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City officials say Grand River Ave. needs new image

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

A hundred and fifty years ago stage coaches used to rattle down Grand River Avenue, passing back and forth through Novi on their way to Howell, Lansing or Detroit.

More recently, when Eda Weddington, chair of the Novi Planning Commission, was younger she used Grand River as the main drag from Detroit to Kensington.

"I wanted to see how fast my daddy's Caddy could go," she said.

Today, Grand River is a bustling commercial and industrial corridor, but local officials aren't sure the face it presents to people leaves them with a good impression of Novi.

"Grand River is the major corridor, major gateway road," said Novi Mayor Kathleen McLallen. "Everyone finds it presents a less than satisfactory image for our city."

McLallen, the Novi City Council, the planning commission and city consultants were joined by Grand River business owners May 28 to discuss changes to the county-owned road that spans from one end of the city to the other.

"The thing I worry about is if we make these improvements we're still going to have problem with the freeway. What we need to do, although this is a county problem, is lower the speed limit on Grand River ... It's dangerous."

Paul Bauman
Owner of Reid Lighting

The Grand River Corridor study has spanned two years and consultant and research costs are not to exceed an estimated \$60,000, according to Tony Nowicki, director of public services. The city hired traffic, engineering and

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Five-minute storm leaves 6,000 with no electricity

By JAN JEFFRES
and WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The storm system that rocked states from South Dakota to the eastern coast hit Novi and Northville about 7:30 a.m. Sunday, taking down trees and killing power to 6,100 in Novi and 3,300 in Northville.

"Going to the north end of the city, the rain was driving across the road," said Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan. "This thing went through in five to eight minutes, but for five to eight minutes it was really blowing."

The damage left the Novi Fire Department scrambling to control downed wire areas and waiting until electric crews could get to the scene. Firefighters at all four stations were called to action.

Beginning at 7:13 a.m. and continuing until 6:49 p.m., the fire department completed 22 runs, Lenaghan said. The average is seven per 24 hours. From 7:13 a.m. to noon, all the runs were storm-related, although some calls for downed wires were uneventful.

The calls continued until noon because it takes awhile for everyone to notice where wires go down, Lenaghan said.

"People realized the wires were down behind their houses," he explained.

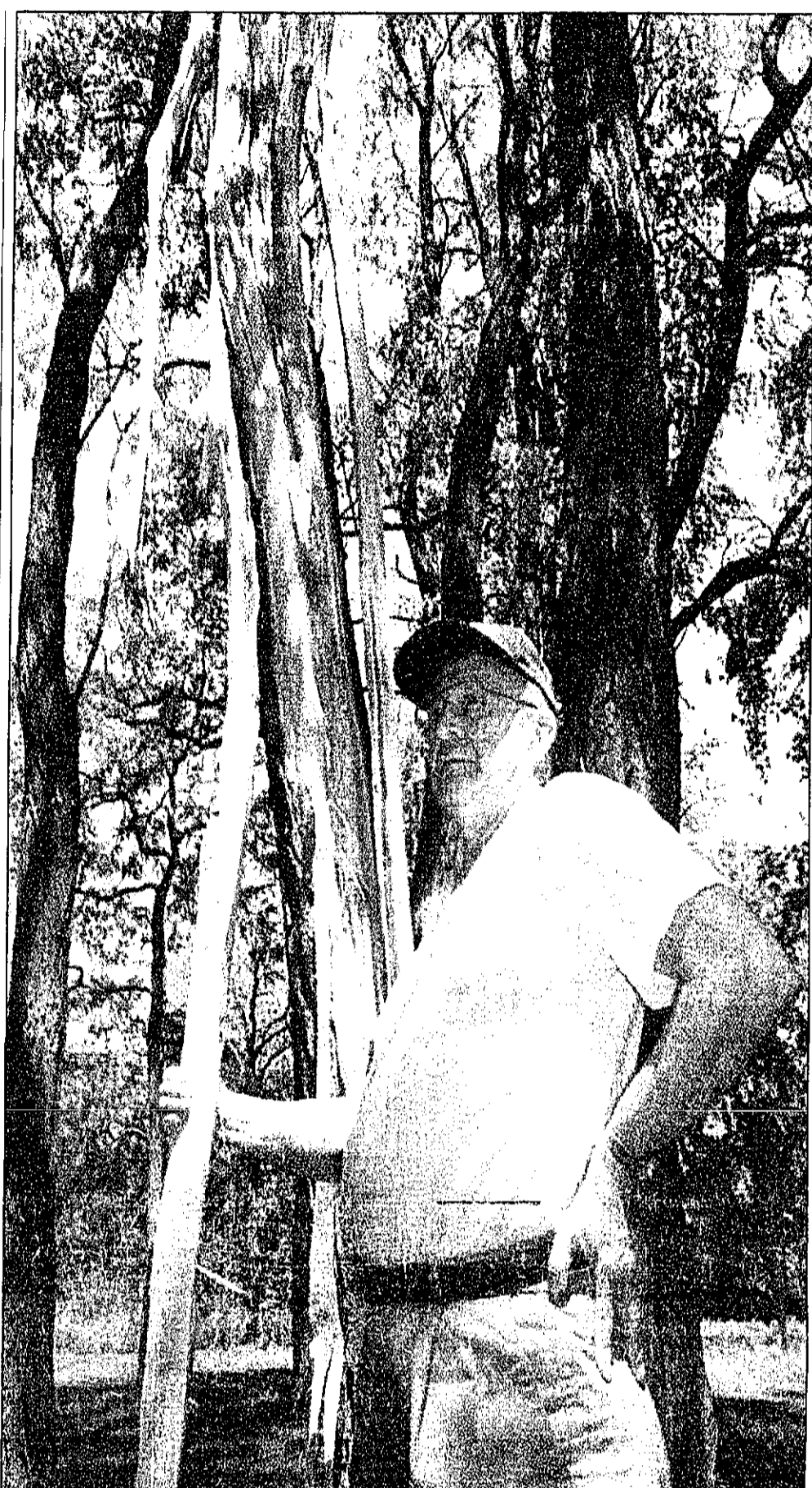
In all, seven wires were down across the city.

The first call was for a wire down at Ten Mile Road and Linwood in Echo Valley Estates. Moments later, a call concerning a possible mobile home fire at Chateau Estates came in. Lenaghan said it turned out to be a transformer sparking, damaged from the storm. He said lines were also down at Eight Mile and Garfield roads.

Storm also triggered five fire alarms, which turned out to be false, Lenaghan said.

