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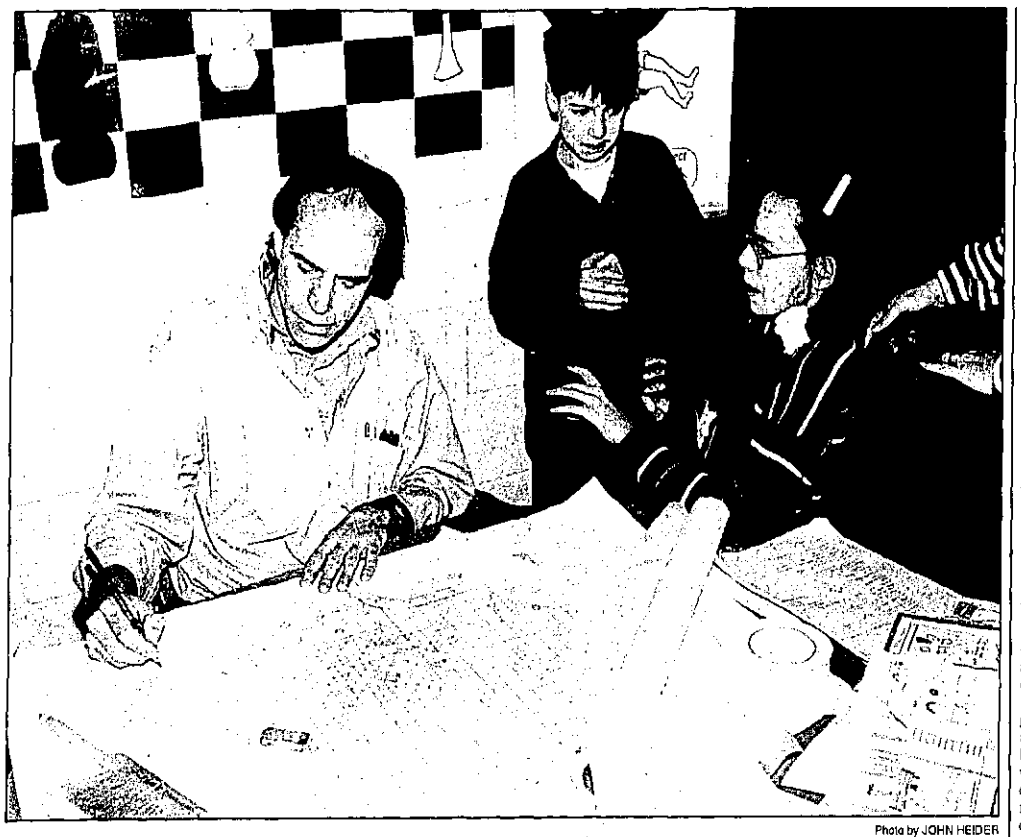

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Designer John Dean gets suggestions from Novi Woods fifth-graders Kelly Kilbourn, right, and Joshua Morrison.

Youngsters brainstorm playscape

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

A pirate ship, a castle, a sandbox moat, a crocodile slide, a robot, a time machine, a telescope, a cactus for climbing, wind chimes ... the suggestions from the enthusiastic crowd of kids went on and on.

But John Dean of Robert Leathers, a playground design firm, managed to pull most all of it together after ten hours of intense labor. The end result is the concept design for the gigantic playscape in memory of deceased Novi City Council member Tim Pope.

The concept plan was presented to the community Dec. 4 at the Civic Center. The $125,000 structure will be built with donated funds.

Dean met with more than 200 Novi kids, parents and teachers earlier that day and spent his lunch in the Novi Meadows cafeteria taking suggestions from kids during their lunch period. They crowded around the table, blurting out additions to the playscape.

"The kids were brainstorming about wheelchair accessibility, it's great," said Dean. Suggestions they had included suspension bridges for the wheelchairs, the ability to get chairs to the slides, table top sand boxes, backs for the swings and pull tunnels on the ground for kids to pull themselves through, much like monkey bars.

"I wanted it to have a big wooden structure with swings and stuff and a curly slide because they're long and the first time you go down you don't see the bottom right away so you don't know what's coming up," said Brent Beeler, 6th grade. "Novi doesn't have anything for kids to play on. For the first time they're letting kids say what they want, which is good for the community."

"If they ask what you want, you're more likely to go there," explained his classmate Christina Hagan.

Community volunteers went around to the other schools to get suggestions from those

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■ **Sara Pope was on hand** as students were designing the playscape to be built as a memorial to her husband. The story appears on **page 21A.**

Vast majority oppose golf course in park

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

If the results of a recent *Novi News* survey are any indication, the idea of building a golf course on the North Novi Park is way out-of-bounds with a lot of people.

Call them tree huggers, but the vast majority – an overwhelming 88 percent of the survey respondents in Novi – favor a nature park at the 500 acres north of Twelve Mile Road. That tendency held both with residents living north of Twelve Mile, with 94 percent opposed to the golf course, and south of Twelve Mile, where 83 percent were against the greens.

A picture clearly emerged of people living in a fast-developing city who want to get away from it all at a natural haven within their own community.

"This city desperately needs green space. I would only support a plan that calls for the area to be basically left in its natural state. I would oppose any buildings or other improvements ... There's not a place to go in Novi that doesn't have buildings, traffic sounds, etc. Leave the area alone," wrote Adam Beal.

From the lakes area, 143 people turned in surveys, while 117 did from Novi south of Twelve Mile Road. Several respondents provided no address, with a total of 266 surveys submitted. The deadline for participation was Dec. 6.

In the responses, all kinds of uses for the property were suggested, including more picnic shelters, a community garden, a planetarium, a radio-controlled airplanes area, an indoor/outdoor archery range, skateboarding, a fitness trail, adult softball diamonds, a teen center and an area for the mentally and physically handicapped to enjoy the park. Thirty-one individuals mentioned that they were against a $600,000 banquet facility on the land, a component of both designs.

Others urged the city to slow down.

"Let's hold the park and enjoy its beauty in its natural state. In

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GOLF COURSE?

Respondents were asked to indicate if they preferred a golf course or a nature park only on the former Novi Tree Farm, now owned by the city.

Total responses:	266	
OF ALL RESPONDENTS		
Supported golf course	22	8.3%
Opposed golf course	236	88.7%
Prefer another option	8	3%
FOR RESIDENTS LIVING NORTH OF TWELVE MILE		
Total responses:	143	
Supported golf course	7	4.9%
Opposed golf course	134	93.7%
Prefer another option	2	1.4%
FOR RESIDENTS LIVING SOUTH OF TWELVE MILE		
Total responses:	117	
Supported golf course	15	12.8%
Opposed golf course	97	82.9%
Prefer another option	5	4.3%
Opposed to banquet facility	33	12.4%
Requesting pool on site	9	3.4%

Novi residents remember Carol Mason

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi's most colorful political figure was wearing a nightgown in her favorite shade, purple, when she lost her fight with cancer on Dec. 1.

Over 100 people gathered at O'Brien Chapel at a memorial service Friday to honor Carol Mason, 56, who served on the Novi City Council from 1991-95. They recalled a woman who was flamboyant and funny, warm and critical, and rarely without something incredible on top of her head.

Known locally as the lady with the hats, she wore several, including those of mother and

"As she got older and passed through the stages of life, she got stronger, but she never got hard."

Robert Taub

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All I want for Christmas...

Local students give their gift list

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Have you ever pined for a Christmas gift such as the main character, Ralphie, in *A Christmas Story*.

"I want a Red Ryder BB gun ...," he repeats over and over in his quest for the gift while adults tell him, "You'll shoot your eye out."

Well, just about everyone around town in Novi has one special wish on their Christmas list. Some have a couple more.

Novi Meadow's 6th grader, Amanda Smith, is set on a lion called Real Talking Bubba. "He just talks to you like 'Turn me over.' And if you don't do it he asks 'Are you paying attention?'"

Her list also includes a Barbie fashion designer CD ROM program that designs Barbie clothes on computer and prints them out on fabric for use.

Movie themes also made the list this year.

"A *Toy Story* talking alien," said Brittany Neville, 6th grade. "The little green guy. And a [Winnie the] Pooh watch."

How about the old traditional favorites?

Novi Meadow's 5th grader, CJ Orlando is crossing his fingers for Legos, Lionel Trains and science kits.

Sixth grader Tim Kava wants "a sweatshirt and stuff."

Rebecca Whikehart, 6th grader, told of her favorites: American Girls, fashion fingernails, crafts and stickers.

Some kids have just one idea in mind.

"Soccer T-shirts. Anything soccer. Cause I love it," said Jeff Dodds, 6th grader.

Others are craving something cuddly.

"I want a dog," said 6th grader Crystal Corte with a hopeful look in her eyes. "Any dog. I don't care. They're cute."

Lizzie Morgan, a 6th grader, is another creature lover, although her first wish is a lava lamp. She also desires a Hershey's chocolate Labrador (it's a rare breed, she said) and another ferret.

Going along with Santa's typical naughty and nice theme, one boy, who shall remain unnamed because his parents would be none too happy to hear his, wanted his brother to disappear because "he's not nice"

The big kids of Novi also have wish lists, although they're much more humble.

Dan Davis, Novi Parks and Recreation director is asking for a camera and a computer for the kids. "That's a family gift," he said.

But Superintendent of Novi Schools Emmett Lippe hasn't even begun thinking wrapping paper and credit card bills.

"I'm one of those people that don't think about Christmas until three or four days before," he explained, chuckling. "I have not written to Santa and not done any of Santa's work."

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

A moment with Santa

Sixteen month old Brenna Hadder of Jacksonville, N.C., visits with Santa Claus last week at Twelve Oaks Mall and tries to keep calm as St. Nick asks her if she's been good over the past year. Brenna and her mother were in Michigan to visit Novi resident Suzzanne Hoffman, Brenna's grandmother, and did some shopping at the mall.

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Community Calendar

To have your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Thursday, December 12

Parks meeting

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Monday, December 16

Cholesterol Screening

Total cholesterol screening by fingerstick method, will be offered 1-4 p.m., at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Cost is $5 fee. For more information, call 477-6100.

Arts Council

The Novi Arts Council Executive Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

City Council

The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Health tests

Community EMS will sponsor blood pressure testing and in the Novi Civic Center from 7:30-9 p.m. in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call (810) 344-2167 after 6 p.m.

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information, call Tom Lahiff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, December 17

Garden Club

The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Civil Air Patrol

The Skygate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the 6th grade are welcome. For additional information, call 349-2669.

SWOCC Meeting

The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission meets at 7 p.m. at Novi City Hall, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.

Band rehearsal

The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. For more information, call manager Warren Ledger at 348-2955.

Chess Club

The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

Bereavement Support Group

The Bereavement Support Group meets from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd. The meeting is facilitated by Dr. Michael Meyer. There will be a brief prayerful reflection during the meeting by a clergy from the area.

Wednesday, December 18

Planning Commission

The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Business Network International

The Farmington Hills chapter of The Business Network International, made up of members from 10 neighboring communities, meets at 7 a.m. at the Tollgate 4-H Education Center, Twelve Mile at Meadowbrook Road. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, call 642-7725.

Thursday, December 19

Novi schools

The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session at 6 p.m. in Novi High School.

Optimist Club

The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Monday, December 23

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Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

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Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day

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Little notice given for block schedule special meeting

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Novi Board of Education trustees discussed the successes and challenges of the Novi High School block schedule during an "informal" but open special meeting Dec. 5 in the Instructional Technology Center.

"It was an informal discussion," said Superintendent Dr. Emmett Lippe. "(Principal) Art (Miller) gave information from the high school about where they are with the block schedule and staff development."

He compared it to the district's Coffee Discussions held at parent's homes.

But Novi residents may have missed out on a chance to hear or take part in the "frank" discussion. The only notice to the public was a flier posted that Monday on the Educational Services Building front door. The Open Meetings Act requires only that a notice be posted 18 hours in advance of a special meeting.

There was no audience present nor a videotape made or broadcast from the meeting to give parents and other members of the community a chance to hear the discussion topics. When the schedule of four classes a day lasting 85 minutes each including a seminar period for student use was approved by the board in the Spring, many parents had concerns but were willing to give it a try.

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>
> Superintendent Emmett Lippe

"The board said it approved the special meeting at a previous meeting so that it could get a better idea of how things were going. The high school had presented information on the seminar period at a Nov. 7 meeting.

"When we created the four-year pilot program we were interested in getting feedback and we thought it might be nice to chat with the administration at the high school about some of the pluses and concerns," said treasurer George Kortlandt.

It was held before the meeting to give the board extra time and in the ITC so they could grab a bite to eat before the meeting.

"We wanted to do it, but didn't want to talk about the block schedule and then get into an update on the (new middle school) structure," said Lippe.

All board members were in attendance except for Ann Newton and John Steil. Other attendees included Personnel Director Robert Schram, Assistant Superintendent of Business Jim Koster, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Rita Traynor. The presentation was given by Novi High Principal Arthur Miller and Assistant Principals Tom Evans and Jennifer Cheal.

According to Lippe, trustee Julia Abrams and Kortlandt discussion revolved around current changes at the high school and brainstorming ideas, such as combining half credit classes into full credit classes. The school has found some of the elective classes are moving too quickly under the new schedule.

Other issues included high school clothing and student behavior, the problems some teachers are having adjusting to the new format and the proper use of the seminar period by students. Students get 60 minutes of time to do homework, research or make up testing twice a week.

"Generally I'd say we're getting very positive response," said Kortlandt. "The longer class time seems to be good for the student and teacher relationship."

He added the increased choice of electives, the class content changes, the ability for students to make up work during the seminar period and the lack of activity in the halls is a plus.

Concerns included some teachers' success in teaching with the extended periods, the misconceptions that lectures are inherently bad, and the availability of classes.

"Students have to make some choices ... but that has always existed," said Kortlandt.

Lippe himself said he's been happy with the block schedule so far.

"Based on what I've heard we have minimal amount of questions and things that need to be refined," said Lippe.

Abrams said making changes is to be expected because the block schedule is still considered a "pilot program" and still in the planning stages.

"I think on the whole it's a success but it needs some refinement," she said.

"Change is one of the things it's different from what we did as kids or our kids used to do," said Kortlandt.

"Because of that you have people questioning any situation that come up."

"It was very positive. I think the bottom line was the board was glad to hear the high school administration is going to continue to lead and monitor the block schedule process," said Lippe.

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Crack addict found in parking lot

A 42-year-old Novi man was found in possession of cocaine, Dec. 5, as he sat in his Honda Civic picking the drug up off the floor of his car parked outside of a 7-11 store, according to police reports.

Police said they noticed a man slumped over in the car at Meadowbrook and Ten Mile and went to investigate. They watched for about ten minutes as the man scooped up a white crystals off the floor and into a tube.

When police questioned him he was nervous and his eyes bloodshot. He admitted to being a crack addict and held the drug and a homemade crack pipe in his hand. He said he gets the drug from somewhere in Detroit.

Police News

STEREO THIEVES

Novi Police arrested two men, Nov. 19, for breaking into cars and stealing stereo systems and other items.

According to the report, a Novi officer was in the Springs Apartment complex conducting an investigation into several recent larcenies and was just taking a final tour of the complex when he spotted two men in a Dodge matching the description of the suspects.

The officer followed the car, determining by its strange driving patterns and the clothes description that the two men could be suspects, he pulled the car over as it left the complex.

As he approached the car he noticed two screwdrivers on the backseat and a large speaker. The driver exited the vehicle and was questioned. The officer noted a small screwdriver in one coat pocket and two small flashlights in another. Police also found two crowbars in the car.

Police said the driver admitted to breaking into a car that night, one the night before and others on previous nights.

The men implicated two other suspects from Belleville. One of the suspects that was arrested and taken into custody was a 20 year-old Canton man. The other a 19-year-old Ypsilanti man.

MAD AT THE COURT

A 33-year-old Whitmore Lake woman had just received a monetary award in a court case at 52-1 District Court, Nov. 12, when the man she had accused of not paying her for work allegedly tried to run her over and scare her.

The woman told police she had just left the court and was getting in her car when the man, a 29-year-old Novi resident "suddenly accelerated" his pick-up and aimed toward her.

Police said they spoke to the man who indicated he was upset over the court decision but would not and did not try to run her over.

EMBEZZLEMENT

A local beauty salon discovered an employee lifting hundreds of dollars of cash from the register, unaware the acts were caught on security videotape.

Police said Visions Salon caught a 24-year-old Wixom woman taking cash from the drawer on Nov. 11 and placing it under the counter and again on Nov. 7. The drawer was noticeably short both days.

NO ID

Novi Police cited an 18-year-old Novi man for driving with a suspended license after he was pulled over for a broken headlight, Dec. 3.

Police said the man told them he didn't have any identification and was taken to the Novi Police station. His mother came in to identify him.

STALKING

A 16-year-old Novi student and her 17-year-old Redford boyfriend told police they are being stalked by an unknown person.

Police said the girl has received messages on her pager since Nov. 11, saying "I see you" and "I love you" in numbers. She has also received three notes in her school locker that indicate she is being watched. A note was also left at her home. Police said both teens feel in danger, but the notes are targeted at the girl.

SCROOGED

A Harvest Drive resident called police Dec. 3 after someone damaged his Christmas light display, in particular, a reindeer decoration in his front yard.

SAFE AND SOBER

Novi Police continued the Safe and Sober program into this month after making 14 traffic stops resulting in 11 citations and ten verbal warnings on Nov. 22. Police handed out four citations for seatbelt violations, five speeding tickets, one fail to yield citation and one loud exhaust.

One Nov. 23, officers made ten stops and six violations.

Novi Briefs

Communications Committee schedule

The Novi Schools Communication Committee has announced a schedule of meetings open to the public to discuss a number of related topics concerning the district and it's communication within the community.

There are nine members who will meet Jan. 21, Feb. 11, March 18 and April 8 during the evening. Other interested parties are welcome to attend. Target areas for discussion are technology (use of the Internet, voice mail and electronic mail), media (outside newspapers and written newsletters within the district), cable, communication with the city and home coffees.

For more information, call the Educational Services Building at 449-1200.

Thirteen Mile Road closed

Thirteen Mile Road was scheduled to be closed as of Tuesday, Dec. 10. The road will be close west of Haggerty and east of Meadowbrook. A temporary access road for local traffic will be in place from Haggerty to a cul-de-sac (turn-around), approximately 2,000 feet west of Haggerty. There will also be a temporary access road from Meadowbrook to a cul-de-sac (turn-around) approximately 2,300 feet east of Meadowbrook on Thirteen Mile Road in place at the time of this closure.

There will be local access only signs at both entrances of Thirteen Mile Road. School bus, garbage collection, and snow plowing services will be virtually uninterrupted.

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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Dec. 8. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, DEC. 2

Medical, 21354 E. Glen Haven, 1:16 a.m., Squad 3.

Fire alarm, 43825 West Oaks, 9:57 a.m., Engines 1 and 2.

Fire alarm, 42450 Twelve Mile Road, 11:37 a.m., Engines 1 and 2.

Injury accident, Beck and Ten Mile Road, 12:14 p.m., Squad 4.

Stand by, Stonehenge, 1:02 p.m., Response 510.

Electrical fire, 23228 Gilbar, 6:38 p.m., Engine 3.

Investigation, 45611 Addington, 6:46 p.m., Engine 4.

TUESDAY, DEC. 3

Medical, 22220 Edgewater, 1:28 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 27500 Novi Road, 10:34 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, Hudson's-Twelve Oaks, 1:07 p.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, Grand River and Novi Road, 3:33 p.m., Squad 1.

Fuel spill, Novi and Nine Mile Road, 4:16 p.m., Engine 3.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4

Injury accident, Thirteen Mile and Decker, 8:58 a.m., Squad 2.

Gas main break, 40000 Grand River, 10:18 a.m., Engine 1.

Fuel spill, Nine Mile and Novi Road, 11:33 a.m., Engine 3.

Stand by, 40000 Grand River, 12:43 p.m., Response 510.

Medical, Novi and Grand River, 12:55 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 43550 West Oaks, 1:21 p.m., Squad 1.

Vehicle fire, M-5 and Haggerty, 1:22 p.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 23025 Brook Forest, 1:45 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 45782 West Road, 2:57 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 3:28 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, Decker and Fourteen Mile Road, 6:34 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 42100 Grand River, 9:42 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 31215 Wellington, 10:05 p.m., Squad 2.

THURSDAY, DEC. 5

Medical, 45182 West Road, 6:22 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 25126 Birchwood, 1:20 p.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 29898 Belleau, 3:17 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, Taft and Eleven Mile Road, 3:41 p.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 23705 Stonehenge, 3:52 p.m., Squad 3.

Trash fire, 39851 Thirteen Mile Road, 5:15 p.m., Engine 2.

Service, 39714 Village Wood, 5:24 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 43610 West Oaks, 7:42 p.m., Squad 1.

FRIDAY, DEC. 6

Injury accident, I-96 and Beck Road, 11:04 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 2213 Austin, 1:17 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 1:19 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 39455 Ten Mile Road, 4:43 p.m., Squad 3.

Vehicle fire, East Lake and Fourteen Mile, 5:19 p.m., Engine 2.

Medical, 43055 Crescent, 5:35 p.m., Squad 1.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

Medical, 39584 Blakeston, 5:58 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 22632 Rotunda, 7:11 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 24536 Knollwood, 9:07 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 23713 Stonehenge, 9:55 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 27150 Novi Road, 10:30 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 49251 Grand River, 12:51 p.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 24031 Glen Ridge, 12:55 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 40392 Franklin Mill, 9:32 p.m., Squad 3.

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

Medical, 43700 Gen-Mar, 12:30 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 1:33 a.m., Squad 1.

Stand by, Eight Mile and Napier Road, 9:53 a.m., Engine 4, Tanker 1.

Medical, Novi Expo Center, 12:09 p.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, Novi Road and I-96, 3:31 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 22214 Solomon, 3:58 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 4:13 p.m., Squad 2.

Building fire, Town Center and Eleven Mile, 7:43 p.m., Engines 1 and 2.

Medical, 41602 Manor Park, 9:54 p.m., Squad 1.

Investigation, 43475 Vero Court, 10:03 p.m., Squad 3.

Novi High wins honors for design

Novi High School has been selected as an Outstanding School Building in the magazine *Architectural Portfolio 1996*.

The magazine honors the most outstanding school and university designs annually. Novi High School was included in this year's *Portfolio* in recognition of the design and construction of the recent additions and renovations at the building. Citing the high school's updated instructional areas, physical education complex, and technology capabilities, the magazine describes Novi High School as the "ideal place for students to grow and learn as they move into the future."

