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Flu shots available

County residents in high-risk groups eligible for shots

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

There's no doubt that the lack of flu vaccine has become the health story of fall 2004. But, Oakland County residents in one of the high-risk groups can

obtain a flu shot for \$7 at a community flu shot clinic this Saturday in Waterford (see box). Flu shots will be available to Oakland County residents in the following high-risk groups:

- Parents and siblings living with children less than 6 months old
- Children ages 6-23 months old
- Children and adults 2-64 years old with a chronic, medical condition
- Adults age 65 years or older
- Pregnant women
- Children ages 6-18 years receiving daily, chronic aspirin

therapy. The flu vaccine is not recommended for those allergic to eggs or flu vaccine, who have a past history of Guillain-Barre syndrome or who have a fever. Proof of Oakland County residency is required to receive a flu shot at the clinic. Attendees should bring photo identification, such as a driver's license or state issue identification card with current addresses and all insurance cards. Medicare and Medicaid insurance can be billed to cover

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FLU SHOT CLINICS FOR HIGH-RISK GROUPS

- Farmer Jack of Milford at 1616 Milford Road will hold a clinic today at 10 a.m.
- The Oakland County Health Division flu shot clinic is from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday at the former Montgomery Ward's at Summit Place Mall on Telegraph Rd. in Waterford. Cost is \$7. Proof of Oakland County residency is required.
- The Wixom Meijer's store at 4990 Grand River Ave. will host a clinic from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26.
- Livingston County Health Department will be holding flu shot clinics but has not specified a date. Representatives said clinics will take place in "late October." The cost of the shot is \$19, which will be covered by Medicare. For more information a specific schedule of clinics, call (517) 546-9850.
- Washtenaw County Health Department is currently taking request for morning appointments for high-risk patients. Medicare B plan members may not be covered by Medicare. Contact the WCHD at (734) 544-6700.

Get out and vote!

Don't know where to go? Here's help

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Registered voters in the City of Novi who don't know where they should vote in the November general election are encouraged to find out early the location of their polling place.

Voters who registered in the city of Novi by Oct. 4 will be eligible to vote in the Nov. 2 election.

The City of Novi is already receiving so many calls from voters asking about where they should vote that the clerk's office has recorded a message informing voters on where they can receive this information.

"We want to make sure that we respond to all of our voters' inquiries. However, due to the high volume of calls, voters may not be able to get through. We encourage callers to either call back or leave a message, and we will return the call as soon as we can," said Maryanne Cornelius, city clerk.

Cornelius noted that the number of registered voters has increased in Novi. As of Oct. 4, more than 33,000 people out of a population of over 50,000 people have registered to vote in the City of Novi.

The only time a resident who has voted in a previous election in the City of Novi needs to re-register is if they move or change their name.

Those who wish to vote by absentee ballot should come in person to the city clerk's office or request a form by mail for the ballot.

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VOTING DETAILS

Voters registered in the city of Novi by Oct. 4 will be eligible to vote in the Nov. 2 election. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Nov. 2. If you have questions concerning voting in Novi, call the city clerk's office at (248) 347-0456 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Detroit charter schools students Virgil Ullah, middle, and Treyveon Wilson, right, both 16, watch as Novi Radio Control Airplane Club member Frank Audette Jr. preps his single-engine flyer for takeoff at the club's Ten Mile Road club.

Squeezed out

Development means group needs new home

By Kim Kovellev
STAFF WRITER

Outside Anne Brancheau's new Island Lake home, there's a distant buzzing in the balmy fall air.

Although she hasn't lived there long, her family — especially her two sons — has no qualms about the source: radio-controlled airplanes flown by the Ribcrackers Model Airplane Club.

"We sit in the sunroom there, and we enjoy it," Brancheau said.

But with homes being built by the two takes near Ten Mile and Wixom roads and a church on the way, the group soon will need a new space.

Established 10 years ago, Lang Aerodrome field was named for the woman from whom the Ribcrackers leased the land.

Its gravel road entrance off Ten Mile leads to a neatly mowed grass runway and four flight stations.

"This used to be all open land," said Mike Hegyi, the club's president. "We're being squeezed out."

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Secret Wardle awarded legal bid

Birmingham firm retained for three more years

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

The firm currently handling the City of Novi's legal services won approval for another three-year contract at Monday night's city council meeting.

The Birmingham firm of Secrest, Wardle, Lynch, Hampton, Truex and Morley, P.C., was awarded the contract for general legal counsel services for Novi in a 4-3 vote. The new contract begins Nov. 1.

Mayor Lou Gordas, Mayor Pro Tem David Landry, members Kim Capello and Bob Gatt voted to retain the firm. Members Laura Lorenzo, Toni Nagy and Lynne Paul voted against awarding the contract to Secrest Wardle.

"When Secrest Wardle came into the City of Novi, quite frankly, our legal services were a mess. They have cleaned it up. In my opinion, they have done a wonderful job. They can handle and they've been handling our legal services for three and a half years," Landry said. "The fees they are charging are commensurate with other firms, and I believe this law firm has gone above and beyond the call of duty."

Landry noted that Secrest Wardle was able to bring a close to the Sandstone and Paragon lawsuits — two long-term cases which involved disputes with area developers.

The council voted in favor of renewing the firm's contract on the recommendation of the

D. Landry

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Plan blossoms for former orchard; some oppose it

Kroger, strip centers pitched for Ten Mile and Novi roads

By Kim Kovellev
STAFF WRITER

A new grocery store is something Novi residents could use, agreed most of the city's planning commissioners last week.

However, when it came to a project pitched for the southeast corner of Novi and Ten Mile

roads, the devil was in the details, from scope and traffic to existing retail and wetlands.

Centered around a Kroger, the 31-acre proposal would include more than 179,000 square feet in other commercial and office space on the former Erwin Orchard.

The plan was in concept form. In a public hearing, the commission had to decide whether to rezone the land from light industrial to commercial use under a new "planned rezoning overlay" process.

Speaking on behalf of longtime landowner Dan Weiss, attorney Matt Quinn said that Weiss in

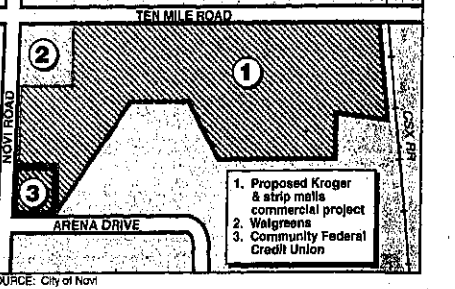
1997 donated 18 acres of land to the city to build the Novi Ice Arena.

"Currently in Novi, there are only two grocery stores serving this community of 50-plus thousand," Quinn said. "People want to shop... without having to drive outside of the community and do battle at the regional center like Meijer. The retail uses would be appropriate for a neighborhood community."

Besides upping landscaping and creating a "streetscape" feel, part of the proposal was

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Proposed Weiss Commercial Project



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Squeezed out

CRACKING 'EM UP

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"It's not if you crash a plane, it's when," member Don Unsworth said. "We're always crackin' them."

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Live where you play

However, not every new neighbor is pleased.

Approved by Novi's planning commission in 1997, Toll Brothers' Island Lake of Novi community spans 916 acres and ranges from \$300,000 townhomes to \$900,000 estates.

Signs tout great fishing, peaceful living, and invite prospective homeowners: "Live where you play."

But the planes have been seen as a nuisance and safety issue by at least a dozen residents said Ron Boshaw, assistant vice president with Toll Brothers.

"If we could all just kind of live together, that would be great," he said. "Unfortunately, we have had more than several complaints from existing homeowners, now that our clubhouse is open, that they're noisy. We've had a couple of those planes crash in our lake."

"All we can do is act as sort of a counselor between them. We want to try to do this as amicably as possible."

The Novi Police reported no formal complaints on record as of May 1, but Hegyi said the club has received one police visit, despite smaller fly zones.

Island Lake Development



In 1997, Novi's City Council approved a residential unit development plan for Island Lake of Novi. Following is timeline of when the planning commission gave preliminary site plan approval for housing phases in the 906-acre project:

- June 2, 1999: Vineyards, 75 units
- Mar. 1, 2000: Ravines, 57 units; Ravines Enclave, 16 units; Ravines East, 32 units; Arbors, 126 units; North Bay and North Woods, 104 units
- Apr. 3, 2002: Phases 4A and 5A (unnamed), 54 units
- Feb. 26 2003: Phase 4B-1 (unnamed), 76 units
- July 16, 2003: South Bay, 52 units
- Feb. 11, 2004: Phase 5B (unnamed), 110 units
- Mar 10, 2004: Arbors Expansion, 12 units
- Oct. 13, 2004: Phase 4B-2 (unnamed), 19 units proposed

Source: City of Novi Planning Department

Gloria Deus

In the end, though, a new church will be the reason the Ribcrackers move.

The total 27.6 acres was bought by Oak Pointe Church, a non-denominational group about 1,770 strong that has held services at Northville High School for more than seven years.

"It was sold to the church by the former owner, Shirley Lang," Senior Pastor Bob Shirock said. "She had named it Gloria Deus Field (for the glory of God). She had envisioned a church being built there."

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Plans blossoming for former orchard

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widening Ten Mile Road to include a third lane.

But more traffic along two-lane Novi Road and worries about hunting existing retail drive the commission to table the issue in a 6-1 vote. John Andriano and Richard Gaud were absent but expected.

Commissioner Victor Cassis listed current vacancies, problems with zoning Main Street residents and Fountain Walk's recent filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy as reasons for pause.

"Are we rushing into new development farther and further, thus cannibalizing existing development?" he said. "I can see where I can approve of such a project if it was not accompanied by thousands of other square feet of commercial use."

Commissioner Mark Pelrona noted Sam's Club's plans to move to the city. He agreed with the planning department's suggestion to bring buildings closer to roads to align with an existing Walgreens.

"If location, location, location is the game, what I see here is parking lots, parking lots, parking lots. I'd want to see something more visually pleasing," Pelrona said.

Parking behind buildings was suggested, but Quinn said that could cause inconvenience getting to front entrances and safety hazards with loading docks nearby.

David Lipski cast the evening's dissenting vote. "I think it's a big deal for a developer to come in and offer a street," he said. "The extra

lane would be useful. I think the growth of that corner is inevitable."

Quinn argued that the development also could help existing shops.

"When you have a new center, it forces the old centers to upgrade," he said. "There (would be) some more people coming to this area. They're going to look at the other uses that are around it."

The city's traffic consultant said the extra trips wouldn't significantly impact the immediate intersection, which is being upgraded. However, impact on two-lane roads to the south, east and west hasn't been looked at yet.

Chambers Lynn Kocan had concerns about nearby neighbors.

"I am a firm supporter of Ten Mile Road in my opinion as a residential (road)," Kocan said. "I don't believe a development of this size belongs in the middle of a residential neighborhood being fed by ... more residential roads."

Westlands and Chapman Creek, located where some out-lots are proposed, also were concerns.

No residents were present to speak at the public hearing, but one wrote a letter of opposition, and another wrote a note of support.

Novis is tentatively scheduled to come before the commission again in early January with improved plans.

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GOING PRO

Part of the proposal to turn the former Erwin Orchard into a shopping center involves a new type of city zoning called a "planned rezoning overlay."

Coming before the commission for the second time since being approved in June, this ordinance allows owners to propose zoning that differs from the city's master plan.

"It gives them conceptual approval for the plans they're looking for," said Timothy Schmitz, city developer. "I guess both parties some finality as to what could possibly be on the site."

"They have to show a substantial public benefit to qualify. It has to be above and beyond."

With the property owned by Dan Weiss, there are other factors, too.

Novi's updated master plan, which will come before the planning commission for a public hearing Oct. 27, will zone the area for light industrial and office space.

Currently, the land is a "special planning project area." That came as a result of a Novi Road Corridor Study conducted in 2001, and marked the land for further study, Schmitz said.

Regarding Weiss' first attempt to get the "PRO," Thomas Schulz, city attorney, said it didn't measure up.

"They haven't met their requirements for giving you a PRO plan that you could say yes to," Schulz told the commission. "The ordinance is pretty specific about needing a plan that shows the incentives, and they're not on the plan. If they're serious about presenting it as a PRO plan, they have to come back."

The other try at this rezoning was presented last month in an attempt to put condominiums on land near the Oakland Hills Memorial Cemetery. It was also tabled.

Secret Wardle picked

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Consultant Review Committee, consisting of Candas, Landry and Paul. Committee members noted that 21 firms submitted bids for the city's legal services, with the committee interviewing three firms.

Other firms considered were Peter Howlett, also of Birmingham and Cummings, McCleery, Davis & Aho of Livonia, Beter Howlett and the committee's second choice.

Services to the city will be provided by a team of attorneys from the firm's municipal law practice group. Gerald A. Fisher, a senior partner in the firm and manager of this group, will be the city's business contact person.

Fisher, along with William P. Hampton, will oversee the firm's general counsel services to the city.

Fisher recently accepted a position as a professor at a local law college and will not be the lead attorney attending meetings.

The firm will have Thomas R. Schulz serve as the principal attorney for contact, day-to-day services and advice. Schulz will attend city council meetings. Dave Gilliam will be assigned to the Novi Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Hourly compensation for the firm will be \$135 an hour for work done by senior partners, \$125 an hour for partners and \$110 an hour for associates.

Nagy did not support the renewal of the contract mainly because Secret Wardle's bid was not as low as some of the other firms.

"It comes down to question of finances, and I don't think saving the city money is wrong," Nagy said.

Lorenzo said if the city chose Beter Howlett, it would save the city \$20,000 to \$23,000 a year.

"That's a lot of money in my household, and I think it's a lot of money in the City of Novi's household as well. As Donald Trump would say, 'It's not personal, it's business.' I think that using the services of Beter Howlett would be more cost-effective and more fiscally prudent," Lorenzo said.

Flu vaccine scarce

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be able to get one."

Jan McAlpine, senior services coordinator through the Oakland-Livingston Human Service Agency at Meadowbrook Commons in Novi, said "One day last week we had 80 calls about flu shots. We were told that if there is any vaccine left that the Oakland County Health Division will open their service centers in Pontiac, Southfield and Walled Lake. We're all hoping more vaccine becomes available."

Jodi Gallo, supervisor, Parks and Recreation, City of Wixom, said they have received many inquiries about flu shots from their seniors. The city has just

been referring them to what they have found in the newspapers and to the Oakland County Health Division Flu Vaccine Hotline at (800) 434-3358.

For more information, visit the county's Web site at www.co.oakland.mi.us/health for prevention information, frequently asked questions, flu fact sheets and more. Or call Farmer Jack grocery stores for information about flu shots at their locations at (877) 435-7142.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER
R.N. Nancy Radzwil gives a flu shot to Independence Village resident Elisa Danke during last week's well-attended clinic at Northville Township's Lake Pointe Pharmacy on Five Mile Rd.

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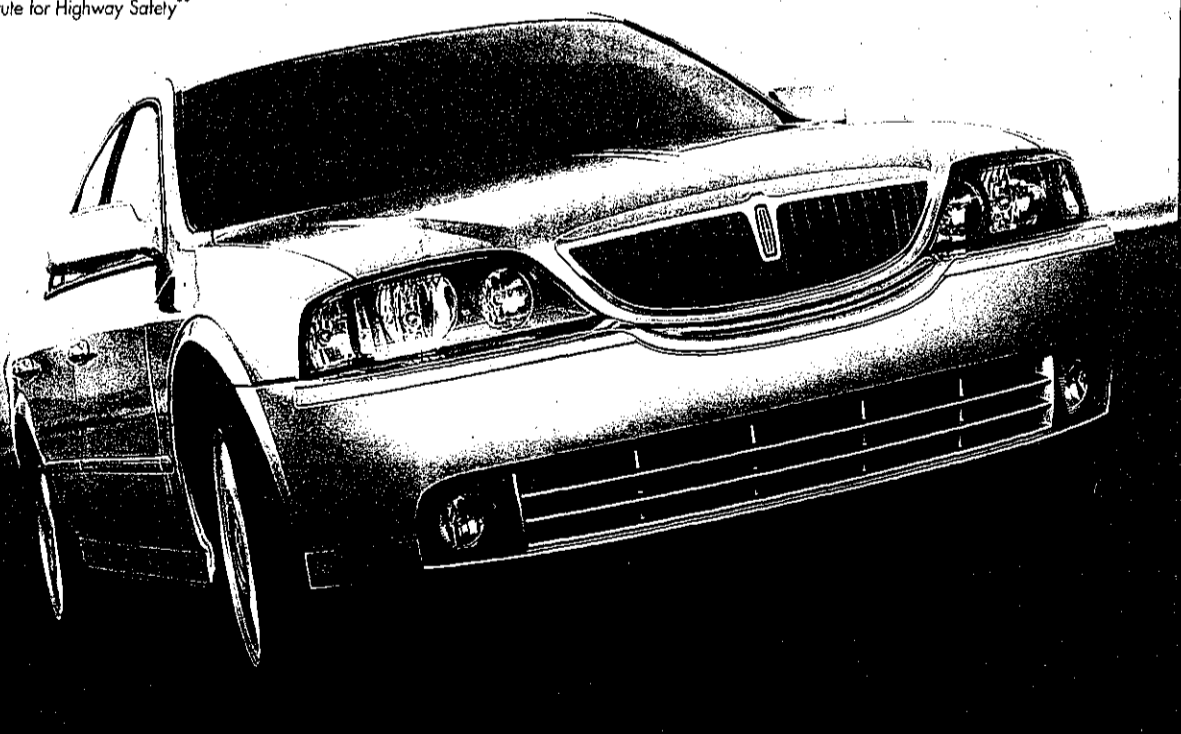
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POLICE REPORT

DVD/TV snatchers snatched

A 38-year-old Inkster woman and a 22-year-old Detroit man were arrested for retail fraud at 9:10 p.m. Oct. 7 at Loni & Taylor department store at Twelve Oaks Mall.

A loss prevention officer was leaving the men's bathroom when he spotted a woman taking two DVD/TV units into the girls department.

The woman then met with the male suspect, who kept the first two units while she returned to obtain another DVD/TV unit, bringing it back to the girls department.

The two were arrested in the parking lot after leaving the store without paying for the items. The three DVD/TV sets were valued at \$572 each.

Lights, siren, spotlight

A 25-year-old Farmington woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 11:45 p.m. Oct. 15 at Nine Mile and Mill roads.

An officer was parked in a driveway on the south side of Nine Mile west of Meadowbrook Road when he saw a 2004 silver Mazda go through the intersection at what appeared to be a high rate of speed without slowing or stopping for the flashing red light.

The driver kept driving after the officer turned on his lights and finally pulled over after the officer turned on his siren and shined a spotlight through the rear window of the four-door Mazda.

While the officer was giving dispatch a description of the vehicle, the driver pulled back

out onto Nine Mile, continuing eastbound. After reactivating the siren, the driver pulled over a second time, at which point the officer asked the woman to turn off the ignition and place the keys on the ground outside the car.

The woman said that she did not realize she had run the red light. The officer detected an odor of intoxicants and noticed that her eyes were bloodshot and glassy. She said she had consumed three 16-oz. beers and that her last meal was about 4 p.m.

A breath test showed the woman had a blood alcohol level of .16 percent.

No turn signal at stoplight

A 26-year-old Pontiac, Mich., man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 2:08 a.m. Oct. 13 at Novi Road and I-96.

An officer was following a 2004 blue Chrysler on westbound Crescent Boulevard east of Novi Road when he saw the vehicle stop at the flashing red light at Novi Road and make a right turn onto northbound Novi Road without using a turn signal.

While talking to the man, the officer could detect an odor of intoxicants coming from inside the vehicle occupied by the man and four others. The driver's eyes were also bloodshot and glassy. When asked, the man said he had consumed two 12-oz. bottles of beer at 11 p.m., and that he had last eaten at 10 p.m.

A breath test showed that the man's blood alcohol level was .11 percent.

Two beers at the Blossom

A 46-year-old West Bloomfield man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 11:02 p.m. Oct. 13 at Novi and Fourteen Mile roads.

An officer was directly behind a 2004 white Chevrolet Trailblazer when he saw the vehicle accelerate while driving north on Novi Road at Thirteen Mile Road. The officer began to pace the sport-utility vehicle, which appeared to be traveling about 50 mph in a 40 mph zone.

The officer also noticed that the driver changed from the right through lane to the inner lane without using a turn signal.

