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## Liberty Park project approved

■ Townhouse-style homes will be built on Sandstone site

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Pulte Land Development Corporation received approval from city council Monday night to build the first phase of The Townes at Liberty Park in the northwest corner of Novi.

Phase 1 of the project, which consists of 130 townhouse-style homes, will be the first development on property the city gave the developer Sandstone following a settlement of a lengthy lawsuit with the city in 2002.

The council unanimously approved the final site plan for Phase 1 of the multiple

family residential development on nearly 10 acres of the 87 acres conveyed to Sandstone and subject to a consent judgment.

The property is located on the north side of Twelve Mile Road and west of Dixon Road.

Although council approved the project, members expressed several concerns about the plans.

"I have some concerns in regard to sidewalks, narrow roads that don't comply with our ordinances, the design of the alley, and stormwater catch basins in the development," said member Laura Lorenzo.

Pulte plans to have stormwater drains in the roads, and Lorenzo questioned residents' safety with this method. "I'm especially concerned about physically challenged residents who must navigate these drains," she said.

"I don't want to throw a monkey wrench into the plans, but I think that all the roads need to be deemed private, so the city's not liable," she added.

John DePorre, director of land entitlement for Pulte Land Development Corporation, said all of the roads in this part of the project are private, and that there is a private stormwater system in the area.

Member Toni Nagy said she had a problem with Ellery Lane, a narrower-than-usual alley in the project.

"A consent judgment doesn't say you can ignore standards," she said.

DePorre said Pulte plans to construct an emergency lane off of Dixon.

Jeffery Johnson, assistant fire chief, expressed some concern about fire trucks being able to navigate the narrow alley.

"If someone parks their vehicle in the alley, we might not be able to get around

them," Johnson said.

"Even if we have access from Twelve Mile Road, it's a good 100 feet from Twelve Mile to these buildings."

The council, on member Kim Capello's suggestion, finally made a compromise with Pulte, asking the developer to increase Ellery Lane to 23 feet and shortening the length of the driveways.

DePorre said the developer could post no-parking signs in the alley, and that he doesn't think the narrowness of the road will become a public safety concern.

"We have added more off-street parking so people won't have to park in the alley," DePorre said.

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## Problems at Old Dutch Farms



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Old Dutch Farms resident Charmaine Jones displays a Mason jar of the water that comes out of her tap. For years, it's been rusty brown in color from corroded pipes and a lot of iron.

## City takes the first step to help mobile home residents

■ Owners ordered to connect park to sewer system

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Living in the Old Dutch Farms mobile home park on the city's far west side hasn't been a dream.

Residents say that park management has failed to address a trailer-load of complaints, ranging from water that's not fit to drink to a failure to hook up to the city's sewer system.

A spokesperson for the state, however, said he believes the park owners have operated in good faith. And a spokesman for the park's owners stressed that sewage discharge has always been in compliance with state

"We only have so much power. The city is committed to working with the residents to try to solve this."

David Landry  
Mayor Pro Tem

requirements, despite the doubts of some residents.

"We would never operate out of compliance," said Roger Zlotoff, vice president of

Unipro, the Birmingham firm that owns the park on the east side of Napier, north of 10 Mile.

"We have always been operating under a discharge permit for the sewage."

The hookup to the city system, a long-time sore point for residents, may be near thanks to the recent settlement of a suit filed against Unipro by the city.

The agreement requires that the on-site sewage treatment plant and lagoon system for the park be abandoned and that the owners pay to connect the park to the public sanitary sewer system.

"This is a first step. They've asked for our help, and we're doing what we can," said Mayor Pro Tem.

Since mobile home parks are regulated by the state, "We only have so much power. The

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## Chase starts in Novi, ends in Detroit

■ Suspect later escapes from custody at hospital

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

A 46-year-old Detroit man and a female passenger were taken into custody by Michigan State Police Sunday evening in Detroit, following a chase that began with an attempt to steal 50 CDs from Borders Books & Music in Novi.

Customers and motorists helped in the apprehension that ended with a car crash in Detroit.

But, the male suspect escaped from custody at Detroit Receiving Hospital early Monday morning. He is still at large.

It all started at about 6:30 p.m. Sunday when a Borders employee approached a customer who was acting suspicious. The man had a bag with about 50 CDs valued at nearly \$1,000.

The Borders employee told the suspect that she would hold the bag for him up front. As they approached the front door, the suspect grabbed the bag and tried to flee, according to Novi police.

Police said there was struggle over the bag, the bag ripped, with the contents spilling out onto the floor.

Then a customer tried to restrain the suspect. The man got away, however, and fled in a vehicle with a female passenger.

Another customer outside the store witnessed the incident and began following the car east on I-96.

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## Land takes aim at new voting system

By David Agullar  
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Terri Lynn Land is trying to make Michigan's voting system simpler and easier while protecting it from fraud. She has until 2006 to do it.

Along with her peers nationwide, Michigan's first-term secretary of state must by 2006 fully implement the Help Americans Voting Act, spawned out of vote-count irregularities in Florida during the 2000 presidential election.

In an effort to prevent similarly embarrassing and costly recounts, the act mandates states replace old

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land

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## Man breaks into room of sleeping girls

■ Police capture Novi man, 23, in home invasion

A 23-year-old Novi man is accused of breaking into the room of sleeping 10-year-old twin girls, kissing one on the hand and telling her he loved her.

When the girl tricked the intruder into letting her leave the room, the man went to her sister's bed where he stroked the girl's

hair and took off his shirt.

The man was captured by the girls' father after their mother heard a man's voice coming from their room.

Novi police, responding to a 911 call from the twin's 14-year-old sister, arrived at the home shortly before 5 a.m. to find the intruder detained by the girls' father.

The suspect, who lived in a neighboring subdivision, was taken to Providence Park Medical

Center in Novi for treatment of injuries sustained during the struggle with the homeowner.

The incident took place in the Willowbrook subdivision at Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

Police believe the suspect entered the home through an unlocked sliding door and when to the girls' bedroom.

One of the girls thought the person in her bedroom was a family member waking her up early for school. So she gave him a

high-five.

The suspect took the girl's hand, raised it to his mouth and began kissing it and saying, "I love you and want to fix your hair."

The girl told the suspect she was going to change her clothes, wrapped herself in a blanket and locked herself in the bathroom.

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Being area residents, not only are the doctors committed to the well being of their immediate patients, but also to the rest of the local community in general. Recently, the doctors and staff assisted in the Farmington Hills Emergency Response Exercise. The office along with other volunteers completed the "moulage" of the potential victims in the exercise. The training consisted of all areas of emergency response including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms along with the local Police and Fire departments and Emergency Rescue.

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## Police look for suspect

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Novi police issued a be-on-the-lookout alert and Michigan State Police tried to intercept the vehicle near I-96 and Wyoming Avenue.

Sgt. Scott Sheets of the Michigan State Police said the suspects traveled south on the Lodge freeway, exiting at Wyoming, where two patrol cars intercepted the vehicle. The chase continued east on Wyoming to I-96, where the suspect's car was involved in a crash with two other vehicles and a parked car.

There were two minor injuries involving a driver and a passenger in one of the cars, according to Sheets.

The two suspects were taken into custody after a short foot chase, with police recovering some CDs, according to Sgt. Sheets. "We're requesting a review on potential charges of

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Det. Jerrod Hart  
Novi Police Department

retail fraud and/or strong-arm robbery because of the struggle that took place during the robbery," said Det. Jerrod Hart, Novi Police Department.

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## Suspect faces break-in charges

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stroking her hair and taking off his shirt when he was discovered by the girl's parents.

The suspect has prior drinking-related convictions, according to police, but no prior breaking and entering of sexual conduct arrests. There was no indication of assault on any of the children.

The suspect was to be arraigned in 52-1 District Court Wednesday on home invasion and possibly other related charges.

## Land looks to install new voting system

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punch-card balloting systems with precinct-based optical scan ballots. States must also make certain equipment is accessible to disabled voters, including the blind and the deaf.

Michigan already has two-thirds of the job completed, Land said last week during a meeting with HomeTown and Observer & Eccentric editors. She said Florida's vote-count mishap is one workers at Michigan's 5,300 precincts will not face.

"We have a great system," Land said. "We have election officials who know what they're doing."

Land said though her goal is to comply with the national mandate and further streamline Michigan's existing voting system, she does not believe provisional voting is necessary. Provisional voting would allow residents to vote at precincts other than where they are registered.

Land said she's concerned provisional voting would open the door to possible fraud by allowing voters to cast ballots at multiple precincts. "It's really something we have to be concerned about," she said, adding she believes more should be done to cultivate votes from college-age students. Land favors early voting.



Photo by TOM HAWLEY

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land: "We have a great system. We have election officials who know what they're doing."

Land said voter fraud is not the only challenge her department faces.

Consolidating Michigan's secretary of state branches into five statewide "supercenters" and "plus centers," streamlining and improving service within those branches and driving more customers to the Web are three goals she takes seriously.

