATE: Second Thursday of each month
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: St. James Catholic

Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Taylor and Rock roads.
DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers.
CONTACT: Norbert Monson, (248) 851-6730, Florence Vright, (248) 477-3032 or Joy Koslowski, (248) 349-9138, joykoslowski@earthlink.net

MOMS Club of Novi

DATE: first Thursday of each month
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: The Moms Offering Means Support (MOMS) is a non-profit support group for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children, work out of their homes, or work part-time.
CONTACT: dmitallman@shelglobal.net

Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples

DATE: second Thursday of each month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Wiggins' Hot Depot, 300 Janney St., South Lyon.
DETAILS: This group provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families. Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Valley school conference are all welcome.
CONTACT: For more information, (248) 437-5496

Women's Prayer Support

DATE: Saturday, ongoing
TIME: 9-10:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49229 Postline Trail, Wixom
DETAILS: Come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer. Drop in for five minutes or longer.
CONTACT: Nancy or Susan, (248) 926-8332 or harvestfellowship@comcast.net

Breast Cancer Support Group

DATE: second and fourth Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Harmon Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C
TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.
DETAILS: No registration needed.
CONTACT: (248) 937-1017

Novi Toastmasters

DATE: first and third Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road
TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.
DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, with your own topics. Polish your presentations and practice leadership.

Novi Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) chapter
DATE: every Wednesday
TIME: 11 a.m. weigh-in, 11:30 a.m. meeting
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
DETAILS: \$30 per annual membership includes handbook; \$1 per meeting. New members welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0414

HEALTH

Yoga Classes

TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:15 p.m., Monday-6-7 p.m., Wednesday, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Friday
LOCATION: Assaria Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi
DETAILS: The cost is \$10/walk-in; \$80/10 class card; \$70/7-week evening session.

St. John Providence Park Hospital-Novi Classes

LOCATION: 47601 Grand River Avenue
CONTACT: (888) 448-7335, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Childbirth Education
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Baby Care Basics
DETAILS: A one-time class with practical information about how to adapt to life with a baby.
Infant Massage
DETAILS: This two-session class teaches parents how to offer their infant the comfort of massage.
Yoga Classes
TIME/DATE: 1:30-2:30 p.m., Monday; noon-1:30 p.m., Friday
DETAILS: The cost is \$10/walk-ins or 10 class card for \$80.

"Dinner with a Doctor" Discussions

LOCATION: St. John Providence Park Hospital, 47601 Grand River Avenue
CONTACT: To register, (888) 440-7335, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; for more information, Lou Martin, (248) 465-3505 or e-mail, lou.martin@sjph.org
TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
DETAILS: These free discussions include dinner, a health presentation and an update on the hospital construction progress. Reservations are required. A new hospital in Novi - what's coming
DATE: Wednesday, July 19, Rob Caslow, President
Children's Immunizations
DATE: Tuesday, Aug. 22, Dr. Vinnie Gavri
Looking Younger - Non-Surgical Treatments
DATE: Thursday, Sept. 21, Dr. M. Gowda
Looking Younger - Surgical Procedures
DATE: Thursday, Oct. 19, Dr. M. Gowda
Getting a Good Night's Sleep
DATE: Thursday, Nov. 16, Dr. Brad Rowens

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Novi Concert Band Rehearsals