The officer initiated a traffic stop after the driver crossed the yellow center lane solid line. While waiting for the driver's information, the officer detected a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the vehicle, and that the man's speech was slurred and his eyes were bloodshot and watery.

The man said that he was coming from the Cherry Blossom Restaurant and was going home. When asked, he said that he had consumed two beers and that his last drink was one to two hours ago.

A breath test produced a blood alcohol level of .11 percent in the man.

Unlawful gas dispenser

A miscellaneous criminal offense was reported at 10:29 a.m. Oct. 14 at the Mobil gas station at 43407 Grand River Ave. when a man was seen unlawfully dispensing gasoline into an unapproved container. An unidentified white male

was seen pumping gasoline into a plastic can that the female employee at the station believed to be a kerosene container. The employee did shut off the suspect's gas pump, but he just used a pump that another customer was using.

The suspect left the area prior to police arrival.

Southbound in northbound lane

A 33-year-old Canton woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 2:25 a.m. Oct. 17 near the River Oaks West Apartments Clubhouse.

An officer was driving south on Novi Road south of Ten Mile Road when she saw a 2004 red Kia Spectra driving south on Novi in the northbound lane and left turn lane.

After pulling the driver over, the officer noticed that the driver's speech was slurred and that the woman's eyes were glassy and bloodshot. A strong odor of intoxicants could also be detected coming from the car.

When asked how much alcohol she had consumed, the woman said with slurred speech that she had drank two vodka-and-tonics.

A breath test revealed that the woman's blood alcohol level was .18 percent.

Man runs two red lights

A 22-year-old Burt, Mich., man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 11:24 p.m. Oct. 13 at Twelve Mile and Novi roads.

An officer was driving north on Novi Road over I-96 when he saw a blue and white 1994

Pontiac traveling west on the westbound I-96 ramp to Novi Road. The vehicle approached the red light at a high rate of speed, did not stop and turned north on Novi Road.

The officer pulled in behind the vehicle as it approached West Oaks Drive. The driver then ran another red light, and the officer activated his lights.

The man put his left turn signal on and continued north on Novi Road until he came to the light at Twelve Mile Road. The officer used the public address in the patrol car, telling the man to pull over to the right once the light turned green.

The man then put his car in reverse, coming back toward the police car. When the light turned green, the man finally pulled to the left into the Amoco gas station.

When the officer approached, the man wanted to get out of the car, but the officer told him to stay seated in the vehicle. The man was on his cell phone and said he was trying to get home. The officer noticed a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the man and that his eyes were extremely bloodshot.

The man said he was trying to get to Birch Run from the bar and was now lost.

When the officer asked the man to get out of the car, he began pleading with the officer, saying, "I am begging you. I will pay you a million dollars. Let me call for a ride home."

The man told the officer he had consumed four to five beers.

A breath test revealed a blood alcohol level of .16 percent.

Compiled by Pam Fleming

Make Halloween a safe treat for all

Before heading out: What parents should do

- Make sure costumes allow free movement and good vision.
- Consider using makeup instead of masks. If the child is wearing a mask, be sure he or she can see toward the sides and bottom as well as straight ahead. Eliminate trailing or dragging parts of the costume. Tuck up skirts, sheets, etc.

- Have the children eat dinner before the adventure. This makes it easier for them to resist eating the treats while they are out.

- Decide what adult (or older teen) will accompany the trick-or-treaters.

- Agree on the route. Make sure it's not too long. Avoid crossing major intersections if possible.
- Don't forget to take a photo of the trick-or-treaters.

On the street: five rules for kids

- Carry a flashlight or glow stick.
- Stick to the agreed-on route.

- Don't wander off through yards or playgrounds.

- Stay with the adult or older teen in charge. Don't go into homes without his or her permission.

- Cross the street only at intersections; be sure to look both ways.

- Don't eat the treats until you get home and an adult has checked them.

Home again: together and safe

- Help the kids take the costumes off and put them aside for cleaning if needed.
- Check the treats, looking for any sign of tampering with the wrappers. Also pay special attention to homemade treats. You shouldn't let the children eat these unless you know and trust the source.

- Agree on what goodies can be eaten and when.
- Hold a treat track—for trick-or-treaters swap for their favorites.
- Talk about how the night went, especially discuss anything that troubled the children.

Drug Court graduates

The Oakland County Family-Focused Juvenile Drug Court will hold its 12th graduation ceremony honoring two graduates of the program Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. Entitled Options-The Power to Choose, this program began in June 2001 with five participants and is currently providing services to 27 youth and their families.

Options is a four-phase intervention program for juveniles who are repeat, non-violent offenders and who are having difficulty staying clean and sober. The program's key elements are treating the family as well as the child, intense and frequent treatment, and a long-term commitment to program requirements by everyone involved.

The graduates of the Options program have successfully completed four phases, which include regular random drug testing, weekly probation contacts, family appearances in court, participation in a 12-step program, and intensive outpatient therapy. They must also be attending either school or work full-time and must have completed youth community service hours. All participants receive incentives for their positive performance in the program and sanctions in response to non-compliance with program requirements.

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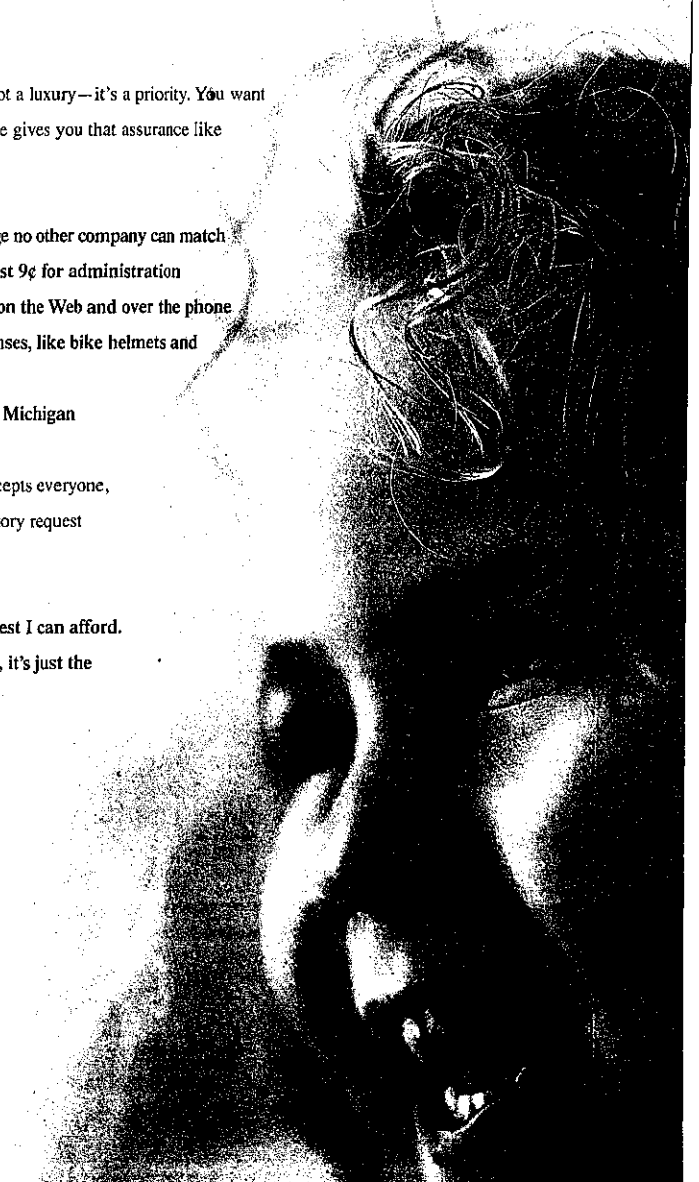
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Dancing to the top!



Former Novi Middle School student Courtney Schumacher, who spent the summer studying with international ballerina Phyllis Papa, has been chosen to dance the role of Clara in The Nutcracker with the Atlantic Contemporary Ballet Theatre. She will have the opportunity to tour with the professional New Jersey-based company this fall. Courtney now continues her studies in New Jersey and New York.

MSU landscape architect students at the end of the project. For more information about the Oct. 25 meeting, call Long at (248) 926-9044.

Parade entries sought

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is seeking entries for the 3rd Annual Ringing in the Holidays-Electric Light Parade set for Thursday, Dec. 2, in Novi's Main Street area. The department is seeking floats, vehicles and marching groups for the event, which attracted over 2,500 people last year. Floats entered into the parade will be illuminated with holiday lights. For more information call (248) 347-0400.

National baton champs

The Twirl-M's Baton Group in Walled Lake ended the 2004 twirling season on top with the crowning of two national winners, 27 individual top 10 finishers, and a team top 10 placement. Nicole Dowdell, from the National Baton Twirling Association Beginner Pageant Solo title for age 6-9, becoming the 2004 Miss Beginner Tiny Tot Majorette Solo Pageant Winner. She is a first-grader in the South Lyon schools and a member of the group's pre-team.

Madison Stachowiak won the National Baton Twirling Association Novice World Open Solo title for age 9-16 becoming the 2004 World Open Novice Tiny Tot Solo Winner. She is a second-grader at Mary Helen Guest Elementary and a member of the group's pre-team.

Twirl-M's Team Dance placed sixth overall in the national large twirling juvenile dance twirl contest.

The following Twirl-M's were part of the Team Nationals group winning five top 10 solo twirling awards, five top 10 fancy strut awards, one top 10 drum award, seven top 10 show twirl awards, seven top 10 flag baton awards, and one top 10 hoop baton award: Cayley Combs, Elizabeth Dowdell, Nicole Dowdell, Megan Dulack, Rachel Gandy, Sami Hays, Hailey Hencham, Kaylin Kelly, Mackensy Lakian, Marissa Moore, Moriah Muscano, Eibhlin Nuzoff, Abby Oates, Mara Rubin, Meghan Shaffer, Jennifer Smith, Courtney Stachowiak, and Madison Stachowiak.

Walled Lake DDA wants local feedback

Walled Lake residents and business owners are invited to a Michigan State University Landscape Architect Program meeting at 2:30 p.m., Oct. 25, at the Walled Lake Fire Hall in downtown Walled Lake.

Last year, the Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority applied for and was accepted into the MSU Landscape Architect Program. This project concentrated on the Historical Lakefront District down Pontiac Trail to West Maple.

This year, DDA members applied again and were accepted for the program. The focus will be on the remainder of Walled Lake's downtown area: Maple Road from Lecker Road to Ladd Road and Pontiac Trail from Maple Road to the end of the commercial development beyond South Commerce Road.

This project will concentrate on conducting a visual review of the city's landscape. The DDA is asking for input from residents and business owners on how they feel about the community and what they would like to see in the future.

This is your opportunity to voice your concerns and suggestions regarding the appearance and streetscape of your downtown," said Charlotte Long, managing director, Walled Lake DDA.

"This program cannot work effectively without local participation," she said.

A public presentation will be made implementing suggestions along with ideas presented by

15 MINUTES WITH... TOM REAGAN



Tom Reagan, CEO of Novi's Telcom Credit Union at 44575 West Twelve Mile Rd.

AT A GLANCE

- Full name: Thomas (Tom) W. Reagan
- Age: 47
- Family: Married to Cathy for 23 years; they have three children
- Born and raised: Holly
- Lives in: Metro area
- Education: Bachelor of science, Michigan State University (1978)
- Community involvement/activities: Sponsor of his children's school music programs; involved in the local school district

Job description: I'm responsible for the operations and financial well-being of the membership of the credit union. I'm in an oversight position for the day-to-day operations. I do have an office and obviously I report here every day; a lot of our responsibility, though, is visiting the branches.

What drew you into this career and company? Out of college, I began working for a finance company and within a couple of years of training... realized that we're not doing the best job we can to serve the people who deal with us. It was kind of the corporate culture of a finance company that credit unions are "the enemy," and it didn't take very long to realize, you know, that every doesn't sound so loud. I decided to change sides, and I found out that this is the way it's supposed to be done.

What's your most treasured possession? I wear a ring on my finger. It was the wedding ring that my grandfather on their wedding day in... 1914. That was passed to me.

What's your greatest fear? Letting somebody down that's counting on me.

What's your favorite restaurant/food? I've been to Steve & Rocky's; I think it's great. The No. 1 Chop House is great. Mexican and Italian - these are the two that really appeal to me.

What's your first car? A 1970 Maverick. It was red, or cinnamon color. It was acquired; it was kind of passed down.

What's your favorite book? I like biographies - Teddy Roosevelt, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, in particular.

What's your favorite film? I like old-time movies. One that

sticks out in my mind is "The Spirit of St. Louis." Planes are just something that always have intrigued me.

What do you like to watch on TV? I like "This Old House," the home improvement stuff. I like to build. I have put a couple of additions on my home and have done a lot of the construction myself. (And) the History Channel.

What kind of music do you listen to? All kinds of music. Easy listening would probably pretty much what I would focus on; no particular genre.

What's your favorite hobby? Definitely woodworking. I find that is a challenge, and working to me is really intriguing and rewarding. Radio-controlled model airplanes. (I've been doing that) a long time, 25 years. My kids, lawn... I work on my cars myself. I'm a pretty hands-on kind of a person.

If you won \$10 million in the lottery tomorrow, what would you do? Try to keep my head. I try not to be defined by what I might accumulate in life, and I guess I'm old enough to realize that money doesn't bring the happiness; it's family and relationships. I think it would be helping family members and things like that that I feel deserve a break.

What's your pet peeve? (Laughs) Oh, golly. Yesterday it was telephone solicitations again.

What's the best advice you've ever received, or would give? It would be know yourself.

Three words to describe you: I care. I keep my word - I would hope that integrity would cover that. I am an idea person; I rely on others to implement. That's kind of a style.

Who is the person who most influenced you? He would definitely be my father. He worked for the Michigan State Parks for his career, and he was a tank commander in the Second World War. He was like John Wayne in my life. He taught me the basics of what it is to be a man.

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Tower Webcasts results

Novi-based Tower Automotive, Inc. announced that it will host a live Webcast of its 2004 third-quarter earnings conference call Thursday, Oct. 28, at 10 a.m. To access the presentation, go to the company's Web site at www.towerautomotive.com, select "investors" and click on the "Webcast" icon. A replay will be available that same day at 1 p.m.

See the new Land Rover

Land Rover's new LR3 will be unveiled at a special party at their dealership at 38200 Grand River, between Haggerty and 10 Mile Road from 5-8 p.m. today. The showroom will be decked out in a family-oriented safari theme with exotic foods.

PowerWorks gets focused

PowerWorks, the new product group of Novi-based Cosworth Technology, last week announced the launch of its Focus Force Supercharger Kit. The group's first major performance upgrade, the "Focus Force" 2.0L Ztec supercharger kit has a two-piece unit incorporating the blower, inter-cooler and manifold.

Laird's opens house

New Novi Chamber of Commerce member Laird's Upholstery is having an open house tomorrow. From 11 a.m.-7 p.m., the shop invites the public to view its facility and fall fabric inventory. Door prizes will be up for

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BUSINESS

Kim Kovelle, business reporter (248) 349-1700, ext. 107 kkovelle@ht.homecomm.net

Making natural adjustments

Novi chiropractic clinic moves to new home on Meadowbrook

By Kim Kovelle STAFF WRITER

It's a pretty exciting time for Novi couple Dr. Karl and Michelle Tarkanyi.

They just celebrated their third wedding anniversary, a baby is on the way, and last month they opened Karl's new KET Chiropractic Center.

KET Chiropractic will host a grand opening event house Saturday, Oct. 23, from 9 a.m.-noon.

"The first thing we wanted to convey was a welcoming, comforting environment," said Karl, a chiropractor of nine years. "It was a brand new building from ground up. It was just a great opportunity for me to have the office of my dreams."

Anchored by Novi Drug Co., their home is now the expanding Tobin Professional Center at Meadowbrook and Ten Mile roads.

Compared to his old Novi locale, Karl said there's more space, which holds three patient rooms and a separate massage therapy room.

But the approach — a "natural model" — remains the same. "The first thing that we do is sit down and talk," he said. "I find it's important especially with new people to... explain what we do and why we do it."

Breaking myths

Besides helping heal bones, muscles and nervous systems, Karl Tarkanyi aims to break chiropractic misconceptions. Those of his wife's were no exception.

"It took a good two, three months before I'd let him adjust me," Michelle said. "I had really bad chronic headaches, but I don't get them anymore."

Michelle, who runs a graphic design business, now aids Karl in the office.

"Most people think of a chiropractor as a bone doctor, but there's more to it," Karl said. "What they have to do is just basically retrain to work the nervous system to function properly."

KET

- Where: 24120 Meadowbrook Rd., Ste. 200, in the Tobin Professional Center south of Ten Mile Road
- What: Chiropractic and therapeutic massage clinic opened in a new location and is having its ninth annual open house
- When: Saturday, Oct. 23 from 9 a.m.-noon
- Hours: Monday and Wednesday 8:30 a.m.-noon and 3-7 p.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m.-noon; Saturday 9 a.m.-noon
- Contact: (248) 477-2100 www.ketchiropractic.com



Dr. Karl Tarkanyi recently moved his chiropractic practice from Novi Rd. to the Tobin Professional Center near Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

Keeping it slow

A 1994 graduate of Chicago's National College of Chiropractic, Karl's first exposure was when his sister, a dancer, went to a Garden City clinic.

"I was about maybe 5 or 6," Karl said. "I was just kind of going along. I knew I wanted to do something with the sciences or medical field."

The chiropractor, Karl, who is nested as a child, taught himself lessons in providing care at a slow, thorough pace, and has even come to Karl's office for adjustments.

The doctor hopes business grows, but aims to keep up his slower-paced, natural approach, seeing less than 30 patients daily.

Currently, it's around 15-20. "I can't see 100 people in a day. One day, they were 1,000 people," he said.

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Detroit Public TV plans move to Wixom

Station to buy former Clover Technologies building

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Although the ink's not dry on the paperwork, Detroit's only public television station, WTVS-Channel 56, plans to move its headquarters to Wixom in the near future.

The station wants to relocate its downtown offices to the former home of Clover Technologies, a communications systems company that sold the building on the south side of I-96 west of Wixom Road.

Wixom Road is a very special building. Architecturally, it's done in a Frank Lloyd Wright Mission-style design. It should be a nice location for them that will accommodate their current and future needs."

As the 50-year-old buildings that currently house Detroit Public TV became inadequate, the board of trustees and staff became aware of the high-tech building designed with the modern communications, power, and public spaces needed.

"The deal is not officially done yet," said Dave Devereaux, vice president of communications for WTVS. "We're optimistic, however, that it will go through. We're looking at possibly wrapping this up by the end of the year."

Devereaux said, "We're uncertain if moving station would mean more jobs in Wixom. Currently, 85 people are employed by WTVS."

"We'd like to have that be a benefit," he said. "But, it's premature at this point to say that this move will provide additional jobs for the Wixom area."

The former Clover Technologies building became available at a price that cut \$6 million off earlier capital campaign estimates of \$28 million.

"The building is an existing building, so that saved the company money, and it is so well-suited for a television station."

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Dave Devereaux WTVS-Channel 56

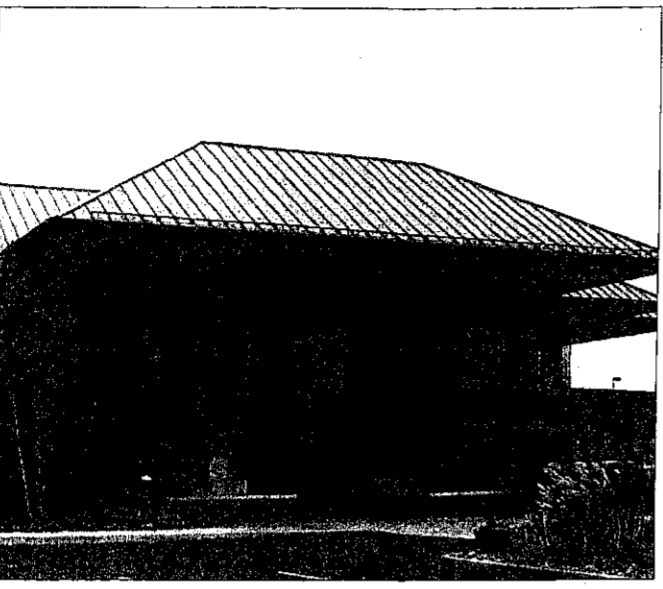


Photo by PAM FLEMING

The former Clover Technologies building in Wixom should be the new home of Detroit Public Television, WTVS-Channel 56, by the end of the year. The station announced plans last week to purchase the building and move their downtown headquarters as part of a \$22 million capital campaign.

