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Engler OKs I-96 design study bill

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

When the governor signed the budget for the Michigan Department of Transportation last week, tacked on to it was what has been informally called the "Cassiss amendment."

That's a \$9-to-\$10 million line item for an engineering design study for new Interstate 96 interchanges at Beck Road and Wixom Road.

"I'm so excited ... It was a hard-fought victory. You go through a lot of steps to see an amendment through," State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, said Monday.

"It's clear that this is not pork. This is something that will help the community at large, as far as health, safety and welfare goes."

The money is part of a \$2 billion state transportation budget for 1997-98.

Updating the entrances and exits has been something long hankered for locally, with officials from Novi, Walled Lake and Wixom lobbying Lansing, as well as representatives from Michigan CAT, the Novi Expo Center, Providence Hospital and the Wixom Meijer.

In July, Cassis issued a call for local support, as the amendment worked its way through the state house and senate committee process. It passed the house and senate last week. No construction can be planned until the engineering design study is complete.

Cassis said the next step is to lobby MDOT to make sure the engineering design study goes forward.

"I'm hoping that's going to happen this year. MDOT should begin very soon. They already have some construction designs, but now it's

going to take a final construction study," she added.

Rebuilding both interchanges, as well as upgrading adjacent surface roads, is expected to be a \$90-\$100 million project.

About two years ago, Novi Planning Commissioner Pete Hoadley submitted to Gov. John Engler between 8,000 and 9,000 signatures on a petition seeking the roadwork. Hoadley was pleased to learn another step had been taken.

"That's good. We really have been pushing for this, everyone has," he said.

"We're not just talking about Beck, we're talking about Wixom, too. Once they're done, we're going to be in hog heaven, we're going to be very happy people."

With representatives from Novi, Wixom, Oakland County and Providence Medical Center, Hoadley serves on a local committee that seeks an expedient construction of the Beck interchange.

Cassis said in the future she hopes to get Engler "down to Novi" for a formal statement on the state's plans for the interchanges.

Over the past few months, local officials, as well as residents and representatives of groups such as the area chambers of commerce, contacted members of a state/house transportation conference committee asking for the engineering study.

Growth in the area is expected to impact both the Beck and Wixom interchanges, which many drivers already find hazardous. Ford Motor Company in Wixom is planning an expansion. In Novi, Providence Park will add to its medical complex, including a new cancer center, and also plans a shopping center across the street.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Mayor Kathleen McLallen takes a minute to play on the slide at the opening of Rotary Park.

Picnic in Rotary Park Club donates development to the city

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Once again, the 50s are something to celebrate in Novi.

In this case, the Novi Rotary Club has 52 members.

And 50 percent of their fundraising efforts over the past five years have been donated to the development of the 50-acre Rotary Park. That's practically one acre per member.

They got that money by peddling tickets for 1950s-era cars, mainly at the Michigan 50s Festival.

"This is an incredible gift to a community. It is a gift that will stand forever because of all the nights you were selling your raffle tickets," Mayor Kathleen McLallen told the Rotarians.

Club members took their weekly Thursday lunch in the open air at the park at Nine Mile and Roethel Drive, munching hot dogs and brownies before joining in for a group photograph and ribbon cutting.

"This is the largest check ever given by a civic group (in Novi) as far as we know. A service group giving \$70,000 is one heck of a donation. I think it's beautiful," said Ernie Aruffo, an honorary Rotarian.

When completed, the park will have 45 acres full of walking, bike and cross country skiing trails, as well as restrooms and a picnic shelter. Fishermen will be able to try their luck on the Rouge River. The gravel trail already installed is wheelchair accessible.

Local Boy Scout troops have offered to build benches and birdhouses for the park, as well as nature interpretative areas. Other upcoming tasks include fencing in the tennis court and landscaping the front area of the park.

At present, a parking lot, playground equipment and tennis courts are up.

Davis said the finishing touches may be done within the next six months.

In addition, the Novi City Council recently agreed

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City allows house in wetlands

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Tim and Debbie Wagner hugged when they learned Monday night that their dream to build a home on Garfield Road will come true, even though their yard today is mostly a swamp.

The Novi City Council gave the couple the permit they needed to dredge and fill the protected wetlands. In June, they were recommended for denial by the Novi Planning Commission, which hesitated to set a precedent. Since July, the final decision was pending as a team of city staff and consultants researched the issue.

"I'm not comfortable with the fact we have to do this," Council Member Bob Schmid said.

"I assume they didn't know the land wasn't buildable or they would not have bought it. We're forced in a sense to ignore our ordinance to let this home go up."

A council decision was twice put on hold as the city worked with the couple. In September, the city attorney, city engineers and staff from Novi's departments of public services, forestry, community development and building wrestled with the dilemma. The conclusion was that if the couple were denied their wetlands appeal, they would not be able to use the property at all, which is a wooded wetland with little upland.

The Wagners bought the land in 1989. It has an assessed value of \$44,000.

Paul Bohm, the attorney for the Wagners, asked the city to give the Plymouth residents a break, because they bought their land from developer Bob Langan two years before the city adopted a revised wetlands ordinance.

"This is an anomaly. Since the land was purchased, Novi has done a better job of mapping wetlands," Bohm said.

But similar cases will probably happen again, City Attorney David Fried cautioned the council.

"People have the right to buy property, they have the right to build on their property," Fried said.

"If it's a self-created problem, they'll suffer. If it's not a self-created problem, we'll handle it."

Council Member Kathy Mutch agreed that similar situations will like pop up again.

"I imagine we will see this situation again and again and each one will have to be evaluated on its own merits," she said.

The Wagners revised their home plans so that their intrusion

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Residents of Westmont Subdivision say they paid premium prices to have woods behind their homes and hope to block the developer from putting up more houses. The story appears on page 13A.

Main Street is red hot for the Blues

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Call it barbecue with a touch of the blues.

Red, Hot & Blue, a Memphis style smokehouse diner, is hoping to come to Novi bringing with it rhythm-and-blues style and southern flavor.

Midwesterners aching for a taste of wet-ribs and "pulled pig" sandwich (shaved pork shoulder) will have to look no further than Main Street Novi when the franchise restaurant based out of Arlington, Virginia plunks down its placemats.

"As soon as the building is

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ready to go we're ready to go," said Terry Conlin, attorney for the franchiser Robert Cadwell.

Red, Hot and Blue is working

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Chamber focuses on health Sunday

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Just because something is good for you doesn't mean it can't be fun.

Find out the truth of that statement at the Novi Chamber of Commerce's Focus Health Day on Sunday from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

"It's going to be a really exciting afternoon for everyone who has an interest in healthy activities, whether it's families or individuals, seniors or youngsters," said Novi Chamber of Commerce President Lisa Willard.

"There will be something for everyone. You can try in-line skating or get your blood pressure checked or try line dancing."

With the goal of promoting a healthy lifestyle for Novi residents, events will be held both inside and outside of the civic center.

The day will kick off with some

warm-up exercises as a prelude to the Family Walk sponsored by Providence Hospital at 1 p.m. Register for the self-guided 1.5 mile stroll outside the Novi Civic Center and be sure to pick up some of the fruit offered gratis by Providence, as well as the free juice served up by the Water Wheel Health Club.

"It's really easy. Anybody can do the walk at any time," Willard said.

Outdoors, check out the Novi Fire Department's Smoke House, an EMS demonstration, in-line skating for children and adults with Oakland County's Skatemobile, soccer, a DARE program and a Mammography Van. (If it rains, most things will move inside the civic center.)

Lots will be going on for kids, too, from a chance to learn Irish step dancing to a performance by magi-

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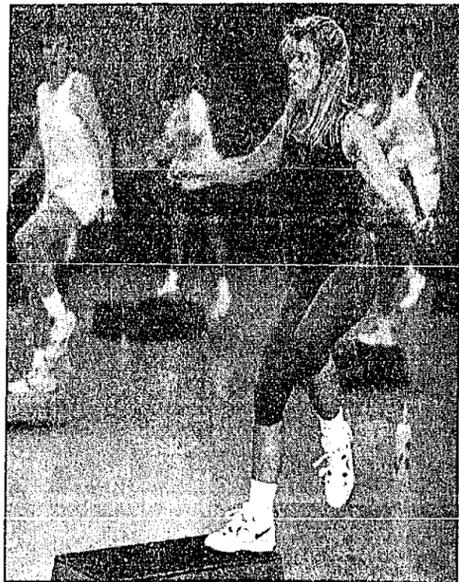


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Fitness Instructor Linda Gignac shows on to keep in shape, as the Chamber will emphasize in Focus Health.

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Woman chucks umbrella at gunman

A 78-year-old woman cautioned her daughter not to be mad when she told her she threw an umbrella at a man pointing a gun at her last Wednesday, Oct. 1.

According to police, the woman was sitting on her front porch in the Novi Meadows development about 8:30 p.m. when a man got out of a burgundy four door car and approached her porch.

The pointed a silver handgun at her and asked for a \$20 loan, she said. According to police, she said "no" and threw an umbrella at him, which stuck in the ground. The man fled on foot. She was not injured but feared he would shoot her because she didn't give him any money.

There were no witnesses to the incident. The police crime unit was called to the scene but no trail could be found.

LOST IN SPACE

Unknown suspects made off with nine Star Wars action figures from a locked display case in the Novi Public Library sometime during the weekend of Sept. 27.

Hans Solo, Luke Skywalker, C-3PO, R2-D2, Obi-Wan Kenobi, Chewbacca, Yoda, and a set of Jawas were part of an 11 year old Nov's boys collection on display at

Police News

the library.

The cabinet was unlocked to access the figures. The key was kept in a drawer in an area accessible to the public, according to the report. Library personnel said they would replace all the figures they could.

PARTY POOPERS

Novi police found two young men passed out on the front lawn of a Lindhart home Sept. 28 when officers responded to a loud party complaint at midnight. Police said one of the teens had vomited over the lawn and said he was getting some "fresh air."

Police ticketed for Novi teens, ages 15-17. One of the teens was called to the scene but no trail could be found.

TAKE OUT

A cash register at the Koney Island in the Novi Town Center was nearly destroyed during a night-time break-in Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Police ticketed for Novi teens, ages 15-17. One of the teens was called to the scene but no trail could be found.

But nothing was taken from the register of the store. According to police, unknown suspects broke the door windows to enter the restaurant and damaged only the cash register.

CAR VANDALIZED

A Novi man reported someone punctured two front tires, broke the side mirrors and cracked the windshield of his 1994 Ford Ranger Sept. 30 as it sat parked in the lot at the Tammys in the Novi Town Center.

The man said he was tailed by a blue Escort on the way to the gym, but had no reason to be suspicious.

LARCENY AND DESTRUCTION

The following thefts occurred over the past weeks according to police:

"A cell phone was taken from an unlocked Chrysler Concord parked on Millington Street sometime between Sept. 26 and Oct. 1."

"A cell phone was taken from a Phoenician fan man's car the night

of Sept. 18.

"Unknown suspects attempted to smash the driver's side window of a Ford Mustang at the Portsmouth Apartments Oct. 4. Only a scratch was found."

"A truck thrown at a 1995 Mazda parked on Davenport Street Oct. 5 caused only minor damage to the door panel."

"A Cranbrook resident found the rear window of his Mercury Mountaineer smashed the morning of Oct. 4. Police said a neighbor reported a group of teen smashing beer bottles in her yard the night before."

"Thieves used the bricks from the resident's pathway to prop a Ford Expedition up after taking the wheels to the vehicle parked on Nantucket Oct. 3."

UNWANTED HOUSE GUEST

Police determined someone might have been using the upstairs bedroom of a vacant house on Napier Road after the owner found the front door kicked in and room in a lived-in condition, Oct. 11.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

Novi Briefs

Second oil well delayed

The Southern Michigan Oil Company has postponed "until further notice" its pending application before Novi City Council. On Sept. 17, the Novi Planning Commission sent a negative recommendation to the council for the special land use variance needed by SOMCO.

Hoping to drum the black gold out at a faster rate, the firm's goal was to place a second well west to their current well on land on Ten Mile Road, west of Echo Valley Estates subdivision.

Let the games begin

Monday, the Soccer Zee won an arcade license from the Novi City Council. The indoor sports facility on Grand River Avenue aims to install ten arcade and pinball games, to be up and running Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The Novi Youth Assistance is looking for former and current volunteers and contributors to invite to a 40th Anniversary Breakfast Celebration on Oct. 22 at 8 a.m. The breakfast, scheduled for the Doubletree Hotel, will feature Michelle Engler as a guest speaker. For more information, call the NYA at 347-0410.

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Pom pon clinic scheduled

The Novi High School Varsity Pom Pon Team will hold a Pom Pon clinic on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for children grades K-6. The team will teach basic skills as well as a routine. This fundraising event will be held at Novi High School. Money goes for competition entry fees and costumes. The cost is \$10 per child. For more information, call Vicki Cohn at 348-9320.

Step through beauty

Northville has an annual garden walk, now the Novi Beautification Commission is hoping this city will, too.

Beautification Commission Chair Kathy Cosentino said they're looking for homeowners who like to have their gardens featured in a mid-summer 1998 event. If interested, contact her at 348-0578. Or call Novi Public Information Director Lou Martin at 347-0445.

Lions Club

The Novi Lions Club will follow by a meeting.

Seniors business

The Novi Senior Social Club will meet for its regular monthly business meeting.

Search ends for missing Feldman manager

By JAN JEFFRES

Mark Davies, assistant general manager of Marty Feldman Chevrolet, was never absent from work.

Now, his boss says that dedication may have been a factor in the mysterious September disappearance of the single-engine Piper plane piloted by Davies. The only passenger was his wife, Janet, a school teacher.

"He always came early and left late. He hardly ever took any time off ... He was up on Drummond Island and the weather got bad and the determination to get home and not miss work, is probably why they died."

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who worked with Janet Davies, said a combination of rocky terrain and hunting season forced volunteers on the ground to temporarily abandon the search. After the leaves fall from the trees, improving visibility, volunteer pilots plan to resume an air search.

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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Oct. 5. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and engine which responded to the call.

MONDAY, SEPT. 29

Medical, 45700 Timberlane, 4:14 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 41622 Kromborth, 4:26 a.m., Squad 1.

Fire alarm, 21555 Haggerty, 8:51 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 22747 Shadow Pine Way, 1:43 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 24044 Chipmunk Trail, 2:13 p.m., Squad 3.

Fuel spill, 24501 Greens Pointe, 3:46 p.m., Engine 1.

House fire, 24027 Heathgreen, 4:58 p.m., Engines 1, 3.

Car fire, 196 and Beck Road, 7:19 p.m., Engine 4.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30

Investigation, 45727 Irvine Drive, 3:43 a.m., Engine 4.

Medical, 43455 Ten Mile Road, 7:53 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 23925 E. LeBost, 8:02 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 22809 Balcombe, 10:33 a.m., Squad 3.

Fuel spill, Grand River and Market, 3:35 p.m., Engine 3.

Medical, 23072 Brook Forest, 6:10 p.m., Squad 3.

Flammable spill, 24062 Taft Road, 9:11 p.m., Engine 3.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1

Medical, 179 Penhill, 10:06 a.m., Squad 2.

THURSDAY, OCT. 2

Gas main break, 43525 West Oaks, 9:50 a.m., Engine 1.

Truck fire, 196 and Novi Road, 7:47 p.m., Engine 1.

FRIDAY, OCT. 3

Fire alarm, 21555 Haggerty, 1:05 p.m., Engines 1, 3.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 1:44 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 27775 Novi Road, 2:35 p.m., Squad 1.

