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## Town Center tenants on the move

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

Since Mervyn's closed at Novi Town Center two years ago, the future of the store-front has been a long-standing question mark in the community. Novi may soon have some answers.

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"We're contemplating redevelopment of the center,"

said Jim Clear, manager of the Novi Town Center. "We're relocating several tenants for the purpose of redevelopment."

Although Clear couldn't specify what those redevelopments will include, several of the Town Center's remaining tenants along the southeastern edge weighed in on the future of their businesses and the complex.

"They're blowing up this whole side," said Jane Holtz, inventory manager at New Northville Diamond Jewelry. "For three years, it was supposed to be a Super Target, but they backed out."

Although Holtz, who has worked in the Town Center for six years, didn't know what would be replacing the southeastern storefronts, she said the changes will move the remaining businesses closer together elsewhere in the complex as others leave the development.

Nadwa Yono, owner of Salone Nadwa, said she's moving her salon and day spa out of Novi in July and will rename it Nadwa Salone Hair + Spa.

"It's just very, very quiet here. They don't do anything to promote the shopping center," Yono said. "I just want a fresh start and a new concept to my business. We're getting more into hair

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## Recommendations revealed



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Members of the Novi Historical Commission meet at the city's Fuerst Farm property to discuss the recommendations being presented at Monday's City Council meeting. From left: Betty Nick, Kathy Mutch and Roy Prentice. Not pictured, but strolling the property as well, is Lee BeGole.

## The fate of Novi's Fuerst Farm up for discussion

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

McKenna Associates, Inc., the planning consultants hired to review the Fuerst Farm property on the southeast corner of Taft and 10 Mile roads, will present their recommendations to council at Monday's meeting.

Due to a full agenda, the meeting will begin an hour early, with McKenna's presentation expected at 6 p.m.

McKenna's report, which can be viewed on the city Web site at www.cityofnovi.org, includes two different concepts for the city-owned property.

Concept 'A' focuses on restoration of the existing buildings, which the report says are

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Anyone interested in the Fuerst Farm's future is welcome to attend.

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in a state of disrepair.

Along with restoring the buildings for multi-purpose community uses such as an educational facility, theater, museum and meeting space, Concept 'A' includes the addition of an entryway plaza, amphitheater and common area.

According to the report, the proposed cost for the restoration project is \$3.3 million.

Alternatively, Concept 'B' introduces the idea of adaptive reuse of the site, eliminating the barns and house to create a more modern campus.

In place of the existing facilities, the plan suggests raising a new multi-use building with display area, kitchen, storage space and 125-person room with a stage.

Concept 'B' also includes an entryway plaza, amphitheater and common area.

The report projects a slightly lower cost for Concept 'B,' suggesting the city put the barns on the market.

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Photo by Mike Shuster

Novi Police officers Kevin Heaney and Jeff Brown celebrate after a goal.

## Wings ice cops for good cause

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

When Lt. Victor Lauria leads the Novi Police into a tough situation, it sometimes involves an element of uncertainty and dangerous characters. But last Thursday night's situation was a little different, as Lauria and the Novi Police All Stars took to the ice to battle the Detroit Red Wings Alumni team at Novi Ice Arena.

Although the Red Wings Alumni ranged in age from 37-64, they were still dangerous with the stick and managed to defeat the Novi Police 9-5.

The score wasn't the focal point of the night however, as a portion of the proceeds from the game went to Ted Clay, a city employee who does vehicle maintenance for Novi Police, who lost his home and three family pets in a fire March 24.

The remaining proceeds will go to Novi community groups, such as Novi Parks, Novi Youth Assistance and senior programs.

Last year, the event raised about \$6,000. Kris Barnes, general manager of the Novi Ice Arena, estimated between 200-300 people showed up last year.

"(Attendance) was a little down from last year. Ticket sales were up, but attendance was down, probably because of the weather," said Detective Kristie Gruenwald, who organized the event.

The fire at Clay's Farmington home started when a pet rabbit's heating lamp set things ablaze, according to Gruenwald. All family members and one of the pets escaped unharmed. Prior to the game, Novi Police and other city employees had raised more than \$500 in a "coffee can" cash fund throughout the city offices for Clay's family.

The hockey game, which fit the purpose of raising money for a good cause perfectly, will provide Clay with additional funds in the next few weeks. Gruenwald said.

### Going for goal

Since the team was established in 1959, the Red Wings Alumni have played metro-Detroit community teams throughout the winter to raise money for charitable causes determined by each group.

"The guys love doing it and they get to play for some of the smaller communities. We've played up north in front of people who aren't able to get down to a Red Wings game," said George Bowman, the Alumni's organization secretary and net-minder.

The game got off to a quick start as Bill Eyo put the Alumni on the board 12 seconds into the game. The cops clamped down however, as Novi Police goaltender Nick Brown kept the puck

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**SATURDAY**  
Like to play blackjack, craps, roulette or spin a money wheel? Then stop in the Maples of Novi Clubhouse, 31260 Wakefield Drive, from 7 p.m.-midnight for the Novi Lions Club's Vegas Night. The clubhouse, located off 14 Mile Road, east of Novi Road, will also have food and a cash bar available. Admission is \$5 and all proceeds go to the Novi Lions Club charities and the Novi community. Call (248) 960-3033 for more information.

**SUNDAY**  
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## Community EMS: Providing service in Novi for 25 years

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

After 25 years of service, Community Emergency Medical Service, which started in Novi, is southeast Michigan's largest and longest operational private, not-for-profit provider of emergency medical services.

"Community EMS started in the City of Novi," said Doug Greenwald, operations manager for the company. "We've been providing service in Novi for 25 years."

Contracted to serve as the City of Novi's secondary emergency answering location, the Southfield-based company fulfills patients' emergent and non-emergent medical transportation needs.

"The majority of our calls are non-emergent," said Steve Kleinlein, corporate director of communications for Community EMS, noting they transfer patients between hospitals, along with to and from their homes.

"For the City of Novi, we are a secondary emergency answering location, so the City of Novi is the primary," Kleinlein said. "They get all the 911 calls (made from a landline) within the city, then determine who they need to send on a call."

"For medical, they call us (Community EMS). Novi has us contracted so we have vehicles stationed within the city."

Aside from its main office in Southfield, Community EMS has hubs in Flint and Taylor, and stations with crew quarters in various cities, including Novi.

Kleinlein said there are generally two Community EMS vehicles stationed in Novi: at all times, not including the one they keep at St. John Providence Park Hospital.

"We will always take the patient to the hospital that is closest, as long as they can provide appropriate care for the patient," Kleinlein said.

To provide patients with the most efficient care from the paramedics, Community EMS uses Electronic Patient Care Reporting.

"It allows us to capture information regarding the patient, such as their name, medications and drug allergies and we can transmit that to the hospital pre-arrival," Kleinlein said. "It also allows us to capture and store the patient's rhythms from an EKG."

Community EMS also offers classes through the Life Support Training Institute. For more information visit [www.lifetraining.org](http://www.lifetraining.org) or call (866) 367-5784 (FOR-LSTI).

ical providers can be notified of a situation within seconds.

"It takes about 10-seconds at most, for us (an emergency medical vehicle) to get the (dispatch) call," Kleinlein said.

With all Community EMS vehicles equipped with global positioning systems, the dispatch center is aware of their location at all times.

"This communication center controls all of that geographical area," Greenwald said.

**Communication systems**

Responding to more than 100,000 emergency calls a year, it's no wonder the communications center at Community EMS headquarters is equipped with such advanced communication systems.

The advanced system is not only able to track each emergency vehicle's location, it can make recommendations to dispatch regarding which vehicle should respond to a call.

Regardless of the system's recommendation, dispatchers use their knowledge of local traffic patterns and construction projects to determine and notify the emergency medical vehicle within the quickest route to the location.

The Automatic Vehicle Location system also allows the emergency medical provider to notify dispatch when they arrive at the scene and are on route to the hospital.

The dispatch center is equipped with the current status of surrounding hospitals' emergency rooms.

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**Novi Community EMS paramedics honored**

The Oakland County Medical Control Authority recognized several paramedics from the Southfield-based Community Emergency Medical Service, Inc., including the Novi paramedic crew comprised of Billie Nagy and Carter Gillis for persistence in an ice rescue where they participated in an extended resuscitation effort, later aided by paramedics Tom Wintagston and Jeff Woodcock. On the same day, they participated in another call leading to the resuscitation of an unresponsive Novi woman who required 10 defibrillations and multiple cardiac medications.

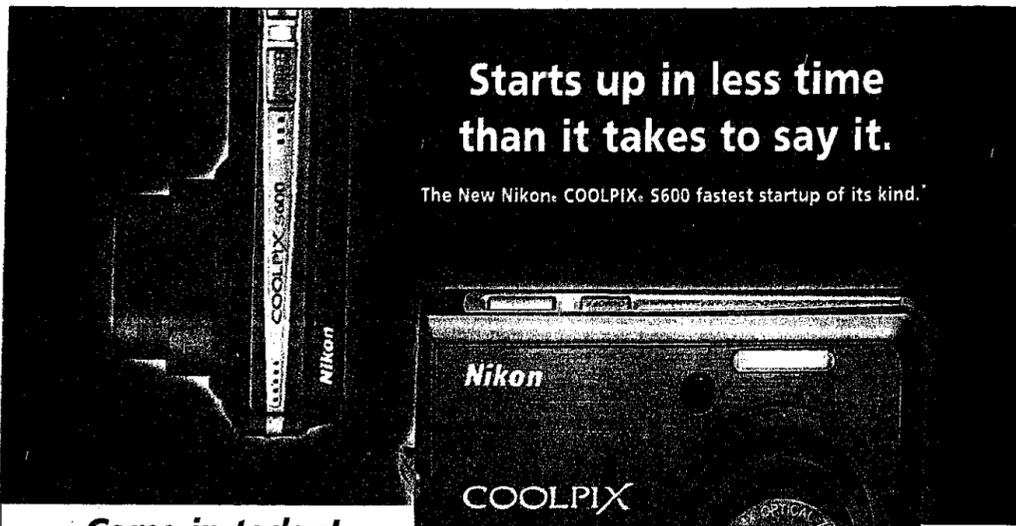
OCCMA will also recognize the Novi crew comprised of Dan Seal and Richard Hall for their compassion and excellence in the clinical care of a Novi patient who wrote in thanks of a job well done. The patient said the crew did a wonderful job by relieving her symptoms through the administration of a breathing treatment and making her "feel like a human being that mattered and (treated) with respect."

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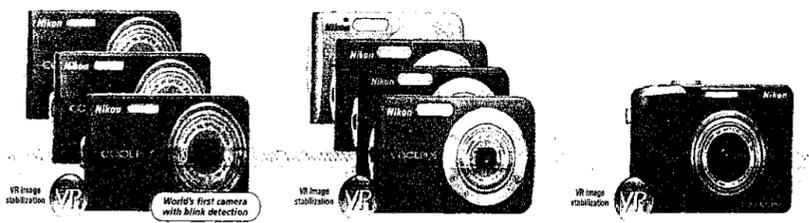
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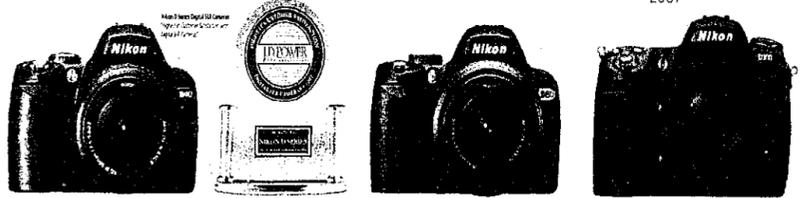
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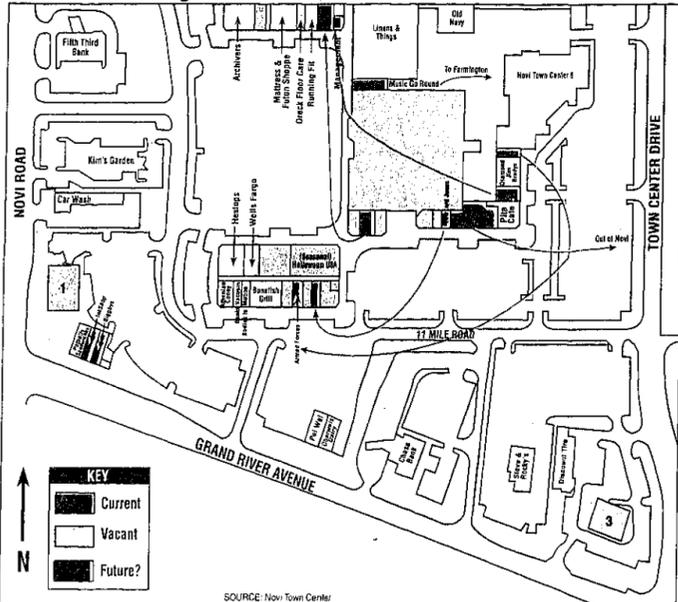
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### Town Center Changes



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### CENTER

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pieces for cancer patients and women with thinning hair." After 10 years in the complex, Music Go Round, located next to the old Meryn's west entrance, will be relocating by the end of the month to a larger store in downtown Farmington, with expectations of more walk-in traffic in the new location.

"I'm sort of buried back here in an invisible back corner," said owner Thomas Donovan. "They always talk about all the great plans they have for the center, but they won't say anything until it's signed on the dotted line. They could be blowing smoke."

Although some businesses are on the move, NMD, Howard Jones, and the Novi Community School District are staying put. The Town Center's management office may all relocate further west within the complex during the next few months.

Other businesses along the

eastern side of the Town Center have heard about the relocations, but don't have plans to move yet. Many are happy where they are. "Our pending move has been an ongoing situation for the last two years with us never knowing when we may have to relocate our beloved restaurant. We just take it on a day-to-day basis, which is obviously difficult for us, our staff and patrons," said Tom and Mary Brady, owners of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, in a joint statement. "We have loved being part of the Novi community for the last 16 years and sincerely look forward to remaining in Novi."

Kristin Schenck, spokesperson for Diamond Jim Brady's, said the family-owned and operated restaurant started with Tom Brady's father, Jim, in Detroit in 1954 before it moved to Southfield and finally settled in Novi 16 years ago. "It's just unfortunate that they'd have to move. They made that choice what it is," she said in regard to discussion of a potential move.

"Business owners have been in limbo. It's been going on for some time. We've been considering moving around the community and the Town Center."