TIME/DATE: 7:30-9:30 p.m., Thursday
LOCATION: Novi High School, Taft Road
DETAILS: Open to all wind and percussion players.
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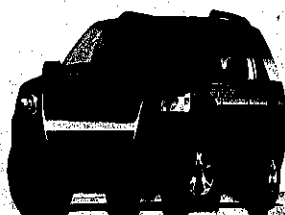
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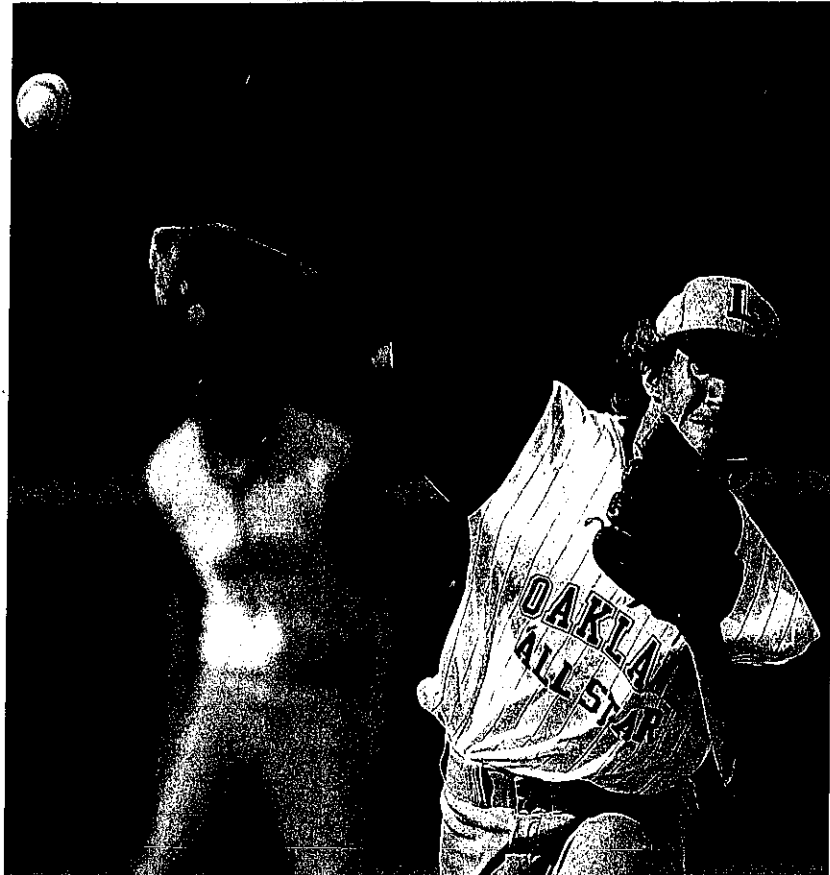


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East All-Star utility player Dan Welch fires a pitch during the opening inning of Monday's contest, which the West won, 8-5.

Quick Hits

Novi athletics boosters award six \$750 scholarships

Each year the Novi athletics boosters awards six scholarships to senior student-athletes. The purpose of the Novi High School athletics boosters scholarship is to recognize students who have successfully demonstrated their proficiency at combining academics, athletics and school involvement during their high school years. Minimum requirements are a 3.0 GPA, participation in one sport for a minimum of three years — one of which must be a senior year, and participation in some additional school activity or additional sport.

Qualified students must write a 1-2 page essay discussing the lessons their student-athlete experience provided and submit a coaches evaluation sheet. This year over 60 senior student-athletes applied for the scholarships.

Steve Zerio, President of the NAB, presented this year's recipients with their scholarships at the 2008 Senior Honors Night. Erica Howard, Lauren Marclioni, Ruchira Srinivasakrishnan, Chris Alberry, John Favorite and Derek O'Branovic.

Four CC hoopsters in national tourney

Catholic Central High School student-athletes Chris Cagle, Jr., Joshua Theis, Jon Stevens and Trevon Jones will compete this week in the ISU National Tournament as members of the Michigan Hoop Club.

The CC eagles will go up against players like Michael Bol (former NBA great Manute Bol) and Glen Rice, Jr.

The foursome are the only Oakland County residents competing in the tournament, which features more than 800 athletes.

Taught by the best

There are some great camps out there. Novi Community Education that could go a long way toward helping young athletes learn the ins and outs of the games they love.

For the past few weeks, the Novi News has featured basketball camps run by variety basketball coaches Bill Kohn (girls) and Pat Shuster (boys) that offer fundamental skills and shooting tips.

The most recent addition is a volleyball camp, coached by Novi varsity coach Julie Fissette.

These camps, which can be found on page 2B in the "sports shorts" section, are excellent skill-building events for young athletes who are serious about their competitive edge.

Wanna play?

A reminder to all student-athletes who want to participate in the upcoming fall sports season to get their physicals done and on file at the athletic department. An athletic cannot participate, which includes practices and conditioning, without a physical.

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GOING DOWN SWINGING

West gets win, 8-5, in annual All-Star contest

By John Mueller
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Just when it was beginning to seem like the annual East-West All-Star baseball game was permanently jinxed by foul weather, players and coaches finally got the warm and sunny day they'd been waiting for.

And, win or lose, they made the most of it. "We're just having some fun," Milford graduated senior and East player Kevin Blouin said. "This is our last high school game, and it's a fun one."