The architectural design firm of Tower Pinkster Titus Associates created the design both for the renovations and the original building. Renovations at the high school came through a 1992 bond issue.

NOVI PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 1996 in the Novi Civic Center Council Chambers will begin at 6:30 p.m.
(12-5-96 NR, NN)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE 96-100.18

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi Council has adopted Ordinance No. 96-100.18, an Ordinance to add a preamble to Chapter 28 of the Novi Code of Ordinances, to amend Section 28-6 of said code and to amend Subsection 28-9(4) of said code, to state the intent and purpose of said chapter, to amend the *regulation of the type, number and placement of signs* and to revise the code provisions regulating the placement of flags.

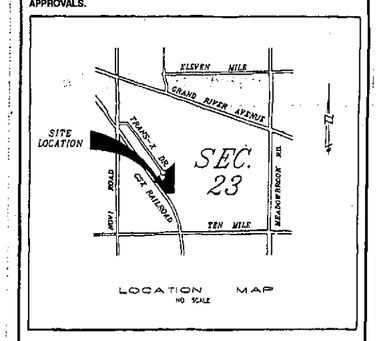
The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted on December 2, 1996 and the effective date is December 17, 1996. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public, purchase, use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. local time.

TONNI BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK
810-347-0456

(12-12-96 NR, NN)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 18, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider, **DALES & GRAPHIC SUPPLY, SP 96-01**, located at the end of Trans-X Drive for **POSSIBLE REVISED FINAL SITE PLAN AND REVISED WOODLAND PERMIT APPROVALS.**



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Department of Community Development, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 18, 1996.

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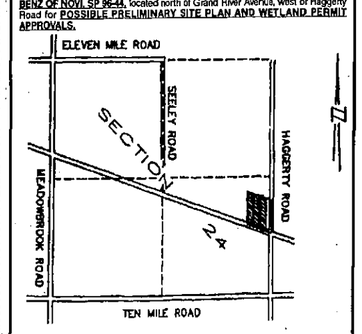

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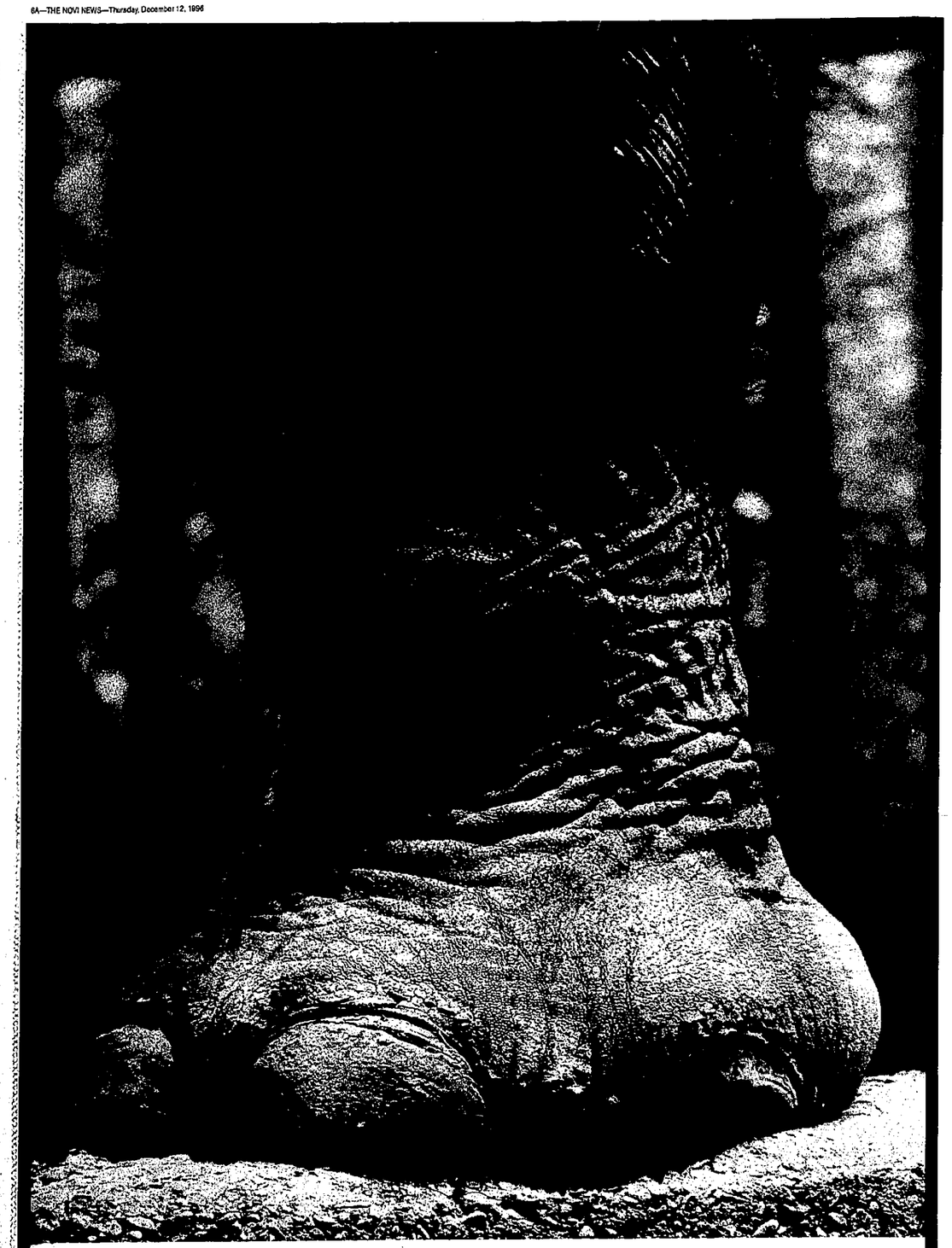

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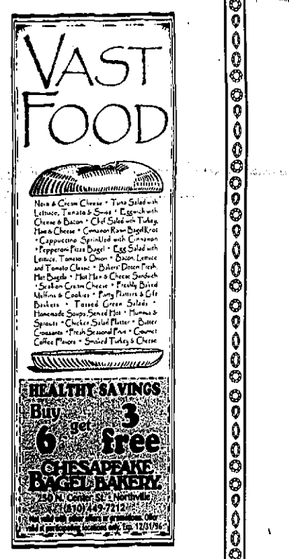

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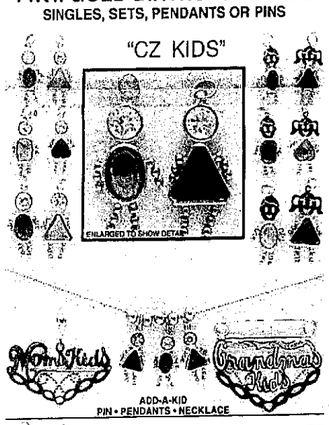

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How council voted on appointments

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Only three Novi City Council members signed their ballots for a series of appointments, including the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals, that were made last week.

Adding their names to the top of the documents were Council Members Rob Mitzel, Hugh Crawford and Bob Schmid.

Voting but not signing the ballots were Mayor Kathleen McLallen and Council Members Kathy Mutch and Richard Clark.

Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson said Tuesday the council members should sign their ballots, to enable their actions to be recreated in the meeting's minutes.

"They should have. All the names should be provided. They've got to put that with the record," Watson said.

"The main thing is what everyone votes has got to be issued in the minutes."

This is to comply with the Open Meetings Act. The act does not specifically ban unsigned ballots but does require that the public can follow a public body's decisions.

City Clerk Tonni Bartholomew said the lack of signatures was not unusual, adding that she plans to have the three members sign their ballots later this week. As of Tuesday, the three were in San Antonio for the National League of Cities conference.

"Some do (sign), some don't. It's really quite typical, how it's handled," she added.

New Council Member Ed Kramer did not vote because he has not yet taken the oath of office.

The following listing explains how they voted. All candidates are listed. Council members who voted for those candidates on listed in parentheses behind their names. (Names in boldface indicate the successful candidate.)

PLANNING COMMISSION

The mayor appoints a candidate for Planning Commission, with the approval of the council. She nominated Louis Csordas which was unanimously approved by the council in a separate voice vote, according to Bartholomew.

Rose Button
Louis Csordas
Paul Fisher
Michael Huszti
Andrew Mutch
Michael Watza

COMMUNITY CLUBS BOARD OF TRUSTEES (ICE ARENA)

Two vacancies, but the tie was broken by appointing three trustees, as permitted in the regulations governing the board.

Gary Cipriani (one unsigned vote)
Douglas Harrington
Roger Jaussi (Mitzel, Schmid)
Donna Riehl
David Ruyle
Timothy Senter (Crawford, one unsigned vote)
Joseph Thimm
L. Graham Ward, incumbent (Mitzel, Crawford, Schmid, three unsigned votes)
Michael Watza (one unsigned vote)

DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO COMMUNITY CLUBS BOARD

Dan Davis, incumbent (Mitzel, Crawford, Schmid and three unsigned votes)

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE TO COMMUNITY CLUBS BOARD

Robert Shaw (Mitzel, Crawford, Schmid and three unsigned votes)

NOVI CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO COMMUNITY CLUBS BOARD

Hugh Crawford (Mitzel, Crawford, Schmid and three unsigned votes)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

One vacancy.

Anamaria Kazanis
Craig DeRoche (Mitzel, Crawford, Schmid and three unsigned votes)

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

One vacancy.

Kim Capello, incumbent (Mitzel, Crawford, Schmid and three unsigned votes)

HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS COMMITTEES

Two vacancies.

Donald Miner, incumbent (Mitzel, Crawford, Schmid, three unsigned votes)
John Redner
Nicholas Cosentino (Crawford
Melissa Pettijohn (Mitzel, Schmid, three unsigned votes)

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Two vacancies.

Daniel O'Connell, incumbent
John Thomson, incumbent (Schmid, one unsigned vote)
Alan Kohring (Mitzel, Crawford, Schmid, three unsigned votes)
David Lussier (Mitzel, Crawford, two unsigned votes)

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Two vacancies.

Philip Koneda, incumbent (Crawford, Schmid and three unsigned ballots)
David Ruyle (Schmid)
Harold Wingfield (Mitzel, Crawford and three unsigned ballots)
Louis Csordas (Mitzel)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Three vacancies.

James Antosiak, incumbent (Mitzel, Crawford, Schmid and three unsigned votes)
Gerald Bauer, incumbent (Mitzel, Crawford, Schmid, and two unsigned votes)
Gregory Lee Berry
Ernest Aruffo (one unsigned vote)
Michael Watza
Connie Mallett
LaVerne Reinke
Richard Zyczynski

Collecting toys for Christmas gifts

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

For most of us the holidays are a time of joy but for some of our neighbors this Christmas won't be all that merry.

You can change that for one little girl or boy who lives right here by donating to Toys for Tots. The non-profit program delivers toys as Christmas presents to kids who might otherwise wake up to nothing under the tree.

If you're going to help, be sure to act fast. The last day that the Novi/Northville Coalition for Toys for Tots is collecting for Christmas is Thursday, Dec. 19. Here's how you can get involved:

• Buy a new, unwrapped toy for either a boy or girl in one of the following age ranges: infant (newborn to 18 months), preschool (18 months to four years), 5- to 8-years-old and 8- to 12-years-old.

The need is highest in the 5-8 and 8-12 ranges.

Drop that toy off in a Toys for Tots collection barrel at any of the following locations:

• Toys 'R Us in the West Oaks II mall.

• The TGIF restaurant in the Novi Town Center. On Thursday, Dec. 12, the eatery will donate $1 to Toys for Tots for every appetizer purchased at TGIF.

• Marty Feldman Chevrolet on Grand River Avenue.

• Town & Country Eye Care, located off Novi Road between Eight and Nine Mile.

• The offices of the Novi Chamber of Commerce in the Novi Expo Center.

• Harold's Frame Shop on Grand River Avenue.

• Crane Chiropractic on Grand River Avenue.

• Salon Head West on Ten Mile Road.

• The Michigan National Bank branch located at Ten Mile and Novi Road.

Another great way to help is by volunteering to help pick up and sort donated toys. Those toys will then be passed along to local churches and community help agencies that will get them to the kids.

Call Rebecca Yarbrough at 477-6449 if you're interested.

Toys for Tots very much prefers you buy a toy yourself and donate it but if there's no other way you can make a monetary contribution to the program. Toys for Tots volunteers will then take the money and buy toys for needy kids.

Send a check made out to the Novi/Northville Coalition to 24048 Glen Ridge Ct., Novi, 48375. You can also drop your check off at the Northville VFW Post on S. Main St. For a gift of $100 you can join the Coalition's "100 Club."

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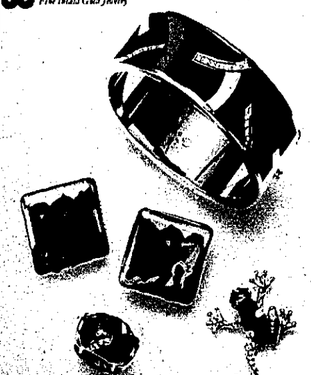
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Shopping for Mom and Dad

Parkview Elementary School second-grade student Daniel Muehlman gets some help last Thursday from a volunteer at the PTO-sponsored Christmas shop at the school. The event was organized by Beth Quinley, the school's PTO Chairperson and Barb Jones.

Novi police finishing old cases from discovered filing cabinet

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

In the weeks since a locked file cabinet filled with more than 120 old and unsolved police cases was found in the evidence room of the Novi police station, detectives assigned to reviewing the cases have worked to follow them up.

As of early this week, 77 of the cases had been reviewed and closed based on statute of limitations requirements and unsubstantial information.

"It's like a lot of the case load that comes through," said Chief Douglas Shaeffer. "A lot of them aren't going to have merit."

Found in late October by an officer who was organizing the evidence room, the cabinet was tucked away behind boxes of old dead records and piles of dilapidated furniture.

Upon breaking it open, police said they found cases dated from 1989 to 1992 in various stages of completion.

Of the 77 cases, 71 were check fraud or violation complaints made by local businesses, most in the Twelve Oaks Mall, West Oaks or Town Center shopping areas. Most of the bad checks were written for minimal amounts and under $500.

There was also one breaking and entering of a business, two larceny of a business and one credit card fraud along with one indecent exposure at the Big Boy Restaurant on Novi Road and a failure to return rental property.

Suspects mostly come from Detroit, some from Troy and Oak Park, one from Houston, Texas. Other suspects came from Brighton and Northville.

Stores with a repeated number of complaints include Woman's World, Blue and White Diamonds, K mart, Kroger's, Crabtree & Evelyn and Payless Shoe Store.

Shaeffer is unsure how he can proceed with the issue although he continues in talk with prosecuting attorneys, judges and attorneys.

"The shame belongs on this person or persons who intentionally disguised or hid those cases. You pay people to do their job and you expect them to do their job just like any industry," said Shaeffer.

The old case management system used under then Chief Lee BeGole and Deputy Richard Faulkner is hard to understand, Shaeffer said, and hasn't given police enough information to determine for sure who is responsible for the cases.

The department has contacted several recently retired police detectives to ask about the files. Five detectives retired in January of 1996.

Det. Max Roder's name comes up 25 times in, or in one-third of, the series of reports, so far. He retired from the police force in January. Roder was in charge of the evidence room where the cabinet was found, however, that particular section of the room was accessible to all department employees. Roder was also assigned to head bad checks for the department during that time.

He has said he doesn't know anything about the cabinet or the files.

Retired Det. Jack Grubb's name was found on two reports. According to police, Grubb was on staff detail at the time.

Most of the other cases have no detective name attached, only a variety of patrol officers who took the initial reports.

While Shaeffer said it looked as if none of the cases had gone to the Oakland County Prosecutor's office, one file indicated a warrant for arrest was obtained but was not in the file and one other warrant was requested by Roder.

Four cases were closed after restitution was made, according to the reports. Shaeffer has said there is no reason to believe the cases were set aside for purposes of granting favors.

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Construction costs rise as Novi prepares to bid

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Jim Koster showed off his literary prowess last week when he began his update on the new Novi Middle School construction by saying, "It was the best of times. It was the worst of times."

"It's the best of time if you're a contractor," explained Koster, assistant superintendent of business for Novi schools. "It's the worst of times if you're about to enter the market where the bidding is crazy."

Anticipating bids for construction contractors will be high, Koster and construction managing company A.J. Atkins are working on a plan to bring the costs as close to the new $26.4 million budget as possible.

They presented the Novi Board of Education with the plan Dec. 5.

"Whatever the costs dictate we ask the board that the educational aspects of the building be preserved," said Michael Hall of architectural firm Fanning/Howey & Associates.

Teachers, architects and school officials created the basic concept. A neighborhood group of four-room pods, math, science, language arts, social studies and a science lab, will work together on a close knit basis.

The middle school will have two entrances, one for busses and one for parking. Students will have easy outside access from the cafeteria and the school will have an auditorium.

Also, an athletic wing will hold two gymnasiums and allow for access out into the nearby athletic fields.

However many of the fields, the second gym and the auditorium may not be built right away or with the bond money if construction costs soar as expected.

The problem is all about supply and demand, Hall said. Construction companies are overwhelmed with projects and thus the costs for labor, but especially supplies, have been driven up.

What the district plans to do is in February is ask companies to submit secret bids for the school building minus a majority of the athletic fields, the second gymnasium and the auditorium. The three items will be called "add alternates" for which contractors will submit separate costs for each.

In March, when the bids are opened and analyzed, the board can approve just a base bid for the building, or it can accept the base bid plus one, two or all three of the additional items. The extra items will be approved if the district can find another funding source beyond the revenue from a $33.4 million bond sale approved by voters in 1995. Part of the bond sale is designated for other uses.

The bids will likely be good for 60 days.

The hope, according to Jim Cole from A.J. Atkins, is for the cost of the "add alternates" to come in lower than they would if they were attached to the main building.

The district is hoping to begin construction in April and have the project finished in January of 1999.

"If there is a silver lining in all this, the bid time in March is a better bid time than now as it would have been had we been on that schedule," said Superintendent Emmett Lippe.

Koster expected to send out bids in September, have construction begun last month and finished in time to open for the fall of 1998.

Board members gave Koster and the companies an informal go ahead for the bid plan.

"I think you've done a prudent thing," said Trustee John Streit.

However, President Ray Byers indicated he wants it to be clear to construction companies they must abide by a deadline for finishing the school.

"We really got taken to the cleaners on the timing on the (Novi) High School," he said, referring to the extra months of work needed to finish the high school addition last year.

In May financial projections for the new Novi Middle School came in at 3 percent over the $25.5 million budget. Interest from the bond has generated enough revenue to increase the budget to the new $26.4 million figure.

The new middle school will be built on a 55-acre parcel of property at the northeast corner of Wixom and Eleven Mile roads. Another 45-acres of the parcel is owned by the city, who will be responsible for bringing water lines to the site.

The 1,100-student school is now expected to open in 1999.

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From left, Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford, Evergreen III Developer James Chen, Novi City Mayor Kathleen McLallen, Vic's Market owner Vic Ventimiglia and City Manager Ed Kriewall cut the ribbon last Wednesday officially opening up Main Street in Novi. The bow was severed after they all took a stroll down the tree-lined boulevard, while the fanfare was provided by a holiday brass band. A twinkle in city planners' eyes since the early 1980s, Main Street has become reality, sort of. The streetlights are lit, the road is paved, now all that's needed are a few buildings. At far left, the Main Street Christmas Tree is illuminated by Mayor McLallen.

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Providence asks for center design

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Could another Town Center type complex be on the drawing boards for property across Grand River Avenue from the Providence Medical Center?

Afraid of unsightly development along the I-96 freeway and near the 52-1 Courthouse, Novi Planning Commissioners are suggesting the Novi City Council think about rezoning the property, owned by Providence, to a Town Center District or a business retail district instead of it's current zoning as office and service.

"My hope is ... as Providence goes before the city council it gives everyone some time to look at like Town Center ordinance," said Commissioner Gwen Markham at the Dec. 4 commission meeting.

Providence is asking the city to rezone several parcels of property near the complex, but the northern parcel could have the biggest impact, either good or bad, on the area.

With a business zoning or town center zoning on the 48-acre parcel, Providence could develop a shopping center, a hotel, a restaurant and other amenities. Chair Laura Lorenzo suggested it might make a good place for a grocery store in the western end of the city.

However, planning consultant Brandon Rogers, indicated his reservations include making sure no undesirables, like gas stations and car washes, go on the property under a business district zoning.

"It would be a poor introduction to the medical campus and I'm sure it's not a use the applicant wants at their front door," said Rogers.

In a letter to Lorenzo, Providence agrees such things as fast food restaurants, veterinary clinics, oil shops, car washes and gas stations will not be built on the site, enforceable by a covenant.

The Town Center option was introduced by resident Andrew Mutch, who said the ordinance would give the city more control over the content of the development and how it looks. TC requires many additional amenities and stricter facade and building controls.

However, attorney for Providence, Joseph Galvin, said Providence would prefer to have more control but is willing to look at suggestions.

"We would like to be freed up from exactly those restrictions in the TC district," he said.

"We're coming in an effort to make the Providence campus better ... and help the city achieve some things they want to do."

Commissioner Kim Thomas Capello thought the extra restrictions were unnecessary, but Art Vrettas was intrigued by the idea.

"You'll lose some control but welcome to the real world," Vrettas said to Galvin.

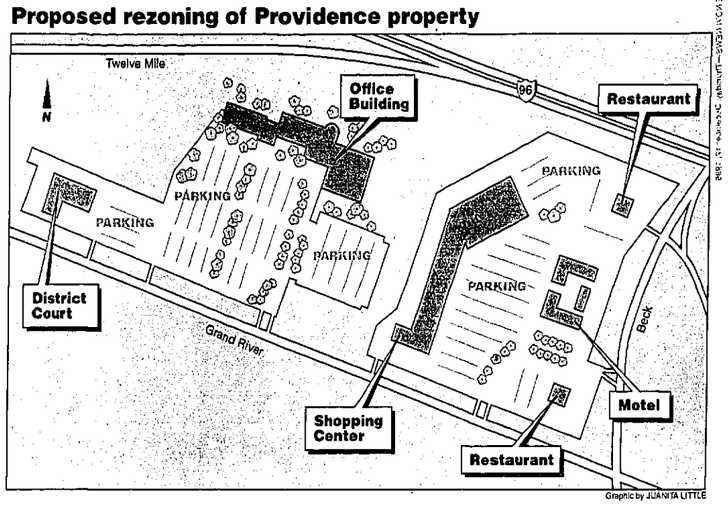
Providence was hoping for cooperation, according to a letter addressed to Lorenzo, knowing the city will have to purchase some of the land from them to the future expansion of the freeway interchange. Providence would offer the land at "an attractive price dependent upon Providence being allowed to build the same amount of commercial uses as it is currently permitted under (the current zoning)."

