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City studies DDA for Grand River

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

What a Downtown Development Authority would mean to the area along Grand River from Beck Road to Meadowbrook Road is the subject of a special Novi City Council meeting tonight.

The 7:30 p.m. session will give the council a chance to ask questions about the concept before a public hearing is held on Feb. 22.

A DDA would permit the city to "capture" taxes from new growth in the district, as well as from increases in the value of existing growth, to improve the infrastructure of the district. That would likely include a partial financing of the proposed widening of Grand River Avenue to five lanes.

"We are looking at it as a way to fund some of the improvements that are called for in the Grand River study with the least amount of impact on taxpayers," Novi Community Development Coordinator Heidi Hannan said.

"We're still just learning about this whole process. It's still a work in progress."

The proposed district would be bound by Interstate 96 to the north and residential property to the south. Ninety-four percent of the property within that area is now used for business.

Over the summer, property

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owners along Grand River came out in favor of a five-lane widening of the road, rather than a six-lane expansion. Some 43 structures would have to be torn down to make way for the six lanes, Hannan said, while only eight will be lost to a five-lane Grand River reconstruction.

The five-lane Grand River concept is expected to bear a price tag of \$39 million, not including the cost of acquiring road rights-of-way.

But money from the DDA would need to be supplemented from other sources, such as city or

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While the rest of us shive, some — like Jim Head — try to get a little enjoyment out of the wintery weather.

Students petition schools to close for cold weather

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

Students in Novi are tired of standing in the bitter cold waiting for a school bus and brought their concerns to the Novi school board Thursday.

Two students from Novi Meadows brought a petition signed by about 119 of their fellow students requesting school be called off on days when the temperature dips below zero.

The students said they had to stand outside on Tuesdays in temperatures 12 degrees below zero for 20 minutes while waiting for a late bus, putting the students at risk of frostbite.

According to the school board officials, the bus was late due to unplowed roads.

"I think if the city and county could have done a better job of cleaning the roads, we would have been in a better condition. Children would not have had as long to wait for the bus," board member Julie Abrams said.

However, while temperatures drop this winter and students wait for late buses, the Novi Community School District does not have a policy of calling off school solely because of cold weather.

Emmett Lippe, superintendent of the Novi Community School District, said currently policy calls for school

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- Volunteers are digging out seniors in a program run through the Novi parks department. More volunteers are still needed. The story appears on page 13A.
- Some residents want the city to shovel sidewalks. But city ordinances require residents to clear their walks or they could be ticketed. The story appears on page 13A.

Still snowed under

Council reacts to county's snow plowing debacle

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 and JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writers

Oakland County's response to plowing county roads in Novi is still causing a stir among city officials.

While County Commissioner Kay Schmid, R- Novi, said she believes the county has stepped up its response in plowing Novi Roads, some Novi city officials say the problem is chronic.

"Our crews have done an outstanding job responding to last week's snowstorm," Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall said.

"The major complaint is the Oakland County Road Commission and their continuing inability to deal with snow removal on county roads... We've traditionally been receiving a low level of service from the Oakland County Road Commission."

Novi Mayor Kathleen McAllen has filed a complaint with the road commission over their handling of the Jan. 2 winter storm.

Kriewall had nothing but accolades for the city's own response to the emergency, but said Novi needs to add more Department of Public Works staff and equipment.

"As we grow, we don't feel our staff and equipment have kept up. We add several miles of streets ever year," the city manager added.

In the past, the Novi City Council considered taking over the snow plowing responsibilities from the county, but decided against it.

"It's not a real bargain for us. They expect us on a shoestring budget to assume a large respon-

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Grace Perry named Oakland publisher

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
 Staff Writer

Grace Perry, formerly the manager of classified advertising for HomeTown Newspapers, has been named as the company's Oakland County publisher. In the newly created position, Perry will manage the operations of the Northville Record and Novi News, as well as the Millford Times and South Lyon Herald, and shopping circulars in Walled Lake.

Perry will be based out of the Record offices at 104 W. Main Street in Northville. That move will take place by the end of February.

Prior to being appointed as publisher, Perry managed HomeTown's classified advertising department for 13 years. In that position, Perry was named the Advertising Director of the Year by the Suburban Newspapers of America.

She said she is excited about the prospect of improving the four newspapers.

"My goal is to improve the papers we have," Perry said. "I believe they're already very high quality newspapers. Now the

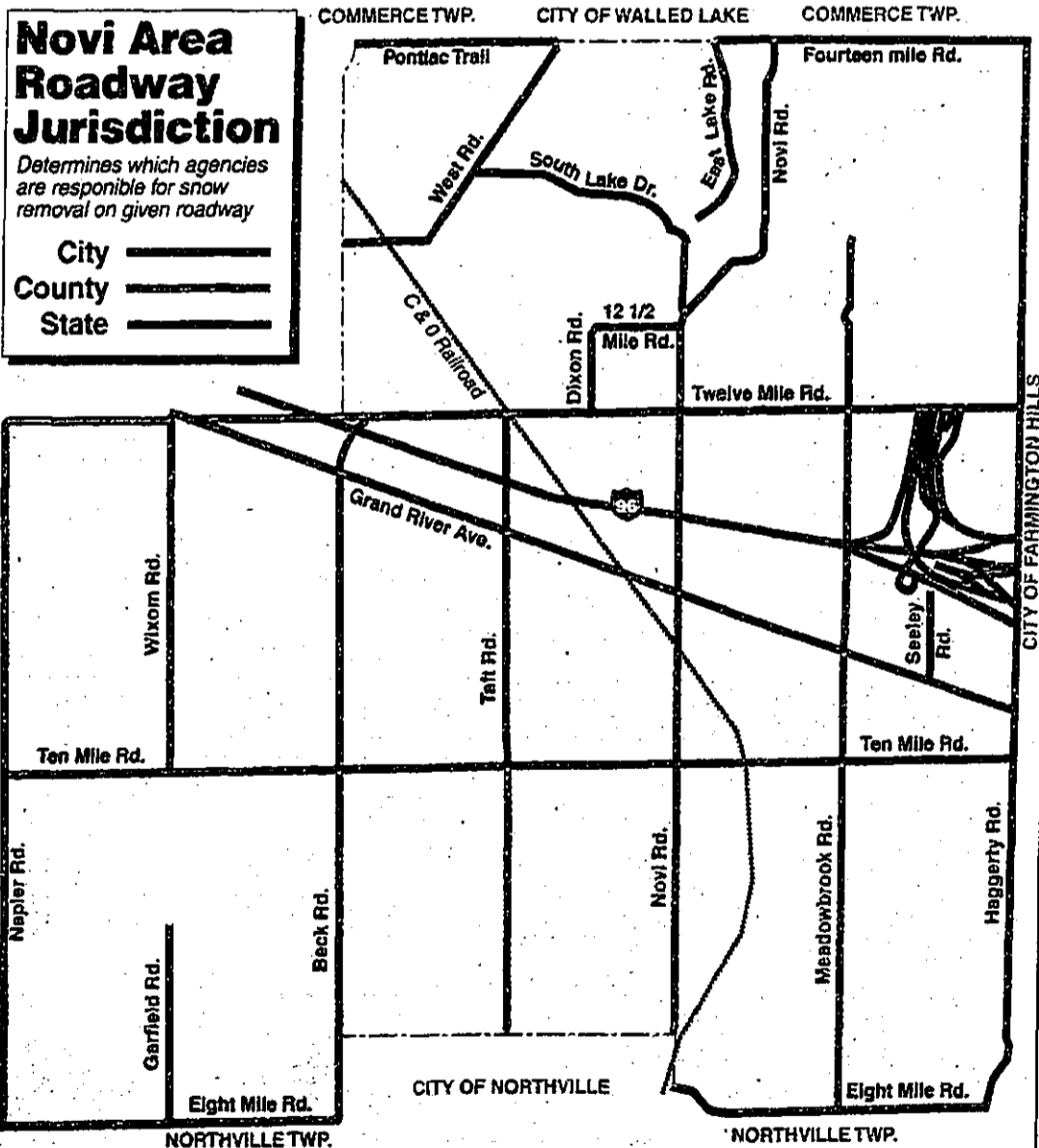


Grace Perry

focus is on growth and expansion, both in terms of editorial copy and our sales in the area."

Perry, who grew up in Howell, is mother to 23-year-old David, 12-year-old Ryan and 8-year-old Ella. Together with her husband,

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Local pups included in Expo show

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

The minute you step into the Ridenour home on East Lake Drive, you lose sight of your ankles, which are instantly engulfed in a billowing cloud of orange fluff.

The fluff moves, it squeaks, it is alive, but just how many enthusiastic Pomeranians are swarming to greet you is impossible to

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Mary Ridenour, left, and daughter Michelle play with their dogs in their Novi home. They'll be showing the dogs at the Expo Center next week.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Community Calendar

To have your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, 204 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Thursday, January 14

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

Historical Commission

The Novi Historical Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lambright at (248) 959-9999.

Friday, January 15

Novi Theatres

Novi Theatres presents "A One Act Festival" at 8 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile west of Novi Road.

Saturday, January 16

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Chilly Willy Winter Festival

Novi Parks and Recreation hosts its annual Chilly Willy Winter Festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Novi Ice Arena.

Sunday, January 17

Novi Theatres

Novi Theatres presents "A One Act Festival" at 3 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile west of Novi Road.

Monday, January 18

ABWA

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, at 42100 Crescent Blvd. Social hour is set at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to all working women. For reservations, call Audrey Golley at (248) 624-1718. For membership information, call Bettie Johnson at (248) 960-9559.

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

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

City office closed

City hall and the library are closed today for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Tuesday, January 19

Bereavement group

A monthly bereavement group will meet from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road between Novi and Tall roads. There is no fee for attendance. The meeting will be facilitated by Dr. Michael M. Meyer. The topic of discussion will be "Learning to Walk Alone." There will be a brief prayerful reflection during the meeting by a member of the clergy from the area.

Wednesday, January 20

Novi Concert Band

The Novi Concert Band will rehearse in Novi High School at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 949-9244.

Garden Club

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

Civil Air Patrol

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

Chess Club

The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center on Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4265 evenings after 6 p.m.

Bereavement Support Group

A bereavement support group meets at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., from 7:30-9 p.m. The meeting will be facilitated by Dr. M. Meyer. There will be a brief prayerful reflection during the meeting by a member of the clergy from the area.

Optimist Club

The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant on Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center.

Planning Commission

The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

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Novi superintendent looks to the year ahead

Long ranging planning will guide the district's way

As the new millennium approaches, the Novi School District is continuing to look at ways to improve itself. Leading the school district's charge in search of quality schooling is the district's superintendent, Emmett Lippe.

The Novi News sat down with the superintendent last week to find out what he thinks about the future of Novi schools.

Novi News: Since you've come to the Novi School District, how do you feel the school district has come?

Lippe: This will be my seventh year at Novi. I came July 1, 1992. I think there are an awful lot of different activities that have occurred within the school district and they deal with facilities, they deal with curriculum and they deal with growth in the school district, which by implication the personnel changed a great deal, and so I think a great deal has occurred. We've increased students from about 36 to 37 percent increase enrollment in that time, which is pretty significant in itself, so the school district has changed rather significantly. I think in the same time we have been able to maintain the high standards this school district has become accustomed to and has been a standard.

News: Where is the school district at now?

Lippe: Well I think the present state is a pretty high level. There is a awful lot of teachers and staff members involved to sustain a high level of performance for the kids and a high level of performance of our employees and I think one indication would be the recognition that was given to the high school recently by the US News and World Report, which featured our high school as one of the better ones in the nation and certainly in the metropolitan area.

News: Where is the school district heading?

Lippe: We have a group of people who look in a constant way at the long range planning and kind of vision for the school district. We've got a lot of these visions kind of things within the last three to four years, with the growth issue, i.e. the improvement of our facilities and also the programming to keep up with that growth. It is also

News: What about staff changes? Is the district going to be hiring more teachers?

Lippe: At the opening day this fall, we had the teachers who had been teaching new to Novi schools. So I think at all the levels, stand up and we had almost half of our staff stand up. We had a lot of turnover of our staff simply because of growth and retirement

News: With more teachers and expected growth of 4 to 6 percent can we expect our class sizes to go up or down?

Lippe: We try to maintain the class sizes at the level we have. I don't see our class sizes getting any larger. We of course would like to have the class sizes, particularly in our elementary schools, be as small as we can reasonably expect to have resources to provide teachers. (Class size) is where the research

News: What new programs are coming this year?

Lippe: There is a distinction between programs and facilities. We think the new middle school is going to have a tremendous impact on the program that we offer middle school youngsters because we will be in a building that was built to accommodate four-member team planning and four-member team teaching at the middle school level. That is going to have a tremendous impact on the middle school facility.

News: What are you going to do to improve the high school level?

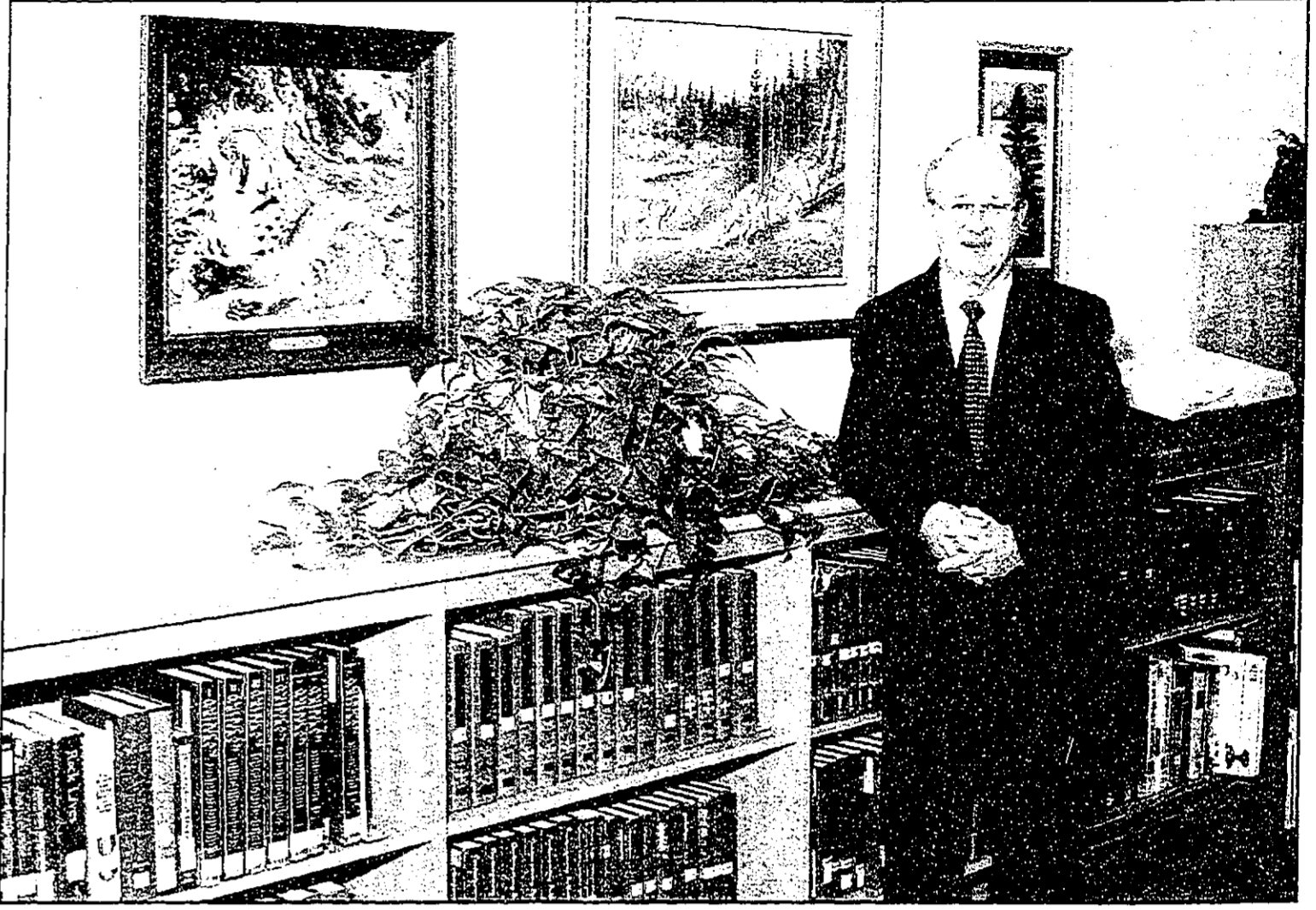
Lippe: We are going to look at a program that we thought about to train high school students over a two year period of time to really be proficient in the whole area of technology and the whole area of just being able to use technological equipment. We are currently studying that and we are hopeful of having something to offer students by next fall.

News: How are you doing as far as budget?

Lippe: The capabilities of school district to increase taxes and increase revenue under Proposal A is just not an avenue that is available. That's the revenue we have to live with. We have been very fortunate in Novi that we have been able to run the type of high quality program we have in Novi and still live within the money that is given to us by the state of Michigan. We anticipate that is going to continue to be true for the foreseeable future.

News: What are your plans this year?

Lippe: One of the things that I like to keep up in terms of what is hap-



Emmett Lippe looks ahead to improvement in the Novi school district for the coming year.

and people leaving for other reasons. We anticipate a 4 to 5 percent increase next year in students, so we have to have staff. In 1990-2000 we certainly expect we are going to have more staff members. It depends on how the numbers work out, on what classes our students take and how full some of our classes are, so I think we are going to have more staff than we have had in previous years.

News: Are we going to see the school district getting more technology?

Lippe: We have had a lot of discussions recently about that. In fact we are in the process of taking a field check, an assessment of where we are with students using technology in the classroom. As you know, we have a lot of technology currently in our school district and we think the main thrust of our school district is students using technology as well as using technology to enhance instruction.

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pening is not six months to a year for now but what are we going to be doing for five years. We like to use the long range planning committee to think what are the issues that we might be thinking about for the next five years. What I would like to work on is to make sure we have things in place as we think out five years. That we have suitable facilities, suitable program and suitable personnel to carry out what it is we ought to be doing for young people in the year 2000 and beyond and I think that's the superintendent's job, to be visionary and to make sure we have these kind of things available.

News: What would you say to the parents about Novi schools in one sentence?

I think the parents in this school district can feel assured that the staff and personnel in this school district are trying their very best to provide the highest quality of education to their individual child. We hope that in collaboration with parents and working together, we will achieve those ends.

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Fire and ice spell double trouble for fire department

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Monday morning at 9:08 a.m., an electrical fire forced Janet Messer to race from her Eleven Mile Road home barefoot and dressed only in a nightgown.

While the Novi Fire Department responded to the call for help in just four minutes, the rental home was demolished.

"The building was a total loss. Despite the weather conditions, the guys did a good job, but the inside is gutted," Fire Chief Art Lenaghan said.

"I'm sure it will have to be torn down."

Fighting fires is always a big job, but during a snow emergency, unique challenges confront the

crews.

Over the past week, two homes were destroyed as firefighters struggled to save them. Both were in areas of Novi without hydrants. Along with the flames, one difficulty was dealing with the ice that formed as water from the hoses hit the ground and fire equipment.

On Monday, a Novi fire protection officer wearing an armpack was hurt when he slipped on ice. Joseph Ainos was treated for a back injury and released from Providence Medical Center, but remained off the job as of Tuesday.

"The weather yesterday was the worst condition, with the temperature, the snow and the wind chill factor and no fire hydrants ... as cold as it was, our air systems were

freezing," Lenaghan said Tuesday.

"During the day, we're a little short of personnel."

Although the fire department implemented emergency measures to deal with the Jan. 2 blizzard, Lenaghan has also suggested that the city find an alternative to waiting for the Oakland County Road Commission to clear major county roads.

"It's had a big impact on our response times. I have a little problem with the Oakland County Road Commission. We've got to get people out to the site. Grand River, Novi Road, Ten Mile Road, those were a mess," he said.

"We have to be able to get the people into the station for our operation to continue. When the roads

are virtually impassable, it's going to have a big impact on everything."

On Monday, Novi sent out a call for help and was assisted by firefighters from Lyon Township. Firefighters remained on the scene until 4:45 p.m.

The inside of the old farm house at 48725 Eleven Mile Road, near Wixom Road, was totally gutted. The house is owned by Chi-Lung Tsai of Farmington Hills and rented by Charles and Janet Messer.

The fire loss is estimated at \$58,000.

On Jan. 7, at 5:42 p.m., the department was called to 29915 Montmorency, the Chateau Estates mobile home of Gary James.

"It was a total loss and it damaged

the one next-door to it. There was a problem with the dryer and it set it on fire. He said he had some problems with the dryer, and he went down to get the mail and saw smoke at the window," Lenaghan said.

"The cold weather really created some problems for us."

Based on an insurance appraisal, the loss to the Chateau Estates residence was \$28,000, the chief added.

During the Jan. 2 storm, the Novi Fire Department extended its operations by assigning two paid-on-call firefighters to a sleep-over shift at each of the four stations. Crews returned snow at each of the stations. A four-wheel drive vehicle was on call at Fire Station Number

One.

But Lenaghan noted in a report this week to the Novi City Council that perhaps the city shouldn't rely on the county to clean major roads. "The roads aren't the only difficulty to deal with during a winter fire."

"First of all, you've got to constantly watch your personnel. Frostbite is a problem. Then, the tanks freeze up, you've got to keep the fire hoses on a little bit or they freeze," Lenaghan explained.

"The valves on the truck freeze up."

During Monday's fire, the department repeatedly tossed a special product on the ice to keep from falling. Firefighters with frozen air packs had to return for a replacement before entering the home.

The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Dec. 20. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number that responded to the call.

MONDAY, JAN. 4

Medical, 39471 Twelve Mile Road, 5:57 a.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, 1-96 and Novi Road, 10:03 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 46182 West Road, 10:49 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 21648 Phillip, 11:45 a.m., Squad 3.
Service, 25750 Novi Road, 1:39 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 23751 Stonehenge, 7:14 p.m., Squad 3.
Investigation, 22633 Woolsey, 7:21 p.m., Engine 3.

