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• FRIDAY
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• SATURDAY
Novi residents are invited to participate in The Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County household hazardous waste annual collection event from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. today at the Wixom Department of Public Works, 2057 Charns Rd. For more information and a list of accepted items, visit www.rrasoc.org or call (248) 208-2270.

• SUNDAY
Looking for some authentic Irish grub? Gus O'Connors, located at 42875 Grand River Ave., serves an array of Irish Cuisine and is open today with happy hour from 3-6 p.m. The pub also serves steaks, chops and burgers provided by Fairway Meat Packing of Detroit. For more information, call (248) 465-9670.



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Former Novi man charged in murder

By Greg Migliore and Victoria Mitchell
NEWS STAFF WRITERS

Anthony LaCalamita and his wife, Michele, started a quiet life in Novi.

Married for eight years, the couple recently called a tan brick ranch on picturesque Clover Lane home.

But five months before Anthony LaCalamita allegedly shot three people at a Troy office building Monday morning, police and a Catholic priest were called to the couple's home in the Whispering Meadows subdivision after he walked out following an emotional discussion about an undisclosed medical treatment.

Police would not reveal the nature of the problem, but other reports indicate Anthony, 38, had been dealing with mental illness, including depression and bipolar disorder for years.

On the evening of Nov. 6, 2006, LaCalamita was upset, although the reasons are unclear, according to a police report.

His wife called a priest from St. Benedict Church in Waterford to try to calm her husband. They also called his parents in Florida.

While they were on the phone, LaCalamita got up and left without saying a word. Mindful her husband was upset, Michele called authorities, the report said.

Though LaCalamita was troubled, he didn't make any threats or appear dangerous, Novi Deputy Chief Thomas Lindberg said. His wife didn't file a missing persons' report and police documents indicate no other actions



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Former Novi resident Anthony LaCalamita is apprehended after a deadly office shooting.

were taken at the time. LaCalamita was charged yesterday with seven counts including first degree murder, intent to murder and running from police.

He was expected to be arraigned in 52-4 District Court in Troy later in the day.

Prosecutors said he killed a 63-year-old receptionist and wounded two partners with a 12-gauge shotgun at the Troy accounting firm, Gordon Advisors PC, where he was recently fired.

He fled after the shooting and was caught near Saginaw.

Behind closed doors

The couple was estranged for at least three weeks, according to a statement from Michele's attorney, Jose Fanego. LaCalamita moved to Troy.

The wife's statement said she cooperated with the police, but could "shed no light on what hap-

SHE'S ON THE RUN!

By Greg Migliore
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Laura Mullins is always running.

She's the mother of four kids, spread out from kindergarten through eighth grade. And not surprisingly, they keep her pretty busy.

But she's also always running — literally.

The 38-year-old Novi resident is a lifelong runner and is training for perhaps the signature event in American running, the Boston Marathon, on April 16.

She runs to relieve the stress of daily life — and she's quite good at it — running a competitive time for her age group of 3 hours, 44 minutes and 2 seconds at the Detroit Free Press/Flagstar Bank Marathon last October, which qualified her to run in Boston.

Mullins also runs for a cause — the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

In many of her races, she secures sponsors and the proceeds go to fighting the diseases. In return for her fundraising efforts, the society has put Mullins through a rigorous training program, called Team in Training, to meld her into peak running condition.

"You find out how many other people are touched by this disease — and that's what inspires me to keep on running," Mullins said.

So far, it's worked out nicely for her. She raised \$1,600 running the Bayshore Marathon in Traverse City last spring, and has already topped that for this year's race, netting \$2,100.

Rounding into form

The training program has also paid off for her, transforming Mullins to a legitimate, competitive runner, after years of casual jogging.

She ramped up her workouts after her mother, Rosalie, was diagnosed with leukemia and lymphoma, and wanted to do something to combat the illness. She settled on running to



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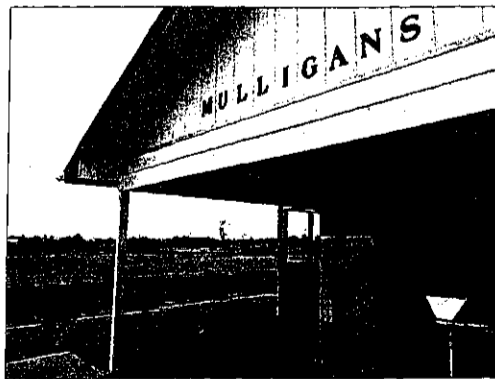
Novi resident Laura Mullins will be running the Memorial Day Weekend Bayshore Marathon in Traverse City to raise funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

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What do you think? Tell us on the Web at WWW.NOVINNEWS.COM.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News
The Mulligans Golf Center range on 10 Mile Road across from Tanglewood Golf Course re-opens for business.



Mulligan's reopens

■ Facility was flashpoint in 2005 Detroit mayor's race

By Greg Migliore
NEWS STAFF WRITER

A Novi man is trying to resurrect a local golf center that was once owned by political kingpins Fremar Hendrix and Ed McNamara.

Mulligan Golf Center re-opened earlier this month after Novi resident John Halmaghi bought the facility out of foreclosure and began renovations six months ago. It features an 18-hole miniature course and driving ranges.

The center had been in foreclosure since 2005. Hendrix, who ran for mayor of Detroit in 2005, was dogged by the facility's financial problems during his

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'IT'S FOR THE BOYS' Ladies take pride in comforting war veterans

Seniors make lap robes for local veterans hospitals

By Tracy Mishler
NEWS SPECIAL WRITER

Josephine Loplatto tries to help veterans. The 84-year-old recently became a resident at Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks senior community in Novi.

And during one of the residents' meetings, Loplatto said she'd like to make lap robes for the veterans at the local hospitals nearby.

Loplatto said her daughters, JoAnn Aquino and Carol Roney, quickly brought her yarn and six storage bins with her crafting materials inside, and she got right to work.

"My husband, (Mamulo), was a master sergeant in the Air Force and received seven battle stars," she said. "I know what those guys go through... I think we should get more involved in helping our veterans."



How many veterans are there?