Providence wants to rezone another 163 acres of property south of the road currently zoned industrial and office to office service district.

The rezoning of the southern parcel to the land is so Providence can continue with it's medical campus, including the ability to build a five-story building, which the new zoning would permit.

Providence is the second largest employer in the city and paid nearly $500,000 in taxes last year, according to the letter.

Proposed rezoning of Providence property



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The display, featuring toy and model electric trains, all from Lionel, is in *The Guinness Book of World Records* and is contained in a 46-foot custom show trailer with a display space of over 265 square feet containing over eight miles of wiring. The trains travel over some 400 feet of track and runs six to ten trains continually.

The trains travel in and out of tunnels and cross over bridges as they pass through all four seasons. Unique to the exhibit are: the theater-like sound system, overhead speakers and sub woofers underneath let visitors hear and feel the roar of the trains. There is even a sky full of twinkling three dimensional stars. A realistic landscape panorama shows different scenes from across America.

While the trains rush past the countryside, "life" in the villages show construction workers building houses, children on swings, ice skaters gliding over a pond.

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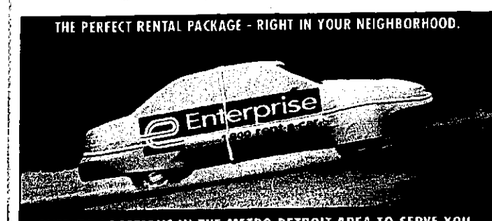

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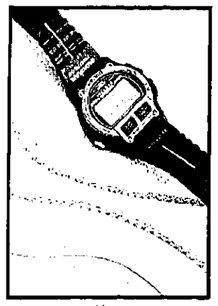

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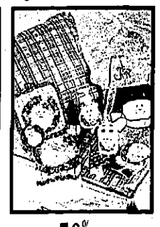

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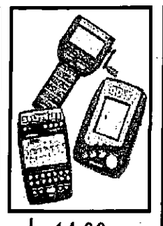

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Tim Maxwell, of Ferris Machinery in Grain Valley, Missouri, demonstrates a lathe tool Friday afternoon at the Novi Expo Center's Woodworker and Crafts convention. The woodworkers' show has become a regular event at the Expo Center, featuring new tools.

Shopping center provides passes in 'Be True' program

Four metro Detroit shopping centers are rewarding holiday shoppers with free passes to local museums and the Detroit Zoo.

Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn, Lakeside in Sterling Heights and Briarwood in Ann Arbor will give each shopper who participates in the centers' "Be True To Your School" program a voucher.

The voucher is good for a free child's admission to the Detroit Zoo, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Science Center or the Cranbrook Institute of Science with the purchase of one adult ticket.

"Be True To Your School," now in its second year, is a program that lets shoppers credit their shopping center receipts – for anything from a cup of cappuccino to a complete wardrobe – to any Michigan school they choose. The centers return a portion of those receipts to the individual schools to buy much-needed software, videos and reference materials.

During the program's first year, Twelve Oaks Mall, Fairlane Town Center and Lakeside "Be True To Your School" receipts put nearly $300,000 into Michigan school coffers. Briarwood is new to this year's program, which began July 29 and ends Jan. 31, 1997.

"This is our gift to all shoppers who remember to put Michigan schools on their own gift lists by participating in 'Be True To Your School,'" explained Elaine Kah, Twelve Oaks Mall marketing director.

"We thought the free passes would be a perfect extension of such a successful program," she continues. "'Be True To Your School' provides children with educational materials at school, and the vouchers give them a way to learn away from school on family outings."

"Be True To Your School" helpers will give shoppers one child's admission voucher each time they credit their receipts at the colorful schoolhouse booths located at the four centers.

Shoppers may select any of the four attractions. Vouchers are good through March 31, 1997.

Bereavement support program offered

The O'Brien Chapel of the Ted Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi invites you to remember your loved one who has died by attending the monthly bereavement support meeting which the O'Brien Chapel sponsors in the Novi Civic Center on Dec. 17 from 7:30-9 p.m.

During the meeting, which is facilitated by Dr. Michael Meyer, there will be a candlelight prayer commemorating those who have died. It is appropriate to remember loved ones during the holiday season, especially since this time of year is often so very challenging for those who have experienced loss during the past year. Dr. Douglas W. Vernon from First United Methodist Church will lead the candlelight prayer at 8 p.m.

Santa Surplus hosts Toys for Tots program

Santa Surplus, West Oaks II Shopping Center, is sponsoring a Toys for Tots program this holiday season. Inside the store is a large container available for customers' donations to this project.

Also available to customers are selected toys at discount prices in addition to Christmas decorations, porcelain dolls, home decor, etc.

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Checkmate

Novi Woods Elementary sixth grader Steve Taylor, left, deftly makes a move as he and Mark Brzozowski take in a quick chess game during a noon-time lunch hour last week. They were captured in their thoughtful poses as other students in the school were working to design the proposal Tim Pope Memorial Playscape.

Senate would trim road building costs

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, had a big hand in redesigning a package of bills to trim road-building costs in Michigan.

The state House of Representatives this week will vote on the four Senate-passed bills, but the question is whether the Senate will accept the amendments.

"Right now, eight different departments take almost $110 million from the Michigan Transportation Fund," said Kelly, a first-term member, citing the Department of State's $86 million.

"My amendment says no state department can do that anymore. When we passed the last gas tax increase in 1982, we said all the new money would be used for roads and bridges. It hasn't been."

The Kelly amendment, approved 13-1 in the Transportation Committee, would keep the $110 million for use on roads and bridges – the equivalent of a 2- to 2.5-cents a gallon hike in the fuel tax. The political result: Lawmakers might avoid voting on a fuel tax hike in their post-election, lame-duck session.

The total state transportation fund is about $2.1 billion. Fuel taxes bring in about $700 million, or one-third.

Kelly also succeeded in altering an amendment from the upper chamber sponsored by Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton. The Bennett amendment would have allowed townships of more than 10,000 population to receive state road allotments directly, taking jurisdiction away from counties.

Kelly's amendment limited the impact to Wayne County and will require townships to accept legal liability for roads, too. It also gives townships five years to opt out of the deal and return the money and jurisdiction to counties.

"My amendment forces townships to take liability. That was my main concern," said Kelly. "It narrows the scope to Wayne County. That's where most of the argument came from."

Wayne County's government is Democratic, while many townships such as Canton have Republican officials. Townships see themselves as being short-changed by county handling of road money.

Rep. Terry London, R-Marysville, chair of the House Transportation Committee, conceded the bills "are not the answer to all of Michigan's road woes" but "provide the necessary foundation to build upon." If enacted as revised by his panel, the bills would:

- Put monetary caps on lawsuit damages by uninsured drivers. The state would have no liability if the driver were intoxicated.
- Streamlines the state process for condemning land for highway construction.

Still in the Transportation Committee is Senate Bill 746, which would increase the motor carrier fuel tax for truckers to 18.5 cents a gallon. It provides a credit for the 6-cent sales tax on diesel fuel.

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ZOCOR (SIMVASTATIN)

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Some people should not take ZOCOR. Discuss this with your doctor.
ZOCOR should not be used by patients who are allergic to any of its ingredients. In addition to the active ingredient, each tablet contains the following inactive ingredients: cellulose, lactose, magnesium stearate, hydroxypropyl cellulose, butylated hydroxyanisole and starch. Butylated hydroxyanisole is added as a preservative.
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Women who are or may become pregnant: Pregnant women should not take ZOCOR because it may harm the baby. **Women of childbearing age should not take ZOCOR unless it is highly unlikely that they will become pregnant.** If a woman does become pregnant while on ZOCOR she should stop taking the drug and talk to her doctor about it.
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WARNINGS
Liver: About 1% of patients who took ZOCOR in clinical trials developed elevated levels of some liver enzymes. Patients who had these increases usually had no symptoms. Elevated liver enzymes could be returned to normal levels after stopping with ZOCOR was stopped.
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PRECAUTIONS
Before starting treatment with ZOCOR, try to lower your cholesterol by other methods such as diet, exercise, and weight loss. Ask your doctor about how best to do this. Any other medical problems that can cause high cholesterol should also be treated.
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Pregnancy: Pregnant women should not take ZOCOR because it may harm the fetus.
Safety in pregnancy has not been established. There have been no reports of birth defects in the children of patients taking ZOCOR. However, in studies with lipid-lowering agents similar to ZOCOR, there have been reports of birth defects of the skeleton and digestive system. Therefore, women of childbearing age should not take ZOCOR unless it is highly unlikely they will become pregnant. If a woman does become pregnant while taking ZOCOR, she should stop taking the drug and talk to her doctor about it. The active ingredient of ZOCOR did not cause birth defects in rats at 6 times the human dose or in rabbits at 4 times the human dose.
Nursing Mothers: Drugs taken by a nursing mother may be passed in her breast milk. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants, a mother taking ZOCOR should not breast-feed. (See WHEN ZOCOR SHOULD NOT BE USED.)
Pediatric Use: ZOCOR is not recommended for children or patients under 20 years of age.

SIDE EFFECTS
Most adverse effects have been mild and transient. However, like all prescription drugs, ZOCOR can cause side effects and some of them can be serious. Side effects that do occur are usually mild and short-lived. Only your doctor can weigh the risks versus the benefits of any prescription drug. In clinical studies in ZOCOR, less than 1.5% of patients stopped out of the study as because of side effects. In a large, long-term study, patients taking ZOCOR experienced no more side effects than those patients taking placebo (sugar pills). Some of the side effects that have been reported with ZOCOR are listed below. This list is not complete. Be sure to ask your doctor about side effects before taking ZOCOR and tell doctor any side effects that occur.
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Muscle, Skeletal: Muscle cramps, aches, pain and weakness, joint pain, muscle breakdown.
Nervous System: Dizziness, headache, insomnia, tingling, memory loss, disturbing nightmares causing weakness, abnormal loss of sensation and/or abnormal sensations, anxiety, depression, hair loss, loss of balance, peripheral neuropathy.
Skin: Rash, itching, hair loss, dryness, nodules, discoloration.
Eye/Senses: Blurred vision, altered taste sensation, progression of cataracts, eye muscle weakness.
Hypersensitivity (Allergic) Reactions: On rare occasions, a wide variety of symptoms have been reported to occur either alone or together in patients (referred to as a syndrome) that appear to be based on allergic type reactions, which may rarely be fatal. These have included one or more of the following: a sense of general sickness that may include tiredness or lack of appetite, whole body digestive symptoms, and low blood pressure and even shock; an allergic reaction with swelling of the face, lips, tongue and/or throat with difficulty breathing or breathing symptoms; and/or a rare disorder in which a person's immune system may attack parts of his or her own body, severe muscle and blood vessel inflammation, bruises, various disorders of blood cells that could result in anemia, infection or blood clotting problems or abnormal blood tests, inflamed or painful joints, hives, fatigue and weakness, sensitivity to sunlight, fever, chills, flushing, difficulty breathing, and severe skin disorders that vary from rash to a serious burn-like shedding of skin all over the body, including mucous membranes such as the lining of the mouth.
Other: Loss of sexual desire, breast enlargement, impotence.
Laboratory Tests: Liver function tests (transaminases and lactic dehydrogenase), elevated alkaline phosphatase and/or urine, thyroid function abnormalities.
NOTE: This summary provides important information about ZOCOR. If you would like more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist to let you read the professional labeling and then discuss it with them.

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When you talk to your doctor about ZOCOR, be sure to mention any medications you are taking, to avoid possible serious drug interactions. Tell your doctor if you experience any unexplained muscle pain or weakness while taking ZOCOR, since this could be a sign of serious side effects. Finally, discuss any other side effects with your doctor.

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ZOCOR (SIMVASTATIN)

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Novi mourns Carol Mason

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grandmother, businesswoman and Novi political leader.

"This lady was just right in your face. This was someone who ended up getting elected not because some political group was backing her but because enough people in Novi, individuals, one-on-one, they knew she was a trustworthy person and they voted for her," said friend Robert Taub, who gave Mason's eulogy.

"When she spoke, she spoke from the heart. She wasn't spouting some clever bandwagon slogan."

Diagnosed with lung cancer in July, Mason died in Ballwin, Missouri at the home of her daughter Marti Gorum, where she celebrated Thanksgiving. All three of her daughters were with her.

With her high level of energy, becoming ill was harder for Mason than for most, Gorum said.

"She was able to go peacefully and comfortably because of the comfort she felt with us," Gorum said at the memorial.

In a world favoring neutral tones, the high-style Mason stepped out in wild colors like orange and red and chartreuse. While on the council, Mason didn't mince words when she differed, as she often did, with city administrators and fellow council members and seemed to wear controversy as jauntily as she wore her chapeaux.

"She asked the tough questions. Maybe some of the questions were misguided or confused, but she asked them. She tried to get people thinking," Taub said.

"She looked at Novi as one big family. We all know from our own families, sometimes there is discord in families ... She was completely honest. That woman couldn't control her honesty."

As a council member and candidate, Mason's buzzwords were "health, safety and welfare" and her pet cause was the Novi Police Department. At the Dec. 6 service, the police turned out for her, to direct the traffic jam leading into the Grand River Avenue funeral home.

Carol Mason showed off her hat collection for an April 1992 article.

File Photo

Family photographs and selections from her large collection of hats were on display during the service. Mason collected any type of headgear, from casual funky to sophisticated and said in 1992 that plopping on a hat made it easier to get ready in the morning.

She lived in Novi for 35 years and spent over a decade serving on the city's Board of Review.

A real estate broker who co-owned Carol Mason Red Carpet Kelm for 13 years, Mason was well-known around town professionally before she made her first bid for city council. She attempted to win the job of mayor twice but lost, in 1985 and in 1995.

"My mother was so into her business. She was so into the real estate business that she was funny without knowing it. Everyone was an address – 'You remember so and so. They live in the split-level Colonial on Meadowbrook Lake,'" Gorum said.

Taub said that Mason typically looked into the refrigerators of homes she was showing her clients.

"She'd find out a lot about people by what they had in the refrigerator. When we bought our house, she showed us a home owned by an older couple and said 'I bet they've got prune juice in their refrigerator,'" Taub recalled.

And they did.

Mason reveled in her role of grandmother. Few who knew her didn't hear something about her teenaged grandson, Patrick O'Boyle, about the fun they had and the trips they took together.

"As she got older and passed through the stages of life, she got stronger, but she never got hard," Taub said.

Mason is survived by her grandmother Mary Juliano; daughters Marti Gorum (Dennis), Cheri Mason (Ed Pelici, and Boni Morrow; a grandson Patrick O'Boyle; three sisters Cathy Cohen (Mesa, Arizona), Rita Yorke (Chandler, Arizona), and Emmy Dexter (Titusville, Pennsylvania); and a brother David Logue (Erie Pennsylvania).

The family is requesting any donations be made in Mason's memory to Southeastern Michigan Hospice.

Majority opposes proposed course

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five years, proceed with plans to develop the park. The increased population may point in a direction not yet identified. The acquisition of the 500 acres is a significant accomplishment. Let's not rush into judgment," submitted Gary and Ruth Rickard.

Several months ago, the Novi City Council okayed an investigation into the feasibility of an estimated $6.235 million development at the site, to include a $3 million, 18-hole golf course and a $700,000 club house. This was chosen from four possible design plans evaluated by the Novi Parks and Recreation Commission. Another possibility, a $2.6 million natural, "passive recreation" park didn't make the cuts.

Both points of view, golf and no golf, have inspired petitions drives launched by residents. A citizens group favoring the natural park alternative has been launched, People About Recognizing Kids' Space (P.A.R.K.S.)

Supporters of the golf course, a total of 22 survey respondents, see it as a way to make money for the city and provide affordable golf for both seniors and families with children. Their reasons echo those cited by city officials backing this plan.

On this side, count in David Loch, who started playing golf at age 10.

"P.A.R.K.S. must realize that the golf plan does incorporate the need for playgrounds and ball fields in addition to preserving the nature areas surrounding it. Golf courses are beautiful," he said.

Several backers of this plan point to Livonia as an example of a city with scenic and affordable golf courses.

"Sure we have a lot of golf courses in the vicinity, all private. Who can afford $35 to $45 for 18 holes?" wrote John Krowk.

"Who is going to use all those walking parks? The hoodlums will take over and vandalize the property. Maybe the anti-golfers want nice parks where their under-age children can drink alcohol and other things."

Even though he circled the non-golf alternative on his survey, Novi Parks and Recreation Commissioner Bob Shaw noted that "only the golf course makes sense financially ... The course site is not prime land, it is abandoned orchard, tree farm and field. The 'natural area' is maintained as natural with the proposed plan."

Not every member of the pro-golf faction wanted to play it quite as it lies. East Lake Drive resident Asa Smith, one of only seven people living north of Twelve Mile Road who favors the golf course plan, would like to see it modified, to a nine-hole course with a driving range and putting greens.

But the majority came down firmly on the other side.

"We just visited North Novi Park for the first time yesterday. It's beautiful! Let's keep it natural. No to golf course," said Bill and Evelyn Ginn.

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Lynda Racey favored the passive recreation design, noting on her survey that the city "did not buy land for golf course. Profits too minimal to justify destruction of property."

Many indicated they would have never voted in favor of the park bond millage if they knew the former tree farm would be targeted for a golf course.

"This is a bait-and-switch deal. You lure the voters in with fields for children, then switch over for golfer adults," wrote Connie Lake-Noble.

Several pointed to the West Bloomfield Nature Preserve and the Farmington Hills Heritage Park on Twelve Mile Road as examples of what the North Novi Park should be.

"Novi needs an oasis of quiet for nature lovers. Let the golfers use the courses already available," wrote Myrtle Locke.

Most thought that a nature park would serve a larger portion of the city's population, especially children. Others were opposed to the city getting into what they described as private enterprise.

"The city should let private enterprise take care of golf courses, pools, skating rinks, etc. Let them buy their own property and take all the risks," said David Clark II.

A handful of people didn't think either design was the best options for the land, with one finding the ideas "too glitzy." Alternative suggestions include placing a swimming pool and/or ice arena on the site.

How about a water park, campground or modular trailer park, Kathleen Vusick proposed: "We have enough parks, i.e., Kensington, Lakeshore, Spirit of '76, etc. Too many golf courses already, I think something different that Novi doesn't already have. Something profitable, usable."

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Sara Pope helps with design of new playscape

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Sara Pope stood near the commotion, smiling but silent, taking it all in as 10- and 11-year-old students crowded around the table to throw out their ideas for the playscape in memory of her husband.

"It really typifies how Tim felt about the community and people working together," said Pope, who added that her son Andrew suggested lots of benches, a castle tower and a "wiggly" suspension bridge.

The community has spent nearly a year trying to find a way to honor the former Novi City Councilman who died in office in 1995 after a car accident.

Tim used to take his two young children to such a structure in Farmington and always wanted one in Novi.

"I've been really impressed with the people who came forward to donate their time. They're not the people who you normally see on boards and committees," said Pope.

The Tim Pope Memorial Playscape Committee is well under way to seeing their efforts in wood and steel, now that designer firm Robert Leathers has finished a conceptual design.

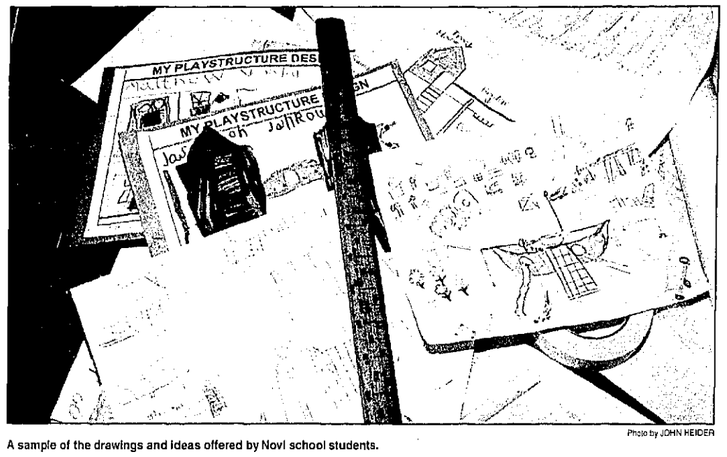
The group plans to build the structure using volunteer help from residents and skilled labor willing to donate their time. The "barn raising" will take place over a five-day period in June or July at the Novi Sports Park at Eight Mile and Napier roads.

"I don't think people knew how much work we've been doing to get to this point," said Pope. "This gives everyone something to see."

She and the committee members have been contacting businesses and thinking of things such as daycare for parents who want to help and what even the smallest of children might be able to accomplish as a task.

The group hopes to raise $125,000 to build the structure and are slowly reaching that goal. Many fund raising events are still in the development stages.

"It's been really exciting," she said. "Throughout the process I continue to meet people that knew Tim and tell me stories about him ... It never ceases to amaze me how many people and how many lives he touched."



A sample of the drawings and ideas offered by Novi school students.

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Kids design their own playscape

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children.

"It's good that they went around to all the schools so it's not just some of the kids," said 6th grader Lisa Cherrobelli.

"There's been a lot of great interaction with the kids," said Dan Davis, Novi Parks and Recreation director. "Someone will listen to one idea and then another starts thinking how to spin off of that."

Dean penciled in, erased, designed and erased the students' suggestions. More detailed work and final changes will go into the drawing over the next months. The concept design should be sent back to Novi and available for viewing within a week or two.

Leathers designs playscapes all around the United States and Australia. Talking to the kids who will be using the structures is how they typically do business.

The company is also designing a playscape in downtown Northville.

Don't let panic shopping blow your holiday budget

The number of shopping days left before Christmas is reaching the single digits. For late shoppers, the anxiety level is becoming serious. Consumers feeling the stress and pressure to complete their shopping are likely to spend more and get less value for their money warns Michael Kelly, senior director of Education and Information for the Michigan Credit Union League. People who procrastinated on shopping may buy the first gift they like to save time rather than comparison shop to save money. Others, who have already begun their shopping, might now be looking at their purchases and realizing they have gone over their holiday budget but still have gifts left to buy.

"Whatever your situation is, don't shop in a panic," advises Kelly. "The worst way to shop is with the goal of just getting it finished."

The MCUL offers the following tips to avoid financial pitfalls when doing last minute holiday shopping.