Federal Communications Commission. The current system is to be replaced over the next two to five years, meaning Detroit Public Television must purchase all new equipment.

"We're committed into two old buildings, and it's not suitable to install digital technology in these older buildings," Devereaux said. "WTVS officials and board have been considering moving the station for about seven years. We need a more modern facility and one that is more inviting and has more room for the public for outreach programs and training we provide."

An overwhelming majority of the board voted in favor of embarking on the capital campaign, which the purchase of the Clover Technologies building and move to Wixom is just one item, he said.

The \$22 million campaign covers the cost of the Wixom facility, adding studios and equipment, moving costs, and outfitting a broadcast-quality production truck.

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 pfleming@ht.honcom.net.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

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grabs, as will food, beverages and happy hour cocktails. Laird's is located at 220 W. Ann Arbor Rd. in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-6663 for more information.

Auto production up

Last week, U.S. automakers were expected to produce 260,657 vehicles, up 2.1 percent from the 255,384 cars and trucks built the week before, according to Ward's Automotive Reports. To date, the country's vehicle output totals an estimated 9,630,134 units, down 1.1 percent from this time last year.

Verizon DSL arrives

High-Speed DSL Internet access from Verizon now will be available in Michigan, along with 13 other states.

Verizon Online DSL has an upgraded network enabling the service on more than 1.2 million DSL telephone lines. It serves 26 states total and starts at \$29.95 per month for those who purchase it on an annual plan or part of a package. Learn more by calling (800) PCK-DSL, or going to www.verizon.net/online.

County joins with region

Oakland County announced last week that it has joined the Detroit Regional Chamber and NCCJ. The county will be a presenting sponsor for a regional conference committed to celebrating, promoting and educating the region about diversity.

The Detroit Regional Chamber is the leading business organization in the region and the largest chamber of commerce in the country.

Compiled by Kim Kovelte

Minority business owners meet in Novi

Entrepreneurs urged to explore state contracts

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

The number of minority-owned businesses is growing by leaps and bounds. In an effort to encourage even more diversity in the workplace, Novi was the host city for the Third Annual Bid & Breakfast Oct. 6 at the Novi Civic Center.

Program sponsors included the South Oakland County branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the city of Novi and the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

The purpose of the half-day event was to give minority business owners in the area a chance to network and learn about some of the municipal entities, what they're buying and what their processes are.

At the trade show after the morning remarks, bids are provided and new business is obtained. In this year's expanded program, the State of Michigan and representatives from about a half dozen other agencies came to have one-on-one meetings with minority business owners.

"This is good old-fashioned networking and education," said Dan Hunter, Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services.

Dignitaries at the event included Hugh Crawford, Oakland County Commissioner for the City of Novi and L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive, who noted that October is Minority Business Development Month.

"We try to kick those doors open for you, and that's what this is all about," Patterson said. "I'm convinced you're going to find the system accessible, fair and absolutely above board. We tout that as one of our claims that we stand by," he said.

"Everybody in this room has an equal chance and is on equal footing to do business with Oakland County and other industries. We want your business, and are going to treat you fairly in order to get that business," Patterson told the audience.

Jim Stokes, Gov. Jennifer Granholm's liaison for Southeast Michigan, told the group that economic growth leads to jobs, and eventually this leads to infrastructure improvements such as a better police force, library and city hall.

"You are going to make the very places you live and work a better place," Stokes said.

Nancy Quarles, president, South Oakland County NAACP, told the group that civil rights is a major issue, but the major lag of

civil rights now is economic development. "What we're looking for is to ensure that everyone has access," Quarles said. "And although the process may be open and recep-



Photo by PAM FLEMING

Monica DeGraffenreid of DXD Vending Enterprises in Wixom, talks with, from left, Craig Klaver, City of Novi; Hugh Crawford, Oakland County Commissioner; and L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive, at the Oct. 6 Bid & Breakfast at the Novi Civic Center. The event was designed as a networking and education program for minority businesses in the area.

Services. Department of Management and Budget, a former resident of Novi, reminded the business owners that consortium buying and leverage buying are not new concepts. It was writ-

You can do this online by visiting at www.experian.com or other sites to see what your personal credit looks like to make sure there isn't inaccurate information that could hurt you.

"If you've recently applied for a mortgage, ask your mortgage broker what your credit score is," Berryman suggested. "Most banks would look for your credit score to be 700 or higher."

The fifth "C" is conditions. "What this means is that we like to know what industry you're in, and what's going on. How is the current economic climate affecting your industry? What is happening with your competition? How are you addressing changes in your industry?" Berryman said.

So, check your personal credit.

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Technology sold the building to AT&T, who then sold it to another company for some time," Dornan said. "The building they have purchased along the south side of I-96 west of

"The building is an existing building, so that saved the company money, and it is so well-suited for a television station," Devereaux said.

New digital and high-defining government mandates from the

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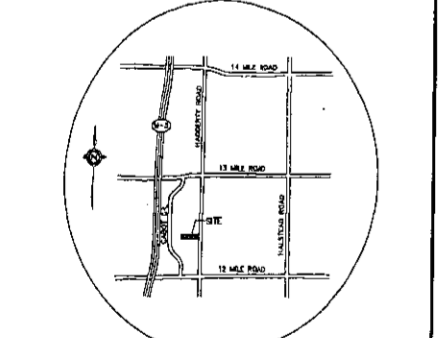
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A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 27, 2004. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375. Written and signed objections or appeals will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Denise Anderson at the City of Novi Building Department 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

DENISE ANDERSON TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY (248) 347-0580

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider INFINITY MEDICAL SITE PLAN NUMBER 04-31A FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 12 ON THE WEST SIDE OF HARGRETT ROAD, NORTH OF TWELVE MILE ROAD IN THE DISTRICT PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT. The project proposes a 42,064 sq. ft., two-story building for medical use on a 5 acre site.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 27, 2004.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION LOWELL SPRAGUE, SECRETARY

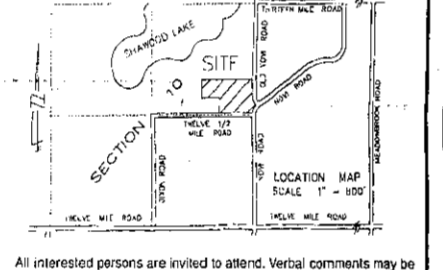
Amanda Geiger never saw the drunk driver.

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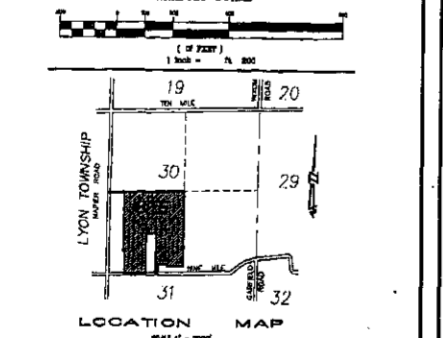


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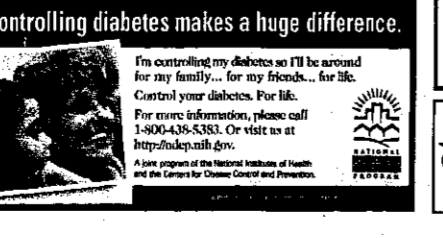
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CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF OFFICIAL COMPUTER TEST GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be an official test of the computer and computer program to be used by the City of Novi, Michigan, for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2004.

The test will be conducted at 10:00 AM on Thursday, October 28, 2004 at the Novi Civic Center, City Clerk's Office, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI

(10-21-04 NN 173011) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 2004

To the Qualified and Registered Electors of the City of Novi - Oakland County, Michigan Notice is hereby given that a GENERAL ELECTION will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2004 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following Polling Locations:

PRECINCT	LOCATION	ADDRESS
1	Meadowbrook Congregational Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road
2	Meadowbrook Congregational Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road
3	Village Oaks Elementary School	23333 Willowbrook Road
4	Novi United Methodist Church	41671 Ten Mile Road
5	Oakland Hills Elementary School	41900 Quince
6	Holy Family Catholic Church	24520 Meadowbrook Road
7	Holy Family Catholic Church	24520 Meadowbrook Road
8	Meadowbrook Elementary School	28200 Meadowbrook Road
9	The Grand Court Now	45182 West Park Dr.
10	Hickory Woods Elementary School	30555 Novi Road
11	Novi Christian School	45301 Eleven Mile Road
12	Novi Meadows School/TC	25549 Ten Road
13	Faith Community Presbyterian Church	44400 West Ten Mile Road
14	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
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16	Thornon Creek Elementary School	46180 West Nine Mile Road
17	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road

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and for the purpose of voting on the following statewide proposals:

Proposal 04-1 - A proposal to amend the State constitution to require voter approval of any form of gambling authorized by law and certain new State lottery games.

Proposal 04-2 - A proposal to amend the State constitution to specify what can be recognized as a "marriage or similar union" for any purpose.

Absentee Ballots are available at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The deadline for receiving applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 30, 2004. Persons qualified to vote by Absentee Ballot may obtain a ballot in person until 4:00 p.m., Monday, November 1, 2004. A ballot obtained on November 1, 2004 must be voted in the City Clerk's Office.

The City Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absentee voting on Saturday, October 30, 2004 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

(10-21/28-04 NN 173012) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

Maples Place in full bloom

Coney is last addition to northern plaza

By Kim Kovelte STAFF WRITER

Fred Hussein didn't have to think twice about reopening Novi & Souptaki Coney Island in the area that's tucked away. It's like in the backyard of the neighborhood.

Located at Novi and Fourteen Mile roads, the Greek-American restaurant already has drawn patrons from within a mile radius since opening two weeks ago, Hussein said.

"The family is more into the atmosphere of the place," he added. The coney has filled in a 6,000 square foot hole left after previous

tenant USA BBQ quickly closed its doors. Now, the entire plaza is occupied said Jim Rosin, property manager.

"It's not like the big-box-type shopping center," Rosin said. "I think it's a very strong appeal because... somebody behind a shopping center can do a quick loop... without having to travel far."

Approved by the city's planning commission in 1998, the 44,207-square foot center solidifies the move of commerce further north on Novi Road.

"It's a neighborhood commercial kind of area serving a growing part of the city," Novi Assistant City Manager Clay Pearson said. "That's a good corner parcel for... neighborhood retail. It's an attractive strip center."

Rosin said there's additional land to the east of the plaza still available for office development, but no definitive plans yet.

Nearby neighborhoods such as The Maples and Beachwalk Apartments help support the surrounding business.

Todd Gerhart opened up the

Maples Restaurant and Golf Club of Novi across Fourteen Mile Road 1996. He recalls when the plaza was a dirt lot and said its birth has been a positive addition for the nine-hole course and country club.

"It's certainly created traffic flow for us," Gerhart said. "It adds another quality of life to our area of town. It's certainly a convenience factor. It's been very positive on our entire complex here."

The center also has brought revenue to the city. Since the first tenant arrived in 2000, city tax dollars were about \$11,260. When taxes were levied this summer, the amount already was at \$17,230.

Kim Kovelte is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or via e-mail at kkovelte@ht.honcom.net



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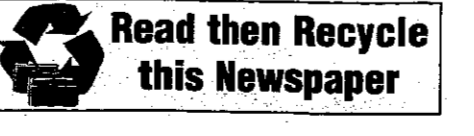
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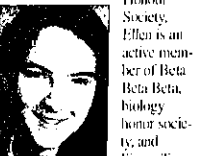
ON CAMPUS

Richard R. Harris, son of Susan L. Harris of Novi, graduated May 16 from the University of Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in political science. A 2000 graduate of Novi High School, Harris is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Latin American and Comparative Politics at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Novi residents Patrick DeLaat, Matthew Lewis and Angelo Meyers have been named to the Aug. 2004 session Dean's List at the University of Northwestern Ohio, Lima.

Melissa Dowlin, of Novi, has accepted the Presidential Scholarship to Eastern Michigan University. The Presidential Scholarship is a full academic scholarship, renewable every year. There are only 15 scholarships available per year. She also received the Valedictorian/Salutatorian scholarship. Melissa is a 2004 graduate of Novi High School and is the daughter of Leon and Gerri Dowlin.

Ellen A. Lawrence, age 20, of Novi, has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honor Society and was inductively honored at a campus ceremony Oct. 10. In addition to Golden Key International Honor Society, Ellen is an active member of Beta Beta Beta, Phi Kappa Phi, and Sigma Tau Delta.



English honor society, in addition to her activities in campus organizations whose work relates to her academic major, biology-science. Ellen Anne Lawrence is the daughter of James W. Lawrence and Lanna Mitchell Lawrence of Novi.



Orchard Hills first-grader Catherine Boileau seems quite pleased to be opening her Community Financial credit union account last week with the help of Chris Grealich, left, and Julie Tomkinson.

Give the kids credit

Community Financial turns kids into bank employees

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

They may not make their own money yet, but students at Orchard Hills Elementary School now know what the best thing to do with it is.

The kids took part in Community Financial's student credit union on Oct. 14. They filled out applications for positions they were interested in and were able to pick whatever job they wanted. Then they were interviewed and selected for the appropriate jobs, which were:

branch managers, tellers, bookkeepers and marketing representatives who put together posters that were put up throughout the school to promote the credit union.

One student was even a computer operator, who actually input savings deposits that students brought in into a computer that was hooked up to a live account at Community Financial's main frame at its Plymouth Office.

The hope of the program is that students start to get an understanding of financial education, even at such a young age.

"We have found that students need to learn about financial responsibility at an earlier age, so when they get into adulthood, they're going to understand the importance of financial needs and wants," said Michelle Richards, education partnership coordinator for Community Financial. "The

students are also developing job skills and financial responsibility."

This is the second year that Community Financial has done the program at Orchard Hills. Richards said it has been one of the more successful elementary schools that has tried it.

"The students just enjoy it, and I really do believe they're taking something away from it," Richards said. "They are learning financial responsibility and that's our goal."

Richards said that she would like to see the program be expanded to Novi Middle School in the future.

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Growing to Greatness

The Novi Community School District is inviting the community to join the 2004-05 Long Range Planning Committee to develop the next strategic plan for the district. All of these meetings will be held in the Instructional Technology Center Forum, located at 25345 Taft Road, directly across from the Educational Services Building.

The meetings are scheduled for:
• Tuesday, Nov. 9, and Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
• Thursday, Dec. 9, from 6-9 p.m.

For more information, contact Co-Chairperson Nancy Davis at (248) 449-1202, Co-Chairperson Dennis Haggerty at (248) 444-6541 or Novi Community School District Superintendent Emmett Lippe at (248) 449-1200.

Catholic Central merit scholars

Detroit Catholic Central High School has 22 National Merit Scholars (18 National Merit Semifinalists and four National Merit Letters of Commendation). National Merit Scholars are determined by the PSAT Test given to all students throughout the United States during their junior year.

To qualify as a National Merit Semifinalist, students must score in the top one-half of one percent. Among this year's semifinalists are Novi residents Alex Brinza, David Badke, Kevin Hughes and Scott Pfeiffer.

Oakland Technical School Walk-A-Thon

The Oakland Technical Center SW Campus' second year "CMT" student learning computer maintenance and Networking are involved in a non-profit community service project. It is the school's fifth year building computers for underprivileged children. This year, the school's presentation will be to visually impaired

children and is targeted for March 29, 2005. However, since the software is expensive, a Walk-A-Thon has been scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 24. The walk will start at the Corner Metrolia Park on West Maple Road just west of Beck Road in Wixom.

Mercy announces National Merit Semifinalists

Mercy High School has announced five National Merit Semifinalists, including Kimberly Heang of Novi. She was selected by officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation as semifinalists in the 2005 Merit Scholarship Competition.

NEF Raffle

The Novi Educational Foundation is holding a Winner Take All Raffle. Cost is \$20 per ticket and the drawing is Saturday, Nov. 6. Over \$4,000 in prizes are up for grabs and someone will win \$1,000 in cash. Also up for grabs are Detroit Lions tickets. For more information, call (248) 449-1200.

Save those receipts

The Internal Revenue Service advises teachers and other educators to save their receipts for books and other classroom supplies. They will be able to deduct up to \$250 of such expenses again this year, following recently enacted legislation.

The Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2004

The Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2004 reinstated the educator expense deduction, which had expired at the end of last year, for both 2004 and 2005. Expenses incurred any time this year may qualify for the deduction, not just those since the Act was signed on October 4.

The deduction is available to eligible educators in public or

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Class of 2004 MEAP results released to public

Class of 2005 results yet to be released

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

The good news is that the Michigan high school MEAP results, which were released to the public via the Michigan Department of Education Web site recently, reflect very positively on Novi High.

The bad news is, it's old news. The results reflect how Novi High School's class of 2004 did on the MEAP, not the class of 2005, which took the test last school year. The scores on the Web site reflect test scores which were taken in 2003.

To sort all of this out, Stephanie Schriener, Novi High School assistant principal, explained that students are required to take the MEAP test their junior year, which explains why this year's seniors took it last school year. However, that doesn't explain why their results haven't been released publicly yet and last year's senior class results were released now.

Schriener explained that most of the students who took the MEAP test last school year were members of the class of 2005, but those results won't be released to the public until a later date.

"I have information that suggests our percentage is very consistent year in and year out," Schriener said. "The biggest thing

for us last year was that we had 99 percent participation of the class of 2005 take the MEAP, which is this year's senior class."

According to Schriener, the state wanted all the schools to make the MEAP required, so last year, Novi's school board of education voted to have it mandatory for all students upon graduation to take it during the state's required year.

"Students need to take it their junior year, not right before they graduate," Schriener said. "We made our seniors play catch-up because of the policy. That means that kids who might not have normally taken the test, all did."

In the past, Novi High School had a fairly consistent 80 percent participation on the MEAP until last year, when that number rose to 99 percent. That gives the school a very equitable baseline to start measuring student improvement and achievement.

This year, when the entire junior class, the class of 2006, takes the test, the school will have a very firm measurement of how the kids did last year compared to how the class of 2006 do this year.

"We actually got similar participation from the seniors, but that doesn't count towards our state school report card," Schriener said. "The way that the state judges participation for Education Yes and No Child Left Behind is that students have to take the MEAP during their junior year. Last year, our junior class had 99 percent participation and we think that's fabulous. We're thrilled with that."

Though she has scores of the tests which were taken last school

year in her possession, Schriener said that legally, she couldn't release them yet. She was unsure of the date that they can be released. But rest assured, she said they will be released at some point.

"I already know that there are about the same number of kids from last year's senior class and last year's junior class in the levels one, two and three," Schriener said. "We did slightly drop in science in level one and two from 2004 to 2005, but we gained in reading, so it balances out. Our kids scored quite well compared to state average, but we don't have that factual data available for release yet. We will."

Schriener wanted to make it clear, however, that all the students who took the MEAP aren't just the ones who think of themselves as high achievers, or just the college-bound students who want to get a scholarship.

"This is everyone, and that means it's a more comprehensive reflection of the ability of the students at Novi High School," she said. "Once we have class of 2005 scores, we can do comparisons of the classes of 2004 and 2005."

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CLASS OF 2004 MEAP RESULTS

- Level One:**
- 94 students placed in level one in math, which means they exceeded Michigan standards.
 - 122 students placed in level one in reading, which means they exceeded Michigan standards.
 - 82 students placed in level one in science, which means they exceeded Michigan standards.
 - 17 students placed in level one in social studies, which means they exceeded Michigan standards.
 - 65 students placed in level one in writing, which means they exceeded Michigan standards.
 - 85 students placed in level one in ELA, (an average of reading and writing), which means they exceeded Michigan standards.
- Level Two:**
- 242 students placed in level two in math, which means they met Michigan standards.
 - 268 students placed in level two in reading, which means they met Michigan standards.
 - 265 students placed in level two in science, which means they met Michigan standards.
 - 202 students placed in level two in social studies, which means they met Michigan standards.
 - 281 students placed in level two in writing, which means they met Michigan standards.
 - 248 students placed in level two in ELA, (an average of reading and writing), which means they met Michigan standards.
- Level Three:**
- 49 students placed in level three in math, which means they were endorsed at a basic level.
 - 49 students placed in level three in reading, which means they were endorsed at a basic level.
 - 50 students placed in level three in science, which means they were endorsed at a basic level.
 - 131 students placed in level three in social studies, which means they were endorsed at a basic level.
 - 90 students placed in level three in writing, which means they were endorsed at a basic level.
 - 57 students placed in level three in ELA, (an average of reading and writing), which means they were endorsed at a basic level.
- Level Four:**
- 66 students placed in level four in math, which means they were not endorsed.
 - 15 students placed in level four in reading, which means they were not endorsed.
 - 56 students placed in level four in science, which means they were not endorsed.
 - 102 students placed in level four in social studies, which means they were not endorsed.
 - 13 students placed in level four in writing, which means they were not endorsed.
 - 16 students placed in level four in ELA, (an average of reading and writing), which means they were not endorsed.