- 1.7 million: The number of female veterans in 2004.
- 9.5 million: The number of veterans age 65 or older in 2004.
- 8.1 million: Number of Vietnam-era veterans in 2004. Thirty-three percent of all veterans served in Vietnam.
- 3.9 million: Number of World War II veterans in 2004. Sixteen percent of all veterans served during World War II.
- 412,000: The number of living veterans who served during both the Vietnam era and in the Gulf War in 2005.

Other living veterans in 2005 who served in two or more wars:

- 343,000 served during both the Korean and Vietnam wars.
- 80,000 served during three periods: World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War.
- 306,000 served in World War II and the Korean War.

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau and American Fact Finder

Many Waltonwood residents like Josephine Loplatto, right, have been knitting scarves and quilting lap blankets that will be given to local veterans organizations.

do what they can to help out those that serve our country.

"I think the veterans appreciate it immensely," Bruton said. "People that are interested in doing things do what they can to help."

"It's unfortunate that not everyone looks at things the same way, but it's wonderful to see people giving their time for things like this."

Bruton said the ladies auxiliary at the VFW also makes lap robes for the veterans.

"They also make up bags and boxes to send over to Iraq and take to the local hospital," she said. "Anything to help out."

Loplatto said she is currently working on a camouflage lap robe.

"I'm really happy doing this," she said. "It's therapy for me because I'm working with my hands and doing something I love."

It's for the boys. "It's gratifying to be able to help and see their faces and smiles."

Tracy Mishler is a freelance writer for the Novi News.

Getting to work

Since she began, Loplatto has sent 32 lap robes to the hospital in Detroit and plans to send 54 more to the Ann Arbor hospital.

"I buy all the yarn for everyone," she said. "I don't mind. It's for a good cause."

"I'm from the old school; my mom always said, 'Do well and forget. Don't expect anything in return.'"

Several ladies from Novi are assisting Loplatto in her quest to make Michigan soldiers more comfortable, including her daughters, Paoline Messana, Helen Buchanan, Ruth Johnson, Helen Gilling, Betty Johnson and Helen Bednarczyk.

Loplatto said it takes about 20 ounces of yarn to make a lap robe which, depending on the skill level of the person making it, can take a couple days or a couple weeks.

"We make the robes 40 inches long and wide, so they fit from the waist down," she said. "Some of these guys are coming back with no legs. The purpose is to cover them and keep them warm."

Hard work pays off

Barbara Buck, activities director for Waltonwood, said she is very proud of the ladies for taking on the project for the veterans.

"I think it's wonderful," she said. "They never ask for anything for themselves and they are very proud of veterans. It's important."

Other members of the community agree helping veterans is important.

Betty Bruton of the Northville VFW 4012 post said many people

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Breaking the books

Library turns pages into life during break and beyond

By Victoria Mitchell
NEWS STAFF WRITER



Nikita Bansal, 11, checks out a few racks of books at the Novi Public Library Tuesday.

Upcoming Novi Public Library youth programs

- 1-2:30 p.m. today, Kindergarten-age children and older are invited to watch the movie "Happy Feet." Kids are encouraged to bring a pillow or blanket and take time to relax. Snacks are provided. No registration is required, but space is limited to 120 attendees.
- 7-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17. Preschoolers are invited to attend the Novi Public Library's Starlight Story Times. Just bring your preschooler, along with their older siblings if parents prefer, to the library and let a special guest read the bedtime story. Pajamas are optional and no registration is necessary.
- 4:30-5:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 18. Come to the library and join PageTurners, a program for fifth- and sixth-grade students geared toward talking about good books. Snacks are provided and students can gather with others their own age to discuss books they've enjoyed or are about to read. A recommended reading list is provided. This month's theme is poetry, so bring a poem along to share. No registration is required.
- 2:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19. Looking to break free from studying? Join the Novi Public Library's High School Study Break program. The program is designed to help high school students break free from studying. Join the Novi Public Library's High School Study Break program. The program is designed to help high school students break free from studying. Join the Novi Public Library's High School Study Break program. The program is designed to help high school students break free from studying.
- "Greas" and the popcorn is on the house. • 2-5 p.m. Saturday, April 21. Attend the library's open house honoring National Library Week, April 15-21. Some activities will include tours, raffles, light refreshments and a visit by Clifford the Big Red Dog.
- 7-7:45 p.m. Monday, April 23. Children in kindergarten through third grade are invited to attend Snack Tales at the library. During this program, children will enjoy a story while making an edible treat based on the book discussed. This program does not require pre-registration.
- 5-6 p.m. Tuesday, April 24. Dance, Dance Revolution visits the Novi Public Library. Get on your feet and test your dancing skills. This event is for children in third grade or older.
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25. For the first time, Novi Theatres will be presenting a preview of its upcoming presentation of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." Children of all ages are invited to attend.
- 6-7 p.m. Monday, April 30. Love Legos? Come and participate in the Novi Public Library's Lego Club. Bring a Lego creation for show and tell or build one while at the library. Legos are provided and the program is for children in kindergarten through fourth grade. No registration is required.

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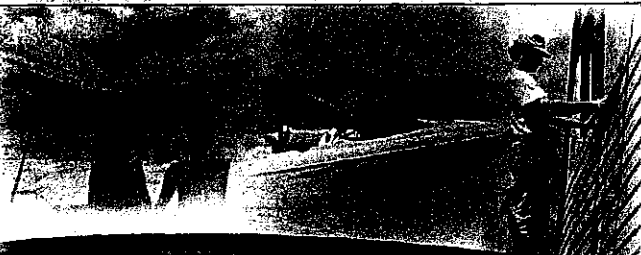
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Troy office shooting suspect Anthony LaCalamita moved out of this Novi home at least three weeks ago according to his wife's attorney. He was estranged from his wife, Michele.

Man charged with Monday's Troy office slaying

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Man charged with Monday's Troy office slaying. The shooting occurred at the Troy Police Department on Monday morning, killing one person and wounding two others. Here is how it unfolded:

Mile roads, was quiet the day after the Troy office shooting. Parks were empty and doors shut. A babysitter next door to the LaCalamita residence declined to talk about them. Others in the neighborhood described the couple as quiet and said they kept mostly to themselves. Neighbor Rick Neal said he didn't know the couple well, occasionally waving at them in passing. "They had a couple of dogs," he said. "I would sometimes see them walking the dogs and say hi. They were quiet and only moved in a while ago." Neal said he sometimes saw the couple going to church. He said he thought he saw them on Easter, but said he is unsure if the couple he saw was actually the LaCalamitas. "This is a person that lives in the neighborhood," Neal said.