"My goal is to have one-stop shopping," she said. Currently two "mid-Livonia" supercenter sites featuring

Her plan also includes an updated computer system, one which will better monitor Michigan's voter registration and motor vehicle files. Land said she is one of only three secretaries of state nationwide — Maine and Illinois are the others — responsible for maintaining both lists.

Land said during the next three years she will use the \$30 million designated to her department by the Michigan Legislature last year to update and replace computer software and equipment.

When complete, she said Michigan residents will be able to renew their driver's license via the Web. Plus, her department will be able to exchange information with other departments such as police and justice.

She said the current system is safe from hackers, but it offers limited functions.

Land said she has not yet chosen a long-term political road, following expiration of her term-limited position. She did not rule out a possible gubernatorial run one day. "We really want to finish this job," she said. "But in eight years, I will be a very young 50."

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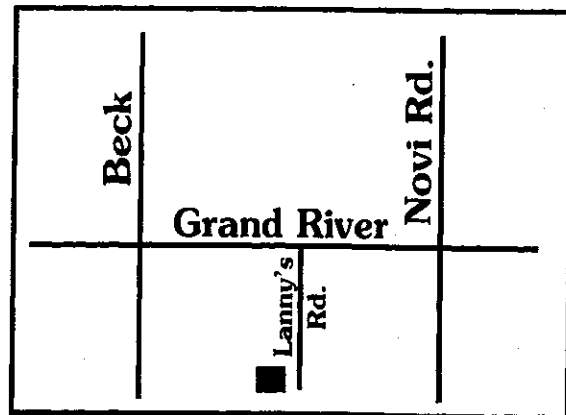
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## Novi Ice Arena offers wireless service

### Parents can surf while kids take the ice

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

You want to watch your son or daughter skate at the Novi Ice Arena but have dozens of e-mail messages to answer. What do you do?

Just open your laptop and start typing, thanks to the new wireless Internet access now available at the local arena.

Launched a couple of weeks ago, the service provides at the convenience of Internet usage to parents and coaches during skating times.

Patrons need only a laptop computer or hand-held computer, a specific card for their laptop computer that they can buy at any computer store and a subscription to the access point service provider.

"It's a wireless modem that has a wide range and it's been specifically wired by Bright House cable to serve our public," said Tom Zagacki, general manager of

the arena. "I actually sold the service to a couple of men who were watching their kids play hockey the other night," Zagacki said. "They were very interested in it."

The Novi Ice Arena offers access points installed by Virginia-based Network Nation. When users access their Internet browser, account access and sign-up information appear automatically.

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Users are billed monthly and can cancel at any time. Subscribers can also use the service at other facilities owned by Suburban-owned location in Michigan, such as Onyx Rochester Ice Arena, Suburban Ice East Lansing, Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

"By this time next year, there will be five arenas with wireless Internet access in the area," Zagacki said.

Suzy Malloire of Farmington Hills, president of the Skating Club of Novi, said she received a free subscription to the wireless

service through the owners of the Novi Ice Arena. She has three children — a college-aged daughter, Lisa, who skates for Grand Valley State University in Allendale, and 13-year-old twins, Karen and Kristen, who skate at the arena.

"Now, I can do my work concerning the club here. We did all our work at home before," she said.

About 60 families are currently involved in the club.

"They didn't have Internet access through their office here, so we gave them a promotional subscription during the launch of the service," said Jennifer Sutherland, communications manager, Suburban Sports Group in Farmington Hills.

The idea for the wireless Internet service came from Tom Anastos, president of Suburban Sports Group.

"They can conduct business, go on-line and shop, or answer their e-mail at the arena now," Zagacki said. "You could update statistics live or do a Web broadcast of a skating event or hockey game," Zagacki noted. "The capabilities are really limitless. It's a great idea for anybody spending a lot of



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

While ice skaters twirl away in the arena, Suzy Malloire, president of the Skating Club of Novi, hooks up the wireless Internet service provided by the Novi Ice Arena.

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## Road panel dips into its savings to balance budget

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At a meeting last week, the board for the Road Commission of Oakland County authorized a \$6 million transfer from its fund equity — or savings account — in order to unanimously pass a \$143 million budget.

The nearly \$6 million transfer is the largest ever use of fund balance dollars, according to Managing Director Brent Bair.

"That's an indication that state-collected road funds are not keeping up with the increases we're seeing in our operating expenses," Bair said.

The road department's largest sources of operating revenues are the state gas tax and vehicle registration fees. The largest source of road improve-

ment dollars is the federal gas tax. The road commission receives no funding from local property taxes.

The \$143 budget for fiscal 2005 is \$20 million more than the 2004 budget, but that does not mean there is a boost in money available for road projects.

Officials said much of the difference is the result of carrying over several large projects from 2004 into 2005.

The total cost for all projects expected to be under construction in 2005 is \$76 million, though not all of those dollars are included in the 2005 budget because some will be spent outside of the 2005 fiscal year.

The road commission's fiscal year runs Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.

## City council denies rezoning

Request did not comply with master plan

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

City council members denied a rezoning request at one of Novi's most well-traveled spots — the northeast corner of Twelve Mile and Novi roads — Monday night.

Members considered the rezoning request of William Eldridge for 1.3 acres at the corner.

The property has historically been used as the main entrance to Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens & Mausoleums, with one driveway on Twelve Mile and one

driveway on Novi Road. Eldridge wanted the property rezoned from single-family residential to general business. Council had received word from members of the planning commission in August to deny the request.

The planning commission felt that a commercial use would not be compatible with the existing cemetery directly north and east of the property.

"It's a high-traffic corridor not suitable for single-family dwellings," argued Allen Green, an attorney representing Eldridge, the property owner.

"The owner of the property has had no interest from developers of family dwellings in seven years. He thinks it should be a commercial or business site," Green added.

Green noted that Eldridge had received three offers for a gas station to be built on the corner, but that he doesn't want a gas station there.

"We're trying to find a legitimate use for the property," Green said.

Mayor Pro Tem David Landry moved to deny the rezoning request because it does not conform to the city's master plan for this corner. "Residential or office use was planned," Landry said.

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## Residents say sewage leaked

Problems still exist despite line being capped

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Old Dutch Farms residents George and Marianne Phillips have lived at the mobile home park for 11 years.

They say that sewage that leaked underneath their home has caused the structure to shift, damaging the home in several places. They've had to replace ceilings, floors and more, totaling more than \$5,000.

When repairs were done to the sewage pipe underneath the home, the owners left a seven-foot hole deep open for 48 hours with three young children living next door.

"They had their plastic play station right next to it," he said.

"I smelled like a Port-O-John," George said.

"We've spent a lot of money on disinfectants and room fresheners, trying to get our home to smell good," Marianne said.

"I've had to repair my roof three times in the last five years because the foundation has shifted. The sewage caused a separation of the two seams in the middle of my trailer," George said.

"My screened-in porch even separated from the trailer," he added.

The shifting foundation also caused windows to crack.

Their 17-year-old stepson, Corey Bergin, a student at South Lyon High School, lives with them.

"The sewer line was only

"I would be concerned if an elderly person or babies living in this home. They would have some major problems."

George Phillips  
Old Dutch Farms resident



Photo by PAM FLEMING

George Phillips, a resident of Old Dutch Farms in Novi, shows the sewage pipe recently capped underneath his mobile home. The homeowners say sewage leaked under the home for years, causing structural damage.

capped about a month ago, and we've lived here 11 years. All of the managers have known about the leaking sewage," Marianne said.

"All three of us have had respiratory problems which we think may be due to mold growing under the home caused by the sewage leakage," Phillips said.

"I never had any respiratory problems when I lived in Fowlerville," Corey said.

George's stepdaughter, Lynise Bergin, 18, a graduate of Fowlerville High School, said she also had respiratory problems while living in the mobile home.

"The line is capped, but we still have repairs to do," Marianne said. City officials came out to

inspect the Phillips' home late Tuesday afternoon.

"I believe they're wanting to do water testing at the home because of the sewage leakage underneath the home," George said.

"We're inviting them to come in and try to open some of our windows, especially my son's window," Marianne said.

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## City officials hope to solve problems

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city is committed to working with the residents to try to solve this."

The hookup is mandatory but availability and cost were apparent sticking points. Uninprop will pay about \$730,000 to connect to the city's system.

Charmaine Jones, a 10-year park resident and president of the park's homeowners association, has spearheaded efforts to improve conditions at the park.

Although residents are pleased that the city has taken steps to get the park on the city's sewer system, she said they are still concerned about water from the park's two on-site wells and other problems.

Residents say the water's iron content is so high that they must purchase drinking water, can't wash clothes in it because the clothing turns orange, and they have had to replace appliances that use water more than once.

She says park residents have had to search for other assistance when complaints aren't adequately handled by what she calls a multitude of park managers.

Jones claims that there have been 117 eviction cases filed this year alone — triple the rate from last year. She wonders if Uninprop is evicting people in retaliation from residents' complaints about the park.

"If you miss three payments in a 12-month period, it's just cause for an eviction," she

explained. "But many residents are being evicted because they have dogs after receiving verbal approval by a previous manager at the park."