BEGIN WITH A PLAN

"Even if you are getting a late start, make a list and a budget. You've waited this long, so one more hour won't hurt," says Kelly. "If you already have shopped and think you've gone over your budget, you need to take a look at your expenses in detail. Gather all your receipts and make a list of purchases and how much you paid for them. Don't wait until the charge statements start arriving in January to know how much you spent." Besides learning what to expect on the credit card bills before they arrive, consumers need to evaluate their situation – it may be better or worse than they think. Knowing what bills to expect and what they can afford to spend allows consumers to have more control over their finances.

"One simple tip to stay on your budget is to get a check register from your financial institution. Write in the total amount you have to spend on holiday gifts and then write down each purchase as you make it, deduct it from your total and balance it, just like you would a checkbook," suggests Kelly. "This will help you see right away how much you are spending and how much is left."

REVISING A HOLIDAY BUDGET

"If the original holiday budget just wasn't realistic or is beyond repair, find other areas of your own personal spending to cut back or eliminate completely," says Kelly. "Maybe it means skipping the new dress for New Year's Eve or brown bagging your lunch for the next month. It might seem like a tough sacrifice to make now, but when your bill is paid off in January you won't have any regrets." Kelly also reminds shoppers that "you can always return some of those purchases that broke your budget and buy something less expensive."

REVIEW YOUR GIFT LIST

Is the gift necessary? If it's a token gift for someone who wouldn't really notice one way or another, you could eliminate that gift altogether. Is the gift being given because of guilt? A gift should be given for the recipient, not to make the giver feel better. If guilt or other emotions are affecting the amount or types of gifts, be aware of this and make an effort to resolve the real problem instead of throwing money at it.

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As We See It

City should rethink liquor license rules

Government

Novi should be reexamining its standards for handing out liquor licenses to local establishments. Actions by the Novi City Council in recent weeks on the granting of licenses are inconsistent at best.

While rejecting a liquor license request from the New Bangkok restaurant in the West Oaks shopping center, a restaurant that serves Thai cuisine and has been open for three years, on the basis that it did not meet the city's standard for "uniqueness," it extended a license for a Greek eatery on Walled Lake that is months overdue for starting construction and rejected another license for a Tex-Mex eatery based on its architecture rather than its "uniqueness."

Tex-Mex food is getting rather commonplace these days. Certainly, Novi already has such offerings. Greek also isn't exactly unique anymore either, although we have to grant that if Ted Andris ever does manage to get his Port Papadapolis eatery open, it will count as the only restaurant in the city with a view of Walled Lake.

Nonetheless, Andris is months overdue with the start of construction and residents of the northern Novi area are getting understandably ornery over the condition of his property. It's been cleared of trees, but not debris. And the place looks terrible.

New Bangkok, up and running, is however the city's only Thai restaurant.

Novi of course has a limited supply of liquor licenses to handle out. The state grants the number of licenses which can be approved based on the city's population. The city had been down to one prior to the mid-decade census and has recently picked up more due to the growth in population found in that head count.

Because there is a limited supply, the state Liquor Control Commission allows municipalities to hand them out at their discretion. They can set their own standards for liquor licenses, or they can hand them out by whim, according to the rules of the LCC.

Don't think this is the only method by which a liquor license can be obtained. Many people purchase Class C liquor licenses on the open market, from restaurants or bars which are going out of business. But they can be a good deal more expensive that way.

Still, the city should have a relatively consistent policy by which to guide its own decisions. And to be fair, the city council has worked to come up with guidelines for its own decision making – and that is exactly where the "uniqueness" standard comes from.

Nonetheless, the city seems to be contradicting itself on the uniqueness standard.

It seems to us that a good deal of attention should be paid to the fact of whether a restaurant can operate and stay in business. The fact New Bangkok has been open for three years speaks well of it. It indicates its food and service good enough to keep customers coming back. We don't know that about either of the other two establishments. If they are granted liquor licenses prior to opening, it could just be the license itself that keeps them in business, not the food and the service. And if the business itself is not as stable, that increases the chance the license will eventually pass to someone else's hands, a factor that should be a consideration for the city council.

Why should these new restaurants get the first preference? Why shouldn't New Bangkok, first in business, be first in line for the license? Why not let the other two open and operate for a few years to test their business plans and prospects for success before deciding on whether to award them licenses? Or perhaps they should be the ones who have to go out on the market to buy a license elsewhere.

Fund balance inflation

"We have a slight cushion if the roof ever caves in on us," said Novi Board of Education Treasure George Kortlandt as the district revised its budget for the current school year recently.

He was making a reference to the district's fund balance of more than $3 million, which comes to more than 10 percent of the district's overall annual budget. And that puts the district within the parameters of the fund balance recommended by its auditors, between 10 and 20 percent.

A little over a decade ago auditors were admonishing their client governmental units to get their fund balances up to something between 4 and 6 percent. And it is not just Novi schools that seems to be showing this growth in its fund balance. Rather the larger fund balances seem to be appearing everywhere, in municipalities and school districts across the state.

What has caused this inflation in fund balances has gone largely unexplained to taxpayers. Why the needs for extra cash sitting around in government coffers is higher today than it was then hasn't been detailed to the public.

Mainly what we hear is the mysterious "if the roof caves in" explanation. But just what could cause the roof to cave in that way? The district carries insurance to protect it from most common disasters, such as a fire at one of its buildings, flood, tornado, etc. It carries insurance should it get hit with a major liability award. So those types of "roofs caving in" are already taken care of.

Could there be some sort of lose of revenue. Proposal A transferred education funding from property taxes to state sales taxes, which is a less stable tax, but we count it as unlikely the sales tax would dip to such an extent. And the revenue generated by the tax is earmarked for local school districts. So we don't see the danger there.

Even if there was some dip or delay in that payment, the district could take a short term loan, as they did for years under the old property tax system when they had to take loans to start the school year while they awaited the arrival of winter tax bills.

So where is the danger? It seems to us fund balances get used in the manner in which the Novi school district proposed to use it this year. When it passed its budget in June, the district anticipated its income would fall shy of the $39.5 million it wanted to spend. It planned to dip into its fund balance $77,000 to balance the budget.

Of course, the numbers later changed. Costs were trimmed to $39.1 million and revenues were up. So the need to dip into the fund balance went away.

But that would make the fund balance, not an emergency fund, but a savings account ... a way to set a little aside for future years to avoid any need for budget trimming then.

We don't believe that governments should be bankrolling taxpayers' money. The taxpayers themselves should be the ones who get to do that.

If the government doesn't need the money for the services it plans to provide this year, it should be back in the hands of taxpayers so they can set it aside and earn the interest on it themselves.

The 'junta' has taken over Novi

Michael Malott

Obviously, the Novi City Junta ... er, Council ... was unphased by the complaints of the public about the closed fashion in which it appointed its newest member.

On the very same night that it was told by its attorney, Dennis Watson, that it can't vote by paper ballot unless those ballots are made public, the council again voted by paper ballot to install a number of members on its appointive panels, like the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Historical Commission.

The votes were tallied and the results were made known in that Monday, Dec. 2 meeting, so that the public watching the council in chambers and on cable TV knew who had been appointed.

What was not detailed was how the members of council voted. The public watching in chambers and on cable couldn't tell who had voted for whom.

So it was same thing as a "secret ballot," wasn't it.

Remember that Watson had ruled that the ballots had to be retained so that the vote could be "reconstructed." So Reporter Jan Jeffries called up city hall asking for copies of the ballots so we could publish who voted for whom in the newspaper. If the council won't say how its members are voting in public session, I guess we'll have to do it here.

Sure, said Novi Clerk Tonni Bartholomew, for a $1.50.

Now, *The Novi News* can afford those rates. It did and will pay for such copies so we can get the information to the public for as long as the city council and the city clerk want to play these games.

But why should anyone have to pay to find out how council members voted? That should be clear in the meeting. And at that rate, how many votes could a Novi resident monitor before going broke?

Then, when we get the copies of the ballots, we find three were unsigned. Mayor Kathleen McLallen and council members Kathy Mutch and Richard Clark turned in their ballots without signatures.

Now, what in the heck difference is there between *that* and secret ballots?

Remember that Watson ruled that the votes used in the Nov. 25 special meeting had to be tossed out because the ballots had been discarded, shredded actually, and therefore the city couldn't reconstruct who voted for whom. And in that meeting, council members referred to them as "secret ballots."

A Court of Appeals decision in the case of Esperance vs. Chesterfield Township ruled that secret ballots violated the Open Meetings Act because they shielded public officials votes from public view.

Now, Watson and Bartholomew will have ask those three council members which ballots were theirs. And it will be another week before the public will know for whom they voted.

Obviously, McLallen, the city council and the clerk have set out on a course to shut out the public. They're pesky after all. They complain. They cause discord. They're political. And they are in the way of what this council has decided counts as progress.

So they've decided to run this community like some banana republic. They've become the Novi City Junta.

The only hope now is that the international community will call for a return to democracy in Novi with free and fair elections under U.N. oversight.

Or perhaps the U.S. Army will invade to rescue the 40,000 American citizens still living in Novi.

OPENNESS WATCH: Beginning next week you'll see a new column in this newspaper called the "Openness Watch." *The Novi News* will monitor any Open Meetings Act or Freedom of Information Act issues in Novi governments. And we'll spell out the details for you in the newspaper.

As a part of this, we'll offer a new service to readers who are attempting to get information out of any government agency or gain access to any government meeting. We can't act as your lawyer or sue on your behalf, but if you've been refused a government document for any reason, we'll work with you to make sure your request for information or access has the best chance of success ... if, that is, the government is willing to follow the law.

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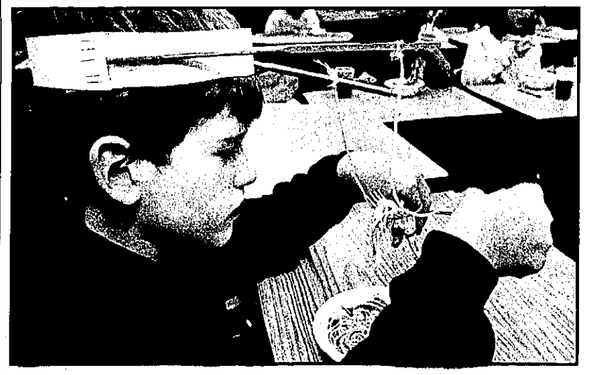
In Focus

By John Heider



Spaghetti scissors

Justin Hodges, 8, finds a new way to deal with too-much spaghetti on a fork – a pair of scissors. *Ameriman* students were asked to engineer new ways to consume the pasta.

Don't rush to fill McMaster's post

Bob Jackson

Despite criticism to the contrary, I believe the school district's plan for replacing Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Dolly McMaster is a good one.

Dolly, as many of you know, announced her retirement back in October after giving this school district and its students 12 years of educational excellence that will be hard to replace.

But find a replacement we must, and the district has decided to appoint an interim assistant to temporarily fill the position, until a full time candidate can take over the position.

So for the past month Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski has been networking with fellow educators to find a willing candidate to fill the role. The position, he reported Tuesday, could be filled sometime within the next few weeks.

Once that's completed the task will be to find a full time replacement. The district's target date is June 1997, which gives district officials plenty of time to search for a dynamic leader that will be able to hit the ground running, and help Northville schools continue on the journey that Dolly began.

The search, Rezmierski said, will take place on a national scale and will allow the district to be selective of the candidates who will be interviewed.

"The board supports the way we will be handling this process, and they understand that we're doing it this way to ensure we find someone of quality," Rezmierski said.

"We're not wanting to just fill the position with a warm body, we want someone who will help us deliver quality education to our students."

I couldn't agree more. I believe it's important that the school district not rush into the first available candidate just to fill the position. That would be reckless, that would be dangerous, and if the district were to approach the position in that manner, I'd be the first person crying foul.

And there would be plenty of people in line behind me.

For the first time in quite a long time I'm all in favor of taking the slow steady approach. The district's choice in candidates is extremely important. With curriculum issues filling the district's already busy calendar, the possibility of coming back to the community for a second bond issue, and changes happening at the high school, the district can ill afford to make a hasty decision.

So to those who would be critical of board members and school administrators for not rushing out and snagging the first educator to come along I have only this to say.

Better to go slow and be sure than to rush and be wrong. The later could undo all of the great things Dolly McMaster worked so hard to accomplish for the district and our children.

Robert Jackson is a Staff Writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

Fixing what's wrong in schools

Phil Power

Fixing what's wrong with the schools is not rocket science.

First, you set out in clear and concrete terms what kids are expected to learn. Educators often apply the term "standards" to these expectations, as the standard both defines what kids are supposed to learn and how well they are expected to learn it.

Second, you assess – test, if you will – periodically how students actually perform according to the defined standards. Most educators believe the best way to assess student performance is not by computer-scored, multiple-guess questions but by requiring kids to write actual paragraphs or work out math problems or reason through a tough question.

Third, you report the results of the assessment, school building by school building, and you try to set up some incentives for teachers, principals and other administrators and – importantly – parents. These incentives will encourage teachers to change the ways they teach, prod principals into buying different books and changing curricula, and goad parents into checking their kids' homework every night.

Nationally and in Michigan, there have been two main barriers against this common sense program for school reform.

On one hand, ideologues – mostly religious right-wingers, but also including self-styled economists – are fixated on the idea of introducing competition into the public school monopoly and therefore keep pushing for charter schools and tax-supported vouchers to pay for private schools to the exclusion of anything else. Examples of such thinking abound in the minds of the current majority of the State Board of Education.

On the other, a not insignificant minority of teachers and administrators – joined now by religious right-wingers, candidates for local school boards and other politicians – continue to chant the mantra of "local control" as an argument against coherent educational standards. In Michigan, the attempt to create a statewide core curriculum was shot down last year in the State Board and the Legislature in response to just such thinking.

Possibly the most advanced system of school standards and assessments is something called "The New Standards Project," a consortium of 14 states and seven cities financed by grants from major foundations. Across the country, a handful of cities – San Diego, Pittsburgh, Fort Worth, Rochester – have set up standards borrowed form the New Standards Project. Recently, the chancellor of New York City's schools recommended wholesale adoption of New Standards.

If adopted, the New Standards would define content for benchmark achievement tests to be given in the fourth, eighth and 10th grades in math, English, science and "applied learning," which means using skills such as writing and arithmetic in real world settings.

For example, the standards for English in each grade require that each student read 25 books a year, either at home or as part of class assignments, and keep a logbook of titles and short descriptions of the plots.

In math, the emphasis is on problem solving using situations drawn from real life. For example, eight graders are asked to "analyze a state lottery game to see how many number combinations there are and how many weeks, months or years it will take for all of them to be drawn."

Dr. Rudy Crew, the New York schools chancellor, explained his reasoning: "I am proposing adoptions of the standards developed by the New Standards Project because they are the best available national standards, because teachers can use them, because they are based on common sense as well as academic excellence, and because they are ready now."

What a shame it is in Michigan that we have been arguing about for years how many charter schools can dance on the head of an authorizing pin, when we could have been adopting concrete steps in education reform.

In addition to being chairman of the company that owns this newspaper, Phil Power is a member of the board of the Commission for Skills in the Economy, one of the founding members of the New Standards Project. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 ext. 1881.

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Thanks for support of Turkey Trot

To the editor:

On behalf of the Novi Middle School, its students and PTO, we would like to thank and commend our local businesses for their continued support of our schools. Novi Middle School's annual Turkey Trot was held Wednesday, Nov. 27. The purpose of this event was to raise cash and food items for the Novi Emergency Food Fund.

The following local businesses participated in this event with incredible incentives for our students. Thank you to VFW No. 2165-Novi, Novi Parks and Recreation, Novi High School, Santinos Place, Michigan Dairy, Novi Bowl, Novi Drug, Video U.S.A., Talking Book World, Visions Salon, Seven-11, Matt Brady's, Maria's Bakery, Cottage Inn, Subway Shop, Noel Pizza Cutler, Cinnabon, Video Giant, Little Caesars, Here's Leather Bottle, Novi Video, Papa Romano's and Dawn Frink.

Monica Bateman
Susan Duda

Letters

Quote was taken out of context

To the editor:

Several years ago, I chastised Ms. (Sharon) Condron for taking quotes attributed to me out of context, thereby giving them a new and different meaning. She's done it again in the article "Kramer Gets Nod for City Council Seat," in the Dec. 5 issue. In the second paragraph, she writes "... Mr. Korte ... shook his finger at [Ed] Kramer and told him that he had a year to prove himself ..."

The point of my whole soliloquy in the midnight audience participation was actually to give credit to Councilman [Robert] Schmid for his comments and his position in the selection of Rep. (Nancy) Cassis' replacement. (And, as I rarely agree with or give credit of any sort to Mr. Schmid, I think that was the real news.) To paraphrase: "... you hit the nail right on the head." I also – for the first time ever – commented on the fine job Councilman [Richard] Clark was doing. And my apologies to Schmid and Clark went in the direction of them being railroaded and to this point, my finger-shaking was pointed to and directed only at Councilman (Rob) Mitzel. He was the "turncoat" in this action.

Ms. Condron, it is interesting – and very disturbing – that you are the only reporter with whom I've had a problem with my quotes and being taken out of context. I'd suggest that if you're going to continue to cover my comments in Novi, you at least call me to verify the accuracy of them, as do most of your colleagues if they have a question. (The last time "we" had a problem was with your innuendoes and allegations of the appropriateness of my relationship with the late Carol Mason, and our communications. And ... you've done the same thing now.)

I said nothing at that meeting that was derogatory in the direction of Mr. Kramer. I don't think your journalistic license gives you the right to put accusatory words in my mouth. I'm quite capable of doing that myself, thank you.

Mr. Kramer, in another article on Dec. 5, commented on he did not know if he would "run again" (in November 1997), as it would depend on whether he can "... strike a balance between job, family, and city." This leads me to believe that he did not seek the position he now holds. Is he telling us that less than a year from now his time commitments will change? Can he ignore his job ... his family at this point in time, but not next year?

And ... as a matter of fact ... I will start and finish the issue of my disapproval of Kramer right now. Since no one else has brought the subject up: Mr. Kramer was removed from the planning commission when he chaired same. He didn't "back out," he didn't "resign" ... he was "canned" by the majority of the council at the time; a council which was not pro-"Old Boy Network." He has not been actively involved in or on any city board or committee since then. This is a person who is "up to speed" on city issues?

One of the most interesting questions that anyone could ask Kramer is: To whom do you owe your allegiance: to the populace that elected your predecessor, or to the mayor and her "machine?" So now, Mr. Kramer, I ask you. It will be interesting to learn your answer, knowing that you were never pro-Cassis in any election.

James E. Korte

Connect to Lansing on cable TV

Mary Linda Calderone

You can sit in the comfort of your own living room and see what's going on in Lansing on *Lansing Connection*. It runs on INFO TV-12 on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. and Mondays at 9 p.m. And if you've tuned in to the show recently, you may have seen a new face. Let me tell you how this all came about.

Since the program's inception in 1990, the show has been hosted by Sen. Bill Bullard (who was the state representative for the 38th District) and state Rep. Jan Dolan (37th District). After a successful eight year career in the House of Representatives, Jan Dolan has decided not to run again. We wish Jan well in her future endeavors and we welcome the new co-host of *Lansing Connection*, state Representative Nancy Cassis (38th District). Cassis took Sen. Bullard's state representative seat in November after he became senator in a special election in June of this year.

Cassis goes to the House of Representatives with a savvy political career of nine years on the Novi City Council and much experience serving on numerous local, regional and statewide committees such SEMCOG and the Michigan Municipal League.

Cassis speaks with such vigor and enthusiasm as she states, "Being accessible to my constituents is really important to me, that's why I'm excited to host *Lansing Connection* with Sen. Bullard."

Currently, leadership has placed state Rep. Cassis on Sen. Bullard's former committees. She is a member of the Insurance Committee which deals with oversight of all insurances issues of the state. She is also on the Local Government Committee which handles all issues that affect our local government entities such as changes in laws regarding issues of residency for police and fire officers, lot splits and developmental transfer of property rights.

"In the new year," Cassis said, "I see transportation, taxes, health issues and the budget being issues of vital concern. That's why I've requested to be appointed to the Tax Policy Committee, Health Policy Committee and Transportation Committee."

Sen. Bill Bullard has been busy in the senate chairing the committee on Government Operations, which deals with a plethora of local election issues. He's also a member of the Education Committee which handles all issues dealing with kindergarten to 12th grade and a member of the Health Policy and Senior Citizen Committee.

Most of the work on legislation is done in committees. Sure you can get coverage of the issues through the newspapers, TV networks and radio, but why not receive the information from the people who are actually on the ground floor, the ones who are in the meetings all day, people like Sen. Bullard and state Rep. Cassis. Hear it straight from the source. Tune into *Lansing Connection* on INFO TV-12.

Mary Linda Calderone is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission. The next SWOCC meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. at Novi City Hall. The next CAC meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. at SWOCC.

Woloson hands off unicameral idea

Tim Richard

Henry Woloson has emerged again to push an idea whose time has come, whether Michiganians realize it or not.

A lawyer by background and investment banker by trade, Woloson contacted my fellow newshound Hugh McDiarmid at the *Free Press* to offer what's left of his 1994 effort at unicameralism to anyone who wants to take up the cause.

Unicameralism means a one-chamber legislature, for those who avoided Latin – "uni" for one, "camera" for room. No more House of Representatives, Senate and conference committees if the public wises up and votes yes.

Woloson is a libertarian type (my characterization) who made an intelligent and worthy run for the Oakland Community College board a few years back. I encouraged him to take another shot, but he has seen fit to work on other projects.

He wasn't alone in the early effort. Then-Rep. Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth, was pushing the cause in the Legislature, which could put the proposal on the ballot by a two-thirds vote of both chambers. But Vorva got on the wrong side of Right to Life on the abortion issue, and his innovative career was terminated in 1994.

The Legislature itself is unlikely to initiate a plan to lay off half its members. Voters will need 309,000 petition signatures to put it on the ballot.

Unfortunately, backers of a one-house legislature use the wrong argument in selling the plan – cheapness. They say it could save $50 million, which sounds like big bucks compared to your family budget and mine.

But $50 million is less than one percent of an $8 billion general fund budget, and less than one-fifth of one percent of Michigan's total of $30 billion in spending.

Citizens could keep better track of mischief with only one chamber to watch. Many ideas pass the first chamber – Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester, has a pro-citizen Freedom of Information Act amendment; the revised hunting license fees also come to mind – only to have things fall apart in the other chamber when they're not watching.

Lawmakers often bamboozle their constituents by getting a bill they know is bad passed on one side of the State Capitol, milking it for publicity, and then letting it languish on the other side when the heat is off.