Fire alarm, 45182 West Road, 10:01 p.m., Engines 1, 2, 4.

Medical, 29794 Rousseau, 11:59 p.m., Squad 2.

SATURDAY, OCT. 4

Car fire, M-5 and Twelve Mile Road, 9:13 a.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 27150 Novi Road, 4:03 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 41961 Quince, 10:53 p.m., Squad 3.

Assist police, 47500 Eight Mile Road, 11:58 p.m., Engine 4.

SUNDAY, OCT. 5

Medical, 23593 Stonehenge, 11:15 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 43000 Twelve Oaks Crescent, 3:09 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, Fire Station No. 2, 5:04 p.m., Response 520.

Building fire, 522 Eckschay, 5:37 p.m., Engines 1, 4.

Fuel spill, 24210 Novi Road, 6:38 p.m., Engine 1.

City committee reviews flag ordinance

Anyone interested in Novi's ordinance regarding the flying of the American flag either flag is invited to attend the city's Ordinance Review Committee meeting on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 4:30 p.m. in the city council chambers at the

Novi Civic Center. During Monday's city council meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford urged that local organizations like the Veterans Alliance be notified of this change to have their say, adding that he hoped the ordi-

nance was " tweaked " to address their concerns. Some veterans have questioned if the restrictions on multiple flag flying for businesses might be impractical.

Residents who would like to add their input to the discussion can also submit letters prior to the meeting to Novi City Clerk's office, 351 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48240.

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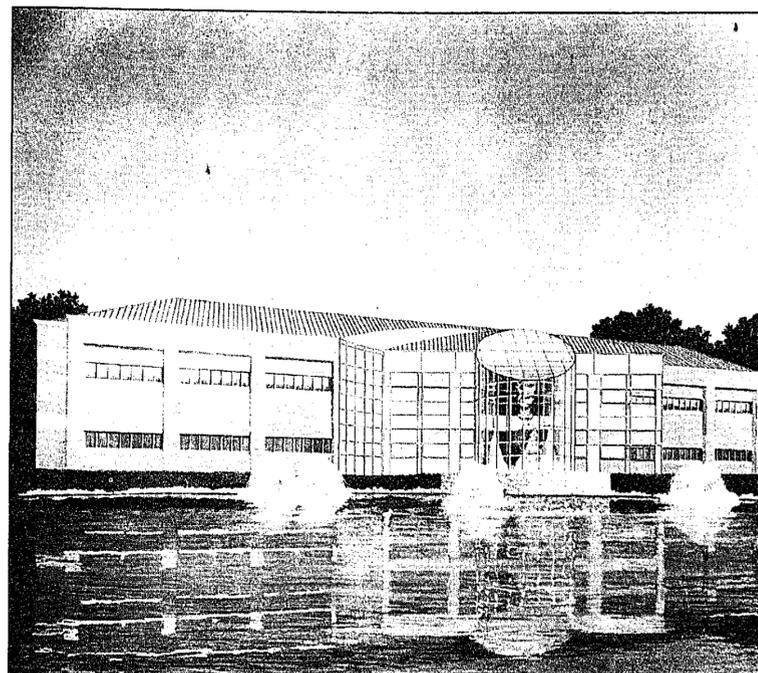


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Novi Middle School Principal Milan Obrenovich, left, and Media Tech Para Sharon Rayburn, middle, take a look at the homepage on the Internet, created for the school by Lisa Bur, the school's communication director.

Novi schools join national website

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

In this case, let your fingers do the tapping. Anything and just about everything you ever need to know about the Novi Community School District and the field of education can be found by typing in this address on an Internet web browser: <http://www.familyeducation.com/MI/Novi>.

"It's a vast amount of educational resources for the families and students of Novi," said Lisa Bur, communications coordinator for the district.

The Family Education Network connection to Novi schools linked up last week with an official kick-off... or was it a double-click.

The new site can link together Novi schools and other educational web pages for Novi parents and students. Not only is there information about lunch menus, daily announcements, school board meetings and school happenings, parents can tap into national articles with topics like how to help your child resist drugs and alcohol, how to recognize if your child is being bullied and how to help with homework.

"These are topics that are relevant to school and education," said Milan Obrenovich, principal at Novi Middle School.

"We've just started with this so we're curious and looking to the community to tell us what we could be doing with this," Obrenovich explained.

"There's a lot of room for growth for this as the company changes," Bur explained.

"Ultimately, we may end up having homework on the site," Obrenovich said.

Novi school board Trustee George Kortlandt said it would be an excellent resource for parents at work who can tap into the site to find out school lunches or schedules, or even leave an e-mail message for a teacher.

It's also an easier way to find the information than rifling through the loads of mail parents get looking for a school newsletter or flier, Obrenovich said.

"To me, it's another way of communicating with parents," he explained. "We have the newsletter, cable television, the voice mail system and e-mail providing information."

The teachers and other staff in the district can also benefit by tapping into the different school's sites and accessing the educational articles by news organizations like Reuters and Education Week.

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Novi is first online with family network

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Novi Community Schools is the first public school district in Michigan to be up and running on The Family Education Network, a national site on the World Wide Web with links to individual school districts around the country.

The FEN is a cost-free service and Novi is one of the first 1,000 schools nationwide to link up with the program supported by MediaOne, AT&T, the National Parent Teachers Association and the National Association of School Administrators. Novi's pages were posted on the site in late September.

According to the FEN, all 16,409 school districts in the country have some information on the website, but only a limited number have designed their own pages and are updating them regularly.

Communications Coordinator Lisa Bur and Director of Community Services Deborah Brauer helped to set up the pages on the website, a summer-long job. "It's relatively easy," Bur explained. "It's a matter of putting the information in 'html' (hypertext mark-up language) and into their templates."

The two ran into a few glitches during the process, mainly because the Family Education Network changed its design midway through the summer.

"They're working out the bugs in their system and we're trying to get everything up and running," Bur said.

Bur and Brauer will be responsible for maintaining and updating the Novi schools portion of the site, although they will get support and assistance from staff and volunteers.

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Various school teams will maintain the site, updating and changing information daily or as needed. The teams include some staff members and many PTO volunteers.

Nearly 50 people attended a hands-on workshop over the summer to learn how to update the system. Bur explained the site costs nothing to maintain and nothing to start up since the district already had the technology. The site doesn't take up server space either, Bur said, so the school system keeps running efficiently and at a fast pace.

A private school in Detroit is the only other Michigan school on the network so far, although the district is encouraging other schools to jump on board.

The Family Education Company, the parent company of the FEN, is headquartered in Boston and been a educational service provider for seven years.

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Now in its third year, the Sugarloaf Art Fair at the Novi Expo Center Oct. 24, 25 and 26 will feature more than 300 national artists and craftspeople from 39 states and Canada and 20,000 people.

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Barbara Bass of Ocean, N.J., has been exhibiting her hand-woven accessories at Sugarloaf Art Fairs since the early 1980s.

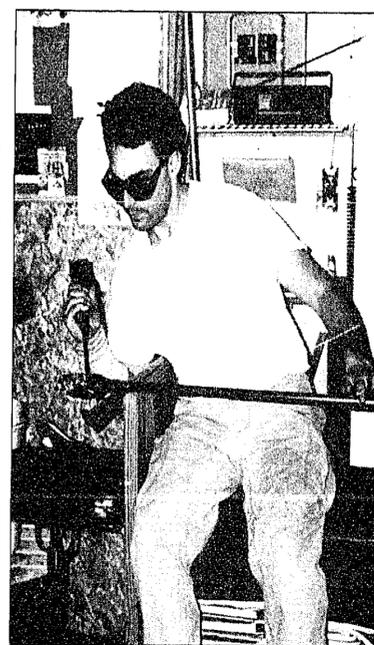
"I never miss a Sugarloaf show," she said. "The energy that you find at the shows — you just can't find anywhere else. When people come

to the shows, they may not like everything they see, but they have to admire the creativity of the people around them."

Bass and hundreds of other artists will be on hand at the show to share their work. "One of the highlights of our shows is that people can meet the artisans face-to-face," Verdier explained. "That way, if they don't see exactly what they're looking for, they can ask. Most of the artisans are willing to create custom pieces for their customers."

The upcoming show at Novi will feature demonstrations of jewelry making, iron forging, paper making, sculpting, wheel-thrown pottery and weaving.

The Sugarloaf Art Fair is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Daily adult admission is \$6. Children under 12 get in free. Parking is free. Discount admission coupons are available at Farmer Jack stores, by presenting a Farmer Jack Club membership card at the gate, or by calling 1-800-210-9900 before Oct. 20.



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Book discussion
The Book Discussion Group has chosen *Notes From a Small Island* by Bill Bryson as their November title. This book is an account of an American author's comic experiences in traveling through Britain via the public transportation system. The Book Discussion Group meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the library. For further information, please contact Betsy Bennett at the library.

Board meeting
The next regular meeting of the Novi Public Library Board of Directors is Monday, Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m.

New arrivals
Did you know that Novi Public Library adds over 100 new items, including books, compact discs and videos, to the library each week?

Long-range planning
Novi Public Library continues with its long range planning effort, following up on the community survey completed this spring by Wayne State University. On Thursday, Oct. 8, the library hosts Anders Dahlgren from Library Planning Associates who will assist the library board in developing strategic plans for the future. Special emphasis in the planning process will be placed upon use of library space.

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Beautification group honors winners for their landscaping

Members of the Novi Beautification Commission know something good when they see it. Following are winners of the 1997 Beautification Awards.

- Best of the Best** - Glenda's Market.
- Best apartment complex** - A tie between Saddle Creek Apartments and Woodland Glen.
- Best business** - Hotford Center For Health Improvement.
- Best condominium complex** - Crosswinds West.
- Best government** - Novi Public Library.
- Best industrial building** - Weste-WACTM.
- Best place of worship** - Faith Community Presbyterian Church.
- Best school** - Novi High School.
- Best shopping center** - Novi Town Center, managed by The Linder Company.
- Best single family subdivision** - Turnberry Estates.

In addition, winning in the **Exceptional Category** were:
 Novi Community School District - Educational Services Building
 • Instructional Technology Center
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 • Parkway Elementary School
 • Crosswinds West Condominiums

- Highline Club Apartments
- Pavilion Club Apartments
- Portsmouth Apartments
- River Oaks Apartments
- Saddle Creek Apartments
- Woodland Glen Apartments
- Autumn Park
- Chase Farms
- Iona Ridge
- Turnberry Estates
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- Country Epicure
- Glenda's Market
- JCK & Associates, Inc.
- Providence Medical Center
- Novi Public Library

Placing in the **Good Category** were:

- Novi Woods Elementary, Novi Middle School, Arrowon Pines, Beachwalk Apartments, Briarwood Condominiums, Briarwood Village, Chateau Village, Country Place Condominiums, Fountain Park Apartments, Novi Ridge Apartments, The Grand Court, Tree Top Meadows, Weatherlane Village, Barclay Estates, Bradford of Novi, Briarwood of Novi, Broadnour Park, Carriage Hills, Dunbarton Pines, Greenwood Oaks, Lachmoor Village.

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Furthermore, Novi Professional Village, O'Brien's Funeral Home, Reid Lighting, Rossi Office, Sove's Sunoco, STIS Inc., Stiles Chiropractic, Taito Company, Tommy's Tire & Auto and Vito's World Class Market.

Showing in the **Honorable Mention Category** were:

- Novi Meadows, Applegate Condominiums, Maples of Novi, North Hill Apartments, Olde Orchard Condominiums, South Pointe, The Springs, Twelve Oaks Townhouses, Waterview Farms Apartments, Westgate VI Apartments, Wexford Apartments, Addison Park, Jamestown Green, Lakeswood Parkhouses and Orchard Ridge.

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Glenda's owner Chris Cagle shows his creativity with Beautification Committee members Kathy Cosentino and Pam Superfisky.

Glenda's reaps best landscaping prize

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer
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While pumpkins, cornstalks and Halloween decorations now surround the nursery, this summer Glenda's winning landscape featured white zinnias, soft pink winter petunias, dark pink floral carpet rose bushes, several varieties of lilies in shades of blush, and purple cascading superpetunias that enthusiastically spilled over to the entranceway. Cagle also made sure that Novi's official flowers and plants were well-featured, including the day lily, the red sunset maple and dwarf lilac shrubs. The beds were maintained daily.

"I think it was a great honor. There were some buildings and businesses here that did a fabulous job," Cagle said.

"We are humbly grateful, but that doesn't mean we're going to bow down and not win next year." His mother Glenda Cagle started the family business 35 years ago in Livonia, where a store is still located on Seven Mile Road. Chris Cagle offers free landscaping advice to

anyone who comes into the store - even if they don't walk away with flats of flowers. Glenda's also does the entry plantings for Fountain Park Apartments, which won a ranking of "good" in the Beautification Awards.

He has been active with the Beautification Commission since its start, donating trees for the front of the Novi City Hall, as well as designing and planting the "NOVI" flower bed on the center's front lawn.

Cagle said the nursery aims to be actively involved in the community. At present, big plans are afoot for public Halloween and Christmas celebrations at Glenda's, with suitable decorations.

For Cagle, one of the gratifying moments at the awards ceremony was a comment Mary Kathleen McLaughlin, Novi Beautification Commission member, made.

"She said, 'even if you've had a bad day, you can go to Glenda's and it really cheers you up.' That's what we like to hear," he added.

EXPERT ADVICE

Chris Cagle, owner of Glenda's Garden Center, has a few tips for amateur landscapers:

- The way to tide those autumn perennial mums over to next year is to cover them over with four inches of mulch or dry leaves once they've stopped blooming, to protect them from the winter's frost.

- Plant pansies now. They will come back if they're a hardy variety. This is also the time to plant those tulip bulbs.

- Try this flower next summer for a great low maintenance look that keeps growing and growing - the Superlilia, a cascading petunia plant.

- Ask your local nursery to help you select plants that provide maximum bloom for minimum effort.

Residents say premiums guaranteed country living

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Westmont Subdivision residents declared victory last week during a battle over their backyards. But they haven't stopped the fight.

Nearly 40 residents packed the Novi Planning Commission meeting Oct. 1 to protest developer Richard Lewiston's plans for 18 homes on eight acres of land they say they were told would be wooded lots for all time. They plan the same strategy for when the plan comes before Novi City Council.

"It's almost like stealing from the residents," said Greg Barry, the president of Royal Crown Homeowner's Association. "They've paid premiums for their lots."

The Grech Family in Westmont I agrees.

"We paid a premium for this lot and consider it a breach of our building contract if those woods are removed," John and Marilyn Grech wrote the commissioners.

"We completely enjoy the privacy and 'country' feel those woods give us and consider it a benefit and enhancement to the beauty of our home."

But Lewiston said he never made any promises.

"I've never met any of the residents in Westmont I. I sold the lots to the builders," said Lewiston. "I take no credit or discredit for the statements or misrepresentations made to them. They weren't mine."

A group of 16 people signed affidavits supporting their claims and 150 people from Westmont and nearby subs like Addington Park signed a petition in protest.

The residents say the builder of the homes, Crescendo Builders Inc. and Cohen Associates Inc., told them their lots would look onto the wooded area.

Rodney Shackel, a partner with Crescendo, said if there were any promises made they should be in the purchase agreement. Merely paying a premium for a lot doesn't necessarily guarantee anything, he said. Premiums are determined on lot size, location and other amenities.