John Fiero, a former chief of the Manufactured Housing Program within the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, said his agency has worked on "a parallel path" with the city.

"It's kind of a tangled web," he said. "We kind of had separate initiatives. We've been pursuing the hookup individually. We're definitely going to be following up on make sure that the sanitary sewer hookup is completed in a timely fashion."

But, he added, "It's our perception that there's always been cooperation with Uninprop and with the city. It's always been in good faith," Fiero said.

"We're going to make sure that if (the sewer hookup) happens, it wasn't a compromise of standards. They weren't violating any laws."

Rick Helwig, city manager, and other city officials toured the park Tuesday afternoon and will inform council members of the outcome of any meetings with residents, park owners or the state.

Clay Pearson, assistant city manager, said Uninprop was until the end of the year to complete the sanitary sewer hookup.

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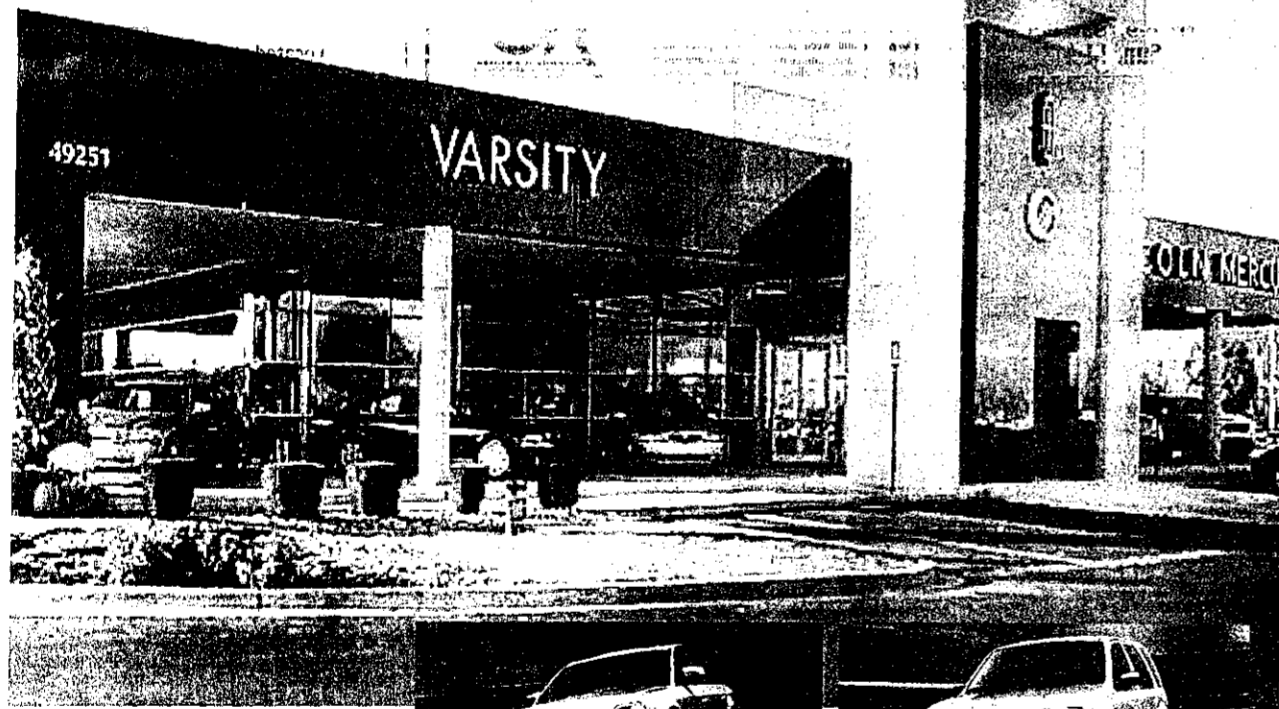
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# Upscale dining is all in the family

## Resident's Nov roots reach to South Lyon

By Kim Kowale  
STAFF WRITER

Novi resident Don Waldenmayer's path to owning and operating family restaurants with upscale cuisine began in his own family.

As a boy, Waldenmayer trekked from his Novi home to his grandparents' restaurant near Caro in Michigan's Thumb where he learned the ropes of the restaurant business.

"My grandmother was the cook in the family," Waldenmayer said. "She was the inspirational one. She did everything from scratch. You grew the vegetables, then you canned the vegetables, then you created the meals from the canned vegetables."

"As a chef, I got that interest in learning more about where food comes from and quality, and what organic cooking is all about."

After years in the restaurant industry, Waldenmayer, 47, now brings those early lessons to life in his up-and-coming downtown South Lyon businesses.

This Saturday, his Bistro 127 will celebrate a grand re-opening. After first welcoming diners as French Chef Paul Bocuse's 3003, the restaurant, which specializes in fresh Michigan seafood and foods from local farmers, is



**A look inside Bistro 127.**

adding a smoke-free, 40-seat dining area.

It also includes a "Gourmet-to-go-Shop" with fine wines, dimmers and lunch entrees. Waldenmayer hopes to someday add a three-room hotel and breakfast.

"I wanted to take one of those historic buildings in South Lyon and make it unique, and that's what I did," Waldenmayer said.

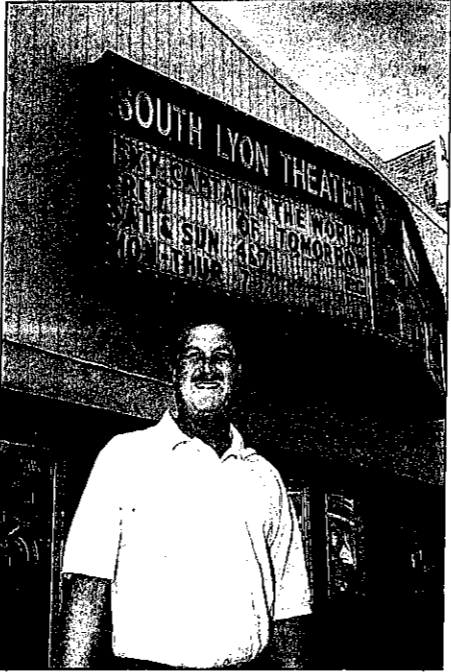
Waldenmayer, a certified executive chef with a master's degree in business, is no stranger to restaurant hospitality and management.

His experience began as a Novi High School freshman, when he was hired as a busboy at Country Epicure, now the Italian Epicure.

"There wasn't a lot you could do" in Novi at the time, Waldenmayer said. "You could work at one of the apple orchards or you could work on a farm. Haggerty and Meadowsbrook were dirt roads and there wasn't a lot of commerce."

After graduating from Novi High, he went on to manage at Holiday Inn's Viking Restaurant and Lounge, and also worked at Maroon, now the site of a Mercedes-Benz dealership.

Since then, he's been with the Maroon Corporation, Winegardner & Hammons, Inc., MacLuski Food and TGI Friday's. He was general manager for renowned French Chef Paul Bocuse's 3003, the restaurant, which specializes in fresh Michigan seafood and foods from local farmers, is



**Novi's Don Waldenmayer in South Lyon: "My grandmother was the cook in the family. She was the inspirational one. She did everything from scratch."**

Howell, Waldenmayer got his first taste of historic renovation with the 55-room Livingston Hotel, built in 1856.

"They converted the building to a 250-person banquet hall topped by seven two-story townhouses."

Waldenmayer said he expected Bistro 127 in South Lyon because it was close to his hometown but more cost-efficient.

"It's starting to really ... blossom," he said. "I think I'm a little bit ahead of the curve with the casual upscale type dining."

Novi has its significance: he met his wife, Debora here, and they raised their two children, Danny, 8, and Katie, 3, in the city.

His family attends the South Lyon Theatre — a 1940s movie house Waldenmayer owns and aims to renovate into a dinner theater — and his son sometimes helps bag popcorn on busy nights.

Waldenmayer said he's content with his business, and hopes to see more Novi residents trek to South Lyon's downtown district.

"I think there'll be a lot more traffic between the two," he said. "There's so much housing in Novi and South Lyon. You don't have to fight the traffic. It's a nice quiet drive down Ten Mile or Eight Mile."

Bistro 127 is located at 125 E. Lake Rd. in South Lyon. For more information, call (248) 437-9000.

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Seminars and informative video presentations will be available, as will the Secretary of State's Mobile Branch office, which will help visitors renew driver licenses. Their Mobile Branch Office will be open Oct. 6-8, 2-9 p.m.; Oct. 9, noon-9 p.m., and Oct. 10, noon-6 p.m.

The show will be weekdays 9 a.m., Saturday 12-9 p.m., and Sunday 12-6 p.m. Ages 13 and up pay \$8 and children age 12 and under are admitted free. Today and tomorrow, the first 300 in the door each day will receive a free Woodall's hat cap.

Prizes for burritos average \$5.75-\$6.35. They're open Monday-Saturday from 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m., and on Sunday from 12-8 p.m.

Rio Wraps arrives  
Two brothers opened up a Rio Wraps in Novi on Aug. 27. Situated in the Gateway Village of Novi Plaza, Jeff and Matt Kilarski's store specializes in "larger portion burritos," tacos, nachos and related cuisine.