After two postponements due to rain, the 2006 All-Star game finally took place last Monday at Pinckney High School and drew a respectable crowd as well as most of the players selected to compete. The contest pitted the East squad (originally made up of players from Novi, Northville, Milford, Lakeland and South Lyon) against the West squad, which was comprised of players from Brighton, Howell, Hanland, Pinckney and Fowlerville.

The East squad held a 5-4 lead up until the sixth inning but then gave up four runs in a half-inning of bad luck, eventually losing 8-5, but it was clear that the game was more about camaraderie than anything else. It provided one final time for players from the same team — and different teams — to compete together before moving on their separate ways.

"We all pretty much know each other because we've been playing together for so long," Lakeland's Dan Welch said. "It's fun to be around your friends," added teammate Michael Wiseman, who was recently voted the All-Area Player of the Year.

Northville head coach John Kostreva was originally slated to head up the East squad but was recovering from recent sur-

gery as of early this week, so Milford assistant coaches Dan Blouin and Jeff Brandenburg stepped up and filled in for him. Hanland head coach Brian Morrison, meanwhile, coached the West team.

A loose and easygoing atmosphere prevailed throughout the entire contest, with players joking good-naturefully with their teammates as well as their opponents. Hardly an inning went by without the players switching positions and trying something new.

"I came here to play a fun game," Welch was overheard saying from the bench at one point. "I've never played a fun game ever."

Lakeland's Rico Rhodes got things rolling for the East squad in the first inning, leading off with a double that needed perhaps three feet to clear the center-field fence. He then stole third base and scored on teammate Wiseman's base hit.

The West players responded by scoring two runs a half-inning later to take a 2-1 lead. After a scoreless second inning the East players came alive in the third and scored four runs, taking advantage of some walks, a wild throw and a balk.

The score remained at 5-2 until the fifth inning, when the West squad put two runners across the plate to close the gap to one run. An inning later the West scored an additional four runs and ended up holding that 8-5 lead until the end.

Welch pitched the first two innings for the East squad before Milford's Craig Albinus took over for the next three innings; Lakeland's Colin O'Connell pitched the last inning.

Afterward, players from both teams shook hands with each other and continued kidding around before walking off the field for the last time in their high school careers. All in all, it seemed like a pretty good way to go out.

"It's a fun way to end it," South Lyon's Ryan Marken said. "Jerseys were provided by Novi head coach and Service Sports employee Rick Green."

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"We all pretty much know each other because we've been playing together for so long."

Dan Welch

East All-Star Starting Pitcher

East All-Star Roster

Though not all the players in the coverage area of the Novi News, Northville Record, South Lyon Herald and Milford Times were able to make the game Monday, there were several area players invited.

The complete roster is made of all seniors from Northville, Lakeland, Milford, Novi and South Lyon high schools.

Player	School
Matt Simpson	Novi
Charlie Thomas	Northville
Rico Rhodes	Lakeland
Craig Albinus	Milford
Ryan Marken	South Lyon
Steve Hart	Novi
Tim Parani	Northville
Ryan Olson	Lakeland
Ryan Brandenburg	Milford
Andrew Teuchent	South Lyon
Craig Lawler	Novi
Cory Patterson	Northville
Mike Wiseman	Lakeland
Kevin Blouin	Milford
Anthony Zappoli	South Lyon
Tom Ciavarella	Novi
Dolan O'Donnell	Lakeland
Chris Thwait	South Lyon
Dan Welch	Lakeland

All-Star game is for the fun of it

There was a lesson to be learned at the East-West All-Star Baseball game Monday: Don't stand behind a batter when he's warming up.

Dan Welch, a utility player from Lakeland, was chatting away with one of his fellow East players and gave a half-bicentennial swing of the bat while on deck. To his surprise, and that of everyone else, the bat made contact. It just so happened to be with All-Star



Sami Eggleston — Record Sports

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SPORTS SHORTS

Volleyball camp
A volleyball camp for athletes grades 3rd-9th is currently taking registrations through Novi Community Education.

and shoes for basketball workouts as well as a non-carbonated beverage for each day of camp.

Northville golf outing
The sixth annual golf outing will be held on Monday, July 17th at Northville Hills Golf Club.

Girls and boys shooting camps
A shooting camp for boys and girls grades 2nd-9th is currently taking registrations through Novi Community Education.

Novi basketball fund-raising event
The Novi Wildcats boys basketball team will be holding its Second Annual Golf Scramble July 15 at Templewood Golf Club.