The remaining tenants on the southeastern edge of the complex include SR Movies' Novi Town Center 8 and Pita Cafe, neither of which could be reached for comment.

Steve Rumpke, Novi Community Development director, said the city is having preliminary discussions about confidential and finalized plans.

Clear said the future of Novi Town Center should be clearer in the next 30-90 days, although he did say new businesses along the Grand River Avenue portion of the complex are on the way. "We are going ahead with building pad number one on the corner of Novi Road, next to Bob's City. We'll start construction at the end of April," he said of a 8,100-square-foot building that will house two to-be-released tenants.

He also said InkStop and

Biggy coffee shop (formerly known as Beans) are new tenants moving into the same structure as Forbely Sandwich Works. A new 5,000-square-foot building has also been built in front of Discount Tire on the northwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Town Center Drive.

"We're doing fine. We're getting a lot of activity from national tenants. We're doing well given the national economy," Clear said of the Town Center.

He said the 75,000-square-foot space that was formerly Meryn's is being redeveloped for use by a new retailer.

The Novi Town Center was built in 1987 and sits on 41 acres at Grand River Avenue and Novi Road. It is home to more than 40 retailers, with a few planned vacancies made available for relocation purposes.

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Photo by Mike Shuler  
Dave Roberts, Chris Luongo, Dennis Hextall, and Brent Fedyk are joined by a few family members while signing autographs for fans after the second period.

### WINGS

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out of the net the rest of the 12-minute period and Justin Short tied the game with 1:08 remaining.

"Few police officers, they skate pretty well. Even the ones who can't skate try hard," said David Anolick, a Novi resident of 24 years, who was happy community members came out to support the police.

The police were ready to play tough, as officer Sarah Moulk stood her ground two minutes into the second period and took out 63-year-old Gerry Able at center ice despite a size disadvantage. Able got his revenge though, scoring for the Wings 37 seconds later.

After the Red Wings Alumni opened the game up in the second period, taking a 5-2 lead, Detective Kevin Gilmore stopped a centering pass by diving face-first across the ice with 42 seconds left in the period. His defensive effort helped lead to Lauria banking a goal off the

right post with seven-tenths of a second left, cutting the score to 5-3 going into the game's only intermission.

The event, in its second year, drew a crowd of more than 100 people, although a late winter snow storm kept some away. Novi resident Joseph Stodulski said he came out to last year's game and enjoyed watching the Red Wings Alumni play.

"They played the game a long time. They're veterans, if you know what I mean. They've been around the block," he said.

The Alumni roster included players from every decade since the 1960s, with Chris Luongo, Brent Fedyk, Dennis Hextall, Gerry Able, Dan Newman, Mike Martilla and others taking the ice.

Other former Wings, such as Joe Kocer, Doug Brown, Igor Larionov, Shawa Burr and Mickey Rodmond play with the Alumni on occasion, but did not suit up Thursday night in Novi.

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# Tension in the past, merger in the future?

### Novi chambers open to discussion

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

As the Greater Novi Chamber approaches its two-year anniversary, executive director Whitney McClellan Stone sees the potential for a merger in the future.

"Our board has always said 'if there is potential for the two chambers to merge on good

terms, we are interested,'" she said. "To us, it's a positive. We could have the history of the Novi Chamber and the energy of the Greater Novi Chamber."

For the past two years, Novi, unlike any of its surrounding communities, has been a two-chamber community.

"It's kind of silly that there are two chambers, and I don't mean that as an insult to the other group," said Bob Thorne, chairman and acting president of the Novi Chamber of Commerce. "I fail to see the continuing need of two chambers; it just makes no sense."

If the organizations are confused, imagine how the businesses feel.

"They feel like they have to join two chambers and that's not fair to the businesses," Thorne said. "I think having one chamber puts a better face on Novi as a community."

Currently there are about 450 members in the Novi Chamber and about 180 members in the Greater Novi Chamber. Neither Thorne nor McClellan Stone had specific numbers, but they estimate quite a few businesses belong to both chambers.

With former issues and political

tension in the past, Thorne and McClellan Stone believe a merger would be in the best interest of their members.

"There's not been any tension between the two chambers in a long, long time," Thorne said. "The Novi Chamber of Commerce board of directors is offering an olive branch to the Greater Novi Chamber. We're open to discussions about what it would take for there to be only one chamber."

Mayer David Landry said there have been no official discussions between the two chambers yet, but a merger would be in the best

interest of the chambers and the businesses within the city.

"We formed because there was a large part of the business community wanting a more viable chamber," McClellan Stone said. "The other chamber is excited about their new direction. There's a lot of positive energy."

In its 41st year of service, the Novi Chamber has undergone some external and internal structural changes in 2008, including the loss of president Nora Champion.

"Nora" decided to move on," Thorne said. "We appreciate her seven years of entrepreneurial

spirit she ran the chamber with." Thorne is focused on getting business in order at the Novi Chamber before facilitating discussions of a merger with the Greater Novi Chamber.

"We're taking care of our internal business first. We owe that to our members," he said. "We're in the process of interviewing candidates, but we don't anticipate a decision until the end of April."

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# Fountain Walk developments moving smoothly

By Chris Jaccetti  
STAFF WRITER

Arthur Hill Company is hoping to develop Twelve Mile Crossings at Fountain Walk into the fall potential. It was originally designed for seven years ago.

The Chicago-based developer is well on its way, demolishing a centrally-located portion of the complex that was sitting vacant on the east side, next to Chuck E. Cheese.

"In the next few months, we will be demolishing some of the existing buildings, not on 12 Mile Road, that are not a part of the grand plan," said vice president of development Tom Zabor.

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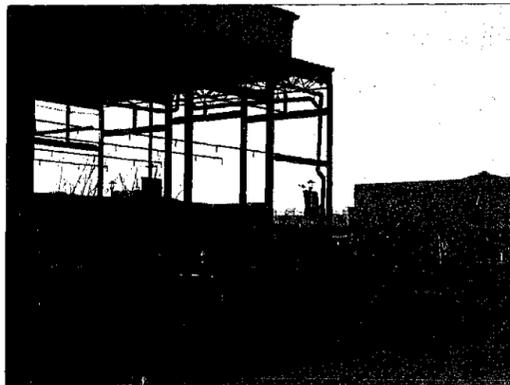


Photo by Chris Jaccetti  
Gold's Gym, foreground, is under construction at Twelve Mile Crossings at Fountain Walk. Beside it, a vacant store-front was recently demolished and cleared next to Chuck E. Cheese.

### NEWSMAKERS

#### Bayley to strengthen firm's litigation defense practice

To further support the law firm's litigation defense practice, Novi resident J. Bayley recently joined Southfield-based Collins, Einhorn, Farrell & Ulanoff, P.C. as an associate.

Bayley will focus on the defense of lawyers' professional liability and other complex civil litigation.

Previously, Bayley was an associate in the Farmington Hills office of Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C. There she concentrated on commercial and health care litigation, and gained experience in various aspects of civil litigation, including state and federal

court trials.

She earned her juris doctor degree from the University of Notre Dame Law School and a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, American Bar Association, Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, Ingham County Bar Association and Federal Bar for the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan.

Founded in 1970, Southfield-based Collins, Einhorn, Farrell & Ulanoff specializes in a broad range of defense litigation, providing clients with expert legal representation in the insurance, real estate, manufacturing and professional fields.

#### Voydanoff to lead PPC Design

Chuck Voydanoff assumed the role of president and owner of PPC Design. In this role, Voydanoff will support the company's work in retail space design, and deliver a one-stop resource for design and manufacturing. Additionally, Voydanoff will work to expand the company's market share and reach.

Voydanoff has been with PPC Design for 18 years, hired as a carpenter in 1990. He rose through the ranks at PPC Design, serving as its production manager, plant manager and operations manager before assuming ownership of the company and his current role as president.

Voydanoff's leadership marks PPC Design's renewed focus on leading edge design and processes to deliver higher quality, unique concepts to customers at a competitive cost.

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### FARM

continued from front

If the city receives the salvage value of the three barns, the estimated cost of the project is \$2.9 million.

Currently, upon the 6.5 acres, sits a home, three barns, a well house, gardens and an orchard. The farmstead is listed on the State Register of Historic Sites and the National Register of Historic Places.

The idea to review potential uses for the Finest Farm property became a priority with construction plans for the new library requiring relocation of the Old Township Hall.

Both concepts suggest the city acquire 1.25 acres of land, located on the southwest portion of the property, from the Novi

Community School District to relocate the Old Township Hall.

If the city is unable to acquire the property from the school district, an alternative plan, Concept "C," suggests moving the township hall to the southern part of the property, near the South Barn and removing the other two barns.

According to Mayor David Landry, at Monday's meeting, council may decide to give administration direction regarding the upcoming budget year.

In a report issued by Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Director Randy Auler, city staff recommends implementing Concept "B" for the city-owned historical site.

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# MY PUBLIC SAFETY

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## Novi police seek tips in fatal car crash

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Police Department is still investigating the crash that resulted in the death of an 18-year-old Farmington woman last Wednesday night.

Jamie Lee Smith was involved in a single vehicle rollover accident in Novi at about 10 p.m. March 26, on Haggerty Road, just south of 10 Mile Road.

According to Novi Police Chief David Molloy, Smith was the passenger in a 2003 Mercury Grand Marquis, driven by an 18-year-old Ann Arbor male, and was wearing a seat belt.

The driver, whose name is not being released, was not wearing a seat belt and was thrown from the vehicle, but suffered only minor injuries and was expected to make



Jamie Lee Smith

full recovery. According to a press release, the vehicle drove off the roadway and rolled, coming to a stop in the entrance of a Novi apartment complex.

Police said alcohol does not appear to be a factor.

Both the driver and Smith were transported to William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Smith was the oldest of six children in her family.

She knew her little sister Hannah loved the color pink, so she made pink cupcakes to cele-

brate Hannah's 4th birthday, then headed out to the movies with a friend.

"Fifteen minutes later, we got the call," said Jerry Smith, Jamie's dad.

Jamie is survived by her parents, Gerald and Kathleen, and her siblings, Adam, Luke, John, Gabriel and Hannah.

Memorial tributes suggested to St. Gerald Church, 21300 Farmington Road.

The Novi Police Department asks anyone with information call (248) 348-7100.



Photo by Hans Nyberg

Multiple area public safety officials responded to a fatal car accident last week in Novi.

## Fire station public information meeting, cook out 6 p.m. today

Residents are invited to a public information meeting 6 p.m. today at the City of Novi Fire Station 2, located on 13 Mile Road, just west of Novi Road.

The topic of discussion will be improvements to the outdated station.

Last spring, City Council approved more than \$750,000 in the fiscal year 2007-08 budget for improvements to the station.

Renovations will begin this summer and include an about 1,000-square-foot addition to the building and improved parking, in addition to many enhancements to the functionality of the facility's interior. Improvements are scheduled for completion in late fall 2008.

The Department staff, as well as architect and construction representatives, will be on hand to

share renovation plans and answer any questions residents have regarding the project. The public information meeting will also include an old-fashioned cook-out.

Residents with questions or concerns during the fire station renovation project, may contact the Novi Fire Department at (248) 349-2162 or the community relations office at (248) 735-5628.

## NOTICE

Lotus Bank, Novi, Michigan

is relocating its headquarters banking facility from 45650 Grand River Avenue, Novi, Michigan 48374 to 44264 West Twelve Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48377. The Grand River office will permanently close at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 2008, with banking operations resuming at the Twelve Mile Road location on Monday, April 14, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Lotus Bank's phone number will remain

(248)-735-1000.

### BRIEFS

The Novi Police Department assisted the FBI in the arrest of Jaime Michael Villanueva, 21, at his Novi apartment off Pontiac Trail last Monday.

Villanueva is accused of driving to Sand Springs, Okla. to pick up a 13-year-old girl, who he allegedly brought back to his apartment, had sex with three times, and showed her child pornography, reports said.

During the arrest, Novi Police Chief David Molloy said they

were successful in securing and gaining custody of the girl.

According to television station WXYZ (Channel 7), The Oakland University student is being brought up on federal charges of online enticement, transportation of a minor to engage in criminal sex and possession of child pornography.

The Oklahoma teen's mother reported her missing and through investigation of the victim's friends and computer, officials were able to trace the missing girl

to Villanueva, reports said.

At that time the FBI initiated contact with the Novi Police Department seeking assistance in the arrest of the Novi resident.

"My understanding was it was an Internet meeting," Molloy said.

Villanueva has been released on bond and is under the supervision of his parents.

The case remains under investigation by the FBI.

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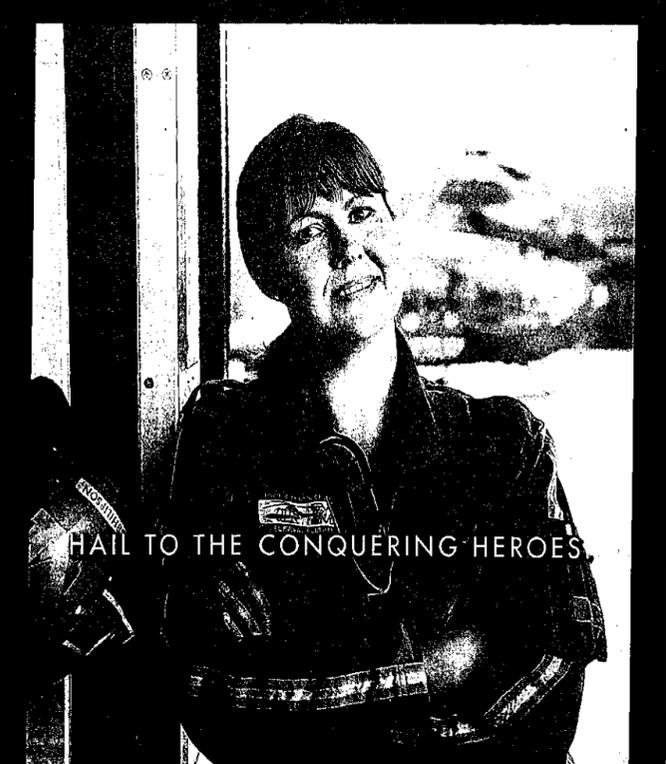
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Your bid proposal form shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board or the Superintendent of the school district.