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Office shooting: Here's how the events unfolded

An armed gunman stormed an office building in Troy on Monday morning, killing one person and wounding two others. Here is how it unfolded:

Thursday

Anthony LaCalamita is fired from Gordon Advisors PC in Troy.

Monday

10:07 a.m.: First 911 call that a man with gun is in the Long Lake Crossings I building, 1301 W. Long Lake Road, which houses Gordon Advisors. The gunman shoots a woman and two men before leaving the building. 10:15 a.m.: Police SWAT team begins evaluating the building. 11:30 a.m.: Police identify LaCalamita as a suspect and say he is believed to have fled in a silver 2007 Ford Fusion with a Michigan license plate of BEY 0843. A statewide alert goes out to law enforce-

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- **Wooden-stick behavior:** refusing to adapt to changes or attempting to control others
- **Escape-artist behavior:** handling stress through lying or alcohol or drug dependency
- **Shocker behavior:** exhibiting changes in behavior or acting out of character
- **Stranger behavior:** acting remotely, using poor social skills or poor personal hygiene, or being fixated on an idea or person

Wednesday

1:30 p.m.: LaCalamita expected to be arraigned at 52-4 District Court, 520 W. Big Beaver in Troy.

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by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

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She's on the run!

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raise money because it gave her a constructive outlet. "This is a way that I could give back and help," Mullins said. Her mother is in remission, but Mullins continues to run. She's spurred her husband, John, to joined her and now he also now trains for marathons. The couple moved to Novi from Chicago two years ago. They say running has helped them get to know the community. "You meet a lot of people," said John, a 37-year-old automotive engineer. Mullins said she's a fairly low-maintenance runner. She takes off about noon, usually munching on a banana and granola bar beforehand. For the most part, her runs are relaxing and relatively successful. In one run, however, she narrowly avoided being sprayed by a skunk and was chased by a dog. Animal accidents aside, taking care of her kids often gives Mullins the final kick during her runs. "Sometimes it makes me run a lot faster because I know I have to get home to them," she said.



Laura Mullins
AGE: 38
JOB: Mother of four
LIVED IN NOVI: Two years
NOTABLE: Runs marathons for fun and to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Is training for the 111th Boston Marathon April 16.

Facility was flashpoint in 2005 Detroit mayor's race

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campaign. Ultimately, he was defeated by incumbent Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. He had been part of a group of investors that also included McNamara, the longtime Wayne County executive. Mulligan's six on 27 acres just outside the Novi city limits on 10 Mile Road between Wyxom and Milford roads in Lyon Township, it's across from the Tanglewood Golf Club, which Hahnaghi hopes will help increase the center's visibility among area golfers. It will employ a handful of people to tend the clubhouse and grounds.

Hahnaghi said he plans to offer golf lessons and installed new tees and other equipment. A dentist by trade, the 44-year-old has been taking a hands-on approach to the renovations after buying the center through the property company, Omni Real Estate Management LLC, he owns with his wife. "I just want people to come out and enjoy the place," said Hahnaghi, a two-year resident of Novi. He said he expects to hire a general manager to run the day-to-day operations after the center's launch. Right now he's dividing his time between his dental practice in Southfield, Comfort Dental, and his golf duties. A casual golfer, Hahnaghi said the venture has been invigorating. "It's fun," he said. "Probably the funnest thing I've done in a long time."

Mulligan Golf Center

WHAT: Re-opened in April
FEATURES: 18-hole mini-ture course, driving ranges
WHERE: 54300 Ten Mile, between Wyxom and Milford roads in Lyon Township
LAST SEEN: As a flashpoint in the 2005 race for Detroit mayor. Challenger Freeman Hendrix had invested in the facility and was dogged by incumbent Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's charges of mismanagement and financial blunders.
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Huntington National Bank opens second Novi branch

■ Ohio bank eyes expansion in Metro Detroit

By Greg Migliore
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Huntington National Bank is opening a second branch in Novi as it expands on the west side of Metro Detroit, an official said last week.

The new Novi site is expected to open in October near the intersection of 10 Mile and Novi roads, said Manoella Ribeiro, a four-year veteran of Huntington who will

manage the bank. Huntington also has a branch in Novi on Wiscon Road near Grand River Avenue.

Bank officials chose the city because of its rapid development. "It was definitely a high-growth community," Ribeiro said.

The new facility is expected to have about five full-time employees and will offer a range of financial services.

Huntington has 111 branches in Michigan, including nearby sites in Farmington Hills, Walled Lake and West Bloomfield. The 141-year-old bank is headquartered in Columbus and has more than 380 facilities, mostly in the Midwest. According to the most recent fig-

Spotlight on: Huntington National Bank

HEADQUARTERS: Columbus, Ohio
FOUNDED: 1866
ASSETS: About \$36 billion in deposits
NEWS: Opening a second Novi branch in October

ures, the bank has about \$36 billion in deposits, making it one of

the region's more prominent financial institutions.

Huntington has been growing recently as the banking industry consolidates. In 2006, it finalized a merger with Unizant Financial Corp. and announced plans to merge with Sky Financial Group. The \$3.6 billion deal with Sky is expected to close in the third quarter of this year, making it the 24th largest domestically controlled U.S. bank.

Huntington also acquired United Fund Services, a mutual fund transfer agency, last year.

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Novi Police Chief Dave Molloy, left, congratulates an officer during the department's 2006 service recognition ceremony. The service noted this year's Police Officer of the Year, Its Civilian of the Year, and many other citations for exemplary duty.

2006 Novi Police Officer of the Year Paul Stulgross, right, receives a congratulatory handshake from Chief Dave Molloy during last Monday's awards ceremony. Stulgross was noted not only for his exemplary on-duty service, but also for his volunteer efforts in the Novi community.

APRIL 2ND, 2007 BID SPECIFICATIONS NETWORK EQUIPMENT HOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Howell Public Schools is currently soliciting proposals for a company to provide network equipment for Parker High School. To obtain a full copy of the bid, please send request to: kim@howellschools.com. The deadline for sealed bids is April 26, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. at the following location:

Howell Public Schools District Operations
Attn: Paul Pomerville
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Howell, MI 48843.