TUESDAY, JAN. 5

Medical, 44264 Chedworth, 1:03 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 20860 Woodland Glen, 1:44 a.m., Squad 3.
Investigation, 39876 Crosswinds, 7:58 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 30655 Decker Road, 9:08 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 24650 Bashian Court, 11:19 a.m., Squad 1.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6

Fire alarm, 43155 Nine Mile Road, 2:41 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Fire alarm, 21091 Haggerty, 3:43 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
Medical, 42300 Nine Mile Road, 8:16 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 31192 Kingswood, 8:47 a.m., Squad 2.
Building fire, 39820 Eight Mile Road, 8:48 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
Building fire, 43550 West Oaks, 9:07 a.m., Engines 1, 4.
Medical, 43045 Nine Mile Road, 10:19 a.m., Squad 3.
Gas line leak, 22495 Kensington, 11:33 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 28060 Ingersoll, 2:17 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Fire alarm, 43255 Crescent, 4:48 p.m., Engines 1, 2.

THURSDAY, JAN. 7

Injury accident, 1-96 and Novi Road, 12:45 a.m., Squad 1.
Injury accident, M-5 and I-696, 9:37 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 45182 West Road, 4:01 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Mobile home fire, 29915 Montmorency, 5:42 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Medical, 41677 Steepy Hollow, 9:54 p.m., Squad 2.
Investigation, 21077 Dundee, 11:47 p.m., Squad 3.

FRIDAY, JAN. 8

Medical, 41677 Steepy Hollow, 3:03 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 8:12 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 9:36 a.m., Squad 2.
Injury accident, M-5 and Twelve Mile Road, 11:40 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 27600 Novi Road, 12:06 p.m., Squad 1.

SATURDAY, JAN. 9

Medical, 21115 Wheaton Lane, 6:28 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 23984 Forest Park, 11:31 a.m., Squad 4.

SUNDAY, JAN. 10

Car fire, 1-96 and Meadowbrook, 5:10 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 24380 Surfside, 7:29 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 28855 Summit Court, 8:09 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 22842 Talford, 1:21 p.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 39609 Thirteen Mile Road, 3:46 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Fire alarm, 21091 Haggerty, 7:10 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 42400 Arena Drive, 11:13 p.m., Squad 3.

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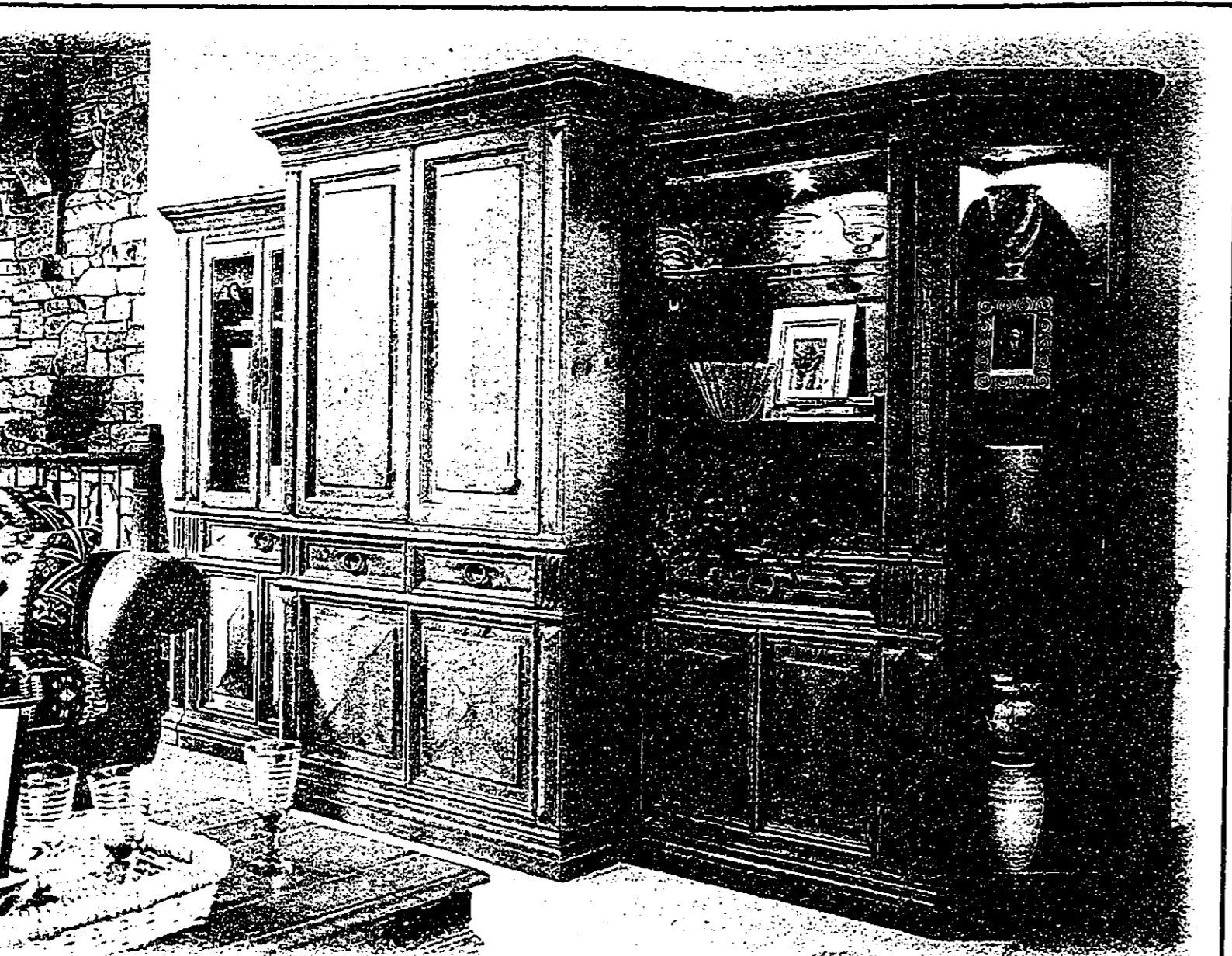
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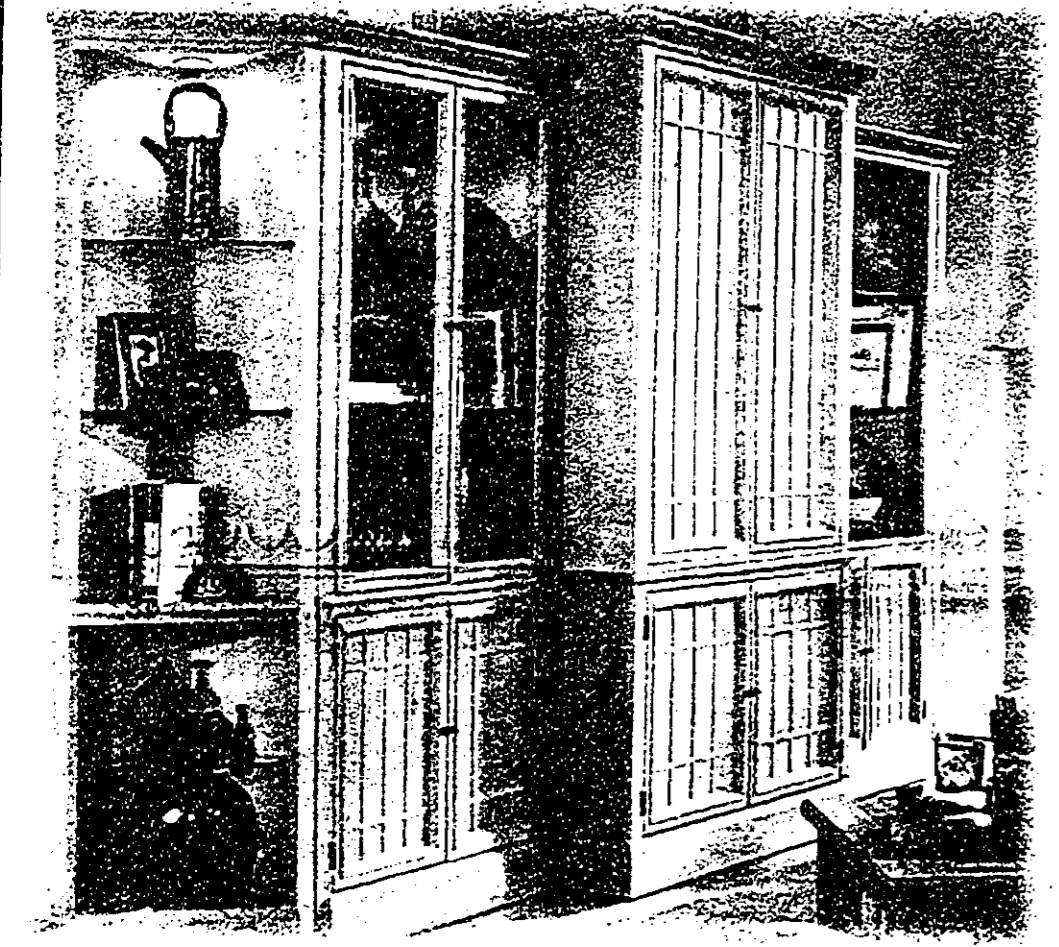
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Oakland PHYSICAL THERAPY, P.C.

Woman suspected of stealing checks

A 31-year-old Detroit woman is suspected of fraudulently cashing stolen checks Jan. 1 at the Old Kent Bank on Novi Road.

According to police, the woman cashed a check at the bank Jan. 1 for \$3,300.

The account holder of the check said she did not give permission to the woman to cash the check and did not know about the check.

The account holder said she had previously returned some checks to the bank because they had the wrong address.

The Detroit woman seems to have somehow obtained the checks.

DANGEROUS SNOWBALL

A 46-year-old Woodhaven man reported someone threw a snowball through the back window of his vehicle around 3 p.m. Jan. 6 as he was driving east on Nine Mile Road, west of Meadowbrook Road.

The man said the object struck his back window, breaking it completely.

SOCK THEFT

A 21-year-old Farmington Hills woman was arrested around 5 p.m. Jan. 6 at 40 Perry in the Twelve Oaks Mall.

An employee of the store observed the woman, over closed circuit television, in the Infants Department as she placed two pairs of socks underneath the

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stroller she was pushing.

The woman continued to shop in the department, where she selected several other items and paid for them. However, she never paid for the two pairs of socks valued at \$10.

She was apprehended after she left the store. She said she had just forgotten to pay for the socks, which were under the stroller.

She was later arrested for retail fraud by the Novi police.

FALSE CREDIT CARD

A Northville woman discovered someone had used her credit card to purchase \$2,000 in stereo equipment without her consent Jan. 6.

According to police, the woman was contacted by a representative of Bose Electric who said an order for the stereo equipment was made over the Internet in her name. It was scheduled to be shipped to an address in Bronx, N.Y.

The woman said she did not make the order and cancelled it. She does not know how her credit card number was stolen.

AMPLIFIED THEFT

A vehicle was broken into around

3:30 a.m. Jan. 7 on the 41800 block of Chateaufort Drive and an amplifier and several cassettes were taken.

According to police, a witness heard a noise outside his home and when he looked outside, he saw the door of the victim's vehicle was open.

The witness exited his house and when he inspected the vehicle, he saw wires cut and exposed and the amplifier and cassettes missing.

The woman said she returned to the kitchen and asked the co-worker not to yell out her name in the presence of customers. When the woman returned to the dining room, she said the man went on a vulgar tirade against her and also accused her of stealing money from the restaurant.

The woman said she attempted to explain the situation to her manager a short while later, after which time the co-worker shoved her in the back.

Township police reports said the man admitted using profanity but denied striking the woman. The case is under investigation.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-1700.

The assailant broke out the rear

SMASH AND GRAB

A Milford woman discovered someone smashed out the rear window of her vehicle Jan. 6 at Cookers Bar and Grill and took her purse and cellular phone.

The woman said the thieves smashed the side-rear window of her vehicle and took the items from the backseat.

Nothing else was missing from the vehicle.

FAITHLESS DESTRUCTION

A Plymouth woman reported someone damaged her vehicle Jan. 4 as it was parked at the Faith Presbyterian Church on Ten Mile Road.

The assailant broke out the rear

Novi Briefs

Wet and wild

The cold weather froze the sprinkler system at Kohl's department store on Monday, setting the system off. The Novi Fire Department was called to the scene at West Oaks Shopping Center at 9:07 a.m.

"We had water all over the place. We squeezed everything off and restarted the system," Fire Chief Art Lenaghan said.

Guv's choice

Novi resident James Oliver was recently reappointed by Gov. John Engler to another term on the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority. Oliver is vice president for property and casualty insurance for AAA Michigan. He represents the insurance industry on the authority, which seeks to provide a plan of operation to combat auto theft in Michigan. Oliver's term expires on July 1, 2002.

Bells were ringing

Members of the Novi City Council rang bells for the Salvation Army on Dec. 19 and raised a grand total of \$354,66 for the Farmington Hills branch of the national organization.

In a fundraising competition between the city councils of Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills, Novi came in second to the leader, Farmington.

A total of \$118,000 was raised in area kettles this season. Salvation Army Lieutenant Andrew Stouder reported. The money will provide food, clothing, help with utility bills and other emergency assistance for families in Novi, Farmington Hills, Livonia and Redford.

For sale

For repairs to the Novi Police Department building, as approved by voters in November, the Novi City Council recently authorized the sale on the open market of \$3.5 million in city bonds. The city has to pay a \$400 filing fee with the Michigan Department of Treasury for the bond sale.

Michigan National Bank of Farmington Hills was designated as the bond registrar, paying agent and transfer agent. The bonds will mature at times, ranging from the year 2000 to 2018.

Novi High named one of best in U.S.

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

Novi High School has been named one of America's outstanding high schools recently by the magazine US News and World Report.

The recognition was awarded to Novi, along with 95 other high schools across the country, as the result of an extensive study conducted to determine what makes a high school outstanding.

US News conducted a two-year study using statistical data analysis, surveys sent to all the high schools around six metropolitan areas in the county and traditional reporting to select its schools.

Novi High School Principal Jennifer Cheal said the school was notified of the recognition just before Christmas.

While she said reporters from the magazine did not visit the high school, they had her fill out a "very thick" survey and called her with questions numerous times.

She said she believes most of the information they gathered about the high school was done through public records on file through the State of Michigan.

US News sent the survey to schools around Dallas, Chicago, New York, Atlanta, Boston and Detroit.

Principals of 1,053 high schools sent back the questionnaires, giving the project a response rate of 83 percent.

The study was designed with the help of Dr. Thomas Hofer, a senior research scientist with the National Opinion Research Center at the

University of Chicago and Dr. Paul Hill, the director of the Center on Reinventing Public Education at the University of Washington.

The survey concluded that Novi and the other outstanding high schools shared seven similar characteristics.

These characteristics were:

- A challenging core curriculum.
- High expectations of the students.
- Highly qualified teachers.
- Effective training for new teachers.
- Strong parental involvement and support.
- Teachers and administrators who know their students well.
- High levels of student attendance.

While the study looked at the test scores, attendance records and dropout rates of the schools, according to US News, it also takes into consideration the student's family influences and other environmental factors.

According to the US News it undertook this project "to give families the tools they need to choose great high schools or to improve the schools their children already attend."

Along with Novi, the report named 17 other schools in the Detroit area outstanding. Only three of these schools, Novi High School included, were from Oakland County.

"I think it is quite an honor for us to be recognized to people outside of the community to be recognized as one of the best," Cheal said. "It's



Recognition gives motivation to achieve — Jennifer Cheal.

important that we celebrate our success."

Cheal added the recognition gives the school motivation to con-

tinue to improve.

The article will be in the Jan. 18 issue of US News and World Report.

Referee assaulted at arena

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

A 32-year-old Westland man may have to undergo reconstructive surgery on his face after allegedly being assaulted by a 29-year-old Northville man around 11 p.m. Sunday at the Novi Ice Arena.

The man was reportedly attacked while he was officiating a hockey game in which the Northville man was a player.

According to the victim, the incident occurred near the end of the game when the Northville man became angry at the referee — the victim — for not calling a tripping penalty.

He said there was about a minute left in the game and he noticed that a player had been tripped. Since there was very little time left to play in the game, the referee said he decided not to call a penalty.

At that point, the Northville man — who had been angry at the referee throughout most of the game — began to yell at him and allegedly fired the puck at him.

The referee said he stopped play and motioned a game misconduct penalty to the Northville man, thereby kicking him out of the game and several future games.

Witnesses say the Northville man then skated toward the referee, dropped his gloves and hit him with a right hand punch to the left eye.

This sent the referee to the ice. He tried to protect himself as the Northville man allegedly threw several punches at him, striking him several times in the head and eye.

The referee said that all he could remember after point was that players jumped in to break up the fight.

The referee was transported to Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

The doctor attending to the referee told Novi police the man may need some reconstructive surgery on his left eye socket.

The Novi police are seeking a warrant on the Northville man for assault.

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Best to keep off roads in bad weather

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

Due to the latest blast of winter weather hitting the area, drivers are being asked to recognize safe winter driving techniques by the Novi police department.

Sgt. Terry Whitfield, of the Novi police department, said the safest tactic a driver can take this winter is to avoid driving in severe weather.

He said Michigan's traditional winter weather usually starts in January and lasts until March.

"We have been lucky up until now," Whitfield said.

However, realizing that staying home is not a reasonable option for some drivers, you should slow

down when driving in wintry weather.

The second safe driving tip Whitfield offers is, leave a safe driving distance between cars. He suggests leaving 3 to 4 car lengths between you and the car in front of you.

Driving slow and at a safe distance are essential for safety in the winter because of icy road conditions that can impede a vehicle's ability to stop.

One way to increase your stopping power on slick roads is to have anti-lock brakes and front wheel drive. However, Whitfield said you should always read your owners manual to learn how to properly use these safety options.

Another way to keep your car on

the road is to maintain it properly.

Whitfield also suggested keeping winter travel and be aware of others around them.

He said that with the trend in driving sport utility vehicles, a lot of people have automobiles built for this type of weather.

Unfortunately, drivers of these vehicles sometimes think they are invincible and forget about others who are using the road.

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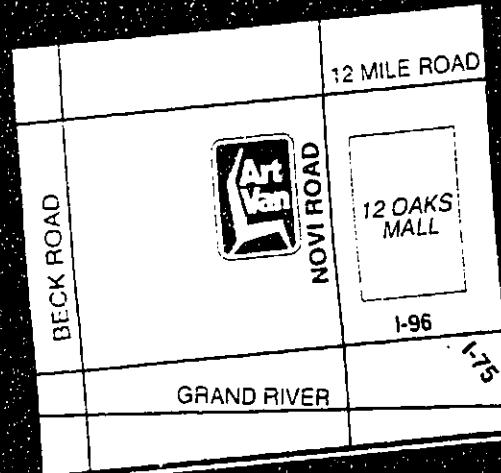
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The following is the Time Warner Channel 12 community access program schedule for Novi for the coming week.

MONDAY, JAN. 18

10:00 a.m. — Community Living Centers
10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor
11:00 a.m. — Christian Singles Today: Tim and John
11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company: Green/Sillars
12:00 p.m. — Intercessions Word Ministry: Peters Return to Failure
1:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. — The Elegant Life: Aromatherapy
2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Websites
2:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Local Color Brewing Co.
3:00 p.m. — Reading With Tatiana
3:30 p.m. — Dickerman Showcase: Photographer/Singer
4:00 p.m. — Inside the Mind of a Ski Racer
4:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Why
5:30 p.m. — Up Close Today
6:00 p.m. — Just for the Health of It: Lower Back Pain
6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy
7:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
7:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal
8:00 p.m. — Good News for Colds and Flu: Stress
8:30 p.m. — Community Comments: Lorna Tate
9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
9:30 p.m. — Groove Session:

10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m. — Specs Profile
11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Craig Belmont, President CEO Pro-Air
12:00 p.m. — Summit University
1:00 p.m. — Hastings Paradise Valley Days
1:30 p.m. — Detroit Skates
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. — Center for New Thinking
4:00 p.m. — Storytime With Sandy: Show No. 1
4:30 p.m. — Children of the Snow
5:00 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life
5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Carleigh Flaherty
6:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat: U.S. Secret Service Agent
6:30 p.m. — Community Connection: Show No. 4
7:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators: Step Aerobics
7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Websites
8:00 p.m. — Welcome to the New Millennium
8:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Ginepolis On The Grill
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks: David Littmann

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20

10:00 a.m. — Faces Makeup and More
10:30 a.m. — MDOT Today
11:00 a.m. — Huntington's Disease Update: Dietary Needs
11:30 a.m. — Storytime With Sandy: Show No. 1
12:00 p.m. — Where Do We Go

THURSDAY, JAN. 21

10:00 a.m. — Fitness Motivators: Step Aerobics
10:30 a.m. — The Happiest People Alive
11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life: Arabie Ministries
11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Carleigh Flaherty
12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy

FRIDAY, JAN. 22

10:00 a.m. — To Be Announced
4:30 p.m. — Fitness Motivators
4:30 p.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks
5:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company
6:00 p.m. — Community Connection
6:30 p.m. — Groove Session
7:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies
7:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
8:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy
9:00 p.m. — Harvest Ministries
9:00 p.m. — Law Talk

SATURDAY, JAN. 23

12:30 p.m. — Madonna Magazine
1:00 p.m. — Praise, Praise, Praise
1:30 p.m. — That's Italian
2:00 p.m. — Show Me Show: Karate
2:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Why
3:00 p.m. — The Secret Place
3:30 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete
4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Craig Belmont, President CEO Pro-Air
5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek
6:00 p.m. — Ski TV: The Disciplines of Snowdriving
6:30 p.m. — Good News for Colds and Flu
7:00 p.m. — Iditarod
8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Carleigh Flaherty
8:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today: Tim and John
9:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Craig Belmont, President CEO Pro-Air

SUNDAY, JAN. 24

10:00 a.m. — The Great Adventure
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. — AMVETS
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today: Tim and John
3:00 p.m. — The Elegant Life: Too Chee
3:30 p.m. — Groove Session: New Angels of Joy
4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
4:30 p.m. — Community Connection: Show No. 4
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8:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat Live
8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Why
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9:30 p.m. — Wise Guys: Divorcees

MONDAY, JAN. 25

10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m. — Specs Profile
11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Craig Belmont, President CEO Pro-Air
12:00 p.m. — Summit University
1:00 p.m. — Hastings Paradise Valley Days
1:30 p.m. — Detroit Skates
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. — Center for New Thinking
4:00 p.m. — Storytime With Sandy: Show No. 1
4:30 p.m. — Children of the Snow
5:00 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life
5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Carleigh Flaherty
6:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat: U.S. Secret Service Agent
6:30 p.m. — Community Connection: Show No. 4
7:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators: Step Aerobics
7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Websites
8:00 p.m. — Welcome to the New Millennium
8:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Ginepolis On The Grill
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks: David Littmann

TUESDAY, JAN. 26

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27

10:00 a.m. — Faces Makeup and More
10:30 a.m. — MDOT Today
11:00 a.m. — Huntington's Disease Update: Dietary Needs
11:30 a.m. — Storytime With Sandy: Show No. 1
12:00 p.m. — Where Do We Go

THURSDAY, JAN. 28

10:00 a.m. — Fitness Motivators: Step Aerobics
10:30 a.m. — The Happiest People Alive
11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life: Arabie Ministries
11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Carleigh Flaherty
12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy

FRIDAY, JAN. 29

10:00 a.m. — To Be Announced
4:30 p.m. — Fitness Motivators
4:30 p.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks
5:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company
6:00 p.m. — Community Connection
6:30 p.m. — Groove Session
7:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies
7:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
8:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy
9:00 p.m. — Harvest Ministries
9:00 p.m. — Law Talk

SATURDAY, JAN. 30

12:30 p.m. — Madonna Magazine
1:00 p.m. — Praise, Praise, Praise
1:30 p.m. — That's Italian
2:00 p.m. — Show Me Show: Karate
2:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Why
3:00 p.m. — The Secret Place
3:30 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete
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SUNDAY, JAN. 31

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1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. — AMVETS
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today: Tim and John
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Contract wrangling leaves college atmosphere bitter

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Bargainers for Oakland Community College and Teamsters Local 214 still have some work to do. OCC makes it sound hard. It insists a Teamster demand for "bumping" during layoffs puts students second, is "more appropriate to a manufacturing operation," uses "a pecking order" and "encourages longevity rather than performance."