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# MY EDUCATION



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## Quiz Bowl team wins championship; 'Bye Bye Birdie' on deck

The Novi High School varsity Quiz Bowl team placed third in the state March 29 at the NAQT State Quiz Bowl Tournament in Ann Arbor. Captain Robert Dargus and team members Sami Khan, Ruixuan Zuo, Nazifa Islam, Andrew Phillips and Bala Sekaran followed up on a third-place finish last year, the team's strongest showing ever. The team also took home the championship in the Inter-County League, a nine-school league, and earned second place at the March 22 March Madness Tournament at Michigan State University. The team will be filmed for "High School Challenge," a television quiz show on PBS (WFUM-TV) and will compete at Nationals in May.

### Class NOTES

meet 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Parents are responsible for providing transportation. Tuition can be paid in full: \$6,393.36, or in nine payments of \$710.38 (August through April).

Many options are available for the district's half-day program, ranging from five to two-day options.

Child Care (C.A.R.E.) is available for parents needing assistance before or after preschool classes. Registration information and prices are posted on the district's Web site at [www.novi.k12.mi.us](http://www.novi.k12.mi.us). C.A.R.E. is also available at all elementary schools for kindergarten through eighth-grade students.

### Friends of the Novi Library offer student scholarship

The Friends of the Novi Library are offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a public school senior living in Novi who plans to pursue college education in the fields of information/library science or related fields. For details and application information, please contact the appropriate high school counseling department. The applications are now available. The award will be presented at the group's Annual Friends meeting 7 p.m. May 14 at the Novi Public Library.



Submitted photo

**Regional robotics repeat champions**

Novi High School's robotics squad, Team 503 Frog Force, won its second straight regional championship on March 29 at Eastern Michigan University. Forming an alliance with Team 67 of Milford and Team 326 of Romulus, the 16th-ranked Frog Force was able to come out on top. The team also earned the Engineering Inspiration Award and will compete at the World Championship Competition April 16-19 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

### Community Education Preschool Program enrollment begins

Preschool registration for the 2008-09 school year is now open. Class programs focus on social, emotional, physical and cognitive development. The program follows the State of Michigan Standards and Bench Marks for preschool/pre-kindergarten.

Curriculum includes: Language arts, social studies, science, math, music and movement. Children are provided with experiences and opportunities allowing them to meet the State Early Learning Expectations for 3s, 4s, and young 5s. Children may be 3, 4 or 5 by Dec. 1. Children also must be completely toilet trained.

Preschool classes follow the Novi Community School District calendar, and run from August to June. To secure a spot in this fall's 2008-09 session, parents must register their child at the Child Care Services office in the Instructional Technology Center, 25345 Taft Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. Child care is also available for students attending preschool. Space is limited. Call (248) 449-1713 for rates and availability.

When registering a child (or children), a parent needs to bring the following:

- A completed registration packet, available on the district's Web site [www.novi.k12.mi.us](http://www.novi.k12.mi.us)
- Child's birth certificate or passport
- Non-refundable registration fee payment (\$45 for school district residents, \$50 for non-residents)

The all-day preschool classes

### Rollercoasters highlight Camp Invention program

Children will have the opportunity to design miniature amusement park rides, create safe vehicles and brainstorm on Planet ZAK when the Camp Invention program arrives in Novi for the first time this summer. Open to children entering first through sixth grades, the program is scheduled for June 23-27 at Novi Middle School.

Throughout each day, children will participate in hands-on, interactive activities that encourage creativity and inventive solutions. Scott Farlow, science teacher at Novi Middle School, will direct a staff of local instructors and counselors. The \$220 registration fee, due on or before May 31, includes daily snacks and a T-shirt. A discount of \$20 per child is offered with the bring-a-friend program. There is also an additional \$5 discount for online registrants. Employees of Novi Community Schools can also receive a discount. Registrations received after May 31 requires a \$20 late processing fee. Each program is limited to 110 children, so sign up today.

For more information, or to register, visit [www.campinvention.org](http://www.campinvention.org) or call (800) 968-4332.

### Bye Bye Birdie

Novi High School presents its spring musical, "Bye Bye Birdie," 7 p.m. April 10-12 in the Forest Auditorium. This musical satire on American Society is set in 1958 and revolves around rock-and-roll superstar Conrad Birdie. Complications arise over a publicity stunt on the Ed Sullivan Show where he will kiss one lucky girl

### Explore EMU

Eastern Michigan University's Explore Eastern program is a great way for high school students and transfer students to learn about EMU and how an EMU education can launch their future careers.

The next Explore Eastern program is scheduled 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, at the EMU Student Center, 900 Oakwood Street, on EMU's main campus in Ypsilanti. The event is free.

The program provides students with an opportunity to meet with representatives from various academic programs, housing, dining, career services, financial aid, scholarships and other areas. Campus tours of a classroom building, the Hille Library, the Olds-Robb Recreation and Intramural Building, and a residence hall room run every 15 minutes.

All students attending Explore Eastern will be able to apply for admission, free of charge - a \$20 savings. One high school senior who enrolls at EMU will receive 12 free credit hours of in-state tuition.

### Walled Lake student named ambassador for diabetes

Tyler Kramer, 12, a Clifford Smart Middle School student was named a Youth Ambassador for the American Diabetes Association. He was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes two years ago and has since been active in ADA fundraisers to find a cure.

His goal is to raise \$20,000 for equivalent tuition. One transfer student who enrolls will receive six free credit hours of in-state equivalent tuition.

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

This request will be considered at 1:30 p.m. on Friday April 18, 2008 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Robin A. Working and must be received prior to April 18, 2008.

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# It's A Wrap!

## Novi community schools celebrate March is Reading Month



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Orchard Hills teacher Cathy Cloke hands out copies of the book "The Mouse and the Motorcycle" to students in early March. The school's PTO purchased books for each grade to read together to celebrate March is Reading Month.



Submitted photo

Capt. Brad McFaul from the Novi Fire Department reads "Fireman Sam" to a group of Deerfield Elementary School students.



Photo by Mike Shuster

Novi Woods Elementary School students listen intently to Ronald McDonald as he reads to them. The children participate with sound effects and hand motions.



Submitted photo

Novi Chief of Police David Molloy reads to a group of students at Novi Woods Elementary School during March is Reading Month activities.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Deerfield Elementary School students listen to a guest reader in their library as they enjoy March is Reading Month.



Submitted photo

Students from Novi Woods participate in a Dr. Seuss parade.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Author and illustrator Gary Bower talks about living in, and writing books about Michigan to a group of Parkview Elementary students.



Submitted photo

Novi Community School District Superintendent Peter Dion reads to Novi Woods Elementary School students as part of the school's March is Reading Month activities.



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Allison Hart, author of more than 60 mystery books, described her writing process to students at Novi Meadows last month to celebrate March is Reading Month.



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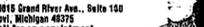
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# MY OPINION

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## Novi News

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### In our opinion: Value education and the message to our youth

Early Tuesday morning, traveling down Eight Mile Road about 25 miles from the Novi border to Woodward Avenue in Detroit, a group of parents stepped off a mass transit bus with their small children behind.

They walked down Woodward holding tiny hands and lifting drooping backpacks as they crossed into Ferndale to a private Catholic School.

A great sacrifice, we're sure, made by parents who value education.

The trip they make each morning would be enough to scare most away from those unfamiliar with traversing the Detroit area via public transportation, the trip is often cumbersome with the hardest part finding a bus that arrives on time.

Surely parents are waking when the sun is far from pecking, wiping sleepy from their eyes to catch the bus before the bus that will place their child in a petite seat for the first half of the morning.

A good education, let alone a top education, as Novi residents receive, should never be taken for granted.

It is something every parent and community member should value greatly.

And although it may not be a top priority, we hope the value of education and the messages we continue to send to Novi's young community is considered Monday when city officials weigh in on the Fuerst Farm property.

Not only is this piece of property adjacent to the High School campus, but a history lesson is involved as well.

### Hey, Novi: What's Your Story?

We're looking for you! The Novi News is currently looking to interview local residents regarding the following topics:

- Are you a working woman who has recently returned to work?
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- Are you a single parent?
- Do you have an unusual or interesting hobby?
- Are you addicted to the Internet and blogging?
- Are you a family that has pulled together during difficult times?

E-mail Novi News editor Victoria Mitchell at [vemitchell@gannett.com](mailto:vemitchell@gannett.com).

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If possible, include a photograph with your submission. Briefs can come in the form of press releases or announcements.

## Lansing Connection: Senate approves bill to tackle identity theft over the Internet

I recently supported legislation that was approved by the Senate that deals with criminals who fraudulently acquire personal information on the Internet, a practice known as "phishing."

Phishing is a unique form of identity theft in which criminals steal consumers' personal identity data and financial account credentials. The schemes use e-mails to lure consumers to counterfeit Web sites designed to trick recipients into divulging financial data such as credit card numbers, account usernames, passwords and Social Security numbers.

Because the criminals hijack the names and logos of reputable banks, e-retailers and credit card companies, they convince consumers to respond.

Senate Bill 945 would help ensure that consumers can be protected from Internet thieves.

Studies indicate that the number of phishing incidents is on the rise. A recent report by the Anti-Phishing Working Group found that from August 2006 to August 2007 there were more than 300,000 phishing attacks reported nationwide, and the



Nancy Cassis

number of attacks continues to increase each month.

In 2004, I championed consumer protection legislation protecting citizens from identity theft by authoring P.A. 454 of 2004, the Social Security Number Protection Act, which prohibits disclosing to a third-party or publicly displaying the Social Security number of a person, unless that person consents or the disclosure is authorized by law.

It is vital that as identity theft is on the rise and those committing the crime are getting more sophisticated that we insure our laws keep up with them. SB945 has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee for consideration.

### Cassia sponsors bill increasing Homestead Property Tax Credit

An economic stimulus plan crafted to spur home sales and keep more money in taxpayers' pockets through tax credits was approved by the Senate Thursday, March 27.

Senate Bill 1065, which I sponsored, increases the homestead property tax credit from \$1,200 to \$1,300. My original bill would have increased the credit by \$300, but was scaled back on the Senate floor.

This credit was set in 1975 and has not been increased since then.

Senate Bill 790 is a companion bill to mine that increases eligibility for the Homestead Credit by increasing the income threshold

\$10,000. The credit, which currently phases out between \$73,650 and \$83,650, would now begin to phase-out at \$83,650 and end at \$93,650. This means that thousands of moderate income homeowners with annual household incomes up to \$93,650 would qualify for the credit.

Furthermore, Senate Bill 791 increases the so-called "pop-up" tax by offering an income tax credit equal to the amount of increased property taxes that are a result of the pop-up tax. The credit will apply to Michigan taxpayers who purchase a home within the next 33 months. Unlike the Michigan House plan, this package would not impact local governments or the School Aid Fund since the relief is delivered through an

income tax credit and not directly through the property tax.

The last bill in the package, House Bill 4215, allows a homeowner to receive two principle exemptions for up to three years while attempting to sell one of the homes.

The bills are now awaiting action in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Sen. Nancy Cassis represents the townships of Commerce, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake, as well as the villages of Holly, Milford and Waterline Lake and the cities of Novi, Northville (the Oakland County portion), Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Westland.

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# COMMENTARY

## PHIL POWER: Flint land bank a promising sign



About Phil Power

Every dark cloud has a silver lining — or so we need to hope. One thing we know is that we've got so many dark clouds these days in Michigan, that it is vitally important to seek out any silver linings which might help balance out the gloom and doom.

And one has been discovered shining proudly in ... Flint, of all places.

For the last few years, there has been a horse race between Flint and Detroit for the title of Michigan's Grimmett Urban Area. If anything, Flint might be in worse shape. According to statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor, unemployment in the Flint Metropolitan Area is 9.5 percent, nearly tops in the nation and worse than Detroit's 8.2 percent.

Unemployment just in the city of Flint was far worse still — 16.6 percent in January. Not surprisingly, the city has had persistent trouble balancing its budget. Things got so bad in 2002 that the state had to take over the city and send in a receiver, or Emergency Financial Manager to resolve the accumulated \$35 million deficit.

These days, things are not much better.

Enter Dan Kildee, the Genesee County Treasurer. At 46, he's still an imposing but youthful figure who looks very much like the big kid who used to be a defenseman for his high school hockey team.

The Kildee family is prominent in Genesee County politics. His uncle, Dale, has represented the area in the U.S. Congress since 1977. Dan started early — very early. He was elected to the Flint Board of Education at age 18, and

then served as chair of the Genesee County Commission until he was elected county Treasurer in 1996.

He's also become something of a national celebrity for having managed a remarkably successful "land bank" to control Flint's vacant properties, fight blight and stimulate urban redevelopment.

The credit crunch and mortgage meltdown hit distressed communities especially hard. In Genesee County there are around 5,000 homes in foreclosure, out of a total of 170,000 homes.

National statistics suggest that when a house is foreclosed, other houses on the block lose 1 percent of their value each month and the neighborhood crime rate goes up by around 2 percent.

Unoccupied homes don't pay taxes to sustain city services, while they cost taxpayers money to build them up against vandals and cut and tear up overgrown yards.

Enter local land banks. They buy distressed properties on the cheap and either demolish them or rehab and resell them. According to Kildee, "The properties that are foreclosed are often perfectly good houses. Left to their own devices, the mortgage companies and the banks often will choose to dump them on the market, liquidate their investment

and walk away from a damaged community."

Kildee says his land bank has negotiated to buy 184 Fannie Mae (Federal National Mortgage Association) owned houses under foreclosure in Flint for \$34,000. But their appraised value is \$3.8 million. "If we take a long-term view, we can rehabilitate and resell these properties, returning them to the city's housing stock and fighting the kind of blight that comes with lots of foreclosures."

Profits from the sold houses are used to finance further land bank activities. And putting such a long-term player into the local real estate market prevents speculators from buying and "flipping" houses and perpetuating neighborhood blight.

This is not penny-ante stuff. Since it was started in 2002, the Flint land bank has demolished 800 run-down houses and built 200 single-family homes and apartments. This year, it will spend around \$30 million, much of it from private investors, in renovating two historic hotels in downtown Flint. "If this kind of stuff works in Flint, which has to be one of the worst-off real estate markets in the country, it can work anywhere," Kildee said.

More to the point, Kildee's land bank represents an innovative way for government to solve problems by aligning

what it does with market forces. The land bank represents a better way government should operate," according to Kildee. "Too often, governments are only interested in increasing tax revenues. Instead, we're interested in restoring equity value for home owners, in stabilizing the local real estate market, in reducing blight and redeveloping the community."