City attorneys say unless the woodlands were specifically cited as the reason for the premium on the lots, there may be no contractual obligation. It's hard to tell without all the information, according to attorney Dennis Watson.

The planning commission, which heard Lewiston's request for preliminary approval, was not happy with the intrusion into woodland areas, not considered to be of high enough quality to be regulated, but close enough for residents to be concerned.

After asking Lewiston to work up another plan or take the concerns under advisement, they recommended a denial of the project, 7 to 1, to the city council.

Commissioner Michael Watzka, who disclosed his law firm represents The Selective Group, a part-

ner in the development of Westmont I, voted against the motion.

"I went out and looked at the sites and my impression was, notwithstanding the residents' concerns, the developer owned that property and land and there was nothing in writing to prevent him from developing," Watzka said this week.

As for the connection to the Selective Group, Watzka didn't know about it until he saw it on the bottom of some literature and said he had no outside knowledge of the development which would have precluded him from voting. That's why he mentioned it, he said.

"I understand the concerns of the residents," he said. "And I hope if anyone had concerns they would ask."

The other commissioners felt Lewiston could have used other options for the property.

"I don't think you have to be a rocket scientist to believe there are reasonable and prudent alternatives," said Commissioner Michelle Boroni.

A big issue was Lewiston's previous indications to the city council and planning officials that he intended to build only cul-de-sacs in the portion of the subdivision when it came before the city in 1992.

He started out building on only 26 of his 60 acre parcel, "designed to avoid all involvement in the woodlands or wetlands," he told the commission.

But now Lewiston wants to build on another eight acres of the property and he would donate eight acres to the city. The leftover 18 acres is mostly unbuildable wetlands, according to City Consultant Brandon Rogers, although Lewiston has not addressed his intentions for that property.

Resident Margaret Sayles said she called, faxed and wrote Lewiston to discuss the plans with the residents but he declined the commission.

The residents say they did their homework, they told the commission, and called the city and the builder again to ensure that was the case.

Sayles said she visited the planning department and was told the city had denied a prior request to build on the property. "The employees even drew us a picture of the location of the two cul-de-sacs on our site plan," Sayles wrote the commission. "With this information, we decided to build a home in Westmont Village and paid a premium for a lot that backed up to the woods."

Although Sayles said there is nothing in her purchase agreement about the woodlands, she still believes she has a case. The builders sold those lots with premiums based on what they said was the view. She said plans for the subdivision even show trees in the backyards.

"You're left with the assumption



Westmont subdivision residents enjoy the woody nature of their backyards. They say that nature is threatened by a developer's plan to put in more housing.

that's what you're paying for," she said.

The residents say they were told Lewiston planned to build only two cul-de-sacs and preferred that option.

But Lewiston said he never officially proposed that plan and used it only as an example when council members questioned his plans for the remaining parcel during the first phase in 1992.

"I can't stop the unhappiness of 100 people," Lewiston said.

He pointed out that the people neighboring their very subdivision had protested Westmont I and without his push to develop the site, they would not be living in those homes.

"I guess these kinds of things happened with every subdivision before you," he said.

Shackel agreed. "Everything in Novi is like that," he said. "It's subdivision, after subdivision, after subdivision right next to each other."

City consultants Brandon Rogers and Linda Lemke both recommended a denial, saying the property could be developed with less intrusion into what Lemke considers a important wildlife habitat.

City Forester Chris Pargoff mentioned to the commission Lewiston's inclusion of the cul-de-sac plan on recent city paperwork for the site, and told the commissioners he considered the woodlands to be of great value.

"We're very concerned about the habitat," said resident Holly Burns. "Where are the trees going to be replanted? Anywhere? The wildlife that lives there keeps being pushed further to the west. They're at Berk Road now."

"Mr. Lewiston deserves to develop his land and that we agree," said Lynn Paul. But she said he should abide by his intentions to build the cul-de-sacs.



Adam Paul, 6, shows off a snake caught in his backyard.

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eat Ming the Magificent, as well as face painting and clowns.

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Schedule of events:

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- 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Oakland County Skate-in, outside.
- 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: National Skate Patrol, outside.
- 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.: Gymnastics, Multi-purpose Room.
- 2:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Detroit Safari, outside.

Working with the chamber to sponsor the fifth annual Focus Health program are Providence Hospital, Boisford Hospital, The Detroit Medical Center, St. Mary Hospital, Novi Parks and Recreation Department, the Novi Police Department and The Novi News.

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Blues-and barbecue eatery has its eye on Main Street site

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on getting one of five liquor licenses left for the City of Novi, but Conlin anticipates all will go smoothly.

The restaurant will locate in the Main Street Court building on Novi Road, which is not yet under construction, Conlin said. The owners hope it won't take long.

"Cubelli is very anxious to get in there," Conlin said.

Trendy blues-and-barbecue restaurants are also planned for several nearby communities. Memphis Smoke will build similarly themed restaurants in Farmington Hills and Royal Oak. Other Red, Hot & Blue eateries are under construction in Sterling Heights and Southfield, said Conlin. The franchise hopes to build 200 locations across the country during the next ten years.

According to Red, Hot & Blue, the restaurant focuses on casual dining with a background of blues music from the legends, such as B.B. King and Elmore James, and the music of Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison and Jerry Lee Lewis.

Novi's new age downtown is proving a worthy location for trendy eateries. The Local Club brespub and Mongolian Barbecue are also planned as tenants along the red brick road.

"It sounds pretty cool to me," said Jim Wahl, City of Novi Planning Director. "I'm running out of places to go."

One of the things we try to do is get unique and unusual uses," he explained. "It's somewhat difficult to get new and fun type restaurants and shops to be paying those prices in square footage in there."

Obituaries

BARBARA R. KRAMER
Barbara R. Kramer of Novi died Oct. 4 in Boisford Hospital, Farmington Hills. She was 51. Mrs. Kramer was born July 14, 1946.

Surviving Mrs. Kramer are: husband, Ed, who is on the Novi City Council; sons, Stephen and Eric; father, Goffred Matter; and seven brothers and sisters.

Services were held on Saturday, Oct. 4, at St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society or St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 would be appreciated.

HENRY JOHN BOLSEN
Henry John (Hank) Bolson, 76, died Oct. 2, at his residence in South Lyon. He was born March 3, 1921, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Bolson graduated from Western Hills in Cincinnati, Ohio, and attended Ohio State and the University of Cincinnati.

Mr. Bolson had been employed as vice president of sales for VES-PAC in Livonia. Prior to that, he was the national business management manager for Chrysler Corp. Sales and Leasing.

While in the Army from 1943-47, Mr. Bolson was commander of the intelligence and reconnaissance platoon which ran patrols into enemy territory to gain information about the enemy. Mr. Bolson was also an intelligence instructor. He was a 1st Lieutenant in the 4th Infantry Division, 22nd Infantry Regiment.

Mr. Bolson was an avid cook and enjoyed playing cards and the trombone.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Ann, whom he married 21 years ago; son, Gregory Meli of Michigan; daughters, Paula Loomer of Novi, Dianne Bischoff of Fremont, Calif., and Karen Bolson of Farmington Hills; sister, Hilda Watkins of Morrow, Ohio; 11 grandchildren and one great grandson.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marian, to whom he was married for 29 years.

Services were held on Monday, Oct. 6, at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington, Mich. The Rev. Richard Henderson, Faith Community Presbyterian Church in Novi, officiated at the service. Interment was in Ottawa Park Cemetery in Clarkston.

Memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

MARY L. SMITH
Mary Louise Smith, 66, of Farmington Hills, formerly of Northville and Detroit, died Sept. 30 in Huron Valley Hospital, Commerce Township. She was born Nov. 29, 1930, in Detroit.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and graduate of Redford High School.

She is survived by her husband of 20 years, William F. son, Wayne (Sharon) Humble, of Commerce Township; Leah (Doug) Olson of Novi; brothers, Jack Lenox of California, and Bill Waak of West Bloomfield; sister, Barbara Stevenson of Ferndale; and four grandchildren: Ryan, Frederick, Miles, and Brian.

She was preceded in death by a son, Daniel.

A funeral Mass was held on Saturday, Oct. 4, at Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington with Father David F. West officiating. Interment was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

Memorials to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

ROBERT W. LESAGE
Robert W. Lesage, 62, died Oct. 4 at his residence in Novi. He was born Nov. 24, 1934, in Detroit to Wilfrid Oliver and Rita Catherine (Kris) Lesage.

Mr. Lesage was a lifelong member of the Novi community.

Surviving Mr. Lesage are: his wife, Nola (DeKay); son, William Earehart of Hesperia, Mich.; daughter, Cheryl Dresselhouse of Northville; and four grandchildren. Services were held on Monday, Oct. 6, at Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of Northville. Dr. Douglas W. Vernon of the First United Methodist Church of Northville officiated.

JULIA M. ROBERTS
Julia M. Roberts, 93, of Novi died Sept. 30 at Medlodge in Howell. She was born Feb. 20, 1904.

Mrs. Roberts is survived by daughters, Barbara (Paul) Tuck and Kathleen Franklin; brother, Joseph Karachnik; five grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband John.

Services were held on Friday, Oct. 3, at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

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Council gives OK to house in wetland

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from 17,000 square feet to 11,400 square feet. Eliminated from the house design were a walk-out basement, which was replaced with a crawl space.

Director of Public Services Anthony Nowicki told the council that the Wagner's plans were the least disruptive to the woodlands and wetlands on the site. They already have permits from the Department of Environmental Quality and the Oakland County Health Department, as well as the city's Woodlands Review Board.

On the advice of Fried, the Wagner's were given approval with the understanding that if a sanitary sewer system is constructed at Nine Mile and Napier roads prior to the building of their home, they will hook in, rather than constructing a septic field on their lot. If the sewers aren't available when their home goes up, the Wagner's agreed to link into the system if and when their own septic field failed.

For the Wagner's, the result is they'll finally be able to move their three kids from a home they said was getting crowded in Plymouth to more spacious digs in Novi.

Karl Glass to address Motorsport Museum

Karl J. Glass of Henry Ford Health Center-Center for Athletic Medicine will be the featured speaker on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the Motorsports Hall of Fame. Glass will be speaking on the topic of driver fitness. The program begins at 7 p.m.

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By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

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Kroger hosts cholesterol info day

The Kroger Pharmacy, located at Pontiac Trail and Beck Road in Walled Lake will host a cholesterol information day Monday, Oct. 19 through Wednesday, Oct. 21 at the store.

Farah Haddo, Wayne State University pharmacy extern, will be on hand to answer questions about cholesterol from 10 a.m. to noon and 5 to 7 p.m. Information provided will include healthy life style changes and drug therapy. Informational pamphlets and coupons will also be available.

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As We See It

When principles conflict the decision is tough

Novi City Council did "the right thing" Monday when it agreed to a wetlands permit that will allow a family to build a home on a small parcel on Garfield Road.



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Environmentalists will not be happy to hear that. We certainly have our reservations about it. And council members themselves were visibly upset about it.

It put council in the uncomfortable position of having to over-ride regulations it has put in place - which its members or their predecessors have voted for - and has enforced rigorously for others.

But every once in a while, there is a clash of principles, a clash of ideals, and frankly, this was one. For council, it was a no-win situation.

The issue was a wetlands permit requested by Tim and Deborah Wagner of Plymouth, soon to be residents of Novi. Back in 1989, the couple bought a parcel on Garfield Road just south of Nine Mile where they hoped to build a new home. The problem was that the land is nearly all wetlands, protected from development by state law and city ordinances.

Following those regulations, the lot would have been completely unbuildable, so the couple - as one would reasonably expect - asked for permission to dredge and fill some of the wetlands in order to prepare enough land for construction. The state Department of Environmental Quality signed off on the permit. The Oakland County Health Department did too, as did the city's Woodlands Review Board.

But the Novi Planning Commission recommended denial. And the city council, which first saw the house plans in July, asked the Wagners to meet with city consultants to see if they could redraw the design to minimize the intrusion into the wetlands, which they did. When the plan came back in September, 2,000 square feet less of the wetlands had to be disrupted for the construction of the home.

Nonetheless, it remained a tough call for council, because the list of pros and cons on both sides are long. Ultimately, council members concluded that they would grant the permit Monday night, much to the delight of the Wagner family.

But council members were chagrined about their decision, as well they should be. The city of Novi is to be lauded for its efforts to protect wetlands. Not all communities have their own ordinances; many just rely on the state. But Novi has made the extra effort of putting an ordinance in effect, mapping wetlands throughout the city and enforcing its rules.

Here, council had to bypass those very same regulations. Is that fair to the rest of the city? And in granting the permit, council is ultimately allowing the wetlands it is seeking to protect to be disrupted.

Could set a precedent for the future? There is debate on this issue. Council member Hugh Crawford argued there absolutely was not a precedent. And we have to agree that city rightly should be able to draw distinctions between individuals who want to build single homes and large scale developers with plans for many houses. Sue Tepatti, city wetlands consultant, noted to council in September that individual homeowners have already been granted some exceptions to the rules which developers cannot rightly expect.

But the planning commission saw a possible precedent, thus its recommendation to deny. And it remains a possibility. Even if the city doesn't see a precedent in it, a court might. Does it provide a loophole for developers? Those who are putting up large scale developments might draw from this the conclusion that they should simply sell off wetlands as individual parcels to potential homeowners, rather than attempting to include the land in their own projects. In their own project, the land would be protected.

Tug of war going on in Novi



Wendy P. Mitzel

There is a tug-of-war going on in Novi. There has been for some time. Maybe they're right. And personally, that stinks. With all the fine print in a contract, something as simple as, "Are these woods going to stay?" should be held to a verbal agreement. Because if the agents were really selling property by telling prospective buyers they would look out onto a woodlands area, that's horrible.

And I wonder if there is a way to make the situation better, create a compromise. Could new homes be divided and screened from the existing homes by leaving a good percentage of the trees in the middle? The overall issue, though, is this: How much right does a person have to develop or build on their land? It's something the Novi Planning Commission, and Novi City Council debate monthly. It's not easy. I sit through the commission meetings on Wednesdays which sometimes run past midnight because of topics like this.

Sure there are ordinances and requirements and permits to adhere to. Then again, developers can always take them to court for a final hearing. I do believe most of the elected and appointed officials on these two boards take their responsibilities seriously and wrestle with that balance with each project. They should. Development is the most important issue in the city today.

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The problem is everybody wants to be the last subdivision, the last development, the last residents to move into the Oz called Novi. The term for it is NIMBY, or Not In My Backyard.

This time, even if the residents of Westmont Subdivision aren't declared victors in their fight against a second development in their backyards, I think it raises some good issues.

The residents say they took the builders' and developer's word that the woods behind their property were there to stay. The homeowners also showed competence by going to the City of Novi Planning Department to double check those words.

Now phase two of Westmont development is before the city and would cut down the nature nook.

I don't believe those people entered blindly into the agreement to buy their homes and pay a higher price for property backing up to trees. After all, how much more could they have done, besides get it in writing.

Which, I suppose is the key issue here. Everybody is making statements, accusations and claims, yet nobody has any proof. Except the developer and

builder who can point to the purchase agreements and say "It's not in writing."

Maybe they're right. And personally, that stinks. With all the fine print in a contract, something as simple as, "Are these woods going to stay?" should be held to a verbal agreement. Because if the agents were really selling property by telling prospective buyers they would look out onto a woodlands area, that's horrible.

