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School vote one month earlier

■ Nominating petitions and affidavits due on Feb. 8

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Those planning to vote in this year's Novi School board election should know that there have been some changes to the process.

First, the election will be held on Tuesday, May 3, a month earlier than in previous years. Secondly, instead of the district

administering the election, Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius will now run it. Thirdly, school board candidates must file their nominating petitions and affidavits of identities with Oakland County by 4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 8.

"They can still come to us and pick up what they need, but they must file with Oakland County by that date," Cornelius said. "The election to be held May 3, 2005, is being held for the purpose of electing school board members."

The Novi School board will have two seats open, as board president John Streit and board

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CHANGES IN SCHOOL ELECTIONS

Registered voters in Novi will have three new precinct locations this year beginning with the May 3 election for school board members.

■ Precinct 9 will no longer use the Grand Court location on West Park Drive. The new location is yet to be determined.

■ Voters in Precinct 11 will now vote at the Faith Community Presbyterian Church, located at 44400 W. Ten Mile Road, rather than at the Novi Christian School.

■ Voters in Precinct 13, who used to vote at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, will now vote at St. James Catholic Church, located at 46325 W. Ten Mile Road.

Any voters affected by these changes will be receiving a new ID card in the mail prior to the May 3 vote.

Call the City Clerk's office at (248) 347-0456.

Second road session slated

■ Timing of yesterday's questioned

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Staff from the Michigan Department of Transportation in Lansing have scheduled an additional listening session for the Metro Region on the department's proposed five-year plan.

The additional session will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Oakland Transportation Service Center, 2300 Dixie Highway, Suite 300, in Waterford.

MDOT staff will take comments and questions regarding the proposed 2005-2009 Five Year Transportation Program presented to the State Transportation Commission on Dec. 9, 2004. Copies of the draft plan will be available at the listening session.

The plan includes the new freeway interchange already under construction at I-96 and Beck Road in Novi but does not include a new interchange at I-96 and Wixom Road.

State Sen. Nancy Cassis, (R-Nowi), said Monday that she was disappointed that the House of Representatives' scheduling made it impossible for her to attend the Jan. 12 listening session in Waterford.

She explained that legislature is mandated to reconvene on the second Wednesday in January.

However, the Jan. 20 date is not much better, as many Republicans, including Cassis and Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche (R-Nowi), will be in Washington, D.C., for the inauguration of President George Bush.

An MDOT staff member said that the listening sessions are scheduled around the speakers' availability.

A spokesperson from Gov. Jennifer Granholm's office said that legislators are well versed in the five-year plan proposal, and that the listening sessions are designed more for public

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DETAILS

■ An electronic version of the proposed plan is available online at www.michigan.gov/mdot5yearplan.

■ Written comments regarding the five-year plan can be submitted at the session or sent via e-mail to MDOT-2005-2009FiveYearProgramComm@mtichigan.gov.

TURNING JAPANESE

■ Godaiko opens new location at Fountain Walk

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Godaiko, a new Japanese restaurant that opened last month at Fountain Walk, seems to already be enjoying the success of its predecessor in Ann Arbor.

Owned by Ann Arbor native Paul Tsai, the Novi restaurant is located on the south side of the shopping center that's west of Novi Road and south of Twelve Mile Road, across from The Bamboo Club Restaurant.

"This is the largest Japanese restaurant in the state now at 313 seats," Tsai said.

A wine storage area can house about 500 bottles, with about 350 labels currently available. "We still have room to grow," said manager Howard White. Other managers include Daniel Obayashi and Anthony Leeds.

The modern decor by Metro Group Architects of Ann Arbor features a warehouse look, with open ceilings, trendy lighting, lots of chrome, unusual tables, contemporary floral decorations and large vases from Japan and Thailand.

The sushi bar, which seats 10, is serviced by three or four sushi chefs, including Executive Chef Takeshi Nakazawa, a sushi chef for more than 50 years. The dining room is flanked by two tatami rooms and a private dining room, all with separate heating/cooling and music volume controls.

A cocktail bar and cigar room are located in another area of the restaurant.

The grand opening on Dec. 26, 2004, was well attended, with the restaurant opening Dec. 27.

Tsai said the original restaurant in Ann Arbor opened in 1995. He grew up in Ann Arbor and graduated with a degree in mathematics from University of Michigan in 1989. Tsai had been working at the Ann Arbor location six or seven years before moving to the



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi Godaiko's head chef and owner Paul Tsai prepares a luncheon special of teriyaki Angus beef steak tips with sauteed peppers.

Novi location.

The family may open other locations if the new Novi restaurant does well. "We'll see how this goes," Tsai said.

Specialties include certified Angus and kobe beef, which are both higher rated than prime beef. "Kobe beef is our signature dish. This is a type of beef from animals pampered since infancy," Tsai explained. "The cows are

actually massaged. The meat is very tender."

Kurobuta pork, which comes from a black pig, is also featured. "It's a different type of pork," Tsai said. "We also serve only organic chicken."

Seafood dishes include cold water New Zealand Lobster Tail and Lobster Shrimp Stir-Fry.

Some of the featured desserts are Crème Brulee, Mango Bread

and Chocolate Flourless Ganache Cake.