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called "Lucky's," will be the first section to open.

Lucky's will sport three bars, 14 billiards tables, 200 video games and a 40-foot video wall. In addition, and American Bistro restaurant will offer appetizers and entrees ranging from \$4.95-\$18.95. The second floor, which will open in the next six to eight months, will sport Tequila Rain, a Mexican Cantina lounge with a five large glass garage doors and a 2,000 square-foot patio. Adjacent to that, a 20,000 square-foot bowling alley with 14 lanes will open.

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After hosting its grand opening last week, the Novi's Citizens Bank hub at 29001 Cabot Drive will serve as a "rally" home base for an upcoming corporate event.

On Oct. 14, CEO Bill Hartman and other top executives and bankers will form two 35-person teams and call on more than 700 business prospects in Novi and elsewhere in Oakland County. It'll last one day, and there will be no appointments.

General Nutrition Centers, Inc. of Novi announced it will encourage community involvement during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October.

Beginning Oct. 1, it will join other locations nationwide and distributing a women's health guide focusing on early detection and breast cancer prevention.

All customers wearing a pink ribbon Oct. 15, National Mammogram Day, will receive 10 percent off their purchase.

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Coming to Detroit for the first time, Action Cut Filmmaking Seminars will be held Oct. 30 and 31, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., at the Hilton Garden Inn Conference Center at 351 Grant Ave.

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The Novi-based Michigan Production Alliance will be hosting educational events in the upcoming month.

Held at the Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts, a half-day seminar to promote the education of entry-level media professionals will be held Oct. 16, 9 a.m.-noon.

A 1.5-hour lecture will feature a production equipment overview and a panel discussion that covers local production companies, organizations and union resources.

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# St. John Lutheran hosts Christian rock concert

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Church goers who attend St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills should bring a change of clothes this Sunday because after mass is all over, the music will begin.

CrossChords, a local Christian rock band will perform a combination of original songs and covers beginning at 4 p.m. at the church. The groups that CrossChords will be covering are: Composer Mark Shultz, Burlap to Cashmere and D.C. Talk, just to name some. Other songs that attendees will hear were written by band member Jeff Plassins.

For those who are not too familiar with Christian music, band leader Debby Pothoff explained it as "Phil Collins type music."

"Unless you really listen to the lyrics, you don't know that it's any different than what you listen to on regular rock radio," Pothoff said.

"It's not heavy metal or anything like that. It's really a lot of fun because we have all different styles. We play everything from blues, to disco, to Britney Spears type music to Backstreet Boys to anything that's popular, but the songs just have Christian lyrics."

The band started up about three years ago when the church was looking to start a contemporary service. Pothoff was made the contemporary director when she got the idea.

"I basically started with nothing and I didn't know that many people," Pothoff said. "A lot of them were in traditional choir, so I would sit next to them and listen to voices and when I thought someone had a good voice, I'd ask them if they would like to sing contemporary."

More and more people became interested in Pothoff's idea and before she knew it, she had the



CrossChords performs Sunday at St. John Lutheran.

**WHAT:** CrossChords, in concert, a Christian Rock concert of Faith and Inspiration  
**WHEN:** Sunday, Oct. 10  
**TIME:** 4 p.m. (doors open at 3:30.)  
**WHERE:** St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills. (Off of Grand River Road and between Drake and Farmington Roads). Visit St. John at [www.stjohn-lutheran.com](http://www.stjohn-lutheran.com) for more information.  
**FOR TICKETS:** Call the church office at (248) 474-0584.  
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core group of the band in place.  
"At the time we just did special music for some people," Pothoff said. "We did the open house last year when St. John's opened and we asked some other people who were not members to come in and guest sing and now they sing pretty regularly."

The band was called "Praise Band" back then, but that name wasn't adequate for the members, so they brainstormed and finally, Plassins came up with the name "CrossChords."

"Some older member made up Praise Band," Pothoff said. "My brother (Plassins) is 43 and I'm 48, but the younger guys are about 28 and 29 and they have been in rock bands before. My brother and I were just playing our piano and we pretty much taught ourselves the Christian Rock."

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# HomeTown wins honors as 'best and brightest' company

By Jim Totten  
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Great people who care about what they do. Cheryl Tompson, human resources manager for HomeTown Newspapers, said she believes this is what her newspaper company is all about, and she's not alone.

HomeTown Newspapers — parent company for the Novi News — was recently selected as one of Metropolitan Detroit's "101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For."

"I think it's a fabulous place to work, and I think it's great to get the recognition," Tompson said.

HomeTown Newspapers is also the parent company for the Milford Times, the Northville Record, the South Lyon Herald and the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus.

The company was anonymously nominated by an employee this year. The Michigan Business & Professional Association (MBPA), which organizes the awards,

then sent Tompson a lengthy survey to fill out; the organization also randomly selected employees to complete questionnaires on how they feel about their employer.

"It really is a very nice honor," Tompson said. "One of the neat things is we didn't apply for this," said Rich Perlbeg, vice president and general manager of HomeTown Newspapers. "It was anonymous."

The selection came as the newspapers were learning that they had received a number of awards in the annual Better Newspaper Contest hosted by the Michigan Press Association.

"Good people working at a place where they are valued are going to put out a good product," Perlbeg said.

Tompson shared his view. "You get really great people doing really great things and it all comes together like this," Tompson said. The selected companies will be honored at a ceremony Oct. 20. The MBPA will select 10 companies as elite winners at the event.

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# Food Network guru pays a visit to Novi

## Test kitchen cook shows how to make it easy

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

In our fast-paced, mobile society, much of the emphasis on cooking these days boils down to two priorities: make it fast, and make it easy.

Katharine Alford, director of Food Network Test Kitchens, will visit Novi this weekend to promote the cable network's second book, "Making It Easy."

Alford will appear from noon to 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Borders Books & Music at Novi Town Center for a book signing, cooking demonstration and a tasting.

"I'll also talk about the book and behind the scenes at the Food Network kitchens," she said.

Born in New York City and raised in Washington, D.C., Alford majored in theater at Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., and came to New York with the idea of becoming an actress and director.

"Now, I'm the director of a test kitchen," she said in a recent phone interview.

"I probably work on 25 different recipes a week," Alford was actually having a dinner party when first contacted for this story. She requested that the interview be postponed until the next morning.

"I do go home and cook," she said. Some recipes prepared in the network's test kitchen come from what viewers want and the rest are original recipes from the creative staff at the network.

"We have 22 people in the culinary department, including food stylists, recipe testers and developers, researchers, culinary producers and other support staff. We even have someone whose full-time job is just to sleep for what we need," she said.

Alford said the difference this "fast-and-easy" cookbook and others like it is that it suggests a variety of cooking methods. "If everything is real quick, it ends up being sautéed, broiled or grilled. We wanted to open the door to more cooking techniques and get those great stews and braises in there," she said.

The professionals who cook behind the scenes of the Food Network have developed many great tips and time-saving recipes. Dishes in the new cookbook are designed to keep the effort minimal and the results impressive.

"Making It Easy" has more than 100 recipes and 50 photographs. Each recipe has been tested to ensure that the actual hands-on prep takes less than an hour. Whether you are putting it together at dinner time or planning ahead in the morning with a slow

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Director, Food Network Test Kitchens

cooker, "Making It Easy" has recipes to suit everyone's style and needs.

The cookbook features four cooking strategies: Real Fast, Cool Tools, Double Duty and Pantry Plus.

Real Fast focuses on recipes that can go to table in 30 minutes or less — with dishes such as Indoor Grilled Salmon with Fennel and Orange or Chicken Salimbocha.

Double Duty means cook once, eat twice or more. The only things you'll have left over are the makings of tomorrow's great meals, such as Turkey Enchilada Casserole or Thai Shrimp and Rice Soup.

Pantry Plus gives tips on how to make the most out of your pantry with recipes like Cozy Coconut-Lime Pudding Cake or Chicken with Tomatoes and Peppercorns.

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For more information, visit [www.foodnetwork.com](http://www.foodnetwork.com). Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at [pffleming@ht.homecomm.net](mailto:pffleming@ht.homecomm.net).

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Recipes from the Food Network kitchens' second cookbook, "Making It Easy":

### Southwestern Pulled Brisket Sandwiches

Prep time: 20 minutes active time (8 hours in slow cooker)

- 3 pounds beef brisket
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 5 cloves garlic, peeled and smashed
- 1 Spanish onion, halved and thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 2 tablespoons ground cumin
- 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 1/4 1/2-ounce can whole peeled tomatoes, with juice
- 2 whole canned chipotle chiles in adobo
- 2 bay leaves
- 3 tablespoons molasses
- Soft sandwich buns
- Pickled jalapeños

Season the beef generously with salt and pepper to taste. Heat a large, heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Add the oil and heat just until beginning to smoke. Add the meat and cook, turning once, until browned on both sides, about 10 minutes total. Transfer the meat to the slow cooker; leave the skillet on the heat. Add garlic, onion, chili powder, coriander, and cumin to drippings in the skillet and stir until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add vinegar and boil until it's almost gone, scraping the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon. Stir in water and pour the mixture over the brisket. Crush the tomatoes through your fingers into the slow cooker; add the tomato juices, chipotles, bay leaves and molasses.