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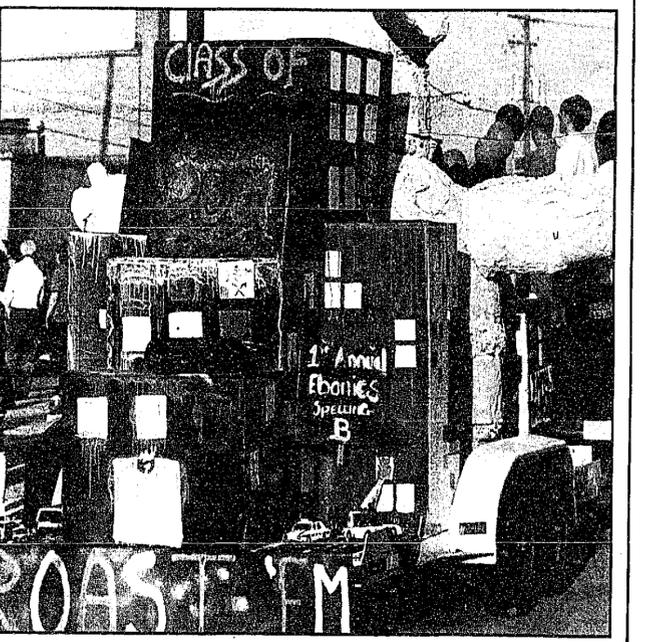
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Wendy Piernan Mitzel is a staff writer with The Novi News and The Northville Recorder.

In Focus

By John Heider



A fake billboard, reading "1st Annual Economic Spelling Bee" on the Northville Freshman class "Ghosts" table in the Homecoming parade was of questionable taste.

A question of sensitivity

The elections are fast approaching. And we're all anxious to find out more about the candidates so that we can make an informed choice at the polls. With 74 percent of the homes in our area receiving cable, community television provides an excellent forum for candidates.

We at INFO TV-12 extended an invitation to all city council candidates to come to our studio and discuss the issues on camera. Each were allotted a 15 minute time slot to express their views.

Here's who took advantage of this opportunity: Mayor Kathleen McLallen, Mayor Pro-Tem Hugh Crawford, city council candidates Ed Kramer, Mike Meyer, Laura Lorenzo, Joe Toth, Craig DeRoche, Gwen Markham and Eric Krieger.

Tune to INFO TV-12 on Thursday, Oct. 16, at 6 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 20, at 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 27, at 2:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 7:30 p.m. to hear what they



Mary Linda Calderone

Election info scheduled for cable

have to say. Remember, too, Monday, Nov. 3, the day before Election Day, INFO TV-12 will air political programming from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

You won't want to miss election coverage on the City of Novi's Channel 13 either. Programming runs daily from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., noon to 2 p.m., and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m., Channel 13 presented "Candidates Night Live" sponsored by the League of Women Voters. Look for programming throughout the month with information on the bond vote for the bike path/sidewalk connection and the aquatic facility.

And if you think you have to wait until the 11 p.m. news on election night for local results, guess again. Channel 13 will be posting results as soon as they become available from the city clerk's office.

So, if it's election coverage you're looking for, you can see we've got you "covered" on your community TV channels. See you at the polls.

Mary Linda Calderone is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission. The next SWOCC meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 4:30 p.m. at Farmington City Hall. The next CAC meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. at SWOCC.

Patterson calls it like he sees it



Phil Power

You've gotta hand it to Brooks Patterson. The Oakland County executive has become one of the few large political figures in Michigan with the guts to call a spade a spade, regardless of whose feathers he ruffles.

First it was posing for publicity shots in an enormous pothole and calling on his fellow Republican, Gov. "Potheole John" Engler to quit posturing and support a gasoline tax increase to pay for badly needed road repairs.

Now Patterson is after the tax break the trucking industry gets on diesel fuel, now effectively 15 cents per gallon, as opposed to the 19 cents the rest of us pay on gasoline purchases. Patterson visited Lansing last week where a bill to wipe out the difference is stalled in the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee. "When it (the bill) gets ripe, I'll go up there," he said.

This time the Oakland County boss is taking on what must be one of the most powerful, longest-lasting and best-hidden lobbies in Michigan politics: The alliance

between the trucking industry and the Teamsters Union that for decades has hogged both parties in the Legislature.

The industry wants low fuel taxes and high weight limits to prosper. The Teamsters know that a prosperous trucking industry means more jobs for the boys.

What do those of us who don't happen to own truck fleets or drive 18-wheelers get from the deal? Higher gasoline taxes and terrible roads, damaged disproportionately by heavily laden trucks.

Here's the detail: Michigan's Motor Fuel Tax Act, a law going back to 1927, provides for a specific tax on diesel fuel (predominantly used in trucks) equal to the rate per gallon imposed on gasoline. Under pressure from the trucker-Teamster lobby, the Michigan Legislature in 1980 adopted a unique measure that awarded a six-cents-a-gallon discount for diesel fuel bought in Michigan, on the theory that Michigan truckers were at a "competitive disadvantage" to those in neighboring states.

Until the Legislature increased the gasoline tax this year, this tax break meant that while motorists were paying 15 cents tax per gallon of gasoline, truckers were paying nine cents on diesel fuel. This disparity ended briefly in April, when the diesel fuel tax was increased to 21 cents a gallon.

But the trucker-Teamster lobby went

back on work. On Aug. 1, when the state gasoline tax was increased to 19 cents, the six-cents diesel discount went back on the books. Best estimates are that the trucker-Teamster tax break costs taxpayers around \$20 million per year.

Michigan's diesel fuel tax ranks 45th among all states. Since 1980, Michigan taxes on diesel fuel have increased from 11 cents to 15 cents, a 36 percent change. During the same period, diesel taxes in Illinois increased by 186 percent, in Ohio by 214 percent, in Indiana by 100 percent.

While Michigan truckers pay low fuel taxes, they enjoy a weight limit of 164,000 pounds, more than double the 80,000-pound limit imposed in most states. And conventional wisdom is that a heavily-loaded truck is responsible for as much damage to our roads as 9,600 cars.

Go get 'em, Brooks! Chair of the Senate Finance Committee is Joanne Emmons, 805 Farmington Building, PO Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909. Telephone (517) 373-3760.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 ext. 1880.

How long can NIMBY hold out

To the Editor:

The Ten Mile Road controversy just won't go away - but that's nothing new. I remember one day as a teenager living in northwest Detroit, I pedaled my three-speed bicycle north on Greenfield Road to Ten Mile Road, then west on Ten Mile toward Kensington Park. That was one terrifying experience, with 42-wheel gravel trains blowing by me every few seconds - obviously that was a major road, not a quiet little residential street - and that was 34 years ago.

Now in 1997, the situation hasn't gotten any quieter, it's gotten busier! Novi now has about 42,000 nice people and we are about one-third built up. When the city is fully built, we will have over 120,000 people here. How long do you expect your N.I.M.B.Y. Club to resist the pressure which will be coming when all those people are stuck in a gridlock traffic jam?

I find it hard to believe that a few hundred people could have been duped into thinking they could have one-quarter acre front lawns forever and the cars would just go away as if by magic.

Surely you could see the traffic jams coming even 20 years ago.

A similar situation once existed on Ford Road east of Inkster Road in the old Dearborn Township. Nowadays, the area is called the city of Dearborn Heights and the road has grown along with the city, and the seven-lane road carries traffic smoothly and safely. Did property values go down? I doubt it. Did the number of accidents go up? Probably not. My guess is, that the road is safer now than

it was back in the early 1960s. Most of the tractors are gone now replaced with electric start lawnmowers. Did the average speeds go up on that road? Probably not much - the old speed limit was 55 MPH, and you could rarely do it. Today the area is posted for 45 MPH and you can usually do it - much safer than before.

So how long can the N.I.M.B.Y. Club hold out here in Novi? It will be interesting. Doug McCormick

Doing a little math on arena

To the Editor:

References: 1) Novi News Oct. 2 ice arena groundbreaking article; 2) attached sample amortization tables

Subject: Bonding Costs - Novi Ice Arena

So the Novi Ice Arena will be built with \$8.5 million in revenue bonds backed by the purses and wallets of the Novi taxpayers (who never got a chance to vote on this issue). With "antipated yearly revenues of \$750,000" we now have to look at reality and mention that this is \$2,054.80 per day for 365 days a year. This is what is supposed to pay off the city council-issued revenue bonds.

Well, I am reluctant to be the "speed bump" in front of the Zamboni, but let's do a little math. Revenue bonds issued for 15 years at 6 percent interest will cost \$71,727.83 per month or \$860,733.96 per year.

Joseph G. Toth
Former Council Member

Letters

Which if the projected yearly net revenues of \$750,000 are realized, \$110,733.96 will have to come from the Novi taxpayers' pockets and purses. Revenue bonds issued for 20 years at 6 percent interest will cost \$80,896.64 per month or \$730,759.68 per year and this works with the \$750,000 yearly revenues (if this is net income/profit after all expenses are paid). In plain terms, this is equivalent to paying cash for a new residential home every two to three months. About 90 to 120 new houses for this bonding issue.

Now to both financial scenarios, we should also add in the bonding agency fees and the yearly administrative costs. So now what happens if there are cost overruns on this \$8,500,000 project? What if net yearly revenue income is less than the "antipated yearly revenues of \$750,000" or a net income of \$2,054.80 for every day of the year? The dollar differences will have to come from the Novi taxpayers' pockets and purses.

The Pork Barrel Avenue No. 6" road construction costs of over \$1,012,000 and the cost of the land at \$232,000 (more like \$452,000 according to Mr. Kriewalt's figures), should also be included in this revenue bonding escapade, because they are key factors and costs for this project. So the yearly revenues should be paying off at least a \$9,744,000 bonding fund.

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Sally McInnes

Thanks for band Fanfare support

To the Editor:

On Sept. 13, Novi High School Band Boosters hosted its annual band competition, FANFARE. This year we were host to 19 bands from all over the state of Michigan. It was the best-attended show in Novi's history.

On behalf of the band booster organization, I would like to thank the places of business for their sponsorship on this day - ADM Enterprises, Country Epicure Restaurant, G.E.B. Collision, Hoffmann Filter Corp., Johnson Printing, Liberty Mutual, Marshall Music, Michigan Cat, Novi Community Credit Union, Doubletree Hotel, John Goodman-Realtor, JCK & Associates, Knight Auto Parts, Links of Novi, Meadowbrook Veterinary Clinics, Music Co Round, PPG Industries Inc., Fil Superfisk-Realtor, Varsity Lincoln-Mercury. Also, a big thank you goes to ERA Rymal Symes Realty for allowing us use of their conference room to assemble our programs.

Also, a thank you goes to the Novi Police Department, Dan Davis of Novi Parks and Recreation, Craig Smith the director of Novi DPW, and Community EMS. Without their cooperation we could not host a competition.

I need to thank all the band booster alumni who helped out in the building halls that night. A final thank you to our award presenters that evening - Dr. Jennifer Cheal of Novi High School and Gordon Seiler of Novi Middle School.

Sally McInnes

How the federal deal impacts us

Quit smoking. Avoid flying. Get off welfare and into your own business. Don't run for governor if you're looking for fun.

Those bits of advice percolate through a dry, 11-page paper by the state Senate Fiscal Agency as it analyzes the friendly federal government's Balanced Budget Act and Taxpayers Relief Act of 1997.

The SFA is directed by Gary S. Olson and staffed mainly by economists and policy analysts, bright professionals who labor in obscurity as our elected legislators hog the limelight. Over time, I've found economists' predictions to be cooler and more trustworthy than those of (say) environmentalists and sociologists.

Some goals of Congress and Clinton: Increase the annual deficit from the current \$34 billion to \$57 billion the first year, then gradually cut the annual deficit and reach a \$32 billion surplus (first since 1969) by 2002. That much you may have gleaned from the national news despite the grates over Diana, plane crashes and the Promise Keepers.

How will the federal budget deal impact us? • The cigarette tax will go from 24 cents a pack to 34 cents in 2000 and to 39 cents in 2002 (on top of the state's whopping 75

cents). That will hike federal revenues \$5 billion over five years. Good time to quit. • Airport and airlines taxes will rise \$33 billion with a 10 percent tax on airline fares, an increase in international departure fees and taxes on credit card companies that award airline ticket to frequent customers.

• Medicaid, the medical program for the poor, will be pared \$7 billion over five years as hospitals' payments are capped, though the total program will continue to grow. Veterans programs will be reduced by \$4 billion. Those who are able will be paying more not only for their own medical services but for those who can't pay.

• There will be "numerous tax reductions for small businesses," more tax breaks for research and experimentation, lower taxes for the self-employed. Good time to start your business. IRAs (individual retirement accounts) will be expanded. Total: \$21 billion over five years.

• Kids are good. The per-child credit will go to \$400, then \$500 as of 1999, costing the feds \$73 billion in lost revenue. College tax credits will be worth \$39 billion. From other sources, we hear that colleges will boost their tuitions, but the feds will pick up a lot of that cost through tax cuts.

• You can bequeath (or inherit) more. Currently, estates under \$600,000 are exempt from the inheritance tax; that exemption will go up to \$1 million by 2006. It will cost the feds \$6 billion in revenue, a hint there may be more nest eggs out there than you hear about through the liberal media.

• Future governors will have it tougher.

Federal funds account for about 25 percent of the state budget. Two principal funnels are Medicaid (which will remain stable) and "non-defense discretionary outlays" for job training and environmental protection.

SFA says the big impact of those "non-defense discretionary outlays" will start in fiscal 2002, the last year of Gov. John Engler's third term (if he gets one). At that time, "this category must be reduced by \$17 billion or 6.1 percent in one fiscal year."

SFA predicts: "When fiscal year 2002 arrives, states should be prepared for a substantial reduction in federal funds." Those federal cuts have to be enacted by future Congresses - if they are still in the mood.

The 1997 federal government likes small business, kids and estate building. Congress and the president are aiming for a fiscally conservative society though hardly a far right-wing one. (The \$5 trillion accumulated debt still will be there, but it won't be growing. Home and business loans should be cheaper.)

All of this assumes no defense buildup, no all-out war, no environmental disaster, no economic downturn. With great understatement, SFA notes Congress has "an independent nature" that could lead it to "deviating" from good fiscal policy. Prayer may be in order.

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

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Rotary opens park, donates recreation development to city

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to buy 5.22 acres of land next to Rotary Park from the Audubon Society.

"It's going to be very beautiful there," he added.

About six years ago, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis said he was approached by the club and asked about what they could do for the community. Past club president Dr. May Sanghvi explained that the local Rotary had just raised \$100,000 to help immunize the world's children against polio and members decided they next wanted to finance something for their hometown.