"It can be put to rest. Three or four issues are open," replied Teamsters local president Joseph Valenti. "There's no need for further discussion; just some dialog. It doesn't take another four, five or six months. We've viewed the issues upside down and right side up."

Some 106 administrators, managers and deans at the five-campus community college voted in January of 1996 to make the Teamsters their bargaining representative. After two years of fruitless bargaining, the parties sought the aid of a state fact finder.

The college atmosphere has become bitter. Management members have repeatedly spoken out at public board meetings. "They're losing qualified people," Valenti said.

OCC Chancellor Richard T. Thompson said the college seeks "a quick resumption of negotiations... as recommended by a state fact finder."

"We could meet tomorrow morning," replied Valenti, adding that college bargainers have put it off

for various reasons.

Thompson, in a press release issued by a public relations firm, said the fact finder's report of Dec. 1 has been misinterpreted. "Negotiators for the Teamsters have said that they intend to adopt the fact finder's recommendations in their entirety and that the recommendations are equivalent to an agreement between the parties." Not so, said Thompson.

Here are some of the remaining issues:

- Layoff procedure. OCC won't agree to "bumping," where one employee facing layoff displaces another with less seniority.

- Co-pay. The college says the employees to contribute to their health care costs. Valenti said co-pay is indeed an issue.

- Union dues, service fee or contribution.

- Probationary period. OCC said the fact finder urged modification of the college's proposal to allow for demoted or transferred employees to return to a former position. This will require further negotiation.

Wages are less of a problem. Thompson announced the college is implementing the fact finder's proposals for the past three years.

The OCC board is scheduled to hold a planning session at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, in the board office at 2480 Opdyke, Bloomfield Hills. Trustees typically will not discuss bargaining positions in public.

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Breeders to show pups at Expo

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"There's six of them," she says — Tyke, Tiffany, Maverick, Niki (the champion stud) and Skippy. One for each year since Michelle's mother, Mary Ridenour, traded in her cullies for a pack of Victoria's little secrets. Joining them temporarily are three "tasting" puppies.

"I always thought of them as little puppy, useless dogs. They are wonderful little companions," said Mary Ridenour.

"It's always the joke that they call them 'Poms' because they look like little pom-poms. The reason I found them interesting is because they're small, but they are like big dogs. I call them a 'Brazehair'."

Town Town Pomeranians are among the 2,000 dogs that will be on display on Jan. 23-24 at the Novi Expo Center during the Livingston and Oakland Kennel Clubs AKC Dog Show.

While the Ridenours have shown dogs of all sizes, when Michelle became interested in becoming a junior handler, they acquired their first Pomeranian, Tyke. The decision proved sound. Last year, Michelle with Tyke finished first in junior showmanship for her dogs at the American Retriever Club's prestigious Westminster Kennel Club Show in New York City.

The fuzzy canines originated in the Pomeranian region of northern Germany and were brought to Great Britain by Queen Charlotte, the wife of King George III, in the 1700s. At the time, they were mid-sized models capable of pulling sleds. But her grand-daughter, Queen Victoria, decided she wanted tiny Pomeranians and had the breed bred down to size.

The breed is related to the Chow, Eskimo and Samoyed. But today, a Pomeranian is typically in the four to seven pound range, standing about seven to eight inches tall at the shoulder. The dogs come in a variety of colors, including real and black sable, but orange is typical.

Late on the dog show circuit is a mother-daughter act. 10 weeks a year, the Ridenours travel to some 17 states, packing their puppies into a motor home. For the dogs, show business is their life.

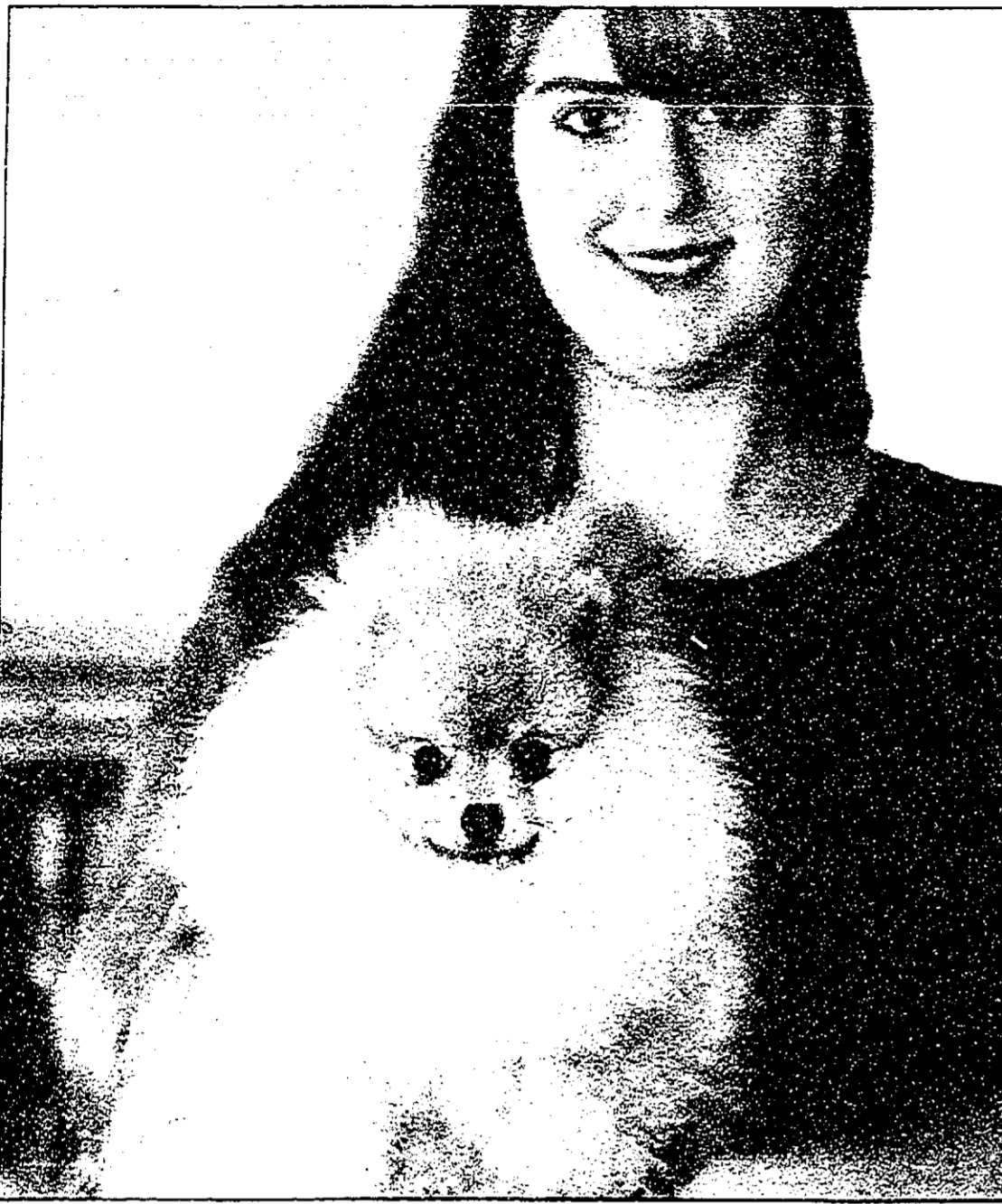
"They just like the training and the shows. I take out the equipment and they start barking. They love for it," said Mary Ridenour, who is president of the Michigan Pomeranian Club.

"It's the way they grow up, so it becomes a part of their lives. If we go two weekends with out a dog show, the dogs get antsy."

She starts her puppies out at 12 weeks, to get them used to being around big dogs, which can be intimidating for a toy breed. Maverick and Tiffany, both seven months old, have had a brilliant career to date.

"They are each five points away from a championship, which is quite accomplished for seven months. We'll probably finish them at Novi," Mary Ridenour said.

To ready the dogs for an event, each will be buffed, blown dry and then sprayed with Puff Up, a prod-



Michelle Ridenour and her Pomeranian pup, "Maverick."

Photo by JOHN HEDER

uct that gives the Pomeranians that "big hair" look. While in the show ring, they'll be bathed into their best looking with lots of liver broiled with onions and garlic.

Each of the Ridenours dogs are tattooed and have microchips the size of a grain of rice implanted in them. If lost or stolen, a veterinarian or animal control officer can scan the dog and the device will read its identification number.

Michelle, a sophomore at Waller Lake Western High School, is aiming for a career as a professional animal handler and veterinary technician. Wynne at Westminster is a major step in the right direction.

"It's really just the overall presentation and how you connect with your dog. We made a really good dog, the judges thought that year," she said.

"It's a big accomplishment for me and this little guy."

She's also part-owner of Tracie, a Saluki that recently won Best of Show with the Saluki Club of Canada. The Egyptian breed is so old its name was painted on pharosic tombs. Michelle said her friends sometimes question her devotion to showmanship.

"Most of them don't understand why I do this every weekend, they say, 'why do they when you can go to a party?' This is what I like to do," she explained.

"Kids at dog shows are more mature, easier to tolerate." Junior showmanship teaches young people responsibility for another life, her mother added.

Kennel club preps for show at Expo

The Novi Expo Center is going to be the dogs.

Two thousand of them, to count each wet nose. On Jan. 23-24, the Livingston Kennel Club and the Oakland Kennel Club, both affiliated with the American Kennel Club, will hold their annual dog show. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Along with breeds everyone's seen, like Fox Terriers and Chihuahuas, a Rare Breed Show is bringing in exotic dogs with names and faces unknown to most canine fanciers.

Several of the only 250 Bolognese now resident in the U.S. will be on hand, as well as the sole Lunde-hund living in Michigan. Livingston Kennel Club President Dee Gidday owns one of the Bolognese, a tiny, curly-haired dog popular with the Italian aristocracy.

The Lunde-hund is also a small variety, developed in Norway to climb cliffs and bring back Puffins. "They're a cute little dog. They're very different from any dog I've ever seen," Gidday said.

"Most people haven't seen these breeds before. We'll bring them into the ring and tell people about each breed."

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Perry named publisher of Oakland newspapers

The changes will cause a bit of shuffling in other executive positions at HomeTown. General manager Richard Perberg will focus his attention on HomeTown newspaper operations in Livingston County.

Perry said she has also become heavily involved in civic affairs in her native Howell. She has volunteered extensively in the county and has chaired the Livingston County Home Show committee. She is active in school activities and has served on the Howell school planning commission, as well as having membership in the Howell Optimist Club.

Her efforts won her the Volunteer of the Year award for the Howell Chapter of Carpenters.

Perry said the decision to establish an Oakland County publisher had much to do with simple demographics.

"The whole reason we started this is because HomeTown has grown and so have the communities we serve," she said. "It became too big an area for one person to handle."

City council unsatisfied with plowing

Continued from 1 sibility for the roads," Krievall explained.

Schmid said she has seen a great improvement on the plowing of Twelve Mile Road and Haggerty Road with the latest winter weather. Earlier, Schmid, who lives near Twelve Mile and Haggerty Roads, said she was angry that both roads were not plowed until two days after the Jan. 2 winter storm.

The reason it took so long for the roads in Novi to get cleaned after the Jan. 2 storm, Schmid said, is that Novi roads are under the jurisdiction of road commission yards in Milford and Southfield.

Because of the distance of these two yards from Novi, county drivers must plow many other roads before even getting to Novi.

Schmid said she believes the road commission is trying to give Novi equal representation and its coverage of the roads has greatly improved since the first winter storm.

"I think you will continue to see improvement," she said.

Novi City Council Member Craig DeRoche disagrees that the county trucks have been more prominent on local roads.

"I am tired of Novi being treated as a second class citizen in the county," DeRoche said. "Just because they are further away doesn't mean they can't drive out here and service our roads."

According to Craig Bryson, public information officer for the road commission, crews are doing their best to meet the concerns of every city they service.

"I am sure there are people who would like to see their roads plowed before others. We certainly are not perfect," he said.

Bryson said another reason it has taken so long to get to Novi is there are other roads that take a higher priority to ones in Novi and they must be plowed first.

A road's priority is based primarily on the road volume it receives per day. The policy was set by the county road commission.

It is up to the supervision of each of the commission's equipment yards, in Novi's case the Milford and Southfield yards, to determine where the roads in their areas fall in the priority.

That's not enough of an answer for DeRoche, who said that "it's this informal practice of deciding where trucks go that lends itself to the problems in Novi. It needs to be revised."

Oakland County Road Commission trucks were very evident in the community Monday, especially on Novi Road and Ten Mile Road, Krievall reported on Monday.

Overall, he added, the city was very fortunate during the Jan. 2 storm that it has a very good city crew, many of whom have been on the job for up to 25 years.

"The major roads were kept open and most subdivisions were cleared out in a day and a half or two days. Our main function is to keep the mile roads open, so we can get to the subdivisions," Krievall said.

During the first blizzard of the year, Krievall got on the radio to compliment members of the crew.

"We got a few small boxes. When I was talking to them, they knocked one down. Maybe they got distracted," he said.

The city will fix mailboxes knocked down by snow plows.



This couple, Cindy McCurdy and Jim Head, found a way to enjoy the wintry weather.

Photo by JOHN HEDER

Students petition to end long wait in the cold for late buses

Continued from 1 cancellations to be based on a number of weather conditions, including temperatures, snowfall and road conditions into consideration.

Lippe said the parents in the PTO felt the decision to call school off for weather should continue to be made by taking into account various weather variables, such as snowfall and road condition, rather than just for cold temperatures.

Superintendent Lippe said the school district has considered adopting a policy for calling off school due to cold for the last several winters, but has not yet been able to reach a consensus on the temperature at which school should be called off.

Lippe said Monday he asked various parent-teacher organization presidents for Novi schools what they thought of the cold-weather school closing idea and they felt the current system works the best.

Lippe said the parents in the PTO felt the decision to call school off for weather should continue to be made by taking into account various weather variables, such as snowfall and road condition, rather than just for cold temperatures.

He said they seemed to feel it unnecessary to call off school just because the temperature is too low.

In the meantime, Lippe said parents should make sure their children are bundled up.

Trucks sent to Detroit were not road commission's

By JEREMY MCBAIN Staff Writer

While Novi city officials and Oakland County wrangle over road plowing problems, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson sent several trucks and plows to the City of Detroit to help shovel them out.

After the Jan. 2 snowstorm, several Novi City officials complained when the county roads running through the city were not plowed until Jan. 4.

In response to this, Craig Bryson, public information officer for the Road Commission of Oakland County, said the commission is doing all it can with the number of trucks and personnel it has.

It was also determined that one of the commission yards that service county roads in Novi was understaffed during the height of the storm.

However, late last week, county executive Patterson rented several trucks to the City of Detroit to help with its plowing problems.

These trucks were not from the county road commission, but from the county's airport and Parks and Recreation Department.

When asked why the road commission did not use these trucks and drivers during the storm last week, Bryson said it was because the road commission is a separate entity than the Oakland County government.

"We are not in the habit of going to them and borrowing their equipment," Bryson said.

County Commissioner Kay Schmid, R-Nowi, added that the move to send trucks to Detroit was made solely by Patterson. She said he did it to help out Detroit, "since the president was coming and I was having a auto show."

When he was informed of the actions by the county to support the City of Detroit, Novi Council Member Craig DeRoche — who previously criticized the county for not clearing county roads in Novi until Jan. 4 — was unhappy.

"That kind of highlights were some of the problem is. We have a county commission that should have been calling on Brooks to make him aware of Novi's (snow) problem," DeRoche said.

Northville too requires residents to clear sidewalks themselves, including those who fail to clear walkways. That city does not clear sidewalks for residents or businesses.

In a legal opinion from the City Attorney's David Fried and Dennis Watson, Novi ordinances require residents to clear all adjoining sidewalks, bike paths and safety paths around their homes of snow within 12 hours after the snowfall has stopped.

If residents do not, they may be issued a civil infraction. Edmonds contends it should be the city's responsibility to keep the sidewalks clear.

He took his concerns to the Novi City Council Monday night. Edmonds told the council he contacted the Director of Public Services, Anthony Nowicki, to address his complaint.

"He kept fumbling around saying he thought he had the city attorney's opinion somewhere that it's the property owners responsibility to clear the sidewalks. I don't care whose responsibility it is, get the sidewalks cleaned," Edmonds said.

"In the meantime, Edmonds said his daughter is still having a very hard time getting to school and has to wear hip boots to get through the snow, causing her a lot of embarrassment.

When asked why he doesn't just clean the sidewalk, Edmonds said the snow is too deep and thick for his snowblower.

The DPW had been monitoring the storm in advance.

City workers gave special effort to clear snow from roads

While a storm raged through Novi on Jan. 2, these members of the city's Department of Public Works, Water and Sewer Department and Parks and Recreation Department were out plowing snow.

Don Beckley, Jim Paulk, Steve Tillman, Tim Wright, Jim Burke, Fred Petty, Marc Tolador, Rick White, Mike Deaton, Gary Reinwand, Ryan Trainor, Tim Zyka, Dan Ladd, Scott Rosette.

Jerry Tremblay, Tim Loynes, Mike Rosinski and Roger Wilhelm.

In addition, Weighmaster Tony Swope was out pounding on doors, asking people to move their vehicles off the streets so the snow removal equipment could pass by. Most of the crew worked double shifts of 16 hours and then were required to take a five-hour rest. After that, many returned for another double shift.

Volunteers help dig out local seniors

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Barbara Lott was taking a nap when she was surprised by the sound of shovels scraping against the snow in front of her home.

Volunteers sent out by the Novi Senior Center were clearing her drive and walkways the old-fashioned way, with back-straining manual labor.

Lott, 71, had been contacted by the center's manager, Jan McAlpine, who asked if she needed help. She sure did. Lott said, snow drifts reached close to the top of her car and the job was more than she could handle.

"You hear about people dropping dead with a heart attack and I say, 'I may be an old fart, but I'm too young to die.' Lott said.

"They shoveled it down to the bone...it made a such a difference."

It's nice to be remembered, it's nice to have people thinking about you, to do this."

Novi Special Recreation Coordinator Kathy Crawford is leading a program that matches volunteers with seniors or anyone with a health condition who needs help in getting their pathways cleared.

Local churches, scouts and the Novi High School Honor Society have already been contacted, but Crawford said more volunteers are needed.

"We knew we were going to get calls from people who needed help. It's just impossible for many old people to get the snow removed. Many do not have neighbors or friends or relatives close by who can help," Crawford said.

"Several people have said they've fallen down trying to get to their mailboxes."

This program is for non-emergent and volunteers will arrive when they are able to schedule time.

"Someone in dire need of getting to the doctor, it may be somebody who needs dialysis, they can call the Novi Police Department if it's urgent," Crawford added.

On Jan. 9, the first volunteers recruited, Tony Mainella, his son Nick, as well as Jim Guffey, and son Darren, shoveled out the driveways of 11 homes.

Volunteers provide their own equipment and transportation. The service is free, but if the volunteers come from an organization, such as the Boy Scouts, donations to the group are always welcome, Crawford said.

"So far, we've been able to handle the requests, but if we get additional snow, we're going to get more requests for assistance," Crawford said.

Lott said the volunteers came quietly, did their work and left. Unless many more snow comes, she's hopeful that with the big drifts gone, she'll be able to keep her drive maintained.