Students who placed in levels one and two on the MEAP test qualified for the Michigan Merit Award and were endorsed by the state. Students who placed in level three do not qualify for the Michigan Merit Award, but they are endorsed by the state. The ELA and Social Studies categories are both not a part of the Michigan Merit Awards.

As of May 24, 2004, Novi High School's class of 2004 reported \$4.9 million in academic scholarships. 285 members of the 2004 senior class were eligible to receive an estimated \$662,500 in State of Michigan Merit Awards.

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Build a college art portfolio

The College for Creative Studies and D & M Studios are presenting a free workshop to help students build a college art portfolio. "What it takes to build a competitive college portfolio."

- Presented by: Kate Briles, College for Creative Studies.
 - Date: Wednesday, Nov. 3
 - Where: D & M Studios, 8091 N. Litley (just south of Joy Rd.), Canton.
 - 7-9 p.m.
 - Reservations: (734) 453-3710
- This is open to all high school students. Reservations are required.

Novi in Thanksgiving Parade

Four Novi High seniors will represent their school by marching in the 2004 Thanksgiving Day Parade from Dwyer, Kevin Gee, Nan Jiang, Bhavara Shivakumar. Criteria for selection include: Seniors with no medical disability to prevent marching. They must have a 3.0 grade point average or higher, availability to be in town and willing to march in the parade, good attendance and participation in co-curricular activities and/or volunteer work.

Follow the Brick Paver Road

The Novi High School renovation and expansion is now in its final stages. One of the completed projects is a new turn-around entrance near Tuerst Auditorium along with a new entrance to Wildcat Stadium. One of the features at both entrances is a commemorative brick area where interested students, families and community members can purchase bricks from the Novi Educational Foundation to be placed in these areas.

The first installation of these bricks is now complete at Wildcat Field. The installation was done by S & S Landscaping. The bricks in the Wildcat Stadium entrance were installed on Oct. 1, with the bricks at the Ten Mile turn-around installed on Oct. 8. This brick paver project will be ongoing with bricks added to the designated areas at least semi-annually. The sale of the



A worker lays in signature pavers at Wildcat Field.

bricks is a fund-raising project of the Novi Educational Foundation with proceeds providing expanded educational opportunities for students of the Novi Community Schools. Anyone interested in purchasing a brick can pick up order forms at the Novi High School Office, the Educational Services Building, or by calling (248) 449-1200.

One for the heart

Jump-ropers perform stunts for Novi kids

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

To celebrate the Jump-Rope for Heart program, which thousands of elementary schools throughout America participate in, including Novi Woods, the St. Francis Heartbeats came visiting on Oct. 14 to perform stunts and give the message across of exercise and living healthy to kids.

The Heartbeats full team is made up of 40 boys and girls in grades fourth through eighth from St. Francis School in Ann Arbor. Only eight members visited Novi Woods, however, but the kids did see some of their most spectacular tricks.

"This is our 25th year," Heartbeats Coach Kathy Green said. "We have done half-time shows at Pistons games, at Notre Dame and at University of Michigan. We probably do about 30 school shows a year." Green explained that the team's presentation tries to show an activity that will keep kids healthy. She would like to

encourage all kids to find an activity that would keep them active.

"We think jumping rope is just the right thing for that," Green said. "You don't have to buy a lot of equipment, and you don't have to belong to a club. You just need a piece of rope and go out there and try some of those tricks - from little kids all the way through college level, and it's just a great activity." In order to be involved in Jump Rope for Heart, students must give a donation to the American Heart Association. They then can participate in a jump rope party, where they jump rope to music with friends.

"The community gets involved by helping to supervise, and it's just a great activity," Green said. "Last year it raised over \$2 million in Michigan alone."

For more information on the St. Francis Heart Beats or Jump Rope for Heart, call (734) 821-2207.

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A lesson in recycling

Presentation clears up many facts about what's recyclable

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Students at Deerfield Elementary School received a valuable lesson in recycling on Oct. 6, as Christine Battiste came visiting from the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County.

Battiste is the organization's recycling coordinator. She visits kids in schools to teach them valuable facts about what can and what can't go into their curbside recycling bins.

"I give kids the idea that recycling is a very important issue and that they can go home to their parents and tell them about it," Battiste said. "My presentation is just mostly recycling education to reduce a lot of waste that collect."

Novi is one of eight communities for which Battiste works for.

"We used to conduct tours so children can see our recovery facility, but we found that a lot of schools can't take their students any more because of a lack of funding for bussing," she said. "That's why I started this presentation about eight months ago."

The presentation students saw started out with a video about recycling, they're more than welcome to call us up," Battiste said. "If they have



Holding up a recyclable glass bottle Julie Rachar, with Novi DoubleTree Hotel's human resources department, addresses students at Deerfield Elementary School in ways they can reduce, re-use and recycle.

something they need to get rid of, we have listings of places they can take it." Call (248) 208-2270 or visit www.RRRASOC.org for more information.

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Get 'em when they're young

City clerk encourages voting

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

With the presidential election just around the corner, Deerfield Elementary School is doing all it can to show students the importance of voting, knowing what their rights are and the process they must go through to vote.

That is why Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius was invited to the school on Oct. 13 to speak to students on the subject and to show them what an actual ballot looks like.

"Today we were explaining that when people make choices about a person or a thing, it's called voting," Cornelius said.

Cornelius said that before anyone goes to vote, they should know their rights and responsibilities. It's a two part process:

register to vote and then go to the polls and vote.

"My presentation was also to have them think about how easy the process is when they go into the voting booth and just make a choice," Cornelius said. "When they're home with their parents or any other relatives who are 18 years of age or older, they should be asking them if they're going to vote."

Cornelius said she did a similar presentation at Hickory Woods Elementary School in Walled Lake recently, where the kids actually held a vote that day.

They had a ballot that asked which Parent Teacher Association activity they would prefer, an extra bagel day or popcorn day. Cornelius talked a little bit with the students before they went in the voting booths.

"Everybody voted and the result was that bagel day won," she said. "They made the announcement that the school will have one extra bagel day."

Deerfield students are also planning a vote themselves next

Tuesday. They will each receive a registration card to fill out and they will sign in with an "I can vote" permission slip. Then a proctor will highlight their names in Deerfield's voter registry and walk them to an authentic voting booth, which will be provided by Cornelius. At that point the kids will vote on a United States President - George W. Bush, John Kerry or Ralph Nader - and they will vote on Proposal C.

Proposal C stands for community. It will be a vote on which organization should get 2004 cookies as part of Deerfield and DoubleTree Hotel's Teaching Kids to Care Program.

Students can pick one of the following organizations to receive the cookies: the military; doctors and nurses; firefighters; police; or homeless shelters.

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Deerfield and DoubleTree team up to give cookies away

"Teaching Kids to Care" shows students importance of voting

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

What do you get when you mix Deerfield Elementary School, the DoubleTree Hotel and some voting booths from the Novi City Clerk? You get the Teaching Kids to Care program, which is designed to show students the importance of voting.

Julie Rachar, of DoubleTree Novi was at Deerfield on Oct. 8 for the program's kick-off. She went over what it's all about to the kids and planted the idea in their heads to start thinking about which organization should receive 2004 cookies.

On Tuesday, Oct. 26, students

will have a registration card to fill out, and they will sign in with an "I can vote" permission slip. Then a proctor will highlight their names in Deerfield's voter registry and walk them to an authentic voting booth, which will be provided by Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius. At that point, the kids will vote on a United States President - George W. Bush, John Kerry or Ralph Nader - and they will vote on Proposal C.

"Proposal C stands for community," Deerfield third and fourth grade teacher Barbara Knight said. "That will be the vote on which organization should get 2004 cookies. The students have to interact with one another as to who to vote for."

Students can pick one of the following organizations to receive the cookies: The military; doctors and nurses; firefighters; police; or homeless shelters.

telling them that their vote makes a difference," Rachar said. "This year our timing is just right because of the big election coming up. We teamed up with Kids Voting U.S.A., which produced a lesson plan."

The students will enjoy a ballot according to which group they want to receive the cookies. Green is for the military, yellow is for doctors and nurses, red is for firefighters and orange is for homeless shelters. After that's over the kids will learn who won in the lunch room.

"We'll be back for voting day on Oct. 26, and sometime in November, we will present the cookies to the group who won them," Rachar said. "A representative from the winning group will come and receive the cookies that day."

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Paul Bradford, an engineer with the Creform Corporation of Wixom, brought some industrial robots to Novi Woods last week to show the students how magnets and computers can work in conjunction.

Magnetism
Woods students learn about relationship between magnets and transportation

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

What better way to top off science units on magnets and transportation than with a presentation by an actual engineer who works with both on a daily basis?

That's what Janet Bickner's second grade class at Novi Woods Elementary did. Not only is Paul Bradford an engineer at Creform Corporation in Wixom, but he's also Olivia Bradford's father, who is in Bickner's class.

"I came here because our company makes a small vehicle that runs back and forth following a magnetic tape and is used to transport things in assembly plants in the industrial setting," Bradford said.

Bradford set up the vehicle in the school and showed the kids just how it worked. He used volunteers to demonstrate just how their homework can be transported to their teacher using the vehicle.

Bradford explained that when students are exposed to different professions at a young age, it might spark an interest that will last through adulthood.

This is sort of a career development program, and it expands

their applications and gives them a sense of what engineers do," Bickner said. "It's really good for the kids to see things that are out of their normal range."

Like Bradford, Bickner could have seen how some students were responding during the presentation.

"When I was watching the kids, I could see at least 10 kids really getting it," she said. "You could almost see the young engineers in the classroom, and they're not necessarily the ones asking questions either. They're methodical, they don't rush things, they just look like young engineers. They take longer to process sometimes because they're thinking through the whole thing."

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Active mom battling cancer with attitude

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

A wide smile, sparkling blue eyes and a spry sense of humor are Katherine Purcell's personal trademarks.

But the self-described "rough-housing" mom of 4-year-old Ellie has slowed her pace considerably. A husband has replaced the Novi resident's long-blond hair.

Purcell has good days and not-so-good days, the side effects of aggressive breast cancer treatment. She fights to stay upbeat as she endures the transition from her life as a wife, mother, friend and secretary.

"I'm always optimistic," she said. "I've always had a kind of a naughty sense of humor. I can't let anything get me down."

Purcell said she bounced back after a couple of days of initial "down and gloom," when she first heard the diagnosis. She said her husband, Bob Jackson, supported her through the initial shock. "I couldn't comprehend it all," she said.

It was during an impulse check-up this summer that Purcell's new doctor told her a lump needed immediate attention. Previously it was described as a benign cyst. Within 10 days, she had a mammogram, an ultrasound, a biopsy and began chemotherapy.

"If I would have waited six to eight months, my quality of life would have been greatly diminished," she said. Purcell agreed to an aggressive treatment for what doctors described as a fast-growing and fast-spreading cancer.

There was no other choice, she said. "I'm not at all concerned about having breast," she said. "I wanted to be proactive. I have a 4-year-old daughter to think about."

A day at a time Her treatment regimen started with four-hour intravenous therapy every other week in a room with two to six other patients. The experience was both dull and enlightening.

"You don't even worry about yourself. You feel bad for the other people."

Her current treatment includes one-hour chemotherapy doses. Surgery and daily radiation over six months will follow this regimen.

"It's less debilitating," Purcell said. "Even on a good day I have minor discomfort. I think the most dramatic thing is losing the hair—I used to have thick, blond hair."

Doctors initially worried about Purcell's physical status. Would her 5-foot, eight-inch frame endure rigorous chemotherapy?

"The news, so far, is good. Progress is being realized. Screens of her bones, chest and heart have come back clear," she said.

"I was blessed with a good heart," Purcell said. "I was in no distress upon my original diagnosis."

Purcell said she is looking forward to the November surgery. It's the next step in her healing process.

At this point, they don't know if it's going to be a mastectomy or a lumpectomy. It's in one lymph node for sure.

"I don't know yet exactly what it will entail," Purcell handles her prognosis one day at a time.

She endures nausea and vomiting, weakness and bone and joint discomfort. Compared with other cancer patients, she said she has it easy.

What she longs for most, though, is her old routine—playing on the monkey bars with Ellie, chatting with Northville High School students and caffeine fixes from Starbucks.

Continuing education At Northville High School, the sympathetic car students have sought in the counseling office for 15 years now. Eager to work of support and encouragement from students, parents, co-workers, friends and family.

"Northville Schools administrators have been sincerely concerned and compassionate," Purcell said. "I don't think as many workplaces would be as considerate to me."

Ellie calls her "Chem-Mommy." Purcell said with a laugh. Maybe Santa will bring her some hair for Christmas, she suggested to her mom.

Purcell said her immune deficiency has limited her outgoing activities. When possible, she still frequents Starbucks where the staff is aware of her condition.

Occasionally she will see a student she has talked with about college choices or a personal confidence.

"The students are just phenomenal," she said. "Every day, I'd just wake up with a smile ready to go to work. Now, it's more of a grimace—what's today going to be?"

In hindsight, Purcell said she should have visited the doctor within four years following her daughter's birth. "You can't always go by the mammogram coming back unremarkable," she said. "I was not pro-active in that."

She said her only symptom was fatigue. "I felt like I had



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Katherine Purcell relaxes outside Northville's Main St. Starbucks, Purcell, currently undergoing breast cancer treatments, hopes to soon return to her job at Northville High School and daily visits to the coffee emporium.

mauntaineous) for six months," she said.

Purcell said her battle has made her acutely aware of how much people don't know about breast cancer.

"I think people need to become educated," she said. "It's hard to have cancer, let alone be stared at—what's up with you?"

"I'll meet their stare head on and say, 'Yeah, it's cancer.'"

For now, Purcell said she feels more comfortable with a bandana, instead of her wig. Ellie wants a wig, too, she said. It's a gesture of support for her uptown mom.

And maybe yet another way of saying out loud to a world looking in: we're in this together.

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YOUR HEALTH - "BREAST CANCER"

When speaking about Women's Health, the topic that often pops up is breast cancer. Breast cancer is the number two leading cause of cancer death in women (lung cancer is first). And, although more women will be disabled by heart disease, women fear breast cancer more.

Statistically, the chance of getting breast cancer increases as you get older. For women under the age of 39, the chance is less than 0.5 percent, or 1 in 231. For those age 40-59 it is 4 percent, or 1 in 25. The risk jumps to 7 percent or 1 in 15 for ages 60-79 and 1 in 8 over 80.

ent. This number goes up to 95 percent if the cancer is confined only to the breast. The message here is clear: early detection improves the chances for long-term survival. The current screening guidelines include clinical breast exams yearly, self breast exam every month and mammography. A baseline mammogram should be done between the ages of 35-40. Mammograms are recommended every 1-2 years are recommended for women 40-49 and yearly for those 50 and above.

Although much cancer research is aimed at finding better treatment for those already diagnosed with breast cancer, some researchers are looking at the effect of lifestyle factors and genetics on breast cancer risk. Is there a connection between diet and exercise and breast cancer? Some studies are suggesting that avoiding fatty foods and eating more whole grains and fresh fruits and vegetables can be a factor in preventing some forms of cancer. There are also a lot of unanswered questions about the link between hormone replacement and breast cancer. It should be clear by now that although we have come a long way in understanding and treating this disease, we still have a long way to go. Stay tuned!

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For the love of leaves

Artistic senior's inspiration is in nature, family

By Kim Kovelie
STAFF WRITER

Mary Olds spent many of her 84 years raising a family in a Walked Lake home nestled among trees against a serene lake setting.

"It's just beautiful," Olds said. "All you can hear is the birds singing."

Those elements all came together for Olds in artistic form around the time her four children began moving out.

"I was 50 years old, and I didn't ever think I could do any kind of artwork," Olds said. "I (worked) crossword puzzles in the paper, and I got tired of doing that. I started picking maple leaves and preserving them, and then painting people's homes on them."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER
Walton wood resident Mary Olds enjoys creating water-color paintings in her Novi home.

FAITH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Crosspointe Meadows Church of Novi presents an Alpha Course exploring the Christian faith on Sundays at 6 p.m. There are over 28,690 Alpha courses running all over the world. Check out the Alpha Course Web site at www.alpha.com. Program includes workbook and light supper. There is no fee for this program.

CMC offices are located at 39830 Grand River Ave. - Suite B1-C (west of Hageney) - Phone (248) 427-2700; Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church invites you to worship at either the 9 or 10:30 a.m. service. Sunday School is offered at both services for children pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

Dr. Richard J. Henderson will be leading a five-week class - "The Purpose-Driven Life" - on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and again at 6 p.m. The cost of the book is \$11.

The marriage sale is open to the public Thursday through Saturday at 9 a.m. Book-a-bag day is Saturday 9 a.m.-noon. All proceeds will support future mission trips.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church is located at 44400 W. Ten Mile Rd. in Novi. Call (248) 349-2345.

The Church of the Holy Family offers a Spanish-speaking Mass once a month. Masses begin at 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays in the church Oct. 30 and Nov. 27.

Church of the Holy Family is offering "Theology on Tap." This is an opportunity for anyone with an interest in theological discussions of faith reflection. Lively conversation, an informal setting, and excellent facilitation will combine to create an environment for formation that will reach a generation seeking to learn more about their Catholic heritage and tradition. Theology on Tap will hopefully create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for younger and older parishioners who want to learn more about their Catholic faith and feel "at home" with the church.

Theology on Tap will be held at Gus O'Connor's Irish Pub on the corner of Grand River and Market Street in downtown Novi from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Other events include: Monday, Oct. 25 "Beyond the Fear Factor: Using the Principles of Our Faith to Overcome Fear" Fr. George Charney, pastor, St. James.

Monday, Nov. 1 "Liberal & Conservative Catholics: How Can We Seek unity in Our Church?" Fr. John Budd, pastor, Holy Family.

Monday, Nov. 8 "Prophecy in Our Own Land: Can There Be a Loyal Opposition in the Church?" Joseph Gall, member of the pastoral staff, Holy Family.

The church is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., between Ten Mile and Grand River Ave. Call (248) 349-8847.

Church of the Holy Cross offers a worship service every Wednesday from 12:10 - 12:50 p.m. Come and share your lunch hour with God at a worship service that includes scripture and holy communion. The church invites you to worship Sundays at 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m. Nursery care is available at 10 a.m. worship service. (Our nursery is coor-

minated by a registered pediatric nurse.)

Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Wesley Center for children ages 3-7, and Sunday School at 10 a.m. The Rev. Karen Henry is pastor and priest in charge. The Rev. John W. Henry II is assistant priest.

Worship Service of Comfort is held at 8:30 p.m. Rice 13 (ages 11-14) and 12A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner followed by 7 p.m. Youth Worship Service (held the second and fourth Sunday of every month; all are welcome to attend).

Church of the Holy Cross is located at 46200 W. Ten Mile Rd. (between Beck and Tift roads), Novi. Call (248) 349-1175 or visit www.churchoftheholycross.com.

Novi United Methodist Church is holding a Halloween Party for all ages Saturday, Oct. 30, at 6 p.m. There will be food, games, prizes and fun for all.

The church is also holding its annual silent live auction with plenty of great items to bid on including restaurant gift certificates, hotel packages, entertainment packages, movie theater tickets, household items and vacation packages. The silent auction starts at 6 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 6, followed by dinner at 7 with a live auction to follow. There is a \$25 donation for dinner; advance tickets required. Call (248) 348-2652.

Novi United Methodist Church is located at 41761 W. Ten Mile Rd. Call (248) 349-2652.

To submit a calendar item, please send to Ramez Khuri at rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net or fax to (248) 349-8852.

NOVI SENIOR CENTER - "VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION"

On September 25, Novi Senior Center recognized the many loyal and dedicated seniors that volunteer on a regular basis at the senior center at our annual Senior Volunteer Recognition.

With over 80 volunteers in attendance and many more unable to attend, Novi realizes the fact that without our volunteers our jobs of doing the things we do here at the center would be difficult to do.