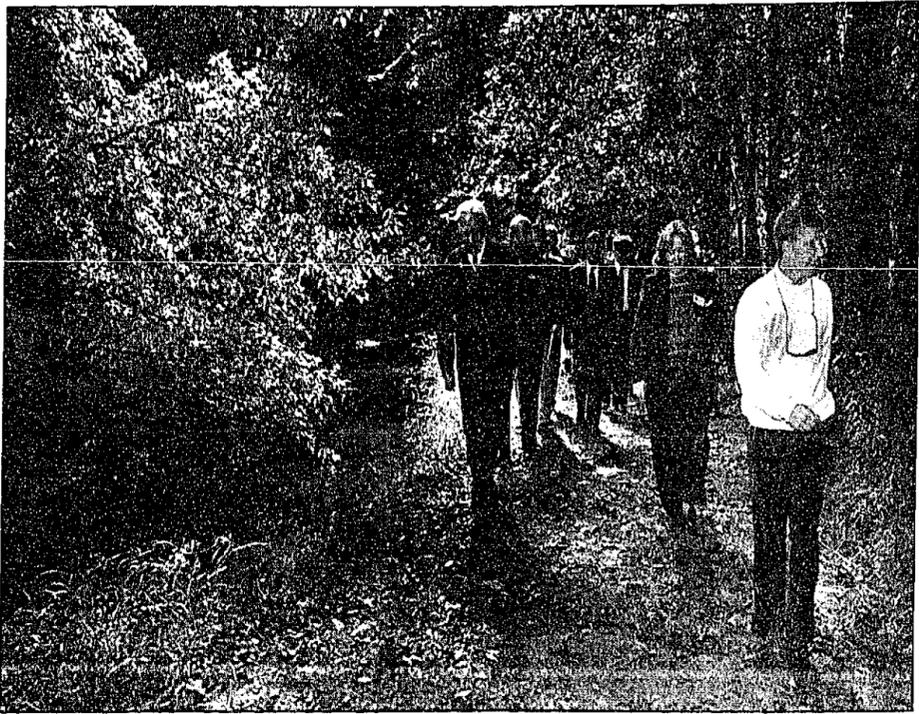
"We do a lot of things without people knowing about it. This is going to be visible," Dr. Sanghvi said. "Rotarians feel good about doing something good for the community."

The service group also spends its raffle money on, among other things, a Christmas lunch for seniors, the Special Olympics and scholarships for Novi High School students.

Novi officials were able to use the Rotary money as a matching fund when successfully applying for a \$75,000 state grant for the park in 1994.

Also enjoying the park during the outing were the women of the Novi United Methodist Church who have cooked up the lunches for the Rotary for 22 years. Somebody had to prepare that picnic for the hungry Rotarians, so the volunteers whipped up the lunch for the club. As always, the lunch serves as a fundraiser for the Methodists.

"We do it for the church. The Rotary pays," explained kitchen supervisor Kathy Ballard.



Novi Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis, right, leads a group including honorary Novi Rotary member Ernie Aruffo and Mayor Kathleen McLallen through the wooded trails of newly-opened Rotary Park last Thursday afternoon.

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Then & Now

Times they are a'changin' – sometimes so slowly it's hard to notice. But the following excerpt from a 1950s high school home economics textbook "How To Be A Good Wife" by Ann R. Keye demonstrates how our lives have changed in 40 years. A lighthearted '90s variation in italics follows the '50s version.

By Carol Dipple
Feature Editor



1. Have dinner ready. Plan ahead, even the night before, to have a delicious meal on time. This is a way of letting him know you have been thinking about him and are concerned about his needs. Most men are hungry when they come home and the prospect of a good meal is part of the warm welcome indeed.

Place the pizza coupon on the table with instructions that your spouse should order the pizza and have it ready by the time you walk in from work. No anchovies, please.

2. Prepare yourself. Take 15 minutes to rest so that you will be refreshed when he arrives. Touch up your make-up, put a ribbon in your hair and be fresh looking. He has just been with a lot of work-weary people. His boring day may need a lift.

Head straight for the closet to swap business suits for something a little more comfortable, like sweats or jeans.

3. Clear away the clutter. Make one last trip through the main part of the house just before your husband arrives, gathering up the school books, toys, paper, etc., then run a dust cloth over the tables. Your husband will feel he has reached a haven of rest and order and it will give you a lift too.

Kick the toys out of the way as you walk through the rooms. Turn the lights down low so the dust is not as noticeable. Make sure there is enough money in the checking account to cover the cleaning service bill.

4. Prepare the children. Take a few minutes to wash the children's hands and face, comb their hair, and if necessary, change their clothes. They are little treasures and he would like to see them playing their part.

Draw straws with your spouse to see who will pick up the little treasures from the day care and who will get to do the "car pool" thing to little league soccer, basketball, swimming, etc. Make sure they have dance shoes, soccer cleats, water bottles, mouth guards, and shin guards. Blow a kiss as you pass each other in the driveway.

5. Minimize all the noise. At the time of his arrival, eliminate all noise of the washer, dryer, dishwasher, vacuum. Try to encourage the children to be quiet. Be happy to see him. Greet him with a warm smile.

Turn up the evening news on the television to drown out the noise of children bickering, the vacuum, or the teenager's music while you dance to the noise of the microwave nuking dinner.

6. Make him comfortable. Have him lean back in a comfortable chair or suggest that he lie down in the bedroom for a little while. Have a cool/warm drink ready for him. Arrange his pillow and offer to take off his shoes. Speak in a low, soft, soothing and pleasant voice. Allow him to relax and unwind.

Both of you grab a beer or pour a glass of wine, flop down on the couch, and fight over the remote control while waiting for the pizza to arrive.

7. Listen to him. You may have a dozen things to tell him, but the moment of his arrival is not the time. Let him talk first, telling you about his day.

Half heartedly listen to your spouse discussing the day while you check the messages on the answering machine. Hang up on the telephone solicitor who will invariably call just as you sit down for dinner.

8. Make the evening his. Never complain if he does not take you out to dinner or out to other pleasant entertainment. Instead try to understand his day of strain and pressure and his need to unwind and relax.

Debate who had the worse day. Fight over

the last pain reliever. Discuss which take out food to order.

9. Some don'ts: Don't greet him with problems or complaints. Don't complain if he is late for dinner. Count this as minor compared to what he might have gone through that day.

Don't complain if your spouse is late getting home from work because no one was home to notice anyway.

10. THE GOAL: Try to make your home a place of peace and order where your husband can relax in body and spirit. *Your home should be a place of peace and order where the two of you can relax in body and spirit. Wouldn't this be a nice world if everybody did this for his or her significant other?*

Volunteer



Photo by HAL GOULD
Cathy Totzkay and Mandy volunteer with Pet-A-Pet.

Totzkay coordinates pet therapy program

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

As a child growing up in Northville, Cathy Totzkay had several pets.

"That's probably why I love animals so much," she said.

Totzkay has been a resident of Northville for 41 years and graduated from Northville High School. A volunteer with Pet-A-Pet since 1991, in hindsight Totzkay now says she was practicing pet therapy with her parents before they died of cancer within several years of each other.

By encouraging the human-animal bond with those least likely to have contact with pets, Pet-A-Pet volunteers try to educate the public on the health benefits of pet therapy.

According to Totzkay, the benefits include reduced blood pressure, loneliness, boredom and depression; increased morale; feelings of being loved and accept-

ed; and motivation for people in rehabilitation.

"It is a love story," she said. "You get the love from the animal but the animal is getting the love back."

Totzkay coordinates 20 volunteers and their visits to five facilities in the area and visits each with her 9-year-old black lab Mandy each month. They go to McCauley Center, a retirement home for the Sisters of Mercy in Farmington Hills; Oakwood Hospital, a psychiatric hospital in Westland; Wynwood House, an assisted living facility; Star Manor, a nursing home; and Old Village School, a school for severely handicapped children.

"The minute I put her scarf on she's out the door and ready to go," Totzkay said. "The hand reaches out as they see Mandy

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The
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to 53 calls
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last week in
September -
that's an
average of
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per day.

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Jaycees planning haunted house in Farmington Hills

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

It's haunted house time for the Novi Jaycees, however, because there is no place available to the group to hold its annual house in Novi, members will be working with the Farmington Jaycees this year. It will be located on Orchard Lake Road, south of Fourteen Mile near the K mart Shopping Center.

Work has started with the operating schedule for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17 and 18, from 7:30-11:30 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 19, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. The schedule will remain the same for the following weekend but will start on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. The last two nights will be Thursday, Oct. 30, 7:30-9:30 p.m., and Halloween, Oct. 31, 7:30-11:30 p.m.

The Farmington Jaycees are also having a canned food drive and anyone donating a can will receive \$1 off the entrance fee of \$5. Plans have been made to sell special discount tickets through local newspapers.

Plans were also made at the October general meeting for Jaycee members and their families to visit the Wagon's Orchard for cider and donuts on Sunday morning, Oct. 12.

Also to the planning stage is the "hobby baskets for the needy" in the Novi area. Canned foods are being collected at local schools to help with this project.

Starting in November and continuing through April it will be Walldahl and Volleppell. It is tentatively planned to meet at 7 p.m. on the first and third Sundays of the month.

The Novi Jaycees will meet again at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 6, at the Civic Center. At that time, plans will be finalized for the Michigan Jaycees Fall Assembly to be held Nov. 21-23, at Treetops Skyline Resort in Gaylord.

For more information about Jaycee projects and membership for ages 21-39, call (248) 345-NOVI.

NOVI CHARTER HOUSE

The activities department will sponsor their annual Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Included will be a raffle with several donations in addition to a Halloween Mask by Eaton Nursery. Refreshments will also be available for enjoyment. Anyone in the community who wishes to help with this project, i.e., donation of a craft or baked goods, should contact Debbie Runnels, activities director, for further information. All proceeds will go toward special activities for residents.

A special program honoring resident volunteers is being planned by the Community Council and

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will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 26. Working on this program are Michelle Lange, Activities, and Gretchen Oppermann, Community Council.

Volunteering and assisting the activities department are several groups, some of which are: the Northville Garden Club which comes once a month. Most recently, the group assisted the residents in making gift boxes with a fall emphasis. Last Sunday, Ward Presbyterian Church presented a Christian puppet show. Others working on a volunteer basis include: Paul Kemp and his reading group; Grace Holland with crafts; and a group working on items to be sold at the bazaar.

Other projects in need of volunteers are birthday parties, the circulation of hospitality cards, and the bowling league - the Angles, headed by Mary Nowak and the Sinkers, led by Zaki Corvay.

Special Halloween activities include pumpkin carving and the Fall Harvest Celebration on Oct. 31.

Welcome to Heather Frennrich, new staff member of the Activities Department.

A memorial service will be conducted on Wednesday, Oct. 29, for

those who have passed away during the last three months.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

October events for high school age are being planned by Gail Dulack, director of the Youth Ministry. Drop-in times are being extended to include Friday nights from 9-11; Thursday nights are open from 7-9, with an invitation to come in costume on Oct. 30. A reminder - there will be no "drop-in" on Friday, Oct. 31.

The young people are encouraged to bring a friend to the Sunday, Oct. 12 meeting. Discussion of plans will include: the haunted hayride on Saturday, Oct. 18, with all meeting at the church at 6:30 p.m.; the youth's involvement in the "Oktoberfest" on Oct. 19; a celebration of World Youth Day, Oct. 26, with a 10:30 a.m. Mass and breakfast for the youth immediately following.

A group called the "Soup Troop" will again be going to the Soup Kitchen at St. Leo's Church on Saturday, Oct. 11. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the meal. If you are unable to participate, donations of food, money or clothing, especially men's clothes,

would be greatly appreciated. In addition, bakers are needed for cookies and cupcakes. Please call the office at 349-8847 for more information.

On Oct. 12, at 7 p.m., the Holy Family Adult Volunteer Choir will present a sacred music concert featuring styles from different periods. The choir will be joined by Ray Ferguson, organist, and Dorothy Duensing, mezzo soprano, as well as other instrumentalists.

A discussion group for men and women, consisting of college age and post college age, is planned for Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 7:30 p.m. Topic of discussion will be "Prayer."

A GROWING PLACE

The care center took a field trip to Plymouth Orchard where they toured the area, picked apples, and enjoyed donuts and cider. The children also came to school dressed appropriately for Scarecrow Day, which included a trip to the cornfield next door to have pictures taken then later, they were allowed to paint their faces.

Forthcoming plans include a field trip to Commerce Township for pumpkins and ponies. The children will be riding a pony, looking at Halloween decorations, and picking a pumpkin. Another trip will include the Spooky Barn at Erwin Farms in South Lyon

where they have a number of Halloween scenes for the children. These scenes are not scary but done with a lot of animation. Also included will be a short wagon ride, playing in the Hay-Maze, petting baby goats, and having cider and donuts.

Special days in October include learning more about the alphabet. "Camping Days" was used for the letter "C" and for this, tents were set up and singers were enjoyed. Also included for the letter "C" was "Circus Day." The children dressed up like their favorite circus character - a strong man, ringmaster, clown, etc. Disney Day will be held Oct. 17, and the children can wear any item of clothing that has a Disney character. They will also graph their favorite Disney movie.

The program, "Show and Tell" will also be held this month. The children are asked to bring in just one item in a bag, however, if a child plans to bring in a pet, they are asked to let the teacher know ahead of time. Halloween plans include a party set up like a carnival, complete with games and prizes. Candy will be available for trick or treat time as well as snacks for the party.

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

Church Notes

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, on Meadowbrook Road just north of Ten Mile Road, will present "An Evening of Sacred Music" on Sunday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m.

Featured guest soloists mezzo-soprano Dorothy Duensing and organist Ray Ferguson will join the 42-member Holy Family Choir, under the direction of Beth Kamish, in compositions by Palestrina, Mozart, Schubert, Haydn, Faure, Verne and Gorecki. The Holy Family Choir will also perform selected pieces from their performance at the National Association of Pastoral Musicians Choir Festival which was held in Cincinnati, Ohio. The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information, call (248) 349-8847.

FOREST PARK BAPTIST CHURCH, 26805 Farmington Road in Farmington, is presenting a DivorceCare divorce recovery support group on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Three, 13 week sessions are offered throughout the year. Childcare will be provided through fifth grade.

For more information, call (248) 476-0050.

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 41671 West Ten Mile in Novi, will hold its annual action on Saturday, Nov. 1. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the silent auction beginning at 7 p.m. The bidding auction will begin at about 8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 349-2652.

SPIRIT OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 40700 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, announces a new way for families to praise God and grow in the Word together. Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., "Saints ALIVE!" begins with folks of all ages meeting together for songs and a message geared toward children. Small group sharing follows which is wrapped up by refreshments and fellowship. Worship services are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m. as well as Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Oct. 18, the Youth Group is offering a "Parents' Night Out" from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Children may be brought to church for activities and care while parents enjoy an evening out. A free will offering to benefit the Youth program will be accepted.

For more information, call (248) 477-6266.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, located at 49555 North Territorial in Plymouth Township, will host international Christian youth recording artists Mary Rice Hopkins & Company on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 6 p.m. Mary Rice Hopkins & Company gear their concerts toward families and children ages preschool through fifth grade. Songs incorporate Bible stories and lyrics that reinforce positive messages to children.

Individual tickets are available for \$5 each. A family pass may be purchased for \$20. Tickets are available by calling John or Melynn Zyika at (313) 416-9346.

CROSSROADS CHURCH, meeting at West Middle School in Plymouth, is beginning a new series on Sunday, Oct. 12, entitled "Timeless Truths for a New Generation: A Positive Look at the Ten Commandments" at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children's classes are provided.

The church is expanding its music ministry and is looking for interested instrumentalists and vocalists. Music includes contemporary praises, choruses and Christian rock. For details, call Pastor Rob Eddy (313) 641-6400.

Special Olympics held in Novi

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Team Farmington soccer players did not have to cross their fingers and hope for good weather on Saturday.

The soccer players had previously played their invitational tournaments on outdoor fields but thanks to Hugh Lindsay, manager of the Novi SoccerZone and Anthony Malia, a Team Farmington parent and a Novi resident, the teams played indoors for the first time.

Malia stopped into the SoccerZone on Grand River while it was under construction and talked with Lindsay, who donated the facility for the international regional tournament. Team Farmington Invitational for Special Olympics drew 23 teams from the lower half of state and two teams from Canada.