Cover the cooker, set it on low and cook the brisket until it pulls apart easily with a fork, about 8 hours. To serve, leave the meat in the slow cooker and use two forks to pull it apart and stir it evenly into the sauce; season with salt and pepper to taste. Remove and discard bay leaves.

### Tiramisu Rapido

Prep time: 20 minutes active time (1 hour in the refrigerator)

- 1/4 cup coffee liqueur
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 tablespoons espresso powder
- 6 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
- 8 ladyfingers
- 8 ounces mascarpone cheese
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons ground chocolate or sweetened cocoa

Whisk the coffee liqueur, water, espresso powder, and 2 tablespoons of the confectioners' sugar in a glass measuring cup until smooth. Pour about 1/3 cup of the mixture over the ladyfingers in a shallow bowl, then toss and set aside.

Gently beat with a hand held mixer the remaining espresso mixture and the remaining 4 tablespoons confectioners' sugar into the mascarpone until smooth. Take care not to overbeat it or the mascarpone will be grainy. Using the same beaters (no need to clean them), beat the whipped cream to soft peaks and fold it into the mascarpone mixture.

To assemble the tiramisu: Crumble half the soaked ladyfingers into four 8-ounce parfait or wine glasses. Spoon 1/4 cup of the mascarpone mixture over the ladyfingers and press and spread gently with the back of the spoon to fill the spaces between the ladyfinger pieces. Repeat with remaining ladyfingers and mascarpone mixture. Sprinkle 1/2 teaspoon ground chocolate over each serving. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or overnight before serving.

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But, in order for it to be successful this year, we need your family and original holiday recipes. We're looking for appetizers, soup, cake, salad dressing, stuffing, cookies, pie, roast beef, punch, vegetable and any other recipes normally served during Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's. The recipes can be simple or gourmet. They can be handed down through your family, modified from another recipe or something you came up with all on your own. You can send in as many as you like. Even restaurants and professional chefs may submit recipes.

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# Japanese Club experiences authentic instruments

## Traditional songs performed at Novi High

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Pupils in Novi High's Japanese Club received a rare treat last week as they witnessed first-hand the sounds of popular Japanese instruments, the Koto and Shakuachi. Guests of Japanese teacher Noriko Rosen performed traditional authentic songs using the instruments and students learned some valuable lessons about Japanese culture.

### What is a Koto?

The Koto is a traditional Japanese instrument. It originally came from China and was used primarily to entertain the nobility. At the end of the Muromachi Period, a priest created a new style of Koto, which turned out to be the beginning of the Japanese Koto. In the Edo Period, it became one of the main instruments in Japan. Each Koto has a delicate sound and is individually distinctive.

### What is a Shakuachi?

The Shakuachi is a bamboo flute that has five holes. It is also a traditional Japanese instrument. In the Nara Period, it was already used among the noble classes. Over time, however, it became a popular instrument. The tone is very impressive and deep and varies with each player. The sound of this flute is the best match with the Koto.



COURTESY PHOTO

Novi High School's Japanese Club watches as performers Junko Fukuda, Akiko Shirai, Harumi Omitsu, Mizue Nishida, Sachiko Kamiya and Moriyaki Takahashi perform music using the Japanese instruments Koto and Shakuachi.

According to Rosen, the songs that were performed included: Torisu Yakyoku, Kuroda-Busi, Miyabi and Sakura.

Sakura is one of the most popular flowers among Japanese people. Americans know them as cherry blossoms, but it's also the name of a song in Japan, which was performed for the students.

Kuroda-Busi is a very popular Japanese folk song. It celebrates the spirit of Japanese Samurai about four hundred years ago.

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## Community Calendar

### EVENTS

**Roses-West Rose Society**  
October Meeting  
DATE: Thursday, Oct. 7  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi  
DETAILS: "Fabulous Floridubunda Roses" slide program by Jon Wier of Grand Rapids. Hands and social hour.  
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**Daughters of the American Revolution, Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of Plymouth-Northville Luncheon**  
DATE: Monday, Oct. 18  
TIME: noon  
LOCATION: Northville Library, Northville  
DETAILS: The program will be Your Patriot. All DAR members and potential members are welcome.  
CONTACT: (734) 420-2775.

**Friends of the Wixom Library Used Book Sale**  
DATE: Thursday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
LOCATION: Wixom Public Library at 49015 Pontiac Trail in Wixom, across the street from the Post Office.  
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**Haunted Woods**  
DATE: Saturday, Oct. 9  
TIME: 7:30-10 p.m.  
LOCATION: Gilbert Willis Park, Loon Lake Rd.  
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**Monster Mash**  
DATE: Friday, Oct. 15  
TIME: 6:30-8 p.m.  
LOCATION: Wixom Community Center  
DETAILS: \$6 per person, come dressed up. DJ will play the latest spooky creepy hits.  
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**Northville Youth Theater Production of Babes In Toyland**  
WHEN: Performances are Dec. 17, 18, and 19  
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St., Northville.  
DETAILS: Kids ages 7-18 are invited to join Northville's newest performing arts group, Northville Youth Theater, for its first production Babes in Toyland. Rehearsals will vary by assigned part.  
CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411, for more information. This production is presented by Northville Parks and Recreation and Serendipity Productions.

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**Novi Newcomers and Neighbors Women's Self-Defense Class**  
DATE: Wednesday, Nov. 3  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Instructional Technology Center (ITC) on Taft Road (the building links between the fifth and sixth grades in Novi Meadows).  
DETAILS: The class is free. Sgt. Tom Kielbasa of the West Bloomfield Police Department will be teaching a class on self-defense, and personal safety including safety in public facilities, parking lots, etc.  
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**Providence Center for the Healing Arts' Tuesdays at Assarian**  
DATE: Every Tuesday night  
TIME: 5-8 p.m.  
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi.  
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# Seniors come together to celebrate '50s

■ Fox Run's themed dinners offer all-ages fun

By Kim Kovellev  
STAFF WRITER

Senior citizens and high school seniors alike were brought together by the 1950s last Wednesday. In one of the Fox Run Erickson Retirement Community's themed dinners, the Fireside Restaurant was transformed into "Fireside Diner," complete with pink and black balloons, cardboard jukebox and Elvis cutouts, and doo-wop tunes.

And as with all evening meals, the generating gap was crossed as a student waitress helped serve and entertain -- dining residents.

"It's a life-changing experience," said Kyle Bishop, a Novi High senior who's worked at Fox Run for a year. "The age barrier doesn't matter anymore. They become our friends. Mrs. Clawson is 'Grandma Clawson.'" Ages 14 and up, the kitchen's waitstaff is 55 strong. Working year-round, all the students benefit, said dining services administrative assistant Linda Gilevich.

"For a first job, they just learn how to deal with different generations and different backgrounds,"

Gilevich said. "They benefit from the residents of course, but also the younger people because it brings the current time to their lives."

Last week 18 students were on hand, plus seven trainees. While residents ate burgers, hot dogs, mashed potatoes and vanilla ice cream, the costumed crew joined in Grease-themed performances of the "land jive."

Deanna Albanelli, a server and senior at Novi High who wore a poodle skirt and "Pink Ladies" shirt, helped organize the mini-shows.

"After we got everyone going, they were enjoying it," Albanelli said. "It's brought back a lot of memories."

Having raised five sons in the '50s, Mary Kay Ulrich, a retired paralegal, equipped that diapers were among her memories. But the students hit a soft spot: "The kids come in and we just love them," Ulrich said. "It's the best thing that happens around here. There isn't a kid I don't have a ball with."

Connie Starr, 75, agreed. "The enthusiasm they have is just ... great," she said. She too has seen the age barrier broken: "Some of the kids were amazed that we have a sense of humor."

A scholars fund has been established to help college-bound students. It's a donation option for



Mable Fake and Bob Murray pause to pose by a dancing couple display after enjoying Fox Run's 1950s-themed dinner.

# Water pressure to improve south of I-96

Residents in west and south-west Novi will have increased water pressure thanks to the activation of a much-anticipated water main crossing.

The crossing, which opened last week, provides a second crossing of the freeway. Its need was discussed as early as 1997.

The new 23-inch water main crosses I-96 from Twelve Mile Road at West Park Drive to Grand River Avenue.

Residential developments in developing southwest Novi have experienced low water pressure, especially during peak summer water demand. With the new water main crossing, pressure will be maintained in a more standard range, according to city officials.

City council members awarded a \$537,975 contract to The

Rothenburger Company in January 2004. The new water main passed the last Detroit Water and Sewerage District pressure tests September 16, which were followed by cleanliness tests.

"The project was identified in the Water Master Plan and Distribution Study as a key to improving the water system for Novi residents and businesses," said Rick Helwig, city manager.