Or else lobbyists let a popular bill go through one house, when the glare of publicity is bright, and kill it in the other, when the great unwashed public is watching crime news on television.

My particular gripe is the Legislature's third chamber – conference committees, used when both chambers pass different versions of the same bill. The speaker appoints three representatives; the Senate majority leader, three senators.

Unfortunately, conference committees:

• Don't have regularly scheduled meetings.

• May not even be convened until the two top leaders have put together a deal. They then call the conference committee together five minutes before the last day's session starts and give the members a take-it-or-leave-it decision, which amounts to a Hobson's choice when you're talking about the school aid bill. Retired Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, knows the stories.

• Are subject to evil machinations. There was, for example, a Senate majority leader who didn't publicly appoint his trio; he told them privately; they met privately and cut the deal, when no one could watch. Once officially appointed, they rammed home their deal before anyone knew what was going on.

There's an advantage to politicians, too, with a one-chamber legislature: Voters couldn't play their little trick of electing a Senate from one party and a House from another, as they have done 80 percent of the time in the last generation.

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Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events.

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State puts last vaccine laboratory up for sale

The House voted to sell the state's vaccine manufacturing laboratory, the nation's last such state-owned facility, and sent the bill to the Senate.

The vote was 66-32. Republican Lyn Bankes of Redford joined Democrats Maxine Berman of Southfield, Eileen DeHart of Westland and Tom Kelly of Wayne in opposing the House Bill 6192 on Dec. 3.

"The entire process has been co-opted by the executive branch for the last four years," Berman objected. "The Legislature held no hearings until the bill was presented to them. The labs should not have been allowed to deteriorate, but since (Gov. John Engler's) administration decided to have this happen, we should at least get fair value for what we are giving up."

The Michigan Biologic Products Institute's childhood vaccine sales have dwindled in recent years. But it is the only licensed manufacturer of the anthrax vaccine, an inoculation against chemical warfare that the Pentagon requires for active-duty personnel.

HB 6192, which drew opposition, authorizes the lab's sale. A second bill, passed, 96-0, provides for early retirement options and a one-year job guarantee for employees after the sale.

YOUTH BILLS OK'D

Three bills by Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, would crack down on juvenile home escapees if signed by the governor. The House passed them 88-0 and the Senate concurred in amendments 34-0 during the post-election session.

Aimed at the W.J. Maxey home in Livingston County but applying to all juvenile residences, the bills require state officials to notify local police departments and State Police of escapes and place the notification on the law enforcement information network (LEIN).

LISTS TO BE PUBLIC

Private citizens would have access to records of sex offenders in their community under a Senate-passed bill waiting House action.

"We now have 20,384 individuals in Michigan's sex offender registry, said Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, the bill's sponsor. "While that's startling number, it also allows law enforcement personnel to monitor the whereabouts of these potentially dangerous individuals.

"Also, information like this will empower people to take preventive actions to protect themselves and their children," he said, citing the case of two girls murdered in 992 by repeat sex offender Leslie A. Williams.

Opponents, however, fear vigilante action may be taken against ex-convicts who have served their prison terms.

Refer to SB 959 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

LIQUOR BILL PASSES

Sen. Willis Bullard Jr., R-Milford, said his Senate-passed bill will help protect the public and employees as the Liquor Control Commission privatizes its operations.

His SB 1171, passed Dec. 4 and sent to the House, would:

• Reduce the state's markup from 65 percent to 55 percent.

• Ensures that authorized distribution agents (ADAs) will provide weekly deliveries and 12 emergency deliveries to retailers and prohibit the charging of split-case and delivery fees.

• Prohibits ADAs from having an interest in a retailer of liquor.

• Requires that liquor distributors be located in Michigan and encourages them to hire former state LCC employees.

RESIDENCE BILL STALLED

A bill prohibiting city residency requirements is stalled in a House committee and may die there. Senate Bill 766, sponsored by former Sen. Dave Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, is in the Local Government Committee.

Lame-duck Rep. Sandy Hill, R-Montrose, is seeking a House vote to discharge the bill from committee but so far has been unsuccessful.

"I have heard from many police officers and firefighters on this issue who feel their rights are being violated," said Hill. "People should be allowed to live where they wish if they can do their jobs competently."

Honigman, who got the bill through the Senate in February before resigning in March due to ill health, argued that city residency requirements – particularly Detroit's – were out of date because they imposed a hardship on married couples who both work.

Municipalities oppose the bill as erosion of the home-rule principle.

ANDERSON SURFACES

Patrick Anderson, who resigned as the Secretary of State's chief of staff in September, announced he has formed the Anderson Economic Group (AEG), a research and consulting firm in Lansing.

A former Manufacturers Bank economist, Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. investment officer and 11th Congressional District Republican chair, Anderson said is clients will include the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Mackinac Center, city of Detroit and Equivest Financial.

His firm will analyze the effect of policy changes because "the world ha changed with term limits. We will have a lot of new legislators who will need objective, factual information on which to base their decisions," Anderson said.

Public Access

The following is the Time Warner Channel 12 community access program schedule for Novi for the coming week.

MONDAY, DEC. 16
10:00 a.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor
11:00 a.m. — The Elegant Life
11:30 a.m. — (con't)
12:00 p.m. — Coffee and Conversation
12:30 p.m. — (con't)
1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. — My Russian Friend
2:00 p.m. — The Bow Lady
2:30 p.m. — Totally Michigan Skydiving
3:00 p.m. — (con't)
3:30 p.m. — Senior Spotlight Focus Health
4:00 p.m. — Rising Tide G.O.P. TV
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. — Good Health Women and Heart Health
6:00 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure
6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
7:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
7:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
8:00 p.m. — Law Talk
8:30 p.m. — (con't)
9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
9:30 p.m. — Groove Session

TUESDAY, DEC. 17
10:00 a.m. — The Light of the Nations
10:30 a.m. — Specs Profile
11:00 a.m. — Cutting Room Old Show
11:30 a.m. — Good Health Women and Heart Health
12:00 p.m. — Summit University with Elizabeth Claire
12:30 p.m. — (con't)
1:00 p.m. — Drawing Men to Christ
1:30 p.m. — (con't)
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. — Colts vs. Vikings – Freshmen
3:00 p.m. — (con't)
3:30 p.m. — Women on the Move – Women's Resource Center
4:00 p.m. — (con't)
4:30 p.m. — The Elegant Life
5:00 p.m. — (con't)
5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen – Robert Brateman
6:00 p.m. — Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council
6:30 p.m. — (con't)
7:00 p.m. — Cash Talks
7:30 p.m. — A Little Christmas Magic
8:00 p.m. — The Fuerst Property of Novi
8:30 p.m. — Senior Spotlight Focus Health
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks: Restaurants, Charities
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18
10:00 a.m. — Life Matters
10:30 a.m. — Senior Spotlight Focus Health
11:00 a.m. — Cutting Room Old Show
11:30 a.m. — A Little Christmas Magic
12:00 p.m. — Cash Talks
12:30 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. — AMVETs
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. — Justice
3:00 p.m. — (con't)
3:30 p.m. — Groove Session
4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
4:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
5:00 p.m. — The Bow Lady
5:30 p.m. — Spanish 101
6:00 p.m. — Women on the Move: Women's Resource Center
6:30 p.m. — (con't)
7:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
7:30 p.m. — My Russian Friend
8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Robert Brateman
8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
9:00 p.m. — The Light of the Nations
9:30 p.m. — First Time Homebuyers

THURSDAY, DEC. 19
10:00 a.m. — The Job Show
10:30 a.m. — The Happiest People Alive
11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life Arabic Ministries
11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Robert Brateman
12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
12:30 p.m. — Madonna Magazine
1:00 p.m. — Praise, Praise, Praise
1:30 p.m. — That's Italian
2:00 p.m. — Stage Door Canteen
2:30 p.m. — (con't)
3:00 p.m. — (con't)
3:30 p.m. — A Little Christmas Magic
4:00 p.m. — Law Talk
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek Productions
5:30 p.m. — (con't)
6:00 p.m. — Colts vs. Vikings – Jr. Varsity
6:30 p.m. — (con't)
7:00 p.m. — The Bow Lady
7:30 p.m. — Good Health Women and Heart Health
8:00 p.m. — Colts vs. Vikings – Varsity
8:30 p.m. — (con't)
9:00 p.m. — The Elegant Life
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

FRIDAY, DEC. 20
10:00 a.m. — Law Talk
10:30 a.m. — (con't)
11:00 a.m. — Lansing Connection
11:30 a.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
12:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
12:30 p.m. — My Russian Friend
1:00 p.m. — To be announced
1:30 p.m. — To be announced
2:00 p.m. — Cash Talks
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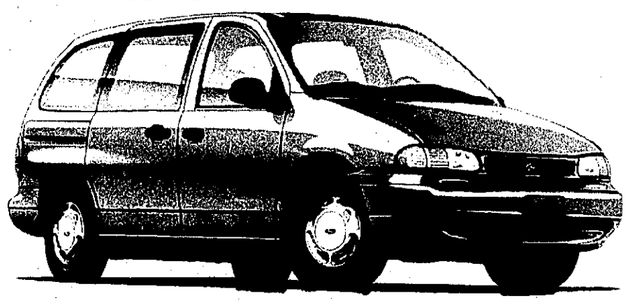

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Obituaries

DAISY BELLE WILLIS

Daisy Belle Willis of Novi died Dec. 5 at Novi Care Center. She was 98.

Mrs. Willis was born Nov. 4, 1898, in Red Springs, N.C. Mrs. Willis was a college graduate and before retirement, a supervisor at J.L. Hudson's.

She is survived by daughters, Margaret Jamieson and Elizabeth Donohue; daughter-in-law, Barbara Willis; seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Mrs. Willis was preceded in death by her husband, Laurence.

Services were held on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery of Northville.

Memorial contributions to Judson Center, 4410 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48073 would be appreciated.

MYRZA CHLOE WARD

Myrza Chloe Ward, age 92, of Novi died Dec. 1, 1996, at Courtyard Manor in Wixom. She was born Aug. 15, 1904, in Wellbayou, Ark.

Ms. Ward was a homemaker.

Services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. Interment was in Oakland Hills, Novi.

NICHOLAS M. JEZICH

Nicholas M. Jezich, age 73, of Novi died Dec. 4, 1996, in St. Joseph Hospital in Superior Township. He was born Nov. 11, 1923, in St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Jezich was an electrician. His memberships included Novi Amateur Radio Club, Croatian Fraternal Union, and the International Brotherhood Local 58 of Electricians.

He was in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Helen L.; son, James N.; brother, Robert; and sister, Frances Wahle.

Services were held on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Holy Family Church in Novi. Interment was in Glen Eden Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Smoke detectors can save lives

Last year, two-thirds of the 212 *recorded fire deaths in Michigan* occurred in residential family *dwellings.*

"Many of those residential fire deaths could have been prevented if working fire detectors had been available," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services Manager.

The "1995 Fire in Michigan Annual Report," compiled and published by the Fire Marshal Division of the Michigan State Police, shows that 52.2 percent of the 15,243 dwellings involved did not have detectors. Another 3.8 percent had detectors that did not work.

"Tragically, half of the residential fire deaths occurred in structures without detectors," said Basch.

"When seconds count, smoke detectors are your best early warning system that a fire is underway," added Basch. "Smoke and poison gases can kill after a few breaths, with two-thirds of residential fires happening between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m., with 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. the most dangerous period."

Basch added that smoke detectors can wake a person while there is still time for life-saving action, especially for children who need adult guidance in an emergency situation.

Of the total 1995 Michigan fire deaths, children under age 10 accounted for 29.9 percent of the 212 fatalities – the most for any age group.

AAA Michigan advises that smoke detectors are available at most hardware, department and discount stores, often for under $15, and many fire departments have programs to provide smoke detectors for people with financial needs. Smoke detectors should be placed on every level of the dwelling.

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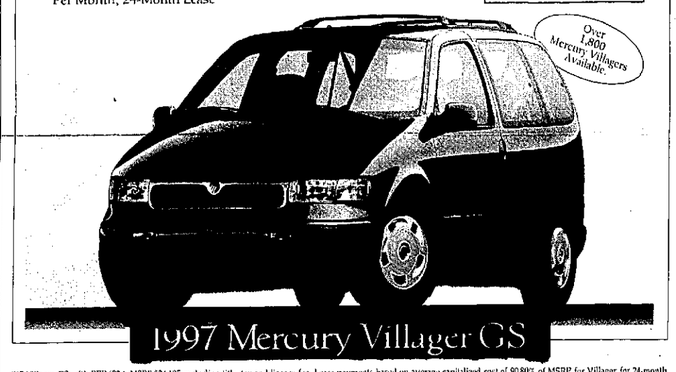

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Coalition formed to fight delinquency

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

"It takes an entire village to raise a child."

A group of more than one dozen leaders throughout the community is intent on changing the community for the better, for the long term and for the children. They met last week for the first time.

"Our community focuses on a lot of things in an organized way. We have the perception our children are well taken care of and supported," Mayor Kathleen McLallen said addressing the group.

"All we need to do is look to the police reports, the children's crimes, the domestic violence," she said.

Still undecided about what to call themselves, the group of teachers, parents, police, city, health care, religious and business members met the morning of Dec. 4 at the Novi Police Station to determine their focus and form an official alliance.

The team of key leaders is intended to be somewhat small but it will be leading a vast number of other community members who will be just as integral to the group's success.

The group plans to gather data about juvenile behavior in the city, such as teen pregnancy, drug use, retail fraud and delinquency and then focus on providing solutions.

The problems, once identified, may not be solved right away. The group said it is looking for more than a quick fix, and that may take a whole generation.

"We've got to be careful not to come up with 'Whiz bang, this is the Bandaid that will fix it all,'" said Ray Byers, President of the Novi Board of Education. "We need to think long term. Take the time. People are going to have to be patient."

The idea was conceived during the last few months when Novi Parent Teacher Organization members realized many Novi groups were working independently toward the same goal _ fighting poor juvenile behavior and encouraging positive reinforcement for Novi's youth.

Why not work together and maybe get things on the right track, they thought.

"We were talking about smoking in the schools and marijuana use and asking 'Why are these children not getting punished or arrested?' and 'Where's the consistency?'" explained Beth Belter, PTO president.

The members went to Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer looking for some answers. "Are we enforcing laws and if not what can we do?" she said they wanted to know.

She and the chief went to a seminar in Lansing called Communities That Care, which discussed a community response to juvenile behavior problems. The nationally recognized model begins with data gathering and then focuses on finding solutions. Some money is available from the State of Michigan in the form of grants totalling $1 million.

The group discussed working long term and effectively together to also recognize the positives. They said they have to be cheerleaders, too. The group pointed out they are not out there to "pick on" the teens of Novi. Only to make it a better place for them and their families.

"This tends to focus on what's wrong with our children ... but then there's a lot right with our children," said McLallen. "We need to bring them into the process. Kids respond better when they feel a sense of responsibility for their own actions and when they have a stake in it ... They're the ones that are lonely. They're the ones the don't have anyone to talk to."

Many other members of the group agreed.

"I think the children will pull a heads up too," said Ruth Ann Jirasek, President of the Novi Homeowners Association. "Once they know what we're doing, it sends a message to the kids."

Shaeffer said it may take a while to see the effect. "We've already created an environment for (children) in which they've learned (these behaviors)," he said.

Understanding that, the group plans to look at how the teens are learning the behaviors.

"Please educate the adults," said Father Les Harding of Holy Cross Episcopal Church. "They are a great part of the problem ... I hope that when you gather information you look beyond the child and to where the child is coming from."

"Our collective eyes have to be willing to do something that's hard for us ... look at ourselves in the mirror," agreed Superintendent Emmett Lippe.

Harding added that many people in the community have fought part of the battle for the group, getting Novi to recognize it's not Utopia.

"I hope this flies. But you now have a base to build this on that many people in the community had to fight for," he explained.

Hickory Woods Elementary Principal Ron Thorn said that while most of Novi can focus on reasons for behavior other than poverty and low education, his school, which sees students from northern Novi, has different factors.

"The part of Novi I work in has an awful lot of poverty," he said. "Don't forget that pocket of Novi."

Karen MacKenzie, Novi Youth Assistance, said this is a rare project study. "Nobody looks at a Caucasian-based, financially comfortable community and says maybe there's something going on there," she said.

Alcohol and Other Drugs - A Survey*

Local Students - Percentage using drugs in lifetime

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Any illicit drug use	26.1	40.9	50.6
National average for 12th grade usage is 45.6			
Any illicit drug use other than marijuana	22.1	28.6	35.1
National average for 12th grade usage is 27.6			
Marijuana	16.0	34.0	45.3
National average for 12th grade usage is 38.2			
Cocaine	4.3	7.0	8.2
National average for 12th grade usage is 5.2			
Hallucinogens	6.8	13.9	20.4
National average for 12th grade usage is 11.4			
Heroin	2.2	4.2	3.3
National average for 12th grade usage is 1.2			
Alcohol	53.5	68.7	78.1
National average for 12th grade usage is 80.4			
Sample size	326	291	245

SOURCE: *Michigan Alcohol and Other Drugs School Survey, The Kercher Center for Social Research, Western Michigan University 1996*

*The survey includes students from three other school districts within the City of Novi: South Lyon, Walled Lake and Northville and does not include all students within the city limits.

KEY LEADERS

Marie Baloga	Providence Hospital
Beth Belter	Novi Meadows PTO
Ray Byers	President, Board of Education
Kathy Crawford	Parks and Recreation
Laurie Fannon	Parent
Les Harding	Chaplain's Program
Ruth Ann Jirasek	Novi Homeowners Association
Chris Laux	Parkview PTO
Dr. Emmett Lippe	Novi Schools Superintendent
Karen MacKenzie	Novi Youth Assistance
Kathy McLallen	Mayor
Kathy Mutch	City Council
Chief Douglas Shaeffer	Novi Police
Pam Superfisky	Novi Middle School PTO
Ron Thorn	Hickory Woods Elementary
Barb VanderMass	Novi High School PTO
Invited but not attending:	
Kathy Angelocci	Parent
Willis Bullard	State Senator
Nancy Cassis	State Representative
Dan Grady	Chamber of Commerce
Leonard Rezmierski	Northville Schools Superintendent
Kay Schmid	County Commissioner

Chief offers evidence of juvenile problem

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

"Do we have a drug problem (in Novi?) I think so."

Novi Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer told a group of more than a dozen community leaders that Novi is a great community but it does have room for improvement.

He appeared at the first meeting of a yet unnamed group to address juvenile behavior issues.

Shaeffer cited a 1996 study from the Michigan Alcohol and Other Drugs Survey that indicated Novi students could be using drugs more than the national average.

Other evidence of the problem is that three years ago an undercover Novi officer worked to arrest 66 middle and high level drug dealers in Novi.

"We can no longer sit on our laurels," said Shaeffer.

But drug use isn't the only issue the group will deal with during the next several years.

Marie Baloga of Providence Hospital said as a part of the Healthy People Healthy Oakland program, 1,700 homes were surveyed in the county finding that substance abuse, tobacco abuse, violence and domestic violence and teen pregnancy are facing every community.

Shaeffer said that last year Novi police made 148 juvenile felony arrests, however, statistics don't show whether there were repeat offenders or if the teens were from Novi or other communities.

He said teens in this area have different crimes and motivations than in other communities with the typically blamed socioeconomic factors, like poverty and poor education.

The data gathering will help Novi determine just what those crimes and motivations are, he explained.

Novi Youth Assistance's Karen MacKenzie said data gathering is necessary toward positive change. "This is the wave of the future you've got to quantify things more and more," she explained.

But both Hickory Woods Elementary School Principal Ron Thorn and City Council Member Kathy Mutch cautioned the group's interpretation of statistics. Statistics can be swayed a number of ways for interpretation, they said. All factors have to be looked at including sample sizes, survey conditions and phrasing of questions.

"You need to be careful when collecting statistics," said Mutch. "Compare and be aware of the discrepancies."

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HEALTH NOTE

by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.

SITTING UP? TAKE NOTICE

Those who do sit-ups may strengthen their abdominal muscles, but they will not be able to selectively reduce abdominal fat. That is they will not be able to " spot reduce", (lose weight from a specific body region). A study on the subject more than ten years ago at the University of Massachusetts showed that men who did numerous sit-ups (up to 336 a day, for a total of 5,000 sit-ups over 27 days) displayed no significant fat loss in their abdominal areas. In order to lose body fat, one must burn more calories than one takes in. It takes a deficit of 3,500 calories to lose a pound, and a five - minute daily session of sit-ups burns only 50 calories. On the other hand, abdominal exercises (preferably "stomach crunches") do strengthen the abdominal muscles to better support the back

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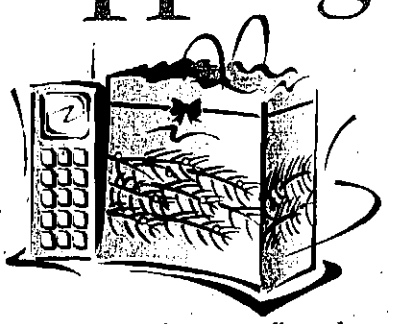

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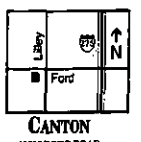

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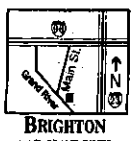

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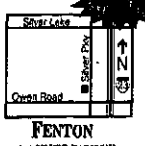

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THURSDAY December 12, 1996

Lowery Day, right, an assistant manager at Bavarian Village in the Novi Town Center and a Novi resident, takes a look at a Burton snowboard with service technician Matt Buck of Novi. Starting at about $400, customized, detailed boards are popular gifts for the holiday season.

GREAT GIFTS

If you are gift challenged or in search of something unique to give for Christmas think tiles, nails, snow and manure.

Kiln-fired, ceramic tiles are decorative pieces of art that can be use on walls, as trivets, as candle holders, alone on a coffee table as an accent piece, or even outdoors.

Motifs range from holiday and religious themes, to flowers, hearts and frogs. Some tiles have portraits of authors on them.

"Some are symbolic for people when they see them," said Theresa Schierloh, the owner of Dancing Eye Gallery in Northville. "They'll see a tile and know it is perfect for an individual."

Schierloh carries tiles from 17 different artists, including Northville resident and architect Tom Holleman, ranging in size from 1-inch-by-1-inch to 8 inches-by-8 inches and from $5 to $50.

Tiles come in square, round, triangular and diamond shapes.

Many of the artists will do custom colors for customers. All items are in stock except for special orders, which take about three weeks.

"Tiles reflect the antiquity of older homes, especially in this area," she said.

"You see tiles at art fairs," she added. "They are just starting to become popular."