Bid opening will take place at that time.

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The Novi Parks and Recreation Department invites all veterans groups, bands, scouts, businesses and community organizations to be a part of the Memorial Day Parade on May 28. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at 10 Mile Road and Karmel Boulevard. It will travel west down 10 Mile to the Civic Center where a Memorial Day service will be held. Participation forms may be obtained at www.city-ofnovi.org. Contact Tracy Ringle at (248) 349-1700 for more information.

Novi Library and MDOT Partners in Survey

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Novi Public Library are partnering to help set the direction for transportation decisions and investments through 2030. From March 30 through May 14, patrons accessing the Internet through the library's computers will be encouraged to complete a brief online questionnaire about MDOT's long-range transportation plan. Called MI Transportation Plan, the project will support MDOT's efforts to create an improved transportation system. Through the Library of Michigan, regional library cooperatives and local libraries, MDOT has been gathering thousands of opinions from the public online during the past 10 months. The online questionnaire will be available through any Internet connection on the MI Transportation Plan Web site at www.michigan.gov/strp.

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Auto supplier Toyota Boshoku grows in Novi

Seat-maker expects to add 60 jobs in city

By Greg Migliore
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Auto parts supplier Toyota Boshoku America is consolidating its area research facilities into a new technical center in Novi, it announced this week. The company expects to add about 60 jobs by 2010. It is planning to move into the two-story building at 12 Mile and West Park Drive by late summer, officials said. The 75,000-square-foot facility will be the main research center for Toyota Boshoku's North American operations. It also brings workers from smaller facilities in Novi and Farmington Hills under one roof. "It's a strategic location for us. This will help us to grow in North America as a global company," said Steve Tamplin, an assistant general manager.

Toyota Boshoku makes interior parts and had global sales of \$7.4 billion for the 2006 fiscal year. It employs about 5,800 in the Americas. It's been in Michigan since 2001.

"Continued commitments and investments by companies like Toyota Boshoku are important as we maintain our efforts to diversify

ly our economy and create jobs here in Michigan," Gov. Jennifer Granholm said in a statement.

It is one of a slew of auto parts companies that are closely tied with Japanese automaker Toyota Motor Corp. Toyota owns about 40 percent of the company's stock and is its main customer.

Recently, Toyota Boshoku has sought to diversify its customer base and is currently working on several projects for General Motors Corp., including making seats for the Chevrolet ULR.

Empin said Toyota Boshoku chose a Novi site because it is about midway between GM's technical center in Warren and Toyota's technical center in Ann Arbor. He also said Novi's significant Japanese population and diverse school district will help ease the adjustment for the company's Japanese workers.

The building is the first of two possible phases of a new office park, called the Novi Corporate Campus, which is a joint venture between developers Anson Development Inc. and

Spotlight on: Toyota Boshoku

YEAR FOUNDED: 1918
SECTOR: Automotive interiors supplier
EMPLOYEES: 140 in Michigan
NEWS: Consolidating local facilities into a new technical center in Novi

General Development. They're hoping to build a second facility, possibly for a corporate headquarters.

"I think it's a positive influence that the Japanese and the companies that are in Novi are expanding," said Stacy Fields, assistant manager with General Development.

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OBITUARIES

GREGORY S. BINGHAM

Age 46, of Farmington Hills, passed away peacefully on April 7, 2007. He was born on May 3, 1960 in Northville, Michigan to Donald J. and Patricia A. (Gregory) Bingham. Greg was originally from Novi. He was a freelance carpet installer. He was a "jack of all trades" and could do anything with his hands. He competed in Truck Pulls and Dart Board Competitions. Greg loved hockey and golf. He also enjoyed fishing and playing league baseball. He is survived by his parents Don (Helen) Bingham of Novi and Patricia A. Bingham of Farmington Hills; his grandmother Elaine Gregory of Northville; his sister Gay (Russ) Nichols of South Lyon; his brothers, Mike (Terry) Bingham of Farmington Hills and Gary (Dawn) Bingham of California; his nieces and nephews Beth, Jay, Jessie, Samantha, Joey, great nephews Jacob and Kyle. He is also survived by his loving companion Linda through life and marriage. He was preceded in death by his nephew Lance. A memorial service was held Wednesday at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon. Rev. Taek Kim with the Walled Lake United Methodist Church officiated the service. Memorial contributions can be made to Angela Hospice, 34100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

FRIEDA P. HAWTHORNE

Age 90, of Novi, formerly of Florida, died April 8, 2007. Loving mother of Charles (Susan) Hawthorne, Proud grandmother of Sarah, Brian and Kate. Frieda spent over 20 years in Florida and leaves behind many dear friends. Private family services were held. Arrangements entrusted to the Union Lake Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home.

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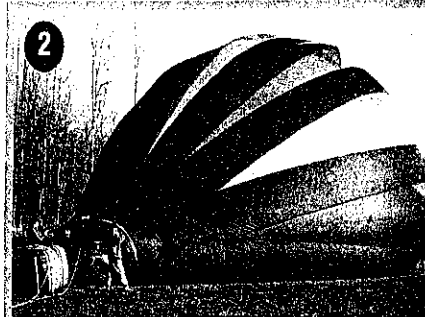
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1 - The final ride went to (from left) Krista Slawski, kindergarten, and Sue Burnham, principal.

2 - School volunteers and the pilot from the Liberty Balloon Company inflate and heat the air inside the hot air balloon.

3 - Village Oaks Elementary School kindergarten students celebrate "Letter People Day" as part of the March is Reading Month activities and Reading Parade through the Village Oaks Subdivision.

4 - Preparing for a ride are (from left) Village Oaks Elementary Principal Sue Burnham; the pilot from The Liberty Balloon Company; Vanessa Saven, second grade; and Lori Gilbo, third grade.

5 - Village Oaks 4th grade students proudly display their signs during the "March is Reading Month Parade" through the Village Oaks Subdivision.

6 - The hot air balloon was inflated inside the Village Oaks Gym as part of the afternoon's Liberty Balloon Company Assembly.

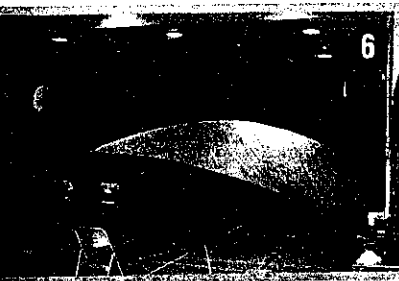
7 - Enjoying their balloon ride are (from left) Ellen Zatulokin, first grade, and Melissa Lind, fourth grade.