Not only were homes and businesses in the area functioning without electricity, so was Fire Station Two at Thirteen Mile and

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Ronald Ozark stands near a lightning-struck locust tree on his Taft Road property holding a 10-foot splinter.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Jan Roedel had her hands full with her two sons Colin, 14 months, and Adrian, 4, during a recent visit to Families Forever, the agency that arranged for their adoption.

Local adoption agency searches world for kids

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

When people stop Jan and Craig Roedel to comment on how much their two adorable blonde little boys resemble their daddy, the couple just smiles.

Adrian, 4, has blue eyes like his father, Colin, 14 months old, has hazel eyes, as does his mom. What admiring strangers don't know is that both children, who are biological brothers, were recently adopted from Poland by the Roedels.

While Jan Roedel, 34, said she

was initially anxious about the process, the outcome is pure joy.

"It's a big emotional ride. My husband and I tried for six years to have children. You're on pins and needles, you're wondering if the adoption's really going to go through," she said.

"I don't have the best luck in the world. With these two, something went right."

The South Lyon couple are clients of Forever Families, a licensed, non-profit adoption

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Auction includes unclaimed stolen property

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

You can buy some hot pot at the Novi Police Department's upcoming auction.

Some pans, too, mostly Revereware. But more than kitchen stuff will be on sale Saturday at the city's auction of used office equipment from city hall and unclaimed stolen property stashed at the police department.

Expert lots of bikes. And some clothing. Doors for the sale open at the Novi Civic Center at 9 a.m. and the stuff goes on the block at 10 a.m.

"We open an hour early so everyone can look around," said Novi Purchasing Director Carol

"Some is stolen property that was taken as evidence and can't be traced and the owners can't be notified."

Det. Paul Keisling

The auctions are held periodically, when the city has enough property lying about.

"We usually don't have enough to do it every

single year," Kalinovik added.

Among the city's own offerings will be used typewriters, office desks and chairs. Money from the event, after working city staffers are paid their over-time, goes to the city's general fund. Two years ago, at a similar auction, a \$1,000 profit was realized by the city.

At the police department, Detective Paul Keisling is in charge of the property room, where stolen goods that were never traced to the proper owners and lost items that have never been claimed are stashed.

"When we get to the point we're running out of room, we'll hold an auction," he said.

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Poodle lovers take note

Novi couple rescues dogs, puts them up for adoption

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Doug Shaeffer's newest baby peered from behind his left leg, his bright eyes blinking in the sun.

The Novi Police Chief's adopted standard poodle just received the thumbs up from Novi veterinarian Morris Christlieb.

"Christlieb blessed him, gave him a few shots and now we're going to take him home," said Shaeffer proudly.

Six-year-old Macgregor has a few pounds to shed, said the police chief, but the bond between the man and the dog was already growing.

"We had him over for a visit last week and he ran around looking at everything then he laid down and went to sleep," Shaeffer said. Macgregor joined the chief and

his wife, Loretta, last week after they called Nancy Nastasi, a Novi resident who rescues poodles. Due to illness, the Shaeffer's standard poodle, Ashley, had to be put to sleep several weeks ago.

That's when they turned to Nastasi.

Macgregor came from a broken home when Nancy and her husband Tony took him in a couple weeks ago. They were happy to place him with Shaeffer, as they are any time they find a good match. It's only sometimes they feel the melancholy.

"The ones that turn around and look at you as they drive away, those hurt," said Tony.

For 14 years Nancy and Tony Nastasi has been taking in



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Arms full of furry friends, Nancy and Tony Nastasi hold a few of their poodle-rescue subjects, some of which they kept.

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Woman busted for naptime in car

A 21-year-old Livonia woman awoke to find Novi police officers peering into her car May 31 after she passed out sleeping in the front seat of her car parked in the parking lot of Taco Bell on Haggerty Road.

Police News

Novi police said they received a call about the woman and located the car about 4 a.m. The car was still running and in park with its lights on. The woman was passed out sleeping in the front seat, a quarter full can of beer in the front cupholder. The officer rapped on the window to no response, then opened the unlocked door. She woke and claimed to be all right, however police noted she was disoriented and appeared to be intoxicated. She told them she was waiting for a friend.

According to the report, she failed several sobriety tests and was arrested for possessing open intoxicants in a public place. Police did not release blood alcohol results.

UNINVITED GUEST
An uninvited guest has been making a home of an unoccupied house in suburban Livonia.
Police said the owner reported finding the front door "glanced" open on May 21 and signs someone had been in the house. The man re-secured the home only to find it open again on May 31.
According to the report, this time the door was forced open and a bedroom window was broken out. The bathtub was half-full of water and pillows from the couch were arranged for sleeping in the bedroom.

Police helped lock up the residence and will increase patrols of the area.
HE'S GOT THE BEAT
A 46-year-old Livonia man had a brief interlude with Roy Orbison, Roger Daltrey and the B-52s before Best Buy security stopped him for shoplifting May 26.
According to the police report, employees watched the man over security cameras as he took the CDs and stuffed them down the front of his pants. He then went into the bathroom and exited a short while later. The bathroom was checked but the CDs were not left behind. As the man passed by cash registers he was stopped and

questioned.
He told security he put them back on the shelf but when they asked him to point them out, the items weren't there. He then produced the items from his pants and asked police to cut him a deal. Police noted he carried \$400 in cash.

A MISSING CAR
A 27-year-old Novi man said his girlfriend took off with his car May 22 after he let her stay at his place while she looked for a home of her own.

Police said the man reported it missing that Friday after he didn't hear from her. She then called on May 27 to apologize and say she would return the car that night, but she failed to do so. He told police it was the second time she took the car.

ALL TIED UP
A tie bandit hit Hudsons May 27, almost getting away with \$2,000 in neckties before security personnel caught up to him.

Police said the 50-year-old West Bloomfield man was spotted placing tie after tie in a large Hudsons shopping bag. He walked past registers without paying and out into the mall when security personnel stopped him and found the 53 ties.

PAKED TARGETS
Thieves hit local business last week, smashing car windows and stealing cell phones, stereos, golf clubs and other items from cars parked in business and manufacturing parking lots including Key Plastics, Kohls, Art Van, Sovere's Service Station, the Novi Hilton, Radio Shack, Providence Medical Center, Extended Stay America and Brass Craft manufacturing.

NEEDED WHEELS
An garage mistakenly left open an English Street netted a burglar two new pairs of in-line skates and a carrying bag May 24.

Novi Briefs

Schools get accreditation

The Novi Community School District received extended accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools for all seven schools for the 1997-98 school year.

"Along with hosting periodic on-site evaluations by a visiting team of educators, each NCA school is accredited on the basis of an annual report on conditions in the school and on such supplementary information as the Commission on Schools requests," said Debby Brauer, director of community services.