Dancing Eye Gallery is located at 150 N. Center Street, Suite A, in Northville. Holiday hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.; Friday from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m.; Saturday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.; and Sunday, noon until 4 p.m. For more information, call Schierloh at 449-7086

While on the subject of art, think about the air brushing technique – not on T-shirts, on acrylic finger nails.

Take a look at your spouse or significant other's hands. Could they use a manicure? How about acrylic nails for the holiday season?

This is a item which may not come to mind as a Christmas gift but can be very appropriate, especially during the holiday season. Gift certificates for a manicure, acrylic nails, or pedicure may be available at area salons.

Something a little unique in the acrylic nail department is the air brush technique which is being used by Best Nails in Novi.

Owned by Tony Tran, who along with family members Mike and Vanessa Tran, also licensed manicurists, offer holiday, sports, botanical, and character designs, among other things, using an air spray technique.

"They are more natural, cleaner looking and last longer," Mike said.

They also offer a natural-looking finish using the air brush technique as well as the traditional nail polish and decals.

Using an electric filer on the acrylic nails, the process from beginning to end takes about half an hour. Best Nails takes both appointments and walk-ins.

Acrylic nails last about one to one-and-a-half months. Touch ups are necessary every two or three weeks.

Best Nails is located at 24071 Peach Tree Plaza just south of Ten Mile Road, on the west side of Meadowbrook Road in Novi. Hours are Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. For more information, call (810) 449-1621.

Moving from salon to the snow slopes, skiing is not just for the young anymore. Ski equipment and apparel are constantly changing and improving. The hourglass shaped skis, which were first introduced last year, are not just for the young, but the young at heart.

"The shaped skis nave allowed even beginners to learn quicker and, in many cases, become accomplished in a short period of time," said Jim DeSautels, the manager of Bavarian Village Ski Shop in Novi.

Another group that has carved out runs on the slopes are sliders, or those who snowboard. Snowboarding is becoming a fast growing winter sport because it is easy to learn. Sliders steer a snowboard using the same motion as walking or skateboarding, heel to toe. There are snowboards designed for all levels of sliders, from beginner to advanced.

For the new skier, a good safety measure would be to throw in some ski lessons.

Once the snow has melted, gardeners on your list won't be able to wait to get dirt under their nails, but won't have to if you buy them a pair of gardening gloves. Local gardening shops have a variety of items that might suit someone you know to a tee, such as hand tools, pruners and gardening books.

More unique items include a talking bird feeder, which sells for $129.99 to $179.99 from Brickscape. Homeowners can hear their feathered "neighbors" chirping away because a microphone inside the birdhouse broadcasts the birds' voices through a small loud speaker into the home.

More down to earth are the perpetual garden nurturers of cow manure made by the Amish in Pennsylvania in the shape of bunnies, owls and swine. These creatures fertilize the soil all year with every rain or sprinkling and cost $12.99, also from Brickscape.

Creature comforts apply to things that go hippety-hop, too. Every frog needs a home and Brickscape has them. The terra cotta "igloo" has a front entrance for a frog who has feasted to his heart's content and is ready for a good rest. They sell for $5.99.

In the children's department, the Novi recording company Overture Records has come out with a new CD of 40 songs from *The Hot Fudge Show*. The songs were selected from 120 songs written for the show by composer Larry Santos of Northville and lyricist Barry Hurd.

With titles like "Get to Know your Feelings," "You Gotta Keep Dreaming," "How Do You Get Someone to Like You," and Don't Bite Off More Than You Can Chew," the CD fits the bill for parents who are concerned about morals and lyrics, which are printed on the inside sleeve.

Seventy eight editions of *The Hot Fudge Show* were produced at Detroit's WXYZ-TV in 1976, and within a year the show was syndicated nationally. In its heyday, the show was seen in 92 cities, including 24 of the top 25 television markets.

To order call (810) 349-0115, or send a check, money order, VISA or MASTERCARD number to Overture Kids, 47551 Iroquois Ct., Novi, MI 48374. A four CD set is $29.95 and a four cassette set goes for $19.95. Shipping and handling is $6.

Above: Mike Tran, right, of Best Nails in the Peach Tree Shopping Center, puts a quick gloss coating on customer Kim Kelley's nails. A manicure and nail detailing can make a nice Christmas present.
Left: Dancing Eye Gallery owner Theresa Schierloh displays some of the popular kiln-fired, decorative clay tiles from among the 17 artists she carries in her downtown Northville shop. Prices begin at $5 with sizes anywhere from 1-inch square on up.

Jaycees finalize plans for the Christmas season

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

Christmas is a busy time for members of one service-oriented group interested in working in the local community. The Novi Jaycees helped sponsor last month's annual Arts and Crafts Show at the Civic Center.

They were also involved in the collection of canned goods at the annual "Light Up the Holidays" and the arrival of Santa Claus. Santa was guest of honor at the "Breakfast with Santa" of which 240 were present. The breakfast was a success and in charge of the event was Matt Serwinick, vice present of management development, and Deb Hepp, president.

Additional plans for the holiday season were completed at the group's last meeting held at the Civic Center. This is a new meeting location as they are looking for a more permanent "Jaycee House" – similar to the one they had on Sixthgate behind the old police and fire station. If anyone has a suggestion for this project, call 348-NOVI.

Also planned at the meeting was "Jaycee Week" in January when the Novi and Michigan Jaycees will recognize an outstanding government leader from the community and present that person with the Tim Pope award.

One final Christmas project includes the needy family project. The Jaycees are very thankful for the groups who have assisted in making Christmas a little bit happier for many families.

Girl scout troops, Brownies, and Daisies participating in the silent auction of baked goods at the "Light Up the Holidays," earned $700 for use of this project. Canned goods were collected from all elementary schools. The Sisyt St. Ives Youth Action group will be assisting at the final wrap-up on Dec. 14, at the Maples Country Club. Delivery will be on Dec. 15. Donations to make this a memorably Christmas would be appreciated (i.e. dozen donuts, oil change, hair styling, gift certificates, etc.). Call 348-NOVI. If you can help in anyway or by a monetary donation.

SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Advent services held on Wednesday nights will conclude on Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. This is a time for songs and scripture followed by fellowship, refreshments of coffee, cider, and cookies.

There will be two services conducted on Christmas Eve: 5:30 p.m. for families and children; and 11 p.m. for a quiet time of carols and candlelight. There will be a nursery available only at the 5:30 p.m. service.

The children's Sunday School Christmas program, "Once Upon a Starry Night," is underway with costumes made by Joan Larson. Final rehearsal will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 9 a.m. with the program presented at 5:30 that evening. This program will be in place of the usual Saturday evening service.

The Saturday evening service of Holy Communion will be held as usual, Saturday evenings, Dec. 21 and 28, with the theme "Help for the Hopeful."

An open invitation to all women of Spirit of Christ – come join the women's Christmas party at the home of Judy DeFrancesco, Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 6:30 p.m. The evening will include a simple buffet dinner, Christmas caroling, worship, and a gift exchange. Those attending are asked to bring one wrapped Christmas ornament.

Caroling will be Monday, Dec. 16, when a group will be caroling at some of the homes of our senior citizens and shut-ins. Plans include meeting at 5:30 p.m., carpooling to various places, and returning to the church for refreshments and fellowship. This will be a good time to meet others who love to sing, and perhaps encourage them to join the regular choir. Choir rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. Those unable to attend practices can get the sheet music and cassette tape support ahead of time. Jim Mitchell is the director.

Novi Highlights

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The next general membership luncheon meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the Double-Tree Hotel, 27000 Sheraton Drive. Advance reservations are required by calling the chamber office, 349-3743, or fax 349-4523. Special prices for non members who wish to attend, or for those attending the meeting only – no lunch. The program will be in the holiday spirit with the Novi High School Madrigal Singers presenting a Christmas music program.

The Novi singers have an impressive background: won national competitions, performed in Washington D.C., and recently returned from New York City where they performed in Carnegie Hall as one of 14 choirs invited to be a part of the National Madrigal Festival.

Saturday, Dec. 14, the Novi High School choir's Madrigal Dinner will be open to the public. They will also be performing at the Renaissance Center in Detroit, and on Saturday, Dec. 21, at Hudson's-Twelve Oaks. The choir is directed by Pasula Joyner.

Many opportunities for chamber networking took place at the recently held Oakland County's largest Business Card Exchange held at the Old Woodward Grill in Birmingham.

Networking also took place at a breakfast seminar entitled "Understanding Financial Statements" presented by the First of America Bank, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, which was held at the Novi Expo Center.

The annual Novi Chamber of Commerce holiday open house will be held on Thursday, Dec. 12, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Novi Expo for members and friends.

One hundred $50 gift certificates will be given to the winner of the chamber raffle. The gift certificates can be used at any of the participating merchants.

Only 100 tickets for the raffle will be sold at $100 each. The second prize is $500, and the third prize is $100 with the drawing on Dec. 17.

MEMORIAL PLAYSTRUCTURE

The committee working on the Tim Pope Memorial Playstructure

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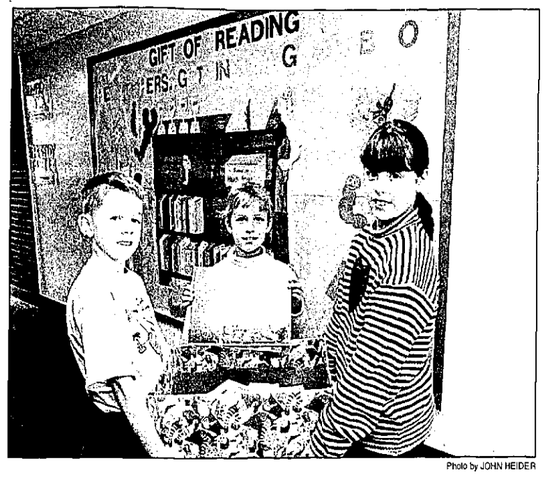

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Helping others get into a good book

Village Oaks Elementary School students in Novi (from left) Steven Gillam, 3rd grade; Kristin Heinowski, 2nd grade and Kaitland Zerio, 4th grade, display a few of the 975 books their elementary school collected for the Gift of Reading program. Students collected the books, which were suitable for children eight years of age and younger, from Nov. 11 through Dec. 6. The books donated to the Gift of Reading program are collected by the *Detroit Free Press* and given to groups and agencies helping Michigan children, including Head Start programs, homeless shelters, projects for the children of drug addicts and agencies serving Braille-reading youngsters.

Freelancer shares tips and tricks of photography

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

"It (photography) is sort of that place in between where soul and imagination reside."
–Kathleen Thompson
Freelance photographer

Members and guests of the Northville Woman's Club learned some inside techniques used to create artistic photographs and some helpful hints for taking their own photos this holiday season when photographer Kathleen Thompson spoke at the club's meeting on Dec. 6 at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville.

Thompson, who works in media services at Madonna University, said free lance photography is her passion.

She has been taking photos professionally for 10 years but began snapping pictures when she was 15-years-old.

Thompson's slide presentation included photographs and their background mixed with some poetry and inspiration material that illustrates her philosophy on how she goes about her art.

"It (photography) is sort of that place in between where soul and imagination reside," she said. "That's the way I like to look at it.

"I want to create images that share the spiritual moments of everyday life," she said. "Art can be life giving, a way to give some hope back to the world."

For example, "Dance Mist" was conceived at 7 o'clock one morning when she was just waking up at her parents' home in Tennessee, while her sister was still asleep. Her sister was in a dance troupe at the time and there was a very misty atmosphere on the water in the backyard of her parents' home.

"I just saw this picture in my mind," she said.

She got her sister out of bed and asked her to model for the picture. Her sister said OK, asking Thompson only to keep her head out of the picture. Thompson obliged and the end result is a hand colored black and white print of a ballerina on the dock above the misty water.

"Dance Mist" won the *Detroit News Michigan Magazine* 10th annual photo contest. It was one of 5,000 entries and was used as the cover photo.

Thompson shoots from the heart and feels drawn to capture ordinary moments, but moments not to be taken for granted. Most of her images start out black and white and are then hand color on the print itself.

Another time, Thompson went to Kensington Metro Park with the intention of capturing some swans. She found three swans but they were in the middle of the lake and she was hoping for a closeup. As she started to walk toward the lake, one swan began to swim towards the shore. With her camera and one roll of film, she climbed to the top of a nearby tree. As she finished taking the last shot on the roll of film, the swan began to swim away. She succeeded in her quest and the photo is entitled "Swan Song."

"I think I had a posing swan that day," she said.

Thompson had six of her photos in Marianne Williamson's 1996 "A Year of Light" wall calendar and frequently uses friends and relatives as her models. She also keeps her eyes open for different props, even if she doesn't have an immediate plan for them.

"If I become real quiet inside, pictures sometimes appear that I'll work on," she said. "They might stay there and three months down the line they will be in front of me to take."

"Autumn's Last Berries" was taken in late November one year. Thompson hand colored some of the berries on the black and white print and put a white part behind the branch so that the viewer would have no distractions from the branch and berries.

"I like to do images that have a lot of white space. Just give that Zen quality, that quiet feeling," she said.

"The more attention you focus on something, the more you bring that to you," she said. "There is so much negativity in the media."

Her attention is on capturing the beauty of life and everyday moments and reflecting it back to the people so that they are touched by it and bring it into their own lives.

There are times when the effect Thompson tries to achieve requires several different stages.

"Silk and Bones" uses a couple of different processes. Thompson first took the black and white picture and, after hand coloring, took it to a photo copying business where she could put it on more textured paper. Back to her studio she added more pastels to give it more of a canvas-type quality.

Another photo, entitled "My Favorite Flower," uses an alternative process. Thompson had overlays made of the black and white hand colored photo of a gardenia, her favorite flower, then reshot the picture with light through the overlays.

"It's like taking a shot of a slide," she said.

There were quite a few steps involved in Thompson's photo entitled "Purple Irises," which has a three dimensional quality. Thompson took a bunch of irises and took a picture. Then made a print and laid it on the table. She bought more irises and laid them on top of the print and reshot.

A question-and-answer period followed the presentation. One question was about how to capture emotions. Thompson's suggestion was to have the camera out so that people get used to it being in the room before finally taking the pictures. Thompson herself crops in as close as possible which also helps to capture more emotion.

In a group shot, Thompson advises people to leave a little room around the sides of the group. Don't get in too close.

To get a picture that looks fresh with people whose eyes are open, Thompson suggests having the people in the picture look down at the floor while you are focusing the camera, and on the count of three have them look up and then take the picture.

Singles

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people, meets at First Presbyterian Church of Northville Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for a Sunday morning gathering, followed by a worship service at 11 a.m. and brunch at Northville Crossing at 12:30 p.m. The topic is "Prayer."

On Wednesday, Dec. 18, the group will meet at Sundowner for dinner at 6 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. the topic will be "Do The Rules Work for the '90s" with speaker Sandy Baumann.

On Friday, Dec. 13, the group will meet at Tremors in Livonia beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Bell ringers are needed at the Shopping Center Market for two hour shifts on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Sports activities coming up include indoor volleyball on Fridays, Dec. 20 and 27, from 9 until 10:30 p.m. at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main Street. The cost is $4.

Bowling will take place on Friday, Dec. 20, at 8:30 p.m. at Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road. The cost is $6 plus shoes.

For more information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call 349-0911.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES offers a unique opportunity to singles of varied backgrounds in a class about Jesus Christ.

The group meets at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, on the corner of Six Mile in Livonia.

"Talk It Over" is held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month in Knox Hall.

On Dec. 13, the Ward Christmas Choir Program begins at 7 p.m. at the church. BYOS, "Bring Your Own Sneakers," will be on Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. at the Livonia YMCA.

On Dec. 20 the group go caroling and have a potluck dinner. Meet at the church at 6 p.m.

For further information about Single Point Ministries call (313) 422-1854.

FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS is for singles ages 25-40 and membership is not limited to the Farmington area.

Every Monday night the group meets at the Maples of Novi on Fourteen Mile Road for euchre, pinochle and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost is $7/members and $8/non-members. For details (810) 851-9909.

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NEW SONG COMMUNITY CHURCH, which meets at Walled Lake Middle School on Pontiac Trail near Beck Road, is presenting a series of events during December.

Each Sunday in December the series "What Will You Find This Christmas?" will explore the presence of God with us at Christmas time.

Christmas Celebration '96 on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 10:30 a.m. will include Christmas music, the play *Stolen Jesus*, and a special Christmas message from Pastor Brent Hanson.

All are welcome. New Song meets every week at 10:30 a.m. and uses contemporary music, drama and relevant messages to reach people. The atmosphere is casual.

For more information, call the church office at (810) 926-1512.

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH, 46325 Ten Mile Road in Novi, will present the third annual Christmas Concert featuring St. James music director Pierre Fracalanza on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 4 p.m. in the church. The concert is free and a reception will follow. All are welcome.

For more information, call the church at 347-7778.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 39200 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills, is conducting Advent Vespers Services every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. through Dec. 18. The services will include special music and dramas to highlight the anticipation of the Christmas holiday.

The program is open to the community.

For more information, call (810) 553-7170.

PLYMOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, will have a Christmas Concert on *Dec. 13, 14 and 15 at 7 p.m.* The community is invited to spend an unforgettable Christmas evening in a quaint "town park" setting for this 90-minute concert. There is no admission charge and no offering will be taken. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Children four and under will not be permitted in the auditorium. However, full nursery and preschool care will be provided at no charge.

For more information, call the church at (313) 453-5534.

Send church information to The Northville Record and The Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.

On Campus

MATTHEW D. PRICE was named to the Dean's List at GMI Engineering and Management Institute for the term ending in October 1996.

The list includes students who attained a grade point average of 92 with no course grade below 85.

Price is the son of David and Donna Price of Novi.

LISA BURROWS of Novi was among the 32 Oakland Community College students who received scholarships for the winter 1997 semester.

STEPHEN CHARETTE, a student at Northville High School and a resident of Novi, has been accepted to attend Interlochen Arts Academy, the leading high school for fine arts and academics.

Charette, age 15, the son of Mark and Masako Charette, will study clarinet at the academy.

Charette was first chair clarinet in the Northville High School freshman band, under the direction of Mr. Rumbell, during the 1995-96 school year.

Charette's clarinet instructors were Irving Feldman and Ted Olen, principal clarinet of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. His instructor at Interlochen will be Richard Hawkins, a renown player who has toured Asia and Europe.

Charette will be performing in Europe during the 1997 summer season with the Blue Lake International Symphony Band.

Woman's Club to learn about the organ

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

New members of the Northville Woman's Club will be welcomed at the club's meeting on Dec. 20, following a music program which begins at 1:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary at First Presbyterian Church in Northville.

Kelly Williams, acting director of music at the church, will demonstrate the different capabilities of the Casavant organ through a variety of Christmas music.

The pipe organ has been at the church since 1990.

Williams joined the church in March 1995 and became its acting director of music in September 1996.

Williams began playing the organ when she was eight on a small home instrument purchased by her father for her mother as a Christmas gift. Williams and her mother took lessons together for a while, and Williams liked it so much she continued studying the organ.

Williams currently plays at Sunday services and also directs the adult, children's and bell choirs.

At the conclusion of Williams' program, Karen Poulos will lead the members and guests in Christmas songs with Williams accompanying on the organ.

The Social Committee will serve a holiday tea honoring the new members following the sing-a-long.

Nancy Naszradi is the chairperson of the day.

Guests are welcome and should contact a Northville Woman's Club member if interested in attending.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Kelly Williams will be explaining the inner workings of and playing the organ at the Woman's Club meeting on Dec. 20.

Kids have input in playscape design

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recently visited all elementary schools in the area with John Dean, architect, who is working with the group. The purpose was to gain from the children what they would like in the playstructure; the committee was overwhelmed with the response from the children. The community is encouraged to stop in at the Novi Civic Center and see the many, many drawings the children have provided, illustrating their ideas for the playstructure plan.

A special project called "Picket Fence" is in the making. Its purpose is to fence in the play area with a picket fence for safety purposes. Anyone wishing to make a donation of $100 for one of the pickets, either in your name or someone you would like to remember, would be appreciated. Your name and help would be remembered for years to come. For businesses who wish to be a part of this project, a special section is available to them for a $500 donation. All donations are tax deductible.

In addition, there is a need for individuals or groups to become involved in this project by offering their time to work on a committee. Some of these committees include: securing material, providing child care for those who are participating in the physical labor of the structure, and many more.

Anyone interested in more details can contact Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400. Checks made out to the Tim Pope Memorial Fund can be mailed to Parks and Recreation at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road.

Information is also available in the recent brochure regarding Tim Pope, former councilman and his many accomplishments of helping the needy in the community.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, call 624-0173.

Reunions

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL: A special reunion of the Class of 1971 is being coordinated.

Call Milton Holley at (313) 422-6138.

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Kudos

If there was a citizen of the week award, it would go to **JEFF CRAWFORD** of Novi.

On Sunday, Dec. 8 at 7 a.m. Jeff was driving with his wife, Libby, on I-75 and Twelve Mile Road when they saw a woman lose control of her car and hit a cement wall, before landing in the middle lane of the freeway. Libby swerved to avoid hitting the car and pulled onto the shoulder of the road.

Jeff got out of their car and went to try to convince the woman to move her car before someone hit it, according to Libby, but it wouldn't move.

Just as the woman was getting out of her car, another car going about 65 miles per hour driven by a woman who had been up all night smashed into the first car and the woman was thrown into the air before landing face down on the freeway, according to Libby.

Jeff ran out and carried the first woman to safety.

"It was one of those frantic moments when you think I got to get out of this alive," Libby said.

On Monday, Libby talked with the Michigan State Trooper who was at the scene, and was told that both women were treated at area hospitals.

"The trooper on the scene couldn't believe no one was killed," Libby said.

JENNIFER CHEN, 15, of Novi won first place in the Michigan Music Teachers Association Junior High School Solo Award competition. Chen, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chen, performed the first movement of the Bach *Italian Concerto*, the first movement of the Haydn *Sonata in C major*, Debussy's *Gardens in the Rain* and Liszt's *Consolation in D flat major*.

The contest is part of the National Music Teacher Competition.

Chen next competes against winners in a five-state area in February. She is a pupil of Donald Morelock, head of Schoolcraft College's Music Department, and accompanied Morelock and a group of students to St. Petersburg, Russia, last summer where they participated in an intensive piano study program held at the St. Petersburg Conservatory.

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Variety of entertainment on tap for weekend

From children's theater to a Christmas musical drama to a harmonica wielding/guitar playing blues duo, there's plenty to do in Novi and Northville this weekend.