Volunteers were treated to a wonderful home-cooked breakfast by the McAlpine family of pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs and all the trimmings. Trust me, there wasn't an empty stomach in the room.

Singer Diane Morgan provided wonderful entertainment with delightful songs well known by all.

Although we did not single out a particular person, we wanted to thank all volunteers for the jobs well done. Even though we try to recognize and acknowledge our volunteers daily, we wanted to have a special day for them and to let them know how very important they are to the center.

Novi Senior Center is so fortunate to have so many willing people join in whenever needed and do whatever job is asked of them, and there are many jobs. We need volunteers to work with most all functions of the kitchen, getting ready for events, day to day lunches along with the mobile meal program.

Cards, bingo, exercise, quilting, educational and recreational programs, computer classes, tutoring the Asian Pacific group, the library, dance, Pattern Braid...the list is endless. Without our volunteers, our jobs would be much more difficult

and value the time and effort put in well done. Even though we try to recognize and acknowledge our volunteers for all we do here at the center.

Although it is very hard to track how many volunteers work, last year we recorded 10,839 hours from over 128 volunteers. Even though we constantly remind our volunteers to record their time, many feel they just want to volunteer without, as they say, any "façade!"

Hasn't off to the many volunteers at the Novi Senior Center...you are special and always willing to give your time to us...Great job!

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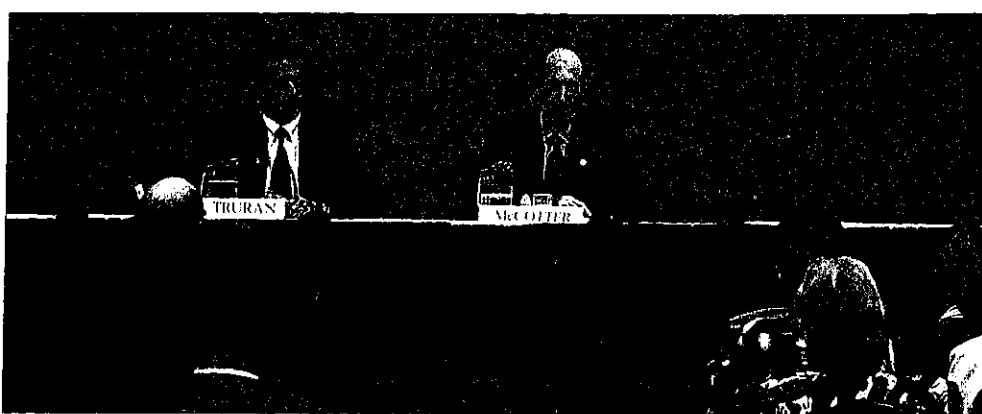
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McCotter faces challenge from Novi's Truran

Incumbent trying to keep his 11th seat

By Hugh Gallagher
HOMETOWN COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK



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Phil Truran (left) and Thaddeus McCotter squared off in a League of Women Voters candidates forum at Canton's Summit.

Few sparks flew when 11th District congressional incumbent Thaddeus McCotter and challenger Phil Truran met for a League of Women Voters' candidates forum at Canton's Summit. "I agree" was a regular refrain during the more than hour-long meeting between the two candidates. The other candidate on the Nov. 2 ballot, Charles Basso of the United States Taxpayers Party, was invited but did not participate.

McCotter, 39, a Livonia Republican, and Truran, 37, a Novi Democrat, agreed on the recent lifting of the ban on assault weapons, support tax reforms and reductions, oppose amnesty for illegal aliens and support changes in trade agreements to reduce offshoring of jobs.

Debating

But the candidates still found many areas of difference on everything from the war on terror to stem cell research to the role of government.

Truran, president of the Communications Workers of America Local 4013, said he supports changes in trade agreements.

"There is no such thing as free trade; we've become the world's largest consumer market," Truran said.

He said he supports tax credits for small businesses that provide jobs in the United States.

McCotter, who is completing his first term in Congress, also criticized unbalanced trade agreements. He said he has successful trade agreements with countries that have policies similar to our own such as Australia, but are at a disadvantage in dealing with India or China.

"We are punished for having a social safety net. We need to restore reciprocity between nations," he said.

Truran said the government needs to do more to create jobs. "We have a fundamental disagreement on the role of government," McCotter responded. "The people who create opportunity are not government bureaucrats, but

entrepreneurs."

He said government must continue to support the social safety net of Social Security and Medicare but needs to be less active in directing the economy.

Truran and McCotter both said they support tax reform. McCotter said the government had a role in creating a place to "grow the economy."

"Trickle down doesn't work," Truran said. "We do need to get the government off people's backs, but we need to fill the tank from bottom up."

McCotter said there is a consensus that the government needs to reform the tax code.

"But there is no consensus on which way to reform - flat tax, sales tax. The best thing we can have is tax reform that simplifies the tax code. I agree with the concept but I want to see the details," McCotter said.

Different views

The war on terror and the war in Iraq drew the biggest contrast between the candidates.

"We need to get a new commander in chief," Truran said. He said there needs to be more involvement by other nations and the United Nations.

"I disagree with the premise that we should have UN support," McCotter said. "We trusted these people to do the right thing to enforce sanctions against Iraq under Saddam Hussein. I propose we support an American track."

McCotter said that terrorism wasn't confined to al Qaeda but that there were other groups and the "terrorists states that support them."

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"Terrorism is a tactic, not a force," Truran said. He said the government shouldn't be outsourcing the job of getting Osama bin Laden.

In response to a question about Bush administration policies that have opened up government lands for harvesting natural resources, Truran said he supports keeping parks and wilderness as they are, calling the Great Lakes "one of our great treasures."

"I go up North every deer season I can," McCotter said. "Conservation is a balancing act we do with our energy needs."

McCotter said he supports energy exploration on public land and he also supports opening public land for more recreational use by snowmobilers and others.

On stem cell research, Truran said he supports adult and embryonic stem cell research as a way to find a cure for many diseases and does not regard embryonic stem cell research as destruction of human life.

"I do believe it is the destruction of human life," McCotter said. "Great advances are coming from adult stem cell research not embryonic cells."

Truran said he was concerned about the emphasis placed on testing when there are so many variables involved in a child's life.

"I disagree with the fundamental premise," McCotter said. "Education is best left in the hands of teachers, parents and students on a local level."

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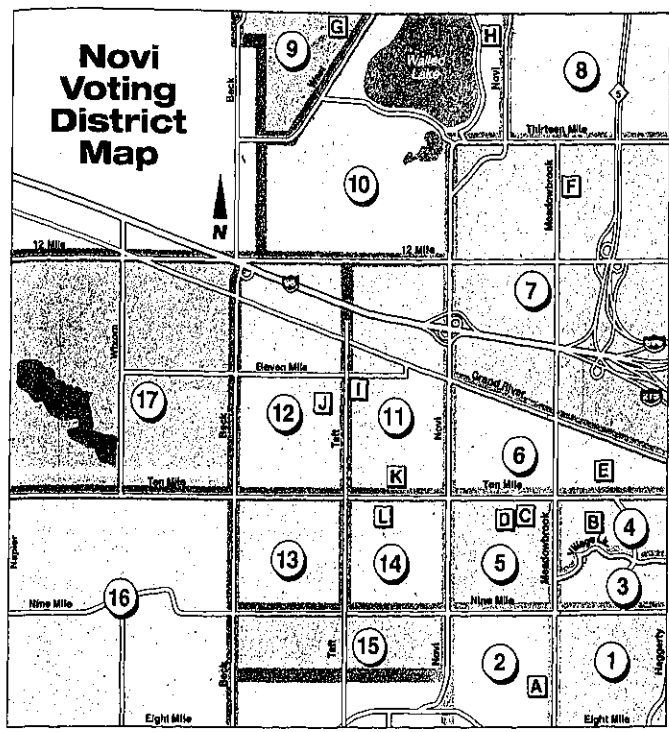
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First-time voters face dilemma

By Kim Kovelie
STAFF WRITER

Canton said this policy of verifying young people is important to avoid fraud.

"This is all about maintaining the integrity of the system versus convenience for certain voters," Patterson said. "If someone's never voted before, I don't think it's too much to ask them to actually go in and present themselves to a real live person."

But Nancy Cassis (R-Nowi) feels the law needs improvement. "That kind of gave a sense of security to the system, but we realize there was an inequity in state or local county clerk offices," she said. "I think young people are being disenfranchised."

In 2001, Cassis introduced a house bill that would allow first-time voters to cast an absentee ballot if their signature is notarized. It died in the senate, but she said she plans to reintroduce it in January.

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Get out and vote!

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An application for an absentee ballot must be filled out at the city clerk's office no later than 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30.

All absentee ballots must be received by Election Day, whether mailed or dropped off at the Novi Civic Center. Absentee voters can use the drop box for city taxes and water bills on the south side of the Civic Center or one of the reception centers on the first and second floors.

Those who can legally possess a ballot issued to an absent voter include:

- the absent voter;
- a member of the absent voter's immediate family or who lives in the absent voter's household and has been asked by the absent voter to return the ballot;
- a person whose job it is to handle mail before, during or after being transported by a public postal service, express mail service, parcel post service, or common carrier, but only during the normal course of his or her employment; and
- the city clerk, assistants of the clerk and other authorized election officials of the city.

Any other person possessing an absent voter ballot is guilty of a felony.

Election results will be aired on Channel 13 as they come in. Results will appear later on the city's Web site at www.ci.novi.mi.us or at the Oakland County Web site at www.co.oakland.mi.us.

Visit www.publius.org or www.michigan.gov/vote, enter your name, and the site will tell you if you are registered and where you should vote. The site will also provide a map of your polling place and a sample ballot.

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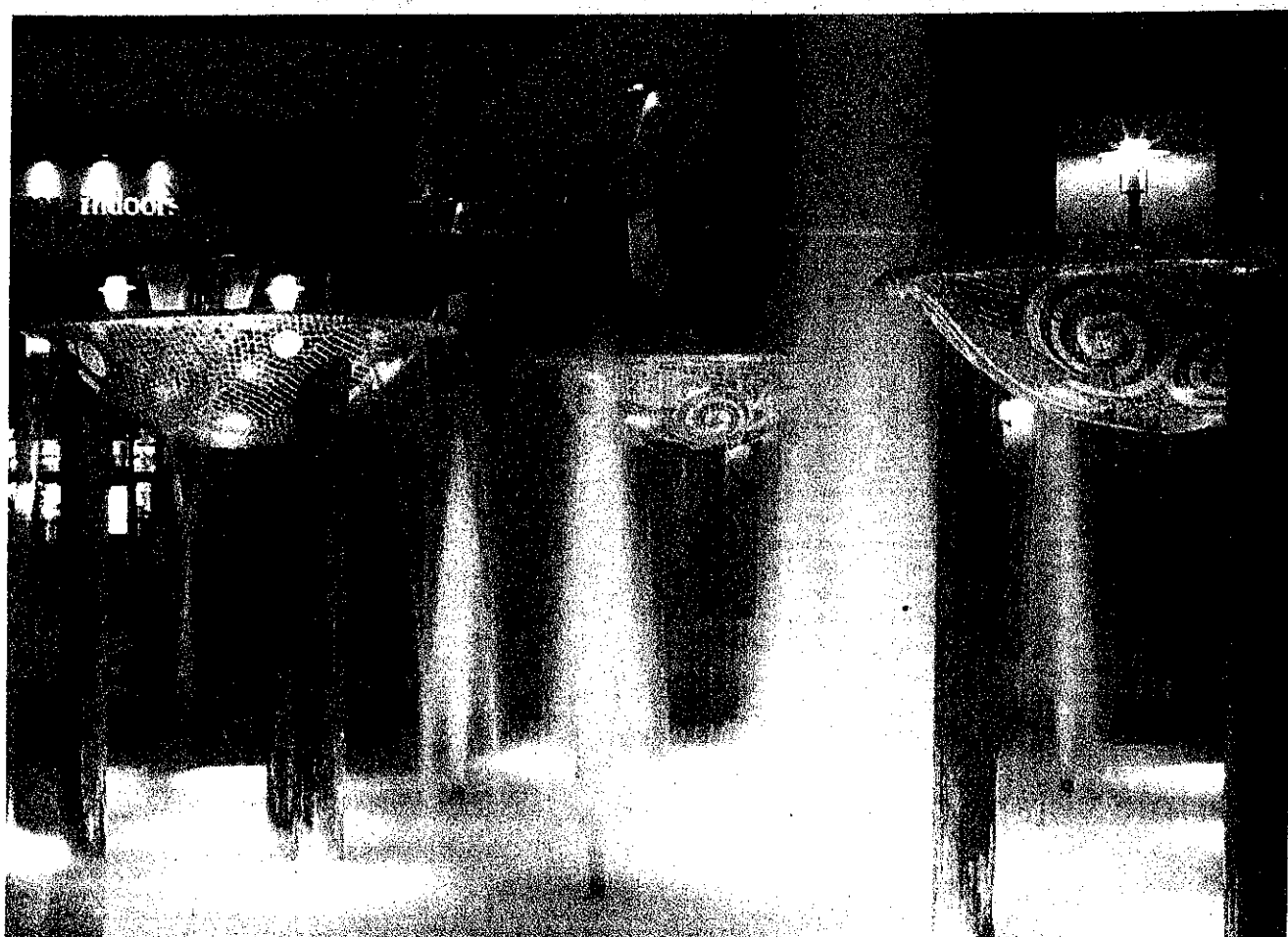
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Battle of the Baseline
The football game between Novi and Northville has been going on for 33 years. This could be the best game yet. Find out why in our preview section.
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Prepped and ready
The Novi soccer team tied KVC king South Lyon and pounded Hartland last week as they prepped for playoff action. Novi is one of the top ranked teams in the state.
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NOVI NEWS

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Thursday, October 21, 2004

Defense should topple 'Stangs

JUG NOT!

'Cats can't stop spread

Novi looks to keep lead in all-time series with win

I have only been to one Novi football game this year, and that was by accident. I worked a little later than usual one Friday evening, and just happened to head toward the freeway up Taft. I saw the stadium lights and thought, 'Why not?'

I only saw the first half of the Wildcats' 42-6 dismantling of Pinckney, but that was enough to know that Tab Kellepourey's squad is plenty tough once again.



Cal Stone
NOVI NEWS EDITOR

Last year, I saw several games, including the annual battle for the Baseline Jug. I predicted a 52-14 'Cats victory, and they wound up on top of rival Northville 35-16.

Calling for a 38-point win margin probably wasn't the brightest thing to do, but my cohort at the time, Northville Record Editor Chris Davis, left me no choice but to make it very clear that Novi was going to win and win big.

This year I won't be so reckless, although I'm sure Davis' successor, David Aguilar (aka Fresh Blood), would love for me to go out on the limb big time.

The Mustangs are sporting a 7-1 record and one of the most dangerous Western Lakes Athletics Association offenses of recent memory. These guys run and they gun. In fact, they've scored three times as many touchdowns as Novi has allowed all year.

The 'Cats, too, are no slouches with the ball in hand. They've scored three times as many TDs as they've allowed. Of course, that probably says more about their defense, which is brutal.

There are some other factors to consider, however. This is for the Baseline Jug. It's like when Michigan State University and University of Michigan go at it. Records and stats don't seem to matter as much as pride and bragging rights. For the record, Novi is on top of the series — but only slightly, 17-16.

Even though Novi and Northville share a common border, and many of these guys grew up playing with each other, this is a home game for the 'Stangs. Yes, Novi will bring a strong contingent, but they'll need it to fend off the sea of black-and-orange.

While Northville was slapping Livonia Stevenson, 35-9, last Friday, Novi was struggling with Milford, losing 21-14. This could mean several things. Northville is feeling cocky and ready to even the Baseline score. Novi is out to show why they're the outright Kensington Valley Conference champs.

With 939 passing yards, Charlie Thomas is totting a canon for Northville, and he's got a pair of great targets in Mike Jameson and Richie Neiman. If he can't find them, Thomas will run it himself (575 yards) or hand it off to Mac Silec (927) or Cody Sivic (423). Ouch!

But Novi has many ways to stop the run, mainly brothers Josh and Jarrell Woods, and Robbie Carter, and Sean Costello, and... on and on: You get the point. The 'Cats are going to need their speed in their secondary, however, or it's going to be target practice for the 'Stangs.

On average, Novi has allowed 11 points per game this year. Northville will score more than that — I'm figuring around 24 — but not enough to top the Wildcats' 27. Close, David — but no cigar.

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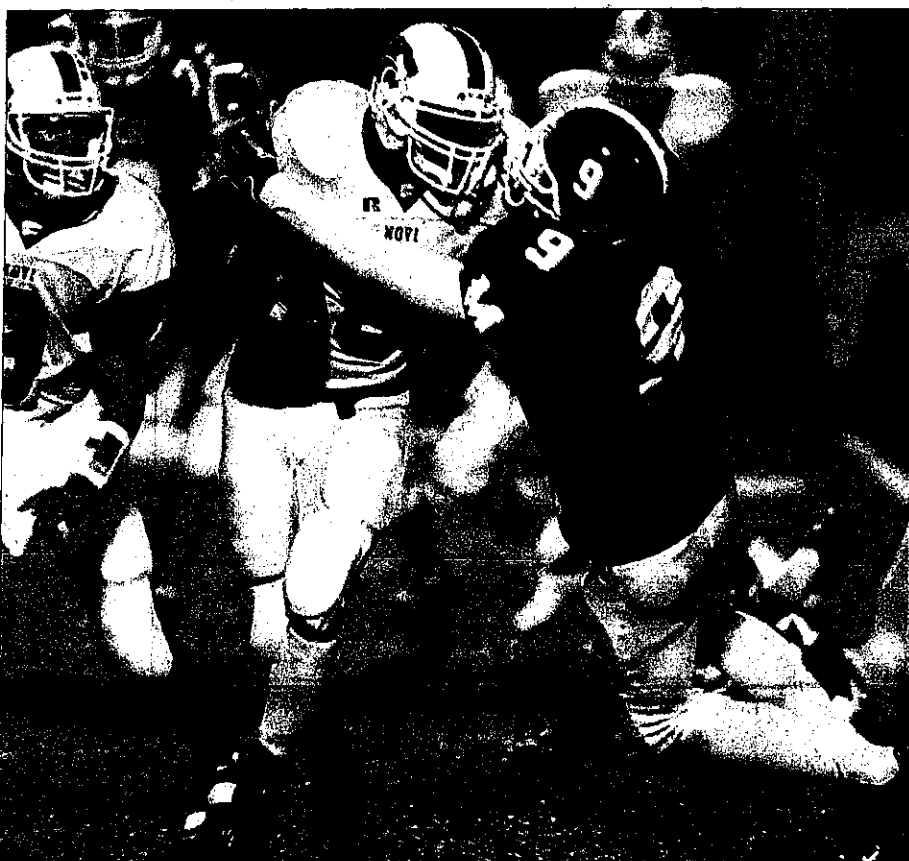


Photo by JEREMY KINDYWESTSIDE PHOTO

Novi's Josh Woods tries to break away from a tackler against Milford last week. Novi lost to their KVC rivals, 21-14.

Novi falls to Milford Mavericks

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It was always a possibility lurking in the back of the Novi Wildcats' minds.

The Novi football team, coached by Tab Kellepourey, knew the Milford Mavericks weren't going to give up the chance at ruining a perfect Novi KVC season — and they didn't.

Milford instead escaped with a 21-14 victory over their conference rivals, spurring memories of three seasons ago when Novi did the same thing to the Mavericks. Novi, however, went on to defeat the then-KVC champs in the playoffs as well that year.

The 'Cats, however, are already looking to put the game behind them.

"We had a bad week of practice and we just didn't get it done," Novi senior linebacker Robbie Carter said. "We're not going to let that happen this week."

Tomorrow night at 7 p.m., the Novi Wildcats (6-2) pay visit to the Northville Mustangs (7-1) in their annual Baseline Jug contest.

"It's not a game that's hard to get up for," senior defensive end Sean Costello said. "All of the guys will be ready."

No doubt, Northville will be eager to study the game tape versus Milford. There, Novi game up 21 first quarter points but could not overcome the deficit, eventually losing despite leading in nearly every statistical category except on the board.

Milford was the first to get on the board, scoring with six minutes left in the first quarter on a one yard pass to go up 7-0. Just two and a half minutes later, the Mavericks

capitalized on a fumble, diving on it in their endzone for the recovery and the touchdown.