"The continued accreditation means that the conditions for effective education exist in the school."

NCA is the largest of the country's regionally accrediting agencies. It is a voluntary coalition of more than 8,400 schools and more than 1,000 colleges and universities in the 19-state region of the central United States. The association works with the schools to improve the quality of education through a continuous process of accreditation and evaluation. NCA currently accredits 1,224 schools in Michigan.

Help not wanted

Put away your boots and work gloves if you were one of the few planning to help out in the annual Range Restor:

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Northville students dig in to aid senior

By WENDY WHITE Staff Writer

For Jayne Tremain, 78, maintaining the grounds of her Northville Township home became virtually impossible. After her husband died in 1985, neighbors helped for a while. "Years ago, kids would cut grass for you and everything. These days, the kids are hard to find," Tremain said.



Homeowner Jayne Tremain eyes Corinne Atty, left, on roof and another student working.

But over the years, as Tremain's health and eyesight deteriorated, her grass grew waist high. Her flower beds were strangled by weeds. A cinder block garage behind her home crumbled. Neighbors began to complain. After Northville Township police sergeant John Werth fielded some of the grievances, he recommended Tremain's home for Northville High School's "Paint the Town" project. Spearheaded by student council president Josh Brugeeman and modeled after a similar program at a high school in Walled Lake, Paint the Town is a community service event open to the entire school.

For the second year in a row, more than 150 students came out, grilled lunch and did whatever it took to revamp an elderly resident's home. The project was a resounding success, again, according to Brugeeman. "There were already 40 people here and ready to work at quarter to eight in the morning," he said. Eric Campion, joined by other football players and student activities director John Brimling-Stool, created a shed donated by Home Depot to replace the garage that was torn down and replaced by S. R. Jacobson development corporation.

With additional timber removal from Davey Tree, and waste removal donated from BFI, Tremain's shady yard was transformed into a comfortable spot for her to relax, paralleling any parcel along Maxwell Street. "I think it's wonderful, great," said Tremain, who has lived in the same home for 42 years. Seargent Werth was among them. After helping Tremain with her yard and other errands since she lost her ability to drive, he solicited a donation from the Police and Commanding officers associations of Northville Township. Now, he is seeking volunteers to help maintain the work done by all of the students on Saturday, May 30. Staff helpers were done, Tremain's yard was neat and green. Her flower beds were filled with impatiens and decorated with an old plow, milk jug and water pump students found rusting on the grounds.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi Council will be interviewing applicants on Monday, June 15, 1998 beginning at 7:30 p.m. for appointment to the Board of Public Works, Michigan. The Board may not adopt its proposed 1998-1999 budget until after the public hearings. A copy of the proposed budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at June 2, 1998, at the Business Office, 501 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan.

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 98-011 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Art Van Furniture is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow an outdoor tent sale at Art Van Furniture, 2775 Novi Road, on July 31st August 1, 2, 3, and 4 August 7, 8, 9, and 10, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Art Van Furniture is located on the west side of Novi Road, south of Twelve Mile Road.

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NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC AUCTION The City of Novi will hold a public auction on Saturday, June 6, 1998. Location: Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375

REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD JUNE 8, 1998

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS The following students were hostesses at Novi High School during the year: Maurizio Altonzo, Mexico; Marie Bradshaw, Australia; Per Gundolf, Denmark.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 10, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider WESTMONT WILAGE SUBDIVISION #2, SP 97-55C, located on the south side of Ten Mile Road west of Tall Road for TENTATIVE PRELIMINARY PLAT, AND WOODLAND PERMIT.

1998 NOVI HIGH SCHOOL HONORS CONCOCAION

Top Novi students honored by district

Seniors earn variety of awards, handed out last week at the Civic Center

The following Novi High School seniors were honored in convocation ceremonies Wednesday, May 27, at the Novi Civic Center. CLASS OF 1998 FOUR YEAR HONOR ROLL These students have earned A or B grades in all subjects during high school.

College/Career Plans: Washington and Lee University, Engineering. Recognition/Scholarships: National Honor Society, National and State Honor Choir, National Chemistry Olympiad Semifinalist, U of M School of Music Scholarship, Indiana University Dean's Award, Michigan Youth Organization Scholarship, Phi Beta Kappa, National Merit Commendation Scholar, President's Excellence Award.

Parents: Richard and Marlene Lehman. School/Community Activities: SAID, United Nations, Tennis, Ski Club, Spectrum Newspaper, Volunteer Tutor and Aide, Community Service Projects. Recognition/Scholarships: National Honor Society, University of Michigan, Pre-Medicine.

College/Career Plans: Washington and Lee University, Engineering. Recognition/Scholarships: National Honor Society, U of M Regents Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, National Merit Scholar, National Merit Commendation Scholar, Phi Beta Kappa, Academic Letter and Bars, State Solo Ensemble Participant.

College/Career Plans: University of Michigan, Industrial Engineering. Recognition/Scholarships: National Honor Society, U of M Regents Scholarship, National Merit Commendation Scholar, Michigan State University, Phi Beta Kappa, Academic Letter and Bars, State Solo Ensemble Participant.

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State finds Eight Mile daycare not in compliance

By WENDY WHITE
Staff Writer

Supervisors at the Northville First Care day care center were in non-compliance with state day care rules when they allowed two toddlers to wander off site May 6 and into the street of a neighboring subdivision.

That's according to a report filed by the state after an investigation of the incident and the facility located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road.

Appropriate supervision was not being implemented at the time of the disappearance of the two toddlers," stated Elizabeth Marks-Wilson, a consultant with the child day care licensing division of the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Affairs.

The toddlers, both less than 22 months of age, wandered off during an outdoor morning recess and scrambled up a steep slope through the woods into an adjoining yard. They proceeded to wander into Lexington Boulevard where a witness told police they were almost hit by a passing truck.

According to the investigation there were three adult caregivers and two teenage students outside with 10 toddlers at the time.

"Given the ages of the children it would have taken them at least ten minutes to walk or crawl up the hill and get to the area where they were found," Marks-Wilson stated in the report. "At least another five to 10 minutes would have elapsed between their leaving being found."

The center took immediate action by erecting temporary fencing and taking steps to install a permanent barrier around the play area.

Since day care directors also agreed to train their staff in supervising the center, part of the First United Methodist Church, was placed on a second six-month probationary license.

"The licensee is aware of the seriousness of this matter and is accepting of our recommendation," Marks-Wilson wrote.

Ted DeWalt, a spokesperson for the department, agreed.

"They have been very conscientious in their response to this problem. It just amazed everyone that toddlers would scurry up that berm there," DeWalt said.