"We believe the Novi location is a perfect location for us," said Tsai. "This is a crossroads. And Fountain Walk is beautiful. We love the center and want to be part of the community. We hope once people come here, they'll appreciate all the amenities that Fountain

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Resident asks city to aid tsunami relief effort

■ Council rejects request for \$25,000 donation

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Mav Sanghvi of Novi, retired physician, former city council member and member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, made a special plea in person to mem-

bers of city council Monday night.

Sanghvi asked council to donate \$25,000 from the city's rainy day fund to the tsunami relief effort overseas, which council did not agree to do. They did, however, agree to



M. Sanghvi

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Robotics kicks off new season

■ Students from all over Michigan learned of their challenge

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't a regular school day, but for many Novi High School students, it might as well have been. Students from Novi and throughout

Michigan were up bright and early last Saturday morning to attend the 2005 Novi FIRST Robotics Kickoff, held at Northville High School.

FIRST - For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology - is a program in which students from all over the state of Michigan and beyond can participate in. The goal of this multinational robotics competition is for teams to design, assemble and test a robot capable of performing a specified task, which is a result of focused brainstorming, real-world teamwork, dedicated mentoring, project timelines and deadlines.

Intier Automotive, a company based in Novi, annually sponsors both the local kickoff of this high-tech event that draws 1,400 students and 78 teams throughout southeast Michigan as well as the Novi High School team, called Frog Force 503, to promote technology and science among high school students.

The event started off with a series of speakers, including event coordinator Jennifer Harvey, Northville School District Superintendent Leonard Reznierski and executive vice president of sales and marketing

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For Inter Automotive, Scott Partridge... Following the speakers, the students watched a national telecast from NASA in Manchester, New Hampshire...

The idea is to provide the kids with an opportunity to get involved in something that is not necessarily classroom structured. They get out into a real world environment and are working with people who are in the business every day.

"At the end of the day, we want these kids to be asking questions. And as management, we should be hiring some of these high school kids in the summer," Partridge said.

"You shouldn't just focus on hiring college kids. High school is such a small chapter in their life, that if you can get them excited about it and if you put them in an environment where they can begin to understand how you come up with refrigerators and chairs and fabric...

"It isn't a cookbook that says you take point A and Point B and put it together," Partridge said. "You have a task to accomplish, you have a box of parts and components and you need to take those components and figure out how to accomplish the task."

"You don't have to be the most popular kid in class or the best athlete to participate either."

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THE COMPETITION

The challenge is like a "high-tech tic-tac-toe." Six robots are on the field at one time for this three-on-three game. There are nine goals in the field and instead of X's and O's, red and blue tetrahedrons (3 sided-pyramids) are used to mark territory.

Teams can turn a red tetrahedron into a blue one by putting the blue on top of it. The tetrahedrons will only be able to reach so high in the air, so whoever exceeds their opponent's limits for stack heights get to keep their tic-tac-toe square. It is possible that the tetrahedrons may reach heights approaching 10 feet or more. Those that can reach the highest without being tipped over or broken will win.

There are two segments to the game: the autonomous segment where the robots drive themselves for 15 seconds and then the segment where humans can help drive robots for another 120 seconds.

If the robots are smart enough to drive themselves, the humans can give them an order. Because they can remember a sequence of events, the robots should be able to execute the sequence any time during the game.

There are two phases to the competition. The object of the qualifying phase is to win matches. The top eight teams that have won the most matches then get to choose their partners in the elimination match.

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member John Balagna both publicly announced that they will not be running again. Both their terms expire on Thursday, June 30. Each school board member term is for four years.

Councils explained that she will be running the Northville, Novi and Walled Lake School elections on May 3. In the past, each of those districts ran their own elections. The South Lyon School District, on the other hand, chose to hold its election in November.

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MDOT slates second session

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input than for legislators to attend. For more information about other listening sessions on MDOT's five-year plan in the state, visit the Web site www.michigan.gov/MDOT.

Citizens can also read the plan online and give their comments online by visiting the MDOT Web site. The department has scheduled 19 sessions during the month of January. The plan will be revised based on public comments and presented to the State Transportation Commission for approval in late January.

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A Godaliko California roll with its dab of ginger and wasabi paste ready for eating.

Godaliko opens new Japanese restaurant at Fountain Walk

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Walk to offer. "Tsai looked at other locations, such as along Haggerty in Northville, but selected Novi. 'We love what the architect has done,'" Tsai said.

Linda Busse, marketing director, Fountain Walk, said, "This is such an incredible addition for the center. It really helps fill out what we want Fountain Walk to be -- a full dining/entertainment experience. This is by far the high-end fine dining experience."

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Council rejects request for \$25,000 donation relief effort

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HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

The Novi Rotarians will be collecting funds for the tsunami relief effort Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at two intersections:

- Grand River Avenue and Novi Road
Ten Mile Road and Meadowbrook Road.

Donations are also being taken online at these sites: www.santredcross.org, www.unicefusa.org, www.salvationarmy.org

his other two requests, which are for the city to declare Jan. 11 to Jan. 25 as the Tsunami Disaster Relief Period and for the Novi City Council to pass a resolution declaring the residents' sympathy toward the victims of the disaster.

"The resolution would also urge all residents and business owners to open their hearts and their wallets to help these unfortunate human beings," Sanghi said.