The Wildcats fought back though, scoring on a blazing 86-yard run by senior quarterback Kevin Cisto, who bolted through the defense and sprinted to the endzone for the score. A kick by Pat Sijan cut the Milford lead to 14-7 with 3:12 left in the first quarter.

However, the Mavericks weren't through scoring. They bolted into the endzone on a third touchdown with a 31-yard sprint for a score and the 21-7 lead.

The Wildcats aren't known for giving up, and they didn't. In the second quarter, Novi

HISTORY LESSON

Many Northville and Novi football fans may not be aware, but the Baseline Jug their teams play for on the ninth week of the football season isn't the original.

Instead, it's the replacement for one that was destroyed. The original was ceramic and, unfortunately, broken. Many thought that with it would go the tradition, but that wasn't the case.

Instead, the Northville Record and the Novi News enlisted the help of Guernsey Dairy Farms. They donated a sturdy milk jug, which was painted and returned to the game for the victor to hoist.

For the past three seasons, Novi has been the victor. Northville has been on the wrong end of the sleek scoring of the Wildcats. The Jug has been in the possession of Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey and his boys. They wear patches on their letterman jackets and they have bragging rights over the boys from south of the Baseline.

None of the players on this year's Northville team were even in high school the last time the Mustangs won the jug in 2000. They've heard of the weight of the prize and what it feels like to hold it proudly above their heads, but they've never done it themselves.

Who will hoist it this year? Who will have bragging rights as the Baseline victors for 2004?

Only tomorrow night will tell. Don't miss out on what could prove to be the most exciting game between these two teams in a long time.

scored the final touchdown of the game with a 19-yard run by Cisto.

Even with the loss, Novi earned the outright championship for the Kensington Valley Conference and are guaranteed a playoff berth for the fifth-straight year — the entire tenure of Kellepourey as head coach.

"We have to learn from our mistakes," Carter said. "We have to practice harder and play harder if we want to win. We definitely want to win."

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GREAT FRIDAY NIGHT WEATHER

It could be the perfect night for football when Novi and Northville face off in the annual Baseline Jug football game.

Weather predictions indicate the daytime high will reach around 63 degrees and the overnight low will drop to 52. The forecast looks to be mostly cloudy with a 20-percent chance of rain and a 10-11 mile-per-hour wind flowing in a southerly direction.

The Northville Mustangs fared much better than their cross-town rivals last Friday. Northville stamped to a 35-9 victory over the Stevenson Spartans to climb to an impressive 7-1 record this year.

The Mustangs were led by Charlie Thomas with three touchdowns while Mac Silec added two with 273 yards of rushing. Despite rainy conditions, the Mustangs didn't hesitate to throw the ball in their spread offense.

The defense allowed just one touchdown on a slant pattern pass into the southern endzone before the offense gave up a safety on a botched long snap that flew over punter Rick Birdsall's head and out of the endzone.

The Mustang defense allowed just 59 yards passing and 140 yards rushing. Stevenson previously had been averaging approximately 36 points a game.

Northville finished in second place in the conference standings behind undefeated Canton — the only team the Mustangs have lost to so far this season.

Save everyone the trouble, Cal. Just add Novi to the list now.

No apology necessary. No shame in your game for stepping up. No harm, no foul.

After all, it's an impressive victory list, seven total. It includes Saline, Plymouth, Wayne Memorial, Livonia Stevenson, John Glenn, Walled Lake Western and Livonia Franklin.

Like you, they too once foolishly believed Northville was a victory waiting to happen, low-hanging fruit waiting to be plucked.

Instead they got bit by the hand that was supposed to feed them, by a defense that refused to quit and an offense with no apparent "off" switch.

It's a list, Cal, replete with doubters and naysayers alike, with the newly awakened and the recently converted. And you and your band of stray 'Cats are about to be unceremoniously added to it.

The woodshed is this way. Believe it, folks. Northville's back. Hallelujah! Can an editor get an amen?

And yet still you doubt, Cal. Why? You worship false prophets and you mutter beneath your breath, "Fluke!"

You look at Northville's 7-1 record and smirk. You blaspheme the Mustangs potent spread offense, then openly wonder which Northville Mustangs football team is most likely to show up Friday.

Is it the one that gives up the occasional big play, you mention in passing? Or is it the team which unapologetically scores 20 unanswered points, en route to ruining your homecoming dreams?

Novi is about to find out. They're about to find out what an Orange Crush feels like up close. The writing is on the scoreboard, my good friend.

Gang Green? That's what you call your defense? Ha! More like green, with envy.

The prophecy is already written, Cal. Tomorrow night the Baseline Jug is coming home. The all-time ledger will get evened at 17 wins apiece and the world will be right once again.

Prattle on, if you want, about the Wildcats stingy defense. And their scary team speed. Ooh! Scary!

Is that the same team that laid an egg last week at Milford? For a second there I wasn't sure. I thought maybe it was Easter.

Save all your KVC chatter and football fodder for the choir to which you preach. Nothing worse than a yapping editor doing silly human tricks.

The Wildcats are a solid team, no question. Fair is fair. But Northville is destiny's child. Tomorrow night the Mustangs will prove there are plenty of ways to skin a Cat.

Buckle up, folks, riding along Mustangs head coach Clint Alexander's spread offense. Triple wheelies to the short side. Mac Silec up the gut!

Gang green? Oh, please. Spare me. The jug is coming home tomorrow night. It's coming home because junior quarterback Charlie Thomas is going to tuck it beneath his arm and run for daylight, then drop back in the pocket and toss it 30 yards downfield to a wide open Mike Jameson.

It's coming home via fumble recoveries and interceptions, pressure defense and special teams play. It's coming home because Northville is where it belongs.

Gang green? No way. Paint it orange, Cal. A new day is born. Northville 36, Novi 31.

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Wildcat Brett Jaussi lifts a shot out of the rough on the fourth hole of the Links of Novi.

'Cats wrap up golf season

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

It was a harsh ending to a promising season for the Novi Wildcats golf team.

The 'Cats, led by coach Brad Huss, found themselves bowing out in a very tough regional tournament to end their season. Novi scored a 313 to finish fifth. The top three teams of Howell (299), Brighton (302) and Detroit Catholic Central (302) earned a berth to the state finals.

"A shame that we didn't make it this year," Huss said. "But, it was a good season. Three of the eight KVC schools made it and we beat all of them during the year. It just shows that on any given day."

Novi will graduate a handful of top players, but Huss said his squad should be solid come next season.

"I have a good looking crew returning next year," he said. "The future looks good. I feel bad for the seniors who didn't quite reach their goals, but they are great kids that will all be successful in life."

Mark Eberline and Mike Martinez missed qualifying individually for the state finals by one and two shots, respectively. Eberline recorded a 73 in the match while Martinez shot a 74.

"Mark played his last 54 holes in one over par," Huss noted. Brett Jaussi shot an 83 in the match while R.J. Makoski matched an 83 of his own. Scott Czekaj carded an 86.

Post-KVC tournament and Oakland County

The Novi Wildcats had a strong showing in both of their toughest tournaments of the year. In the Oakland County meet, Novi finished tied for third along with Milford with 312 strokes while Andover snagged first and Brother Rice was second.

Eberline had an impressive showing, tying with Milford's Luigi Spadolato for a 2-under 70 which earned him the medalist position.

"Mark is the second Novi golfer to win medalist honors," Huss said of the county meet. "Eric Aytes won two years ago."

Jaussi recorded a 74 in the county meet, while Martinez and Makoski matched 83s and Czekaj shot an 84.

In the post-KVC tourney, the Wildcats once again came out with the best game. "We tied Howell for first," Huss said. "This gave them the KVC and we placed second outright."

Shooting well for the 'Cats was



Novi's Mike Martinez tees off on the fifth hole at the Links of Novi.

Jaussi, who earned first-team All-KVC honors with a 74. Martinez recorded a 78 and Makoski an 83 with both of them having an impressive enough showing throughout the year for second-team honors.

Earning honorable mention All-KVC was Eberline, who shot an

impressive 73 at the tournament, while Nick Prokop shot an 80 and missed honorable mention honors by just a single stroke.

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The harsh realities of recruitment

It seems there is some misunderstanding in the role of a head coach.

Some people think they are responsible for more than the season they coach. The thought that coaches are responsible for getting players recruited by colleges has floated to the surface over the past few seasons and this area hasn't been immune to it.

Sure, it's a nice benefit when a Jack Renkens will know that many athletes and their parents just don't get it. It's a tough business. For every one athlete that is capable of playing college sports, there are 99 that don't have a chance. That's one percent of the athletic population.

One out of 100 athletes go to play college sports on scholarship. For every one athlete that can, there are probably 50 parents who think their own kid can do it too.

There's nothing wrong with dreaming, but there's a point where reality should click. Parents need to realize not every player will go to the next level, and it's not the coach's job to admit that to them.

If you want your athlete to get recruited then good for you. It's a beautiful thing when that letter of intent finally arrives.

Just remember, getting an athlete recruited isn't the responsibility of any coach. They may be willing to help, but they can't make up the mind of the colleges for you.

If you're serious about it, find a professional to do it for you. They know the ins and outs. If you're only semi-serious about it, then you might as well give up now, because you're not trying hard enough and you can't expect a high school coach to put in the effort for you.

It's cold, it's hard, but it's the truth. Sam Eggleston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.



Sam Eggleston



The Novi Wildcats will be looking to make some noise when they take on top-ranked Milford and fourth-ranked Pinckney in the KVC race. Novi is ranked second in the state.

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CALENDAR

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EVENTS

Friends of the Wixom Library Used Book Sale

DATES: Thursday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
LOCATION: Wixom Public Library at 4915 Pontiac Trail in Wixom, across the street from the Post Office.
CONTACT: Wixom Library, (248) 624-2512.

Camera Fair

DATE: Oct. 24
TIME: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Community Center (south side of Ten Mile Road, between Novi and Tait roads)
DETAILS: The Michigan Photographic Historical Society's

The Emperor's New Clothes

DATE: Oct. 29-31
TIME: Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m.
LOCATION: 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
DETAILS: The Novi Theatre's second presentation in their 2004-2005 season. Tickets are \$10 before Oct. 29; \$12 after.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0400.

Moosetrap

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 30
TIME: 3 and 8 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Sheraton, Haggerty Road at Eight Mile Road
DETAILS: The Michigan Productions returns to the Novi

My Fair Lady Auditions

DATE: Nov. 15 and 17
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
DETAILS: Audition packets are now available at Novi Parks & Recreation.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0400.

How to Start a Business

DATE: Nov. 10
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
LOCATION: Oakland County complex, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac
DETAILS: Seminar for anyone thinking about going into business. Participants examine their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to implement their ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid. Fee is \$40.
CONTACT: (248) 858-0783.

America's Family Pet Expo

DATE: Nov. 19-21
TIME: Friday 1-9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi
DETAILS: An adventure for the whole family featuring hand-on petting opportunities, exhibits, demonstrations, entertainment, food and fun.
CONTACT: Gwyn Powell, (800) 999-7395 or gwpowell@wpspa.com.

How to Write a Business Plan

DATE: Nov. 18
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
LOCATION: Oakland County complex, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac
DETAILS: Workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. Fee is \$40, which includes all materials.
CONTACT: (248) 858-0783.

Business Referrals

DATE: every Wednesday
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Rd.
TIME: 7-8:30 a.m.
DETAILS: Meeting of local professionals and business looking to increase word-of-mouth referral business. Various classifications open and eager to bring you qualified business leads.
CONTACT: (734) 462-6460.

Novi Newcomers and Neighbors Women's Self-Defense Class

DATE: Wednesday, Nov. 3
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Instructional Technology Center (ITC) on Tait Road (the building links between the fifth and sixth grades in Novi Meadows).
DETAILS: The class is free. Sgt. Tom Kilderman 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. RSVP by Nov. 1 at www.novineewcomers.com
CONTACT: www.novineewcomers.com

Breast Cancer Support Group

DATE: Second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.
LOCATION: Hiron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commons, Classroom C on the ground floor of the hospital.
TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.
DETAILS: There is no need to call ahead and register.
CONTACT: (248) 937-5017.

Oakland County Health Division Expectant Parent Classes

DATE: ongoing series
CONTACT: (248) 858-0783

SUPPORT GROUPS

Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples (MOMS)
DATE: second Thursday of each month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Wick's Hat Depot, South Lyon
DETAILS: Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple-birth children and their families.
CONTACT: Emily Sack, president, at (248) 465-5483.

Women's Prayer Support

DATE: every Saturday
TIME: 9-10:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom (parking is behind the church).
DETAILS: You are welcome to come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer as you face life's problems, issues and frustrations. Drop in for five minutes or longer.
CONTACT: Nancy and Susan at (248) 926-8332 or by e-mail at harvestfellowship@comcast.net.



Artist Julia Mary Williams of Ray, Mich., created this 27-inch tall crown sculpture. She is one of many local sculptors whose work will be exhibited at the Sugarloaf Art Fair this weekend at the Novi Expo Center.

SWEET ART FAIR

They will astonish you with their boundless creativity. They will dazzle you with their meticulous attention to detail. They will delight you with the warmth and personality of their work. "They are the artists of the Sugarloaf Art Fair—potters, painters, sculptors, designers—brought together each year to share their talents and creations."

"Art has played a tremendously important role in people's lives throughout history," says Deann Verdier, who founded Sugarloaf Mountain Works in 1976 with her husband, George. "That we come together each year to share and celebrate the ingenuity of these artists is testament to our recognition and appreciation of that role."

It wasn't so long ago that many artists had no outlet through which to display or sell their work, outside of their individual networks of families and friends and the occasional church bazaar. Deann met a few local artists in the mid-1970s while taking a pottery course at an arts center in Md. She immediately recognized the need for a high quality show that would draw artists and customers from across the nation and immediately set to work to make it happen.

That first Sugarloaf Art Fair, in the spring of 1976, was a huge success. Over 200 artists and thousands of art aficionados attended, launching what has become one of the best-known and most profitable art fairs in the nation.

Not long afterwards, Deann quit her day job as a school-teacher and George, a nuclear engineer, soon followed. They concentrated on building the new company, which today hosts 18 fairs annually from Md. to Mich.

Ironically, the artists welcome the challenge, recognizing that even the most talented among them need to be pushed occasionally to higher levels of creativity. The result is an energy and quality not often found at other shows. "I try to do as many Sugarloaf shows as I can, just to be close to that energy," says Barbara Bass, a N.J. fiber artist whose bright hues and eccentric designs match her vibrant personality. "George and Deann are the best team that I've seen in the business."

In addition to selecting the best artists in the country, the Verdiers also tailor each show to match their respective markets. "Some places are more contemporary, while others are very traditional," Deann says. "I look for things that I think a particular audience will appreciate."

Finally, the Verdiers select a variety of artists to represent all types of art, and all levels of affordability. "A lot of people think that because it's handmade, it's going to be pricey," Deann says, "but because there's no middleman involved, you can really get good value at the shows."

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Pumpkin Tossing

Novi Parks and Recreation is hosting a pumpkin tossing contest at Power Park (just south of the Novi Civic Center, 45174 W. Ten Mile Road) at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23. Registration is \$10. 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. Prizes will be awarded to the most accurate throw and the longest distance thrown. Participants must be registered by October 14. Registration packets can be picked up 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the Novi Parks and Recreation office. There must be at least 10 groups registered for the event to take place. Call (248) 347-0400 for more information.

17th Annual Halloween Party & Dance, Single Mingle

Join the Metropolitan Single Professionals and Country Club Singles — rattle your chains, dance and mingle with the crowd, and vote for the best costumes at Double Tree Guest Suites main ballroom, Novi from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Oct. 29. There will be many prizes, a top 40 DJ, cash bar, and hors d'oeuvres. Admission is \$15; attire is semi-casual (costumes are optional), nice casual. Call (248) 544-6445 or 851-9909; or visit www.mspsc.com.

NORTHVILLE

Pets on Parade

The Howl-O-ween Pet Festival and Parade is scheduled from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30. Costumed pets and their owners will have the opportunity to participate in games, contests and more at Ford Field in downtown Northville. The pet parade will begin at 5 p.m. Ford Field is located just north of Main Street and to the east of Sheldon Road/Center Street. The event is being organized by the Northville Department of Parks and Recreation.

Pumpkin Walk

The 2004 Pumpkin Walk will be at the Historic Mill Race Village in downtown Northville. The Mill will once again open to provide young children with a safe and necessary chance to trick-or-treat, create craft projects, and play games. The event will take place between 6-8:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Mill Race Village is located north of Main Street on Griswold Street, east of Sheldon Road/Center Street. Tickets are available through the Northville Department of Parks and Recreation.

Corn Maze helps Maybury

The Pumpkin Patch at Maybury Farm is open for early pumpkin shoppers. Tractor rides to the patch are available for a \$2 donation per adult, \$1 per child (4-11), under 4 free and \$2 per pumpkin. The Corn Maze is still going strong and is open on Fridays, 5-9 p.m., as well as Saturdays and Sundays, 2-9 p.m. Tickets are \$4 per child and \$8 per adult. All of the proceeds from these two events will go toward rebuilding Maybury Farm. For additional information call (248) 374-0200.

CANTON

Family Fright Night Fleets

Do the inash-the inonster mash, from 7-9 p.m., Oct. 22 at the Summit on the Park grand ballroom. The First Annual Halloween Dance will feature music, light refreshments, door prizes and a costume contest. Tickets will not be sold at this event and walk-ins will not be accepted. Tickets must be purchased beforehand through the leisure services office and are priced at \$5 for residents and \$6.50 for non-residents. Children 3 and under will be admitted free. For more information, call leisure services at (734) 394-5460.

Pumpkins on the Pond

Carve a spooky jack-o-lantern and bring out to Heritage Park from 6-9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 15. The pumpkins will be lined up around the pond and lit up in the dark. The event is free of charge. Pumpkin drop-off begins at 5 p.m. There will be music and refreshments as well. For more information, call leisure services at (734) 394-5460.

Octoberfest

For those who want to keep their little ghouls and goblins safe this Halloween, Octoberfest offers a trick or treat alternative. From noon-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16, children will be treated not only to candy, but to Bayard John as well as a variety of games, contests and refreshments. This event is free. For more information, call leisure services, at (734) 394-5460.

PLYMOUTH

Costume contest

The Great Pumpkin Caper costume contest will be 5:30-6:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 29 at the Band Shell at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. To register, pick up a ticket number at the Band Shell between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and winners will be announced at 7 p.m. For more information contact the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540 or visit www.plymouthmi.org.



Appearing in the Marquis Theatre's production "Halloween Madness" are (l to r) Alex Buchanan (Novi); Michelle Garrison (Farmington Hills); Daniel Grecco (Livonia); and Ashley Shamoen (Northville).

HALLOWEEN MADNESS

This October enjoy an afternoon of "Halloween Madness" at Northville's historic Marquis Theatre, Oct. 9-Oct. 31. Halloween Madness is a musical about some average, fun-loving creatures, who live in an old castle with their servants and pets. You won't want to miss this comedy. Bring the entire family and come dressed in your favorite Halloween costume.

Performance dates and times are: Saturdays, Oct. 16, 23, 30 (2:30 p.m.); Saturdays, Oct. 23, 30 (11 a.m.); Sundays, Oct. 17, 24, 31 (2:30 p.m.); Friday, Oct. 29 (7 p.m.). Tickets to all performances are \$7.50. Please no children under the age of 3. For school reservations, birthday parties and group rates, call the Marquis Theatre at (248) 349-8110. The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street, in historical downtown Northville.

Candy giveaway

There will be trick or treating Friday, Oct. 29, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at downtown Plymouth merchants. There will be members of the Plymouth Rotary Club serving as crossing guards to help keep children safe.

Children can dress up. For more information contact Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-1540 or visit www.plymouthmi.org.

Wagon rides

Plymouth Orchards and Cider Mill offers wagon rides on weekdays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for \$1 per child and free for children 0-3 years. Weekend rides are from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. are \$3 per child. The orchard is located at 10685 Warren Road in Plymouth. For more information about the orchard call (734) 455-2290.

Haunted House

Estate of the Damned is a haunted house located at 13001 Eekles Road in Plymouth. For more information call (734) 453-8404.

Wayne County Hines Park

Wayne County Parks presents Halloween Festival on Saturday, Oct. 23, 1-3 p.m. There will be games, entertainment, hayrides, and candy at this special event. Come out and join the spooky-free fun. New to this year's festivities are a Finding Nemo Kiddy Crawl, 9 hole Putt-Putt Golf and two moonwalks. There will also be special performances by Harpbat at 1:15 p.m. and Comedian/Juggler Josh Casey at 2 p.m. The Nankin Milk Area of Hines Park is located in Westland off of Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail. For more information call (734) 261-1990 or visit www.waynecountyparks.org.