Kildee has received a fair amount of notoriety for his work with the land bank. He was featured in a recent article in the Wall Street Journal, and he's been invited to teach at Harvard and MIT and advise communities all around the country.

There are already rumblings from Democrats statewide that he might be a formidable candidate for governor in 2010. For now, however, he wants to stay focused on the enormous task before him.

"At the end of the day, we've got to realize that government needs to work with the economic system rather than against it," Kildee says. "A land bank like ours is a terrific, common-sense way to help communities."

And when it works as well as his apparently does, it represents an innovative and much-needed glittering silver lining in the storm system that has been pounding Michigan for years.

## LETTERS

### McKenna group misunderstands

As I read the McKenna report, I felt the earth begin to shake as all the farmers buried in and around the Novi area flipped in their graves. The McKenna group apparently completely misunderstands restoration. We who love the farm and want it to succeed, understand that it is an intact farmstead. It is simplistic and the simplicity is what makes it a gem. This isn't a "cannery" or a "village guest" — this is a farm. The McKenna report presents an offensive, over-priced, inappropriate plan. It includes, for example, \$166,000 for a Kiosk area, \$100,000 for sculptures/art, \$21,000 for six benches and trash-cans and it plays the town hall in an area that could be used for festivals, farmer's markets and other activities. I believe, the Fuerst farm can be truly restored with a reasonable budget to pay for contracted work and materials and with the willing hands of community volunteers.

For the complete report go to [www.cityofnovi.org/Community/FuerstProperty.asp](http://www.cityofnovi.org/Community/FuerstProperty.asp). This report will be presented to city council on April 7 with a possible starting time of 6 p.m. If you are concerned about the content of this report and its implications for the city and the farm, then please come to the meeting and find out for yourself what's going on.

Margaret Schmidt  
Novi

### What do you think?

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## Disappointing loss won't slow Spartan optimism

Davidson made a Cinderella run for itself, but all our eyes were on the NCAA men's basketball Final Four for the first time ever.

Most of the top four teams made it to the Final Four in impressive fashion, blowing out teams they had no business dismantling as easily as they did. Unfortunately, one of those teams happened to be my beloved Spartans, my alma mater, which always had potential, but just couldn't execute it consistently.

A promising team and a disappointing finish are nothing new to Michigan State. We've been dealing with it for years. It's what unites us.

No matter how many times we lose a football or basketball game in the closing seconds, Spartans seem to maintain a camaraderie and optimism that every team should strive for. No matter how bad it gets, the next time around could be the best. It's very unpredictable, which keeps us on our toes and eagerly awaiting the next



Chris Jackett

amazing "they weren't supposed to win that" victory, because we know it's coming.

Last season, Tom Izzo's squad then-top-seeded Wisconsin and followed it up with a 24-point loss at unranked Purdue two weeks later. Talk about inconsistency, but coach Tom Izzo's squad, and many of the teams in the Big Ten, have struggled on the road.

The Spartans were amazing at home, going undefeated this season. There were glimpses of greatness, like the final home game against Michigan State, where they got revenge on Indiana for a loss earlier in the season by beating the 12th-ranked Hoosiers 103-74. The team fared well on neutral courts too, with victories over

Texas, Pittsburgh and a close game with UCLA where the Bruins never led until the final 30 seconds.

But then there was last Saturday's game in Houston against Memphis. Like many games the Spartans lost this season, it came down to timing. Like a bad pass or shot at the wrong time, the wrong players going cold on the wrong day proved fatal.

With less than two minutes left in the game, star senior guard Drew Neitzel should not have been notching his first points on the board as he did against the Tigers. Despite a 37-1 record, Memphis had no business holding a 50-20 halftime lead over MSU as the Spartans' top scorers, Neitzel and sophomore Raymar Morgan, were held scoreless for the half and freshman Kalin Lucas and Darrell Summers had to handle the bulk of the point production.

It was an upsetting way to end a season and seniors Neitzel and Drew Naymark will be the first to

## Tom Watkins: Don't allow the 'Ugly' in Detroit drive a wedge between us

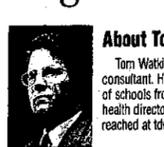
Everyone has the opportunity to help create the change they would like to see in the world.

Clearly, there is enough to wring your hands over — from the weak economy, unemployment, falling housing prices, foreclosures and the mayor of Detroit being charged with eight felonies. It is enough to make you want to curse the darkness. Yet, it is at these times that we need everyone to pull together, light a candle and shed light on the good that surrounds us.

As citizens of the great State of Michigan, it is important that we do not allow the allegations against the mayor of Detroit to taint our perceptions of the city or the citizens who live there. Certainly, as we have witnessed in the past, there will be those political opportunists who will use this current sad and ugly episode in Detroit's history to drive a wedge between Detroit, its suburbs and our grandchildren.

Sen. Barack Obama hammered home the values we share as Americans in his recent speech about race when he said, "I chose to run for the presidency at this moment in history because I believe deeply that we cannot solve the challenges of our time unless we solve them together — unless we perfect our union by understanding that we may have different stories, but we hold common hopes; that we may not look the same and we may not have come from the same place, but we all want to move in the same direction — toward a better future for our children and our grandchildren."

My dearly departed friend, Eddie Mae Jones, would always remind me, "Only the strong survive and, without hope, you have nothing." We must hope that the problems that confront the mayor are not used as a driving wedge to divide us.



About Tom Watkins

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Lighting A Candle  
This past week, Focus: HOPE ([www.focushope.edu](http://www.focushope.edu)), born out of the riots in Detroit in 1968, turned 40. Focus: HOPE is a nationally recognized civil and human rights organization in Detroit. Their mission is to use intelligence and practical action to fight racism, poverty and injustice. Forty years ago its founders, Father William Cunningham and Eleanor Josafitis, saw hope where others only saw anger, fear and hatred. Through their work they have changed lives and have helped strengthen the diverse fabric of southeastern Michigan.

Thomas Costello, the new President and CEO of the Michigan Roundtable For Diversity and Inclusion ([www.MiRoundtable.org](http://www.MiRoundtable.org)), in his first letter to his members had this to say: "Our local communities and our state face a critical moment in history. A fundamental determinant of our future will be the cultural integrity of our communities — and that involves making the most of our diversity and creating an inclusive society." On Saturday, May 10, the Michigan Roundtable will sponsor Walk2gether Michigan to show that we are united

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TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Sunday  
LOCATION: Hammell Music, corner of M-5 and Maple Road  
DETAILS: Sponsored by the Lakes Area Rotary Club. Concert features Walled Lake Northern, Central and Western band and orchestra students. A silent auction of gift baskets will occur before the concert and during intermission. Free afterglow following concert at Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurant. Discount offered for ticket holders who wish to dine also.  
Concert proceeds support local scholarships and Rotary service projects. Tickets are \$10 for students and their parents, and \$20 for all others. Purchase tickets by calling Cheryl at (248) 960-0033 or Lorrie at (248) 390-8572. Program advertising is also available.

**Christopher and Banks Family and Friends Event**  
TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday  
LOCATION: Novi Town Center  
DETAILS: A 40 percent off sale for the entire store will be offered and donations will be collected for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.  
CONTACT: Wendy or Sue at (248) 347-1721

**Novi Parks Department Summer Camps**  
DETAILS: The Novi Parks Department is offering more than 15 new camps this summer with something for everyone. New camps include: Farm Camp, Mountain Biking Camp, Sports for shorties - preschool sports camp, Sports Camps - cricket, bowling, cheer, football and tennis, Crazy Science Camp, Lego Camp, Dance Camp - ballet and Hip-Hop, Painting Camp, and Circus Camp. Camp Lakeshore returns this summer with field trips to Pump It Up, Detroit Science Center, Red Oaks Wave Pool and the Detroit Zoo. Registration is now open. For more information or to register, visit [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org). There is a \$5 discount when registering online.  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0400

**Refusing to be Enemies: The Zeitouna Story**  
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 15  
LOCATION: Educational Services Center, 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake  
DETAILS: The Lakes Area Community Diversity Council invites the community to attend the exciting screening of this Michigan-made documentary film. Laurie White's film lets audiences witness the intimate, unexpected and powerful bridge that dialogue has provided for the six Arab and six Jewish women of the Zeitouna group. Filmmaker and Zeitouna member, White, will be present to answer questions. The film is recommended for high school age through adults. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for students.  
CONTACT: (248) 956-2093

**23rd Annual Economic Outlook Luncheon**  
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17  
LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace  
DETAILS: Top economists from the University of Michigan will present their report on the economic future of Oakland County. Also presented will be

**Romanza Ice Revue**  
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, April 11, 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 12  
LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Arena Dr., Novi  
DETAILS: The Skating Club of Novi presents Romanza Ice Revue 2008 directed by Kevin Bryzek. Tickets are \$8, children 4 and under are free. Purchase tickets at the reception desk or at the door on performance day.

**"Bye Bye Birdie"**  
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 10-12  
LOCATION: Novi High School, Fuerst Auditorium, 24062 Taft Road  
DETAILS: The spring musical at Novi High School is "Bye Bye Birdie," a satire set in 1958. The plot revolves around stringing superstar Conrad Birdie and the local teens in Sweet Apple, Ohio. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger and seniors.  
CONTACT: For more information or to order tickets, call (248) 449-1500

**3-on-3 Basketball Tournament**  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Saturday, April 12  
LOCATION: Novi Christian Community Center, corner of Taft and 11 Mile roads  
DETAILS: Cost is \$100 per team of four players and the prize is \$400 to the winning team. Deadline for sign up is March 28. Spots are filling up so call today.  
CONTACT: Gary at (248) 349-9441, ext. 3

**Wine Tasting Benefit**  
TIME/DATE: 7-10 p.m. Saturday, April 12  
LOCATION: Mezza Mediterranean Grill, 42050 Grand River Ave.  
DETAILS: The Lakes Area Optimist Club is sponsoring this event benefiting Lakes Area Children. Cost is \$35 per person for wine tasting and appetizers. Ages 21 and over only please. For tickets call (248) 568-4316 or e-mail [lsbri@comcast.net](mailto:lsbri@comcast.net).

**Live Like Andi Foundation Fund-raiser**  
TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. registration, 10 a.m.-5K walk, 10K run; noon 1 mile Fun Run, 12:30 p.m. Fashion Walk Saturday, April 12  
LOCATION: Detroit Catholic Central High School, Novi  
DETAILS: This Walk/Run event is to benefit the research of adenoid cystic carcinoma. Registration fee for the 5K walk and 10K run is \$30 (register by April 8, receive \$5 discount), and \$15 for the Fun Run and Fashion Walk.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: [www.livelikeandi.org](http://www.livelikeandi.org)

**Novi 4th Grade Roller Skating Party**  
TIME/DATE: 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 28  
LOCATION: Bonaventure Roller Skating Rink  
DETAILS: This meet and greet party is for all Novi 4th graders (Class of 2016). The kids have an opportunity to meet other 4th graders in the district plus the principals from Novi Meadows. Lots of fun games and prizes planned. Sorry, no siblings please.  
CONTACT: For more information, call Karen at (248) 449-5079

**Walled Lake City Library**  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
LOCATION: Walled Lake City Library, 1000 W. Walled Lake Blvd., Walled Lake  
DETAILS: Drop-in for informal discussion. Bring a bag lunch, check library for current book selection.

**Kniters and Knotters**  
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. second and fourth Monday of each month  
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**Sales Leads Group**  
TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Thursday (second and fourth Thursday of each month)  
LOCATION: Hooter's of Novi  
DETAILS: Serious networking will happen on a bi-weekly basis. No cost.  
**Marketing Committee Meeting**  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Tuesday  
LOCATION: Boerema Chaben and Co., 23965 Novi Road, south of 10 Mile Road.  
**Arts Round Table**  
TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. first Tuesday of every month  
LOCATION: Grapevine, Main Street  
DETAILS: Come and discuss art and network with local artists. No cost.  
**B2B Breakfast**  
DATE: 7:45-9 a.m. Wednesday  
LOCATION: Nordstrom's, second floor Bistro, Twelve Oaks Mall, enter at north entrance via valet  
DETAILS: Networking, food and special GMCO only shopping. Cost is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Please RSVP.  
**Experience West Oakland**  
TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Thursday, April 10  
LOCATION: Flamingo Steakhouse, Haggerty south of Six Mile, Northville  
DETAILS: Working on electing new committee members; join this group and work to bring more conventions and visitors to the area. No cost.  
**After Hours Networking**  
DATE: 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, April 17  
LOCATION: Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Red Lyon Pub, 10 Mile and M-5, Farmington Hills  
DETAILS: Networking, great food and a photo booth. \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Please RSVP.  
**Ambassadors**  
TIME/DATE: Noon Tuesday, April 22  
LOCATION: The Post  
DETAILS: Learn how you can help us grow, earn chamber dollars and have fun. No cost, just bring your own lunch. Please RSVP.  
**Financial Round Table**  
TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 23  
LOCATION: Leo's Coney Island, Novi Road and Grand River Ave.  
DETAILS: Discuss financial business with members in banking, financial planning, insurance and more. No cost.  
**Business Accelerator Luncheon**  
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. registration, noon lunch, Tuesday, April 29  
LOCATION: Sheraton Novi, 21111 Haggerty Road  
DETAILS: This luncheon will feature speakers from Automation Alley, southeast Michigan's global technology consortium. The cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members. R.S.V.P. by April 25 to [info@greaternovichamber.com](mailto:info@greaternovichamber.com) or call (248) 347-4622.  
**It's a Big Day!**  
TIME/DATE: 6:30-10 p.m. Tuesday, May 6  
LOCATION: The Dirty Martini and Second City, 42705 Grand River Ave.  
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**Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America Open House**  
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LOCATION: 40550 Grand River Ave., east of Meadowbrook Road  
DETAILS: Presentations and information on products and services that contribute to the highest possible quality of life for persons with spinal cord injury or dysfunction. Adaptive vehicle display. Refreshments provided.

**Lunch with Lou**  
TIME/DATE: Noon-2 p.m. Saturday, April 19  
LOCATION: Outback Steakhouse, across from St. John Providence Hospital, Novi  
DETAILS: Join your friends and neighbors to kick off the candidacy of Lou Cerdas for Oakland County Commissioner for Novi-Northville. Free admission and free lunch. Learn what a County Commissioner does. Ask Lou any questions that comes to mind. Bring the entire family and have your kids witness the political process. Invite a friend. Scheduled to attend are Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson, Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, Sen. Nancy Cassis and Oakland County Chairperson Bill Bulard. Space is limited to 60 guests so please RSVP at (248) 348-1106.