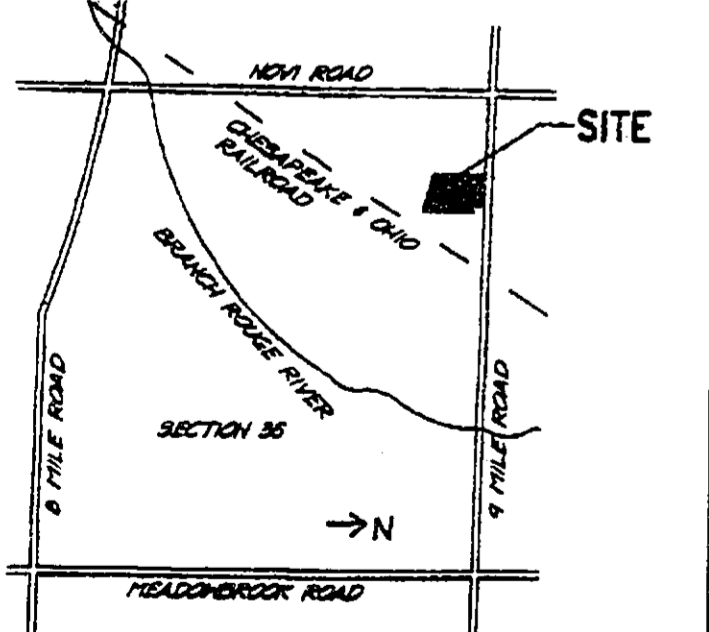
"They just did the job and kept going. They didn't ask for accolades. I wanted people to know that I for one was deeply appreciative," Lott added.

"Novi's getting to be so. It's nice they have folks with down-home attitudes. This is the kind of thing that makes a city a community."

For help or to volunteer, call the Novi Parks and Recreation Department during the day between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 347-0400. After 5 p.m., call 347-0407.

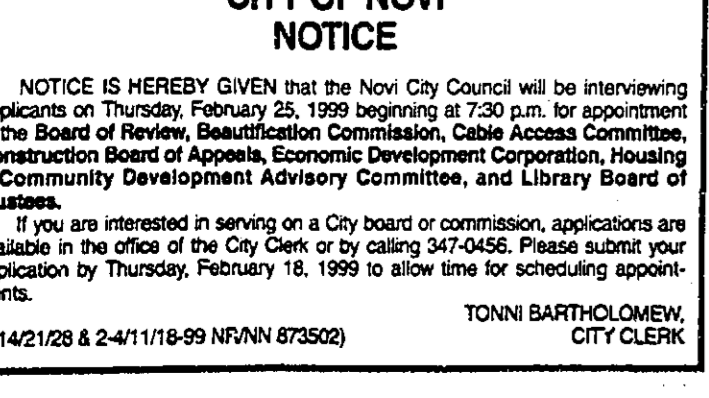
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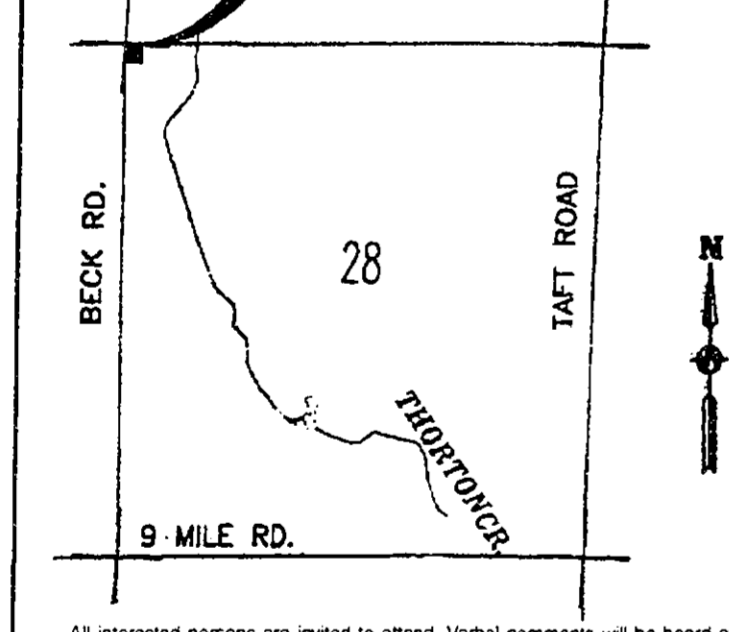
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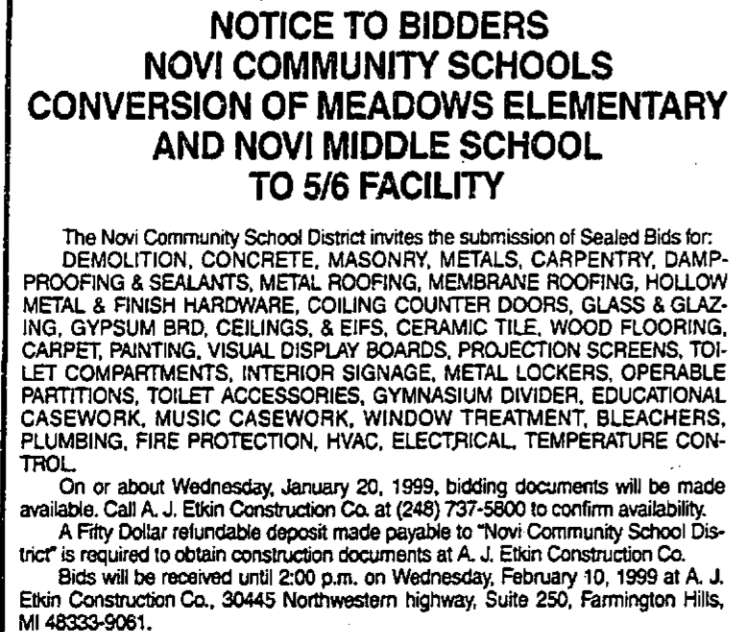
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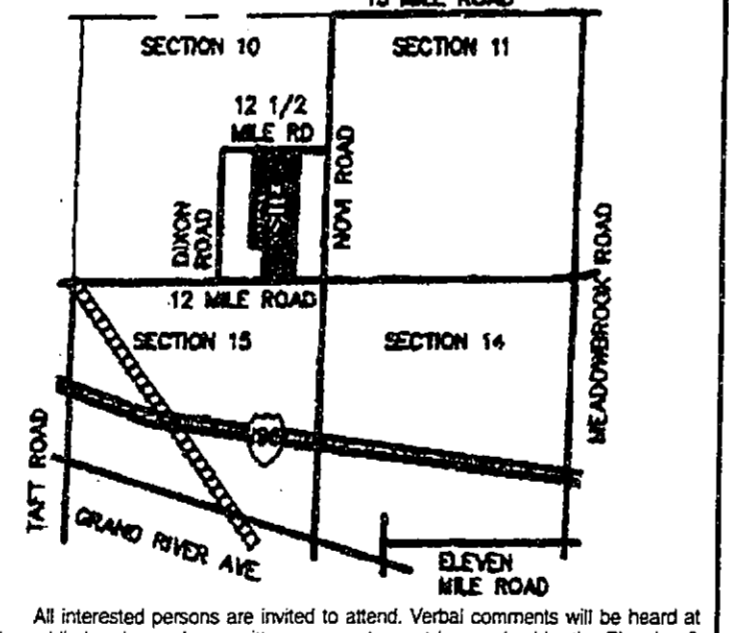
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As We See It

Road Commission trucks deliver excuses to Novi

While the Oakland County Road Commission has been unable to get its snowplows to our town very quickly to clear streets in the past two weeks, it certainly has been eager to deliver truck loads of excuses.

Perhaps the most outrageous affront to Novi residents was that the county saw fit to rent plows to the city of Detroit while Novi roads went begging. Novi folks were screaming for help, but the only pleas Oakland officials heard were those coming from Detroit.

County Executive L. Brooks Patterson seems to think that the arrival of President Bill Clinton and the operation of the Detroit Auto Show warrant sending those trucks. But we would like to point out that the president and the auto companies weren't the ones who paid for those trucks in the first place.

Yes, the trucks were sent for rent, but we residents have already paid for them through our taxes. Do we detect that Patterson believes it is OK to ignore us because he already has our money?

Craig Bryson, public information officer for the road commission, actually gave us wounded pride when confronted with the situation.

He pointed out that the trucks sent to Detroit were not road commission trucks but county parks trucks and county airport plows. The road commission, he noted, is a separate entity from the rest of county government.

"We are not in the habit of going to them and borrowing their equipment," Bryson said.

So we in Novi are supposed to put up with unpaved roads because the road commission can't swallow its dignity enough to ask for help in a blizzard. Detroit can, but the road commission apparently is above all that. Better to let you, dear resident, suffer than to damage the road commission's self-esteem.

Whether they are parks trucks, airport trucks or road commission plows, they are all paid for by the same people — taxpayers. Oakland County taxpayers.

And when taxpayers need to be plowed out, this kind of nonsense just doesn't cut it.

Of course, these are not the only excuses the road commission is offering these days. Before the snows began, we heard all kinds of tales from

No such thing as bad weather



Michael Malott

Norwegians have a saying — "There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing." There is real truth in that. If you think about it Eskimos, Arctic explorers, mountain climbers and even residents of Alaska all have to confront and survive much colder temperatures than anything we have experienced around here, even in recent days.

They make snowmobile suits that can keep you toasty zipping around in sub-zero weather at 60 mph.

And check out Novi's numerous construction zones. Have you noticed how many carpenters are out roofing homes while the rest of us are fumbling to get our car heaters going?

At the same time, I think people are getting a little overly nervous about frostbite. Yes, that's a real danger, but some people now say that if you feel pain due to cold, that counts as "frostnip." And I've heard health care professionals claim you should rush to the emergency room if you should rush to the emergency room if you should feel my feet.

I find that a bit ridiculous. As a kid, I never came in from sledding or skating if I could still feel my feet. And yes, I still possess all my toes.

I just don't think we should overreact to a little cold weather.

I raise the point because 119 students of Novi Middle School petitioned the school board recently, asking it to call off school when temperatures drop below zero. They noted that they have recently had to wait at stops a long time in cold weather while the buses

The district has a policy to call off school when bad weather hits, but does not allow for cancellations due to low temperatures alone.

I don't want to dismiss the concerns of the students. It can be miserable waiting for a bus while you have to stand in a snow bank. And reasonably, Novi residents don't typically equip themselves with clothing heavy enough to make a trek across the tundra. The district should keep in mind that students' cold weather gear usually has its limitations.

So perhaps the policy should be looked at. But rather than state a specific temperature when school is to be called off, I tend to think it should simply allow administrators to call school off if weather conditions become potentially dangerous.

That way, they could call off school for cold. They could call off school for wind chill if necessary. They could cancel for ice or even freezing rain.

And that's the point, isn't it. If the weather has turned to the degree it might be unsafe, then the district should cancel. Rather than try to anticipate all the weather conditions that could occur, it allows for a judgment by the administration.

If the weather is so cold that the average student, dressed in a coat typically worn by Michigan residents in the winter, might be in danger of frostbite, classes could be cancelled.

In the meantime, students can help themselves by dressing warmer. Wear two pairs of socks. Wear two pairs of gloves. Get out your long underwear.

Fashionable dress may have to wait for warmer temperatures.

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The Novi News.

Eliminating values from schools



Phil Power

By my count, most Michigan stores started taking down their Christmas decorations at midnight on Dec. 25. Everybody knows — especially kids — that the post-Christmas sales start on Dec. 26. By Biblical count, it took 12 days for the wise men to travel to Bethlehem to pay

homage to the infant Jesus. Although relatively few know it, that's the origin of the "12 days of Christmas," which ended last week on Jan. 6.

Score a small one for the progressive secularization and commercialization of our society.

More insidiously, consider the kids at Scotch Elementary School in West Bloomfield. Holiday decorations in the school halls this season consisted of Dana, the unisex styrofoam life-sized snowponer, who collects donations for needy families.

According to a story in the Detroit Free Press, Donald Cohen, director of the Michigan Anti-Defamation League, says, "It's best for schools not to focus on religion or any one particular holiday at this time of year. The only reasonable way to deal with the holidays at school is as a secular or seasonal activity. Watching 'Frosty the Snowman' is not going to violate any kid's interests."

Score yet another big one for the progressive value-free secularization of our culture.

Holidays are tough for schools. School officials are afraid of offending parents. They don't want to exclude children who don't celebrate mainstream holidays. And they are scared of being sued by violating the constitutional separation of church

and state.

When I was growing up, schools without a second thought wholeheartedly embraced Christmas as an accepted holiday of a majority Christian culture. I learned the verses (all of 'em) to the Christmas carols in school, and I'll bet most readers my age did, too.

After people realized there were others than Christians in our nation who might want their particular holidays and culture recognized, schools tried to celebrate a variety of holidays — Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah. But such attempts at inclusion have fallen afoul of the culture police.

This year, the Anti-Defamation League sent a letter to Detroit metro area school superintendents reminding them that "religious neutrality is essential in our public schools" and lecturing them that by choosing to celebrate certain religious holidays, schools run the risk of sending the message that they favor certain faiths over others.

Last year, schools in Farmington adopted a district policy on religion. Public holidays such as Christmas can be recognized with parties and parades, but not observed. The policy says that observance would "commemorate or insult commitment to the values and beliefs represented by the holiday."

Score yet another big one for the progressive value-free secularization of our culture.

If schools are not going to help "instill commitment to the values and beliefs represented" by religious holidays, how is it going to be done?

"By the family," answer progressives, probably rightly in theory. But anybody who has tried to raise kids these days knows full well there are lots more influences on the development of culture in a young person than solely the warm family hearth.

Answer me this: Does Mattel Corporation, the company that makes all the toys, have as much to do with the culture assimilated by young people as family discussions around the dinner table? Does watching MTV have as much impact on forming kid's cultural norms as high-minded discussions of ethics on PBS?

As long as we purge — whether by active commission or fearful omission — religious understanding from our schools, we cut ourselves off from one of a diminishing number of sources by which a culture of values can be communicated throughout our society.

I'm not about to go whole hog with the religious right and claim that we must bring prayers back to the schools. But I must admit those folks have a real point when they talk about the progressive secularization of our culture, the elimination of values and ethics from our schools, the substitution of the common for the sublime.

As a society, we seem to be in the midst of letting the entertainment industry define our national culture because we can't find a good way to communicate values beyond supposedly offending somebody with quick access to a lawyer.

At a time when our political system is being brought to chaos by considering whether to remove a president who has debased his office through prosecution by the House of Representatives that has debased the Constitution, that's a sorry state of affairs.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@online.com.

Problems with appointment of Bouchard as new Oakland sheriff

Mike Bouchard. Wonderful guy. Ex-cop. Everybody likes him. Probably make a good sheriff. Hooray.

But there are some interesting problems posed by an Oakland County panel's decision to appoint Bouchard as sheriff to replace the late John Nichols.

First, voters on Nov. 3 elected Bouchard to a new four-year term as state senator. Now he must vacate his legislative office, and somebody will have to pay several hundred thousand dollars to conduct a new election. Ditto with campaign contributors. And then a chain reaction, a state representative runs for the vacancy.

Voters and taxpayers were unhappy with that situation in 1991 when Bouchard's predecessor, Doug Cruce, abruptly resigned four months into his new term to triple his salary as an insurance lobbyist. The Cruce resignation left a bad taste in many folks' mouths. Now they have two bad tastes.

Second, we again beat Oakland Republican leaders over the head with the fact that its top county leaders are aging. A clerk resigned in mid-term; the treasurer is in his 70s; ditto the drain commissioner. Everyone knew for a long time that Nichols was ailing, and yet the Grand Old Party couldn't field a replacement in 1996. That speaks poorly for a county with so much governmental talent available.

Third, Bouchard clearly has changed

goals. He had reason to believe he might be the lieutenant governor nominee in 1998 if Gov. John Engler had stepped down and Sen. Dick Posthumus had succeeded him. Now Bouchard would be unable to move up the state ladder for four years.

Bouchard may be eyeing a different career course — county executive when ever L. Brooks Patterson retires.

Fourth, the Senate Republican advantage slips from 23-15 to 22-15 until Bouchard's vacancy can be filled. That is only a minor problem from the party discipline point of view.

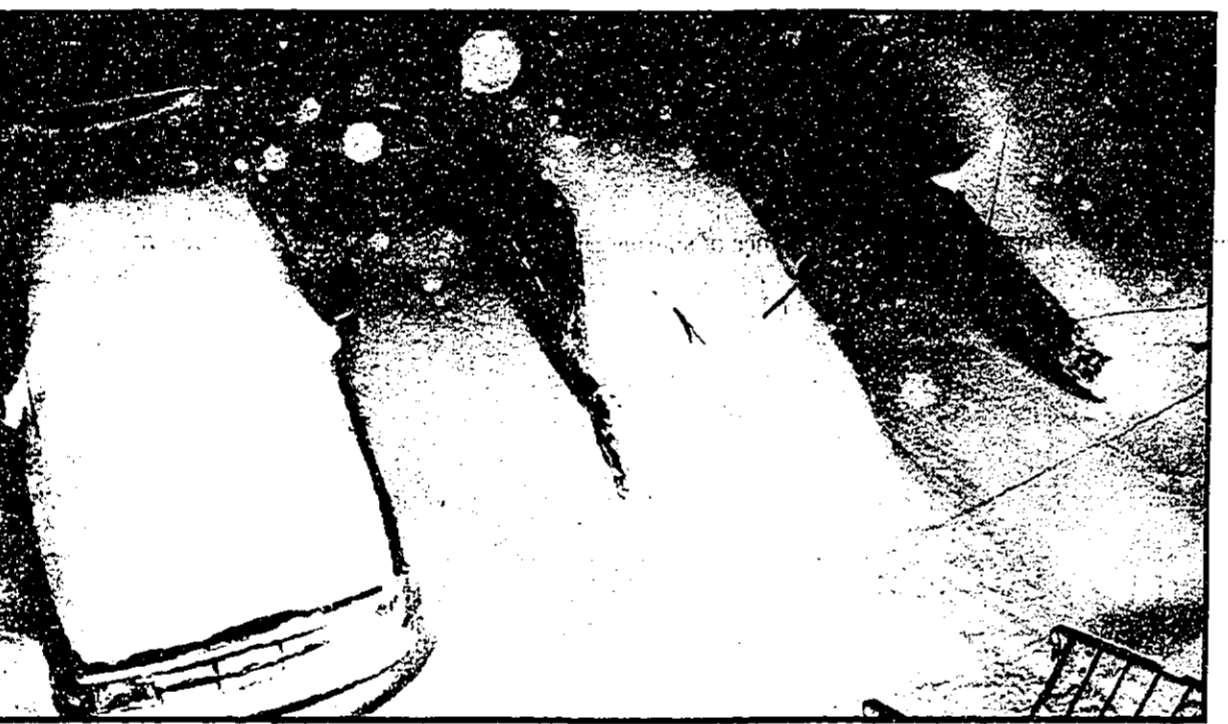
Fifth, Bouchard was a leader in a law enforcement caucus and sponsored a constitutional amendment to bring back the death penalty after more than 150 years. From that point of view, his departure from the Senate is good. We continue to believe that the power to kill is too much power to give our governmental law enforcement system. We hope voters will replace Bouchard with someone of more humane views.

Finally, we note that Bouchard's experience is as a township police officer with little in the way of executive experience. Yet he is a man who commands personal respect and may a good bet to succeed as sheriff.

But we issue one warning to the new sheriff: When you get ready to leave or move up, Mike, make sure you have a qualified, clearly acceptable successor in place for your party's nomination.

In Focus

By John Heider



Let it snow. Best way to view the weather these days? From the window of your home.

The problem of ugly buildings



Jan Jeffres

What's your opinion of the Best Buy store on Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile? Quite a few Novi residents and city officials think it's ugly, so city consultants were sent out a while back by the Novi City Council to draft an ordinance to regulate facades in town. Monday, they returned with new revisions to the ordinance that aims to ban architectural atrocities. Proposed changes would address issues such as the use of color and the design of canopies and roof appointments, whatever that is.

Prohibited would be "dissimilar and/or intense colors."

If you've ever taken the opportunity around this time of year to head for the Caribbean, you've likely seen buildings painted all sorts of dissimilar and/or intense colors, which is part of what gives the area its intensely colorful and dissonant appeal.

It's always seemed to me that here in Michigan we need a little more color in our lives. Take any sun-challenged day, and we have many, and see how much gaping at all our tasteful white, beige, gray and grige buildings cheers you up. You'll overdose on the blah.

Typically, the most vivid buildings we've had around this part of the world were barns. I've always heard that barns were painted red for a purely practical reason, so that farmers could find them during blizzards.

Frankly, I was sorry to see two old houses in Northville, once glorious in dark red, renovated and painted boring white and tan respectively.

Some Novi council members question the proposed color restrictions. Council Member Craig DeRoche said that "it doesn't appear Novi is having ugly buildings pop up right and left." DeRoche called the ordinance revamp an example of how the city tends "to go down the road of more subjective rules piled up on one another."

Council Member Laura Lorenzo contends that a city needs diversity in its architecture and suggested that the regulation just require that a building be in character with its neighborhood.

Taking a stand in favor of the ordinance additions, Council Member Bob Schmidt argued that a community needs to set parameters for commercial buildings. He blasted the appearance of two gas stations that went up at Ten Mile and Novi Road last year.

The first reading of this new regulation passed. It'll be back for a second reading.

At the meeting, it was noted that a clone of the Total station at the southwest corner of Ten Mile and Novi Road would not be allowed under the new regulation, because the color is "intense and not harmonious." But harmonious is in the eye of the beholder. Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford pointed out.

Orange is not my favorite color, although I once knew somebody who liked it. However, I will boldly admit that I think, as far as gas stations go, that the Total is rather nice looking.

It does not, however, meet the standards of my favorite building in Novi, although the two share the same basic color. That's the soon to be late Bates Hamburger stand, one of the last vestiges of the real, rather than bogus, 1950s left in Novi. Not being an architect, I call it an example of the post-war vernacular slider-serving school of architectural style. It's a cute little building.

But you'd never have another Bates in Novi. Not if the pigment police, armed with color wheels, are on the prowl.

Jan Jeffres is a staff writer for The Novi News.