"As you all know, infamous Dec. 26, 2004, brought the worst human tragedy caused by natural disaster," he said.

Sanghi said that this disaster, horrendous and tragic, gives us an unprecedented opportunity to make a monumental difference in the lives of multitudes of people affected by the tsunami.

"All of them, just like us, are residents of this planet, Earth. We are all aware that there are urgent and long-term needs," he added.

Sanghi noted that the Novi Rotary club is in the process of raising funds for the tsunami relief effort, and is accepting tax deductible donations.

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Novi's Crawford assumes county leadership position

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

One of Novi's own, Hugh Crawford (R-Novi), received quite an honor last week when he was sworn in as vice chairman of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Jan. 6.

Crawford, who just started his third two-year term, was previously chair of the commission's public services committee that oversees the county's courts, the sheriff's office, the medical examiner and animal control.

Although he's no longer on the public services committee, he still serves on the finance committee and the general government committee.

"Our health department does not refer people to an agency for an abortion, because we do not believe that tax dollars should be used for that," Crawford said.

Another hot topic is county health department referrals to abortion. "Our health department does not refer people to an agency for an abortion, because we do not believe that tax dollars should be used for that," Crawford said.

Another issue being heated about in the county is the continued existence of the Friend of Court Advisory Committee, which was mandated by the state several years ago, according to Crawford.

"Oakland County did form such a committee, but some counties never did," he said. "Then, the legislature made it no longer mandatory. So, we suggested disbanding the committee. I'm in favor of keeping the committee, but there's no funds for it, and it has no authority."

There are other means to appeal cases, but some people are very adamant about keeping this committee in place, Crawford said.

He served as an officer and then a detective for six years

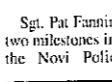
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Fanning makes sergeant, marks 15 years

Interest in police work began in college

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER



Sgt. Pam Fanning is celebrating two milestones in his career with the Novi Police Department within just a few months of each other.

In June 2004, he was promoted to sergeant, and on Jan. 23, 2005, he will mark 15 years on the force.

"As a police officer, you're dealing with people and their everyday problems," Fanning said.

He did volunteer work with some police departments while in college, and his interest in becoming an officer grew. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Michigan State University in 1989.

"The son of a draftsman and a schoolteacher, Fanning attended the Macomb Police Academy after being hired by the Novi Police Department in 1990, six months after college graduation.

Most sergeants on the Novi Police Department are assigned to road patrol, with one currently assigned to the detective bureau. Fanning and partner Sgt. Keith Wooten work the night shift.

Fanning said becoming a sergeant is an important step in a police officer's career.

"This is a more supervisory role than being a detective or patrol officer. It's a step up, and it's pretty exciting. Now, I get to be involved in not only cases I'm working on but also cases other officers are working on."

Fanning said he enjoys his job with the Novi Police Department.

"We have a lot of good people here -- a lot of go-getters who, not to sound like a cliché, but who want to go out and get their job done. I really enjoy their energy and what they do for the community."

He believes staff morale is also high in the department.

"There's a good level of enthusiasm when you come in here," he said. "Our officers enjoy coming to work, and they enjoy doing their job."

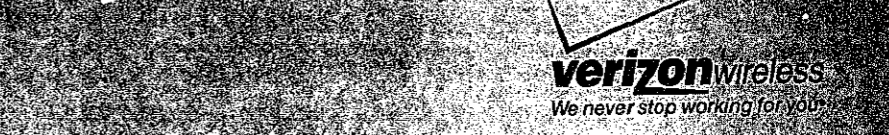
Fanning said keeping on top of changes in the legal system is one of the most important aspects of police work.

"Court cases often have an effect on the law. You have to keep up on the law and make sure you're aware of any changes. In fact, we have to be as aware of changes in the law as prosecutors, defense attorneys and the judges do. It's certainly a big part of our jobs," Fanning said.

As a police officer, Fanning said, "You have to be well-versed in what your legal authority is on a call or a traffic stop to protect yourself and the rights of the citizens."

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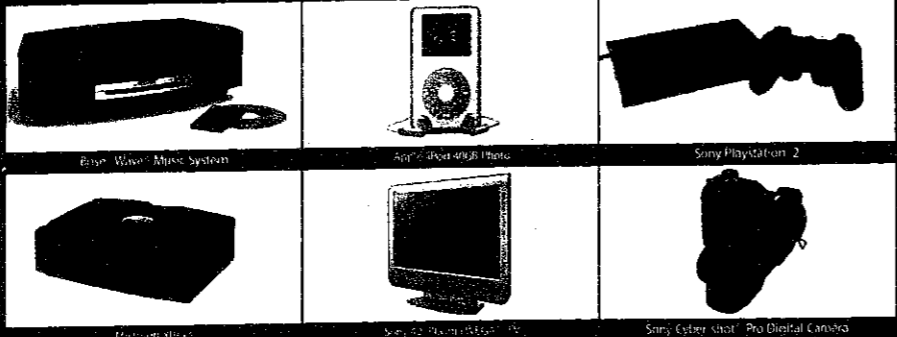
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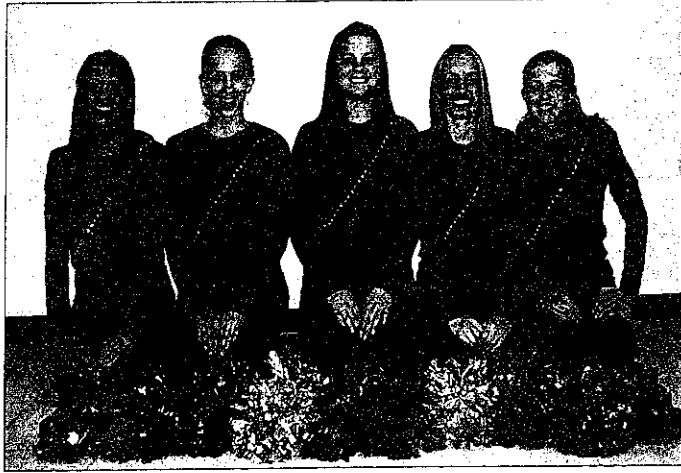
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Laurel Kline, Kaitlyn Hagan, Stephanie Jaussi, Jillian Angelocci and Emily Reid - all from Novi - are part of the Mid American Pompon squad that will perform at the Presidential Inauguration.