The Nutcracker

The Novi Theatres Children's Annex presents *The Nutcracker: A Play in Two Acts* (Not the Ballet) on Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Dec. 15 at 3 p.m.

The play, which has been double cast, includes 31 actors and actresses in the first cast and 32 in the second.

Tickets are $8 for adults and $7 for seniors and children under 12. There is a $1 discount if tickets are purchased in advance.

Four Tickets to Christmas

Northville Christian Assembly presents the musical drama *Four Tickets to Christmas* on Dec. 13 and 14 at 7 p.m., and Dec. 15 at 4 and 7 p.m. The church is located at 41355 Six Mile Road in Northville Township.

Set at the turn of the century, the captivating score blends ragtime, parlor music and even a barbershop quartet with a mix of traditional and new Christmas music.

The Broadway-style musical follows the escapades of an out-of-work family performing group who find themselves unexpectedly spending Christmas in a small rural town in Ohio, where the entire family learns the importance of following God's unique direction for their lives.

The drama is produced by Pastor Carlton Quattlebaum, who has been passionate in creating a feel-good family musical brimming with nostalgia, humor, poignant drama, and a sterling score.

For ticket information, please call (810) 348-9030.

Madcat & Kane

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What do you get when you team one of the best harmonica players in the world with an acoustic guitarist who has mastered the acoustic tradition? Madcat and Kane, singularly known as Peter Madcat Ruth and Shari Kane. The duo will perform at the Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe on Dec. 13.

Bob Talbert of the *Detroit Free Press* has called Madcat "the best blues harmonica player in the world ... and no one plays an audience better, either."

He started in the Chicago area in the early '60s and by the mid '70s was touring the world with jazz pianist Dave Brubeck. In the '80s he went solo. Madcat's harmonica playing can be heard on many TV and radio commercials including McDonalds, Dodge Trucks and Jeep Eagle.

Kane started playing the guitar at age five and by the early '70s was a devoted blues fan. She has been teaching guitar since she was 16 and has studied the work of Delta Blues masters for many years herself.

"Shari Kane is an excellent guitarist. Next to Johnny Shines, she is the best interpreter of Robert Johnson's material that I have ever heard," wrote Robert Jones of "Blues From The Lowlands," a program on WDET-FM in Detroit.

For ticket information call the Raven at 349-9420.

Photo submitted by WARREN LEDGER

Starring in The Nutcracker' is (cast one) Alyssa Tomasik and Josh Glomb, and (cast two) Jordan Moblo and Elena Larson.

Entertainment listing

Submit items for the entertainment listings to The Northville Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; or fax to 349-1050.

AUDITIONS

ANNIE GET YOUR GUN: Auditions for *Annie Get Your Gun* will be held at the Ridgedale Playhouse on Monday, Dec. 16. Roles are available for adults and children ages eight to early teens. Auditions for children will be held at 7 p.m. and for adults at 7:30 p.m.

Auditioners are required to prepare a song, preferably from the show. If the song is not from the show, bring sheet music. Also be prepared to dance and read from the script.

Performance dates are Feb. 28 through March 2, March 7, 8, 9, 13, 15 and 16.

Ridgedale is located at 205 West Long Lake. For details, call Kent Martini at (810) 398-2725.

YOUTH ARTIST COMPETITION: The Plymouth Symphony Society will give up to $600 in awards to instrumental soloists and provide an opportunity to perform with the Plymouth Symphony Chamber Music Recital. The recital will be held in the Plymouth-Canton Little Theatre on Jan. 25, 1997. The first-prize winner may be invited to perform as a soloist with the PSO.

Applicants must meet the requirements for entry in the District 12 Solo and Ensemble Festival of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association. Solo piano applicants will not be eligible. Students must complete an application and perform at the competition on Monday, Dec. 16.

For details, call the PSO at (313) 451-2112.

SPECIAL EVENTS

THE NUTCRACKER: The Children's Annex of Novi Theatres presents *The Nutcracker* on Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 14 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 15 at 3 p.m.

The two-act play (not the ballet) will be performed at 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

Tickets are $8 for adults, $7 for seniors and children under 12 years of age. There is a $1 discount if tickets are purchased in advance. For details, call 347-0400.

CARRIAGE RIDES: Northville Carriage Co. offers carriage rides throughout the year and packages for holidays and special occasions. For details or reservations, call Northville Carriage Co. at 380-3961.

THEATER

TIMBERS SEAFOOD GRILLE: Classic Productions presents a variety of entertainment at Timbers, the home of Bananas Comedy Club, 40360 Grand River west of Haggerty Road in Novi, on Friday and Saturday.

For details, call (313) 724-1300.

MARQUIS THEATRE: Performances of the classic *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* will take place Saturdays and Sundays through Jan. 26 and weekdays Dec. 26, 27, 30 31 and Jan. 2 and 3. All shows are at 2:30 p.m.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in Northville.

For details, call 349-8110.

MUSIC

THE RAVEN GALLERY & ACOUSTIC CAFE: The Raven will present open mike night on Wednesdays, all acoustic music, string instruments, horns and some jazz on Friday and Saturday evenings and a variety of entertainment brunches on Sundays.

Upcoming performances include Leah Jacobs on Dec. 12; Madcat and Kane on Dec. 13; Drivetrain on Dec. 14; Priscilla Ederle on Dec. 19; Jim Perkins on Dec. 20 and Phil Marcus Esser and Barbara Bredius on Dec. 21.

The Raven is located at 145 N. Center Street in downtown Northville. For ticket information or reservations, call 349-9420.

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL: Performances of "Holidays-R-Us" will take place on Dec. 14, 15, 21 and 22.

The 1996 holiday interactive comedy, "It's a bLUnDErFul Life," runs through Dec. 31. Join Jimmy, who is contemplating ending his life, and Gerri the Genie as she takes Jimmy through three decades of his life with the added bonus of seeing what life in Detroit would have been like if Jimmy had never existed.

Genitti's is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville.

For details or to make a reservation, call (810) 349-0522.

OXFORD INN: Entertainment is offered on weekends. Level Six performs on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Oxford Inn is located at 43317 Grand River in Novi.

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COUNTRY EPICURE RESTAURANT: Freshly redecorated in bright, happy colors, the restaurant offers two non-smoking dining rooms and a smoking dining/lounge area.

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LIBRARY SPORTS PUB AND GRILL: The Library Sports Pub and Grill is located at 42100 Grand River Avenue in Novi.

For details, call 349-9110.

TUSCAN CAFE: Tuscan Cafe presents light jazz on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday performances take place from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street, in Northville. For details, call 305-8629.

BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS: Playing favorites from jazz greats will be Herbie Ross every Tuesday and Reggie Braxton every Wednesday.

Live entertainment is offered from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Brady's Food & Spirits is located at 38123 West Ten Mile Road in the Holiday Inn, Farmington Hills.

For details, call (810) 478-7780.

CAFFE BRAVO: Caffe Bravo features the talents of many artists performing everything from classical guitar, jazz and blues to contemporary and folk music every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The cafe is located at 110 MainCentre in downtown Northville.

Call 344-0220 for details.

SPORTS EDITION: Every weekend guests can enjoy live entertainment at the Sports Edition Bar, located inside the Novi Hilton Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road.

The Sports Edition is home to intrigue and other high-powered hits groups every weekend. A cover charge begins at 8 p.m.

STARTING GATE: The Starting Gate Saloon offers live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville.

SUNSET GRILL: Every Tuesday from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. the Sunset Grill has an open blues jam. Rock 'n' roll is featured on Saturdays during the summer from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

The Sunset Grill is located on the corner of Thirteen Mile and Novi roads. For details, call (810) 624-8475.

ART

GATE VI GALLERY: Anna Hawkouski will exhibit sculptures, paintings and prints through Dec. 15 at Gate VI Gallery, located in the Novi Civic Center.

Local artists interested in exhibiting at the Civic Center should call (810) 347-0400.

Exhibits are in the atrium of the Civic Center for viewing during the hours that the Civic Center is open.

ART SOURCE: Art Source is located at 126 MainCentre in Northville.

An exhibition by local photographer Bryan Mitchell, which includes his personal body of work reflecting his love for nature and landscape, continues through Dec. 24.

Mitchell, formerly the staff photographer of *The Northville Record* and *Novi News*, is an award-winning photojournalist whose work has been published in local and international newspapers as well as nationally circulated magazines.

Holiday hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Sunday noon until 4 p.m.

For details, call (810) 348-1213.

D&M ART STUDIO: The studio features a variety of artists working and/or exhibiting pieces including watercolors, acrylics, pottery and black and white prints.

The gallery is located at 43450 Grand River in Novi. Hours are 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday noon until 4 p.m. For details, call 380-7059.

NEARBY

BALLET: *The Nutcracker Ballet* will be presented by the Plymouth Symphony and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company.

Performance dates for the traditional Christmas ballet are scheduled for Dec. 13 at 8 p.m., and Dec. 14 and Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. at the Plymouth-Salem High School auditorium, 46181 Joy Road in Canton.

The Madrigal Choir from Plymouth-Salem High School will also perform.

Tickets are $15 for adults and senior citizens and $8 for children K-12. For tickets or more information, call the Plymouth Symphony office at (313) 451-2112.

BALLET: Midwest Dance Theaire presents *The Nutcracker Ballet* on Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at South Lyon High School, and on Dec. 14 at 3 and 8 p.m. at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. Tickets are available at the door.

For details, call 486-1962.

CHILDREN'S SING-ALONG: Oakland Community College Performing Arts presents Children's Theatre of Michigan's *Cold & White, Shining Bright*, on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. at the Highland Lakes Campus Student Center Arena, 7350 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford.

Tickets are $4.

For details, call (810) 360-3186.

SCHOOLCRAFT CHOIR: The traditional holiday program, Yuletide Tapestry, will be performed on Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. in St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, 30900 Six Mile Road between Merriman and Middlebelt roads. Choral ensembles from Plymouth-Canton and Plymouth-Salem High Schools will perform. Donations will be accepted during intermission.

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Movies

President James Dale, First Lady Marsha Dale and daughter Taffy (Jack Nicholson, Glenn Close and Natalie Portman, center) watch in disbelief as the Martian alert is announced on television. They are surrounded by presidential advisors Professor Donald Kessler (Pierce Brosnan), Press Secretary Jerry Ross (Martin Short) and standing General Decker (Rod Steiger) in Warner Bros.' science-fiction comedy, "Mars Attacks."

RED ALERT

'Mars Attacks' spoofs '50s sci-fi flicks

The Martians are coming!

From the swank casinos of the Las Vegas Strip through America's sweeping Heartland and into the inner sanctum of the Oval Office, where even the President sits powerless, "Mars Attacks" casts a comic eye at the hysterical pandemonium wrought as Americans battle against an invasion by warmongering Martian hordes.

Visionary filmmaker Tim Burton returns to the screen with "Mars Attacks," a broad science-fiction comedy populated by one of the coolest ensemble casts of major stars ever assembled. Led by Jack Nicholson, the principal actors include Annette Bening, Pierce Brosnan, Jim Brown, Glenn Close, Danny DeVito, Michael J. Fox, Pam Grier, Lukas Haas, Tom Jones, Lisa Marie, Sarah Jessica Parker, Natalie Portman, Barbet Schroeder, Martin Short, Sylvia Sidney, Rod Steiger and Paul Winfield.

In "Mars Attacks," the world turns to United States President James Dale (Nicholson) for leadership at their hour of greatest need. But as he continually bungles his overtures to the Martians, the world wonders: isn't there somebody *better* to represent us? The First Family is rounded out by First Lady Marsha Dale (Close), more interested in redecorating the White House than dealing with the end of the world, and by disaffected First Daughter, the apathy-afflicted Taffy (Portman). Advising the President alternately to welcome the cosmic contingent and blow them back to Mars are a cadre of his closest confidants: scientist Professor Donald Kessler (Brosnan), Press Secretary Jerry Ross (Short), bellicose General Decker (Steiger) and peace-minded General Casey (Winfield).

Nicholson also appears in Las Vegas as real estate hustler Art Land, trying to capitalize on the cash cow of increased room demand from new tourists, even if they are from Mars. His New Age fanatic wife, Barbara (Bening), is staging a one-woman harmonic convergence to welcome the Earth's saviors...if she can stay off the bottle long enough. Ex-professional boxer Byron Williams (Brown) just wants to get to his estranged wife (Grier) and kids back in D.C. in the midst of the pandemonium in Vegas, one belligerent gambler (DeVito) doesn't get the fuss, and Tom Jones (Jones), ever the entertainer, tries to go on with the show.

Battling for the inside scoop on the invasion are Natalie West (Parker), a hip Gen-X reporter, and her more "hard-news" boyfriend Jason Stone (Fox). In the Heartland, stoner teen Richie Norris (Haas) might finally have the chance to outshine his martyred older brother, but first, he's got to save Grandma (Sidney). On the other side of the globe, the President of France is played by director Schroeder in a cameo appearance.

"Mars Attacks" is produced by Burton and Larry Franco (Tomorrow Never Dies), and the screenplay is by Jonathan Gems. The sweeping comedy will feature state-of-the-art special effects by Industrial Light & Magic ("Jurassic Park," "Twister") and Warner Digital Studios ("Eraser") to bring the Martian invaders and the destruction they wreak to cinematic life.

Romantic drama makes for perfect date movie viewing

READER MOVIE REVIEWS

TO GILLIAN ON HER 37TH BIRTHDAY
BY HEATHER WADOWSKI
NORTHVILLE

Peter Gallagher ("While You Were Sleeping"), Claire Danes (TV's "My So Called Life") and Michelle Pfeiffer ("Up Close and Personal") star in "To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday," a story about how true love doesn't just last a lifetime, it lasts forever.

When Gallagher's wife, Gillian (Pfeiffer), dies in a boating accident, Gallagher becomes fixated on her spirit. Every night he talks with her, swims with her, basically still dates her, even though she passed away two years ago.

But when his actions start effecting his 16-year-old daughter (Danes), his fixation on his wife's spirit ends up becoming a problem for the whole family.

Soon Gallagher discovers that Gillian's sister is out to get custody of his daughter...and his daughter wants to live with her aunt instead of him. Now, the only way to win back his life is to let go of the one thing that has kept him going...his wife.

"To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday" is a wonderful, romantic drama that will make viewers laugh at times and will definitely make viewers cry. But most all, "To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday" will make viewers believe.

"To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday" earns four and one half stars out of five. It's the perfect date movie.

A must see for all hopeless romantics.

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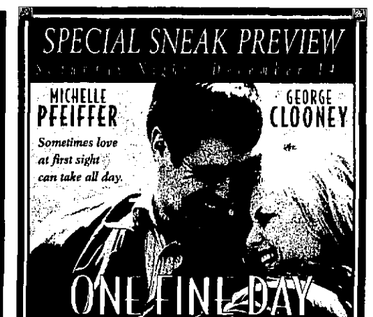

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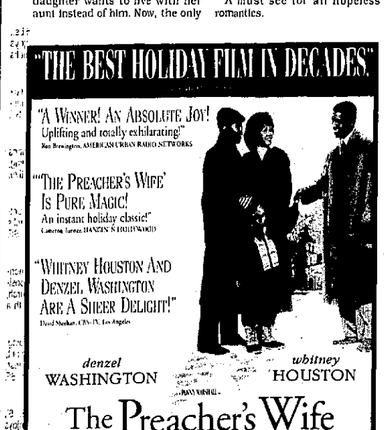

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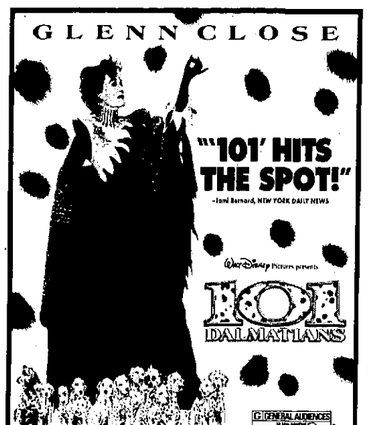

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Grapplers 2nd at home tournament

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

With a healthy lineup, the Wildcat wrestling team probably would've won its Round Robin tournament Saturday.

As it was, Novi High finished second to Walled Lake Central in the five team tournament. The Vikings took a narrow 38-32 victory over Novi in the final dual meet of the day to win.

Taka Watanabe was out of action with an arm injury while several other Wildcats were at less than 100 percent by the time that final match rolled around.

"We expected a close match," coach Brad Huss said. "The kids believed they could win."

The loss was Novi first of the young season. The Wildcats are now 5-1.

Unlike an individual tournament where teams earn points by how well each wrestler does in his weight class, Novi's tournament was a round robin with all school wrestling against each other once.

The Wildcats opened the day by crushing Oxford 54-18.

Freshman Dan Jilg was impressive all day. The 103-pounder won five of four of five matches on the day, including a pin against Oxford.

Ryan Christensen won his 112-pound match by decision. Huss said Jilg and Christensen will flip-flop weight divisions throughout the season. He thinks both will be solid no matter where they're at.

"It's been a long time since we've scored consistently at 103 and 112 pounds," Huss commented.

Ryan Reiter won his 130-pound match as did Mark Churella at 135. Huss was encouraged by Churella's performance.

"I can see him making some big jumps this year," he said. "He's got the physical tools. The kid doesn't want to lose."

Lenny Christoff garnered a pin at 140 pounds. Nick Simon was a winner at 145 as was Skip Becker at 160, Nate Plecha at 189, John Talbot at 215 and Brett Faulkner at heavyweight.

Novi wrestled Pinckney next and took a 45-33 victory. Winners included Jilg (103), Christensen (112), Christoff (140), Simon (140), Becker (160), Plecha (189) and Talbot (heavyweight).

The Wildcats then whipped Lake Orion 51-11. Jilg (103), Christensen (112), Greg Stottele (119), Christoff (140), Simon (140), Becker (160), Jeff O'Sullivan (171), Plecha (189) and Talbot (215) were winners.

Novi stayed on a roll by thumping Pontiac Central 60-19. Jilg (103), Christensen (112), Stottele (119), Benny Quamruzzaman (125), John Szwast (130), Christoff (140), Joe Young (160), Becker (171) and Andy Kalik won their matches.

That set up the show down with Walled Lake Central for the championship.

Novi started off strong with wins from Christensen at 112 pounds and Reiter at 119. But Central dominated the middle weights to win the match.

Becker (160), Plecha (171) and Talbot (215) were other winners.

NOVI 39, NORTHVILLE 30

Novi opened the season on the road Thursday against Northville.

Huss came away impressed with the Mustangs.

"They're tough," he said. "Very tough. I didn't think it would be that close."

The Mustangs led early in the dual match.

Jilg gave his team a 6-0 lead by pinning Tarrow in 1:12 at 103 pounds. Rick Torrence then tied it up with a pin of Christensen in 1:14.

Nick Sriraman beat Stottele in 3:02 at 119 pounds. Eric Staples decisioned the Wildcats' J.J. Balagna 10-5 at 125 pounds. Saran gave Northville an 18-6 advantage with a 7-2 win over John Szwast.

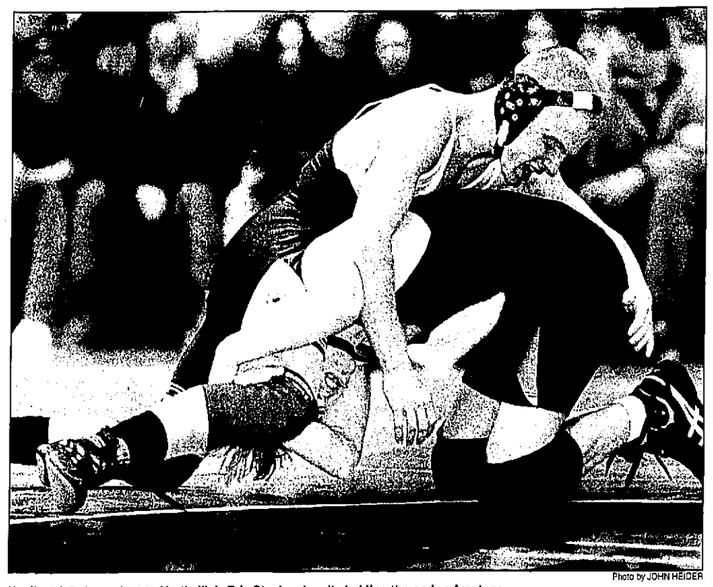
At 135 pounds, Evan Demers was pinned by Churella at 3:17. Jason Keranen suffered the same fate to Christoff at 140.

Simon decisioned Jason Brodie 10-3. Dan Scappaticci lost a technical decision to Young 15-0.

If a wrestler leads by 15 points the match is stopped and his team earns five points, one less than pin.

Becker beat Ryan McCracken 12-0. At 171 pounds, Bryan Grider pinned O'Sullivan in 3:47.

Northville lost at 189 and 215 pounds. Ryan Giles was pinned by Plecha and Rob Clark was decisioned by Talbot 9-3.



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Novi's J.J. Balagna lost to Northville's Eric Staples despite holding the early advantage.

Cagers look for better 1996-97

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Losing four starters to graduation would just about decimate any basketball team.

But in Novi High's case, the sting is being lessened by the return of a half dozen players with experience. Coach Pat Schluter thinks 1996-97 will be anything but a rebuilding season.

"We have a lot of new people, but I think we'll be a little deeper," he said. "I think we can contend for the league title. I think we'll be near the top."

Novi finished with a 10-11 overall mark last season and second in the Kensington Valley Conference. Brighton and Howell split the league crown last winter.

Schluter thinks the league is improved, but lacks a dominant team. Milford, South Lyon, Howell and the Wildcats are all capable of taking the KVC.

"The league will be tough," Schluter added.

Novi opened its season Tuesday night (after *The Novi News'* deadline) against Walled Lake Western. The Wildcats will host Hartland tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

A total of 15 players will open the season on varsity.

Elliott Edmunds will start at center. The 6-foot-4 senior should score a little more consistently this season.

"He has a lot more confidence in his offense," said Schluter. "I think he can average in double figures."

Novi will also need him to be a defensive presence by blocking shots and rebounding.

"He has to dominate the middle for us," said Schluter.

Kyle Kearney will play shooting guard. He's coming back from foot injury and won't be 100 percent for a few weeks.

"He won't start for awhile," Schluter commented.

Pat Lyskawa will work at forward position. He was a solid contributor for Novi a year ago.

"He's a very hard worker," Schluter said.

Jeff Fannon returns to the squad. He'll run the show from his point guard position.

"He has great point-guard skills," Schluter said. "He doesn't have a weakness."

Brian Abbott will play small forward and Mike Barthlow shooting guard. Schluter has high hopes for Barthlow.