Jaycees say thanks for generosity

To the Editor: As Novi families begin the new year, the Novi Jaycees would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the generous business people and residents who helped with our needy family Christmas project. On Saturday, Dec. 19, we delivered baskets full of canned foods, perishable foods, clothing and toys to many Novi area families who had no hope of a happy holiday.

Special thank you goes to the students at Parkview Elementary School, Novi-Meadows School, Novi Woods Elementary School, Novi Middle School, and Village Oaks Elementary School who provided canned goods and toys for the families. In addition, we appreciate the support in monetary donations and services given by American Plastic Toys, the law offices of Cooper, Salmann, Gabe, Quinn & Seymour, Farmington area Jaycees, Marty Feldman Chevrolet, Tom and Thelma Marcus, Dorothy Shook, Novi Ice Arena, Great Harvest Bread Co., Novi Parks and Recreation, City of Novi Employees, Novi Police Department, O'Brien Chapel/Ted Sullivan Funeral Home, Varsity Lincoln-Mercury, and Scott Shippine Fine Furniture employees.

The generous donations of time, money, gifts and services for this project made it possible to touch more families than we had originally planned. As we work to make Novi a better place in which to live, work and raise a family, we appreciate these people who know the importance of sharing with others.

Thank you.
Becky Staab
on behalf of the Novi Jaycees

Council missed a real bargain

To the Editor: The past December the premier "Shop Until You Drop" and "Sales Galore" month made no impression on our city council. They clearly failed to recognize a bargain that was being presented by Police Chief Doug Shaeffer. What we in the competitive business world call a "No Brainer."

Chief Shaeffer asked for additional uniformed police officers whose salaries and training would be partially paid for by a three-year federal grant. Yet, he

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faced strong opposition from a number of the council members. Why?

We all know the city is growing at a rapid rate. We need, or will need, additional uniformed police officers to patrol these new subdivisions, the new shopping malls, and all of the new streets. So why not hire and train these police officers with part taxpayer money and part federal Grant money? Why wait and have the Novi taxpayers pay the full amount for hiring, training, and deploying additional police officers?

Within three years and probably before all of the federal Grant money is spent, the city's tax base will have risen well beyond what will be required to financially support these additional uniformed officers. Maybe this future new tax money is being earmarked to pay off some of the development and operating costs of the proposed "flasco" municipal golf course/watering hole/banquet/dining complex?

This city council seems to be enthusiastic and willing — and as one council member stated "Spend whatever time and money is necessary..." to only seriously consider golf course studies and to jigger with so-called golf course experts. They balk at the idea of hiring, training, and deploying additional uniformed police officers — even when the federal government is willing to pay a substantial part of the costs for the first three years.

The recent strong armed robbery incident on Deer Run where Novi residents were harassed, beaten, robbed, and threatened by a gang of non-residents is a good example of the growing need. We need the physical presence of more patrol cars and more trained uniformed police officers on our city streets and in our subdivisions. Ask the taxpayers if they want their tax money spent on non uniformed police officers or allocated (without a vote) for a municipal golf course for the local politicians?

Like I said before, in the business world a "No Brainer," but because it did not include 18 holes, a city-subsidized "watering hole/bar," and a pro shop, it was slammed by this city council. This city council seems to be resolved to only discussing and spending our money on a proposed municipal golf course.

Joseph G. Toth

It's important to know your judges



Tim Richard

The matron who was our holiday guest got into the usual subject: how (rotten) kids today behave. She refused to rent an apartment to her son while he was living with his sweetie.

"You've been in trouble if he took you to court," I said to her. "De 22 Michigan Supreme Court decision against a Jackson landlord. Our guest asked for more information."

It seems that Mr. and Mrs. John Hoffius, she landlords, refused to rent to Kristal McCready and Keith Kerr, an unwed couple, and to Rose Balz and Peter Perusse, ditto, who responded to their ad.

The apartment hunters complained to the Jackson Fair Housing Commission. Landlord Hoffius said it would violate his religious beliefs to rent to an unwed man and woman who intended to live together in what used to be known as sin. Two circuit judges agreed with Hoffius. A Court of Appeals panel upheld the circuit judges.

But the Supreme Court overturned the lower courts, 4-2, and ruled Hoffius violated the 1968 Civil Rights Act which says: "A person engaging in a real estate transaction ... shall not on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, familial status, or marital status ... refuse to engage in a real estate transaction ..."

Justice Marilyn Kelly of Bloomfield Hills wrote the majority opinion. The case, she said, "is complicated by the existence of an antiquated and rarely enforced statute" (italics added). An 1846 law makes it a misdemeanor for an unmarried man or woman to "lewdly and lasciviously associate and cohabit together ..."

Kelly noted that the law hadn't been enforced since a 1940 wife-swapping case, and even then the Supreme Court ruled for the swappers. In a key sentence, she said, "Plaintiffs' marital status, and not their conduct in living together, is the root of the defendants' (landlords') objection to renting apartments to the plaintiffs ..."

The (1846) statute does not prohibit cohabitation per se," Kelly went on. She further found the Civil Rights Act "has no religious motivation ... The state does not require that the (landlords') violate their sincerely held religious beliefs."

She was joined by Conrad Mallett Jr., Michael Cavanaugh and James Breckley. If you're counting political noses, they are three Democrats and a Republican. If you're counting my way, they are two liberals (Kelly and Cavanaugh) and two moderates (Mallett and Breckley).

Dissenting were Patricia Boyle (D) and Elizabeth Weaver (R). Boyle said "the fact that a criminal statute has not been successfully prosecuted does not somehow render the prohibited conduct legal or the criminal statute void." Boyle said it's declared public policy to discourage such cohabitation, even though "Unmarried cohabitation is far more common today

than it was" in 1968, when Gov. George Romney signed it.

So if you refuse to rent to an unwed couple, you violate the Civil Rights Act, but there is no violation of your religious principles ...

I join my guest in wincing at the majority opinion.

Footnote 1: Her son and his sweetie have been married. I gave them the chauvinist's blessing: "May you have many sons."

Footnote 2: Hoffius recently announced he's selling his apartments because he won't be associated with unwed cohabitants.

Footnote 3: Our matronly visitor will continue to rent, advertising only by word of mouth to avoid municipal oppression and civil litigation. Her name and town of residence will remain a secret.

Footnote 4: Remember the Court of Appeals panel (paragraph 5) that ruled for the landlord? Two of its members were Maureen Corrigan and Cliff Taylor, now Supreme Court Justices (R) as of 1999 and 1997, respectively. Perhaps similar cases will be decided differently in our new Supreme Court.

Footnote 5: It's important that you know whom you are electing to the Supreme Court. Don't just vote for "name" candidates or on the basis of idiotic TV commercials.

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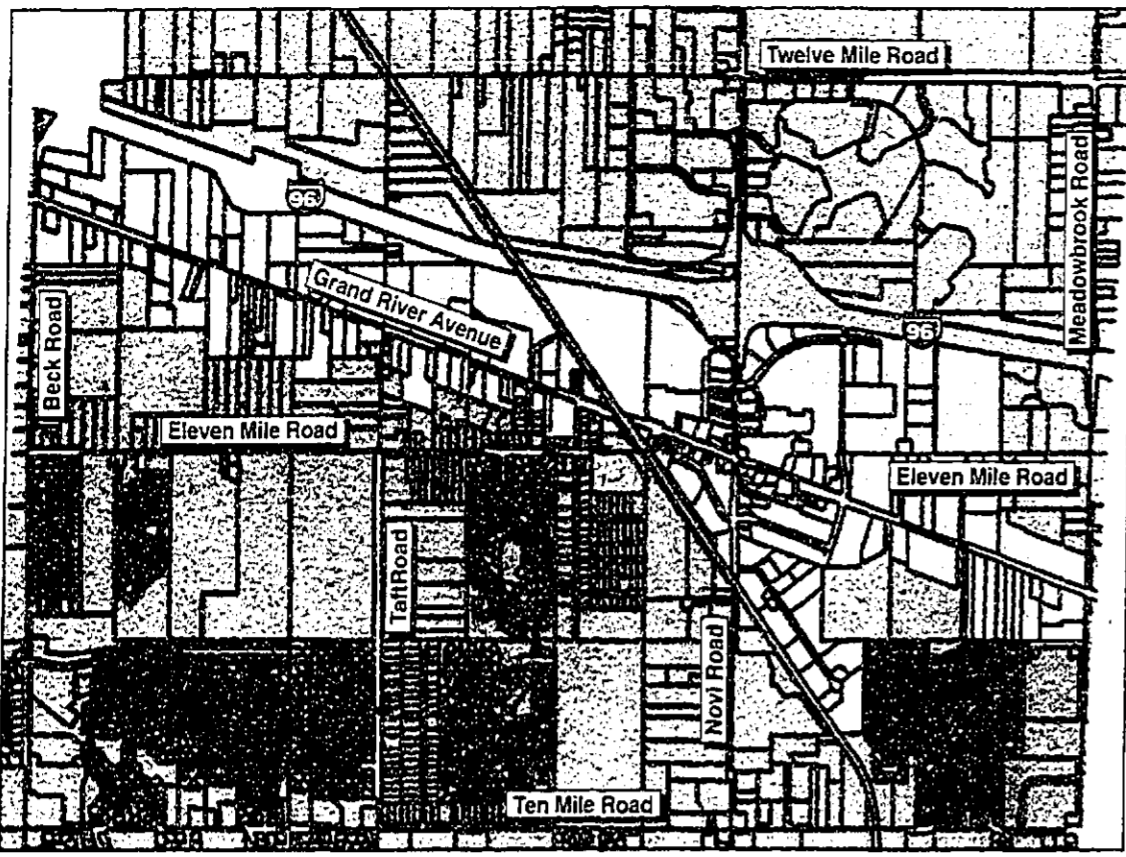
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Boundaries for proposed Downtown Development Authority



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Council studies DDA plan

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DDA bond sales and grants to pay for the road project.

"That's one danger, the idea that everything can be done with money from the DDA. We are not expecting that. We are aware of the fact that we will definitely need to pursue other sources," Hannan explained.

The Novi City Council resolution calling for the February public hearing notes that a DDA is necessary "for the best interest of the public, to halt property value deterioration and increase property tax valuation when possible in the business district of the city, to eliminate such deterioration and promote economic growth."

At the onset, the tax dollars collected by the DDA would not be huge. Based on an estimated three percent increase in market values, in 1999 some \$40,203 might be diverted to the DDA. But by the tenth year, that could go up to \$1.9 million, according to projections released by the city. And by the

25th year, the annual sum collected could be as high as \$16.4 million. But Hannan cautioned that these figures are far from firm.

"The figures are a forecast. Once a Downtown Development Authority is established, there is not much money in the beginning," she said. "Captured" money would include millage diverted from other taxing jurisdictions, including Oakland County and Oakland Community College. However, money would not be siphoned away from the Novi school district.

City staff, consultants and the Grand River Ad Hoc Committee in November passed a motion of support for the concept, to promote growth and public and private improvements within the area.

The proposed DDA has these characteristics:

- 259 parcels located on 838 acres.
- The geographic heart of Novi's commercial district, including Main Street, the Novi Expo Center and Novi Town Center.
- 34 percent of the district has a

taxable value city officials say is stagnant or declining in value.

• 26 percent of the property is vacant or undeveloped.

• 25 of the sites have "potentially significant" contamination.

Not included in the DDA would be powerhouse businesses such as Twelve Oaks Mall, the West Oaks shopping centers and the new Ramco-Gershenson development, West Village shopping center.

The organization of a Downtown Development District is laid down in Michigan Public Act 197.

"One thing they are allowed to do is come up with a development plan. It may call for certain improvements within the district," Hannan said.

A DDA would have a board of eight to 12 representatives from the district who would answer to the city council. Paid staff for the authority would also be part of the picture.

Communities in the region that have DDAs include Livonia, Commerce Township, Plymouth and Farmington.

Hearing slated on Beck/Wixom interchanges

Drivers who spend a great deal of time on Interstate 96 may be interested in an upcoming Michigan Department of Transportation public hearing.

Representatives from MDOT will be at the Novi Expo Center's Adell and Stiller halls on Jan. 28 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to give the public a chance to comment on the record on the proposed freeway work.

Design plans include:

- Reconstruction of I-96 inter-

changes with Beck and Wixom roads.

• Reconstruction or closing of the Novi rest area on eastbound I-96.

• Widening of I-96 between Beck and Wixom roads.

In addition, input is sought on plans by the Oakland County Road Commission and the cities of Novi and Wixom, including work on Beck and Wixom roads and the widening of Grand River Avenue.

MDOT officials say input from local officials, property owners,

neighborhood groups, the business community and interested citizens will be a vital part of the decision-making for this project.

Brochures summarizing MDOT's environmental impact assessment of the project are available at the Novi City Clerk's office.

Residents can drop by at any time during the scheduled hours. Those who want their comments included in the transcript of the hearing may speak directly to the court reporter who will be on hand.

Comments can also be faxed, mailed or e-mailed to:

Jose Lopez, Public Hearings Officer, Bureau of Transportation Planning, Michigan Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 30050, Lansing, MI, 48909. The FAX number is (517) 373-9255 and the e-mail address is lopezjos@mdot.state.mi.us.

Comments must be postmarked prior to Feb. 16 to be included in the transcript of the hearing.

Obituaries

EDNA M. TERRY

Edna Mae Terry, 78, of Salem Township died Dec. 25, 1998. She was born June 4, 1920, in Laurel, Md.

Mrs. Terry was born and raised in Laurel, Md. She graduated from the University of Maryland, earning a bachelor of arts degree in home economics. After graduation, she opened the Happy Hours Day Care School. She moved to Plymouth in 1966 and six years later, moved to Salem Township. She was a 4-H Club leader of the 4-H Dog Club and for the Plymouth Paw Prints. The homemaker was a dog breeder of Sunshine Shelties. Her shelties were known for obedience and show, but mostly as "family members." She loved to garden and had a particular love of flowers.

Mrs. Terry is survived by sons, Edward H. Jr. (Anne Curtis) of Tallahassee, Fla., and Gilbert of Canton, Mich.; daughter, Mary Lynn (George) Smock of Wyandotte; son-in-law, Gary Stuebben of Novi; sister-in-law, Irene Gilbert; and grandchildren, Ted and Ellie Terry, Terri, Allen and Cara Smock, and Jeffrey, Michael and Erin Stuebben.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward H. in 1981, whom she married in June 1953; daughter, Carol Stuebben; and brother, Roland A. Gilbert.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Jan. 2 at the First Unit-

ed Methodist Church in Northville with the Rev. Thomas Beagen officiating.

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society or The Huron Valley Humane Society would be appreciated.

DOROTHY J. HEMINGWAY

Dorothy J. Hemingway of Waterford died Jan. 8 at the age of 72. Her parents were Richard and Emma Bartholomew.

Mrs. Hemingway was employed at the Oakland County Drain Commission for over 30 years. She was an active member of the Oakland County Retirees Association and Golf League, and was a member of the Fontainebleau Association.

She is survived by a daughter, Rebecca Ann Nelson of Wixom; grandson, Marc Leon Nelson; granddaughter, Alexis Leanne Nelson; great grandchildren, Kirsten and Savannah; and many dear friends.

Mrs. Hemingway was preceded in death by a brother, Richard C. Bartholomew.

Services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at the Riverside Chapel, Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home in Waterford. Pastor Jim Combs officiated the service. Interment was in Northville Rural Hill Cemetery.

Walsh Colleges offers computer training and seminars

Computer and seminar training is provided by Walsh College at its Troy and Novi locations. Certifications are available in multiple areas. Call the Professional Services Department for further information, registration and locations at (248) 689-8282, ext. 260 or fax us at (248) 689-7816. The following class schedule is for Jan. 19-28:

• Tuesday, Jan. 19

Career Exploration, Planning and Management: Take the new approach to managing your own work life. If you have already thought about possible adjustments to your own career or major career changes, this workshop is a must. Major trends have brought about a new awareness among employees that the old ways won't work. Participants inventory their interests, competencies and prefer-

ences of working styles. As you progress through this workshop, you will learn a great deal about yourself and will become more skillful at managing those key elements that make up the wonderful world of work. This class will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Troy campus, 3838 Livernois Road, \$159.

Word 97, Level 1: This class will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Troy campus, 3838 Livernois Road, \$195.

• Monday, Jan. 25
Administering Microsoft Windows NT 4.0: This class will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on the following dates: Jan. 25, Feb. 1 and Feb. 8 at the Troy campus, 3838 Livernois Road, \$1,049.

• Tuesday, Jan. 26

Word 7.0, Level 1: This training course will use state-of-the-art laptop technology. Class will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Troy campus, 3838 Livernois Road, \$195.

Quickbooks 5.0: This class will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Troy campus, 3838 Livernois road, \$195.

Internet Basics: This class will run from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Novi campus, 41500 Gardenbrook Road, \$89.

Finding and Using Resources: This class will run from 1:30-5 p.m. at the Novi campus, 41500 Gardenbrook Road, \$89.

• Wednesday, Jan. 27

Internet Basics: This class will run from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Troy campus, 3838 Livernois, \$89.

Finding and Using Resources: This class will run from 1:30-5 p.m. at the Troy campus, 3838 Livernois, \$89.

• Thursday, Jan. 28

Access 7.0, Level 1: This training course will use state-of-the-art laptop technology. This class will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Troy campus, 3838 Livernois Road, \$195.

Powerpoint 97, Level 1: This class will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Troy campus, 3838 Livernois Road, \$195.

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Eric Bronson supervised a group of volunteers who planted trees and installed two exercise stations at Amerman Elementary School in Northville.

Soaring like an eagle

Four local youths awarded the highest and most coveted rank in Scouting

Story by
Carol Dipple
Photos by
John Heider

Boy Scout Troop 755 recently held a Court of Honor for Eric Bronson, Dan Mihalik and Mike Ryzyi, who became the 78th, 79th and 80th respectively to achieve the Eagle rank in that troop.

The ceremony was held on Nov. 8 at the New School Church, Mill Race Village in Northville.

Richard Marshall became the 16th scout to attain the rank of Eagle in Troop 54 at a Court of Honor held Dec. 6.

Fewer than two percent of all scouts in the United States achievement the rank of Eagle.

Boy Scout Troop 755, which is sponsored by The First Presbyterian Church of Northville, has had between one and seven scouts earn the rank of Eagle every year since 1980 except for one year, 1986. Since 1965, the troop can boast 81 Eagle Scouts.

The Eagle Award is the highest and most coveted rank in Scouting.

In order for a scout to achieve the Eagle rank, the following is required: 21 merit badges, 12 of which are mandatory; serve actively in a troop leadership position for a period of six months after becoming a Life Scout; plan, develop, and carry out a service project worthy of an Eagle Scout.



Rick Marshall's improvements to Novi's Lakeshore Park will make the bike path safer for residents.

Eric Bronson

Eric Bronson chose to enhance the fitness trail at Amerman Elementary School in Northville for his Eagle Scout project. He organized and supervised a group of volunteers who planted a total of nine trees, which included six varieties ranging in size from 8 to 12 feet, and installed two exercise stations. One station has both a low and high pull-up bar and the other has a tilted sit-up bench. Eric and his volunteers planted the trees before the ground froze in the winter and installed the exercise stations in the spring.

"I learned a lot about preparation, getting work done on time, leadership," he said.

Eric joined the Scouts 11 years ago. As a Boy Scout, he earned 30 merit badges.

"I liked it a lot," he said. "It was really a great experience for me. It was a lot of fun, lots of good memories."

A PTA member suggested the project. "That's one thing I like about it, I can always drive by and see the trees," Eric said.

Eric graduated from Northville High School in 1998 and is attending Eastern Michigan University. He is the son of Edd and Christie Bronson of Northville.

His Eagle advisor, Joe Retzbach, was also his scout leader over the years.

"I would like to thank him for all his help and support," Eric said. "He's always been there. He's been a good friend also."

Eric was the secretary of the Northville Knights Rugby Team, drum captain and first chair percussion at Northville High



Mike Ryzyi chose to collect nonperishable food and toiletries for Northville Civic Concern as part of his Eagle Scout project.

School, and won a Gold Key for Photography in Scholastic Art Award. At Eastern he is studying computer information systems and hopes to minor in photography.

Michael Ryzyi

Needy families in the area can thank Michael Ryzyi for some of the nonperish-

able food items and toiletries they received recently.

Mike and fellow scouts, family and friends he recruited to help him with the Eagle Scout project, distributed plastic bags to 2,570 homes in the Northville area in May 1998. The following weekend, the scouts collected the bags, sorted, boxed, and delivered 550 bags to Northville Civic Concern.

Mike, a senior at Catholic Central High School, is the son of David and Mary Ryzyi, of Northville.

He is a member of the school's Varsity Quiz Bowl team, a national merit commended student and a member of the National Honor Society. He is also the editor of the school's yearbook and a photographer for the Student Council. Mike is also an active member of the Our Lady of Victory youth group.

Mike chose this particular project because he wanted to reach as many people in the community as possible.

"I just picked Northville Civic Concern because they could reach a lot of people," Mike said.

Mike estimates that the 2,500 pounds of items his group collected would last a few months.

"I basically tripled what they had in their storage," he said.

Besides helping out the community, Mike learned two lessons through his quest for the Eagle Rank.

"I learned that with teamwork greater things can be done than with just one person," he said.

Mike is at least the third generation in his family to be a Scout, but that was not the reason he joined.

"It was something I wanted to do," he said.



Dan Mihalik's conservation improvements along the Middle Branch of the Rouge River included planting a number of native wetland shrubs, wildflowers and grasses.

Both Mike's parents were scouts. His grandfather was his father's Scout Master and his grandmother was his mother's Girl Scout Leader. Both of Mike's

siblings, Joseph, 15, who is currently working toward his own Eagle Rank, and

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The 1999 Northville Record/Novi News RESTAURANT POLL

This is your last chance!

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

This is the last time this century that you will have a chance to vote for the top restaurants in Novi and Northville.

The Northville Record/Novi News' ninth Restaurant Poll begins now. Every year we invite readers to vote for the restaurant that has the best salads, coffee, desserts, steaks, pizzas, etc. But only one restaurant wins the coveted "Best Restaurant" vote.