Local pom pon girls to perform at the Presidential Inaugural

For the fourth consecutive Presidential Inauguration, the Mid American Pompon All Star Team, based in Farmington Hills, has been selected to perform in the 55th Presidential Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, Jan. 20. The Mid American Pompon All Star Team is Michigan's only representative in the Inaugural Parade.

Five members are from Novi: Jillian Angelocci, Kaitlyn Hagan, Stephanie Jaussi, Laurel Kline and Emily Reid.

The invitation that the All Star Team received recognized the team for their talent and enthusiasm, and acknowledged their application packet as being distinctive, impressive and compelling.

The All Star Team will assemble for a rehearsal on Monday, Jan. 17, at Churchill High School in Livonia, just before chartered buses transport the team to Washington, D.C. to perform for the Presidential Inaugural Parade. The parade route will be performed to "R-O-C-K in the USA."

"We are honored to once again be invited to perform at the Presidential Inaugural Parade," said Karen Blazanis, president of the Mid American Pompon All Star Team, "and are confident that our team will continue their tradition of outstanding precision, bold color, energy and enthusiasm that represents America's youth."

The Mid American Pompon All Star Team is comprised of 108 high school pompon girls and dancers from over 40 high schools across the state of Michigan.

All members are selected at auditions held at Mid American Pompon Summer Camps of Northwood University in Midland. High school sophomores, juniors and seniors are elig-

ible to audition for the team. This year's team was selected from over 450 applicants. Members must maintain a proper grade point average, as well as excellent standing on their high school team in order to re-audition for the team each year.

Because the team members are located in various cities throughout the state, their team performance material from a DVD and the routines are then perfected at a group rehearsal or two just prior to the performance. Members of the Mid American Pompon instructional staff are responsible for the choreography and perfection of the routine. All of the members of our instructional staff are college students.

Each team member pays her own way to and from each event/performance. The trip to the inaugural parade costs each team member approximately \$500.

Inc. (LSL Planning) planning firm in Royal Oak, said Ivanhoe-Huntley has been developing properties for 60 years, is one of the top five builders in the area and is in the top 250 builders in the nation.

Ivanhoe-Huntley got an option on the property in January 2003 and has pursued its development since then.

"It's a tricky parcel, and city council's direction was needed," Strader said.

LSL staff thought the condominium complex was a good fit due to the declining demand for office and low-density residential in Novi.

"Housing also generates

Council nixes plan for condos on Twelve Mile

Members say units fail to meet city's master plan

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Plans for a 64-unit condominium complex on the north side of Twelve Mile Road between Novi and Meadowbrook roads died Monday night when city council members denied the project.

The complex, to be named Wellington Ridge, would have been located on 9.72 acres between Oakland Hills

Memorial Cemetery and the Michigan State University's Tollgate complex.

The developer, Ivanhoe-Huntley, originally suggested building 94 units, then decided to decrease the number of units to 64 units in eight buildings.

But council members said that the plan did not follow the suggested land use in the city's master plan, and that another residential community does not contribute as much to the city's tax base as office space.

Ivanhoe-Huntley also requested a rezoning of the property to allow for the condominium complex, which also failed to win city council's approval.

Brad Strader of Langworthy, Strader, LeBlanc & Associates,

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Singh goes back to original plan on Legacy Parc clubhouse

Tennis courts, basketball court and tot lot not approved

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Singh Development decided to scrap plans for additional amenities to the clubhouse at its Legacy Parc subdivision in Novi at Monday's city council meeting and go back to its original plan for the area.

The developer, who is building the 439-home subdivision at Ten Mile and Napier roads on Novi's west side, decided to go back to "Plan A" after not being granted five variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals on Jan. 4.

The developer submitted a clubhouse site plan that meets ordinance requirements for recreation facility setback so that staff could move forward on the project.

Approval on the five variances failed when ZBA members were divided in a 3-3 vote Jan. 4 and, after much discussion, voted to table the matter until their Feb. 1 meeting.

However, considering time constraints involved, Singh decided to abandon the request for the five variances and stick with modified plan on the clubhouse and pool.

"I'm disappointed that the ZBA did not grant your variances," said Mayor Pro Tem David Landry. "I don't agree, but I respect their decision."