Team Farmington soccer players include Stephen Lynn from Northville and Philip Silvestri from Novi on the Sharks coached by Dan Minkus; Novi resident Elizabeth Hillbert on the Eagles, which is coached by Christine Diebold; and Novi resident Pam Mowbray on the Cheetahs with coaches Jorge Pacheco and Lynn Tenby.

"The kids had a blast," said Mike Todorov, sports coordinator with Team Farmington. "We had a nice turnout and the people were wonderful."

The Cheetahs and the Sharks each won one of three games while the Sharks walked away with no wins.

"I felt everything went really well," Lindsay said. "The kids and the parents of these special athletes



Photo by CAROL DIPPLE

Philip Silvestri of Novi (second from right) played a competitive game on Saturday.

are so appreciative. We can all take a leaf out of their book, so to speak. They competed quite vigorously and still showed that good sportsmanship which was nice."

At the end of the tournament, Team Farmington presented Lindsay with a plaque.

"It was a win/win situation," Lindsay said. "We received the exposure and they were able to play in a nice facility."

Each team played three games to qualify for the state competition

which will be held in Warren this weekend.

The Novi facility on Grand River is the largest indoor soccer/inline hockey facility in the nation with three soccer fields and one inline hockey rink.

On Campus

STACIE MCGUIGAN, a sophomore biology major at Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois, has been selected to receive a scholarship from ONU for the 1997-98 academic year.

McGuigan is the daughter of Jerry and Linda McGuigan of Novi and a 1996 graduate of Novi High School.

Novi students at Michigan State University who are considered degree candidates for summer semester are: **JUSTIN MATTHEW GILBERT**, bachelor's in mechanical engineering; **LAURIE KAY GRABOWSKI**, bachelor's, child development; **ROBERT R. HARRISON**, bachelor's, hospitality business; **STACIE M. HRAVATIC**, bachelor's, education; **DANIELLE E. LENZI** will graduate with honors in both subjects and receive two bachelor degrees: child development and general business administration-prelaw; **BARBARA LYNN LOWES**, bachelor's with honors, child development; **KELLY A. NAUGHTON**, bachelor's, psychology; **SARA D. PUTNAM**, bachelor's, environmental studies and applications; and **TAMMY LYNN WIECHERT**, master's, rehabilitation counseling.

JONI STEWART of Novi received a Catholic Student Award from Madonna University. This is an \$800 award, renewable for four years for a total of \$3,200. The award is given to incoming students and is for active Catholics who wish to combine a strong quality education with additional Catholic leadership training and experience. Recipients must possess and maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

Stewart is pursuing a degree in nursing.

Golf fundraiser is helping to grant wishes

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

The Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville was the site for the first Scramble for Wishes golf benefit Sept. 29, sponsored by the Production Equipment Group of Ingersoll-Rand in Farmington Hills.

Celebrity golfers for the 18-hole benefit for the Rainbow Connection, which grants wishes to Michigan children with life-threatening illnesses, included Bill Laimbeer, L. Brooks Patterson and Channel 7's Mike Holfield. Sponsor

Net proceeds from the benefit totalled over \$44,000. Six-year-old Daniel Thomas of Westland was the wish child for the benefit.

Daniel, who has a brain tumor, will be going to Disney World in October with his father, who participated in the golf outing, mother and grandmother.

The Rainbow Connection grants between 120 and 150 wishes each year, which cost approximately \$3,000 each, according to Charla Miller of the Rainbow Connection. Monday's Scramble Fore Wishes

will enable the Rainbow Connection to grant 12 to 14 wishes.

L. Brooks Patterson was the celebrity auctioneer for the silent and live auctions held during the evening's dinner, which was attended by 250 people.

Area businesses making donations to the benefit included Orin Jewelers and Great Harvest Bread Company, both of Northville. Auction items were donated by Mackinnon's Restaurant and Northville Uptown Cafe in Northville and Barquette Hotel and the Country Epicure in Novi.

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AAUW hosts speaker on UNICEF at next meeting

The Northville/Novi branch, American Association of University Women, will host a speaker on the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations at its meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m.

Members will see a video on UNICEF and hear a presentation

by Nissa Stoddard, outgoing president of the United Nations Association (UNA), USA Oakland County Chapter. Claire Horwood, Michigan director of the US Committee for UNICEF, will be on hand and will provide handouts and classroom materials on the UN, UNA and UNICEF. Members will also have

access to 1997 brochures for gifts and cards pertinent to upcoming holidays and other occasions.

Gathering time with coffee and desserts is set for 7 p.m. with the speaker to follow at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile

Road between the Novi Public Library and the Novi Police Department in Novi, a new site for branch activities.

Parking is available behind the building. A short business meeting will follow the program and end at 9 p.m.

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Pets like therapy program

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coming."

Totzkay puts in eight to 10 hours each month visiting facilities and working on various Pet-A-Pet projects. She is also a member of the board of directors.

"Pets helping other people cope with their illness and depression is very important to me," she said.

As one of the Pet-A-Pet coordinators, Totzkay also is responsible for screening pets to make sure they are compatible, socialized and get along well with people and other animals.

Mandy, a cancer survivor herself, is registered as a therapy dog by Therapy Dogs International, a non-profit organization like the Pet-A-Pet. Dogs must pass the Canine Good Citizen Test which is given by the American Kennel Club. The club tests obedience with an emphasis on the dog's ability to tolerate various situations like loud noises and having lips or ears tugged on.

"The dog has to have a certain temperament to tolerate that," she said.

Volunteers can expect to spend one hour per visit and can sign up for visits to over 70 facilities in the Metro Detroit area between September and May. Most visits take place during the morning although some are scheduled at night and on the weekends.

"Our volunteers are dedicated to our program and pets," she said.

Pets must have current vaccinations. There is a \$5 registration fee to cover insurance. The group publishes a newsletter twice a year.

While the volunteers wear name tags, the more than 300 dogs in the program wear red and black scarfs imprinted with the Pet-A-Pet logo.

In Novi Pet-A-Pet volunteers visit Whitehall Healthcare Center and Charter House.

There is a special need for volunteers at this time in Detroit, Trenton and South Lyon.

For more information about Pet-A-Pet, call the president, Daisy Doran, at (313) 565-1981 or the group's founder, Ruth Curry, at (313) 535-0410.

"I think it would be sad if you were never able to touch a dog again," she said.

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Benjamin Krpichak, a lifelong Novi resident, graduated from the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine in April with a medical doctor degree.

Dr. Krpichak is a product of the Novi school system, graduating with honors in the class of 1987. He attended the University of Michigan where he received a bachelor of science degree in biological science in December 1991. He then attended Eastern Michigan University where he was working towards a master's degree in clinical psychology when, in 1993, he was accepted into the American University of Caribbean School of Medicine.

Dr. Krpichak spent his first two years of medical studies on Montserrat, an island in the British West Indies, where he completed his training in basic sciences. He then began his clinical rotations in London, England, transferring back to the United States this year where he completed his clinical rotations at Wayne State University Medical School, Harper Hospital.

Dr. Krpichak is currently awaiting the residency match. He hopes to be able to secure a local residency in interventional radiology.

Metroland Magazine has announced that **MARY CULIK**, a third grade teacher at Thornton Creek Elementary School in Novi, was one of 12 teachers who received the Outstanding Teacher Award. Sponsored by Health Alliance Plan, Target and David Wachler & Sons, winners in the eight annual awards program are selected by readers and a panel of judges.

Reunions

NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1967, 30-year reunion. Nov. 8 at the Novi Hilton. The ticket deadline is Oct. 20.

For more information call (313) 729-3733.

WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL: The Class of 1949 is planning a 50-year reunion.

Call George Danolan at (313) 274-3214.

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion. Aug. 1, 1998, Holiday Inn in Livonia.

For more information, call (248) 348-4282.

HARPER WOODS: All-Class Reunion, Oct. 11, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Akeman's Hall, 21801 East Nine Mile Road in St. Clair Shores.

For information, call Kathy at (313) 881-5361 or Kathie at (248) 478-6936.

CASS TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL: Classes of 1946, '47, '48 and '49, Oct. 10, Somerset Inn in Troy.

For more information, call (313) 464-0426 or (248) 553-0937.

ROYAL OAK KIMBALL HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1987, 10-year reunion, Nov. 28, Stephanson Haus in Hazel Park.

Call (248) 366-9493.

SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1987, 10-year reunion, Nov. 29, Holiday Inn in Livonia.

Call (248) 366-9493.

THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1963, Nov. 8 at the Novi Hilton.

For information or to update your address, call Fred Luolo at (313) 464-0376.

PLYMOUTH CANTON AND PLYMOUTH SALEM: Class of 1987, Nov. 1, Novi Hilton.

Call Reunion Works at (313) 997-8766.

HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1987, 10-year reunion, Nov. 28, DoubleTree Guest Suites in Novi.

Call (248) 366-9493.

CHERRY HILL HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1977, 20-year reunion, Oct. 18, Holiday Inn in Livonia.

Call (248) 366-7004.

ADLAI E. STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1987, 10-year reunion, Oct. 11, Van Dyke Park Hotel in Warren.

Call (248) 366-7004.

WOODHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1987, 10-year reunion.

Call (248) 366-7004.

Holiday recipes to be topic of future story

With the holidays fast approaching, it's time to think about finding those annual recipes that have become a tradition in your family. Send us one of your favorite recipes so that we can include it in an upcoming story highlighting holiday drinks, appetizers, main or side dishes and desserts. Include your name, phone number and address, and a brief history with the recipe, if you have one, to the *Northville Record/Now News*, 104 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, or fax it to (248) 349-1050, or e-mail to novnews@htonline.com.

Group to hear about comet

On Friday, Oct. 17, at 1:30 p.m. members of the Northville Woman's Club and their guests will hear Mike Best discuss "How to View Halley's Comet on Tuesday, Oct. 21."

Best enjoys passing on his enthusiasm for space, star travel and the search for extra-terrestrials by giving over 400 presentations in the United States and Canada ranging from breakfast chats to all-day workshops. He has hosted 30 shows on local access television and has been interviewed on radio and TV shows by Bill Bonds, David Newman, JP

McCarthy and Kelly & Company. Best, who teaches adults and gifted students at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, is a former member of Mensa and a member of the Great Lakes Planetarium Association, The National Space Society, and The Planetary Society. He is the Troy Nature Center resident astronomer and the principal demonstrator for Southfield's Völbrecht Planetarium.

Best emigrated from Canada to the United States and has lived in the Detroit area since 1943. He is now a resident of Plymouth and has had an interest in flying saucers since 1947. He had a 10-year assignment as field investigator for the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies and is currently affiliated with the Mutual UFO Network.

He joined the *Detroit News* in 1976 as a staff writer and retired in 1995.

During a four-year stint flying search and rescue missions in the Pacific for the Navy in the mid-1950s, he founded the Kwajalein (Island) Astronomy Club. He formed the Astronomy Club of Livonia in 1976 and the Astronomical Society of Michigan in 1985.



Mike Best

Town Hall opener is days away

The 37th season of the Northville Town Hall Lecture Series opens on Monday, Oct. 13, at 11 a.m. with author and speaker Pat Vivo. Vivo will blend humor and thoughtful inspiration in relating her experiences as the wife and mother of popular politicians, and as a career woman and author.

The lecture, which will be held at the Holiday Inn West, 17123 North Laurel Park Place Drive in Livonia, will be followed by a luncheon. Turn Right at the Next Corner is not only the title of Vivo's talk, but also of her book which was published in 1991.

The first-born child of deaf par-

ents, Vivo could sign before she could speak.

Vivo, who lives in Youngstown, Ohio, is the recipient of many awards, including the Social Service Award presented by the Eastern Orthodox Men's Society. She's also won the "Woman of the Year" award, given by the Truman-Johnson Women's Club; the Federated Women's Club award for her work with the deaf; and the "YWCA Woman of the Year" honor for her numerous talks on cancer prevention.

The former teacher is a graduate of Youngstown State University. The other three lectures in the series are the Michigan Opera Theatre's Broadway Review on Nov. 10, author Larry Hedrick on March 9, and the God Squad on April 20.

Tickets for the 1997-98 season are on sale now. Season Lecture and Luncheon tickets are \$90. Single Lecture (only) is \$40 and individual luncheons are \$15.

For more information regarding the Northville Town Hall Series for 1997-98, call ticket and luncheon chairperson Carmen Kuckenberker at (248) 349-7227.



Pat Vivo

Singles

U.S. SINGLETONS DEARBORN-LIVONIA CHAPTER, a singles group for adults 45 and up, will host a dinner social on Friday, Oct. 10, at the Chicago Road House Grill, 21400 Michigan Avenue in Dearborn. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.

For more information about U.S. Singletons, write to P.O. Box 2175, Ford Dearborn Station, Dearborn, MI 48123.

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, meets on Thursday evenings at Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m.

On Oct. 9, the topic will be "Men and Women: Relating Together," with speaker Nick Berar, or an open forum on "Estate Planning for Singles" with facilitator Dave Johnston. The cost is \$4 per person.

On Oct. 16, the topic will be "How to be Assertive with Relationships" with speaker Faye Driscoll, or an open forum on "Red Flags of Dating" with facilitator Darlene Sweeney. The cost is \$4 per person. The group will continue its fellowship at Woolly Bullys at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings.

A Divorce Recovery Workshop begins on Oct. 9 for seven Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. The cost is \$30.

"Brain Sex - The Communications Series - The Fun Way," with speaker Paul Seaser, will be held on three Thursday evenings, Oct. 9, 16 and 23, at 7 p.m. in the Youth Room of the church. The cost is \$24 if preregistered and \$27 at the door.

A Bridge Class taught by Art Groenker begins on Oct. 16 for six Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$24.

October activities include a walk in Heritage Park on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m.

For more information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call (248) 349-0911.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road at Six Mile in Livonia, invites you to join over 450 single adults every Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m. for fellowship and encouragement.

Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help singles in their life struggles. Coffee, donuts, conversation and Christ are always present.

SPM has a program and activity for every age group and life situation.

Single Parents meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Calvin Room. The group offers support, fun, fellowship, vacations and other activities. Free child care is available.

Single Point also offers other groups which are open to all singles.

Talk II: Over topics include "Men and Women" with John Hawks on Oct. 10, and "Jim Wheeler" will discuss the creation/evolution controversy on Oct. 24.

Third Friday presents Game Night on Oct. 17. The cost is \$1. Free child care is available. Bring a game to share.

The BYOS season opener is Oct. 11 and will be held every second Saturday.

Biking events will be held on Oct. 11, 18 and 25 at 11 a.m.

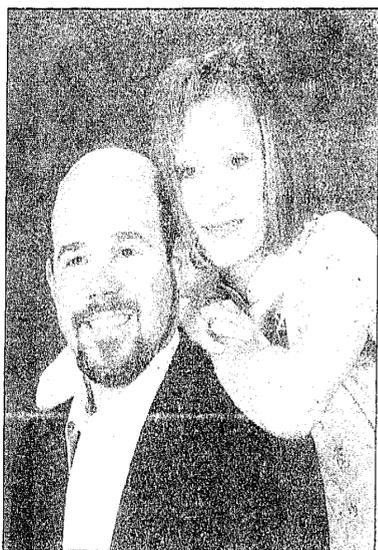
Outdoor tennis is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 4 p.m. until dark, Saturday starting at 2 p.m. and Sunday from 1 until 5 p.m.

A seven-week program entitled "Stepping Stones for Children Going Through the Loss of a Parent through Divorce or Death" begins Nov. 6. The cost is \$10 per child and scholarships are available. Registrations should be turned into the office by Oct. 26.