Results of the poll will be published on Feb. 25. There is no cost to enter. One ballot will be selected at random and the winner will have dinner on us.

The first question on your mind might be, so how do I vote? Every week there will be an official ballot published in "The Northville Record/Novi News." Complete the ballot by filling in the name of the restaurant located in Northville and Novi that is the best in each of the categories, cut the ballot out and mail it to the newspaper or drop it off when you're in town. There's also a section to add your thoughts about area eateries in general.

NINTH NORTHVILLE RECORD/NOVI NEWS

Restaurant Poll

Which restaurants in the Northville/Novi area are the most popular?
Help find out by filling out this ballot.

The rules:

- Only restaurants in Northville and Novi are eligible to be mentioned on your ballot. Each ballot must include your name, address and telephone number. Ballots without this information will not be included in the results.
- Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted. Photocopied ballots will not be counted. This restriction is designed to help avoid ballot-box stuffing. (HomeTown employees and their families are not eligible for the free dinner.)
- Restaurants found to be distributing ballots will be disqualified.

Mail the completed entry form by Feb. 1 to: Northville Record/Novi News Restaurant Poll, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167.

If you prefer, restaurant poll entry forms may be dropped off at the newspaper office.

When all the ballots are in, we will compile the results and publish them in the Feb. 25 issue of The Northville Record and The Novi News.

In case you misplace this edition of the newspaper, entry forms will also be published in subsequent issues.

One ballot will be selected at random and the winner will receive dinner for two at his or her favorite Northville or Novi restaurant.

The categories:

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| Best Overall Restaurant _____ | Best Ethnic Food _____ |
| Best Inexpensive Restaurant _____ | Best Fast Food _____ |
| Best Breakfast Restaurant _____ | Best Soups _____ |
| Best Waitperson _____ | Best Steak _____ |
| Best Chef _____ | Best Gathering Place _____ |
| Best Sandwiches _____ | Comments _____ |
| Best Desserts _____ | _____ |
| Best Coffee _____ | _____ |
| Best Salad _____ | _____ |
| Best Pizza _____ | _____ |
| Best Burgers _____ | _____ |
| Best Seafood _____ | _____ |

Please note: The following name and address information must be filled out. Ballots without this information will be discarded.

Your name _____
Street _____
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Girls Scouts conducting annual cookie sale

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The next meeting for Novi Girl Scout leaders will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in charge of the meeting will be Janice Church, Neighborhood Service Unit Director. For more information, please call her at 344-4862. Reports will be heard from Amy Aboud of Troop No. 3343 Village Oaks regarding the annual ski trip recently held at Mt. Brighton. Those in attendance will receive a special patch.

Plans are being made for brownie and junior troops participating in the Discovery Zone Sleep-Over scheduled for Feb. 5-6, from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. the following day. The evening will include fun, games, refreshments, etc.

Friday, Jan. 29 is the Pink Pineapple Derby. More information will be available at the Jan. 20 meeting.

Those wishing to be involved in the special dance party being planned by Village Oaks Elementary should have their registration turned in to Kim Ziegler at the leaders' meeting. The event will be held at St. Mary's Cultural Center, Livonia, on Thursday, March 25, from 6-9 p.m. Plans include entertainment by Volante Productions, dinner and dancing.

The Brownie and Girl Scout troops are conducting their annual cookie sale; booths will be set up March 1 at many of the local areas. Farmer Jack, K-Mart, Blockbusters, Borders Book Store, Krogers, and St. James Church. Cookies are priced at \$3; troop profits will be used for school programs, trips, service projects, etc. Included in the cookie selection

will be sugar free Apple Cinnamon and Lemon Drops, especially for diabetics. All cookies can be used in special recipes: Lemon Banana Delight, Samoa Chew Bars, Peanut Butter and Cream Cheese Pie, Mini Ice Cream Pie, Girl Scout Cookie Cake, and Desire (Dessert). If there are any questions, call Pauline Gaffney at 442-4815.

NOVI COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Community Education Department has issued two brochures this year. Adult classes and preschool information, which was sent through the mail, and children's programs issued through the elementary schools.

Middle school received theirs through the mail. If you did not receive yours, please call 449-1206. The adult brochure also contains information on high school completion courses. Some classes will begin in January so registration is encouraged as soon as possible.

There are many subjects offered, some of which are: arts and crafts, computers, including one for retired residents of Novi age 60 or older; cooking, dog obedience, Spanish, casino gambling, and so forth. Frances Loynes and Gerry Stipp will be teaching the senior computer course, which is free of charge. Additional programs include: fitness, health and wellness, music and dance, and swimming.

A blood drive will be sponsored by the church on Tuesday, Jan. 19; appointments can be made by calling the church office at 349-8847.

A Eucharie Party is set for Saturday, Jan. 23; lessons for young and old high school students will begin at 6:30 p.m. with play starting at 7:30. The party

Novi Highlights

Falls with individual group classes for 6 months-toddlers; Mini Macs for walking-toddlers; Toddler Twists, 18 months-2 1/2 years; and Little Linguine for 2 1/2-4 years. The arts and crafts section is offering Pottery for Kids, grades 1-4, and will include several other choices given at a later date. Call 449-1206 for further information.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Several activities are planned for Jan. 16: all women are invited to a program sponsored by "Accent on Women." This will be in the form of a retreat held from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Special guest speaker Sr. Connie Schoen O.P. will deliver "Establishing a Balance in Our Lives - The Importance of Healing." Registration will be limited to 80 people.

Also planned on that date is the meeting of the Holy Family Singles group for an ethnic dinner. The board of directors and the honoring of the outgoing board members. Guest speaker for the occasion will be Len Brzozowski of Robinson.

Several awards will be presented in the following categories: Small Business Person-of-the-Year, Partner in Education, and Outstanding Volunteer of the Year.

The next regular church luncheon will be held at Steve and Rocky's, with Networking at 11:30 a.m., lunch at noon, and a program at 12:30 p.m. Appearing as

guest speakers will be Mayor Kathleen McLaughlin and Bud Scott, chairman of the Economic Development Committee. McLaughlin will give a "State of the City" address and Scott will speak on the "State of the Economy." A reminder - reservations must be made by this Friday, Jan. 15 by calling 349-3743.

"The Y2K Computer Problem" will be the title of an "Lunch and Learn" program scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28 at the Novi Expo Center. This will be a box lunch affair.

The youth group will enjoy a ski trip this weekend. They are planning to have a 5:30 p.m. Mass for grades 7-12 every third Sunday of the month. For any information regarding youth activities, contact Gail Dullaack 349-8837.

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Many events are taking place for members of the chamber, starting with the 1999 Honors and Inflation Banquet held tonight, Jan. 14, at the Country Epicure. The event will start at 5:30 p.m. and will include a welcome to the new board of directors and the honoring of the outgoing board members. Guest speaker for the occasion will be Len Brzozowski of Robinson.

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Investing is topic at Woman's Club meeting

The guest speaker at the next Northville Woman's Club meeting on Friday, Jan. 22, at 1:30 p.m. will be Rick Bloom.

Bloom, an attorney, financial planner and radio talk show host, will discuss "Women and Investing."

Bloom is an honor's graduate from both the University of Michigan School of Law and Michigan State University, where he received a degree in accounting in 1984. Bloom and his brother Ken opened

the law firm Bloom, Bloom and Associates. This firm is a full-service law firm specializing in estate planning, small business and corporate law. The brothers also own and operate Bloom Asset Management, a fee only, no commission financial planning and money management firm.

For over a dozen years, Bloom has been the host of "Money Talk" heard weekends on WXYT radio. This show is a question and answer show dedicated to personal

financial planning with emphasis toward investments. Recently, Bloom has established a new show at WXYT called "The Rick Bloom Show," heard daily from 7 to 9 p.m. This show expands beyond "Money Talk" and helps listeners with a wide variety of issues concerning not only their personal financial needs, but also areas regarding business, taxes and personal lifestyle issues.

Bloom is also frequently seen on WXYZ-TV Channel 7 as a financial

correspondent. In addition, he writes a daily column for the "Detroit News" and lectures for many civic and professional organizations.

Chairperson of the day is Maurine Seides.

The meeting, which is open to guests, will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main Street in Northville. If you are interested in attending, call president Lonna Lemmon at (248) 348-2587.

Scouts honored for attaining Eagle Rank

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Chrisna, 12, are scouts. Mike also has three uncles who are Eagle Scouts. His mother is the Girl Scout Leader for her daughter's troop and his father helps out with the Boy Scout troop.

"Always remember measure twice cut once," said Mike of the second lesson he learned. Mike went ahead and completed an earlier Eagle project, creating a walking path at Mill Race along the river's edge. He put in two days and 150 man hours prior to getting approval, which was denied because he didn't follow procedure.

While in Scouting, Mike earned 24 merit badges. He also attended the Philmont Trek, Jamboree 1993 and 1997, and the Florida Seabase 1996.

Daniel Mihalik

Dan Mihalik chose a conservation project as one of the requirements for the coveted Eagle Rank. He supervised a group of volunteers who planted native wetland shrubs, wildflowers and grasses along a 100-foot stretch of the Middle Rouge River. This stretch of the riverbank, located north of Eight Mile Road between Novi Road and Novi Street, is the property of the City of Northville.

Dan asked the Northville Department of Public Works what needed to be done and was given the conservation project along the river.

"I learned a lot about the native plants of this region, and I learned how to get people to work on a project a lot and how to get materials," said Dan, who is the son of Steve and Susan Mihalik of Northville.

He also expanded a nearby park garden and installed a pre-cast concrete bench donated by gardenview in Northville.

Scouting for the Mihaliks is a family tradition. Dan's father, Steve, and uncle Charles are both Eagle Scouts. Steve is also an assistant scoutmaster. Dan's mother is a Cub Scout den leader. Dan's brothers Jeff, 14, and Scott, 11, are also members of Troop 755. While taking a break from helping with his brother's conservation project, Scott caught a crayfish.

Dan earned 26 merit badges

along with the Parvuli Dei Award. "I've learned a lot about leadership with the Scouts and about working with other people and about serving the community and how it is important to do so," Dan said. "I learned a lot about the outdoors."

A junior at Northville High School, Dan is a member of the symphony and marching bands, past member of the Odyssey of the Mind teams and a member of the National Honor Society.

Richard Marshall

Rick Marshall's Eagle Scout project was cleaning up the Novi Mountain Bike Trail at Lakeshore Park in Novi. The 6.2 mile long trail was built in the spring of 1997.

Rick organized a group of volunteers including family, friends and scouts from Troops 54 and 407 to pull out about 20 tree stumps, fill in pot holes, cut back overgrown bushes, spread wood chips, install signs, plant wildflowers and make two benches.

Rick is the son of Nancy and Tom Marshall of Novi and has a sister, Katie, 16.

He did not join the Scouts until he was in eighth grade. And the thought of attaining the rank of Eagle seemed like an impossibility because he would only have four years in which to complete the requirements.

Now a senior at Novi High School, Rick is also studying culinary arts at Oakland Technical Center. He plans on attending Northern Michigan University in the fall where he will major in culinary arts, hotel and restaurant management.

Rick, 18, has been employed at Steve & Rocky's as a food prep since the Novi restaurant opened in 1998. Last summer he worked at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island as a food prep in the hotel's kitchen. He also worked at Gurnsey's Farm Dairy in Novi for two years.

Rick earned 22 merit badges, including the 12 required for the Eagle Scout rank.



Bob Wierzbicki, shown here with his dog Rocky, are among the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society volunteers who will man the satellite adoption center at PetSmart in Northville.

Church Notes

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, on Wing Street two blocks north of Main Street, one block west of Center, will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, Jan. 18, from 2 to 8 p.m. The community is invited to attend. An appointment is required. There is not cost to donate blood. Call the church at (248) 348-1020 for an appointment or more information.

A comedy concert will be presented at **WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 4000 Six Mile Road in Northville, on Sunday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. in the church's auditorium. Comedian Ken Davis, will perform a unique mixture of side-splitting humor and inspiration for audiences of all ages. The concert is free of charge and complimentary tickets are available at the church's reception desk but are not needed for admission. For more information, call (248) 374-7400.

HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 46300 Ten Mile Road in Novi, has Sunday School during the 11 a.m. service. Holy Cross also has a 7:45 a.m. service. Call the church office at (248) 349-1175 for details.

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Engagement



Brett Meteyer/Cynthia Spaulding

Kenneth R. and S. Cecile Spaulding of Jackson, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia C., to Brett L. Meteyer, the son of Ronald D. and Barbara J. Meteyer of Farmington Hills. For the past 29 years, Ronald Meteyer has been employed at Northville High School.

The groom-elect is a graduate of North Farmington High School and Michigan State University. He is currently doing his student teaching at Rialto Elementary School in Haslett, Mich.

The bride-elect graduated from Lumen Christi High School and Michigan State University. She is currently employed as a pediatric nurse at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing.

Weddings



Melody and David Morton

Melody Kirkendall and David Morton were married May 23, 1998, in Mill Creek Church of the Brethren in Port Republic, Va., with the Rev. Thomas Geiman officiating the double ring ceremony. A reception was held at Spotswood Country Club in Harrisonburg, Va.

The bride is the daughter of Mel and Lou Kirkendall of Elkton, Va. She received her bachelor's degree from Virginia Tech.

The groom is the son of David and Jacqueline Morton of Northville and a 1999 graduate of Northville High School. He received his bachelor's degree in 1994 from Michigan State University and his master's degree from Virginia Tech.

Attending as maid of honor was Pamela Monger, friend of the bride. Serving as bridesmaids were Suzanne Morton, sister of the groom; Adair Kirkendall, sister of the bride; Marie Whitfield, cousin and friend; Whitdove Cays.

The bride wore a short-sleeved, full-length ivory gown designed with a fitted bodice adorned with beads, a square neckline, and an empire waistline. Satin roses adorned the back of the gown and headpiece, which featured a finger-gerp veil. The bride's bouquet was of white roses, ivy and stephanotis.

The bride attendants wore aqua sleeveless gowns with fitted bodices, and carried bouquets of peach roses and ivy.

The groom is the son of Thomas and Betty Broderick of Northville. He graduated from Northville High School in 1986, and is currently employed as lab manager of D.O.C.

Jeff Johns, friend of the groom, served as best man. Attending as groomsmen were Tom Broderick, brother of the groom; Alex Stewart, brother of the bride; and friends, Doug Kamienecki, Chad Datillo, Mark Wolfgang and Chuck McCann.

The bride and groom reside in Northville.



Rachel and Martin Broderick

Rachel Stewart and Martin Broderick were married July 11, 1998, at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville, with the Rev. James Keen officiating. A reception followed the ceremony at the Finnish Center, Farmington Hills.

The bride is the daughter of Robert Stewart of Royal Oak and Jane Pauwels of Sharpville, Ind. A graduate of Dondora High School in Royal Oak, she received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Eastern Michigan University in 1996. The bride is currently employed at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn.

The groom is the son of Thomas and Betty Broderick of Northville. He graduated from Northville High School in 1986, and is currently employed as lab manager of D.O.C.

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In Service

Navy Airman GREGORY J. DEMAREST recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans and Arabian Gulf with Fighter Squadron 31, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

While deployed in the Arabian Gulf, Demarest's squadron added many natural interception operations in prohibiting contraband transports to and from Iraq. In addition, planes from Demarest's squadron joined the carrier's air wing in flying over 1800 missions during Operation Southern Watch to support sanctions imposed by the U.N. against Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War.

Demarest is the son of David T. Demarest of Novi. The 1995 graduate of Northville High School joined the Navy in September 1985.

Diversions

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THURSDAY
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Mother, daughter team up to direct play

Performance Plus presents "A One-Act Festival" on Jan. 15, 16 and 17.

The four, one-act plays which will be presented at two evening performances as well as an afternoon matinee are "Who Calls?" a turn-of-the-century English mystery; "Who Am I This Time?" an intense emotional drama; and the hilarious new "Radio TBS."

"The One-Act Festival" shows and performers are: "Who Calls?" - Amy Stanis, Rachel Carroll, Erika Alpert, Caitlin McCormick, Betsy Lewis and Rebecca Shubert; "Who Am I This Time?" - Stephanie Witchofsky, Al Blakeney, Lauren Oates, Tim Kava, Alicia Hirschfield, Sara Dzwonkowski, Alex Mallory, Kyle Shull, Mike Peter and Lauren Sorrentino; and in "Radio T.B.S." - Shoshana Glick, Erika Alpert, Alex Mallory, Kathryn Johnson, Betsy Lewis, Rebecca Grech, Anna Watkins, Valerie Spellman, Kate McLallen and Julie Reid.

Linda Wickert will direct two of the shows and her daughter Carrie, who recently joined the Novi Theatre staff, will direct the other two.

Carrie, who performed in the first few Novi Theatre productions in 1991 and 1992, graduated from Western Michigan University with a bachelor of fine arts degree in musical theatre performance. Carrie choreographed Novi Theatre's "The Nutcracker" and is also choreographing the upcoming "Wizard of Oz" which has scheduled performances in March.

Set designer for "A One-Act Festival" is Timothy Amrhein of the Hilberry Theatre. Shelley Dzwonkowski is the costume designer and Mark Magnt is the lighting designer.

The Performance Plus actors range in age from 13 years through college. It was the first of the four performing groups that comprise The Novi Theatre. It's first production, "Picnic at Hanging Rock" is presented again this May. Auditions for that production will be March 16 and 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Other upcoming productions include "Beatrix Potter's Tale of Peter Rabbit," "Jack & The Beanstalk... a parody" and "Beauty & The Beast."

Reserved seat tickets for "A One-Act Festival" are \$8 or \$7 in advance. Friday and Saturday performances will be at 8 p.m. The Sunday matinee is at 3 p.m.

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

For details, call (248) 347-4000.



Submitted photo by DICK WICKERT

Cast members of "A One-Act Festival" include, from left, Stephanie Witchofsky, Betsy Lewis, Katie McLallen, Sara Dzwonkowski, Al Blakeney, Amy Stanis, Tim Kava and Caitlin McCormick.

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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

RUMORS: Schoolcraft College will hold auditions for its winter production of Neil Simon's hysterical farce "Rumors."

The auditions will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 19 and 20, at 7 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre on the college's main campus located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

Auditions are open to the public and no experience is necessary. For further information, call the Theatre Department at (313) 462-4400, ext. 5270.

PETER RABBIT: The Novi Theatre Children's Annex and little people players will hold auditions for Beatrix Potter's "Tales of Peter Rabbit" on Jan. 19 and 20 at 4 p.m. for actors ages 7 to 13. All actors must pay a participation fee of \$125 once cast.

Auditions will be held at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. For more information, call (248) 347-4000.

CHOIR: Schoolcraft College Community Choir will hold auditions for new members on Tuesdays, Jan. 19 and 20 at 4 p.m. in the Forum Building on the campus located on Haggerty Road in Livonia between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads 7 p.m.

To schedule an audition, call Shari Clason at (248) 349-8175.

SPECIAL EVENTS

EUCHERE: The Novi Lionsess Club will hold a Euchere Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

Registration is at 7 p.m. Games begin at 7:30 p.m. sharp. There will be prizes, raffles, and food will be available.

Cost is \$10 per person. Preregistration earns two extra points. If space allows, at the door entrance cost is \$12.

Anyone bringing a donation of a worm clothing item will receive three extra points.

All proceeds go to the Lions/Lioness charities. Call Maggie at (248) 344-4633 or to register.

on Sunday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. in the church's auditorium.

The concert is free of charge. Complimentary tickets are available at the church's reception desk before 6 p.m. for admission.

Call (248) 374-7400 for additional information.

NOVI THEATRES: The Performance Plus actors will present "A One-Act Festival" on Jan. 15, 16, and 17. Friday and Saturday performances will be at 8 p.m. The Sunday matinee will be at 3 p.m. All reserved seats are \$8 (\$7 in advance). Tickets are available at the Novi Civic Center.

The four one-act plays include "Who Calls?" "Trifles," "Who Am I This Time?" and "Radio TBS."

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

For more information, call (248) 347-4000.

OUTDOOR CLINICS: REI will hold the following free clinics in January: Intro to Snowboarding, Jan. 18, 11 a.m.; Cross Country Skiing in and Around Metro Detroit, Jan. 20, 7 p.m.; and Michigan Ice, a Slide Show, Jan. 27, 7 p.m.

REI is located at 17559 Haggerty Road in Northville.

For more information, call (248) 347-2100.

BORDERS BOOKS: Ongoing events include the Toddler Time stories for children 3 and younger on Mondays at 10 a.m.; Children's Hour for children three and younger on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; and Toddler Time for children three and younger on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Borders Books and Music is located in the Novi Town Center. Call (248) 347-0780 for more information.

BARNES & NOBLE: Children's special storytimes are Tuesday at 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Open Mike Poetry Readings are held every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The series includes MacGuffin editors on Feb. 9; Herb Scott, New Issues Press, on March 9; Linda Nemeo Foster, "Living in the Firenest," on April 13.

Barnes and Noble is located at Six Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville.

Call (248) 348-0609 for additional information.

THEATER

MARQUIS: Performances of a musical adaptation of the classic tale of "Cinderella" will be at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 16 and 17.

General seating tickets are \$6.50. Group rates are available. No

children under the age of three will be permitted.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in Northville. For details, call (248) 349-8110.

MUSIC

LABOOM: The teen club LaBOOM, formerly Modern Rock Cafe, is located at 1172 N. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake.

Call the hotline at (248) 925-1000.

LAKEVIEW BAR AND GRILL: The Lakeview Bar and Grill is located at 43343 West Thirteen Mile Road at the corner of Old Novi Road. Ron Coden performs on Saturday.

For more information, call (248) 624-2800.

WAGON WHEEL: The Wagon Wheel Lounge is located at 212 S. Main in Northville.

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

Call 349-9110 for more information.

TUSCAN CAFE: Tuscan Cafe presents a variety of entertainment acts nightly except Sundays.

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

Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville. Call 305-8629 for more information.