Singh Vice President Michael Kahn noted that the original Residential Unit Development did

not include a clubhouse or pool, but that the firm thought this would be an attractive and enjoyable addition to the residents of the new subdivision.

"I think we've tried to go the extra mile," Kahn said.

Singh requested variances on setbacks in areas surrounding the clubhouse at the Jan. 4 ZBA meeting, specifically near the tennis courts, basketball court and tot lot.

Some ZBA members felt that the proposed amenities were too close to property lines, sidewalks, parking areas and roadways.

"This raised safety concerns, with toddlers projected to play near a parking area and roadway with this second plan."

Setbacks were correct for the

clubhouse, pool and parking areas.

Brent Canup, ZBA member, for example felt that having amenities only 30 feet from one of the property owner's lot line was unacceptable.

"The problem I see is an over-building of the site for the amenities they want to add," Canup said at the Jan. 4 meeting.

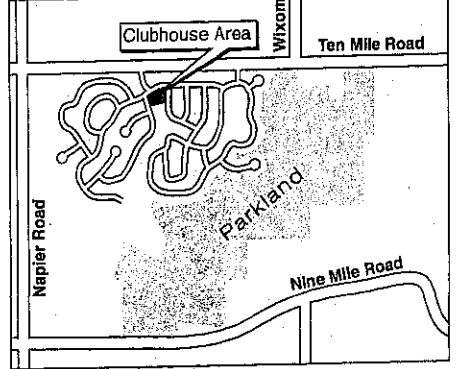
"I wouldn't want to have a lot that close to people playing tennis. It's an example of trying to squeeze too much in too small of a space."

Singh representatives have said that they have tried to preserve as much green space as possible in the development to be built on the site of the Links of Novi Golf Course, including adding 1.5

miles of asphalt trail ways connected city-owned parkland and 73 acres of parkland donated by Singh.

The parkland encompasses about 200 acres in total, including two pieces of property owned by the city.

Council discussed the possibility in the future of considering an amendment to the current Residential Unit Development ordinance that would allow city council to grant waivers, such as those needed or a site plan approval.



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almost 50 percent less peak hour traffic than office space," he added.

City council members, however, thought that the residential community was not compatible with the surrounding land, and expressed the desire to have commercial property at least in the area along Twelve Mile Road.

Laura Lorenzo pointed out that in the recent fiscal analysis of the city done by the finance department and Plante Moran consulting firm showed that the city is going to have to step up nonresidential use of property to increase Novi's tax base.

"I want to see more nonresidential uses that do not use services, as population does, and provide more to the tax base," Lorenzo said.

Strader said that office space is not always profitable, and that empty-nester condominiums can actually be on the plus side when it comes to providing income for the city.

Mayor Lou Cordas said he would not approve the plan as Ivanhoe-Huntley staff was requesting too many variances on the land.

"I think the property is going to need variances no matter what is developed there," Strader said.

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.homecomm.net.

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-OBITUARIES-

WALTER JOSEPH ROSINSKI JR.

Age 74, died January 6, 2005. Beloved husband of Hazel. Dear father of Valens (Gary) Reinwand, Michael, Sharon (Jeff) Vandeveld, Sandy (Steve) Morber, and Karen Adams. Loving grandfather of 9, great-grandfather of 1. Mr. Rosinski retired from the Novi Community School maintenance department. Walter's family would prefer donations to the Alzheimer's Association, 20550 Civic Center Drive, #109, Southfield, MI 48076. Online sympathy message at www.obituariesullivanfuneralhome.com

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Brad Joseph and Ella Rose Dobson



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BIRTHS

Brady Joseph and Ella Rose Dobson

Jessica and Troy Dobson of New Hudson are proud to announce the birth of their baby, Brady Joseph and Ella Rose, born Nov. 11, 2004, at Huron Valley Hospital.

Brady weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 and one-half inches long. Ella weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 and one-half inches long. They are being raised by their mother, Jessica.

Grandparents are Greg and Gretchen Dobson of South Lyon, formerly of Novi; Jim and Cindy Bruchman of Grand Rapids; and Ted and Betty Bruchman of Grand Rapids. Grandparents are also Ted and Betty Bruchman of Grand Rapids.

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WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Canessa

The bride is the daughter of Thomas and Lynn Botner of Novi. She graduated from Novi High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is currently employed with Singh Management.

The groom is the son of Kathleen Canessa and the late Salvatore Canessa of Rose Park, Mich. He graduated from Rose Park High School and Northville State. He is employed by Singh Management.

Santa Shari was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Sara Kilian and Kathleen McClachery. The groom's best man was Eric Thomsen. Adam Canessa and William Canessa were groomsmen.

The couple honeymooned at Walt Disney World and will make their home in Novi.

DEATH NOTICE

Walter Joseph Rosinski, Jr.

Walter Joseph Rosinski, Jr., 74, of Novi, died on January 6, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Hazel, and four children. Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 17, 2005, at the funeral home.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

K. Barnes

K. Barnes, 44, of Novi, died on January 6, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Hazel, and four children. Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 17, 2005, at the funeral home.

His previous experience includes serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Novi Community Center and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Novi Community Center.