**Boater and Water Safety Seminar**  
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center  
DETAILS: The City of Novi and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources are presenting a seminar on boater and water safety to give Novi residents the chance to learn the best strategies to protect our waterways and their families while on the water.  
CONTACT: Cindy Uglyow, (248) 347-0437 or [cuglyow@cityofnovi.org](mailto:cuglyow@cityofnovi.org)

**Novi Rotary Club**  
TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday  
LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road  
DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information: [www.novirotary.org](http://www.novirotary.org)

**Females in the Family Business Affinity Group**  
TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. third Thursday of every month  
LOCATION: Walsh College  
Troy Campus  
DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in or work for family businesses. Items discussed will be common issues, and women can share solutions in a nonthreatening, noncompetitive, non-sales roundtable. Registration is required.  
CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, [jhubbard@walshcollege.edu](mailto:jhubbard@walshcollege.edu)

**American Business Women's Association Meetings**  
TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second Wednesday of every month  
LOCATION: DoubleTree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd. (formerly the Wyndham Garden Hotel)  
DETAILS: Local chapter provides many advantages to today's working women and offers a strong community service program which includes raising money for scholarships.  
CONTACT: [www.abw-novi.org](http://www.abw-novi.org)  
**Packing with Pizzazz**  
TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. Wednesday  
DETAILS: Sue Appel, a Doncaster Consultant, will speak about how to pack versatile essentials for travel. For more information and to RSVP, call

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LOCATION: 305 N. Pontiac Trail, Ste. B, Walled Lake  
CONTACT: For more information visit [www.lakesareachamber.com](http://www.lakesareachamber.com) or (248) 824-2826.  
**Spotlight Lunch**  
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. -1 p.m. Wednesday  
LOCATION: Kodak Creek Inn, 8635 Cooley Lake Road, Commerce  
**New Member Reception and Orientation**  
TIME/DATE: 8:30-10 a.m. Thursday, April 17  
LOCATION: The Grand Court, 45182 West Park Dr., Novi  
DETAILS: Learn how to use your membership to increase business leads and become more visible in the community. All members welcome. Complimentary breakfast. Reservations required.

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**Wanted: One-time Art Workshop Instructors**  
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DETAILS: Join others and create hats and shawls for those in need.  
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TIME/DATE: Meditation for individuals or groups by appointment.  
DETAILS: Learn proper breathing techniques that can be used at home or on the job to help reduce stress; class held in reflection space; Cancer Center.  
**Therapeutic Yoga**  
TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. Monday - Yoga for Kids with Parents; 12:30-1:30 p.m. Monday - Yoga for Backs; 6-7 p.m. Tuesday - Mixed Level; 11 a.m. - noon Wednesday - Meditative Yoga; 12:15-1:15 p.m. Wednesday - Mixed Level; 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday - Prenatal Yoga; 6:45-7:45 p.m. Thursday - Yoga for Backs; 12:30-1:30 a.m. Friday - Beginner/Intermediate; 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday - Mixed Level; 10:45-11:45 a.m. Saturday - Yoga for Backs.  
DETAILS: \$10/walk-in, \$80/0-class card, \$45/5-class card. Lunch and Learn Yoga 7-week session is \$60. Registration required. Classes also held at Providence Hospital, Southfield. Call for details.  
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Providence Center for the Hearing Arts  
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave.  
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455  
**Wanted: One-time Art Workshop Instructors**  
DETAILS: We are looking for people who have an art or craft that they would like to share in our series of one-time workshops.  
**Colored Pencil Workshop**  
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m.; second Tuesday of every month  
DETAILS: Beginners welcome.  
**Ceramics Class**  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday  
DETAILS: Explore the Art of playing with clay. Express yourself in this three-dimensional art form. \$10 lab fee. Call to verify class times.  
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**LOCATION:** Lobby of the Chiroch Cancer Treatment Center  
**DETAILS:** Support group for those with cancer or who are related to or know someone living with cancer.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 937-5163  
**New Parents Support Group**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m. second and fourth Wednesday of each month  
**LOCATION:** Hospital Conference Center  
**DETAILS:** A supportive environment for families to share their struggles; learn how to resolve issues after the birth of a child; discuss concerns such as sleep deprivation and coping with the emotions of parenting.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 858-7766  
**Postpartum Depression Support Group**  
**TIME/DATE:** 6:45 p.m. every Thursday  
**DETAILS:** Postpartum depression can happen anytime within the first year after childbirth. Symptoms include sadness, lack of energy, trouble concentrating, anxiety and feelings of guilt and worthlessness.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 937-5220  
**Support for Smokers**  
**DATE:** First and third Tuesday of each month  
**DETAILS:** Provides education and support to quit smoking; no charge; no pre-registration  
**CONTACT:** Call (248) 937-3314 for more information

**Psychotherapy & Counseling Services**  
 Northville Counseling Center  
**Anxiety/Agoraphobia/Panic Attack Support Group**  
**TIME/DATE:** Second Wednesday of each month  
**DETAILS:** Call (734) 420-8175 for more information

**Neighborhood Baby-sitting Co-op**  
**DETAILS:** Using the co-op, you and your children can make friends and get what you need accomplished without the little ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's night out and other social events.  
**CONTACT:** Sue Tracz (248) 380-9998

**Friendship Circle**  
**TIME/DATE:** 1 p.m. second Thursday of each month  
**LOCATION:** St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Taffi and Beck roads  
**DETAILS:** Social group for all widows and widowers.  
**CONTACT:** Norbert Monson (248) 851-6730; Florence Vainot (248) 477-3032; Joy Iovaidi (248) 348-9133 or jyoivaidi@earthlink.net

**MOMS Club of Novi**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m. first Thursday of each month  
**LOCATION:** Novi Civic Center  
**DETAILS:** Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a non-profit support group for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children or work out of their homes.  
**CONTACT:** jensung@earthlink.net

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

**Breast Cancer Support Group**  
**DATES:** Second and fourth Tuesday of each month  
**LOCATION:** Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital (Classroom C) Commerce  
**TIME:** 10-11:30 a.m.  
**DETAILS:** No registration needed  
**CONTACT:** (248) 937-5017

**Crohn's & Colitis Support Group**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7-9 p.m. first and third Wednesday of each month  
**LOCATION:** Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center  
**DETAILS:** Enter facility through southeast entrance. Meeting in Conference Room A

immediately to the left.  
**CONTACT:** Al Biggs (313) 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation at (888) 737-2322.

**Heartland Hospice Volunteers Needed**  
**TIME/DATE:** Day and evening classes  
**LOCATION:** 28588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield  
**DETAILS:** Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office support is also needed.  
**CONTACT:** Mary at (800) 770-9859

**Novi Toastmasters**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7-8:45 p.m. first and third Tuesday of each month  
**LOCATION:** Novi Civic Center Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
**DETAILS:** Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills; voice your opinion; polish your presentations and practice leadership.  
**CONTACT:** Any (248) 752-2800

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter**  
**TIME/DATE:** 11 a.m. weigh-in and 11:30 a.m. meeting every Wednesday  
**LOCATION:** Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road  
**DETAILS:** \$24 per annual membership; includes handbook; \$1 per meeting. New members welcome  
**CONTACT:** Rebecca Boyke (248) 305-8646

**Visiting Nurse Association Hospice Volunteers Needed**  
**LOCATION:** Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600, Southfield  
**DETAILS:** Looking for kind, compassionate hospice volunteers to provide in-home care to patients in the tri-county area; volunteers needed Monday through Friday during day time hours; there is a great need for male volunteers to support male hospice patients; an interview and attendance at three training sessions is required. Call (800) 892-5720; ext. 8361; (248) 967-0361 or visit www.vna.org

**Gardeners of Northville and Novi**  
**TIME/DATE:** 6:30 p.m. second Monday of month through May  
**LOCATION:** Rotates between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library  
**DETAILS:** Visitors welcome.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 231-2334 or visit www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

**Widowed Friends Support Group**  
**DETAILS:** Widowed Friends of the Archdiocese of Detroit is a peer support group.  
**CONTACT:** For more information, call Marilyn at (566) 739-9406  
**Italian Buffet Dinner and Cards**  
**TIME/DATE:** 5-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 9  
**LOCATION:** Cori's Italian Restaurant, 29710 W. Seven Mile, three blocks west of Inker Road, Livonia  
**DETAILS:** Social time at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Conversation, cards and music follow. Cost is \$15, payable at the door. Most RSVP at April 6 by calling Chet at (734) 459-4316 or Gloria at (313) 381-4137.

**Franchise and Business Expo**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday  
**DETAILS:** Owning your own business can be extremely exciting and profitable. This event is your opportunity to meet face-to-face with representatives from across North America who are running proven, money making concepts in other cities. Seminars are free with the admission price. Admission is \$8 for adults; free for 17 years & under with paying adult. Parking \$5.  
**CONTACT:** (905) 477-2677, ext. 400 or go to www.franchise-show.com

**Expectant Parent Class**  
**TIME/DATE:** 6-8 p.m. every Monday, March 10-April 7  
**LOCATION:** 1010 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake  
**DETAILS:** The Oakland County Health Division presents five weekly sessions to help parents-to-be prepare for the birth of their baby. Classes are taught by Public Health Nurses. Topics include childbirth preparation, labor and delivery, care of newborn, breastfeeding, bottle-feeding, child safety and caring for them when they are ill. Cost for class is \$25. Enroll early in pregnancy.  
**CONTACT:** For information or to enroll, call (248) 858-4003 or (888) 350-0900 ext. 84003.

**Best of Hospital Great Expectations Workshop**  
**TIME/DATE:** 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 16  
**LOCATION:** Classroom 2 East A, Boistford Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills  
**DETAILS:** Are you thinking about having a baby and don't know what to expect? This workshop is for couples that are considering having a baby and providing information regarding the

range of issues involved such as pre-conception health, emotional/physical/relationship adjustments. A tour of Bothford's New Beginnings Maternity Center and dinner will be provided. The fee is \$25 per couple or \$12.50 per person. Registration is required.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 442-0482

**St. John Providence Hospital**  
**LOCATION:** Grand River and Beck Roads, use Beck Road entrance  
**Dinner with a Doctor**  
**TIME/DATE:** 6:30-9:30 p.m., last Thursday of month  
**LOCATION:** Conference Rooms A, B and C  
**CONTACT:** Free registration for lecture and dinner by calling (888) 440-7325  
**Cancer Prevention and Survival Cooking Course**  
**TIME/DATE:** 5:30-7:00 p.m. Tuesdays through - April 22  
**LOCATION:** Providence Center for the Healing Arts, Assarian Cancer Center  
**DETAILS:** The Cancer Project, a national nonprofit dedicated to advancing cancer prevention through education and research, is offering a free, eight-session cooking course designed to help Novi residents prevent and survive cancer through proper diet and nutrition. No cost.  
**CONTACT:** James Tester at (248) 465-5455 to register.

**ONGOING**  
**SWOCC Studio Tours**  
**LOCATION:** 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington  
**DETAILS:** Come in for an up-close look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studios local community television studio.  
**CONTACT:** Melissa Cohn (248) 473-2840

**Annual Lincoln/Reagan Dinner**  
**TIME/DATE:** 6 p.m. Thursday, April 17  
**LOCATION:** Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia  
**DETAILS:** The Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee invites all to attend this evening that will feature: dinner, cash bar, State Party Chairman Saul Anzels, and Senator Mike Bishop. The cost is \$60 per person, \$90 per couple, or \$450 for a table of 10. Reservations and menu choice required by April 11.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 474-3525

**Michigan Magic Day 2008**  
**Magi Day Events**  
**TIME/DATE:** 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19  
**LOCATION:** Ypsilanti High School, 1885 Packard Road, Ypsilanti  
**DETAILS:** The Ann Arbor Magic Club (IBM Ring 210/SAM Assembly 88) is hosting this event. Included will be a Dealers Room, Senior Stage Contest, Junior Stage Contest, a Close-up Show. Lectures will be taught by Martin Cox, Patrick Page and Michael Woodward. They will also perform with Rick Fisher at the evening show. Admission for the all-day event is \$50.  
**Evening Show**  
**TIME/DATE:** 6 p.m. Saturday, April 19  
**LOCATION:** Ypsilanti High School  
**DETAILS:** Hosted by Hank Moorehouse with performances by lecturers listed above. Admission is \$12. Doors open at 7 p.m.  
**Night Before Party**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7 p.m. Friday, April 18  
**LOCATION:** Comfort Inn, 2455 Carpenter Road, Ann Arbor  
**DETAILS:** Admission is \$10.  
**CONTACT:** For more information on Magic Day, call Bill at (313) 937-1577 or visit www.aamagic.org

**Igor Larionov Bottle Signing Event**  
**TIME/DATE:** 2:30-5 p.m. Saturday, April 12  
**LOCATION:** WineStyles, 17386 Haggerty Road, College Park Plaza, Livonia  
**DETAILS:** WineStyles hosts former Detroit Red Wing Igor Larionov in a bottle signing event as he makes his third appearance to WineStyles, to showcase his newly released California portfolio of fine wines. Open to the public for bottle signing and photos. Sample wine selections from Igor's portfolio. One bottle minimum purchase for entry. Please no sticks, jerseys or other hockey paraphernalia.  
**CONTACT:** (734) 464-9600

**Walk MS 2008**  
**DATE:** Sunday, May 4  
**LOCATION:** Troy High School  
**DETAILS:** Join the 2008 Walk MS presented by Christopher and Banks and help celebrate the 20th anniversary. Keep us moving towards a cure by joining a team, raising funds and/or volunteering in one of the Walk MS sites in Michigan. To register or for more information about the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, visit www.nationalMSSociety.org/mig

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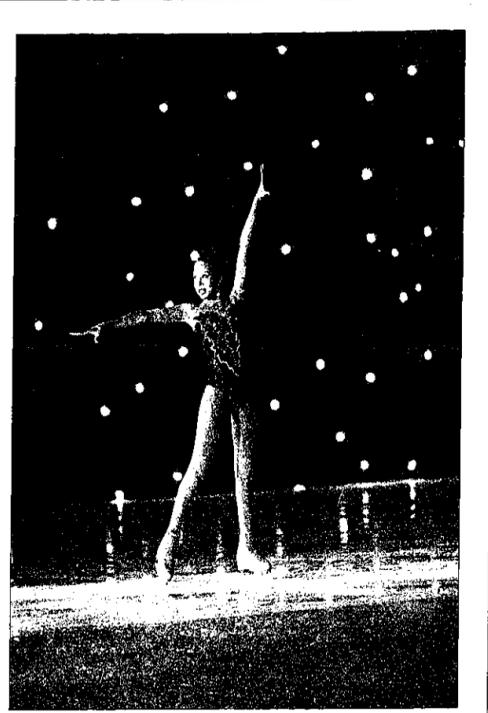
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 The Skating Club of Novi Ice Revue 2008, Romanza directed by Kevin Bryzek will take place 7 p.m. Friday, April 11 and 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 12 at the Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Arena Dr. Tickets are on sale now at the Novi Ice Arena reception desk or at the door on the day of the performance. Ticket price is \$8 and children 4 and younger free. For more information, call (248) 347-1010.