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

Send Singles information to *The Northville Record and The Now News*, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.

Engagements



David Pinelli/Donna Marcucci

Joe and Helen Marcucci of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Yvonne, to David George Pinelli, the son of George and Dolly Pinelli of Princeton, N.J.

The bride-elect is currently enrolled at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills, where she is studying nursing.

Donna is employed as a nanny and is a lifelong resident of Michigan.



Amy Schultz/David Kott

Louise and Carol Schultz of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Catherine, to David James Kott, the son of David and Donna Kott, long-time residents of Novi.

David and Amy were high school sweethearts and have dated each other since their junior high school days. Both are graduates of Farmington High School. The

bride-elect enjoys her career choice in retail and the groom-elect has been employed for four years with the West Bloomfield Henry Ford Hospital.

A May 1998 wedding is planned at Walt Disney World in Cinderella's Castle with immediate family and a few friends.

After the wedding, the couple plans to reside in Novi.

The groom-elect studied computer science at Oakland Community College. He is employed as a computer programmer/analyst at Fiserv Galaxy in Troy. Previously, he had lived in Princeton, N.J. for 30 years before moving to Michigan.

Their wedding will be held in June 1998. After a honeymoon cruise to the Western Caribbean, the couple will reside in Novi.

News to share?

Have you recently become engaged? Newly betrothed? Or are you proud new parents? Are you celebrating a big anniversary?

Send the information and picture if you have one to *The Northville Record/Now News*, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, or stop by the office and pick up a birth, engagement or wedding announcement form and we'll see to it that your happy news appears in the paper. There is no charge.



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Symphony opens its 52nd season

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will celebrate 52 years of music making at its opening concert on Saturday, Oct. 18, in the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road in Canton.

Joining the PSO on opening night will be guest conductor David Katz and the Adrian Symphony and guest artist Geoffrey Applegate of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Concert guests can meet Applegate and Katz at an Afterglow being held at John Cleveland's Water Club Grill at 39500 East Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth immediately following the concert. Tickets for the Afterglow are \$5.

Tickets for the concert are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors citizens and college students, and \$6 for students in grades K-12.

For tickets to the concert or



David Katz



Geoffrey Applegate

Afterglow, or for more information, call the Plymouth Symphony Office

at (313) 451-2112. Tickets can also be purchased at the PSO office at 819 Pennington in downtown Plymouth Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

A new pre-concert program also begins on opening night with guest artist, Geoffrey Applegate, sharing his knowledge and love of music. Entitled "On Stage," the pre-concert program is an intimate discussion and introduction to the music that is being performed at the concert that follows.

There is no charge and all are welcome to join the 25-minute On Stage presentation which begins at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salem auditorium.

Honorary chairpersons of the PSO include Northville Township Supervisor Karen Woodside, Northville Mayor Christopher Johnson and Novi Mayor Kathleen McLellan.

Entertainment listing

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

AUDITIONS

VOICES IN TIME: Based in Northville, the mini-chorus has begun rehearsals for their annual Christmas season. Limited openings are still available.

For more information, call Ed Meade at (248) 419-6540.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ART FAIR: The third annual Sugarloaf Art Fair will be held at the Novi Expo Center on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 24, 25 and 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Works by 300 artisans from 39 states and Canada in 32 categories include pottery, hand-made designer clothing, fine art, 14kt gold jewelry and leather goods.

Demonstrations include crafts people on wheel-thrown pottery, jewelry making, iron forging, paper making and flame work bead making.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, children under 12 are free. Parking is free.

For more information, call (248) 348-5600.

The Novi Expo Center is located on Novi Road just south of the I-96 exit.

HANDS AND CRAFTS SHOW: Handcrafters will sponsor the 16th annual Fall Arts and Crafts Show on Oct. 10, 11 and 12 at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 West Main Street. Over 70 talented artisans will display their talents in such works as florals, stained glass, baskets, wood items and clothing.

Show hours are Friday, 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Lunch will be available. Admission is \$2. Baby strollers will not be allowed.

For more information, call (313) 459-0050.

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST: The American Legion Post 147 will host a pumpkin carving contest for children 3 to 15 from 1 until 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26, at 100 West Dunlap in Northville.

For details, (248) 349-1060.

FINE ART SHOW: The fifth annual juried fine art show "Sharing the Gift Within" will feature Gail mally-mack, Juror, and outstanding regional artists through Oct. 10 at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 East Main.

Multi media works include water color, oil, collage, sculpture, graphics, photography, clay and fiber.

Proceeds from the art show will benefit the church's mission projects.

For details, call (248) 349-0911.

THEATER

NOVI THEATRES: The Performance Plus acting group presents *The Dining Room* on Oct. 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 26 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors and children under 12. Advance tickets are discounted \$1.

Performances are held at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

MARQUEE THEATRE: The Marquis Theatre Children's performance of *Halloween Madness*

opens Oct. 10.

Halloween Madness is about a group of average, fun-loving people who live in an old castle with their servants and pets. It's a massive mess of non-stop fun and laughter. Bring the entire family and come dressed in your favorite Halloween costume.

Performances will be on Fridays, Oct. 10, 17 and 24 at 7 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays Oct. 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets to all public performances are \$5.50.

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

For general ticket information, group rates and for teachers to arrange for special performance times and prices, call (248) 349-8110.

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL: McBecker family members from the east side have just been awarded the Protoclogist Clearing House Sweepstakes grand prize and have decided to take a vacation, but no one knows where yet in the interactive dinner theater production of *Vacation: Impossible*.

Performances of *Vacation: Impossible* will be held on Friday and Saturday and occasionally during the week.

The interactive children's mini lunch show, *Genitti's Weird Science*, offers performances on Saturdays at 11:30 a.m.

Genitti's is located at 105 E. Main Street in Northville.

For reservations, call (248) 349-0522. Reservations are required.

TIMBERS SEAFOOD GRILLE: Timbers, the home of Bananas Comedy Club, is located at 40380 Grand River west of Haggerty Road in Novi.

For ticket information, call (313) 724-1300.

MUSIC

MR. B'S FARM: Mr. B's Farm is located at Novi Road north of Ten Mile.

For details, call 349-7038.

OXFORD INN: The Oxford Inn is located at 43317 Grand River in Novi.

For details, call (810) 305-5856.

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

For details, call 349-9110.

TUSCAN CAFE: Tuscan Cafe presents a variety of entertainment acts nightly every Sunday.

Weekday performances are from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville.

For details, call 305-8629.

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

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

For details, call (248) 478-7780.

FRIGATES INN: Frigates offers live music every Wednesday at 9 p.m. featuring either the 2XL Band or John D. Lamb. The Tim Flaherty Trio with MC Dan McVall will host the Open Blues Jam every Thursday from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

All musicians are welcome. Dance with the Globe at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

TOO CHEZ: Too Chez, located across from Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, offers live jazz entertainment from 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays and 7 to 11 p.m. Fridays.

ART

DANCING EYE GALLERY: The gallery is located at 101 N. Center at Main.

For details, call (248) 419-7086.

GATE VI GALLERY: The works of artists Yvette Goldberg, Audrey Harkins, Anna Helkowsky and Marge Matka will be on display through Oct. 14. The four artists have won awards at many juried shows.

Month-long exhibits of local artists are held in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. Viewing of the exhibit is possible during the hours the Civic Center is open.

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

ART SOURCE: Art Source, located at 126 Main Centre in Northville, features prints, museum reproductions, art posters, photographs, etchings, and custom framing.

Business hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and on Friday until 8 p.m. or by appointment.

For details, call 348-1213.

D&M ART STUDIO: D&M Art Studio features works of various artists in the gallery and rappanui bar.

Artists interested in having their works displayed should call the gallery, located at 43450 Grand River in Novi. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

For details, call 380-7059.

ATRIUM GALLERY: Atrium Gallery, located at 109 N. Center in downtown Northville, is featuring the contemporary water colors and acrylics of Farmington artist Toni Johnstone through Nov. 2.

Hours are Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and noon until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

For details, call 349-4131.

BACKDOOR GALLERY: Farmington's Backdoor Gallery, 37220 Eight Mile Road, specializes in unusual art dolls. The gallery is in the home of co-owner Kathy Landers. She and the other owner, Kathleen Bricker, are both artists.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and by appointment.

Call (248) 474-8306 for additional information.

PAINTER'S PLACE: Owned by Caroline Dunphy, Painter's Place is located at 140 N. Center Street in downtown Northville.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday from noon until 4 p.m. or by appointment.

Call 348-9544 for details.

NEARBY

SCHOOLCRAFT: Arthur Miller's *A View from the Bridge* will be the season opener for the Schoolcraft College Theatre on Oct. 24. The show will be presented as a dinner theater on Oct. 24, 25, 31 and Nov. 1. Dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Waterman Campus Center followed by the show at 8 p.m. in the

Liberal Arts Theatre. Dinner theater tickets are \$19 per person. Theater only performances will be given on Nov. 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. Theater only tickets are \$8.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18000 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

For ticket information, call the College Bookstore at (313) 462-4409.

COMEDY NIGHT: The comedy troupe of D.C. Malone and Hampton Kautheley perform at the Twelfth Annual Comedy Night at Schoolcraft College Waterman Campus Center on Friday, Oct. 10, at 8 p.m. Nancy Redman will set the stage for the headline act. Seating begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 for students or staff and \$8 for the general public and can be purchased in advance at the Student Activities Office or at the door. Tickets can also be purchased by phone at (313) 462-4422.

Schoolcraft College is located on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads.

PRISM FUND-RAISER: A Singles Conference will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 2 to 5:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 150 Fair Street in Plymouth.

There will be a drawing for crystal items. Refreshments will be provided.

For details, call (248) 473-9722.

CHILI COOK-OFF AND RUN: The second annual Chili Cook-Off will be held on Sunday, Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park and The Gathering featuring a cook-off competition, live country entertainment, live dancing, a Harley-Davidson bike and fashion show and a 10K run.

The 10K race begins at 9 a.m. and the one mile walk/run begins at 8:30 a.m. Entry fees are \$17 the day of the race. Registration is at 7 a.m.

Net proceeds from the event will be donated to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan.

For more details or to register, call (313) 453-1540.

STILL LIFE EXHIBIT: The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents a fall still life exhibition featuring Michigan artists Mary Brecht Stephenson and Sharon Sandberg. An opening reception for "Is There Still Life?" will be held on Friday, Oct. 17, from 7 until 9 p.m.

Both painters will speak on their interpretations of still life at a luncheon on Friday, Oct. 24, at 11:30 p.m. Luncheon tickets are \$15.

Mary Brecht Stephenson will conduct a watercolor workshop on Tuesday, Oct. 12, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$20.

The exhibit runs through Nov. 7. For reservations, exhibit hours or additional information, call (313) 416-4278.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is located at 774 North Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

JAVA AND JAZZ: Oakland Community College is presenting a four-part jazz series on Fridays at 8 p.m. at the Orchard Ridge Campus. Smith Theatre, 27055 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. The series includes Ursula Walker & Buddy Budson on Oct. 17; Alexander Zornic and Friends on Dec. 5; Sheila Landis Quintet on Feb. 23 and Johnny Trudell on Feb. 20.

The cost for the four-part series is \$36 per person if purchased before Oct. 15. Individual performances are \$12 each.

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Movies

'Hoodlums' traces life of Bumpy Johnson

Academy Award nominee Laurence Fishburne ("What's Love Got to Do With It?") heads an all-star ensemble in this gritty urban crime drama chronicling the rise of Ellsworth "Bumpy" Johnson, who became the king of the numbers racket in 1930s Harlem.

Harlem 1934. Fresh out of Sing Sing, Ellsworth "Bumpy" Johnson returns to the old neighborhood to find brutal gangster Dutch Schultz trying to muscle in on the lucrative numbers racket. The Dutchman is the first to see that the penny bets of Harlem's poor add up to thousands of dollars a day, with the biggest share belonging to the exotic Stephanie St. Clair, known as the Queen of Polry.

When the Queen is arrested and jailed, she entrusts Bumpy with running her operation. Bumpy allies himself with powerful crime lord Lucky Luciano, triggering a full-scale war that sends blood flowing through the streets of Harlem. The profits multiply, and so does the body count, and with all bets off, odds are their days could be numbered as well.

"Hoodlum" also stars Academy Award nominee Tim Roth ("Rob Roy") as the notorious mobster Dutch Schultz and Academy Award nominee Andy Garcia ("The Godfather, Part II") as the infamous crime lord Lucky Luciano. Multi-talented actress and recording artist Vanessa Williams ("Brasserie") stars as Bumpy's love interest, and Academy Award nominee Cicely Tyson ("Sounder") is Bumpy's mentor Madame Stephanie St. Clair.

"Hoodlum" was directed by Bill Duke ("A Rage in Harlem") and produced by Frank Mancuso, Jr.

"Species") from an original screenplay by Chris Brannan, who also co-produced the film with Paul Erkerstein. Bill Duke, Laurence Fishburne and Helen Slayton are the executive producers, with Viki Williams serving as line producer. Melissa A. Clark and Ron Stacker are the associate producers.

Dutch Schultz and Lucky Luciano were among the most infamous crime figures of their day, and their legends live on even decades after their deaths. But, though he defied their empires to become the king of Harlem's numbers racket, Ellsworth "Bumpy" Johnson never achieved the same notoriety outside of Harlem.

Born in South Carolina in 1906, Johnson was sent to live with his older sister in New York City at age 13. Bumpy hit the streets of New York at the height of the Roaring 20s when Harlem was in the midst of a cultural renaissance — and the world was on the brink of a crippling economic depression. He began his criminal career by burglarizing homes, and at the age of 17 was busted and sentenced to six months at Elmira Juvenile Reformatory. Between 1925 and 1932, he was arrested 15 times and served time in such dreaded facilities as the Tombs, Attica, Auburn and Sing Sing.

He emerged as a different kind of leader — an outlaw even in the underworld — and developed a legend as a kind of "Robin Hood" to his people. He had absolutely no fear of the white establishment, and his bravado eventually led to an all-out war with mobster Dutch Schultz. The "Beer Baron of the Bronx" was finally put in check by

"The Black Godfather," and the white-ruled mob had no choice but to pay Bumpy what he sought most: respect.

The idea of bringing Johnson's story to the big screen began with co-producer Paul Erkerstein, who had grown up with the legend of Bumpy. A now-deceased relative of Erkerstein's, John "Uncle Specs" Smith, was a New York underworld figure who ran numbers for Johnson in the 1940s. Over the years, he fed Erkerstein's imagination with anecdotes about the defiant black gangster.

"Anybody who grows up black in New York kind of gets a folklore history," Erkerstein says. "My grandparents also knew Bumpy, and I started interviewing other people who knew him, as well as researching old magazines and newspaper clippings. I built up this file, and the more I learned, the more I felt his story needed to be told."

Erkerstein and Smith's story was the basis for the screenplay by Chris Brannan, who also co-produced the film with Paul Erkerstein. Bill Duke, Laurence Fishburne and Helen Slayton are the executive producers, with Viki Williams serving as line producer. Melissa A. Clark and Ron Stacker are the associate producers.

Dutch Schultz and Lucky Luciano were among the most infamous crime figures of their day, and their legends live on even decades after their deaths. But, though he defied their empires to become the king of Harlem's numbers racket, Ellsworth "Bumpy" Johnson never achieved the same notoriety outside of Harlem.



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Wildcats romp, now face tough Howell squad

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

Novi proved there's a crowd, topping Milford 59-40 on the hardwood Sept. 30 to set up an important mid-season matchup with Howell tonight.