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Alien Takeover

• 31505 Grand River, Farmington (248) 477-8833
Oct. 8-10, 15-17, 22-24 and 28-30; Fri-Sat 7:30 p.m. to midnight; Thursday and Sunday 7-10 p.m.
\$9 per person, \$5 for children 52 inches and shorter
Group rates available

Barn of Horrors - Erwin Orchards

• 61475 Silver Lake Road, South Lyon (248) 437-0150
www.erwinorchards.com
Oct. 2-31 Saturday and Sunday 1-5 p.m.
\$5 per person (includes wagon ride)
Features site of the art animatronics, special effects and robotics; no live actors.

Halloween Hayride and Spook Village

• 2125 Denby, Waterford (248) 674-2119
Oct. 22-23 and 29-30, 7-9:30 p.m.
\$6 per person

Haunted Winery

• 31505 Grand River, Farmington (248) 477-8833
Oct. 8-10, 15-17, 22-24 and 28-30; Thursday and Saturday 7-10 p.m., Friday and Saturday 7:30 p.m.-midnight.
Group rates available.

Night Realm

• Newton Road, between Oakley Park and Commerce Roads (248) 363-9109
Oct. 21-23, 28-30; Opens at dusk
\$9 for Adults and \$7 for child-

ren 48 inches and shorter. \$1 off the price of admission if you bring a can of food for charity.

This old archery range has many scary surprises in store for it's visitor's.
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Realm of Darkness

• 79 S. Glenwood, Pontiac (248) 338-0029
www.realmofdarknesshaunt.com
Oct. 7-10, 14-17 and 21-31; 7:30 p.m.
Group rates available

Terrorified Forest

• Pinckney (734) 878-3737
www.terrorified.com
8 p.m. to Midnight
Costs: \$15 for Haunted Forest, \$7 for Haunted Manor, \$20 for the combo
Group rates are available. Call for more details or visit the Web site
Recommended for children 12 and up

Redford Jaycee's Slaughterhouse

• 15534 Beech Daly, Redford (248) 879-4444
Oct. 8-9, 15-16, 21-24 and 28-31; Sundays and weekdays 7-10 p.m.
\$10 for adults and \$8 for 12 and under

Spooky Barn - Erwin Orchards

(see Barn of Horrors for location and dates)
\$2 per person (includes wagon ride)

Slaughter House

• 5510 W. Grand River, Farmington
Open through Oct. 30; Friday and Saturday 7:30-11 p.m.; Also open on Thursday, Oct. 21 and 28.
\$12 per person
Highly rated walk through that takes 15 to 20 minutes with lots of illusions
Ages 13 and up
Also offering:
Haunted walk through trail, same as Slaughter house; \$9 per

person
Ages 10 and up
Corn maze in shape of solar system, not haunted; \$6 per person

Open Friday 6-11 p.m., Saturday 1-11 p.m. and Sunday 1-7 p.m.

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The Haunted Opera House

• 123 W. Grand River, Howell
www.hauntedoperahouse.com
Sept. 28 - Oct. 30; Thursday 7-10:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 7-midnight
\$10 for 1st floor (haunted maze), \$5 for 2nd floor (Chaos Theatre) and \$13 combo ticket
Eighteen live monsters to be found in this abandoned building.

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BASELINE

'Cats aren't afraid to face Northville spread

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

There is one thing for sure in Novi — they aren't afraid of the big bad spread.

Though Northville has scored three times the amount of touchdowns all of Novi's opponents have put on the board altogether, the Wildcats' defense seems fairly confident of their ability to shut it down.

"Northville is supposedly a really good team so the game might be close," senior defensive end Sean Costello said. "I just don't think they're going to be able to handle it."

Confidence is what has helped Novi's defense keep their opponents at just 10 touchdowns all season. Northville has scored 33 with confidence of their own.

The Wildcats, however, feel they have the necessary tools. "Last year, our linebacker crew stood out," senior Robbie Carter said. "This year, our entire defense is playing great. We have the best defensive backs since I've been in Novi."

The expectations are high for the Wildcats. So far this season they have scored over three times what their opponents have. Their defense has helped secure every victory the team has earned.

"Our defense has been playing solid," said senior linebacker Josh Woods. "I have complete confidence in our ability. We're smart defense, which is why we can get as many offenses like the spread as we need to."

The key for Novi's chance at yet another Baseline victory depends on how well they can interrupt Northville's spread offense.

"I think we'll have to get to the quarterback," Costello noted. "He won't have time to throw to his receivers if we do. A quarterback can't throw with hands in his face."

"Defense wins championships. That says it all."

Robbie Carter
Senior Linebacker

Defense, it seems, is the name of Novi's game. They use their aggressiveness, impressive schemes and some blazing speed to make them one of the most feared defenses in the Kensington Valley Conference.

"I don't feel any team can outrun us," Carter said. "In any position we are as fast, if not faster, than any team. We have a lot of playmakers on our team, and they all want to win this game."

The Baseline Jug is currently Novi's, something the team wants to make sure remains that way. The squad isn't worried about being on Northville's home field either — the Wildcat faithful have been making plans to neutralize the advantage.

"Our fans right now are putting together a huge 500-person tailgate party before the game," Carter said. "They are passing out fliers and getting everyone involved. To us, this is just going to be another home game."

"Every year they talk crap," Costello said. "Every year, we beat the crap out of them. We're not looking to lose to them this year."

The loss against Millford last week, which dropped Novi to 6-2 on the year, was like a bell ringing for this team. Carter said his squad didn't have the best practices the week prior, but will rectify that situation this week.

The question is, can Novi put the loss behind them? "We're already here," Carter said. "We've focused on winning, not on our loss last week."

Novi has won the Jug from their rivals since 2000 — the first year head coach Tab Kellepourey took the reins of his squad. Since then, Novi has made the playoffs every year as well.

"We know what it's like to win," Costello said. "We don't go onto the field ever thinking it's possible we could lose."

And that's exactly why Novi is such a threat. Their offense is potent, led by senior quarterback Kevin Ciso — and their defense is tenacious.

"Defense wins championships," Carter said. "That says it all."

Sam Eggleston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at saggleston@ht.homecomm.net.



Photo by JOHN HEDER
From front to back: Senior Linebacker Rob Carter, senior Linebacker Josh Woods and senior defensive end Sean Costello.

NOVI Wildcats

PASSING			RECEIVING			TACKLES AND SACKS			INTERCEPTIONS		
Player	Yards	TDs	Player	Yards	TDs	Player	Tackles	Sacks	Player	Interceptions	
Jarrell Woods	515	9	Brandon Carnegie	162	3	Josh Woods	53	2	Brandon Carnegie	1	
David Carnegie	331	5	Chris Dalton	118	1	Robbie Carter	47.5	2.5	Kevin Ciso	1	
Kevin Ciso	351	5	Jarrell Woods	36	4	Jarrell Woods	36	4	Seven other	0	
Sean Costello	34.5	3.5	John Favonite	32	1	Sean Costello	34.5	3.5	Garrett	1	
John Favonite	32	1	John Favonite	32	1	John Favonite	32	1	Passing	0	
Ryan Pritchard	19.5	1									

CALENDAR

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LOCATION: Oakland County Health Division, 1010 East West Maple Rd., Walled Lake.
TIME: 7-9 p.m.

DETAILS: Classes will be taught by public health nurses. Topics will include childbirth preparation, labor and delivery, care of the newborn baby, breast-feeding, bottle-feeding, information about keeping children safe and caring for them when they are ill. Cost is \$25.
CONTACT: (248) 858-4003, or (888) 350-0900 ext. 84003.

Adoption Playgroup

DATE: First and third Fridays of the month
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook Road between Ten Mile Road and Grand River Avenue).

DETAILS: We are a nonprofit, non-denominational group that brings adoptive families together. Our twice-a-month meetings provide families with the opportunity to share play and conversation.
CONTACT: For more information contact: Michelle Pergau (248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonan (248) 960-3257.

Novi Toastmasters

DATE: First and third Tuesdays of the month.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room.
TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.

DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership.
CONTACT: Call Colleen at (248) 685-9226.

New Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) chapter

DATES: Wednesdays mornings
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons Activities Room, 25075 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi.
TIME: 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30 a.m. meeting

DETAILS:

\$20 per annual membership includes handbook, \$1 per meeting. New members welcome.


ONGOING

SWOCC Studio Tours

DATE: On-going
LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Rd., Farmington.
DETAILS: Come in for an up close and personal look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studios, your local community television studio.
CONTACT: Melissa Cohn at (248) 473-2840 to schedule your group.

Send your calendar items to Cal Stone, editor, Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; fax to (248) 349-9832; or e-mail to cstone@ht.homecomm.net.

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New News

Thursday, October 21, 2004

Plan for debt-free holidays this season

Dare we say it, there are fewer than 85 shopping days left until Christmas. If "spending ghosts" of Christmases past still haunt you, consider taking proactive steps now to ensure you make wise choices this holiday season.

Make a preliminary gift list

Make a list of people you're considering buying gifts. If your list at first seems long, don't fret; you can always whittle it down. Next, assign each person a dollar amount and then total the amount you want to spend on gifts.

Craft a budget

Once you've determined how much to spend, draw up a written budget for gifts and incidental items you want to buy such as Christmas cards and postage, a Christmas tree, decorations, crafts and any outfits you want to buy for you or your kids. If you're planning to throw a holiday party, don't forget to include food and beverages. Next to each item jot down how much you're financially capable of spending and then total the cost of all the items — gifts included.

Prioritize and think creatively

Can you throw a big Christmas bash and buy gifts for all of your nieces, nephews, colleagues and neighbors without going into debt? If your answer is "no," re-visit your preliminary gift list and make decisions about how you want to spend. If it's important to buy just for the kids, think about alternatives for the adults. Bake cookies for neighbors, or volunteer to faux paint or wallpaper a room. For friends in your life who need a much-needed break from kids, donate a night of babysitting.

Shop wisely

Here are some tips from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to help you shop wisely.

1. Know who you're dealing with. If you're shopping online or by phone, confirm an address and phone number in case you have questions or experience a problem. Shop with merchants you've heard good things about. If you've never heard of a merchant, check their reputation and location with the Better Business Bureau at www.bbbonline.org.
2. Protect privacy. Give personal information only if you know who's collecting it, for what purpose and how it will be used. When online, look for the merchant's privacy policy; reputable online merchants will clearly state privacy policies in an easily accessible place on the Web site. When placing a telephone, ask the customer service representative to explain the company's policy.
3. Look for symbols indicating the online retailer, uses security technology to protect credit card numbers. An unbroken key or padlock at the bottom of your Web browser indicates your transmission is protected.
4. Shop for the best deal. Don't buy a gift at the first store you see. The same holds true for Internet shopping. Use the site's shopping cart feature to hold the item, and then take note of the item's details and price and visit other sites.
5. Look for price-matching and sale adjustment policies. Some store merchants will match or even beat a competitor's price.
6. Watch for price scanner errors. Electronic scanning isn't error proof.
7. Keep good records. Retain store receipts and printouts of Web pages with details about your order, including warranties and return and refund policies. Your records can ensure reimbursement.

Mary Davis manages public affairs for the Michigan Credit Union League (MCUL). Send questions to "Your Money Matters" c/o the Michigan Credit Union League, P.O. Box 8054, Plymouth, MI 48170-8054, or mcu@mcu.org.

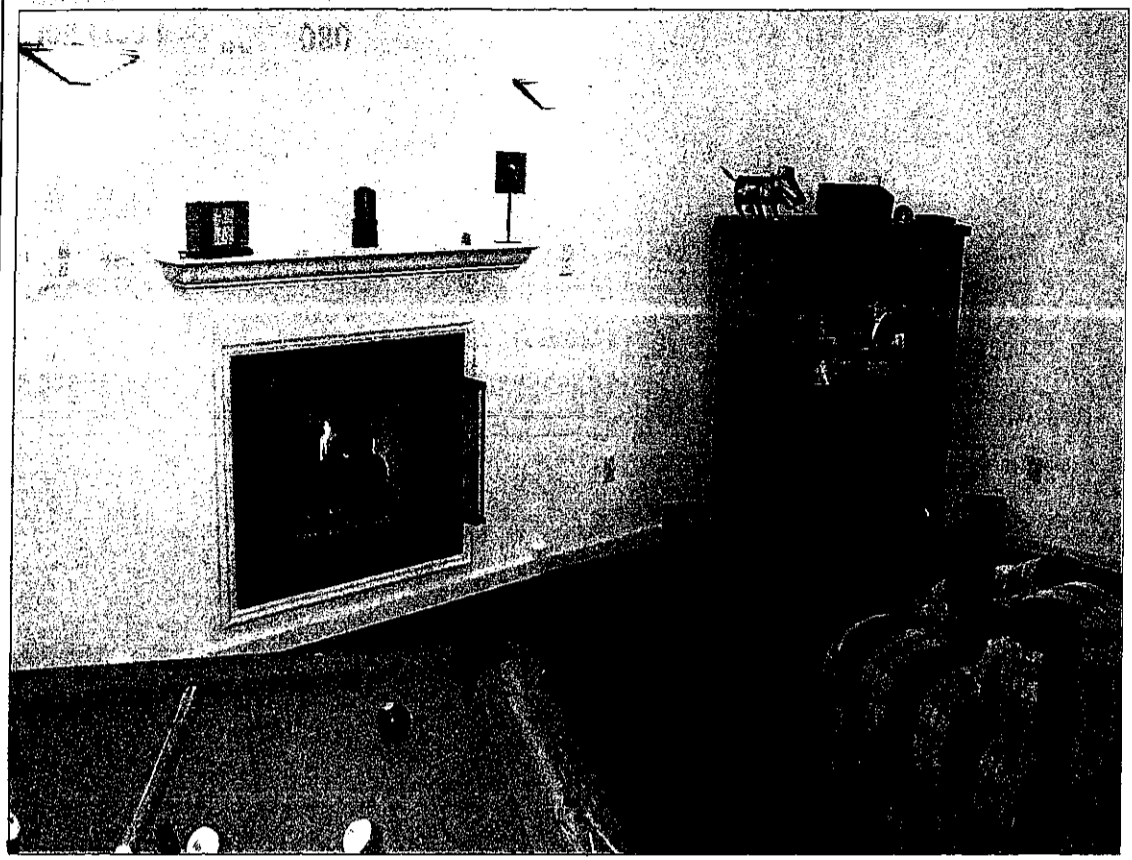
Correction



Submitted photo

Michael and Patrick Ruggiero are carpet and duct cleaning specialists. A outline in last week's edition misspelled the brothers' last name.

Advertorial



Submitted photos

Turn your dingy basement into a play room. Remodeling Remedies in South Lyon is licensed and insured and can turn many basements into fantastic living spaces. Contact Remodeling Remedies toll free at (866) 226-9080 or (248) 486-7494.

Add living space, value to your home

Remodeling Remedies makes your home a better place to live

By Annette Jaworski
SPECIAL WRITER

One of today's most popular home remodeling projects has become one of the most versatile. Homeowners now have numerous options when finishing the basement or lower level. A new recreation area, family room, play room, audio visual room, spare bedroom or even a second kitchen are just a few of the options available, when you basically add an entire floor of living space to your home.

"We don't even call them basements anymore, they're known to us as lower levels," said builder Jim Faydenko of Remodeling Remedies in South Lyon.

These improvements can add from 30 to 50 percent more living space while increasing the value and beauty of your home. With a creative imagination and years of experience, Faydenko can offer numerous suggestions to clients throughout the planning stages.

The Faydenko's own lower level is a typical example of what he can do for clients - create a functional and fun family area. A recreational area is probably one of the most popular options, according to the South Lyon builder. As hockey buffs, they enjoy the air hockey table as well as a game of pool. For the younger set there's a children's play area. A built in fireplace adds focus to a sectional sofa seating area and a big screen TV. Wife, Karen, has her own craft

room as well.

The recreation area creates a perfect environment for entertaining and parties. Faydenko finds that today's remodels are more family focused with "snack areas," instead of bars.

Keith and Margie Pankow of Brighton decided to call Remodeling Remedies to improve their lower level and increase living space. They appreciated Faydenko's creativity and flexibility while working on their project.

"Quite often, we would come up with an idea, and he would go with it and expand on it," said Margie Pankow.

They appreciated that Remodeling Remedies crews were reliable and showed up when promised. When complete, the renovation surpassed all their expectations.

"We're so happy because we had the idea that we would end up with a fixed up basement, and it ended up being a living space, a part of our home," she said. "He put enough care and thought into it as though it was his own home."

Pankow's finished renovation resulted in an entire living area, dining area, bar, and full bathroom. Faydenko even converted wasted space into a small storage area.

Small details are what give a more polished look when designing a lower level.

"The idea is to have it not feel like a basement," Faydenko points out.

For example, instead of the traditional dropped ceiling with fluorescent lighting, he prefers the finished look of drywall and recessed lighting. Track lighting is used over the pool table. Lush carpeting with thickly cushioned padding adds warmth and insulation against noise.

Like the Faydenko's, many of today's newer homes enhance

their spaces with higher 9-foot ceilings. That doesn't mean older homes can't enjoy a fresh new look. Remodeling Remedies will use their years of experience and knowledge of spatial relations to make the best possible use of existing space. This entails working around ductwork or support poles, if necessary. It's a bit trickier, but it can be done.

"I'm good at camouflaging," Faydenko adds.

Using a licensed builder is crucial for these kinds of renovations. A licensed builder will ensure that all proper codes are followed and permits are pulled. In case of insurance claims, homeowners may not be able to collect on work where permits were not pulled, for example, in a case where faulty wiring was not inspected. Do your research, Faydenko recommends. Ask to see their credentials, particularly if they're licensed and insured. Remodeling Remedies includes theirs in an informational packet for clients.

Randy Sapelak, building inspector for the Village of Milford, states that an egress window is necessary for all lower levels finished off as living space. These windows are now a requirement mandated by the State of Michigan. "Basically it prevents someone from getting trapped if there's a fire." Codes require that certain requirements are met. Minimum size of windows are 20 inches wide and 24 inches tall. Height can be no more than 44 inches high, opening up to a minimum of 5.7 square feet of space. The well area needs to be no smaller than 3X3 feet. If the bottom of window to grade is higher than 44 inches, it requires a ladder. "You have to know how to excavate and install these windows or your newly finished space may flood," said Faydenko. "While there is some expense in adding



Jim Faydenko of Remodeling Remedies can make your basement into a great new living space.

gress windows, the safety precaution makes it worth every dime."

Jim Faydenko is a licensed, insured contractor and a Member of the Oakland County Building Industry Association (BIA) and the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID).

Contact Remodeling Remedies toll free at (866) 226-9080 or (248) 486-7494. Check out their website for a wealth of information including favorite materials and suppliers at www.remodelingremedies.com.

Look for Remodeling Remedies to appear in a kitchen remodel segment on Channel Four "WDIV / SAVE on everything" kitchen remodel giveaway sometime in December.

Steps to planning a lower level renovation

First, imagine how your family might use the space, whether you enjoy entertaining, crafts, or movies can determine your choice. Consider the ages of your children, but plan for the future. Young children enjoy a play area, while older kids may enjoy an audio-visual zone to

watch movies.

Schedule an appointment and Faydenko will do a walk through to discuss your ideas and what the plans might entail, as well as offer suggestions. Determine your budget for the project. Remodeling Remedies will provide a thorough, detailed written estimate of all costs involved. If the project isn't feasible within those costs, they'll be straightforward, rather than disappoint a client in the end.

The next step is the design stage, which is a computer generated floor plan of the proposed use of space. This involves a fee, however, if the clients chooses to go ahead with the project, this fee is rolled into the entire cost. If the client chooses another contractor, the plans are theirs to keep.

After the plans are approved by the homeowners, the fun begins. The client can "go shopping" with a list of necessary materials and vendors. The vendors are tried and true suppliers recommended by Remodeling Remedies. Finally, let the crew go to work and get ready to enjoy a new lower level.

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Genitti says service is key in real estate or restaurant business

By Duane Ramsey
 SPECIAL WRITER

Having a family name that is associated with a well-known restaurant, Andy Genitti is looking to make a name for himself in the local real estate business. In fact, he conducts a lot of business from Genitti's restaurant in downtown Northville as well as from his office at Remerica United Realty.