Basketball Academy
A limited enrollment of 18 players for each session of the Summer Basketball Academy provides the most dynamic basketball experience in Michigan.

Girls and boys basketball camp
Incoming basketball players, grades K-2nd, are invited to learn basketball skills and build confidence.

Summer Sports Camps at Catholic Central
Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi will offer the following Summer Sports Camps for young men who will be in grades 5-9 beginning in the Fall of 2006:

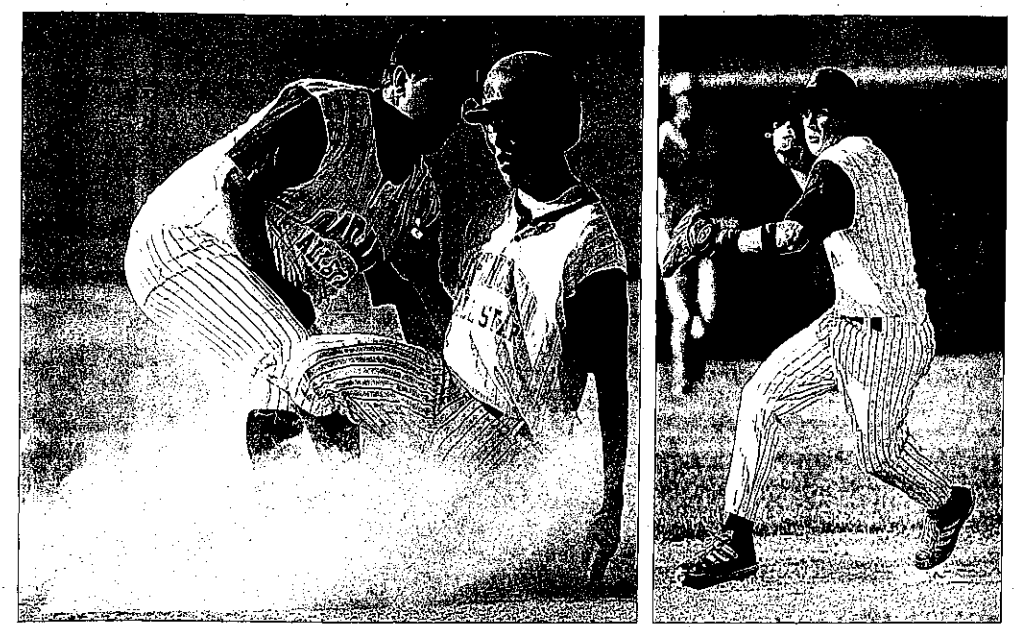
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First Team catcher Mike Wiseman's right knee. Wiseman yelled, 'Hobbs! he made his way to the bench and sat out the remainder of the game except to bat. Welch apologized and then accused his Lakeland teammate of being a baby before they both ended up laughing about the incident.

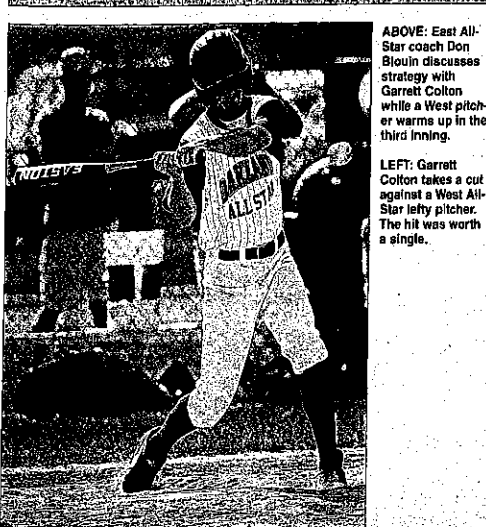
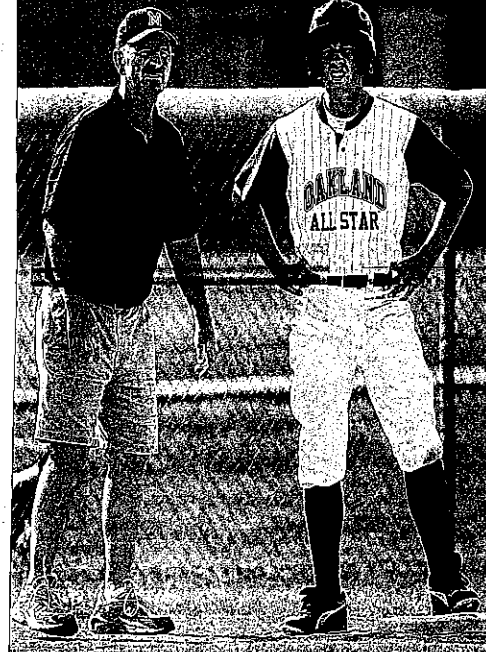
Summer training key for Novi tankers

By Courtney Patkowiek SPORTS WRITER
It is 6:45 a.m., and Yalda Dastmalchi is driving to Novi High School. Instead of going to 7:15 a.m. classes, however, she is at 7:00 a.m. swim practice—four days per week, two and a half hours per day.