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Village Oaks Elementary School celebrated "March is Reading Month" with a schoolwide reading contest. The class with the most time spent reading, at home, won a hot air balloon ride for their teacher. One teacher from each grade was given the honor. They also held their annual Reading Month Parade through the Village Oaks Subdivision. Students and teachers dressed as their favorite book characters. Some students carried signs they made showing a favorite book. Keeping with Village Oaks Elementary School tradition, the kindergarten students celebrated Letter People Day as well.



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CLASS NOTES

Board of Education Candidate Forum

The Novi League of Women Voters in conjunction with the Novi Community School District PTO Interscholastic Council is hosting a candidate forum for the candidates in the May 8 School Board Election. The forum will be held at 8 p.m., Tuesday April 17 in the Instructional Technology Center (ITC) at 25345 Taff Road, behind the Educational Services Building. The public is encouraged to attend.

at Novi High School. District administrators will explain each issue of the bond and answer questions. All are encouraged to attend.

Novi Community Education Preschool Registration

The Community Education Preschool is now accepting registration for the fall 2007-08 school year. This year the preschool program is offering additional four-day-a-week classes, along with their established variety of classes and times. Children must be 3, 4, or 5 years old by December 1, 2007. Children must also be completely toilet trained.

To secure a spot in this fall's 2007-08 session, parents must register their child at the Child Care

Services office at the Instructional Technology Center, 25345 Taff Road, located between 10 and 11 Mile Roads. When registering a child (or children), a parent needs to bring the following: A completed registration packet (available on the district's Web site, www.novi.k12.mi.us); child's birth certificate or passport; non-refundable registration fee payment (\$45 for school district residents, \$50 for non-residents).

For more information about the classes, please call the preschool office at (248) 449-1713.

Walled Lake Schools Summer Care Program

Reservation packets for the state licensed child care program are available in the school offices now. The program is available for children that will be incoming kindergarten through current fifth graders, at Mary Helen Guest,

Keith, Meadowbrook, Twin Beach and Wilson Elementary schools. The dates for the program are June 15-August 17. For more information, go to www.walledlake.k12.mi.us/cc.

Walled Lake Schools' Outdoor Education Center Grand Reopening

The community is invited to attend the Grand Reopening celebration of the Outdoor Education Center from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 24. The celebration will include tours of the renovated facility, an opportunity to experience the climbing tower and zip line, a technology presentation with new laptops, refreshments and entertainment.

Stuart Riley, director of the Outdoor Education Center, said

"This special evening will give the community a terrific opportunity to experience hands-on what the Outdoor Center is all about and what it has to offer."

The Outdoor Education Center is located at 3577 Sleeth Road in Commerce Township. Those wishing to attend should RSVP to Pat Jacob at (248) 956-5121 no later than Friday, April 13.

Teacher of the Year Award

The Novi Educational Foundation in cooperation with the Novi Community Schools and the Suburban Collection is accepting nominations from parents, students, staff and community members for the Novi 2007 Teacher of the Year Award. This is the fourth year for the Teacher of the Year award. The person selected as Teacher

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Nominations must be a full-time, contracted, certified teacher in good standing with Novi Community Schools. They must have at least three full years of classroom teaching experience and have demonstrated the highest standard of excellence in their profession.

Nomination forms are available in the office of each school building, on the district Web site under Community and Parents, at the Educational Services Building, or by calling the Human Resources Office of Novi Schools at 248-449-1203. The deadline for nominations is 4 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2007. Nominations should be submitted to: Novi Community Schools, Teacher of the Year, 25345 Taff Road, Novi, MI 48374.

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MySpace: Web site causing problems for many teenagers

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By Renee Gates
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Novi Middle School student teacher Justin Wilk knew his eighth graders had MySpace accounts. He also suspected they were using them inappropriately. Wilk took a random selection of 20 of his students and did a search for them on the MySpace Web site. Of the 20 names he searched, 15 of his student's accounts came up - and the information Wilk saw disturbed him.

"Telephone numbers, the city in which they reside, their actual ages of 14 and 15, and some would go so far as to put their full addresses," he said. "That's when Wilk approached middle school principal Milan Obrenovich. Together with Novi Schools Superintendent Peter Dion they developed an internet safety program that would involve an assembly for the eighth grade class and also an evening session for parents. Both sessions were facilitated by Novi Police Department Detective Erick Zinser. During the eighth-grade assembly Detective Zinser discussed the mind set of a sexual predator, showed students how to select appropriate account names that did



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Michigan Paralyzed Veteran of America Open House

DATE: Today TIME: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. LOCATION: MPVA Headquarters, 40500 Grand River, Novi

Small Business Seminar

DATE: Wednesday, April 18 TIME: 8:30 a.m. (8 a.m. continental breakfast) LOCATION: Walsh College Novi Campus, 41500 Gardenbrook Road

Novi Chorales Spring Concert

DATE: Saturday, May 12 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Fuerst Auditorium, Novi High School

Novi Chamber of Commerce

DATE: Saturday, May 12 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Fuerst Auditorium, Novi High School

For more information, contact: Whitney McEllan, executive director, at (248) 347-4622 or wmgccc@yahoo.com

Novi Chamber of Commerce

DATE: Friday, April 19 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Telcor Credit Union, 44575 West 12 Mile Road

American Association of University Women

DATE: Tuesday, April 17 TIME: 6:45 p.m. LOCATION: Northville District Library

Assarian Cancer Center Exhibit Opening

DATE: Wednesday, April 18 TIME: 6:30 p.m. LOCATION: Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery, Assarian Cancer Center, Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Avenue

Spring Design Seminar

DATE: Thursday, April 26 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Art Van, 27775 Novi Road

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Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce The Greater Novi Chamber is a nonprofit business association.