The new crossing provides improved water reliability to all of Novi south of I-96. Prior to the construction of the new crossing, the crossing at I-96 along Novi Road was the only crossing.

Another project in the works is a booster pump station at West Park Drive and Twelve Mile Road to further improve water delivery in Novi.

# On Campus

Novi residents, Egen Paladino, Christopher Pall, Alparcau, Jennifer Arman, Anuradha Saran, Kara Sass, Tracy Belland, Gail Coy, Patricia Smak, Melanie Sosy, Christopher Dearing, Christian Mark Welch and Janice Wesley, were named to the Dean's List at Madonna University for the most recent semester 2004.

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# Civic Center hosts Halloween event

By Kim Baker  
SPECIAL WRITER

The Novi Civic Center will be transformed into a Halloween haven Oct. 15 from 6-9 p.m., when Novi Parks and Recreation hosts the Halloween Enchanted Evening.

There will be five themed rooms -- "Sock Hop Cafe," King and Queens Corner, "Hunted Highway," "Superhero City" and "The Swamp" -- for kids and adults alike to enjoy.

Each room will also feature a special crafts activity and treat associated with the theme.

Hungry event-goers will sit down to a pizza and "potion" dinner, where they will be entertained by a Halloween magician and interact with a balloon artist.

Kids are encouraged to come in costume.

"There's something for everybody," said Tracie Ringle, event and marketing coordinator. "It will be fun if your child wants to get spooked or just wants to participate in the activities," she said.

"The parents will have fun by assisting the kids and they may even want to re-learn the mashed potato and the twist."

Those looking to get spooked will want to walk through the Haunted Highway and see what is waiting for them.

The busy metropolis in Superhero City will feature Novi firefighters and police officers.

Prizes will be awarded to the most accurate throw and the longest distance throw. Participants must be registered by Oct. 14. Registration packets can be picked up 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the Novi Parks and Recreation office.

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# Pumpkin tossing

Novi Parks and Recreation is hosting a pumpkin contest at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 23, at Power Park.

Each group of participants must build a non-mechanical, non-electrical device that can throw an eight to 10 pound pumpkin, which will be provided for them.

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# Safety tips for Halloween

- Use flashlights, stay on sidewalks, and avoid crossing yards.
- Cross streets at the corner, use crosswalks (where they exist), and do not cross between parked cars.
- Stop at all corners and stay together in a group before crossing.
- Wear clothing that is bright, reflective, and flame-retardant.
- Consider using face paint instead of masks. (Masks can obstruct a child's vision.)
- Avoid wearing hats that will slide over their eyes.
- Avoid wearing long, baggy, or loose costumes or oversized shoes (to prevent tripping).
- Be reminded to look left, right, and left again before crossing the street.
- Parents and adults should:
  - Go only to well-lit houses and remain on porches rather than entering houses.
  - Travel in small groups and be accompanied by an adult.
  - Know their phone number and carry coins for emergency telephone calls.
  - Have their names and addresses attached to their costumes.
  - Bring treats home before eating them so parents can inspect them.
  - Use costume knives and swords that are flexible, not rigid or sharp.
  - When walking in neighborhoods, they should:
- Establish a curfew (return time) for older children.
- Prepare homes for trick-or-treaters by clearing porches, lawns, and sidewalks and by placing jack-o-lanterns away from doorways and landings.
- Avoid giving choking hazards such as gum, peanuts, hard candies, or small toys as treats to young children.
- Inspect all candy for safety before children eat it.
- Parents and adults should ensure the safety of pedestrian trick-or-treaters by:
  - Making sure children under age 10 are supervised as they cross the street.
  - Driving slowly.
  - Watching for children in the street and on medians.

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# DPW to undergo \$35,000 renovation project

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

The City of Novi Department of Public Works will undergo a \$35,000 renovation project in the near future at a savings to taxpayers.

City leaders approved the project during a recent budget amendment.

The city is having some DPW staff members do a lot of the work instead of hiring outside contractors.

DPW staff would like to have the project — which involves adding a 3,200-square-foot space for three offices, a small work space and a large conference room with some open space — completed by the beginning of 2005.

## Hosni speeds to victory

This past weekend, Southfield-based Team RSIG Racing competed in the Sports Car Club of America National Championship Runoffs at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio.

Ed Hosni of Novi drove one of two competing vehicles for Team RSIG. Hosni, who has won a national race this year, raced a Ford Mustang in the American Sedan division on Sept. 25 at 2:25 p.m. He took fourth place overall.

While racing on Sept. 24 at 3:20 p.m., his counterpart, Northville resident Jeff Robbins, crashed his 2003 Chevy Corvette, according to Franklin Dahabiyeh of Franklin Publicity, who also reported that Robbins was all right.

Now in its 41st year the course has hosted the runoffs for 11 years. This year, nearly 700 drivers competed for national championship medals in 24 different classes.

Benny McCusker, DPW director, told members of city council recently that he has two general contractors in the department who have agreed to help with the work. He said the project can be accomplished in-house for much less than what private contractors would charge.

The Novi DPW employs 29 people, including the director.

Craig Klaver, chief operating officer for the city, said the main goal of the project is to add city forester Steve Printz and parks maintenance supervisors Matt Wiktorowski to the building where their employees report every day and equipment they use is stored.

"We are also connecting existing office space, and we would

have the water and sewer force-main, Tom Lovelady, in the building," Klaver said.

"I think we're getting the most we can by taking the least amount out of our contingency fund," said Richard Helwig, city manager. "It's very common for city workers to do things like this."

Council Member Kim Capello was concerned that the \$35,000


estimate was a bit low, with the going rate being \$22 to \$35 a square foot for this type of construction.

"I think we can do it," McCusker said. "I have some people on board who are general contractors. We receive about 6,000 requests a year, and we may fall behind a week or two, but we always catch up. We had a water

main break recently that put us back two weeks. That's the nature of emergency work."

"We're comfortable with this figure," Helwig said.

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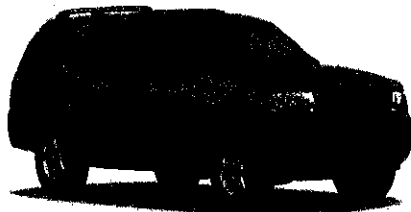
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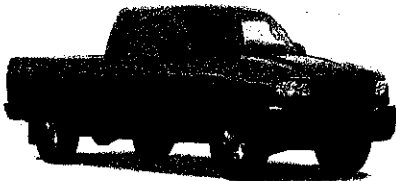


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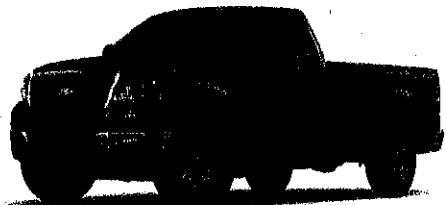
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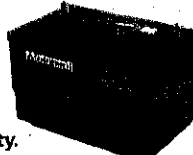
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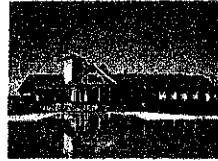
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The Novi Wildcats girls' basketball team split their KVC games against foes Lakeland and Brighton last week. See who they beat and who they fell to. — Page 2B



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## Just one more

If Novi earns one more win, they'll make playoffs, win KVC

By Stan Frank  
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

The Purple People Eaters. The Steel Curtain. The Gang Green. Masterful defensive units.

Two of them terrorized opposing NFL offenses a quarter-century ago. The other, tailored in trademark green uniforms, has recently been terrorizing opposing offenses in the Kensington Valley Conference.

Last Friday night proved no exception, as Novi's Gang Green delivered a defensive gem that would even have been the envy of Minnesota's Purple People Eaters and Pittsburgh's Steel Curtain.

On the road in a 20-0 shutout victory, Novi's Gang Green defense limited to a mere 18 yards of total offense a South Lyon team that entered the contest averaging 31 points per game.

Showcasing elite team speed, the Wildcats throughout the game swarmed and ganged up on South Lyon's vast array of impressive offensive weaponry. The Lions had nowhere to run, evidenced by their total output of two first downs.

"They're a quick team," South Lyon head coach Mark Thomas said. "We got caught from behind a couple times, which no one else has been able to do."

Collectively, the Gang Green amassed five sacks and forced three turnovers. Early in the second quarter, senior linebacker Rob Carter delivered a vicious hit to South Lyon quarterback Ryan Fagin, in one instant providing Novi's offense a gift at a time when the two teams were locked in a defensive battle.

On a blind-side rush, Carter mugged Fagin, forcing the ball loose and hurtling deep into South Lyon territory. Ultimately, senior defensive lineman Sean Costello picked up the loose ball and rumbled seven yards before being tackled at the South Lyon 6-yard line.