ALL-STAR GAME ENDS WITH WEST WIN



LEFT: East All-Star player Chris Theat tries to make a tag at third base. The West player was called safe. RIGHT: Ryan Marken, playing second base, winds up to fire the ball for an out during the East-West All-Star baseball game Monday.



ABOVE: East All-Star coach Don Blouin discusses strategy with Garrett Colton while a West pitcher warms up in the third inning. LEFT: Garrett Colton takes a cut against a West All-Star lefty pitcher. The hit was worth a single.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. Exterior: Flaws in this category, such as exterior seals around windows, doors and wall/door frames, can have structural significance but may pose discomfort to the occupants due to water and air penetration. The most common culprits are inadequate caulking and/or weatherstripping.

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

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

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Dr. Eric Duncan positions a patient on a specialized machine for lumbar and cervical disc decompression.

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Live without back pain

Doctor offers
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to correct spinal
disc problems

By Cynthia Grochowski
SPECIAL SECTIONS

"We are excited to be able to offer a solution to people who have tried physical therapy, medication and chiropractic care and still have found little to no relief from their back pain," said Dr. Eric Duncan, of Duncan Chiropractic Group in Brighton.

"This new treatment is even an alternative to surgery. Our DTS system has an 85 percent success rate," he said.

Dr. Duncan pointed out that pain in the arms, neck, back and legs due to compressed, herniated or bulged discs is the primary reason people miss productive days at work.

Many people suffer daily from spinal disc problems. Discs are the sponge-like cushioning material between the bones in the spinal column.

"Day-to-day stress, accidents or injury can cause the discs to move, slip, bulge or herniate out from between the spine, causing pressure on surrounding nerves," Dr. Duncan said.

"Blood, nutrition and lubricating fluids cannot reach the disc, causing the disc to become brittle and unable to cushion the spine." The resulting pain can radiate down the leg, arm, back or neck

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depending on which disc is compressed. The shifting of the body to avoid pain can result in further damage to the spine, compounding the original injury and creating new ones.

Traditional treatments have included expensive pain medications, not to mention bed rest, painful exercises, invasive surgery and its related recovery.

Dr. Duncan has been successfully treating compressed disc problems with non-invasive DTS, decompression therapy systems, where the spine is stretched to gently take the pressure off the discs.

"This technology has just recently become available to private practitioners," Dr. Duncan said.

The beauty of this improved approach to decompression therapy is in the delivery of progressive and regressive pressure on the spine to avoid the muscle guarding experienced with traditional traction equipment.

"Other machines attempt to



The machine has a number of specialized protocols to address symptoms of various lumbar and cervical issues.

decompress the discs, but often cause the muscles surrounding the discs to spasm and guard the spine," Dr. Duncan explained. "That means the muscles never totally relax for the discs to truly

decompress." The goal of decompression is to create a true vacuum between the discs. This non-compression state allows the damaged disc to move back into place, away from

irritated nerves.

"Decompression then allows the disc's blood supply to return and deliver nutrients and lubrication to facilitate healing," Dr. Duncan explained.

A patient lays fully clothed on the table face up or face down. Two harnesses are snugly attached around the patient's lower and upper torso. Each harness is attached to a computerized variable weight system that measures the amount of pull exerted on the patient.

Each 20-minute session is recorded onto a personal information card to track progress. The decompression machine allows the doctor to program specific protocols, unique to each individual patient and their condition.

"We don't even adjust the people before or after they go through lumbar cervical decompression," Dr. Duncan said. "We look at the X-rays and the MRI reports, if available, and consider many factors before turning to DTS as a treatment option. That's why we always offer a free consultation."

Dr. Duncan says patients report complete pain relief in as little as three visits, but a total of 15 to 20 visits is the normal treatment plan.

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