Prior to the game, Novi, Milford and Howell shared the lead in the Kensington Valley Conference race with 2-0 records. Howell will host the Wildcats tonight at 7 p.m.

Katie Copp led Novi with 17 points, and Jessica Kenny and Kristen Sullivan had 14 each. The Wildcats jumped out early, grabbing a 21-8 lead after one quarter of play. The 21 points was the highest output in any one quarter this season for Novi.

Couch Dennis Cichonski's team applied a devastating press early, which led to easy baskets. More importantly, it didn't allow the Redskins to get set up into their half court offense.

"They had some size on us and they also like to shoot three pointers, so we tried to make it more difficult for them to set up their offense," he said. "We did a good job pressuring their guards and we forced several turnovers."

Offensively, the 'Cats attacked the basket and went to the free throw line 38 times in the half game, connecting on 27 of their attempts.

"We tried to be active underneath in the hope that we would beat their taller players, or perhaps get a chance to go to the line," Cichonski added.

Novi guard Kristen Sullivan scrambles for a loose ball in the 'Cat's 59-40 win over Milford.

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'Skins edge 'Cats

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

Disregarding the rest of the county, Novi and Milford set the stage for what should be a tight and exciting chase for the Kensington Valley Conference crown.

The Wildcats came within a hair of taking first place at the Oakland County Meet Saturday afternoon, but were snubbed out by Milford. The Redskins won the meet with 62 points to the 'Cats 67. Rochester Adams was a distant third among the 41 competing schools with 109 points.

"I'm very happy, but we came within a heartbeat of first," Novi coach Norm Norgren said. "But I'm happy considering that we were languid up right now."

"We battled the whole way. The two teams were just as close as could be most of the race. Probably from 2.5 miles in was what made the difference. But this is still a high honor for us."

Kendra Matheny was Novi's highest finisher, coming in eighth place in a time of 20:42. Closely following her and finishing 10th overall was Kristin Echols. Echols ran a 20:46, which was six seconds faster than Brooke Albright (20:52), Alaina Chipperton, 15th in 20:57, and Val Stefanson, 21st in 21:03, rounded out the top five.

Rosabel Chang and Amanda Farrell completed the varsity lineup in 77th and 150th place.

"It was phenomenal," Norgren said of his team's pack time.

This meet, along with the Wildcats 26-33 win over Milford two weeks ago, will set up an interesting matchup at the KVC meet Oct. 20 at Hartland.

NOVI 21, HOWELL 36
 Aftershot ran away with the race at Howell High School in a time of 19:21 and led her team to this KVC victory.

Matheny was second at 20:02 and Echols (20:23), Stefanson (20:25) and Chang (22:10) rounded out the top five.

"We ran very well under some trying circumstances," Norgren said.

The Wildcats didn't arrive at Howell until after the boys' race was completed and just minutes before his team was scheduled to begin its race. Norgren said it's very important that a cross country team has ample time to prepare and stretch before every race.

"It's absolutely vital," he explained. "But more importantly than looking over the course, they didn't even have time to properly stretch. But we overcame it and ran well."

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Comeback effort falls short with botched FG attempt

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

Novi's valiant comeback effort was cut short when a game winning field goal was blocked with seconds remaining in Friday's 21-19 loss to Mount Morris.

Quarterback Andrew Kelly had several last gasp efforts and backup Dan Colligan completed a 34-yard pass to Pat Muston down to the 14-yard line to give the Wildcats a chance at the win. But things broke down at the line of scrimmage which allowed the Panthers to penetrate and block the 31-yard attempt.

"It was a breakdown on the offensive line," coach John Osborne said. "We didn't have any live drills this week to practice."

Novi didn't make it any easier on itself, falling behind 14-0 and 21-6 in the first quarter.

On their third possession of 15 a game, trailing 14-0, the Wildcats pushed the ball up the field and scored on a Kelly 31-yard touchdown run in the

The Panthers couldn't do anything to open the second half, but the 'Cats did. Ryan Beach scored on a 51-yard touchdown run to bring Novi to within three, Chris Christoff added the extra point to make it 21-19 midway through the third quarter.

But the motor shut off, and Novi missed a few more chances, including a 32-yard

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Tankers finish third

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

Trying not to think about being snubbed once again by the coaches association in the latest polls, Novi went out and topped four ranked Class A teams and another ranked B team at the Oakland County Swimming Championships Saturday.

Although third-ranked Farmington Merit (217 points) and fourth-ranked Birmingham Sea-Holm (207) ran away with the top two spots, the Wildcats finished a solid third among 19 teams. Last year, they finished 17th in the same meet.

"Some of the top swimmers in the state were there, and it gave the girls a chance to see the kind of competition that we're going to see at the state meet," said proud coach Terese Tomaneck-Button. "When they started to name the places we were surprised that we were that high."

Novi didn't win any flights, in fact, it didn't have anyone finish higher than fourth in any event. But team depth came into play, and the Wildcats placed in 12 different events.

Amy Hartland, Jeanne Smith, Kristina Utley and Kristy Vermilion teamed up to place fourth in the 400 freestyle relay (3:47.06). Leslie Nimer finished fourth in the 500 freestyle (1:51:93) and teammates Utley (6th) and Lindsay Vermilion (9th) placed in the same event.

Nimer just placed in the 200 individual medley, finishing 12th, and Smith did the same in the 100 freestyle.

Tomaneck-Button said she didn't want her team to press itself at such a competitive meet.

"I told the kids just to go in there and have fun and compete well," she said. "I feel as long as they can come out of the meet and feel good about themselves, that's important. That's the most important thing for me."

NOVI 116, BRIGHTON 70
 Nimer qualified for the state meet in the 200 individual medley in a time of 2:17.42. She has already qualified in the 500 freestyle.

NOVI 126, HOWELL 60
 Winners against Howell were: Lynch, Andrea Youm, Hartland

and Smith in the 200 medley relay; Jackie Teevans in the 300 freestyle; Levin in the diving competition; Nicol in the 100 butterfly; Andrea Dunn in the 100 butterfly; Nicol in the 500 freestyle; Kristy Lynch in the 100 backstroke and the 200 freestyle relay team of Hartland, Smith, Utley and Kristy Vermilion.

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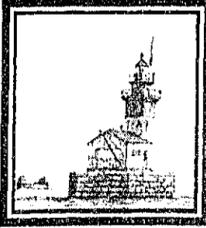


Krysta Lynch is one of several freshmen who have been key contributors to the Wildcat's success in 1997.

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Health Notes

Muscle needs will depend on individual



Chris Klebba

It has been over a year since the U.S. Surgeon General's Office released the warning on the negative effects of lack of physical activity, comparing the risk to that of smoking a pack of cigarettes a day. The raised awareness of this release and the flood of scientific data supporting the release has got people from their teens to the 80s asking fitness related questions. One large area of curiosity is referring to muscle. Do I really need it? How much? Why? And how do I go about maintaining or getting more?

Let's begin to answer some of these questions. There are three types of muscle tissue involved with the human body. Cardiac

muscle which comprises the heart and is involuntary muscle. Smooth muscle, found in the viscera and in the walls of the blood vessels also involuntary, and skeletal muscle which is voluntary muscle that are composed of fused cells that act across joints to produce rotation of segments of your body. In other words perform specific movements, locomotion, posture and joint stability, which we will focus on in this article.

Obviously you need muscle to perform daily functions. You are born with some, how much is based on genetics. Lean muscle mass serves many positive functions.

- A well developed musculoskeletal system is strong and injury resistant.
- Improves physical appearance.
- Increases metabolic function (burns more calories).
- Postpone many of the degenerative problems associated with the aging process.
- Helps keep your back strong and injury free (four out of five Americans experience low back

difficulties).

The problem is after our early 20s, we begin to lose about one-half pound of muscle each year through lack of use. Why? One of the reasons is survival. We have been set up by our environment. One hundred years ago, think how we got our food. Hunting, farming, etc. How did we stay warm? Cutting and hauling trees, etc. Our daily activities were much different than today and with technology, this will not get any better for our bodies. Soon we will not even have to press the TV remote, just speak the channel we would like and our computer will oblige.

The answer, find or create a group of forces or resistance we can properly apply to the body to combat this atrophy of our valuable lean muscle mass. This group of forces take the form of a health club, recreation center, home gym, etc. Properly applied to the body on a consistent basis can reverse the loss, maintain, or even add to our muscle at any age. Fortunately, it does not take long to experience the positive effects of resis-

tance exercise on physical capacity. Research participants routinely increased their muscle performance by 45 to 65 percent after two months of basic strength training.

How much muscle do you really need is really based on your individual goal. Improved appearance, health, improve an injury, or basic maintenance all may be goals, certainly we would want enough muscle mass to maintain our quality of life. The ability to lift, and play with our children or grandchildren, play golf, softball, or our favorite sport, lift boxes, build or whatever makes up your quality of life.

Maintaining or adding muscle involves applying resistance to the body from various angles and directions on a consistent basis. Your lifestyle will dictate what consistent means to you, a lot can be done in a short time.

This column was written by Chris Klebba, owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville. Call (248) 449-7634 for more information.

Inhalents, unlike drugs, can cause death



Jacquie Martin Downs

A seventh grade student ducks into the bathroom between classes. Fishes two butane lighters out of his pocket and ... what's he up to? He's using inhalants. In fact, research shows 8 percent of teens have tried inhalants and, what's more, the average starting age is 12-years-old.

Parents need to remember that inhalant use cannot be likened to drug or alcohol use because inhalants are poisons. Think about all the inhalants available

to kids, then count the number currently in your home: lighter fluid (including Bic lighters), cleaning fluid, propane for your gas grill, gasoline in a can, spray paints, paint thinner, solvents, acrylic markers, airplane glue, hair spray, deodorants, room deodorizers and paper correction fluid, just to name a few.

Inhalant use can cause death by cardiac arrest or suffocation. Suffocation occurs when the gas in the inhalant replaces the oxygen in the lungs or breathing stops due to a decrease in brain function. The cautionary instructions on the containers clearly indicate the substance should be used in a well-ventilated room. Unfortunately, youths view these messages in the opposite way ... paying no heed to the poison factor.

But why are kids into this destructive and poisonous ven-

ture? Two reasons: it produces a quick, good feeling and it's cheap. If you ask them about the poisonous components in these products, they often respond with a fatalistic attitude.

One boy conveyed that he didn't care, because he probably was going to be dead by 21 or in jail. That's scary when you think about the description of it all. Where is their inner moral voice that says: "That is a bad thing. This might kill me." The inner voice has never been formulated or cultivated.

Parents, this is where you come in. Have you been sharing appropriate messages with your children? I have been counseling families for many years and it seems to me that parental responsibility has gone underground in recent years. Parental responsibility includes telling kids about poi-

sons. Did you ever have "kinder guards" on your cupboard doors? Remember the purpose of those? Yes, to protect the little ones from drinking the ammonia and pouring bleach on themselves. As children grow up, kinder guards are replaced by words.

Your words, "Johnny, I need to tell you that sniffing or drinking gasoline can kill you. That's why the gas stations have put protective cups around the gas nozzle, so you won't accidentally inhale the gas fumes."

Have you talked to your kids yet? All children, from preschoolers to high schoolers, need to hear these messages from parents. If you don't share the knowledge, it may be your child who ends up dead.

Jacquie Martin Downs is a prevention counselor with Hegira Prevention Programs.

Health Notes

Weight on the Run

Conducted by an exercise physiologist and a nutritionist, this 12-week program starts with a fitness assessment and nutritional consultation, followed by three weekly monitored workouts and weekly nutritional support. Day and evening classes available. A \$300 fee includes enrollment in the class "ABC of Weight Loss." Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Eat Healthy

Are you ready to change the way you eat? Do you want to be motivated or learn how to be organized and cook healthy? Join Botsford registered dietitian Gale Cox and Chef Carl Oshinsky and get started on the new you. Participants will take home three entrees. It meets at 7 p.m. Oct. 23.

There is a \$30 fee. Preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Breast Health Awareness

Botsford physician Robert Boorstein D.O., and Botsford Health Development Network Project Manager Mary Kors R.N., B.S.N., discuss breast cancer and the latest news on treatment options.

This monthly forum for women ages 40-60, presents issues and concerns dealing with mid-life changes. Meets from 7-8:30 p.m. Oct. 23. There is no charge. Botsford General Hospital's 3 West Conference Room, on Grand River in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

Laurel Park Walking Club

"Walk the mall" for enjoyable, low-impact, climate-controlled exercise - and then have your blood pressure checked (available the fourth Monday of every month, 8-10 a.m.). Free. Laurel Park is opened to walkers 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. Located on Six Mile Road in Livonia (at the corner of Six Mile and Newburgh roads). For information, call (248) 477-6100.

The Art of Meditation

Quiet your mind, lower your blood pressure and decrease your response to stress. Meets at 7 p.m. Oct. 29. There is a \$15 fee. Preregistration is required.

Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi. For more information or to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Healthy Cooking Demos

Just in time for the holidays. Meets at 7 p.m. Oct. 30 and a \$6 fee is charged. Preregistration is required. (Please note: These popular classes fill early so call as soon as possible.) Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., in Novi. To register or for more information, call (248) 477-6100.

Aerobic Weight Training

A 55-minute workout with emphasis on both cardiovascular fitness and muscle strengthening. Meets for seven weeks. Mondays and Wednesdays 5-6 p.m. \$55. Preregistration required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Asthma Education

Individual sessions with a registered nurse provide the tools to better understand and manage asthma. Day and evening sessions available. Families are welcomed. \$20 fee and appointment required. Botsford's Health Development on Grand River, Novi.

For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Breastfeeding Basics

Workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding: How to start and maintain successful breastfeeding as well as the answers to questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding. \$20. Classes are held at Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi. For information and registration, call (248) 477-6100.

Childbirth Education

A six-week series designed to prepare the pregnant woman and her support person for the birth experience is being offered at Providence Medical Centers throughout Oakland and Wayne counties. A tour of the birthing area is included. Childbirth refresher and Caesarean birth classes are also offered.

Cost: \$65. For more information or to register, call 1-800-968-5595.

Circuit Training

A multi-stationed exercise and education program designed for the individual with limited experience using fitness equipment. Participants will be instructed on the proper use of weight and cardiovascular machines. Mondays and Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. \$70. Preregistration required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-trace, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For registration and information, call (248) 473-5600.

Diabetes Education

A comprehensive program which includes self-monitoring of blood glucose, diet and meal planning, disease management with exercise, potential complications of the disease, and presentations by a pharmacist and a podiatrist.

Date: Continuously revolving six-week program held on Monday evenings. From 6-8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center in Novi, Ten Mile and Haggerty roads. Fee: \$20. To register call (248) 424-3903.

Special Martial Arts

Conducted by a black-belt martial arts instructor, a physical therapist and an exercise therapist for children ages 5-16 with special needs such as cerebral palsy, A.D.D., or sensory integration dysfunction.

Continuously revolving eight-week course held on Friday evenings from 6-8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. The cost is \$100. Call 1-800-968-5595 to register.

Surgical Preparation

Through the Sally the Surgery Star program, children scheduled for surgery are taken on a tour and familiarized with the surgical experience.

A variety of educational materials and supportive teaching tools are used to help the child deal positively with the idea of a hospital stay.

Continuous program by appointment only. Providence Medical Center-Providence Park. There is no charge. Call (810) 380-4170 to register.

Screenings

Total cholesterol screening is conducted by the fingerstick method from 1-4 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. There is a \$5 fee.

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