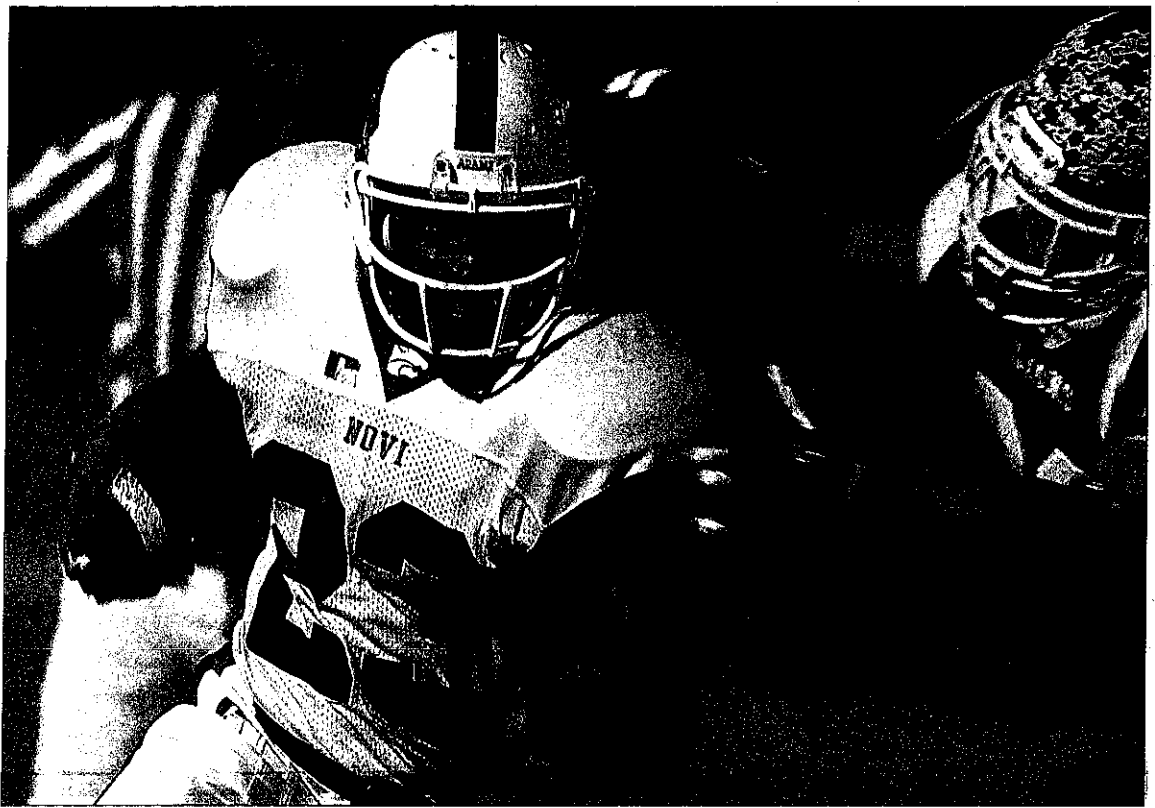
The Wildcats, four plays later on fourth-and-goal, mounted a 7-0 lead on a one-yard quarterback sneak by senior Kevin Ctslo.

South Lyon's defense entered the game allowing an average of fewer than five points per game. Preparing for a low-scoring affair, Carter said the Wildcats worked overtime during the days leading up to the showdown, studying game film and fine-tuning the defensive game plan.

"South Lyon has one of the top defenses and they had been getting a lot of hype, so we had to come out and show them whose defense was boss," Carter said after the game.

**Special tactics**

Surprisingly, the Wildcats



Photos by HAL GOULD

ABOVE: Novi's Jarrell Woods breaks free from a would-be tackler as he scampers for yardage against a South Lyon defender. BELOW: Novi quarterback Kevin Ctslo once again masters the option and darts through the defense for a big gain against South Lyon.

began the second half by placing the focus on their special teams unit. Entering the third quarter with a 7-0 lead, Novi opted for an on-side kick, a sinister decision that paid game-clinching dividends.

Sophomore Patrick Sijan surprised South Lyon by kicking a groundball of which junior John Favorite stopped and smothered without contest at the South Lyon 44-yard line.

From there, senior running back Jarrell Woods took over, compiling 44 yards on two rushes, the last of which was a 31-yard run to paydirt.

Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey said that the Wildcats' coaching staff believed it could successfully execute the on-side kick and sought during the week an opportunity for its use.

"We told the special teams that we had to do something special tonight against this good team, because we felt that somewhere something had to give," Kellepourey said. "The kids really worked hard for it."

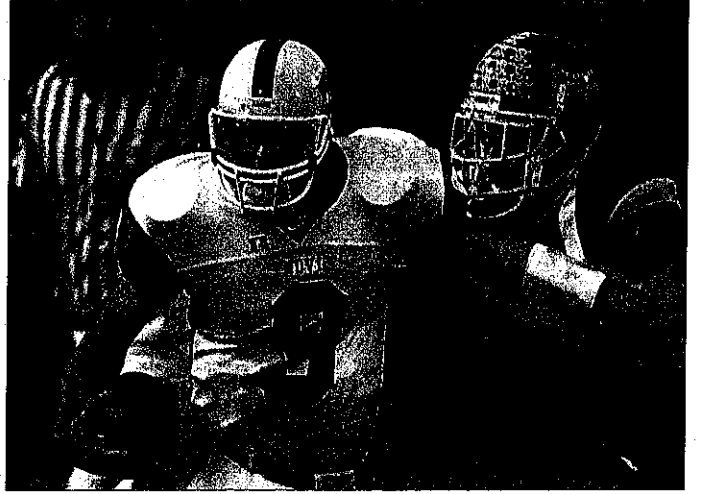
With 10:30 remaining in the

third quarter, the Wildcats finally allowed South Lyon its first of two first downs. Later, in the fourth quarter, the Gang Green defense forced South Lyon to punt from the back of its end zone, a factor of which resulted in excellent field position for the Novi offense.

A 15-yard return to South Lyon's 20-yard line set up a two-play touchdown drive, of which culminated on a two-yard rush by junior running back David Carnegie.

Although South Lyon's formidable defense limited Novi to only 197 total yards, the Wildcats offense capitalized when presented the opportunity. Regardless, it was the effort of the Gang Green defense that set the tone to an important league victory. Kellepourey credited defensive coaches Jeff Burnside, Dave Hartman and Dave Ray in dissecting the scouting report and devising a superb game plan.

"They sat down with these kids and really identified the challenges that were set up for them," Kellepourey said. "We



knew it was going to be a great defensive battle both ways, but our kids really responded to a great defensive game plan."

A masterful defensive effort, a

special effort, from the special teams units, and an opportunistic offense were all crucial in the Wildcats improving to 5-0 in the Kensington Valley Conference

and 5-1 overall. South Lyon, meanwhile, fell to 3-2 in the KVC and 4-2 overall.

Novi hosts Hartland tomorrow at 7 p.m.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's Todd Janer, middle, was called for a push on this play during a game against Pinckney.

## Simpson scores two in win over Pinckney

■ Jeremy Brodsky assists on both goals

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Novi High's boys soccer team continued its winning ways, as it defeated the Pinckney Pirates 3-0 on Sept. 28.

"It was a good all around game for us," Head Coach Brian O'Leary said. "Going into the game Pinckney had a lot going for them because they were playing on their narrow field. It rained a lot before the game and some during the game, so the field was in lousy condition and we were

playing without three starters, Marc Checchobelli and Steve Kim due to injury and Trey Love was sick."

The Wildcats pulled together as a team, however, and overcame all of these obstacles to post the shutout victory. Matt Simpson played well scored two goals, both on assists from Jeremy Brodsky.

"We have been working on finishing our chances and Matt did just that tonight," O'Leary said.

Todd Janer scored the final goal on a pass from Jason Sierra. "Matt Crawford did a great job shutting down Pinckney's best player, James Getzen," O'Leary said. "AJ Glubzinski made three very good saves in goal to earn the win and the shutout."

"We have been working on finishing our chances and Matt (Simpson) did just that tonight."

Brian O'Leary  
Novi soccer coach

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## New law speeds checking

A new law that's expected to dramatically speed up the processing of checks has got a lot of people talking.

Effective Oct. 28, Check 21 — the Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act — is hailed by some as a kind of super-legislation that will bring the nation's check payment system into the digital age. Others, consumer advocate groups mainly, believe that certain aspects of the law are not consumer friendly.

Both camps agree that Check 21 paves the way for financial institutions to convert paper checks to electronic files, reducing the time it takes for checks to clear. Out-of-state checks that used to take days to clear could clear within hours.

The new law doesn't mandate banks and credit unions to process checks electronically (although credit unions have been doing this for years); rather it eliminates the red tape involved in setting up an electronic check clearing system.

Under the new law a digital image of a check can be taken, which can then be presented to the originating financial institution as a substitute for the original paper check. Once the digital image of the check is created, the financial institution can retain or destroy the original check. Those institutions that do not wish to receive checks in an electronic format can request a substitute check — a paper copy of the electronic image of the original check. The substitute check is the legal equivalent of the original paid check.

The Sept. 11 attacks were the impetus for Check 21. Following the Sept. 11 attacks, and the grounding of air transportation, millions of checks languished until they could be shipped via truck to their destinations.