During the six-month probationary period, the state department will randomly monitor the center to make sure directors follow through with the permanent fencing and continue to comply with all the licensing rules.

"If everything has gone well and they did what they promised to do, we'll give them a regular license," DeWalt said.

Internet renewal for licenses ahead

Michigan drivers will soon be able to renew their license plates via Internet, according to Secretary of State Candice S. Miller.

Motorists will be eligible to renew by Internet if they are willing to pay registration fees by credit card and have vehicle insurance with a company participating in the Secretary of State's electronic insurance verification program.

To date, the department has received electronic insurance verification for nearly 2.9 million vehicles from a total of 16 participating insurance companies. Three other insurance companies are expected to join the program in early summer.

Applicants will be notified by e-mail that the process is complete.

City, school district win kudos for cooperation

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The City of Novi and the Novi Community School District received a pat on the back last month for working together last year in the purchase of joint city and school property.

The two received the first ever Outstanding Project Merit Award sponsored by the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments and Metropolitan Affairs Coalition Center for Joint Public Services.

"We encourage communities and school districts to join together to provide services wherever possible to take advantage of economies of scale," said Any Malmer, with Center for Joint Public Services. "A lot of times elected officials come and go and folks need to be reminded that joint activities are one of the many mechanisms for providing services."

The city and school district were credited with taking part in a land deal resulting in two new sites for schools and an adjacent city park area.

The city bought the 93 acres for \$1.7 million from Delta Trucking Co. and swapped 41 of them, plus an additional 11 it already owned, to the school district for \$820,000. The trade included land owned by Ruby and Ida Fuerst, who died in 1991 and donated the land to the school district. It was valued at \$117,000.

The new school and city park property, on the northern corner of Eleven Mile and Wisconsin roads will contain the new middle and elementary schools and city-owned park and athletic fields.

The city will provide the infrastructure and the school district is building the schools and park and fields.

District officials say completion of the new middle school is set for the fall of 1999. The new elementary school should open in the year 2000.

It's not the first time the two entities have joined forces. They commonly share parks and recreation facilities and in the 1970s the school district sold some of its high school property to the city for the library and civic center.

"It makes good sense to me to have areas we can share," said Superintendent Dr. Emmet Lippe. "It speaks well for the city."

The Joint Public Service Awards were created to recognize local governments, school districts and private or non-profit organizations who work together to provide services or programs in an economical way.

Malmer said 27 applications were filed for three categories: Outstanding Project, Leadership and Private and Public Partnerships. Eight communi-

ties were chosen from the park, and although Novi wasn't one of them, the awards committee designated it with a merit award because it did stand out from the rest.

Novi Public Service Director Lou Martin and the school district's director of community services worked together on the application.

"We're trying to do a lot of things together," said Martin. "We like to keep a cooperative effort going between the school and the city. But the deal was really worked out between [Assistant Superintendent] Jim Koster and [Parks and Recreation Director] Dan Davis."

The Center for Joint Public Services is a cooperative effort of SEMCOG and the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition. According to spokesperson Any Malmer, it encourages implementation of cooperative efforts in the region by providing ideas and methods for offering more and improved services within the framework of shrinking budgets and increased demands.

SEMCOG is a seven-county planning partnership of local governments serving 4.8 million people. MAC is a regional leadership coalition of business, labor and government addressing public policy issues affecting the economic vitality of southeast Michigan.



Construction of the new Middle School, part of the honored land deal, is moving ahead. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

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Fire Log

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending May 31. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, MAY 25

- Medical, 1507 Eckschlag, 1:52 a.m., Squad 1.
- Service, 43606 West Oaks, 1:40 p.m., Squad 1.
- Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 5:49 p.m., Squad 3.
- Medical, 41833 Lamier, 6:17 p.m., Squad 1.
- Fire alarm, 22279 Brookshire, 7 p.m., Engine 3.

TUESDAY, MAY 26

- Medical, 31175 Kingsley, 7:43 a.m., Squad 2.
- Injury accident, Ten Mile and Ripple Creek, 10:02 a.m., Squad 3.
- Injury accident, Thirteen Mile and Novi Road, 11:38 a.m., Squad 2.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

- Gas line break, 42784 Brookstone, 4:13 p.m., Engine 2.
- Car fire, 196 and Haggerty, 4:45 p.m., Engine 1.
- Medical, 20845 Veranda, 4:59 p.m., Squad 3.
- Medical, Twelve Oaks-Hudson's, 6:53 p.m., Squad 1.
- Service, Fire Station No. 1, 7:40 p.m., Squad 1.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

- Fuel spill, Nine Mile and Novi Road, 11:36 a.m., Engine 3.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

- Fire alarm, 42705 Grand River, 3:45 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
- Medical, 22125 York Mills, 8:17 a.m., Squad 4.
- Fire alarm, 42705 Grand River, 9:21 a.m., Engines 1, 3.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

- Fire alarm, 42705 Grand River, 12:10 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
- Brush fire, Grand River and Haggerty, 1:28 a.m., Engine 1.
- Injury accident, Grand River and Wisnom Road, 2:13 a.m., Squad 4.
- Building fire, 41728 Ten Mile Road, 8:28 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
- Medical, 41160 Ten Mile Road, 8:04 a.m., Squad 2.
- Medical, 29827 Rousseau, 9:15 a.m., Squad 2.
- Medical, 50609 Arizona, 9:18 a.m., Squad 4.
- House fire, 21008 Wheaton Lane, 2:06 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
- Dumpster fire, Fourteen Mile and Novi Road, 4:15 p.m., Engine 2.
- Medical, 46186 Nine Mile Road, 4:49 p.m., Squad 3.
- Car fire, 41108 Vicente, 3 p.m., Squad 2.
- Medical, 29827 Rousseau, 7:09 p.m., Squad 2.
- Medical, 38976 Springlake, 7:58 p.m., Squad 2.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

- Wires down, Ten Mile and Lynnwood, 7:15 a.m., Engine 4.
- Trailer fire, 39270 Montgomery, 7:14 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
- Fire alarm, 27150 Novi Road, 7:39 a.m., Engine 1.
- Injury accident, Grand River and Haggerty, 1:48 p.m., Squad 3.
- Fire alarm, 39650 Orchard Hill, 3 p.m., Engine 3.
- Medical, 24265 Warrington, 3:40 p.m., Squad 4.
- Medical, 45182 West Road, 5:42 p.m., Squad 2.
- Fire alarm, 39650 Orchard Hill, 6 p.m., Engine 3.
- Wires down, Eight Mile and Garfield, 6:49 p.m., Engine 4.
- 8:39 a.m., Squad 3.
- Wires down, 727 South Lake, 8:48 a.m., Engine 5.
- Investigation, 48705 Grand River, 9:18 a.m., Engine 1.
- Service, 40245 Ladene, 10:40 a.m., Engine 3.
- Service, 40205 Ladene, 11:09 a.m., Engine 3.
- Fire alarm, 42705 Grand River, noon, Engine 1.
- Medical, 39500 J.R. Blvd., 12:58 p.m., Squad 1.
- Medical, 24131 Pheasant Run, 1:22 p.m., Squad 3.
- Injury accident, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 1:48 p.m., Squad 3.
- Fire alarm, 39650 Orchard Hill, 3 p.m., Engine 3.
- Medical, 24265 Warrington, 3:40 p.m., Squad 4.
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Backhoe smashes bridge

Seven are injured in 5-vehicle freeway collision

By DOUG MILLS
Staff Writer

Along with expense and injuries, Sunday's accident on I-96 caused major business and traffic problems.