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Democrats of West Oakland County

DATE: Tuesday, April 17 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Souvaki and Kabob Restaurant

Seminars for Seniors

LOCATION: Waltonwood Retirement Community, 27475 Huron Circle, Novi, adjacent to Twelve Oaks Mall

Spring Design Seminar

DATE: Thursday, April 26 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Art Van, 27775 Novi Road

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CLASSES

Providence Center for the Healing Arts

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

Line Dancing

DATE: Monday and Friday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT

Novi City Council Meeting

DATE: Monday, April 16 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

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

Novi School Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, April 19 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Orchard Hills Elementary

Faith Community Preschool

LOCATION: 44400 West 10 Mile Rd. CONTACT: (248) 349-7911

Novi Public Library

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Wednesday
9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength
10 a.m.: Body Recall
11 a.m.: Blood Pressure; TOPS
11:30 a.m.: Clogging-Beginner
noon: Lunch
12:30 p.m.: Clogging Club
1:30-2:30 p.m.: Sing-A-Long
6:30 p.m.: "Clogging (Beg./Easy/Int.)"
7:30 p.m.: "Clogging-Club
Thursday
9-11 a.m.: "Line Dance-Int.
9:30 a.m.: Travel Meeting
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: "Line Dance-Beg.
noon: Lunch
12:15 p.m.: Contract Bridge
1-2 p.m.: Yoga
1-3 p.m.: Computer Lab
1:30-2:30 p.m.: Writing Workshop
2:30-3:30 p.m.: Line Dance with Free Demo
*Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. Phone (248) 347-0414.
Massage: Call for an appointment.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Bereavement Support Group
DATE: Third Tuesday of each month
TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: A clergy from the area will lead in prayer and reflection to help those recover from the loss of a loved one. All are welcome and there is no fee.
CONTACT: Michael M. Meyer, Diocesan of Ministry

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) 380-9998

Women's Prayer Support
DATE: Saturday
TIME: 9-10:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac 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
DATES: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C
TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.
DETAILS: No registration needed.
CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

Crohn's & Colitis Support Group
DATES: First and third Wednesday of each month
LOCATION: Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
DETAILS: Enter facility through southeast entrance. Meeting in Conference Room A, immediately to the left.
CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322.

Novi Toastmasters
DATE: First and third Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.
DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership.
CONTACT: Colleen (248) 685-9226

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter
TIME/DAYS: Wednesdays 11 a.m.-11:30 a.m. meeting
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
DETAILS: \$24 per annual membership includes handbook \$1 per meeting. New members welcome.
CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke (248) 305-8616

Holy Family
LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org

FAITH

Meadowbrook Congregational
LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: Rev. Ed Willingham, Interim Minister, (248) 348-7757, or visit www.mbcc.org or gmccoc@roundtriptel.net
Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.
Rummage Sale
DATE: Friday, April 20, Saturday, April 21

First Baptist Church of Novi
LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or www.firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
Sunday Schedule
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m., fourth Sunday of every month.

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/DAY: 12:10-12:50 p.m.
Wednesday
DETAILS: The service will include scripture and Holy Communion.
Youth Worship
TIME/DAYS: 7 p.m., second and fourth Sunday of every month
DETAILS: All youth welcome.
Alzheimer's Support Group
DATE: Saturday, April 14
TIME: 10 a.m.
DETAILS: Meetings held on the second Saturday of each month, offering support and open discussion for all those dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

St. James Catholic
LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778
Mass Schedule
TIME/DAYS: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday, 5 p.m. Saturday
2nd Annual Family Health and Fitness Fair
DATE: Tuesday, April 17
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: The author of "Alive on the Andra Doria", and Novi resident, Pierette Domenica Simpson will speak on surviving the sinking of the great ship. The event is free.
CONTACT: Deborah Phillips, (248) 344-7404
Catholic Update
DATE: Monday, April 30

St. Paul Lutheran
LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-3140
Sunday Worship
TIME: 8:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.
Kindergarten Registration
DETAILS: Children who turned five before Friday Dec. 1 may register for full or half-day kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran School.
The Baha'i Faith
CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit www.us.bahai.org
Devotional Gathering
TIME/DAYS: 11 a.m. last Saturday of every month
LOCATION: 23803 Ripple

St. John Lutheran
LOCATION: 23225 Glen Road, Farmington Hills
CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit www.stjohn-lutheran.com
Sunday Worship
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday School
TIME: 10:15 a.m.

Mass Schedule
TIME/DAYS: 7:30, 8:45, and 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m. Wednesday-Friday, 5 p.m. Saturday
Bible Study
DATE: Thursdays
TIME: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Join the group for prayer, sharing, and discussion of the Sunday scripture readings.
CONTACT: Maria (248) 349-8847 or e-mail at spiritwalk-er001@aol.com
Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting
DATE: Last Wednesday of each month
TIME: 10-11 a.m.
DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.
CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595
Accent on Women Program
DATE: Tuesday, April 17
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: The author of "Alive on the Andra Doria", and Novi resident, Pierette Domenica Simpson will speak on surviving the sinking of the great ship. The event is free.
CONTACT: Deborah Phillips, (248) 344-7404
Catholic Update
DATE: Monday, April 30

First Methodist of Northville
LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or visit www.firstmethodist.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 8, 9:15, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Community Healing Service
DATE: First Monday of every month
DETAILS: This service is open to anyone asking God for healing in their life or in someone close to them.
Career Ministry Meetings
DAYS: Sunday
TIME: 1:30-3 p.m.
DETAILS: The Career Ministry program is to help meet the needs of job seekers and others in career transition. It is free of charge and is focused on providing career development resources, programs, and networking opportunities to anyone in the Northville/Novi area.
Spring Performing Arts Series Concert
TIME/DAYS: 8:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29
DETAILS: Presenting the

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Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.

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CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Northville
LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Single Place Ministries
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org
PROGRAM SCHEDULE: 7 p.m. Thursdays
PROGRAMS:
Tonight: Open Forum I: Travel- The top ten places to see, presented by Shelly Fogelman; Open Forum II: Married of Single, presented by Tony and Trudy Valent. April 19: Laughter is the Best Medicine with Walt Stensink. Learn how humor can boost your immune system.
April 26: "Can You Hear Me Now" presented by Joanne Estes. Learn new communication skills and generate stronger connections with anyone.
Divorce Recovery Workshop II
DATE: May 17-June 14
TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
DETAILS: The cost for the workshop is \$45. Child care is available for toddlers through sixth grade. Register for child

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The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, April 2, 2007 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. 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.