Proponents of the law, including Congressman Harold Ford, D-Tenn., and Rep. Melissa Hart, R-Penn., who co-sponsored the legislation, say the law will protect the financial sector against disruptions caused by terrorist attacks or natural disaster. They contend that consumers will benefit from better and faster financial services.

Among the strongest opponents of the law are Consumer's Union (the nonprofit publisher of Consumer Reports) and the Consumer Federation of America (CFA). They say Check 21 takes away the ability of consumers to receive their original paper checks, and increases the potential for consumers to bounce checks.

Consumers Union and CFA are so fired up about these issues that they have launched an online petition to pressure banks to adopt a set of consumer friendly policies. Consumers can sign the online petition at <http://cu.convio.net/site/PageServer?pagename=PetitionOnTheBanks>. They've also crafted a letter to bank CEOs urging them to adopt seven consumer friendly policies. Read the letter at [www.consumersunion.org/pub/core\\_financial\\_services/001317.html](http://www.consumersunion.org/pub/core_financial_services/001317.html).

How the law will affect consumers remains to be seen. It will be some time before electronic processing of checks is widely practiced. Meanwhile, review how you manage your finances. Here are some management guidelines to consider.

- Don't write a check if there aren't enough funds in your account. If you have to pay a bill, borrow the money from a family member or friend and pay them back when your deposit gets posted to your account.

- Have your paycheck direct deposited. Direct-deposited funds clear automatically.

- Monitor your account closely for errors. Call your bank or credit union and ask what your right of recredit is in case a check pays twice or is paid in the wrong amount. With other electronic transactions the bank must put the money (up to \$2,500) back into your account within 10 business days. (The bank can remove the money if it determines you committed the error.) You have access to these funds while the bank investigates the error. Recredit rights under Check 21 are not clear-cut; they depend on many factors including how the merchant and financial institution decide to process your check.

Mary Davis manages public affairs for the Michigan Credit Union League. Send your financial questions to "Your Money Matters" c/o the Michigan Credit Union League, P.O. Box 8054, Plymouth, MI 48170-8054, or e-mailed to [mcd@mcuol.org](mailto:mcd@mcuol.org).

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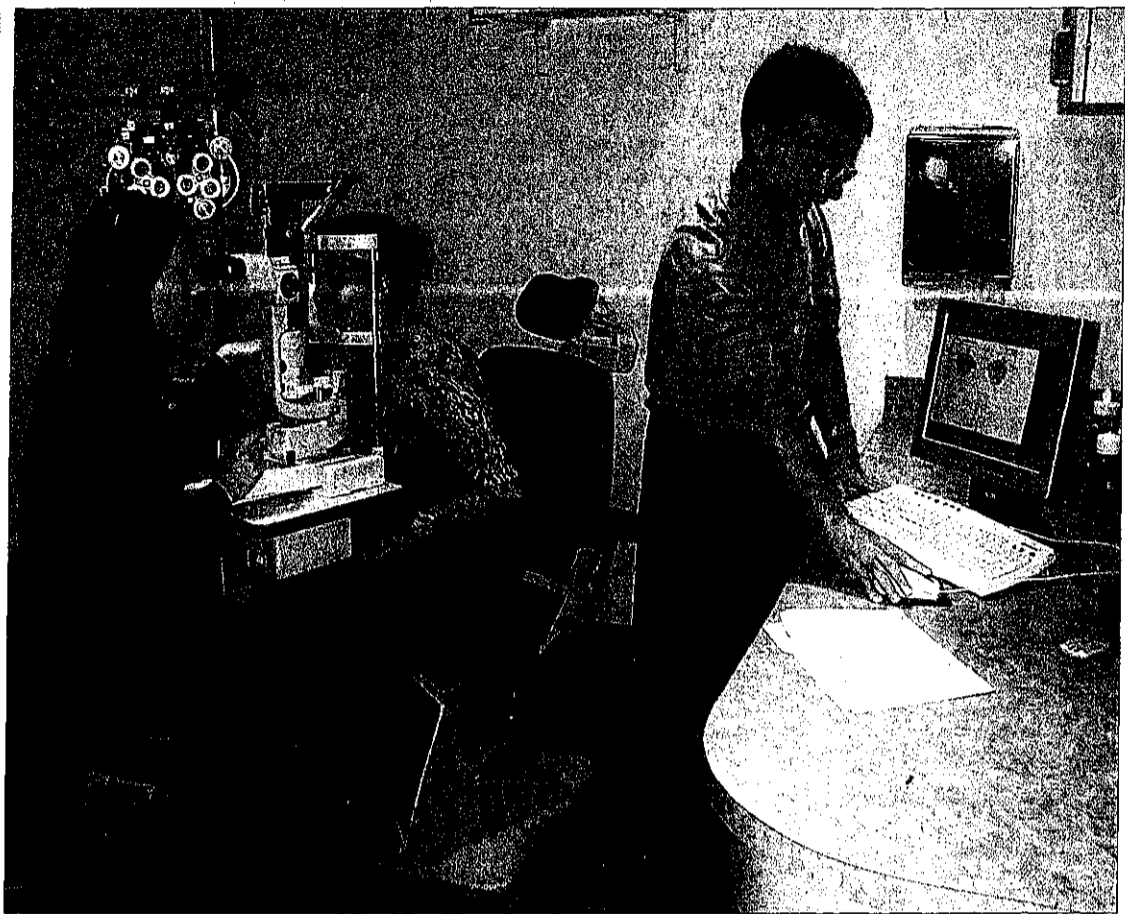


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Dr. Crissman examines a patient's eyes while Dr. Kirk reviews the images on the computer at Town & Country Eyecare.

## Town & Country Eyecare offers personal service

By Duane Ramsey  
SPECIAL WRITER

The doctors and staff at Town & Country Eyecare in Novi offer patients personalized care and treatment with the latest technology to patients at its new location opened earlier this year at Novi and Nine Mile roads.

Town & Country Eyecare celebrated their 10th anniversary this year and the staff has settled into the new facility. Dr. Timothy Kirk opened the local practice in 1994 at Oakpointe Plaza in Novi. Dr. Amy Crissman joined Town & Country Eyecare in 2002 after practicing optometry for seven years in other settings.

They opened the 2,650-square-foot facility last January nearly doubling the size of their previous location. The office was designed to incorporate the latest equipment and technology to offer their patients the best eye

care and treatment on a personal basis.

"The practice has grown by providing personalized quality eye care for the entire family," said Dr. Kirk. "We connect with our patients and get to know them on a one-to-one basis."

"Every examination room is equipped with a computerized eye chart that can display infinite combinations of letters, numbers and pictures to measure a patient's vision, as well as play cartoons for the children.

"Since children and teenagers are a significant part of our practice, we have equipment specifically geared to them," said Dr. Crissman, who joined the private practice because it allowed her to treat people on a more personal basis.

Doctors Kirk and Crissman keep the practice at the forefront of technology by offering the latest in eye care products and

treatment.

Town & Country Eyecare has the latest equipment such as a digital retinal camera, which takes a picture of the inside of the eye. This important instrument not only detects the effects of diabetes or high blood pressure on the eyes, but it can be used as an educational tool to show each patient his or her eye conditions.

"The patients understand their eye health better when they can see the results in the digital images on the computer screen," said Dr. Crissman.

The doctors have been fitting patients with the new high-oxygen, soft disposable contacts such as Focus Night and Day and Acuvue Advance lenses. These lenses allow 300 to 500 percent more oxygen through to the eye to keep it healthier with longer wearing times and better comfort than previous lenses.

Due to the size and quality of its contact lens business, Town & Country was chosen to be one of the first in the area to receive the newest two-week, disposable O2 Optix from CIBA. It should be another strong entry into the high-oxygen category that appears to be the future for all soft lenses, according to the doctors.

Custom LASIK is another recent breakthrough in eye care. Like the traditional LASIK procedure, custom LASIK reduces the need for glasses but goes a step further to enhance the quality of the patient's vision.

Pre-operative testing involves a wavefront analysis that examines the entire optical system at hundreds of points rather than the single axis used for traditional LASIK. Based on the results, custom LASIK is truly a unique procedure for each patient resulting in better vision with less distortion, said Dr. Kirk.

The doctors coordinate the actual LASIK surgery with TLC, Detroit, a laser surgery center in Farmington Hills. They also conduct post-operative reviews of those patients following the procedure.

"We have a number of patients that we have co-managed with TLC that have had Custom LASIK with excellent results," said Dr. Kirk.

Town & Country is hosting a seminar Nov. 16 at its offices to educate patients about custom LASIK procedures. The seminar will be led by LASIK surgeon Dr. Anthony Sensoli and Dr. Jeffrey Varanelli, clinical director of TLC.

The practice also continues to provide primary eye care, fitting for contacts and eye glasses, treatment of minor injuries and infections, and visual rehabilita-

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Join us on Tuesday, November 16th, at 7 pm to hear Dr. Jeffrey Varanelli, director of TLC Detroit, and LASIK surgeon, Dr. Anthony Sensoli, discuss the latest advances including Custom LASIK. Don't miss this special opportunity. Call our office now to reserve a spot for you and a friend!



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