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

Brady's Food and Spirits is located at 38125 West Ten Mile in the Holiday Inn in Farmington Hills.

Call (248) 478-7780 for more information.

CARVERS RESTAURANT: Nikki Pearce will be appearing on Friday and Saturday evenings from 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m.

Carvers is located at Grand River and Ten Mile roads in Farmington Hills.

Call (248) 478-5333 for more information.

BOGEY'S BAR AND GRILLE: Bogey's is located at 142 E. Walled Lake Drive in Walled Lake.

Upcoming performances include: DJ Paul on Jan. 14, 17, 21, 24, and 28; 2XJL on Jan. 15 and 16; 3 of Us on Jan. 22 and 23; and CD Green on Jan. 30.

Call (248) 669-1441 for more information.

NEARBY

CONCERT: Selections by Scriabin and Rachmaninov are the featured works in a free noon concert by pianist Arthur Greene. The Wednesday, Jan. 20, performance is the fourth in a series of free concerts at Schoolcraft College.

Greene is a former concert pianist who is now on the faculty at the University of Michigan School of Music.

The free concert will be held in the Forum Building recital hall on the college's campus at 11600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads and is followed by a reception to meet the artist.

Call (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218.

STORYTELLING: The Canton Project Arts will sponsor a Storytelling Festival on Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

Workshops and performances will be led by well-known professional storytellers including award winning storyteller Debra Christian of Plymouth, Ron Lowe of Canton, Mountain Man Marc LeJarrret and local storyteller Judy Sima.

Workshops will run during the day for adults and children such as "Weaving the Family Together," "Storytelling Fun & Games," "Animal Tales, Fables & Stories for Kids," and "Building Character Through Story." There will be a special children's storytelling hour at 11:30 a.m. and a big evening show for families at 7 p.m. Food and related storytelling vendors will be on site.

Call (734) 397-6450 for information or tickets.

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By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Novi hockey coach Dan Phelps knew it would only be a matter of time before his team picked up its first win of the season.

Now he hopes it will be a long time before it picks up another loss.

The Wildcats have strung together a three-game winning streak heading into last night's game against Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) leader Brighton (later The Novi News' deadline). A streak which included the school's first-ever win and the team's first-ever KVC victory.

The most recent win came last Friday against Dearborn Crestwood, a 5-1 clubbing Crestwood

scored the first goal of the game, but Novi would score five unanswered, including three in a row for forward Pat Muston. The natural hat trick was the first hat trick of any kind in Novi history, and coupled with another assist, gave Muston seven points in the three wins.

"We all know that Pat's the kind of player who's a pure athlete," Phelps said. "He really knows how to step it up at game time. He's a warrior-type player."

Muston, who started the year as a defenseman before being moved to forward six games ago, is starting to find his groove in an offense which has lacked consistency all year.

"He's always had the skills," his coach said.

"He just had to get it all together and oil them up a bit."

Crestwood's Mike Skelton scored the game's first goal

7:52 into the game, before Muston went on his rampage during a 7:39 span at the end of the first and beginning of the second period. Picking up assists on Muston's goals were Nick Karaisis, Jeff Poulos, Angelo Barduca and Travis Malott.

Rob Innis made it a 4-1 game with 9:57 remaining in the second and Malott capped off the scoring early in the third. Trevor Schneider, Muston and Ryan Major each picked up an assist for Novi.

"We've seen the scenario before and the time's come where we were able to put a whole game together. We were able to overlook being down early," Phelps said.

The win moved Novi's overall record to 3-9.

NOVI 3, LAKELAND 2
Novi relinquished a two-goal lead midway through the third

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Novi's Kyle Major races a Central defender to the puck during the Wildcats 3-1 win Dec. 30 at Novi Ice Arena.

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- ### NOVI HOCKEY FIRSTS
- First win: vs. Walled Lake Central 12-30-98
 - First KVC win: at Lakeland 1-6-99
 - First game winner: Rob Innis vs. Central 12-30-98
 - First hat trick: Pat Muston vs. Crestwood 1-8-99
 - First 3-game winning streak: 12-30-98 — 1-8-99

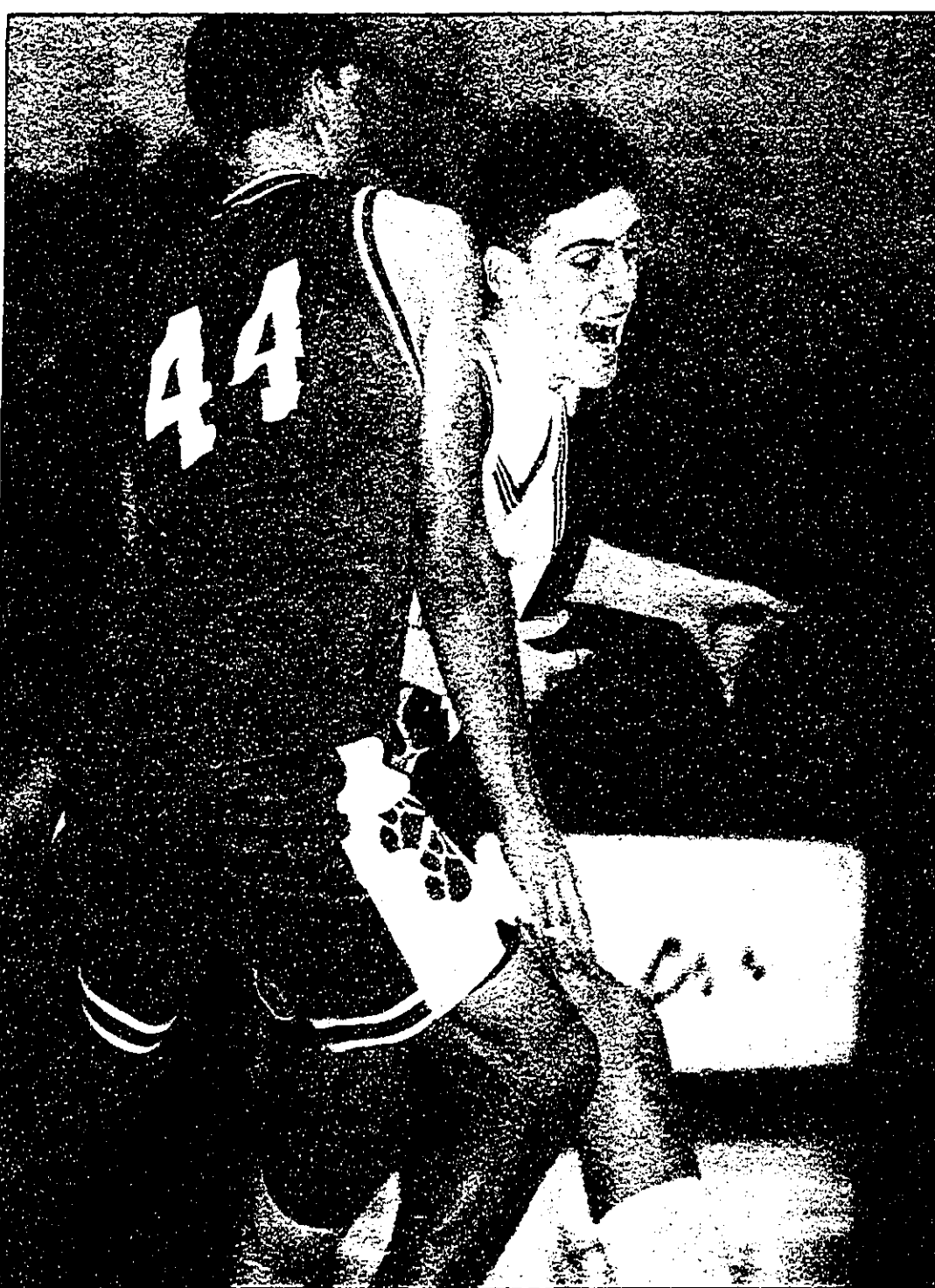


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Good enough...

After suffering from the line just three days earlier, Novi improved just enough to hold off Milford 48-42 Monday night on the road. The Wildcats hit 19 of 30 free throws in the game, including 11 of 18 in the fourth quarter. Novi rallied from seven down in the fourth to outscore the Redskins 19-9 and take control of the game. The win moves

Novi to 5-4 overall and 2-2 in the Kensington Valley Conference. Senior guard Larry Drury returned after missing a game and a half to score a team-high 14 points. Chad Nadolni had 13 for the 'Cats and Kyle Searly added 12. Milford falls to 1-1, 2-4 with the loss. (For more basketball coverage, see B-9)

Tumblers take sixth at Salem

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

For Northville/Novi, the Salem Invite was a chance to see not how it stacked up against each other, but against some of the state's best teams.

Unlike last year, the Mustang gymnastics team did not dominate the competition. But the team did find out some glaring weaknesses and some shining areas on a team trying to find its identity.

The Stangs finished sixth out of 22 teams, scoring 139.25 points. Rochester won the competition with 141.45 followed by Brighton (140.7), Troy (138.7), Holt (134.95) and Highland's B-team (134.9).

Northville/Novi placed in two of

the events, but came up flat in the other two.

Jennifer Rohls' 9.2 on the bars led the team to a third-place finish in the event. Also scoring for the team were Monica Fink (8.5), Lindsey Carlson (8.5) and Andrea Ledbetter (8.15). The third-place finish was the best in any event for Northville/Novi.

The team also placed in the vault competition. The Mustangs placed fifth, with Corbett's 9.15 leading the way. Rohls' score of 8.8, Ledbetter an 8.3 and Julie Glock added an 8.25 to score for the team.

"These two events are definitely going to be a strength for us," coach Laura Moyers said. "But we still have some things to work on. Hopefully we can continue to improve each week as the season goes on."

The Mustangs struggled a bit on the beam. Rohls (8.7) and Carlson (8.4) fared well, but Ledbetter (7.9) and Fink (7.0) had trouble finding their balance. The team did not place in this event.

The team didn't place in the floor exercise either. Rohls scored an 8.5 to lead the way and Carlson was close behind with an 8.4. Fink (8.15) and Ledbetter (7.85) completed the floor scores.

"I was happy in that we beat out every team from our region who was at the meet," said Moyers. "But there were a couple of good teams at this meet, including Rochester and Brighton."

Swimmers third at invite

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Novi coach Bill McCord's swim team didn't win the West Bloomfield Invitational this past weekend, but in the long run it may lead to more wins and championships.

The meet has just six teams, of which Novi placed third, but features four different heats with one swimmer from each team. Each heat is equally scored and coaches have the opportunity to watch "I really like this meet a lot," McCord said. "Mostly for that reason. More kids are able to compete and score. They also hand out medals."

North Farmington won the meet with 250.5 points and West Bloomfield took second with 225.5. Walled Lake (121), Livonia Churchill (47) and Troy Athens (39) rounded out the field.

Bill Benton was the big winner for the Wildcats. The senior won both A-heats in the 200 and 500 freestyles. He won the 200 free in a time of 1:55.78 and the 500 in 5:10.85.

Jordan Moblo won the B-heat of the 100 backstroke in 1:01.65 and teammate David Bliss won the C-heat of the 50 freestyle in 24.79.

Novi's last winner was Phil VanNortwick, who won the D-heat of the 100 breaststroke in 1:12.50. ("Assistant coach) Larry Teahan and myself were able to pay attention to the little things that needed to get fixed," McCord said. "We can get them feedback in the early events so they can use them in their later ones. We actually saw that with a few people."

Steve Alberty won the diving with 190.65 points, followed by Derrick Zonca (178.00) and Jeff Shori (114.70). The sweep gave Novi a short-lived 43-42 lead.

Other winners for Novi were Benton in the 200 freestyle (1:56.10) and the 200 medley relay team of Moblo, Dave Tardella, Jack Fischer and Mike Kurti (1:47.89). Tardella came away a winner in the 100 breaststroke (1:08.13) and Benton, Adam Sawmiller, Phil Suchyta and Kurti took the 400 free relay in a time of 3:37.77.

Fischer finished second in the 200 individual medley (2:14.96) and in the 100 butterfly (1:00.65). Kurti was also finished runnerup in two events, taking second in the 50 freestyle (23.49) and the 100 free (51.16).

Benton was second in the 500 freestyle (5:09.76) and Moblo was second-best in the 100 backstroke (1:01.92).

NOVI 99, WALLED LAKE 87
Coming off the holiday break didn't slow down the Novi tankers one bit, as the team had its way with a combined Walled Lake team.

The Wildcats won eight events and finished 1-2 twice. Benton was a quadruple winner, taking the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly events. He joined Jones, Fischer and Kurti to win the medley relay and Suchyta, Moblo and Fischer to win the 400 free relay.

Kurti and Jones finished first and second in the 50 free and Suchyta won the 100 freestyle.

Bliss took first in the 100 breaststroke and Kurti, Tardella and Fischer and Jones won the medley relay to start the meet.

Suchyta was runnerup in the 200 freestyle and Dan Hendricks was third in the 500 freestyle.

Novi faced Harrison Tuesday at home after The Novi News' deadline) and host Baseline rival Northville this Tuesday.

SALEM 100, NOVI 85
The Wildcats ran into a very tough Salem squad Jan. 7, losing a non-conference match.

Novi actually led after the fifth event, using a 1-2-3 sweep in diving to take a one-point lead, but couldn't match the Rocks' depth.



Novi's Trevor Schneider (19) moves in on a Walled Lake Central player in the 'Cats first-win in school history. Schneider picked up an assist on Jeff Poulos' goal late in the third period of that game.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Skaters get school's 1st win

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NOVI 3, WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 1

Starting off the streak, and getting the program's first-ever win, Novi scored two third period goals to pull away from the Vikings 3-1.

Malott got things going 7:50 into the game, taking a pass from Muston and beating goalie Mike Vittore to make it 1-0. Central's Lance Rinderknecht tied the game at 1-1 midway through the second.

Innis picked up the game winner just under five minutes into

the third period (10:07) of a pass from Barduca. Poulos would add the insurance goal with 2:44 remaining. Schneider and Jedd Genso picked up assists on the last goal.

"The broken record finally snapped," the coach exclaimed. "The kids finally saw the big picture and now they have a taste of it."

"The kids played very well and stuck to their guns. They forechecked really well."

Phelps said the biggest change his team has made to get things turned around has been its ability

to break down the bigger tanks. "We've been trying to break things down and accomplish smaller goals," he said. "I feel we're playing a more solid brand of hockey and the kids are starting to adapt to the system. I don't however think we're peaking right now."

"We've broken the season down to 15 games, and we're 3-0 in those 15 games. Forget the fact that we lost our first game."

After last night's game at Brighton, the 'Cats are off until it hosts South Lyon next Wednesday night at the Novi Ice Arena.

Wrestlers place fourth of 16 teams, Jilg and Churella win

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

For Ryan Churella, the 1998-99 season has been one of extreme growth.

For Dan Jilg, this season has become a mission.

Both wrestlers brought home championships from the Wyandotte Invitational Saturday, while the team finished a highly-respectable fourth place. Southgate Anderson won the 16-team tournament with 230 points. Adrian (182) and Dearborn Edsel Ford (139) were second and third followed by Novi (134.5).

Churella topped Plymouth Salem's Ron Thompson 7-3 in the 112-pound finals, finishing a perfect 4-0 on the day. He topped Churchill, Riverview and Annapolis in succession to reach the finals.

"It's definitely better, a whole lot better than last year," coach Brad Huss said. "The standing wrestler at a tournament, he gets looked over." Huss said. "People kind of expect him to win. It's easy for people to overlook him, but it's got to be frustrating for him."

The Wildcats also had eight other wrestlers place, and had to void two weight

classes because of injuries to Nick Sloan (189) and Frank Kava (162).

Heavyweight Brett Faulkner stumbled in two matches, but still brought home a fourth-place finish for Novi. Nate Mitchell (129), Aaron Platt (139), Chris Rumpf (152) and Adam Borashko (171) finished fifth in their weight classes. Bringing home sixth-place finishes were sophomore Eric Cook at 140 and Craig Kreutzberg at 215.

"I was pleased with some of our finishes. I've said that if we're gonna be any good, we have to have someone like Aaron or Chris step forward for us," Huss said. "We know

Loss to Lions spoils great weekend on court

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Trying to continue their hot play from this past weekend, the Novi volleyball team came up short in their Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) matchup with South Lyon.

The Lions ripped the Wildcats 15-13, 15-10, sending Novi to an 0-2 conference record and spoiling the team's successful week on the court.

"We weren't capitalizing on our serves and we couldn't seem to hit the ball well," coach Julie Fisetite said. "But South Lyon did place the ball very well. Even though we seemed to hit the ball better than they did, we didn't play very good defense and they found the holes."

Senior Emily Ernst did all she could to keep Novi afloat in the first game. She served five consecutive points to bring the 'Cats to within two at 11-9. Novi would come back and tie the game at 11-11 and 13-13, but couldn't score again.

Kristen McGlennen led the team with four kills in the first game and Ernst and Jenny Corless had three kills each in the second game.

NOVI 3RD AT UM DEARBORN
Able to put it all together for a day, Novi finished third out of 32 teams at the U of M Dearborn Invitational. The team qualified first out of its pool and won its first two championship-round matches before bowing out to Woodhaven 4-15, 7-15 in the semifinals.

In the quarterfinals Novi topped Canton 9-15, 15-12, 15-5. This was just one match after defeating Dearborn Heights Robichaud 15-4, 15-1 in the round of 16.

"They played very well together. The first time I really saw them merge," Fisetite said. "There were about six girls out there who stepped up and stood out."

"The Wildcats finished first in their pool, finishing with a 5-1 record in their three matches. The team split with Bishop Gallagher 15-6, 10-15 and then beat Hazel Park 15-1, 15-4 and Southgate Anderson 15-0, 15-13. Against Anderson, Novi came back from a 3-13 deficit in the second game.

"They had beat their expectations by finishing third," the coach said. "But as a coach I would have liked to win it or have taken second place. I think we could have given Woodhaven a tougher match, but I think the girls were tired."

McGlennen finished the tournament with team-highs in kills (18), blocks (15) and aces (8). Corless added 12 kills throughout the day.

The team hosts Hartland today before traveling to Milford Monday to take on the Redskins in a KVC matchup.

was a disappointing loss because we played so well in the first half."

Novi hit 9 of 13 free throws in the first half, and outscored Hartland 22-14 in the second quarter. But the team spluttered from the line in the second half, hitting just 9 of 21 from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter.

Kyle Searly led the Wildcats with 16 points and Brendan Hadley had 13 points, nine rebounds and four steals. John Townsley added 12 points for Novi, which lost its second straight game in the Kensington Valley Conference.

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 73, NOVI 59
The Wildcats had little chance in this non-league game, falling behind 38-26 at the half.

"We tried to shut down their best player (Corey Heitsch), but their small guard Jason Obomsawin hit everything he took," Schluter said.

Obomsawin hit eight three pointers and finished with 26 points. Heitsch, a senior forward, still pumped in 14 for the Vikings.

"That was a tough game for us," the coach said. "The like to press and trap and we just had too many turnovers."

Point guard Larry Drury broke a finger early in the second quarter and missed the rest of the game.

Hadley led the team in scoring with 16 points and Townsley added 12.

The Wildcats traveled to Milford Monday (see shaded box) and host Howell tomorrow night.

SCOREBOARD

HOCKEY		VOLLEYBALL	
KVC STANDING/OVERALL	Annex (Hartland) 5-4-8	Fors (Hartland) 1-02	Fallone (Novi) 3-7
Milford 6-0/10-1-1	Schiebold (Milford) 4-5-9	Cervin (Milford) 2-11	Corless (Novi) 3-5
Brighton 5-1/10-1	O'Brien (Hartland) 4-4-8	Oullette (Hartland) 2-65	McGlennen (Novi) 2-9
Hartland 3-2/5-1-1	Hryn (Milford) 4-4-8	Brandau (Novi) 4-01	Myers (Milford) 3-7
Howell 2-3/4-6	Malott (Novi) 2-6-8	Smith (South Lyon) 4-59	Corless (Novi) 3-0
South Lyon 2-4/4-9	Labram (South Lyon) 5-2-7	Ward (Novi) 5-18	McGlennen (Novi) 2-9
Novi 1-5/3-9	Daavetila (Brighton) 3-4-7	KILLS	M. Hasse (Northville) 2-9
Lakeland 0-5/6-6	Fosynite (South Lyon) 1-4-5	Kern (South Lyon) 2-04	Sutton (South Lyon) 1-9
	Merritt (South Lyon) 1-4-5	Hamilton (South Lyon) 1-50	Hamilton (South Lyon) 1-9
	Sagunova (South Lyon) 3-2-5	Myers (Milford) 1-99	Kern (South Lyon) 1-14
		J. Hasse (Northville) 1-56	Mukavecz (Milford) 1-13
		M. Hasse (Northville) 5-55	
		Gillis (Northville) 4-7	

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Health Column

No weight-loss formula is exact

"As I reviewed the questions and concerns from our clients this week, undoubtedly the number one concern I was confronted with, as probably most fitness professionals are this time of the year, is 'What is the right formula to lose weight? I have tried this high protein plan or that low fat plan ...'"

Chris Klebba

With the average person 5 to 10 pounds heavier after the holiday season and resolutions in full swing, this concern is certainly not a surprise. What is and continues to be a surprise year after year is our continual effort to seek out the "magic formula" or the "quicker, easier, weight loss plan."

This plan for most people ends up being what is the most heavily marketed plan at the time, which unfortunately is not always the right plan to help you reach and maintain your goals, or to move you closer to better overall health and wellness. Losing weight does not automatically indicate you are moving towards better health. Let me explain.

First off, for the record, I am not a registered dietician or nutritionist, rather a fitness trainer with a basic understanding of how the body works. If I were to give one bit of advice to people after almost 20 years experience in the fitness field, is you must push through all these opinions and cute marketing names and ground your plan in how the human body works. Your

plan must account for your individual characteristics and lifestyle. In other words, there is no one plan for everyone or else we would all have it and look and feel just how we desire.