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CONTACT: (248) 497-3178 or e-mail gracepointe@mac.com
Worship Service
TIME/DAYS: 6 p.m. Sunday, April 22
LOCATION: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Novi, in the Amphitheater.
DETAILS: The public is invited for worship and to stay after for fellowship and learn more about Gracepointe. Child care will be available. For more information on Bible Study and other ministries see contact info.

St. John Lutheran
LOCATION: 23225 Glen Road, Farmington Hills
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Sunday Worship
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday School
TIME: 10:15 a.m.

St. John Providence Park Hospital-Novis Classes
LOCATION: 47601 Grand River Ave.
CONTACT: (888) 440-7326, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday
Childbirth Education
TIME/DAYS: 7 p.m. April 21-22
DETAILS: Weekend series helping you and your partner get ready for the birth of your baby, \$60.
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Spring Home and Garden Show
DATE: April 13-15
DETAILS: Everything for your home and garden. Grammys Angel Craft Show in this event.

Health Screenings at Meijer
LOCATION: 49900 Grand River Ave., Wixom
DATE: Friday, April 27
DETAILS: The pharmacy at Meijer will offer the following tests for low cost: Cholesterol, \$30; Liver Function, \$45; Diabetes Screening, \$4; Hemoglobin A1C, \$30. You will receive results within 15 minutes. All tests include consultation and explanation of results by the pharmacist, answers to questions about your medications and blood pressure check. Appointments are necessary.
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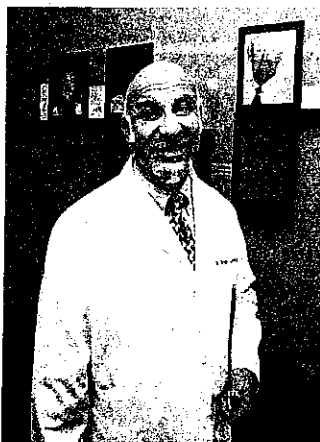
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Dr. Allen Tuchklaper

Serving the Novi community for over 27 years, Dr. Tuchklaper has been welcoming patients, including preschoolers to senior citizens, to his practice for a number of different

reasons. He recalls cleaning teeth and filling cavities for young children who have now returned with their own families to seek that same quality dental care. And while the young children are learning good dental hygiene from one of Novi's best, their parents' dental needs, such as cosmetic dentistry including implants, teeth whitening, bridges and crowns, are also being met.

Age is certainly not a barrier to the "perfect smile" — the ultimate goal of the Novi Family Dental Centre. Dr. Tuchklaper is an expert at taking a mouth filled with broken, discolored or malpositioned teeth and applying perfectly crafted veneers. The treatments can be as simple as teeth whitening, including the ZOOM treatment, which is seen on TV. With a new smile that promotes self-confidence and is more appealing to the eye, patients can't stop grinning — from ear to ear. It's a whole new lease on life.

"It's incredible to see the difference," Dr. Tuchklaper said. "Most people tell me they wish they had done it sooner."

One customer testimonial at the practice's website, www.novidental.com — had these comments. "I love my new smile and words can't express my thanks for making it so beautiful," she said. "As a child of the '60s my mouth was a dental mess and something I have always been very unhappy with. I [now] have a perfect smile. Every day I look at them and I'm so thankful for the positive experience."

It's an age-old myth that dental work can be painless, especially when it comes to fixing a broken mouth. That's all it is — a myth — especially at the Novi Family Dental Centre. Patients who fear dental work, even extended dental work, have all kinds of comfort options through Dr. Tuchklaper. One of those options is sedation dentistry.

"We see a lot of people who are anxious about coming to the dentist and the sedation dentistry works well to make them feel relaxed," he said. "We make sure people are comfortable."

Besides comfort and a long list of satisfied customers, the Novi Dental and Aesthetic Centre is also known for its cosmetic dentistry. Dr. Tuchklaper has used his extensive experience perfecting techniques that other dentists are just starting to learn.

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Dr. Tuchklaper believes his training and experience will help all of his patients smile healthily with dental cleaning, education, and preventive treatment.

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Wildcat Shawn Baxter (white) battles for a loose puck with a Lakeland Eagle.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Size just doesn't matter

Novi senior helps lead 'Cats to final four

By Jeff Thelsen
 NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Novi hockey senior Shawn Baxter said in his preseason bio that he wanted to get bigger and lead the team in points.

Listed at just 5-foot, 6-inches and 143 pounds, he managed to stand out as the top scorer on the Wildcats' amazing late-season push that landed them in the final four of Division II.

"Shawn plays a whole heckuva lot bigger than he is," Novi Todd Krygier said. "I don't even look at size when I look at hockey players. I look at determination, their effort, skill level and tenacity."

"As soon as I saw him play, Shawn had all those elements from when I first saw him participate in the summer program."

Baxter led the team with 20 assists, 31 points and 78 penalty minutes. He was also one of six Novi players to score in double digits in goals with 11.

Landing in the sin bin more than any other Wildcat may have kept Baxter from scoring more points, but his feistiness was another attribute that Krygier said set him apart.

"He had basically three games worth of penalty minutes," Krygier said. "That's what makes him good though, the chip on the shoulder. You'd like to get that down a little, but overall, that's what makes him good."

"Hopefully, as he goes forward

All-Area Hockey

Player of the Year
 Shawn Baxter, Novi senior

First Team

Jeff Donohue, Novi senior
 Brandon Wales, Northville sr
 Drew Cronk, Lakeland senior
 Matt Busterna, Lakeland junior
 Griffen Hodges, Milford soph.
 Ryan Blancy, Milford senior
 Briggs Davis, South Lyon jr

Second Team

Andrew Haggerty, Novi junior
 Steve Dawson, Northville sr
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 Jon Sawchuk, Lakeland senior
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Novi tennis seeks another state appearance

Wildcats return plenty from last year's 5th in state team

By Jeff Thelsen
 NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Novi tennis coach Jim Hanson didn't have to do a lot of tinkering with the lineup this year.

All of the singles players, the No. 1 and No. 2 doubles and Jason Hsu of the No. 3 doubles team are returning players.

"I think our key will be depth," Hanson said. "I would like to think we're pretty solid at each

position.

This singles lineup includes senior Vivek Athalye (co-captain) at No. 1, sophomore Mani Mahadevan at No. 2, senior Roshan Ramchandran at No. 3 and sophomore Goutham Kondapi at No. 4.