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TEEN CHAT - "MOST DADS AREN'T DUMB"

In the interest of keeping this column's tradition (...that tradition being starting every column with a thought-provoking, yet sometimes dumb statement, I have yet another statement. This comment is meant to captivate your attention and make you want to read more, just to let you in on a little writing secret. Hehe!



Pastor Sam

Along these lines, I wonder which came first, the chicken or the egg? As we're all scratching our respective heads, considering this all-important subject, I reiterate: When God first made chickens, did He made an egg that hatched a baby chick that grew into an adult chicken, or did He simply create the already-adult chicken, capable of laying eggs? I hope you're still scratching your heads because here's yet another one.

Did Hollywood begin producing television sitcoms with stupid, morose, and chubby dads BEFORE they existed, or did He simply create the already-adult chicken, capable of laying eggs? I hope you're still scratching your heads because here's yet another one.

Was it the loser-dads of the earth that made Hollywood want to make them look even more stupid? Maybe it was initially one angry producer or writer that was bitter at his father for not being there for him as he grew up. Whichever the case,

and the Bob Newhart Show. He writes, "In portraying husbands as lousy parents, marginal breadwinners, and repellent sexual partners, the fat-husband sitcoms convey a persecution fantasy that rises from the same swamp of resentments as these books do: 'Yes, I'm supercompetent and I even look great, despite all the crap I have to deal with, and, yes, that's my husband over there, the fat, useless one.'" ("Beauty and the Beast" by Matt Feeney)

I don't ever watch the Simpsons, but I know that Homer is not the smartest cookie in the cookie jar. He may not even be in the cookie category. He might be a few ingredients short of even being a cookie. His wife Marge isn't a hottie either, but she has a better head on her shoulders than Homer. Then again, what am I even talking about? A cartoon? Gah!

Hollywood doesn't seem to respect father-figures very much. They make them look weak and stupid and obstinate. So, which came first, the chicken or the egg? Fathers, by and large, are NOT like Hollywood's portrayal. But let me stick in my big BUT on this one. BUT - Hollywood's image of stupid, childish dads lowers our expectation level of the male species. It also lowers our level of respect for them. And, doggonit, dads deserve better.

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FAITH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

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The church is located at 777 W. Eight Mile Rd. (at Tall Road), Northville. Phone (248) 349-1144.

The Church of the Holy Family offers a Spanish-speaking Mass once a month beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The church is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., between Ten Mile Road and Grand River Avenue. Call (248) 349-8847.

St. James Catholic Church is located at 46325 Ten Mile Rd., Novi. Call (248) 347-7778.

The Novi United Methodist Church is located at 41671 W. Ten Mile Road. Call (248) 349-2652 for more information.

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-OBITUARIES-

WALTER JOSEPH ROSINSKI JR.

Age 74, died January 5, 2005. Beloved husband of Hazel. Dear father of Valerie (Gary) Reinwand, Michael, Sharon (Jeff) Vandeveld, Sandy (Steve) Morber, and Karen Adams. Loving grandfather of 9, great-grandfather of 1. Mr. Rosinski retired from the Novi Community School maintenance department. Walter's family would prefer donations to the Alzheimers Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, #100, Southfield, MI 48076. Online sympathy message at www.obitsonline.com

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ENGAGEMENTS



Baca-Hess

Ronald and Lynda Baca of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Baca, to Daniel Hess, son of Albert Hess of St. Clair Shores and Rene Hess of Grand Blanc.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Northville High School, Michigan State University and Wayne State University. She is currently working for Ford Motor Company.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Troy Athens High School, Michigan State University and Wayne State University. He is employed by Penske Logistics. An April 2005 wedding is planned.



Cameron-Walker

Greg and Robin Cameron of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Jason Cameron, to Amy Walker, daughter of Michael and Helen Walker of Ida, Mich.

The groom-elect graduated from St. Mary's Prep School, Orchard Lake, in 1998 and Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as Cameron at the Sandston, Farmington.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Ida High School and a 2003 graduate of Northern Michigan University, Marquette. She is employed by Brades Unlimited, Muskegon. An August 2005 wedding is planned.

BIRTHS

Brady Joseph and Ella Rose Dobson

Jessica and Tony Dobson of Novi are proud to announce the birth of their twins, Brady Joseph and Ella Rose, born Nov. 11, 2004, at Huron Valley Hospital.

Brady weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 and one-half inches long. Ella weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 and one-half inches long. They join big sister, Delaney, 2.

Grandparents are Greg and Gwen Dobson of South Lyon, formerly of Novi; John Molton of South Fork, Pa.; and Cindy Bowersock of Portage, Pa. Great-grandparents are Ted Bourne of Okemos, Mich.; Kay Molton of Windber, Pa.; and Bessie Chappell of Lily, Pa.

WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Canepa

Diane Bonner and Mich Canepa were married Nov. 2004, at the Universal Unitar Church. Rev. Alex Riegel officiated.

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DEATH NOTICE

Walter Joseph Rosinski, Jr.

Walter Joseph Rosinski, 74, of Novi died Jan. 5, O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Ave., Novi (248) 348-1800.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Kris Barnes has been named assistant manager at Novi Ice Arena, according to a recent announcement by the Suburban Sports Group.



K. Barnes

Mr. Barnes received his master's in sports management from the University of Michigan in April 2003, after receiving his bachelor's in sports management and communications from UEM in December of 2001.