"He's a real blue-collar worker," he said. "He's a great defender and can hit the three-pointer."

Senior Ivan Sader may work into the starting lineup. A foreign exchange student, he'll likely play both forward positions.

"He can really play," he added.

Paul Davis returns to the Wildcats. The senior has improved his game.

Tony Dettore joins the Wildcats for the first time. The 6-7 senior will back up Edmunds at center.

John Base is a transfer student from Southfield Christian. He won't be eligible until mid January.

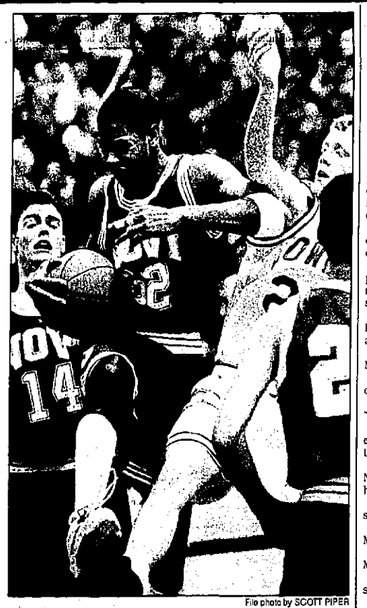
"He can really play," said Schluter. "I think he'll help us a lot."

Paul Nadoni, Dan Colligan, Ben Cunningham, Paul Tyll and Chris Perkins round out the squad.

Nadoni is a solid offensive player, said Schluter. Colligan, Tyll and Cunningham will play at guard while Perkins will see time at forward.

While the Wildcats don't have a lot of returning starters, Schluter said his team is use to playing together. He said the team played about 30 games over the summer.

"A lot of the kids have played with each other since their freshman year," he added. "They're very close."



File photo by SCOTT PIPER

Elliott Edmunds will play center for the Wildcats.

Tankers favorite in league

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

If you were looking for a single word to describe the Wildcat swim team, "potential" just might be the right one.

Not that Novi High has the potential to win a state title or send a huge contingent to the Class A finals. Realistically, they don't.

But the Wildcats do have the potential to be a surprise team in the area and win another league crown. Led by swimmers like Andy Kelly, Mike Lafferty and Jason LeRoy, the 1996-97 Wildcats should develop into a solid, solid squad.

"We have a good core of talented swimmers," coach Bill McCord said. "But we don't have the depth we had last year."

Novi won the Kensington Valley Conference championship last year and all but a couple of its dual meets. The Wildcats also sent Erich Kelly, who's now swimming at Oakland University, to the state final.

A total of 10 seniors graduated from the program, including the likes of Brian LeRoy, Henry Newton and Tim Kushman.

"We lost a bunch in terms of numbers and talent," McCord said. "We've got a challenge ahead of us."

The third-year coach is hoping his team can duplicate last year's success.

"We've got a hard-working group," he commented. "They're a lot of fun to work with."

Novi opens its season this Saturday at the Eastern Michigan University Relays. The Wildcats will then host the KVC Tri-meet Tuesday.

Novi will take a team of 35 into those meets. If Novi is to be successful this season, its seniors will have to lead the way.

Mike DiClaudio is one of the Wildcats four-year swimmers. He a solid freestyler and backstroker.

John Burkhardt will help distance events. Ken Myers returns to the team after a year off.

"He'll contribute for us in the sprints," said McCord.

Eric Kramer rounds out the list of seniors. He swims the breaststroke and freestyle events.

Novi will feature a host of excellent juniors.

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> Novi Swimming coach

Andy Kelly may be a name to watch out for. At 6-foot-5 he has a tremendous advantage in the pool and can swim all four strokes well.

"He has tremendous potential," said McCord. "We're still trying to figure out what his best stroke is."

Dan Lynch is back for his third season and should score points in distance events. Divers Mike Alberty and Jason Zonca are also juniors.

"They were consistent for us last year," McCord said. "They'll be a decent one-two punch for us."

Jason LeRoy will be a big part of the team.

"He's probably our best sprinter," McCord said. "He has done well for us the past two years."

Lafferty is another junior that will score points. The breaststroke is his specialty.

A pair of sophomores should also make a major impact. Craig Kortlandt is a solid distance swimmer and Mike Kurtti is tough in the backstroke.

"He's a good all-around swimmer," McCord said of Kurtti. "He did very well as a freshman."

Speaking of freshman, the Wildcats have two that should make waves. Phil Suchyta and Dave Tardella are both excellent in the breaststroke.

Besides winning the KVC title, McCord is hoping to get a few more of his swimmers back to the state final. He said the 400 freestyle relay team should have a shot.

McGlinnen, Drury lead spikers

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Has Novi High's volleyball program reached the point where it doesn't rebuild, it reloads?

That's the question the Wildcats will start to answer Saturday the South Lyon Invitational.

Novi is coming off perhaps its best season ever with a 33-5 record and second place finish in the Kensington Valley Conference. The heart of the team, in the form of seven seniors, graduated.

Coach Julie Fisette insists her squad will still be strong this season despite those losses.

"We're not going to talk like this is a rebuilding year," she added. "These girls have just as much talent if not more than last year's team."

It could be a pivotal season for the Wildcats, Fisette said.

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> Novi Volleyball coach

"Our program has grown," she commented. "If we can pull it off, being as good as last year, it will tell a lot about the program."

Brighton went undefeated in the league last year and will be tough to beat again. But if anybody can challenge, it'll be Novi.

"I don't think the league is real strong this year," said Fisette. "I think a lot of teams will be better by the end of the season."

If Novi is to maintain last year's level, its seniors will have to lead the way.

Lindsay Drury is back for her second year of varsity. She played middle blocker last year.

"She's solid all the way around," said Fisette. "She'll be one our best hitters and she's also pretty good defensively."

Sarah McGlinnen will play in the front row and is a solid hitter and blocker. Christa Dias will help set Novi offense.

Audra Wolowiec rounds out the

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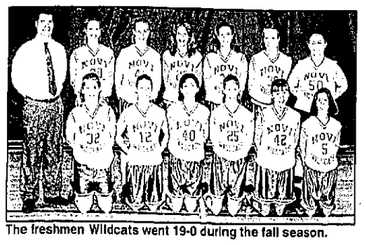

The freshmen Wildcats went 19-0 during the fall season.

Wildcat freshmen go 19-0 in hoops

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

It's not often a team reaches perfection.

But that's just what Novi High's freshmen girls' basketball squad did this fall. The Wildcats posted a perfect 19-0 mark and beat opponents by an average of 27 points.

According to coach Bill O'Donnell, his team was loaded with solid basketball players.

"There will definitely be some kids that move up to varsity," he said. "I think three or four should compete for varsity spots."

Besides talent, excellent team chemistry helped the freshmen Wildcats go undefeated.

"The kids definitely got along with each other," O'Donnell said.

While all the wins were nice, the coach said the emphasis was on developing each of his 12 players.

In the Kensington Valley Conference, teams are mandated to use each player. Athletes that play in the first quarter, for example, can't play in the fourth.

O'Donnell said he used one set of six players in the first and third quarters and a second set of six in the second and fourth periods.

"It stresses the development of the girls," he commented.

Of course winning 19 straight games doesn't happen by accidents. A team has to have the horses, ah, Wildcats to do it.

And Novi did.

At guard, Joelle Franiz was one of the leaders. She shared ball-handling duties with Beth Rice. O'Donnell said both were excellent point guards.

Jessica Gilbert played shooting guard. O'Donnell said she had excellent range on her jump shot.

"She had the green light to put it up," he added.

At center, Erin Quinn was the Shaq of the KVC. She was second in scoring on the Wildcats and was extremely difficult to stop in the low post.

Colleen Lewis played at forward. Sarah Bajorek was adept at playing any position for the Wildcats.

"She's a smart, heads-up player on the court," O'Donnell said.

Andrea Butlen and Christina Parrish split time between forward and guard. Angie Herbst backed up Quinn at center and also played forward.

Stephanie Pridmore, Tricia Pulvin and Natalie Osoz also saw their share of playing time for Novi.

Together, the group dominated nearly every team. The Wildcats scored more than 70 points twice.

"There was a lot of talent on the team that had already been developed," O'Donnell said.

Sports Shorts

Hoop tryouts

The Oakland County Flyers AAU girls basketball teams are holding tryouts this Saturday, Dec. 14, for the following age groups:

11-years-old and under 9 to 11 a.m.; 12-year-olds from 9 to 11 a.m.; 13-14-year-olds 1 to 3 p.m.; 15-16-year-olds 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tryouts will be held at Farmington East Middle School, which is located on Middlebelt Road between Ten and Eleven Mile roads. For more information, call Mark Lingo at (810)231-4180 or Gary Fulks at (810)227-2155.

Christmas Tree Sale

The Novi/Northville Colts youth football program began its annual Christmas tree sale on Nov. 29.

Spikers led by Drury, Copp

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list of seniors. She'll help off the bench as a back row specialist.

"She's a very hard worker," Fisette said.

Erin Spindler will be one of Novi's setters. She played a junior varsity a year ago in the same role.

"She's really worked hard on her setting," Fisette said. "She got talent and ability."

Sarah Heusel is a solid all-around player. The junior should be one of Novi's better offensive players.

"Her strong point is her outside hitting," said Fisette. "Sarah's a very consistent player."

Julie Namm will play in the back row.

"She's pretty quick and is a good passer," Fisette said.

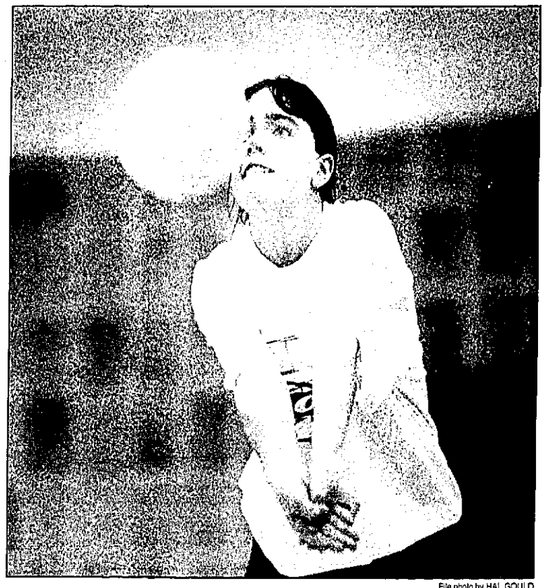
Katie Copp could fill the role of middle blocker. She played on the varsity squad last year and started a few matches.

"She's going to see a lot of front row," Fisette said. "She's going to be a good blocker. Confidence is Katie's biggest key."

Marisa Herman, also a junior, will be a back row specialist. She has good hands and sets well, according to her coach.

Emily Waller and Jessica Roemer are Novi's other two juniors. Both played at JV a year ago.

"They're both good hitters," said Fisette.



File photo by HAL GOULD

Lindsay Drury is one of Novi's top returning volleyball players.

The Wildcats will have a pair of sophomores. Jenny Corless and Kristen Kearney will both see playing time.

Fisette said Corless has improved a lot over the summer. She hits the ball well and also is a solid passer.

"She's going to be a big part of the team," said Fisette.

Kearney is good all-around athlete.

"She catches on quick," said the coach. "You don't have to tell her twice."

The Wildcats open the season Saturday at the South Lyon tournament. Novi hosts Northville on Monday night at 7 p.m.

Mustangs face wholesale changes in hoops

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

As a basketball fan you could count on a couple of things from Northville High last season.

Ben Szostek and Mark Sander were going to combine for 40 points, and the Mustangs were going to press the bejeebers out of their opponent.

But Sander, Szostek and the rest of Northville's starting lineup graduated last spring. That's left coach Tim Turner with the job of finding and fitting new pieces of the puzzle together.

"It's a team that will have to find its identity," he said. "I'm not sure what that identity will be."

The second year coach wants his Mustangs to play that same pressing, fast-breaking style in 1996-97. With one of the smallest teams in the area, the Mustangs must play that style in order to be competitive.

"If you find us walking the ball up the court and playing a lot of zone defense," said Turner, "it's a sign of trouble."

Northville is coming off a 16-7 season, which included a Western Division championship and fourth place overall conference showing.

Szostek and Sander provided the scoring while Aneil Kersey distributed the ball. Garrett Carter and Kyle Hitchcock performed the rebounding chores.

"We lost 98 percent of our scoring and rebounding," Turner said.

While the Mustangs won't return any starters, players like Jeff Arenz, Phil Kozdron and Jeff MacInnis played significant minutes. Northville, nonetheless, has its work cut out for it.

"It's going to be an uphill battle," Turner said his starting lineup will vary from game to game. About 10 different Mustangs could get starting roles this winter.

"It's going to depend on who's playing and practicing the best," Turner said.

"We have to get contributions from everyone. We have to play harder and smarter than everyone else."

The Mustangs opened the season Tuesday (after *Northville Record* deadline) against Livonia Stevenson. Northville hosts Dearborn Edsel Ford at 7 p.m.

Children can become infected with HIV in a variety of ways

Janet Gilsdorf

Since 1981, more than 8,000 individuals infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, have been reported to the Michigan Department of Public Health.

At a rate of 87.5 infected individuals per 100,000 persons, Michigan ranks 34th in the country. This low rate reflects the fact that AIDS was late, and slow, to come to Michigan.

Although the majority of infected individuals are adults, a few are children; 54 HIV-positive infants and toddlers between the ages of newborn and 4 years old have been reported in Michigan, 32 between the ages of 5 and 12, and 50 between the ages of 15 and 19.

Children become infected in a variety of ways. Most of them are born to HIV-infected mothers and acquire the virus around the time of birth. Others are recipients of HIV-contaminated blood products. Very few children or adults have been infected by this route since screening of donated blood began in 1985. Children also may acquire HIV infection through sexual abuse by HIV-infected adults.

HIV-infected children often live in complex social situations. Their biologic parents usually are infected themselves and live fairly disorganized lives characterized by unemployment, poverty, unstable housing and single parenthood. These parents may also suffer from drug and/or alcohol abuse, any may be unable to care for their children.

A fairly high proportion of HIV-infected children are placed in either foster or adoptive families. Irrespective of the social situation, many families living with HIV experience a significant amount of social isolation.

In spite of widespread educational efforts, a considerable amount of fear continues to exist about the potential spread of the HIV virus.

Because this virus is spread primarily by sexual contact or by significant blood exposure as may occur through the use of shared needles during illicit intravenous drug use, the probability of the spread of the HIV virus from a child to either another child or to an adult is extremely small. Unfortunately, the children of HIV-infected persons often suffer from the social stigma that is targeted toward their parents.

HIV infection affects children in unique ways compared to adults. For reasons that are not entirely clear, some infected children experience severe immune system failure very early and may develop the symptoms of AIDS – including growth failure, central nervous system disease, or opportunistic infections such as pneumocystis pneumonia – as early as 4 months of age. Other infected children may remain either totally or relatively asymptomatic with only minor immune system failure for up to 10 years. In general, however, children usually manifest the symptoms of AIDS sooner after they acquire the infection than adults.

HIV-infected children are more likely to develop severe infections from the viruses and bacteria that cause only minor infections in healthy children. Compared to adults, children are less likely to develop either AIDS-related blindness from cytomegalovirus infection or Kaposi's sarcoma, a common malignancy among HIV-infected adults. These children, however, commonly have poor growth and either fail to meet the normal developmental milestones – such as sitting, walking or talking – at the appropriate ages or they may lose these abilities as their central nervous system infection progresses.

The treatment of HIV infection in children is more complicated and fraught with more unknowns than is treatment of adult patients. Many of the newer antiviral drugs, which hold promise in slowing the progression of HIV infection for adults, have not been adequately tested in children. Currently, the appropriate dose of these newer drugs is not known for very young children.

In spite of all the questions about therapy, there are many important things that can be done for children infected with the HIV virus. Many of the opportunistic infections such as pneumocystic pneumonia, toxoplasmosis and mycobacterium avian intercellulare may be prevented through prophylactic antibiotics.

Furthermore, other childhood infections may be prevented by the use of routine immunizations, although vaccines containing live viruses such as oral polio, MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) and chicken pox are either not used at all or used only cautiously in HIV-infected children.

In addition, optimal nutrition for HIV-infected children reduces the probability of growth failure. The progression of HIV diseases may be slowed through the use of new combinations of antiviral drugs, although information on this for children is minimal so far.

Finally, families may be given social, emotional and economic support as they struggle to provide comfortable and meaningful lives for their children who are living with AIDS.

Written by Janet R. Gilsdorf, M.D., who is affiliated with the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Department of Pediatrics, University of Michigan Medical Center.

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Health Notes

Change of Life Transitions

Appetite changes. Mood swings. Alternations in sleep patterns. Depression. When a woman reaches her 40s, she may experience changes that can concern or even baffle her. A woman's perimenopausal years – those just prior to menopause – is a time of emotional, as well as physical, transition.

The emotional changes that can accompany the perimenopausal years is the topic of a presentation offered by Botsford General Hospital's Health Development Network on Thursday, Dec. 12.

Sandy Plumer, MSW, MA, director of Botsford's Geropsychiatric Unit, will discuss what "perimenopausal" means, what women can anticipate and how to understand and prepare for the possible emotional transitions head. Plumer will also discuss the latest findings about menopause in this informal, upbeat presentation.

"At this time in their lives, women need to express and share their feelings with receptive individuals to know that they are not alone in this experience," Plumer said. "This is the best way to share information and develop successful coping strategies."

The session, one of Botsford's Women's Series presentations, will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. at HDN, located at 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. The fee is $5. Because of limited space, preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call (810) 477-6100.

The Botsford site on the Internet is at http://www.botsfordsystem.org. The Botsford e-mail address is info@botsfordsystem.org.

Smoke-Free Living

If you feel like a quitter, St. Mary Hospital has the class for you. The two-week, four-session smoke-free living class will be offered from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, Jan. 6, 9, 13 and 16 in the lower level Conference Room E.

The smoke-free living class is a two-week program to help individuals quit smoking. Instructors cover the effects of smoking, benefits of quitting, what to expect when you quit, coping techniques and strategies on staying smoke-free. The program is designed to give you the tools, confidence and support you need to eliminate your smoking habit. The $25 fee includes all materials.

To register, call (313) 655-2922 or toll free at 1-800-494-1650.

A Healthy Baby

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a free lecture, "Having a Healthy Baby: Chance or Choice?" on Tuesday, Jan. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital auditorium. James Brown III M.D., obstetrician/gynecologist, will present the lecture.

In this presentation, Dr. Brown will review ways that parents-to-be can prepare themselves to have a healthy baby before they try to achieve pregnancy.

Dr. Brown is a staff physician at St. Mary Hospital and is part of a group practice, Westside Obstetrics and Gynecology, with offices in Canton and Novi.

For more information or to register for this lecture, call the Marian Women's Center at (313) 655-3314 or 1-800-494-1650.

Weight Management

How many times have you gone on a diet only to gain the pounds back? Diets often don't work, but learning a new way of eating does. St. Mary Hospital's weight management class, LifeSteps, can help you achieve your weight loss goal. With LifeSteps, you'll lose weight and learn how to keep those pounds off.

Taught by registered dietitian Linda DeVore, R.D., day and evening classes are available. The day class begins at 11 a.m. on Jan. 28. A complimentary orientation for the LifeSteps class will be held at 11 a.m. on Jan. 21. The evening class begins at 7 p.m. on Jan. 29. The orientation for the evening class begins at 7 p.m. on Jan. 22. The class will meet in the lower level Conference Room E.

Come and find out about the program before you commit yourself to a weight loss plan. At the free orientation, the instructor explains the course in detail, expectations, cost and what participants need to consider. No registration is required for the orientation. For more information, call St. Mary Hospital Food and Nutrition Services at (313) 655-2498.

Eating Healthy

Eating healthy can be easy and tasty. St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will present a two-part course, "Eater's Choices," on Monday, Jan. 20 and 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the first floor conference room near the Five Mile entrance.

Learn to plan meals, read food labels, and find the fat budget for your caloric needs. The result is lower blood cholesterol levels and a healthy heart. Taught by a registered nurse, the course includes food samples and recipe book.

Cost of the course is $25 per person. To register, call St. Mary Hospital Community Outreach Department at (313) 655-2922 or toll free at 1-800-494-1650.

Life Support

St. Mary will offer a four-hour basic life support adult heartsaver course from 7 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 7, in the Marian Pavilion Conference Room B near the south entrance.

Learn to perform one-person cardiopulmonary resuscitation and how to manage the adult victim who is choking. American Heart Association course completion cards will be issued following the course.

Cost of the class is $20 per person. To register call (313) 655-2922 or toll free at 1-800-494-1650.

Well Child Clinic

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Conferences provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include: heights and weights; head-to-toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.

Appointment is required.

For more information, call: North Oakland, 858-1311 or 858-4001; and South Oakland, 424-7066 or 424-7067.

Free Immunization Clinic

The Oakland County Health Division will be offering an immunization clinic for South Lyon and Farmington and the surrounding areas.

For South Lyon, a clinic will be held at the First United Presbyterian Church, 205 East Lake (Ten Mile) and Wells Street, South Lyon on Jan. 2 from 9-11 a.m.

Immunizations will be given at the same time and location on the first Thursday of every month. Call 424-7046 for further information.

For Farmington, the clinic will be at the Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road (south of Eight Mile Road), Livonia, on Jan. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Immunizations will be given at the same time and location on the second Wednesday of every month.

Immunizations for measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and Haemophilus influenzae Type B (HIB) will be available.

A parent or legal guardian must accompany a child under 18 years of age. Please bring any previous records of immunizations, including notices which might have been sent home from the child's school pertaining to immunizations.

Cancer wellness group

Led by an experienced psychologist, the Cancer Wellness Group meets every Tuesday from 7-8:30 p.m. in Botsford's 3 West Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (810) 477-6100.

Prostate cancer support group

Offering knowledgeable speakers each month, the prostate cancer support group provides both encouragement and education about prostate cancer, its treatments and the physical and emotional issues associated with it. It meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in Botsford's 2 East A Conference Room, on Grand River in Farmington Hills. Call (810) 477-6100 for additional information.

Pager rentals

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering "baby beeper" rentals to help labor partners stay in touch during those critical last weeks of pregnancy.

Rentals are available through Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield, and Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave. in Novi. Pagers can be rented for one or two months at a time at a cost of $30 for one month and $40 for two. A security deposit is required. Call (810) 424-3332 for further information.

Blood pressure

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering free blood pressure checks to members of the community. This free service is available at Providence Medical Center, Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave. Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Health Education Library (Suite A-101), available to all ages. Call (810) 380-4225 for more information.

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