The doubles team is led by sophomore Ryan Bell and senior Adam Doster (co-captain) at No. 1, junior Ryan Goodman and senior Kevin Lai at No. 2, Hsu (a junior) and sophomore Justin Farooq at No. 3 and sophomore Ameya Sohani and freshman Vishnu Venugopal at No. 4.

Hanson doesn't back away from scheduling the best of Michigan, whether in tournaments or in duals.

"We play just about everybody in the top 10," Hanson said. "You need that to give your kids some good, competitive matches but also to let them know where they stand."

The Wildcats stood fifth in the state last year, and Hanson hopes the team can at least accomplish the same as last year.

"Our goals are to win the league again, try to win the regional and qualify for the state tournament," he said. "We want to be playing our best tennis by the end of the year."

The regional got a makeover this year, with Catholic Central, Northville and most of the KVC in the regional, replacing the Livonia and Dearborn schools.

It's going to be a little tougher than last year," Hanson said.

Brighton should again be the toughest competition in the KVC, but Hanson said the rest of the league continues to improve each year. "We've just got to keep our heads screwed on right and not get ahead of ourselves," Hanson said.

"The key thing is to enjoy the sea-

son as it takes place.

"It's going to be a fun year."

Wildcats open with 8-0 win

Novi tennis started its season with an 8-0 blanking of Northville on April 2.

The singles wins included Vivek Athalye 6-2, 6-1 against Peter Curran at No. 1; No. 2 Mani Mahadevan 6-3, 6-4 versus Mike Baskins; Roshan Ramchandran 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 against Tim Wasielewski at No. 3 and Goutham Kondapi beat Steve Irvine 6-4, 6-0 at No. 4.

In doubles play, Ryan Bell and Adam Doster teamed up for a 6-4, 6-1 win at No. 1; Ryan Goodman

and Kevin Lai won 2-6, 6-2, 6-3 against Kevin Zhang and David Connell at No. 2; Jason Hsu and Justin Farooq beat Jason Raymond and Graham McHenry 6-0, 6-2 at No. 3; and Ameya Sohani and Vishnu Venugopal won 6-3, 6-1 against Ben Ackerman and Brian Lovett at No. 4.

In exhibition matches, Northville's Phil Irvine and Andy Mills beat Carson Crandell and Tim Oh 7-6, 6-1 at No. 5 doubles; Novi's Chris Kim and Bobby Ma beat Zach Morris and Michael Hagan 6-7, 6-3, tie-breaker (9-7) at No. 6 doubles; and Novi's Ravi Rao and Michael Thomas beat Chase and Travis Dehne 6-2, 6-2 at No. 7 doubles.

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Averaging 25 to 30 years of mechanical experience each are Jim Davis, owner of Davis Auto Care, and ASE certified technicians Ed Robertson, Craig Becker, Jim Kelth and Dennis Rau.

By Cynthia Grochowski
NORTHVILLE RECORD

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. In an automobile's case, minor costs for routine maintenance will avoid major expenditures or drastic repairs later.

That's the message from Jim Davis of Davis Auto Care in Northville during April, deemed National Car Care Month by the Car Care Council.

"If you are doing routine maintenance — checking the cooling system, doing oil changes, tune ups, checking brakes — on schedule, 99 percent of the time you will not have a breakdown," Davis emphasized.

ROUTINE CHECKUP

Every vehicle has a maintenance schedule recommended by the manufacturer, and the schedule differs from model to model, from year to year.

"Different items on the car will wear out or need service at different times," Davis explained. "Every part has a known life expectancy. Checking parts before they fail is crucial. You don't want a failure while on a vacation or on the way to work."

Davis Auto's mechanics are nationally certified ASE master technicians, each with extensive experience, ranging from 20 to 35 years. They take a careful look under the hood at the car's systems, such as belts and hoses, that are susceptible to failure.

"You can catch a lot of problems visually," Davis said.

Fluid levels, including coolant, oil, transmission, brake, and transaxle fluid, were identified by the Car Care Council as the most neglected maintenance items in their roadside surveys recently conducted across the country.

"Taking care of a car's fluids keeps parts from wearing out prematurely," Davis explained. "Replacing transmission fluid will run \$60 to \$90 instead of \$1,500 or more for a transmission rebuild."

"Maintaining the coolant system, changing the antifreeze and looking at the water pump, coolant tubes and hoses are critical," Davis pointed out. "Snow, dirt and salt wear on the metal coolant tubes that pass under the car. If the tube fails, coolant leaks out and there is nothing to cool the engine. Run 15 minutes without coolant and you have a badly damaged engine. For a few hundred dollars in tube repair you can

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As Jim Davis performs a maintenance check on a vehicle, he points to a typical sign of trouble: corrosion on coolant tubes from road debris, water and road salt. Repairing this now will save the car owner the hassle and expense of a failed cooling system and possible engine failure.

save thousands in engine repair." Coolant tubes are just one of dozens of components Davis Auto Care technicians inspect during a routine maintenance check up.

STAYING ON SCHEDULE

Every technician in each bay at Davis Auto has at their fingertips the manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule for every make and model vehicle.

Davis Auto Care subscribes to information databases specialized for auto repair facilities that alert technicians to known pattern failures on all makes and models.

"Every car has an Achilles' heel," Davis acknowledged. "The databases help us individualize maintenance checks."

They also help shorten diagnostic and service time, making a visit to Davis Auto Center less expensive for the customer.

With summer on the way, and April

being National Car Care Month, now is the perfect time for car owners to take the initiative and have their vehicles checked out.

"It can be so simple to take care of the car, but there is so much there to do it properly," Davis said. "Knowledge is the key to doing it properly."

Davis Auto Care technicians regularly attend classes and seminars to stay at the top of their industry.

They pass this knowledge on to their customers each time they service a vehicle. They educate each customer about how to prevent problems, what can wait and what needs to be done right away on their vehicle.

"The first thing to do is to bring the car in for a service review," Davis suggested.

"We are going to bring the routine maintenance up to date, look for visual problems, like tires for wear patterns, and then make suggestions to prevent a costlier problem down the road."

CAR CARE MONTH SPECIALS

To make it easier for customers to get their cars ready for summer, Davis Auto Care is running specials during April and May.

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