There is one overriding process that undeniably affects all of us when it comes to body weight. It is called "thermogenesis." In simple terms, it means if we eat more calories than we expend, we will have created a surplus. If you continue this surplus, the body will store this excess body fat in those areas we do not like (side of our waist, low waist, and hip area).

The other option of course is to burn more calories than we eat and create a deficit forcing the body to use stored body fat for fuel. This in time will reduce and tone those special areas of the body that you are probably focused on.

As simple as this process seems, it is not simple to implement and continue. This involves proper guidance and counseling and lifestyle modifications which is an entire column in itself. I guess the point of this column is to get you thinking in the right direction and make you cautious about that new "super weight loss" plan.

Lately, one of the most popular plans is being heavily marketed under a variety of names but is essentially a high protein, low carbohydrate plan. Think of the thermogenesis process. If it is calorie amount that affects weight, we can gain weight from too much protein, carbohydrates or fat.

There is a proper balance needed to achieve your goal if it includes (and I hope it does) being healthy. In simple terms, your body weight involves one of three areas: water, lean muscle mass, and body fat. If you lose 5 pounds for example and it is from water or muscle, you

probably will not maintain this loss and you are further from excellent health. You have effectively dehydrated yourself and lost valuable muscle.

We continue to eat no- or low-fat foods, but banishing fat from your diet will not increase fat loss. It will instead deprive you of the necessary fat soluble vitamins and essential fatty acids. You will also have a tougher time feeling "full" since fat increases this sensation.

Throwing carbohydrates out is not the answer either. But do choose carbohydrates containing the sugar fructose as much as possible. Fructose is found in fruits and high quality drinks, and fructose does not cause an insulin response.

Also, too much protein has numerous negative side effects, including the depletion of glycogen stores, which causes overeating and slows the body's metabolic rate. The increased cravings combined with burning fewer calories, usually leads dieters to regain any weight lost and more.

Your ideal balance depends on many variables. On average, protein and fat should make up between 10-30 percent of your diet and complex carbohydrates the remaining balance. Of course, total calorie intake must be lower than what you burn.

If the goal is weight loss from body fat, the bottom line is that excess calories cause excess pounds. Good luck.

This column was written by Chris Klebba, a certified personal fitness trainer and owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club. The Water Wheel is an adult personal training club in Northville. For more information call (248) 449-7634.

Remember the reasons for quitting

Are you ready to stop smoking? If the answer is yes, good for you. But do you know how to quit, what barriers are standing in your way? Do you know how to deal with the quitting process?

Don't forget the reasons why you want to quit in the first place. When it's getting tough or you have the urge to have just one puff, there is help out there for you to turn to. Remember you can do this.

Once you decided on or are interested in quitting smoking, you have to face the barriers so you know what you are facing and how to deal with it. Have you tried to quit before? If so, what made you go back to it? Do you smoke more when you are under stress or did you start smoking because of stress? There are ways to deal with stress and snot smoke. Is it hard to stop because you are around people who do smoke? With help from others, you can cope with these barriers. For some people the fear of failure or

weight gain is their reason for not quitting. If you are aware that weight gain is a potential issue, prepare for it. In some people, the most that would be gained is 5 to 10 pounds. To prepare for the weight gain you could go for walks or eat healthier. According to the American Lung Association, don't go on a diet, just eat a normal balanced diet with more fruit and vegetables and fill up on starchy foods like rice, potatoes and noodles and bread without added fat.

Dealing with quitting is different for everyone. You have to decide for yourself what is the best way. According to Michigan Department of Community Health, get very serious about exercise, it's a great tranquilizer. Some other possibilities according to American Cancer Society are relaxation exercises these help relieve the urge to smoke, you close your eyes, take a deep breath and think to yourself that you can do this. You can also take a hot

bath, or drink a cup of hot chocolate. You can go for walks in the evening when you have the urge to have a cigarette, it will make you feel better. If you really have the urge to have a cigarette anytime during the day or in the evening, you could chew gum, or do a crossword puzzle to keep your mind off smoking and have your hands doing something also. Remember to have a positive attitude from the beginning to the end. Being positive about quitting will result in being a successful nonsmoker.

Now with the holidays coming up, you want to make sure you follow through on your smoking cessation. According to the American Cancer Society, shopping and cooking keeps your mind off smoking. Making holiday decorations will keep your mind off smoking and keeps your hands doing something also. When having that festive dinner, remember not to overindulge and eat slowly and pause between bites. After dinner when you want to reach

for a cigarette, treat yourself to a mint or drink a club soda or chew gum.

There is plenty of support and ideas to help you cope with smoking cessation. Talk to your family and friends. Let them know that you are quitting and get their support. They are probably willing to help you achieve your goal. Talking with your local pharmacist can help also, they are there to help you. There are two local pharmacists in the area, Susan Montpetit from Walled Lake Kroger Pharmacy (248) 960-8297 and Tina Ferguson from Milford Kroger Pharmacy (248) 685-0100 who are nationally certified smoking cessation specialists. They will work with you to develop a quitting strategy and help you get over your barriers and become a successful non-smoker.

Kelly A. Jungman, pharmacy student at Wayne State University, bachelor of science candidate.

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MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP

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The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Providence Park Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., at the corner of Grand River and Beck in Novi. The purpose of the support group is to provide women with educational information on topics relating to menopause.

For information, call (248) 424-3014.

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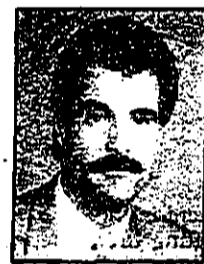
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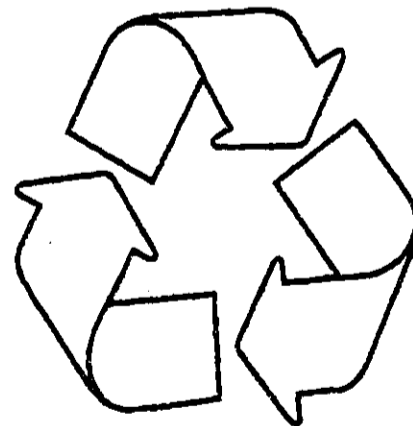


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Don't try to repaint kitchen countertops

By Gene Gary
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q. What is the best way to change the color of a dark laminate on kitchen cabinets and countertops? Is there a special paint for this?

A. Plastic laminate can be painted if the proper primer is applied prior to the finish coat. A primer such as Zinsser's B-1-N Primer-Sealer or Sherwin-Williams Industrial Maintenance Coatings DTM Bonding Primer can be used to coat the smooth laminate and provide a durable base coat to which a quality latex or oil-based paint will adhere. Use a solution of TSP mixed with water (trisodium phosphate available at your paint dealer) to clean all dirt and grease from the surface prior to the primer application.

Painting can be satisfactory for your cabinets, but it is not recommended for kitchen countertop surfaces. These surfaces are subject to all sorts of abuse, including food chopping and hot pots off the stove. Your counter surfaces get too much wear and tear for paint to hold up well over a plastic laminate. You can have a new plastic laminate applied over the existing surface. This is a fairly easy application for someone with carpentry skills and general know-how.

Q. We purchased a house which was built in 1952. The porcelain bathtub finish is chipped, cracked and stained. Due to the bathroom layout and construction, it would be very difficult to remove this tub and replace it with a new unit. Is there a durable paint that we can use to refurbish the surface? I have also heard of bathtub liners that are supposed to cover the existing tub. Would this be a good solution to our problem?

A. Porcelain bathtubs can be refinished with an epoxy-base coating, and there are kits on the market for do-it-yourselfers. However, it would not be my recommendation. This type of coating is difficult to apply and lasts only a maximum of five years, probably less with frequent use. However, there are professionals who specialize in bathtub refinishing.

The pros use a powerful etching agent in the preparation process, and the recoating they apply is very durable, lasting 10 to 12 years with normal use. The coatings the professionals apply can also be used on wall tiles or floor tiles if a color change is desired.

A bathtub liner is another viable option. The custom-molded, one-piece liners come in hundreds of shapes and sizes, designed to fit over existing bathtubs. The material is an attractive high-impact resistant plastic that will not chip, dent, crack or peel.

The Re-Bath Corp. is a major supplier of such a product. They can be reached at (800) 426-4573 and provide information on a local supplier in your area.

Q. Included in our home-remodeling project is an added bathroom. We are doing the work ourselves, and our concern is how to adequately waterproof the drywall panels in the bathroom above the tub. We are concerned that moisture will penetrate the wall and damage the insulation and wiring behind it. Is ceramic tile the answer?

A. The best solution is to use water-resistant drywall in any bath area to prevent moisture problems. This is often required by local building codes. This type of drywall is called tile-backer or greenback drywall. It's available at building supply stores for a little more than regular drywall.

It's installed in the same manner as ordinary drywall. You can paint this surface or use it as the base surface for tile. Tile alone will not protect the ordinary drywall from moisture. Moisture will seep through the grout lines and cause damage to the drywall underneath as well as impair the adhesion of your wall tiles.

Q. I have Formica countertops in my kitchen that have become dull and dingy. Is there any recommended cleaning method which can restore the original look?

A. The original patina of laminated-plastic countertops can be protected by avoiding cleaners that are abrasive or the use of strong chemicals. These cleaners destroy the glossy finish. Once destroyed, the original luster cannot be restored.

I have had some readers suggest that periodic rubbing with car wax or a silicone sealer or the use of gel gloss (often used on fiberglass) will help restore the shine. The recommended method for cleaning laminated countertops is to use a mild dishwashing detergent and warm water for regular cleaning.

Some of the milder commercial cleaners such as Fantastik, 409 or Cinch are also good for cleaning and removal of kitchen grease. Stubborn stains can be treated by scrubbing with a wet sponge and baking soda. The baking soda dissolves in water and is not abrasive enough to damage the surface.

Full-strength household bleach can also be used. Do not pour directly onto the countertop. Instead, use a soft cloth saturated in bleach to wipe the surface. Rinse with water.

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HEAVE HO!

Picking the right shovel can help make the task easier if not enjoyable



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SPECIAL WRITER

With over a foot of snow local residents are now left with the thankless task of digging out from under mountains of the white stuff. And since recent winters have been relatively mild, many people now have to become reacquainted with their snow shovel.

You may be surprised to find that your local hardware store carries a variety of sizes and shapes.

Ann Troschinetz, clerk at Black's Hardware in Northville, says a lot depends on the size of the person and the job when choosing a shovel.

Her favorite is an ergonomically correct shovel by Ames with a bent handle, because it's easier on the back. Seniors and women tend to like it because it creates less strain on the back. It costs about \$15.99.

Depending on the job, you'll need to choose whether you want metal or plastic. Plastic is lighter to handle, and is usually preferred. However, Troschinetz said that in extreme cold such as below zero metal is more durable, even though it tends to be heavy.

"A metal shovel is really good to use when the snow is hard. It helps to break through the really hard stuff," Troschinetz said.

There are a variety of snow shovels on the market. Jessica Black, left, uses a ErgoConcert shovel, while Ann Troschinetz, demonstrates a wide blade SnowBlazer. Both are employees of Black's Hardware in Northville.

Some of the plastic models have a metal strip on the bottom for durability and to help break through frozen ice and snow.

Another factor to consider is the chore when selecting a shovel. This would help determine the best size for you.

"Narrow ones are good for sidewalks, wide ones are good for driveways or large areas," she pointed out.

There's even the ultimate shovel for big areas and big snows called the PolyScoop at \$34.99. It looks more like a wagon or wheelbarrow without wheels - with a 26" scoop, you just push, instead of pulling and lifting.

Take a look at the handle, also. Some of them have a built-in "handle" at the end, points out Troschinetz. This makes it easier to get a grip, when scooping up the snow. Some come with just a plain stick, or straight end, like the end of a broom.

The actual stick or handles are usually made out of either metal or wood. Here she prefers the metal, because after a certain amount of wear and tear the wooden ones can splinter on your hands. If you're in it

for the long haul, the metal one tends to be colder to hang on to. Best to use those with insulated gloves or on a short-term project.


Last but not least, look at the length of the handle. Choose one in proportion to your size, longer for those who are taller and shorter for those of small or average height.

To be prepared for an emergency, there's even two Ames shovels at \$19.99 that fit in the trunk of a car. One has a handle that folds to take up less space in the trunk.

For a good basic shovel, Troschinetz recommends the Lantz Snowmover at \$7.99. Made of lightweight red plastic, and an average-length handle, it's practical and inexpensive. For those reasons, it's one of their most popular styles. The other best seller includes an Ames plastic model with a two-foot scoop and wooden handle at \$13.00.


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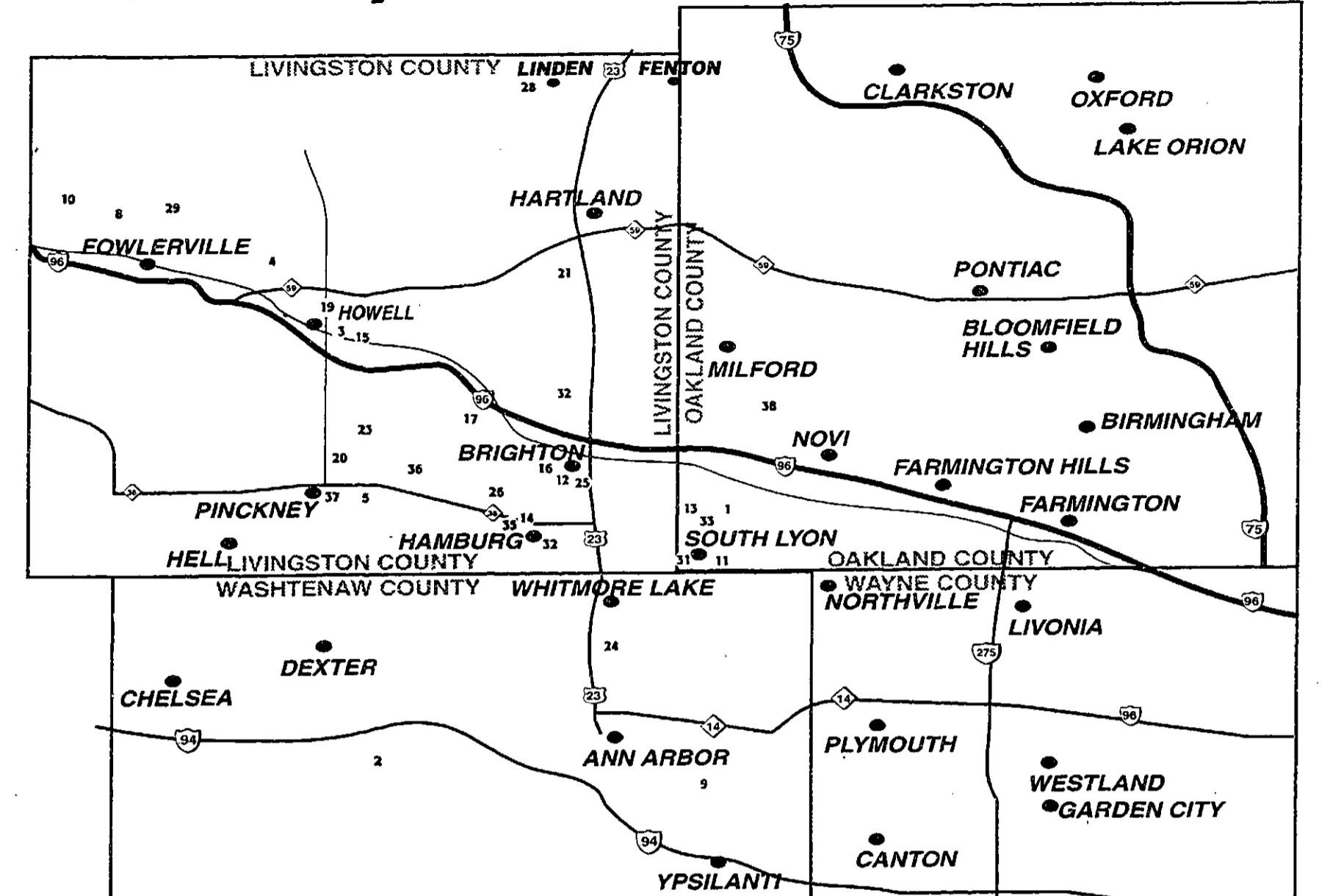


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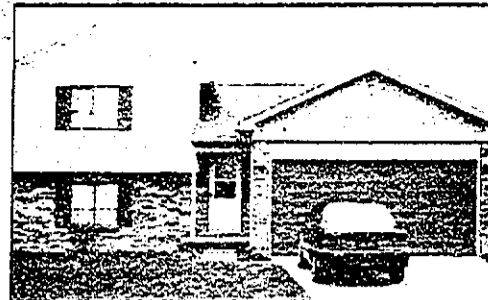
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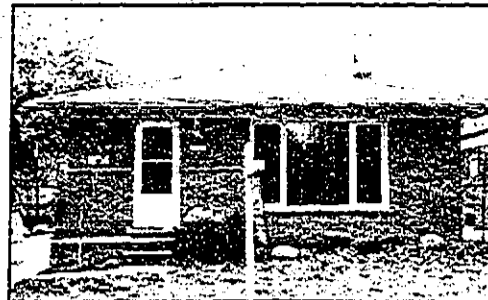
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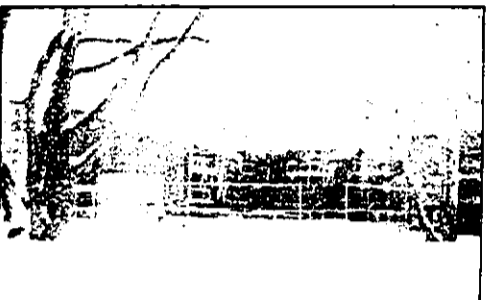
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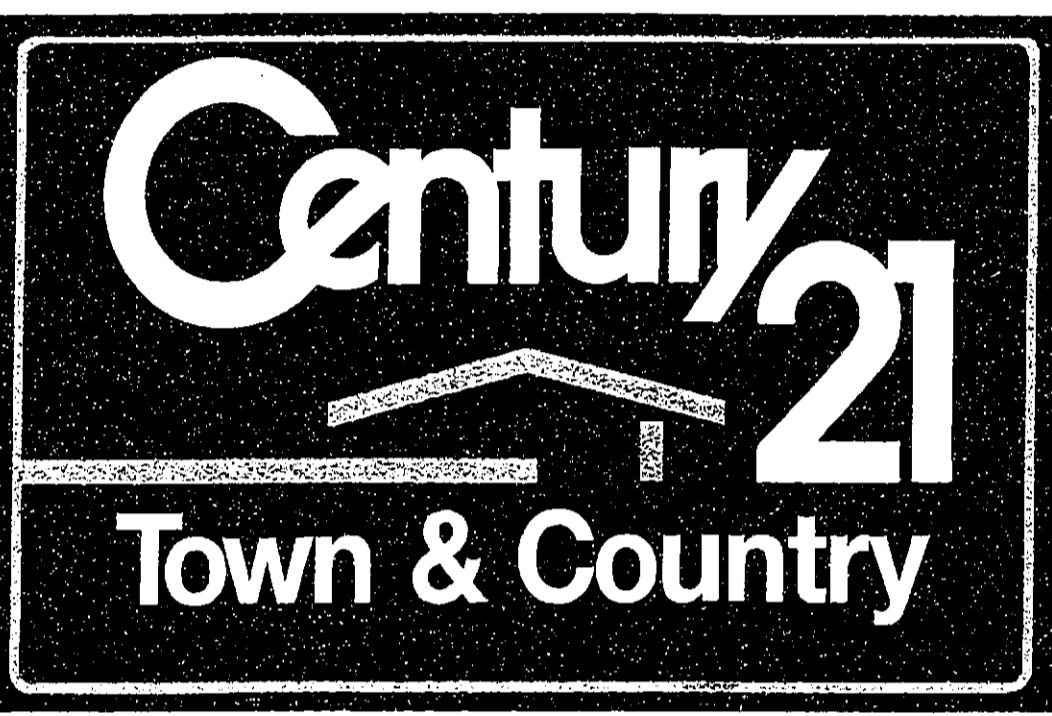
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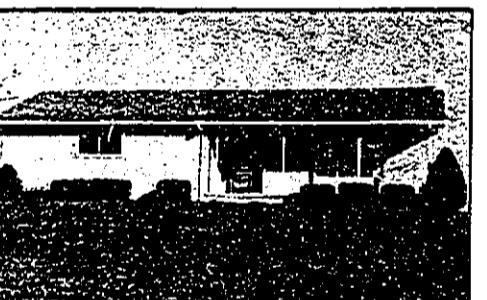
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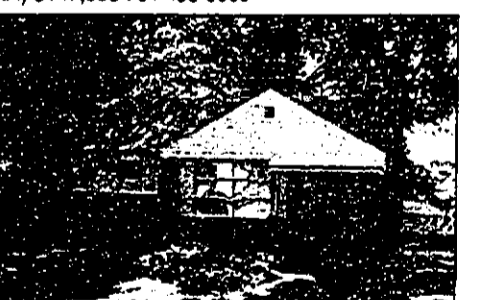
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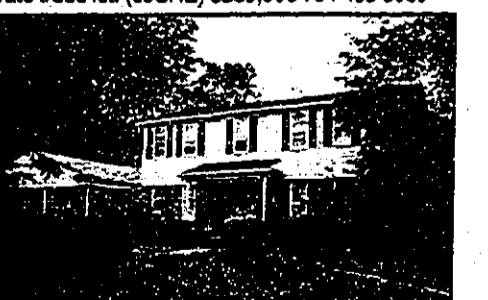
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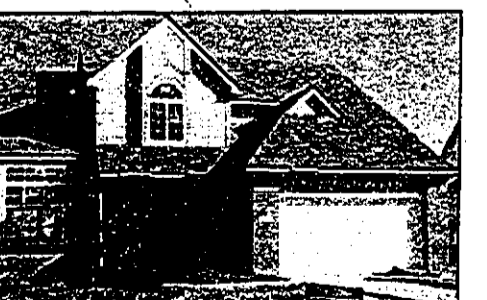
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