In the immediate aftermath of the accident, in which a backhoe pulled by a tractor-trailer smashed into the South Hill overpass, seven people were hospitalized.

All were treated and released from area hospitals except, Lynne Karty, 46, of Brighton, who was still in University of Michigan Hospital Tuesday.

The over-sized load did not have the required permit and was too high to clear the low overpass, knocking the hydraulic shovel off its trailer where it landed in the path of oncoming traffic just before 1 p.m. Sunday.

The road was closed immediately, and traffic was backed up nearly to Brighton.

Backups continued all day Monday as crews from various utilities and the Michigan Department of Transportation attempted to repair damage to the overpass. Work kept the eastbound lanes of I-96 closed all day.

As forecast by the Michigan Department of Transportation's

"Responsibility for clearance is the driver's."

Sgt. Mike Hahn,
Michigan State Police

Communication Director Gary Naeyaert, the road opened Tuesday morning around 6:45 a.m.

Meanwhile, traffic snarled along the detour, Grand River Avenue, and impacted area businesses.

"We just about closed our business Monday," said Gloria Schulte, office manager for Brainer's Greenhouses near Napier Road. "You would think with all the traffic on Grand River people would come in, but they were too frustrated. No one attempted to come except major landscapers who pre-ordered."

Much less impacted was Putter's Restaurant at the intersection of Grand River and Milford Road.

"All the seniors showed up to the Seniors Knife & Fork Club that we have the first and third Mondays of every month," Becky Scripter, day manager, said. "It was a normal Monday."

By mid-day Monday, Ameritech workers were still rerouting fibre-optic phone cables serving about 650 customers.

Bill McSorley, general manager of engineering and construction, said that the phone cables had to be rerouted from the west side of the overpass to the east side before demolition could proceed.

"We couldn't get very far without moving the cable," Naeyaert said. "After that, we have to remove two steel beams, some of the bridge deck, and do some demolition. Some of the chipped appearance to the concrete was done by the backhoe and some by MDOT."

South Hill Road has been closed indefinitely.

Although signed as 14 feet, Naeyaert said the overpass is actually 14 feet and four inches, a fact MDOT doesn't like to publicize.

The South Hill overpass is one of the lower ones, Sgt. Mike Hahn of the Metro North Post of the Michigan State Police, said.

"The investigation will take a couple of days," Hahn said. "Responsibility for clearance is the drivers, whatever civil cause is determined later."

Five vehicles were involved in the accident.

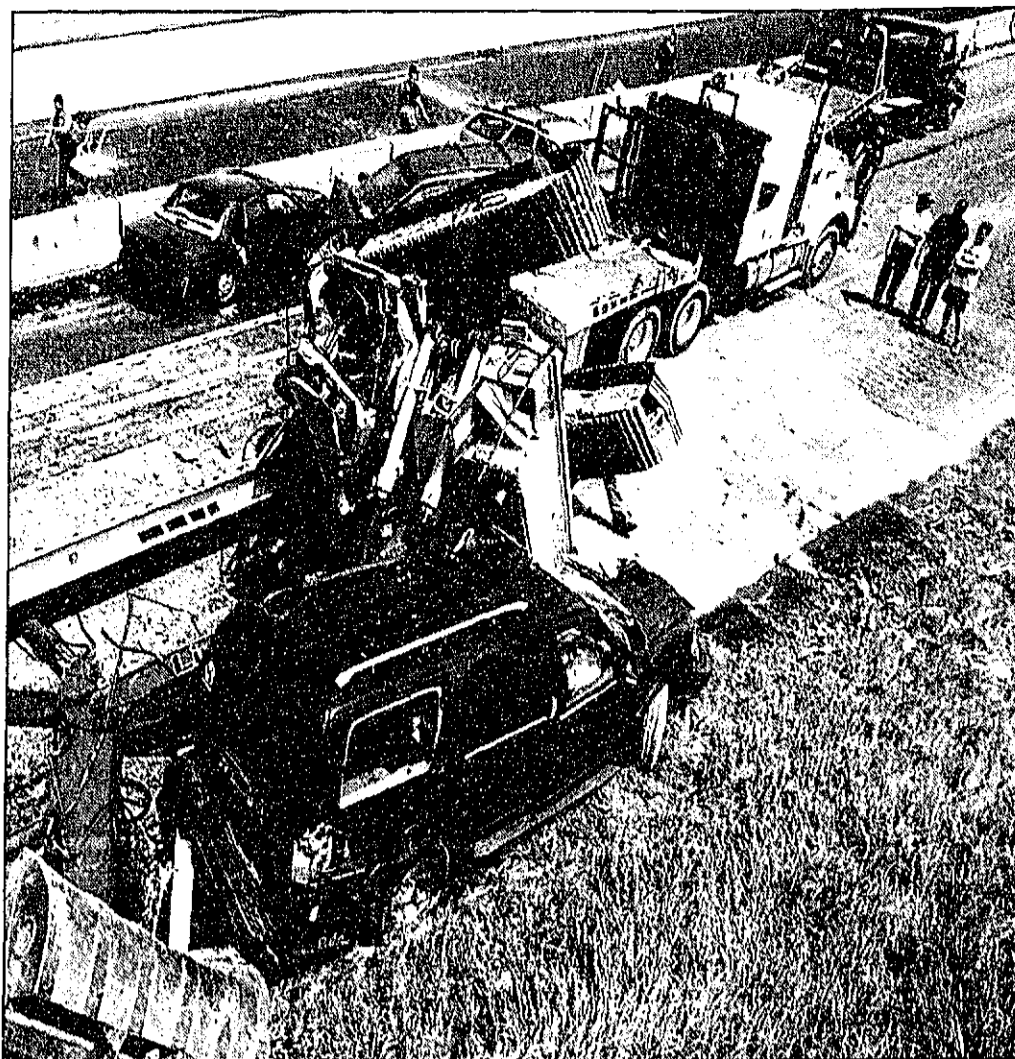


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I-96 was a disaster scene after a truck-borne crane hit a freeway overpass bridge on Sunday.