"The restaurant contacts and customers help my real estate business," Andy said. "And my real estate contacts help the restaurant business."

Andy believes there is a natural progression from the restaurant to the real estate business, citing the friendly service, hard work and family atmosphere in the local community.

"I serve people in the real estate business just like I served them in the restaurant," Andy said. "Service is what the real estate business is all about."

The restaurant attracts people not only from within Northville but also from outside the community with many who are looking to live there. People, who don't know a Realtor, know the Genitti family and will come to a name they recognize and trust, according to Andy.

"I'm talking about my business and listings directly to more people every day," he said. "A lot of deals are done in person. People come into the restaurant to talk to me about buying or selling a house."

Andy says that he listens to what the client wants and provides his personal brand of service. He tailors that service for each client and coaches them on home buying and selling.

"If they want to hear from me every day, get a weekly report or only hear from me when I have a

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Photo by DUANE RAMSEY

Andy Genitti stands outside Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant in downtown Northville where he displays all of his listings in the front window.

showing or an offer, that's what they'll get from me," he said.

"Honesty is the No. 1 factor in the real estate business."

Genitti also believes that being in the multiple listing, having the correct price on a home and having a good marketing program are three important factors in real estate.

"Marketing is important. No one else can offer advertising on Main Street in downtown Northville 24-hours a day and 7 days a week," he said, referring to all his listings displayed with his Remerica United Realty sign in the window at Genitti's.

Andy and his family have deep roots in the community where he grew up and went to school. He knows that his real estate business has the support of the entire family.

His grandma Clare, aunt Mary, parents John and Toni, and his two sisters Laura and Christina all live and work in the community. He and his wife Leslie recently bought the family home where he grew up and they now live with their son Andrew and daughter Mia.

property has helped him in the real estate business.

Andy works out of Remerica United Realty's state-of-the-art office in Novi. The office is known as a "boutique" realty business which suits the local

communities.

Genitti invites prospective clients to visit his Web site at www.andygenitti.com, call him at his office or mobile phone numbers or drop by Genitti's and meet him in person.

Weekly Home Sales

Address	Price
Farmington Hills	\$315,000
38217 Tralee Trail	
Highland Township	
2837 Jackson	\$135,000
3365 Lakeview Dr	\$155,500
976 Garden Ave	\$175,000
2955 Jackson Blvd	\$210,000
1861 Lockwood	\$260,000
1763 La Salle Blvd	\$300,000
3145 Beaumont	\$372,000
290 Sherman	\$144,000
4160 Intervale Ct	\$210,000
2907 Bay Vista Dr	\$268,000
Lyon Township	
25900 Cobblers LN	\$67,000
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23339 Sawgrass Ct S	\$385,000
Milford Township	
1357 Huntcliff Ct	\$600,000
Milford Village	
735 Squire Lane	\$154,000
Northville City	
1218 Charleston Ct	\$180,000
Novi City	
22337 Hillside Dr	\$120,000
21349 \$147,500	
24000 Devonshire Dr	\$425,000
45434 Halston Ct	\$448,000
23940 Willowbrook	\$80,000
24236 Bashian Dr	\$135,000
23940 Willowbrook	\$170,000
42185 Park Ridge Road	\$180,000
22471 Sunrise Blvd	\$209,000
41628 Borchart St	\$228,000
42035 Cherry Hill Road	\$240,000
24475 Jamestowne Road	\$252,500
24106 Hickory Grove	\$285,000
22134 Clover Lane	\$319,000
41626 Chattman St	\$365,000
303 Duana St	\$138,784
28443 Carlton Way	\$207,319
28368 Carlton Way	\$237,500
1900 South Lake CT	\$300,000
42721 Faulkner	\$317,970
1250 Lake Dr E	\$462,700
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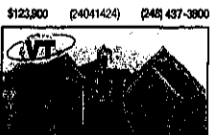
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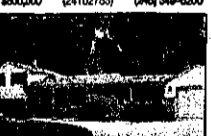
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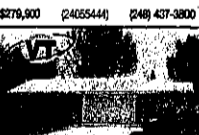
LIVONIA SHOWCASER - Vacation year round in this beautiful 5 bedroom, 2.5 bath contemporary. Master bedroom suite includes sunroom & overlooks pool & hot tub. 1/2 acre lot on cul-de-sac close to everything.



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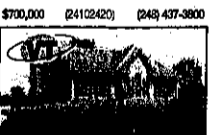
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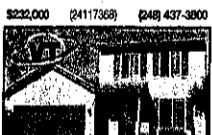
OPEN FLOOR PLAN - Master on one side other bedrooms opposite island breakfast bar. Dining area & built in desk. 1st floor laundry. Deluxe master suite. Deck & pavers. 3 car garage.



GORGEOUS 4 BEDROOM, 3 1/2 BATH home on 1.5 wooded w/3 car garage. First floor master suite. Ready to finish walkout and more!



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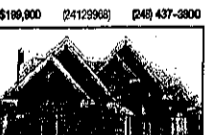
AWARD WINNING GARDEN ROOM Full brick classic w/updated decor. Remodeled kitchen and breakfast area, spacious family room, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, cozy library, formal living room & dining room, professionally landscaped gardens.



HIGHLAND Be sure to consider this 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home on 3/4 wooded acre w/ 2 car garage. Back to nature area. 3 car garage, formal dining room. Finished walk out w/second fireplace area, billiard game/parade near wet bar with fridge! Beautiful bath w/large shower. WOW! A great area of homes!



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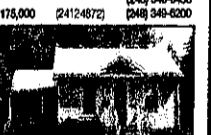
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Private drive to breed station. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, corner lot, all season air, office, 2 story garage, 2 car garage, 2 car garage, 2 car garage. \$454,900.00

9.3 Acres \$386,000.00

Surrounded by State listed woods. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, 2 car garage, 2 car garage. \$386,000.00

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NOWI Welcome Home
Spacious open floor plan for family style ranch. Great room with lots of windows, 2 fireplaces & 1st floor laundry. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 2.5 car garage w/wood deck. Close to shopping & schools.
(F07EN) 248-349-5600 \$184,900



NORTHVILLE Downtown Northville
Two bedroom urban w/normal DR, large living room, FR w/vaulted ceiling & gas fireplace. Updated kitchen, windows, roof, here & A/C. Basement & 1 car att garage. This home is on a lot that has a CDD zoning.
(F14RAY) 248-349-5600 \$274,900



NOWI Condo With Lake Access
Great value. Ground level unit with handicap access. Clean & bright. Extra large bathroom, neutral decor. View of woods. Like privileges to Walled Lake. South Pointe Condo's an adult community-55 years.
(F65SOU) 248-349-5600 \$95,990



PLYMOUTH Live Downtown
Historical 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial w/all the modern updates. Hardwood floors 7/8, large family room w/brick fireplace, partially finished basement, open kitchen w/appl, fenced yard w/winegar deck.
(F16HOL) 734-455-5600 \$204,900



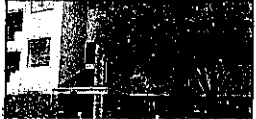
CANTON Canton Quad-Level
Nice home in great sub. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, fireplace in family room, deck & pool. All appliances included. One year home warranty. Glass block windows.
(F05QUE) 734-455-5600 \$219,900



FARMINGTON Matchless! Matchless!
It's a no-hill to position, no hills, 83 yard walk in this beautiful stone ranch. Like a piece of the ready, go or work out in the fitness room. Private patio for BBQ, clubhouse, 2 BR, 2.5 BA, 11 closets, WIC & carpet.
(F03ATL) 248-349-5600 \$129,900



NOWI Must See Ranch w/Bsmt
3 bedrooms, 2.5 bath home w/2 car matched direct access garage w/walker. DR, FR w/vaulted front face, new carpeting throughout '04. New in DR, Pergo kitchen flooring. Nice Florida room, lg fenced yard.
(F73LEB) 248-349-5600 \$212,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Now This is A Great Deal
Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath ranch unit with underground 2 car garage & elevator. Living room w/fireplace & doorway to large private balcony. Seller to pay 12 months of buyer's association fees.
(F04ORC) 248-349-5600 \$145,000



ROMULUS Cute As A Button
Come take a look at this updated ranch. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, partially finished basement, newer windows, fireplace system, professional landscaped yard, fenced yard. Very clean and not too far from freeways & shopping.
(F03WAL) 734-455-5600 \$137,900



TAYLOR Don't Miss This One!
Newer construction condo opens to a 2 story foyer. Beautiful gas fireplace, master bedroom w/WIC & vaulted ceiling. Features CA, 2 car attached garage & carpeted basement.
(F78COA) 734-455-5600 \$172,000



REDFORD A Pleasant Surprise!
Spacious bungalow. The size of most homes w/out you! BR's w/WIC. Large kitchen & breakfast rm. Beautifully remodeled bath. 2nd floor BR is perfect for covered front porch as well as patio. Fenced yard & 2 car gar.
(F56BRA) 248-349-5600 \$114,900



CANTON Wow, What Haven't Been Done In This 2 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath Unit Condo?
From the new doors/windows, ceramic floors in foyer, both baths, kit, to the all newer appliances plus washer & dryer, newer windows & roof. Across from golf course.
(F23ORC) 248-349-5600 \$120,000



LIVONIA Most Wanted List
This hot new listing is just what you're looking for. Great floor plan with large living room. Updated kitchen, FR DR, finished basement w/walk, deck, fenced yard. Attached 2 car gar.
(F06MER) 248-349-5600 \$174,900



ALLEN PARK A Move Right In Ranch
Sharp 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch w/2 car attached garage, basement, great room w/walk log fireplace, fireplace system, professional landscaped yard, large oak kitchen w/plenty of counter space.
(F28WAL) 734-455-5600 \$155,500



PLYMOUTH So Sweet!
Clean & beautifully maintained. House w/beautiful yard! 3 bedrooms, finished basement, garage, many updates & amenities. Bright & cheerful kitchen. Hardwood floors & all appliances.
(F80SUN) 734-455-5600 \$239,900



SOUTH LYON Ranch Condo
Central air conditioning unit w/2 bedrooms & 2 full ceramic baths. Extra sink in dressing area. Great view from DR window. Never disassemble. Lg patio. Single car garage. Enjoy beautiful views & beach on Crooked Lake.
(F52CAM) 248-349-5600 \$142,000



PLYMOUTH Plymouth Township Home
This newer gorgeous large custom 4 bedroom cape cod is perfect for your family. Privacy at the end of a cul-de-sac. Great Plymouth-Canton schools and all of the activities that Plymouth has to offer. In-sub pool.
(F83PLE) 248-349-5600 \$469,900



NORTHVILLE Condo
Exquisite masterpiece best described this Tuscan inspired condo. Hickory kitchen offers Sub Zero frig, Viking cooktop, custom marble floor and backsplash, custom lighting. Finished lower level. Awesome.
(F44LOC) 248-349-5600 \$499,900



DEARBORN Super Sharp Ranch
2 bedroom, 1 bath ranch, roomy living room, separate dining room w/Pergo floor, updated bath, newer kitchen floor, 2.5 car garage w/walker. Vinyl windows.
(F82DAR) 734-455-5600 \$110,000



PLYMOUTH Nestled In The Woods
Very private setting. 3 bedrooms, 2 bath colonial w/2 car attached garage, finished basement, garage, many updates & amenities. Bright & cheerful kitchen. Hardwood floors & all appliances.
(F46SYC) 734-455-5600 \$149,900



NOWI Pottery Barn Perfect!
Spacious updated home. Numerous updates include: Ceramic entry, HW fls, carpet, fresh paint, perfect in LL w/FR w/FP & office. Large LR w/FP. Newer blinds 7/8. High ceilings, tennis, pool & pond.
(F02CRO) 248-349-5600 \$164,900



NORTHVILLE City Ranch
Spacious ranch built into a hill to facilitate a wonderful view. Custom amenities include natural stone fireplace, large gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors, wrap-around deck w/patio. Sunroom and much, much more.
(F45PDT) 248-349-5600 \$549,000



REDFORD Just Move In And Enjoy!
Maintenance free and just as nice inside and out. Updated kitchen w/ oak cabinets, stove, fridge & dishwasher included. Full basement w/brick block walls & workshop. Home warranty included.
(F48LEN) 248-349-5600 \$122,500



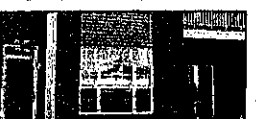
GROSSE ILE Ready To Move In!
Wonderful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/ large front porch. Master bedroom w/full bath, finished basement w/5 bath, family room, deck w/hot tub, some appliances & more.
(F18JOH) 734-455-5600 \$214,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Fabulous Colonial!
Charming 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/2 car attached garage, finished basement, family room w/natural fireplace & cathedral ceilings. Updated from top to bottom. Just move right in and enjoy.
(F38SIL) 734-455-5600 \$344,900



LIVONIA Cape Cod
Lovely cape cod on huge shady lot in wonderful neighborhood. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 1st floor master, first floor laundry, oversized 2 car garage, updated kitchen and bath. Lots of potential.
(F84DEE) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



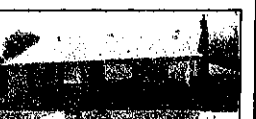
MACOMB TWP. Ground Floor Ranch Condo
Newer home w/2 BR, 2 BA, 1 car att car w/walker. Paved lot. Open for plan w/ingrades. Neutral decor, OVA, FR, & LR w/walk. Open kit w/walk-in cabinets. Apple easy. Recessed lighting. Low assoc. fees. Pool & fitness ctr.
(F20WAR) 248-349-5600 \$164,900



CANTON Custom Built Cape Cod 2005
New construction. On approx. 1 acre lot w/4 bedrooms. 3.5 baths, 4 car attached garage, 2 story foyer, formal dining room, health rm off kitchen, breakfast nook, all bedrooms w/WIC, full basement, pick special wishes.
(F52ROL) 734-455-5600 \$787,500



LIVONIA Outstanding Ranch
Full brick finished basement w/additional kitchen & bath. Newer roof, windows, oak kitchen & above ground pool w/deck & 6 person hot tub - all offered in 1 is 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home & 2.5 car garage.
(F22RAY) 734-455-5600 \$229,000



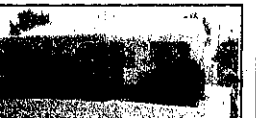
GARDEN CITY Well Maintained Home
Anti updated with roof-single layer, circuit breakers, furnace & OVA windows & more. Newer kitchen appliances, 2 car garage w/attached out building. All this in this 3 bedroom brick/aluminum ranch.
(F05SUN) 734-455-5600 \$139,621



NORTHVILLE Location, Location
Great family home w/room to spare. Spacious LR w/vaulted ceiling & skylight. Family room w/cozy fireplace. Large deck off dining room. Updated kitchen, furn, HW fls, windows, carpet & paint. Walk to downtown.
(F13ELY) 248-349-5600 \$287,900



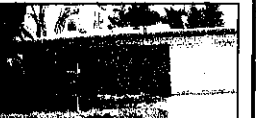
BELLEVILLE Yours To Build Equity
Investors dream. Beautiful lot. All treasures inside go with home. 3 BRs, full bsmt. Sold "as is". Walk to downtown. In area of higher priced homes. Needs TLC. Country feel. Great opportunity.
(F40WAB) 248-349-5600 \$119,900



WESTLAND Recently Remodeled Brick Ranch
Remodeled kitchen & bath, finished hardwood floors, newer roof, windows, cement, plumbing & electric. Service all offered in this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home w/2 car garage & finished basement w/possible office.
(F51BIR) 734-455-5600 \$139,800



LIVONIA Move In Condition
Super brick ranch, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, office, LR, FR, large deck, 2 car garage, deck, beautiful landscaping, completely redone. Updates: windows, CA, HOD, BHM, carpet, paint, kitchen fixtures, window treatments.
(F00MIN) 734-455-5600 \$161,900



PLYMOUTH Beautiful Updated
3 bedroom, 2 bath home w/abundance of cabinets, in eat-in kit, FR w/walk, hardwood floors in BRs, freshly painted. Pella windows w/tilt-in blinds, furn, OVA & HW fls, new '02 brick cover patio, appliances, 2 car att gar.
(F31ASP) 734-455-5600 \$217,900



NORTHVILLE Walk To Downtown
Location, location - a rare find! This ideal setting everyone looks for when buying a home. The serenity & comfort of living in a private court location - a hop, skip & jump to downtown. Hardwood floors under carpet.
(F78FAJ) 248-349-5600 \$229,000



REDFORD Ready To Move?
Quick occupancy. 3 bedroom ranch with LR, dining area, plus eat-in kit w/walk, cabinets & neutral counters. Neutral carpet too. Plus hiwd fls under carpeting. Gar, bsmt, newer furn w/humidifier, air cleaner & C/A.
(F37WCH) 248-349-5600 \$151,900



WESTLAND Country In The City
2 lots gives you almost 1 acre of gorgeous landscaping & your own wooded park. All floor master bedroom, 2nd and 3rd bedroom on 2nd floor, newer roof, windows & siding. Large full clean basement. Spacious.
(F80VAN) 734-455-5600 \$127,900



WESTLAND Great Open Floor Plan
3 bedrooms, 2 full baths in this well cared for ranch offering finished basement for additional living space. 2 car garage. Oversized 2 car garage.
(F82HAZ) 734-455-5600 \$169,900



GROSSE ILE Wonderful Colonial!
Large 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on wooded lot offers master suite w/jeanette tub & vaulted ceiling, formal living room, dining room, FR w/fireplace, FF laundry, finished bsmt, 2 car att gar, sprinklers & brick patio.
(F82BAL) 734-455-5600 \$339,900



NORTHVILLE Spectacular Colonial
Huge 4 BR, 2.5 BA home w/numerous gourmet kitchen w/marble cabinets and hardwood floors. Working staircase, MBR w/walk-in closet, 2 fireplaces, 3 car garage, w/o basement & dual heating and cooling.
(F85HIL) 248-349-5600 \$679,900



WAYNE Perfect Large Family Home
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath cape cod on approximately 5 acre fenced corner lot. Spacious bedrooms. Finished lower level. Room for add on's.
(F95VEN) 248-349-5600 \$139,900



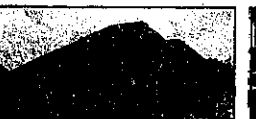
INKSTER Wonderful Find
Brick home in popular location, updates include: roof, furnace, HW, vinyl windows, CA, plumbing, driveway & porch. All updates are energy efficient. Nice fenced yard w/grass landscaping.
(F83ARL) 734-455-5600 \$103,900



GARDEN CITY Super Clean Bungalow
Updated 3 bedroom bungalow, nicely finished basement w/1st bedroom & additional living space. 2 car garage w/workshop & 2nd.
(F21RUS) 734-455-5600 \$144,900



PLYMOUTH Character & Charm
Plus curb appeal in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow w/vaulted kitchen w/marble cabinets & granite. Partially finished basement, master suite w/vaulted bath & his & her WIC, newer roof, siding & trim. Treed yard, patio.
(F76BUR) 734-455-5600 \$269,000



MILFORD Custom Built 2001
This custom built 3 BR, 2.5 BA contemporary shows like a model. Two story GR, custom moldings, library w/French doors, double oven & cooling, newer custom deck. Located on approx. 3 acres w/white picket fence.
(F87HOL) 248-349-5600 \$469,000



LIVONIA Indoor Swimming Pool
Come on! Take a vacation in your own indoor swimming pool. Recreation room w/full bath. This 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath ranch is truly unique.
(F81VAR) 248-349-5600 \$299,999



SHELBY TWP. A Little Bit Of Country
Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch w/2 car attached garage, partially finished basement, open floor plan, formal LR & DR. Replaced roof, windows, driveway, furnace & A/C. 20'x30' pole barn on approx. 2.2 acres.
(F432AM) 734-455-5600 \$298,000



WESTLAND Premium Lot!
Wonderful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial built in 2000 presents 2 car attached garage, spacious kitchen opens to family room w/fireplace & sliding door to brick paver patio. All backing to future preserve.
(F16CRA) 734-455-5600 \$225,000



DETROIT Great 1st Home
Nicely updated 2 bedroom, 1 bath brick ranch. Newer 2003 roof, kitchen w/walker oak cabinets & vinyl floor. 1.5 car garage. Security system. Fenced yard.
(F40MON) 734-455-5600 \$94,000

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