His previous experience includes assistant golf course superintendent at Ann Arbor's Snowbridge Golf Club. Prior to that, he interned at UEM's West Ice Arena and Michigan Stadium.

Former County Commissioner Martin J. Knollenberg of Troy has been appointed to a three-year term on the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Knollenberg served on several boards of commissioners committees and is a member of the Troy Community Coalition and Kiwanis Clubs. He replaces Fred Korzon, former Bloomfield Township supervisor, who was on the Oakland County Parks board for 13 years, including two years as secretary.

Parks Commission officials elected for 2004 are Pecky B. Lewis Jr. of Bloomfield Hills, chairman for a 12th term; Richard Skarritt of Milford, vice-chairman for a sixth term; and J. David VanderVeen of Clarkston, secretary.

Additional members of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission include

Oakland County Commissioners Hugh D. Crawford of Novi, Vincent Gregory of Southfield and Charles Palmer of Clawson.

Commissioner John P. McCulloch of Royal Oak, John Richards of Bloomfield Hills, and Suzanne Vogt of Union Lake.

The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission oversees the operation of the 6,000-acre, 11-park system. Facilities and activities range from two water-parks, four golf courses, a re-created toboggan run, and home-cooked dining range to camping, boating, tennis, nature programs and picnicking.

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United Way Community Services announced that Ed Cabrel Lee will serve as the director of the 2-1-1 information and referral call center serving Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties. Lee joins the staff after

more than seven years of experience as the vice president, 2-1-1 (Heart of Florida) United Way in Orlando. He also served as the director of 2-1-1 at the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, Ga., the nation's first 2-1-1 call center.

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FAITH

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TEEN CHAT - "MOST DADS AREN'T DUMB"

In the interest of keeping this column's tradition (albeit tradition being starting every column with a thought-provoking, yet sometimes dumb statement, I have yet another statement. This comment is meant to captivate your attention and make you want to read more, not to

and The Bob Newhart Show. He writes, "In portraying husbands as lousy parents, marginal breadwinners, and repellent sexual partners, the fat-husband sitcoms convey a persecution fantasy that rises from the same swamp of resentments as these books do. Yes, I'm incompetent and I even look great, despite all the crap I have to deal with and you think you're

the inadequate portrayal of men by Hollywood needs to change. It's like the difference between positive reinforcement and, and, and, and, well the alternative. Supposedly if we encourage our teens by uplifting them and telling them how great they are, then they might actually start trying to live up to our expectations. Hollywood doesn't seem to get it though. They seem to think that if they can get a few laughs, then it's worth the degradation every man feels when they watch these un-life-like, unnatural sitcoms. But it isn't worth it.

Why did the women's liberation movement take place? It occurred because all wasn't fair, because the feminine gender didn't receive the respect it deserved. Well, why aren't the (supposed) human rights organizations complaining now? Is this a vicious pendulum swinging back the other direction now, evening the score?

I'll tell you why this angers me so. Men are constantly degraded and made to look like fools. I don't care because of the way it makes me look. Heck, I'm proud to be a guy. I'm a man's man! (Chuckling to self...) I can't stand this terrible portrayal, though, because fathers need to be more than they have been. They need to be better fathers than what they see on "Must See TV." And Hollywood isn't setting the bar very high. At least not high enough.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

The Episcopal 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 all to worship Sundays at 7:45 and 10 a.m. Nursery care is available at 10 a.m. worship service. (The nursery is coordinated by a registered pediatric nurse.)

Adult Bible Study is on Sunday at 9 a.m. Worship Center for children ages 3-7, and Sunday School is 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 Compliment is held at 8:30 p.m. Rite 13 (ages 11-14) and J2A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner, 7 p.m. Youth Worship Service is held the second and fourth Sunday of every month; all are welcome. Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross has moved to 40700 W. Ten Mile between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads, Novi. Phone (248) 427-1175 or visit www.churchofthe-holycross.com

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.

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

Faith Community Presbyterian Church invites you to worship at either the 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. service. Sunday school is offered at both services for children pre-kindergarten-12th grade. Faith Bible Study is on Sunday at 9 a.m. Worship Center for children ages 3-7, and Sunday School is 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 Compliment is held at 8:30 p.m. Rite 13 (ages 11-14) and J2A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner, 7 p.m. Youth Worship Service is held the second and fourth Sunday of every month; all are welcome. Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross has moved to 40700 W. Ten Mile between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads, Novi. Phone (248) 427-1175 or visit www.churchofthe-holycross.com

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First United Methodist Church of Northville presents a communitywide healing service with prayers for healing of body, mind, relationship and spirit on the first Monday of each month at 4 p.m. The service is open to the Northville/Novi community and persons of all faiths. The church is located at 777 W. Eight Mile Rd. (at Taft Road), Northville. Phone (248) 349-1144.

The Church of the Holy Family offers a Spanish-speaking Mass once a month beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The church is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., between Ten Mile Road and Grand River Avenue. Call (248) 349-8847.

St. James Catholic Church is located at 46325 Ten Mile Rd., Novi. Call (248) 347-7778.

The Novi United Methodist Church is located at 41671 W. Ten Mile Road. Call (248) 349-2652 for more information.