Victim recovers from crash

Lynne Karty, owner of the Next Generation stores in Brighton and Milford, underwent surgery for a broken femur Sunday evening.

"She is doing OK," said Paul Karty, her husband. "She will be

starting rehabilitation soon. We're still getting details from the hospital."

Karty was taking sons, Chad, 12, and Trevor, 11, to a soccer game. They were not seriously hurt.

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Model Kate VanDerworp, 19, wears a Priscilla of Boston gown during a recent trunk show held at Elizabeth's Bridal Manor.

Photo by THOMAS HIBBELN

HOW TO AVOID

Large dresses

Local boutique helps brides to look their best on the big day

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

A woman is most beautiful on her wedding day ... or at least, she should be.

Elizabeth Clancy cringes at the thought of a bride walking down the aisle in an ill-fitting dress.

"It is the most important day of her life and the day she feels the most beautiful," Clancy said. "It's the day she recognizes her inner and outer beauty. She just glows from within."

Clancy has been outfitting brides and their wedding parties for nine years at Elizabeth's Bridal Manor in Northville.

"Some brides come in with preconceived ideas," she said. "We are always willing to show them what they ask to see but we also show them dresses we think would look better on them."

The dress style, along with the weight and volume of the material used, plays an important part in creating the illusion of having dropped a few pounds or of being taller.

Most brides come to Elizabeth's carrying magazines and photos of dresses they like. Some have already been out shopping while others have no idea what they are looking for.

"We are honest enough to tell them that a dress does not look good on them," Clancy said.

One young woman picked out a dress which was too heavily embellished for her petite frame and Elizabeth steered her in a different direction which suited her perfectly.

"Her mother wouldn't let her pick out anything without my final say so," she said.

An A-line style makes a petite woman look taller and a plump woman look thinner, according to Clancy. A sheath only looks good on a woman with a perfect figure. A pear shape body does not look good in a sheath while a drop-waist style dress is only good on a woman with a waist. A V-waist dress gives a woman the illusion of having a waist.

"The A-lines and the V-waists are the most flattering on the majority of brides," she said.

But Clancy said they are seeing fewer V-waist style dresses because the look that is popular today is more A-line.

"The simpler styles lend themselves more to the A-line," said Clancy who sees her clientele equally split between traditional and contemporary.

"We call it contemporary but it is a retro look," she said. "By contrast to traditional,

the simple dresses look so fresh. It's a very welcome change."

Bows that were big in the 60s are back but smaller.

"That is definitely a 60s look, which is more retro than contemporary," she said of the bows. "Because today's brides haven't seen that look they regard it as contemporary."

Elizabeth's Bridal Manor has about eight trunk shows each year with four devoted to Priscilla of Boston, their most popular line.

A trunk show is an excellent way to see the majority of dresses available in a specific line, according to Clancy.

When feasible, Clancy will fly a representative into town for the trunk show.

"It is a nice touch to meet a representative," she said.

Besides Priscilla, Elizabeth's also carries other very upscale lines such as Christian Dior and Yolanda Couture. Upper end lines begin at about \$1,500 to over \$4,000.

Clancy is one of only a handful of stores in the country which carries a private line that can be fully customized. Called Elizabeth's Private Line, prices range from \$1,200 to \$1,400.

In the fall, Clancy will be adding Seasci to their upper end line, as well as Reem Acra and a few others.

Clancy has had brides walk in a week before their wedding searching for a dress and has been

able to outfit them, but she said the rule of thumb is still to allow a minimum of six months when ordering a dress. That doesn't mean it takes that long, but just that you have to allow for the unexpected. Dresses can be ordered a year ahead and stored at Elizabeth's.

Not to be excluded, the popular look for grooms, at least in Northville and Novi, is a traditional, double-breasted, black tuxedo with a vest, according to Clancy. Double-breasted tuxedos do not come in tails.

"You can't do a tail coat in double-breasted, it wouldn't look right," she said.

The new trend is to wear a decorative button cover with a white shirt which has a banded neck instead of a bow tie.

"It's the sharpest look," she said of the white shirt. "Colors are more for prom."

Elizabeth's Bridal Manor, which is located at 402 S. Main Street, will be increasing its size by 500 square feet to add additional dressing rooms and more floor space. The addition will also include a tower with a 12-foot ceiling and built-in seating to accommodate a wedding party.



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Volunteer



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Joan Henson volunteers with Reach to Recovery.

Henson still makes house calls

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Joan Henson has seen many changes in the two decades she has been a volunteer for the American Cancer Society.

Henson is a Reach to Recovery volunteer, which consist of women who have had breast surgery and are at least one year post surgery.

"It's almost always connected with cancer," she said.

Henson began making Reach to Recovery calls 20 years ago and as she moved from New York, to Ohio, and in 1988 to Northville, she has continued her work with the organization.

Reach to Recovery was founded in 1952 by Terese Lasser in New York City because she felt that she could have used more psychological support following her breast surgery. In 1969 the group was accepted by the American Cancer Society.

When Henson first joined the group, calls were made to women during their four to eight day stay

in the hospital following breast surgery.

"That had its advantages in that we saw the woman right after surgery," she said. "We had a certain amount of privacy in the hospital room."

In the early to mid 1980s, a woman's stay in the hospital was drastically reduced to 24 hours from three days, which made it more difficult to schedule a hospital call.

"It was an adjustment at first to switch to home calls," she said. "Now women are out in less than 24 hours with either a mastectomy or a lumpectomy."

Henson was a little leery of the decrease in the length of hospital stay at first.

"For most women it works out all right because they go home to a good support group but single women or older women who may live alone, I question whether another day or two in the hospital with at least people around - (would help) more psychologically perhaps than medically."

Twenty years ago women had to go looking for reconstructive surgery. In the last year Henson has not called on one woman who has had the need for reconstruction.

Henson tailors the materials she brings to the woman's needs but includes general information on everything from communication with family, to clothing, to arm care.

"I'm here to talk to them about what is happening to them," said Henson who doesn't bring up her own medical history.

She will also demonstrate exercises if necessary. Each woman is different, according to Henson. Some women come out of surgery with great flexibility while others experience soreness when raising their arm too far.

"It's important to exercise to get the shoulder movement back and to flex the incision area," she said.

Henson also brings materials on support groups and for women who have had a mastectomy, she

brings a prostheses shopping guide.