**Northville High School Class of 1978**  
**DETAILS:** The 30-year reunion is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008 at the Radisson Livonia.  
**CONTACT:** (248) 231-2334 or visit www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

**Northville High School Class of 1988**  
**DETAILS:** The Class of 1988 is planning a 20th reunion for the weekend of July 26, 2008. For further information, please contact Jennifer Clarkson at jclarkson2004@yahoo.com

**South Lyon High School Class of 1963**  
**DETAILS:** The Class of 1963 is hosting a 45 year reunion on August 10, 2008 at Baker's of Milford. For more information, call Barb Cook at (248) 349-5982.

**Dearborn and Edsel Ford High School Class of 1958**  
**DETAILS:** The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion to be held on Saturday August 2, 2008 at the Dearborn Country Club. Judy Richards Goerke 313-562-9031, 9443, Shirley.peters@village.net may be contacted for further information.

**Cass Tech Class of 1958**  
**DETAILS:** The 50 year class reunion will be held October 11, 2008. For more information, call Isabelle, (313) 882-4626 or go to casstech58.com.

**Class Reunions**  
**Northville High School Class of 1968**  
**DETAILS:** Anyone interested in

**Regional**  
**Scrap-a-Thon Fund-raiser for Boy Scout Troop 228**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

**Women's Commission for Oakland County**  
**First Public Community Forum on Women's Issues**  
**TIME/DATE:** 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 7  
**LOCATION:** Oakland County Courthouse Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac  
**DETAILS:** The Women's Commission invites organizations and individuals to appear in an open forum and present a five minute summary about important issues that affect women in the county. The mission of the Commission is to investigate and report on issues as well as recommend solutions to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.  
**CONTACT:** Christina Kuo, (248) 762-6113

**As the Page Turns**  
**LOCATION:** 149 N. Center St., Suite 102, Northville  
**CONTACT:** (248) 912-0085 or visit www.ashepageaturns.biz  
**Willie Horton Book Signing**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 17  
**DETAILS:** Former Detroit Tiger and 1988 World Series legend Willie Horton will sign copies of his collectors edition book "The People's Champion." The book is not sold elsewhere but will be for sale the night of the signing.  
**Author Meet and Greet**  
**TIME/DATE:** 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 3  
**DETAILS:** Meet and visit with local author Justin Ferriman, a 2003 Northville High School, Albion College and Case Western University graduate. His book "The G Word" arms readers with understandable historic and contemporary arguments proving the reality of God without one specific

**The Michigan Theater and The Ark present Jimmy Scott**  
**TIME/DATE:** 8 p.m. Friday, May 9  
**LOCATION:** The Ark, 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor  
**DETAILS:** Jazz singer Jimmy Scott returns to Ann Arbor for the first time since he performed four sold-out concerts when he in 1997. The New York Times declares Jimmy Scott is "The most unjustly ignored American singer of the 20th century". Tickets are \$35 general admission, \$42 limited reserved seating, and can be purchased at theater.org, ticketmaster.com, Michigan Union Ticket Office and all Ticketmaster locations.

**Mass Schedule**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7:30, 8:45, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Saturday  
**Interested in the Catholic Church?**  
**DETAILS:** If you are in search of a deeper relationship with God and wish to learn more about the Catholic faith, there is an opportunity for you to get answers and information.  
**CONTACT:** Call Maria at (248)349-8847 or spiritualwalk-er001@aol.com  
**Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting**  
**TIME/DATE:** 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month  
**DETAILS:** This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.  
**Coffee House: A Catholic Update**  
**TIME/DATE:** 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 21  
**LOCATION:** In the Family Center  
**DETAILS:** Moderated by Fr. Tim Hogan, Pastor and Craig Gier, Seminarian. Come for coffee or tea, to talk to discuss and/or raise questions. All are welcome.  
**CONTACT:** Lisa Malloy (248) 334-3595

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# MY NOVI PEOPLE



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## ENGAGEMENTS



### Martin-Kry's

Jerome and Dyanna Martin of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter Andrea Lee Martin to August Zachary Kry's, son of JoAnne and Gregory Nash of New Hudson and the late Jerry Kry's of Howell.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Grand Valley State University and earned an administrative assistant degree from Lansing Community College. She is currently employed as an office coordinator at Prubility Physical Therapy and resides in Howell.

The groom-elect resides in Howell and is currently employed at Toshiba Business Solutions. An October 2008 wedding is planned.



### Moehring-Szilagy

Paul and Cindy Moehring of Grosse Ile announce the engagement of their daughter Rebecca to Nicholas Szilagy, son of Dr. Eric and Bonnie Szilagy of Novi.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Grosse Ile High School and 2008 graduate of Grand Valley State University. She is currently employed as an elementary school teacher.

The groom-elect is a 2001 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and 2006 graduate of Grand Valley State University. He is currently employed as an Arbor Mortgage Loan Officer. An Aug. 9 wedding is planned at The Mansion at Pine Knob in Clarkston.



### Sanchez-Simmons

Laura Laponis of Midland and Oscar Sanchez of Dearborn announce the engagement of their daughter Jessica Lynn Sanchez, formerly of Novi, to Daniel A. Simmons, son of Jerry Simmons of Pontiac, Ind. and Patricia Priest of Bloomington Springs, Tenn.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy with a Bachelors of Science degree in Nursing.

The groom-elect is a 2001 graduate of Indiana State University with a Bachelors of Science degree in Nursing. He will complete his Masters of Science degree in Nursing Anesthesia in May 2008 from the University of North Carolina. An October 2008 wedding is planned. The couple currently reside in North Carolina with her son Christopher.



### Smith-Smith

Jeff and Donna Smith of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Ann Smith, to Bruce Kenneth Smith, son of Jill Smith of Davison.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Northville High School and Michigan State University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in special education. She is currently completing a teaching internship in East Lansing.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Davison High School and Michigan State University. He is currently employed as a Construction Project Manager for Marshall, Erdman and Associates and resides in South Bend, Ind. An Aug. 23 wedding is planned.

## NAMES

### Novi resident receives Excellence in Teaching Award

The Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Wayne State University, honored Rosanne DiZazzo-Miller, Dr. OT, with the Excellence in Teaching Award for full-time faculty. The Novi resident is a clinical assistant professor in the Wayne State University's Occupational Therapy program.

In receiving the award, Dr. DiZazzo-Miller was recognized for contributing to the steady rise in the performance of graduates on the Occupational Therapy national certification exam, particularly in physical dysfunction, which is her core teaching area. She also was cited for receiving the highest Student Evaluation Teaching scores of any Occupational Therapy faculty in each of her four years since joining the college.

DiZazzo-Miller serves as the primary academic mentor to 12 students each year. She also is sought as a mentor by graduate students, and currently serves on the thesis committees of three occupational therapy clinicians who have returned to school to complete their post professional master's degrees.

### Duvall named director of library services at art institute

The Art Institute of Michigan, a school offering academic programs in design, fashion and culinary arts in Novi, named Lindsay Duvall as director of library services. In this position, Duvall will be responsible for selection and maintenance of print and electronic library resources. She also is responsible for additional services, including cataloging, processing library materials, circulation and bibliographic instruction.

Duvall has been working in library science for the past five years. Prior to joining The Art Institute of Michigan, Duvall served as a reference librarian for Davenport University (Warren campus) and Baker College in Clinton Township. In these positions, she was responsible for reference services, collection development and maintenance and library instruction for students. Duvall also served as a technology aide for the Troy Public Library, where she was responsible for technology-based reference services.

Duvall graduated from Oakland University with a bachelor's degree in English in 2003 and earned a master's degree in Library and Science from Wayne State University in 2006. Duvall is a member of the American Library Association and the Michigan Library Association.

### Thomas W. Vitez promoted to vice president of planning

ITC Holdings Corp. (NYSE: ITC) promoted Thomas W. Vitez to vice president of planning for the organization. In this new position, Vitez, formerly director of reliability planning for ITC subsidiaries ITC Transmission and Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC (METC), will be responsible for all system planning.

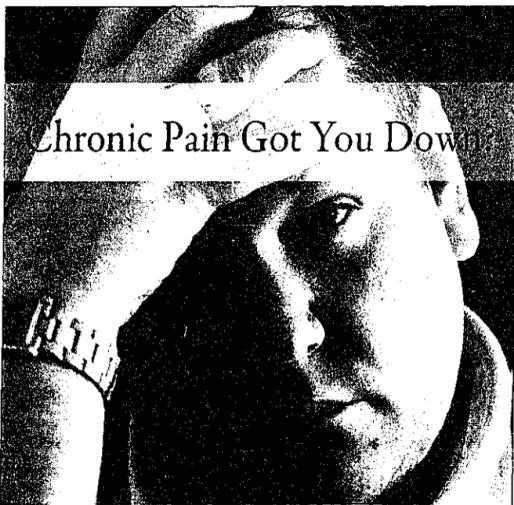
Vitez joined ITC as principal engineer in transmission projects in 2001 when ITC Transmission was established as a separate subsidiary of Detroit Edison. ITC Transmission became the first independent transmission company in the country in 2003, and Vitez joined the organization as director of transmission planning.

Vitez earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Cincinnati and a master of business administration degree from the University of Michigan. He began his career in the utility industry in 1981.

## MILITARY

### Howe Military School

Cadet Alex Eitelman, a 12th-grade student and son of Brenda and Greg Eitelman of Novi, was named to the Headmaster's List for the fourth grading period of the school year. Eitelman has been attending Howe Military School since January 2006.



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**Al Ward**  
Excellence Award  
Daily Press & Argus



**Mary Wheeler**  
Excellence Award  
Livingston Sales



**Aileen Wingblad**  
Excellence Award  
Milford Times



**Milford/South Lyon team**  
Departmental Excellence

Left to right: Philip Allmen, Darlene Herman, Jessie Ellis, Aileen Wingblad, Sue Donovan, Maggie Petrucci, Amy Norton, Hal Gould, Alison Bergsieker, James Mitchell, Lisa Dranginis, Nathan Mueller and Patrick Pinter.



**Creative Services Department**  
Departmental Excellence

Left to right: Lisa Byk, Tarah Wasilenski, Linda Rasegan, Eron Powers, Tonya Nagy, Nicole Thomas, Jill Wallace, Ruth Clifton and Shari Wice.



**Service Awards**  
Jim Totten (15 years),  
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**Wellness Awards**  
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**Service Awards**  
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### Film lovers bring heavy metal horror flicks to Novi

By Stephanie Angelyn Casola  
STAFF WRITER

When Ann Arbor-based writers and filmmakers Jason Buchanan, Jason Gibner and Brad Torrance joined forces, they sought to shine a light on the oddities of modern horror cinema. Taking the name The 42nd Street Drive-In, this collective recently partnered with Synapse Films and Emagine Theaters in Novi to offer a double-feature drive-in series meant to screen "the strangest of the strange" films meant to be seen on a big screen.

Buchanan, who works as a full-time writer for the All Movie Guide in Ann Arbor, spoke with the Observer & Eccentric's FILTER magazine recently, and shared the following insights into the 42nd Street Drive-In's latest venture:

**FILTER:** How and when did the 42nd Street Drive-In collective come about?

Buchanan: "We had all attended 24-hour horror marathons and other unusual screenings at movie theaters outside of the Detroit-area, and began talking about what we might do to bring that sense of unpredictability to a region where theaters don't really seem to be offering much more than the typical multiplex and art-house fare. There are so many great and inter-

esting movies out there, and seeing these lesser-known flicks in a crowded theater is a much different experience than watching them at home alone or with just a few friends."

**FILTER:** What is your interest or background in film — are you all filmmakers yourselves?

Buchanan: "We're all lifelong film enthusiasts. Brad and I have been watching and making films together since we first met as film students at Eastern Michigan University, and shortly after graduating we met Jason Gibner through our friend Jeremy Wheeler (Jeremy and Jason Gibner collaborate on a popular monthly dance party called The Bang! at the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor)."

**FILTER:** Is this the first double feature film festival (of sorts) you've hosted at the Emagine in Novi? How did it come about and how did you choose the theater?

Buchanan: "This is our first series. We wanted people to check local movie listings and have to do a double-take — this stuff is so bizarre that they can't believe it's actually playing in a theater. We chose the Emagine because they seemed open to the idea of trying something different."

**FILTER:** What criteria did you use when choosing films to showcase?

Buchanan: "The main criteria this time around is that they had



The 42nd Street Drive-In staff (left to right) includes Ann Arbor's Brad Torrance, Jason Gibner and Jason Buchanan.

all been released by Synapse. Synapse is a Novi-based DVD distribution company that releases some of the most obscure, bizarre, interesting and entertaining flicks ever made. If this series proves a success, we hope to expand it by teaming with other companies like Synapse."

**FILTER:** Who do you feel these movies will appeal to?

Buchanan: "These movies will appeal to adventurous moviegoers

with an open mind and a warped sense of humor."

**FILTER:** How do you hope these events might impact movie-going in metro Detroit?

Buchanan: "We hope that this series will show Detroit-area moviegoers that going to a movie can be an event, and that it can be fun. These are the kind of movies that will shock and surprise viewers in ways they might not expect, but we're giving them much more

#### The 42nd Street's Drive-In Double Features

What: The 42nd Street Drive-In has curated some rarely seen double-feature horror movies for the big screen.

When: Films begin at 8 p.m. Thursdays, starting April 3. Each event features a contest, costume-related or otherwise, and often a special guest. Vintage cult trailers will be screened along with the films, and all films will be available for sale.

Where: Emagine Novi, 44425 West 12 Mile Road in the Fountain Walk Shopping Center, west of Novi Road in Novi.

#### The Films

April 3: Heavy Metal Horrors with "Rock 'n' Roll Nightmare" (1987) and "Black Roses" (1988). A Special Synapse prize goes to the rocker with the best heavy metal outfit.

April 10: Alien Terror and Horrific Hoop with "Deadly Spawn" (1983) and "Street Trash" (1987). Meet Detroit horror host Wolfman Mac and win the Ultimate Street Trash kit.

April 17: Japanese Punk Rock Zombies and Killer Schoolgirls featured in "Wild Zero" (2000) and "Stacy" (2001). A Special Synapse prize goes to the brain-eater with the best zombie costume.

April 24: Nightmare Noir Mayhem and Shotgun Revenge in "Thriller: They Call Her One Eye" (Vengeance Edition, 1974) and "Singapore Sling" (1990). Attendees can enter to win the Ultimate Thriller Revenge Kit.

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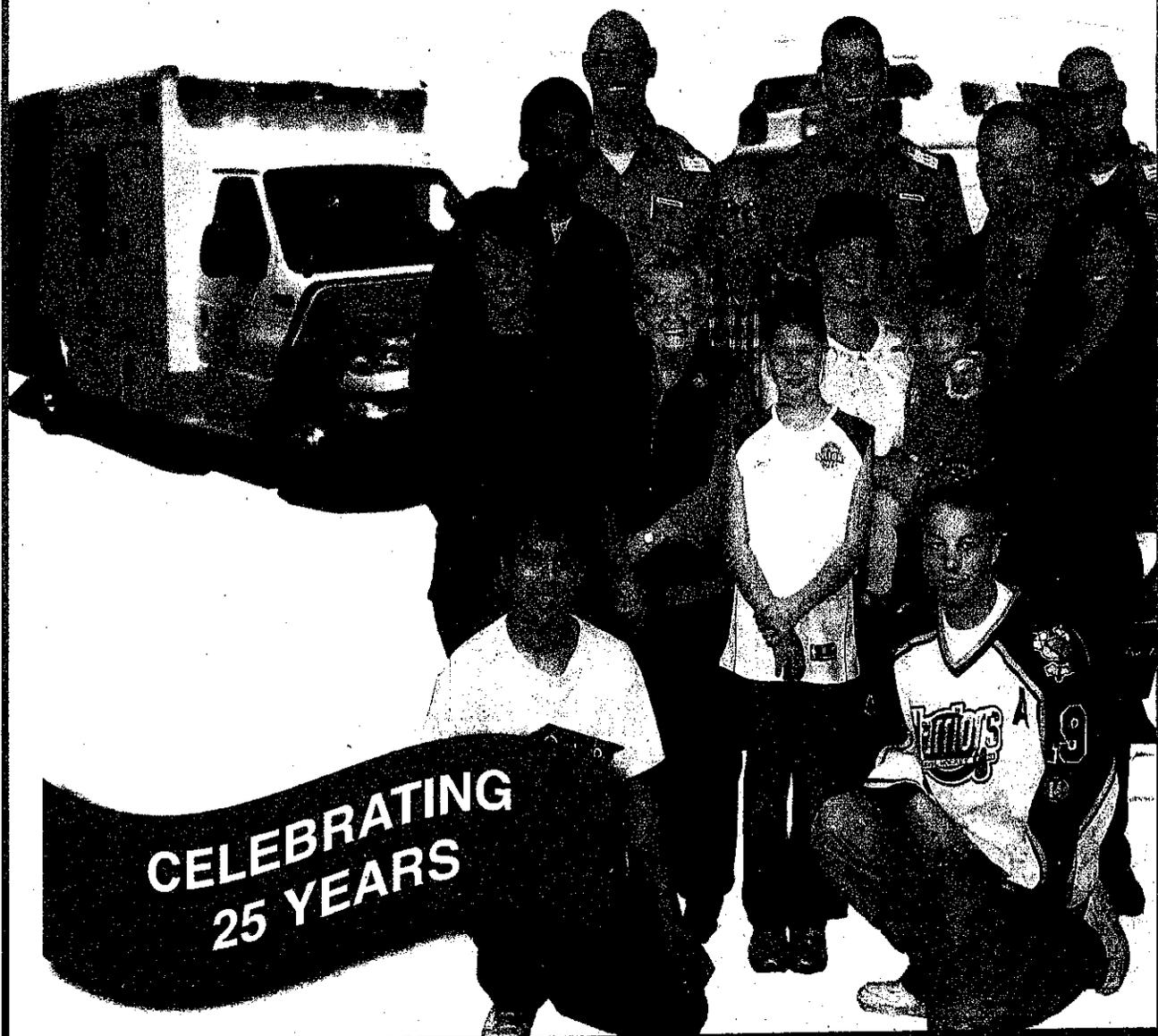


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# HOPE ABOUND

Mother Nature has done her best to hide it, but spring seasons are ready to begin

By Jeff Theisen  
SPORTS WRITER

### Baseball

Novi head coach Rick Green sees three things he likes from this year's team — pitching, defense and experience.

The pitching will come from a variety of players, with Tyler Scott leading the way.

"He signed with Toledo," Green said. "He's throwing probably 85-87 miles per hour. We're looking for a lot of good things from him."

But he is far from the only one. Green said the team has about eight kids that could pitch sometime throughout the year.

"I'm looking forward to coaching an improved pitching staff and a better team attitude," Green said. "This is one of the hardest-working teams I have ever coached."

The experience will come from Mark Heard, Pat Schlenke, Mike Place, Justin Eid, Garrett Green, Dan Kiger, Phil Celeski, Andy Harrington, Danny Enright and Scott.

"We've got a bunch of hard-workers that like each other," Green said. "Their experienced, they know what to do."

As good as the pitching can be, Green sees hitting as the early strength of the team.

Celeski joins the returnees after missing last year with an arm injury. He will help out in the outfield and bring another big bat to the lineup.

Green expects the Wildcats to compete with Brighton, Hartland and Lakeland for the league title.

"Wins and losses could go anywhere from 20-25 losses," Green said. "I think defensively we're going to be a strong team. I've got a good feeling about this team."

### Golf

A strong returning class brings high expectations for Novi.

The Wildcats return a pair of All-Staters in Alex Lyall and Nick Prokop and will have the ability to start five or six seniors each match.

"This is a very good team with a lot of experience," Huss said. "I am looking forward to this season."

Lyall had a huge summer, fairing well in several major tournaments in and out of the state.

"Alex is one of the top kids in

the state," Novi head coach Brad Huss said. "He's improved over last year. He's a much better player because of his offseason."

"He's obviously a pretty special player."

Lyall is already signed with Louisville.

Prokop will be part of a 1-2 punch that most coaches can only dream of.

"Nick's a heck of a player too," Huss said. "He works on his game year around. He hasn't signed with anyone yet, but he's got offers."

"Our success will be around what Alex and Nick can do, because they've got the ability to go real low."

In the mix for the remaining spots are Matt Fegeri, Tyler Manning, Kevin Auletto, Graham Smith, Adam Pyett and Brent Womack.

Huss expects the Wildcats to be in the mix with Brighton, Howell and Millford for the league title.

The team goals include making a run at the KVC, but advancing to state is the ultimate target.

The Wildcats have just missed advancing as a team recently, but Huss thinks this team has the makeup to get it done.

"You don't get this too often where you've got eight kids that can shoot in the 70s," he said.

The early question is when will the season be able to get started. All the snow has pushed back the possible start to the season, and is making things difficult on setting the rosters. With 45 kids out for the team, Huss is waiting for the chance to see the kids' games.

"I made the kids a promise that I wouldn't cut anybody until I saw them on the golf course," Huss said. "The varsity kids, I don't have to worry about them. I've been concentrating most of my efforts on the young kids."

Luckily for Huss, his experienced varsity players will need little time to get into season form.

### Softball

Novi head coach Bob Lulek is doing something he's never done before as a head coach — he's keeping four freshmen on varsity.

Meaghan Robinson, Maddy Sinkovich, Rebecca Richter and Kimberly Powers have made the cut.

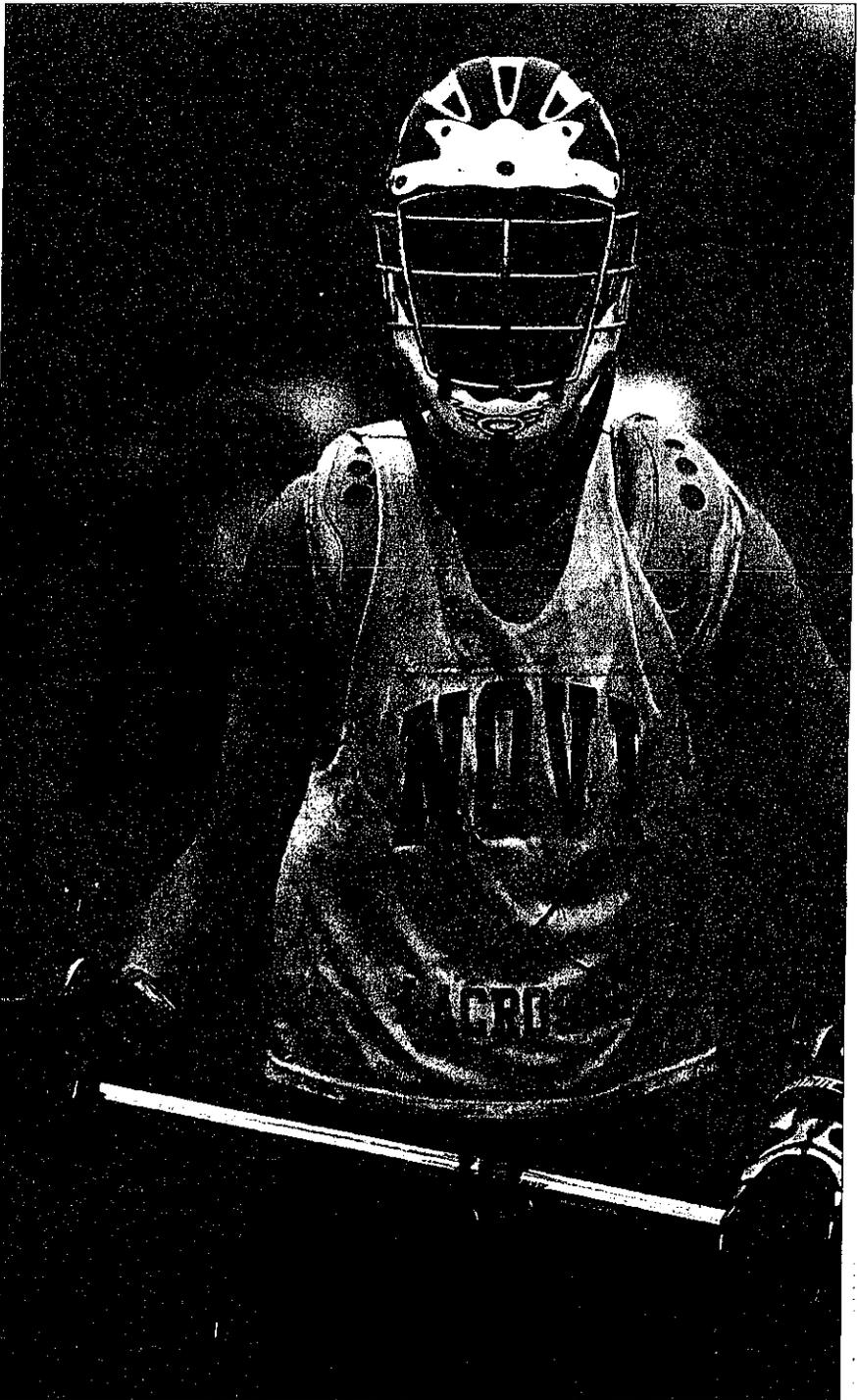


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See **SPRING, 3B** Novi lacrosse travels to play rival Northville on April 10.



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With an opponent bearing down on her, Wildcat goalie Erin Zerio makes a save against the Okemos Chiefs during last year's playoff run.



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Wildcat pitcher Tyler Scott fires one to a batter during Novi's district playoff game.



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## MY HEALTHY LIVING

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[www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com)  
fax: (248) 349-9832POWER of **Protein**

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Beef helps fuel an active lifestyle by providing a powerhouse of protein. This is good news considering research by Donald Layman, Ph.D., professor of nutrition at the University of Illinois, that suggests many Americans may need more protein in their diets. Americans can feel good about loving beef because the protein in beef is a powerful nutrient that strengthens and sustains their bodies. Protein is essential to building muscle and helping enhance strength.

These recipes are all winners, literally — not only do they provide powerful protein, they were also chosen top finalists in the 2007 National Beef Cook-Off.

## Lean Beef

There are 29 cuts of beef that meet government guidelines for lean, including favorites such as sirloin, T-bone and flank steaks. It's easy to "go lean with protein" and follow the U.S. Dietary Guidelines.

Lean beef is a naturally rich source of nine essential nutrients, including high-quality protein, iron, zinc and B vitamins, that people need for a healthy, active lifestyle. In fact, a 3-ounce serving of lean beef supplies more than one-half the amount of protein most people need each day. Visit [www.BeeItWhatsForDinner.com](http://www.BeeItWhatsForDinner.com) for nutrition information, recipes and more.

## Healthy Living

"I've always loved the taste of beef and that it provides protein," says Christine Kiechell from Theime Village, Nev., the 2007 National Beef Cook-Off grand prize winner. Exercise is important to Christine. She enjoys daily hiking as well as swimming, pilates and lifting weights. Describing her recipe, she says: "I like to pair beef with colorful vegetables or fruits or wholesome grains. Plus, I can take a nice long hike while it cooks in the oven." Her recipe, Nuevo Chipotle Beef in Butternut Squash Boats, is loaded with flavor, looks great and fits a healthy lifestyle.



## Ginger-Maple Steak With Napa Cabbage &amp; Grilled Onions

Total preparation and cooking time: 40 to 45 minutes  
Marinating time: 15 minutes to 2 hours

2 boneless beef top loin (strip) steaks, cut 1 inch thick (about 10 ounces each)

1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1 large red onion, cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices  
4 cups thinly sliced Napa cabbage

**Ginger-Maple Marinade & Dressing:**  
1/2 cup reduced sodium soy sauce  
1/3 cup pure maple syrup  
1/4 cup lemon juice  
2 tablespoons minced fresh ginger  
1 tablespoon sesame oil

1-1/2 teaspoons minced fresh garlic  
1-1/2 teaspoons chile-garlic paste

1. Whisk Ginger-Maple Marinade & Dressing ingredients in medium bowl. Place beef steaks and 1/2 cup marinade in food-safe plastic bag, turn steaks to coat. Close bag securely and marinate in refrigerator 15 minutes to 2 hours. Cover and refrigerate remaining marinade for dressing.