"I also give a woman a chance to talk about what's happened to her," she said. "I think that is a very important part of my call, if they wish to do so."

Literature is also available from the American Cancer Society. All materials volunteers use are supplied by the society and there is not charge for visits.

Henson sought out the American Cancer Society following her surgery and received a packet of information including a list of support groups.

"It pleases me to see so many support groups around," said Henson.

Making about 12 calls a year, Henson attends a mandatory yearly recertification class to stay up to date with the most current information.

Henson and her husband Jim returned to Michigan ten years ago and have two sons and two grandsons.

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Snubbed, again Rockford runner takes state title away from Kevin Avenius

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

If a certain pattern continues to exist in Kevin Avenius' future... Avenius finished second in the mile at the state meet last Saturday in Bay City.

against each other. This was the deepest of all the events... The eight points he earned for his finish helped Novi to tie for 20th place overall.

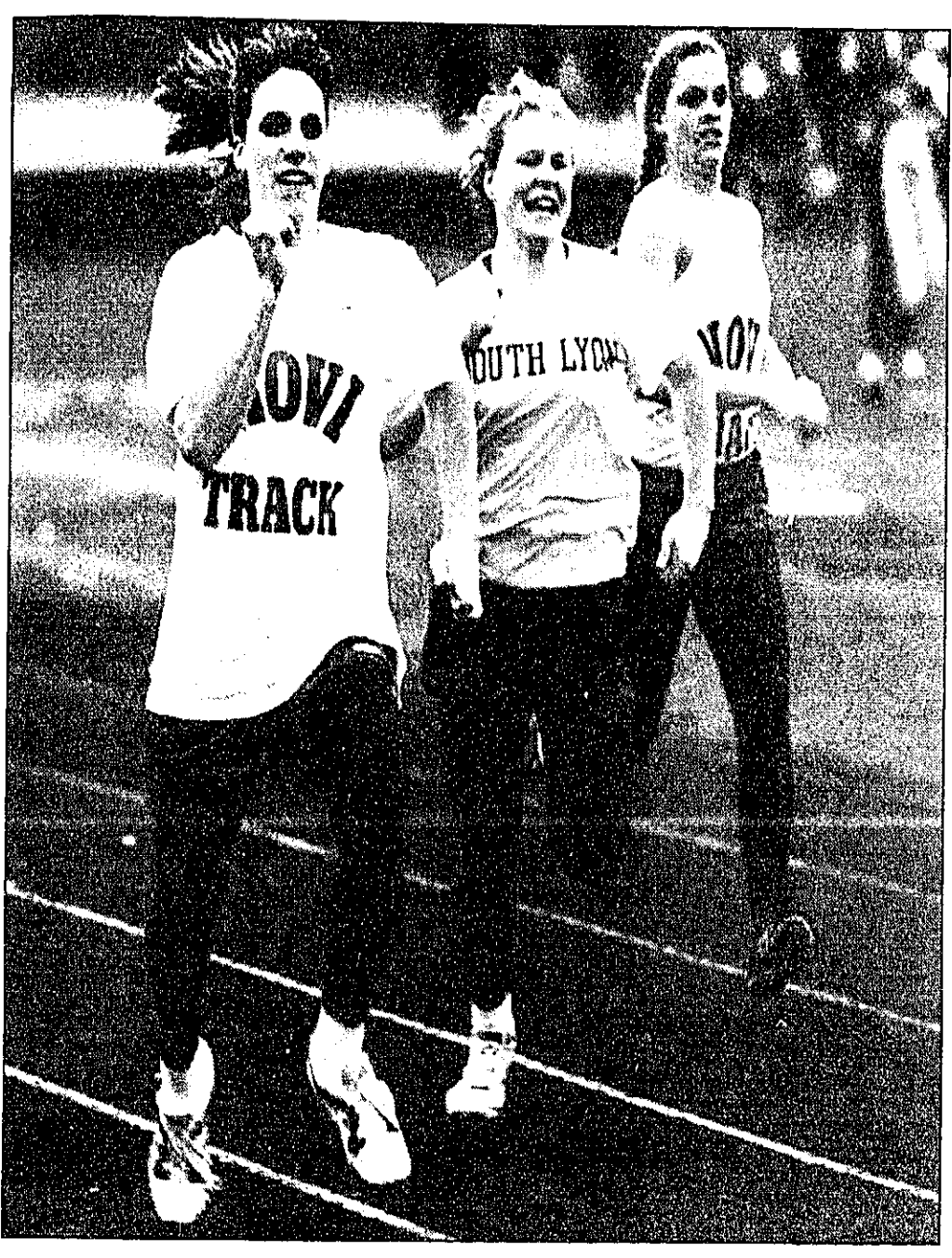
Softball squad knocked out

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

Acting as the thorn in the side of the Wildcats, the Howell softball team ousted Novi in the district semifinals Saturday in Brighton 4-1.

followed with one of her own. After Frantz stole third base, she scored on a ground out by Adrienne Farrell.

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Three teams place at Class A state track meet

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

The Novi girls track team went to the state tournament with a wealth of talent... Novi girls track coach Sue Tomanek.

"Most of the time the girls are so awestruck that they don't compete up to their abilities..."/>

Little Caesars' tryouts begin

Tryouts for the LYSC United U-14 girls soccer team, a new Little Caesars' soccer team, will take place June 15 and 17 in Livonia.

side of Newburgh road between Six Mile Road and Severn Mile Road. All players must wear shin guards and bring a ball and water.

Baseball team tops Howell, falls to Brighton in finals

By DAN KITTLE Special Writer

As the dust kicked up from the Brighton infield on a balmy Saturday afternoon that felt more like the 30th of July than the 30th of May, hopes were high for the Novi Wildcats baseball team.

given that they would defeat Howell and eventually face Brighton... Coach Brian Howard vowed that while Novi was excited about the new life that had just begun...

in the end, he hit well enough... Catcher Matt Gabrieli wasn't really sure what to say about the game. "It was rather interesting," he said, "but it was a win, I guess."

Novi. Many of those attending the games had merely come to see Henson pitch, and that certainly seemed to be reason enough.

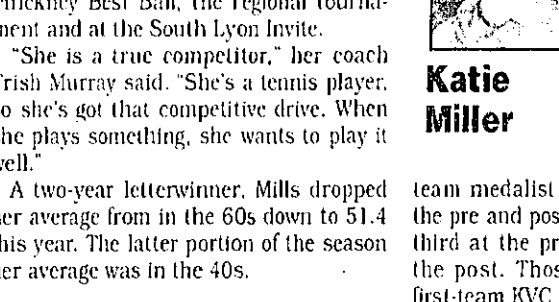
Girls golfing shows why it is stronger than ever

Miller, Stevens lead capable HomeTown all-area squad

Boys, girls, what's the difference? That's what many are asking themselves after seeing Class A state champion Stacey Sider of Grandville post a winning score equal to that of last fall's boys champion, Derek Arnett of Hartland.