2. Remove steaks from marinade; discard marinade. Sprinkle steaks with pepper. Place steaks in center of grid over medium, ash-covered coals; arrange onion around steaks. Grill steaks, uncovered, 15 to 18 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. Grill onions 15 to 20 minutes or until tender, turning occasionally.

3. Carve steaks into slices. Cut onion slices into quarters. Toss cabbage, onion and 2 tablespoons reserved dressing in large bowl. Arrange beef on cabbage mixture. Drizzle with some of remaining dressing. Pass remaining dressing.

Makes 8 servings.

**Nutrition Information per serving:**  
166 calories; 5 g fat (2 g saturated fat, 2 g monounsaturated fat); 35 mg cholesterol; 501 mg sodium; 11 g carbohydrate; 0.8 g fiber; 17 g protein; 4.5 mg niacin; 0.4 mg vitamin B<sub>6</sub>; 0.9 mcg vitamin B<sub>12</sub>; 1.2 mg iron; 18.2 mcg selenium; 3.3 mg zinc.

## Winning Recipes for Healthy Living



## Nuevo Chipotle Beef in Butternut Squash Boats

Total preparation and cooking time: 2 to 3-1/2 hours

1-1/2 pounds beef for stew  
1/3 cup water  
1/4 cup tomato paste  
2 tablespoons brown sugar  
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar  
2 teaspoons ground chipotle chile pepper  
1 teaspoon ground cumin  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper  
1 medium butternut squash (about 3 pounds)

1-1/2 cups water  
1 medium tomato, chopped  
1 small ripe avocado, cut into cubes (optional)  
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro

1. Preheat oven to 325°F. Place beef, water, tomato paste, sugar, vinegar, chipotle pepper, cumin, salt and black pepper in stockpot. Cover and bake in 325°F oven 1-3/4 to 2-1/4 hours or until beef is fork-tender.  
2. Meanwhile cut squash lengthwise into quarters; remove seeds. Place squash cut side down in 13 x 9-inch glass baking dish, overlapping if necessary. Add water. Bake in 325°F oven 1 to 1-1/4 hours or until fork-tender.  
3. Place each baked squash quarter onto serving plate. Fill with equal amounts of beef mixture. Top with tomato and avocado, if desired. Sprinkle with cilantro.

Makes 4 servings.

**Cook's Tip:** One tablespoon minced, seeded chipotle pepper in adobo sauce may be substituted for ground chipotle chile pepper.

Chipotle Beef mixture may also be cooked on the stovetop. Bring beef mixture to a boil. Reduce heat, simmer, covered, 1-3/4 to 2-1/4 hours or until beef is fork-tender.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 355 calories; 9 g fat (3 g saturated fat, 3 g monounsaturated fat); 73 mg cholesterol; 528 mg sodium; 44 g carbohydrate; 9.7 g fiber; 29 g protein; 7.0 mg niacin; 0.7 mg vitamin B<sub>6</sub>; 2.2 mcg vitamin B<sub>12</sub>; 5.3 mg iron; 20.5 mcg selenium; 6.3 mg zinc.

## Crispy Beef Lettuce Wraps With Wowie Sauce

Total preparation and cooking time: 25 to 30 minutes

1 pound ground beef  
1/3 cup sliced green onions  
2 tablespoons reduced sodium or regular soy sauce  
Pepper  
8 large lettuce leaves (such as Bibb, leaf or iceberg)  
3/4 cup sliced water chestnuts  
3/4 cup shredded carrots

**Wowie Sauce:**  
1 can (8 ounces) crushed pineapple in juice, drained  
1/3 cup orange marmalade  
2 tablespoons reduced sodium or regular soy sauce

1. Combine Wowie Sauce ingredients in small bowl. Set aside.  
2. Brown ground beef in large nonstick skillet over medium heat 8 to 10 minutes or until beef is not pink, breaking up into small crumbles. Pour off drippings, if necessary. Add green onions and soy sauce; season with pepper, as desired. Cook and stir for 1 minute.  
3. Evenly spoon beef mixture onto each lettuce leaf. Top with equal amounts of water chestnuts and carrots. Spoon some Wowie Sauce over top. Wrap lettuce around filling. Serve with remaining Wowie Sauce.

Makes 4 servings.

**Cook's Tip:** Three-fourths cup crushed baked tortilla chips may be substituted for sliced water chestnuts.

**Nutrition information per serving, using 95% lean ground beef:** 389 calories; 10 g fat (4 g saturated fat, 4 g monounsaturated fat); 114 mg cholesterol; 750 mg sodium; 35 g carbohydrate; 3.8 g fiber; 40 g protein; 9.8 mg niacin; 0.7 mg vitamin B<sub>6</sub>; 3.4 mcg vitamin B<sub>12</sub>; 5.0 mg iron; 27.6 mcg selenium; 9.2 mg zinc.

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## MY FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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fax: (248) 349-9832BATTER, BATTER, GRILL!  
SWING INTO GRILLING SEASON

Baseball great Ozzie Smith and champion pitmaster Chris Lilly offer home run tips and recipes

FAMILY FEATURES

Baseball players aren't the only ones who benefit from spring training — grilling enthusiasts can, too. Many people neglect their grills during the winter. But, as the days begin to get longer again and daylight saving time allows for more fun in the sun, it's time to swing into grilling season. In fact, the extra hour of daylight means more practice time for baseball players and grilling gurus alike. It's never too early to light up some charcoal and share game-winning moments with friends and family while enjoying great food.

World champion shortstop Ozzie Smith believes that even seasoned players need a little pre-season warm-up. Nearly as passionate about charcoal grilling as he is about baseball, Smith said, "I tend to grill year round, but when the teams head to camp, I know it's time to step up my game. Many people wait until summer to grill, which is a shame because, as in all sports, practice makes perfect."

While nationally renowned pitmaster Chris Lilly hardly needs more practice behind a grill, he holds a special fondness for springtime grilling. "Nothing signals the coming of warm weather and says 'slow down and grill' quite like the unmistakable aroma of the ballpark or the first charcoal cookout of the season," said Lilly. "If you can combine the two experiences — whether tailgating at the stadium or firing up the grill and inviting friends over to watch the game — that's even better."

These tips and recipes from Smith and Lilly will help grilling enthusiasts hit their next gathering out of the park.

## LEAD OFF THE GRILLING SEASON WITH THESE SMART PLAYS

**Practice Makes Perfect:** Your grill may be a little rusty from the off-season, so before you begin grilling, make sure it's in good shape. Scrub the grate with a long-handled, stiff wire grill brush to remove any residual food. Always discard any residual ashes from the grill before cooking. A thick layer of ashes will act as insulation, affecting the distribution of heat and air circulation.

**Score a Double Play:** Amp up the flavor of your grilling experience by using new Kingsford charcoal with Hickory. The flavors add just the right touch of sweet and hearty flavor to all types of food, adding a new element to the delicious smells that are part of the stadium experience.

**Don't Interfere:** Turning food too often during grilling forces moisture out of it. Instead, let food brown before turning it to develop a flavorful crust, the signature of great grilling. When it's time to flip, use tongs or a spatula in place of forks that pierce food and release juices.

**Strike 'em Out:** Marinate your meat before grilling to fight sudden flare-ups and apply sauces, such as KC Masterpiece Barbecue Sauce, to meats once they have cooked a while on the grill rather than before you start. You'll still taste the delicious flavor without risking a burst of flames.

True fans can take baseball tailgating to the next level by creating a game-day menu featuring recipes that incorporate the flavors and ingredients of your team's hometown. For more grilling tips and recipes, visit [www.MealsTogether.com](http://www.MealsTogether.com).



## Grilled Pork Chops With Apple-Cranberry Glaze

Created by champion pitmaster Chris Lilly.

Makes: 6 servings  
Prep time: 15 minutes, plus 12 to 24 hours for brine  
Cook time: 16 minutes

6 bone-in pork chops or boneless loin chops (1 inch thick)

## Brine

2 cups water  
2 cups apple cider  
2 1/2 tablespoons kosher salt  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1 tablespoon cracked black pepper  
1/2 teaspoon thyme leaves (dry spice)  
1/2 teaspoon minced garlic (dry spice)  
6 allspice berries (dry spice)  
1/2 bay leaf

## Sauce

2 tablespoons spicy brown mustard  
1/2 cup maple syrup  
1/2 cup cranberry sauce  
1/2 cup apple sauce  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
1/16 teaspoon red pepper

Mix brine ingredients and stir well. Place chops and brine in Glad Food Storage Bag and refrigerate 12 to 24 hours.

In small pan, add sauce ingredients and mix well. Heat until warm. Reserve 1/2 cup sauce for plating. Build charcoal fire for direct grilling. Grill chops directly over Kingsford charcoal (approximately 450°F) for 8 minutes on each side. During the last 3 minutes of cooking, baste both sides of chops well with sauce. Internal temperature of chops should reach 150° to 155°F prior to removing from grill.

Drizzle reserved sauce over chops when serving or serve warm on the side.

## Shortstop Shrimp Stack

Created by world champion shortstop Ozzie Smith.

Makes: 4 servings  
Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 3 to 6 minutes per skewer

1 pound extra large shrimp (21 to 25), peeled and deveined

## Marinade

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil  
1/4 cup lime juice  
1/4 cup chopped cilantro (about half of a bunch)  
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt  
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper  
1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes  
1 teaspoon minced garlic  
8 bamboo or metal skewers

Assemble marinade ingredients in large Glad Food Storage Bag, seal and toss to mix. Add shrimp and toss to coat. Marinate shrimp 30 minutes.

If using bamboo skewers, soak them in water while shrimp is marinating to prevent them from burning on the grill. When shrimp are finished marinating, spear three shrimp per skewer. Discard remaining marinade.

Grill shrimp on outer edges of the grill over Kingsford charcoal (approximately 400°F) for 2 to 3 minutes on one side and 1 to 2 minutes on other side. Serve on the skewer or remove shrimp from skewer and serve on a platter.



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## One for all seasons

Update landscape to make the homestead new again

By John R. Hall  
SPECIAL WRITER

It's no secret that many homeowners in the Lyon Township community are facing some important decisions about their homes. One local company is positioning itself to help homeowners who have decided to keep their homes rather than sell them in a tight housing market.

These homeowners are looking to remodel and reinvest in their homes by adding on exciting new outdoor living areas and improving the architectural landscaping.

Bell's Landscape Services of Wixom is a business whose role has become more important to the community it has served for 19 years. Today, homeowners are looking for ways to increase the value of their homes while making them more comfortable and livable.

Owner Mike Bell, his son Scott, and an experienced staff are ready to turn any home into a palace by designing and building award-winning landscapes and outdoor living areas.

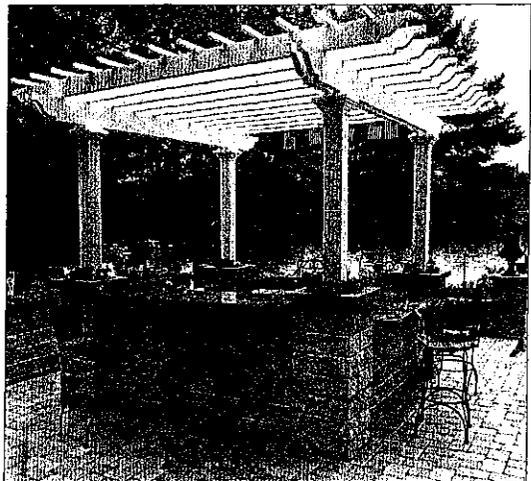
"Our goal is to make your existing home an oasis," said Mike. "Many homeowners today are looking for the same amenities that are being offered in new homes. Bell's Landscape Services can help homeowners get these new looks in their own existing homes."

These great looks include the newest products and designs on the market today. "Why not enjoy evenings outside in your outdoor living room and have full services including a controlled fireplace and cooking in a complete kitchen?" asked Mike.

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Mike has always said, "I want to provide clients with quality services and not have them deal with several contractors. We can do it all; one call can have your property managed for the entire season."

While his company has always worked in the new construction market, and works very closely with new homebuilders, Mike continues to stress the important role his company plays in the renovation and remodeling markets.

As a licensed builder, Bell's Landscape Services can install a custom deck, retaining wall or gazebo complete with brickpaver walkways and patios, and outdoor living spaces. Homeowners can enjoy evenings outdoors and improved security by having Bell's install landscape lighting.

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Want to cook outdoors in award-winning style? Bell's can add a custom barbecue grill

or stove to satisfy the needs of even the fussiest chefs.

And speaking of award winning, Bell's designs have been recognized from their peers in the industry as award winners. Most of the awards are given to design/build projects that Mike and his staff have created. Because their goal is customer satisfaction, much of their business comes from repeat customers who have stayed with Bell's for years.

Mike knows his customers are busy and they trust him to handle all of the details.

"Hiring a dependable landscape service can remove one task from a busy schedule," Mike said. "Bell's Landscape Services can keep your property looking beautiful with a complete schedule of landscape maintenance programs."

### IT STARTS WITH THE BASICS

Bell's services are much more than just award-winning custom designs. Its landscape maintenance program begins with basics like lawn cutting and fertilization.

In addition to lawn service, they install and repair sprinkler systems, provide shrub and tree care, mulch installation, pruning, and bed care to maintain beautiful flower beds. Seasonal services include big jobs like

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For Bell's commercial customers — who have received many beautification awards from city officials (thanks to Bell's designs) — Mike and his staff provide routine maintenance and professional parking lot sweeping. They also offer snowplowing and salting during the winter months.

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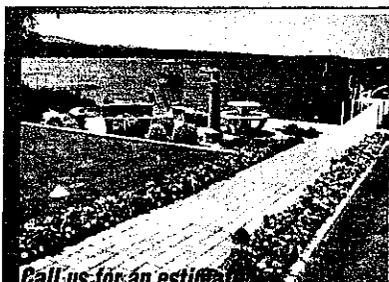
Mike and his staff support their reputation by being known as the "Landscape Experts," which means that each employee must complete an extensive training program and be supervised by on-site professionals. His staff also participates in continuing education in order to give customers the very best.

"It's part of an effort to show a higher level of professionalism," Mike said.

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