Katie Miller Novi senior. As a co-captain for Pinckney Best Ball, the regional tournament and at the South Lyon Invite.



Erin Stevens Novi senior. Stevens bounced back from a tough start to claim second-team all-KVC honors.

Table with 3 columns: name, school, grade. Lists members of the First Team, Second Team, and Honorable mention for the All Area Girls Golf tournament.

Stevens tops 2nd team

her Novi team... Miller was the pre and post-KVC meets. She finished third at the pre-KVC meet and sixth at the post. Those accolades earned her first-team KVC honors.

They won't be turning any heads on the pro tour, but these girls have come a long way... HomeTown News' All Area Golf, Second Team highlights the talents of our area golf teams who aren't always in the spotlight.

Leslie Matthei Lakeland freshman... After a rocky start, this freshman leveled out her playing time and finished the season with an average of 53.5 strokes per outing.

Rachel Anderson Milford senior... Anderson is a four-year letter winner at Milford and has been a captain and top Redskins golfer for the past two seasons.

Shannon Springall Milford senior... Springall is a four-year letter winner and for the last two seasons, her score has counted in every single Redskin match.

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Novi golf pro qualifies locally, makes trip to Bay Hill in Orlando

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

A dream came true for Todd Gerhart May 11 at Mystic Creek Golf Club in Milford... Gerhart hit 15 of 18 greens in regulation and posted a qualifying score of 72, earning one of five qualifying scores for the sectionals.

"Just to play that course is a great golfing experience." Todd Gerhart, Maples Country Club golf pro.

Gerhart, or Tim Cup as he's known around the club, and his caddy, club champion Jerry Hirst, will make the trip down to Orlando this weekend and play a couple practice rounds.

Gerhart will be paired up with Skip Kendall, 19th on the PGA money list with \$523,130 in winnings this year, and David Eger, a top amateur in the United States for over 20 years.

2nd team breaks par

Molly Heyn

Milford sophomore... In just her second year playing golf, Heyn became the most improved Milford golfer.

Tara Stevens Novi sophomore... Stevens came into her own this year, earning all-conference first-team honors after finishing eighth at the post-KVC meet.

Vanessa Vock South Lyon junior... Vock made good progress this season for the South Lyon team, bringing her average down to 50.3 strokes per round.

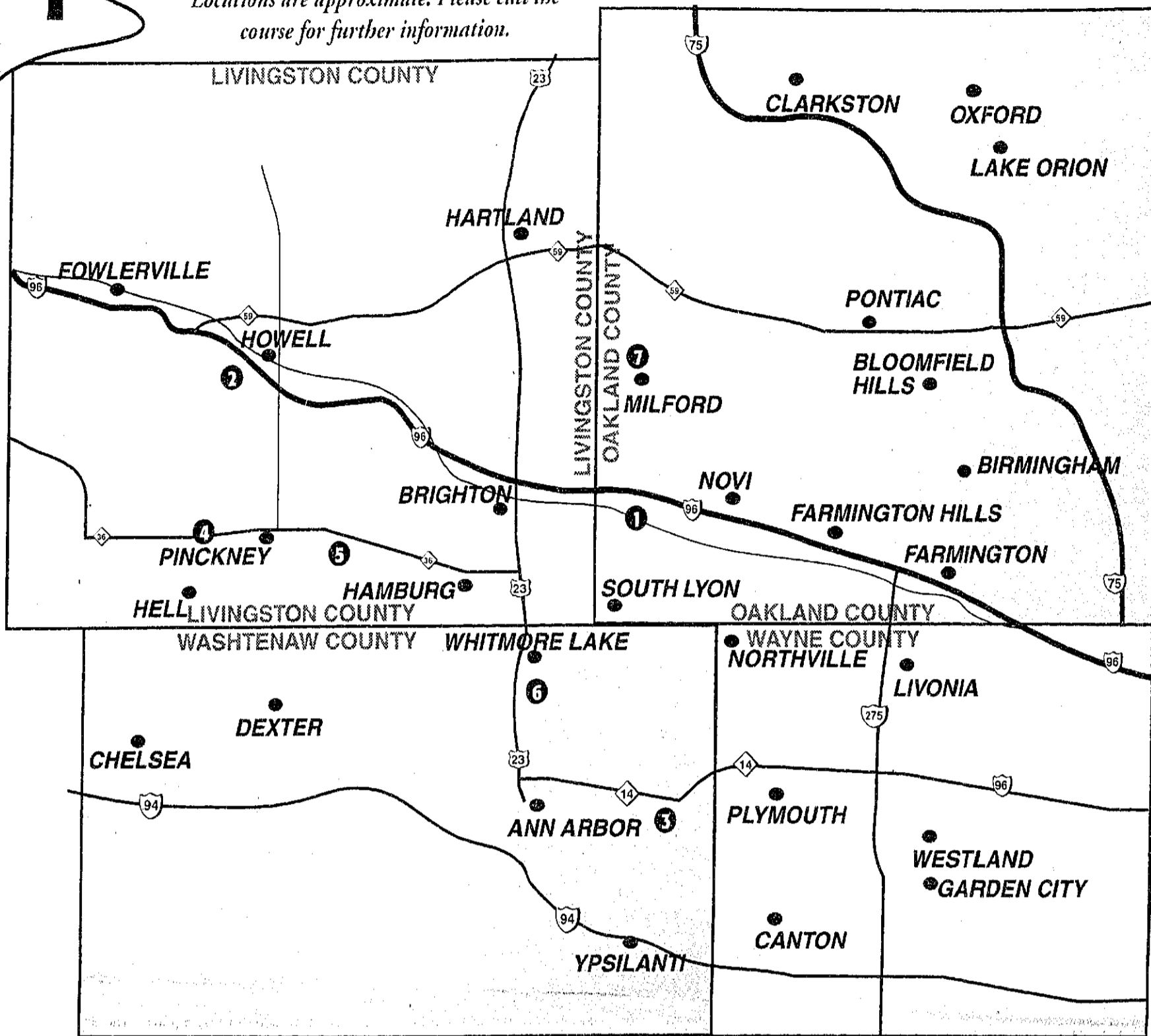
Maples Country Club golf pro Todd Gerhart practices his putting for his sectional qualifying tournament as his caddy and club champion Jerry Hirst looks on last Friday.

Continued from 8 for the last two years and has been "a lot of help for the younger girls in practice"...

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