Hope Lutheran Church is located at 39200 W. 12 Mile Rd., just east of Haggerty Road. The telephone number is (248) 553-7170.

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PARKS & REC

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Cross-country for fun or join the ski patrol at Independence Oaks

Michigan's recent snowfall has Jim Meloche grinning from ear to ear.

The Clarkston resident is a cross-country ski enthusiast and 25-year member of the Independence Oaks County Park Nordic Ski Patrol.

"What better way to combine exercise and community service than by joining the patrol," he said. "The park has 10 miles of trails to explore. The scenery is outstanding. And, you get to help people while enjoying a sport you love."

Ski enthusiasts turned patrol members traverse the trails looking for visitors in distress. Associate patrolers, ages 16 and older, work as the "eyes and ears" of the National Ski Patrol who have further training.

In exchange for 40 hours of service, members receive an Oakland County Parks annual vehicle permit. Meloche is now recruiting prospective members.

"This sport has universal appeal. Our 12 patrol members include an advertising executive, an attorney, a naturalist and a landscape company owner," Meloche said.

The benefits of cross-country skiing are many, according to the Cross-Country Ski Afters Association: the whole family can participate; the sport is a way to enjoy the outdoors in winter; most people can ski with only a few hours of instruction; and weight loss from low-stress, muscle-burn-

ing exercise. The sport attracts four million skiers annually.

The cost of entry into this sport is very low. It's more accessible to people than downhill skiing because it's far less expensive and it takes less time to become proficient," he said.

Patrol members are on site to answer questions about trail conditions and winter safety plus occasionally treat injuries. According to Meloche, they ski every trail at day's end to look to make sure all skiers are safely out of the park.

Ski schools

Oakland County Parks Ski Schools are set for Jan. 16 and 29 and Feb. 5, 13 and 26. Sessions run 10:15 a.m. and 12:30-2 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person plus \$5 ski rental, if needed. Pre-register by calling (248) 625-0877.

And new for 2005, the park will host Moonlight Ski Jan. 22 and Feb. 12 from 6-8 p.m. The cost is \$5 for ski rental, if needed, and park entry fee of \$5 for Oakland County residents' discount rate (\$10 regular rate).

Skiers can purchase a 2005 annual permit at Independence Oaks or online at www.co.oakland.mi.us/parksrec.

Visit the Oakland County Parks Web site at www.co.oakland.mi.us/parksrec for park maps, discount coupons and more.

More options

Sample three popular winter recreation options during an after-

noon at Independence Oaks County Park. Cabin Fever Care offers three clinics including:

- Arctic Adventure - Learn basics of ice fishing and safety, build a fishing pole and try ice fishing.
- Cross-country Ski Tour - Learn how to fit skis, various types of skiing styles and tour the trails; and
- Snow Shoe Trek - Learn the history of snowshoes, how to wear them and take a trail trek.

The program is set for Feb. 19. Times for the clinics are 1-2 p.m., Arctic Adventure and Cross-Country Ski Tour; 2-3 p.m., Snow Shoe Trek and Arctic Adventure; and 3-4 p.m., Snow Shoe Trek and Cross-Country Ski Tour.

Registration for all clinics is at the Twin Chimneys Shelter. Each clinic is \$2 per person. Bonfires, hot chocolate, coffee, smores and more will be available.

A vehicle entry fee of \$5 for Oakland County residents' discount rate (\$10 regular rate) will be charged.

Independence Oaks County Park is located on Sasubaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75. For ski conditions, call the park at (248) 625-0877. To contact Meloche about joining the patrol, call (248) 641-0044.

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Friday and Saturday, Feb. 4-5 from 6:30-9 p.m., each night at the Novi Civic Center.

Price is \$14 for non-residents and \$12 for residents. This event is for ages 4 years and up.

Tickets are required and available now for residents at the Novi Parks office through Thursday, Jan. 27. Non-resident tickets are on sale Monday, Jan. 17.

Sand, Sun & Fun

Leave the snow and cold behind and join Novi's Parks and Recreation Department as it transforms the Civic Center into Novi Island, your family vacation destination.

Children are invited to create Children's Cove Beach Area to take part in island activities including sand art, tie-dying and surfing.

Saturday, Feb. 26 from 2-5 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Price is \$14 for adults and \$12 for children.

Tickets are on sale now for Novi residents and will go on sale Monday, Jan. 17 for non-residents.

This event is presented in partnership with Providence Hospital.

Breakfast with the Bunny!

Join this special friend for a great morning. Families will enjoy a pancake breakfast with live entertainment, games, an art project and the annual egg hunt.

Saturday, March 19 from 10:11-11:30 a.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Price is \$8 per person.

Tickets are on sale now for residents and will go on sale Monday, Jan. 17 for non-residents.

Mother/Son mad science

Marvels of Motion will take moms and sons on a journey through the world of Newton's three laws of motion. This interactive event is all about the fundamentals of moving science.

Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m.-noon at Community Sports Park.

Arbor Day 2005

The annual Arbor Day celebration is an opportunity for you to learn about nature, plant and mulch trees, receive information about tree care, give back to your community and celebrate being a Tree City USA award recipient. Snacks, beverages, equipment and gloves will be provided. There will also be raffle prizes.

Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m.-noon at Community Sports Park.

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Marie Kennedy started her company, Play and Make Music Classes, in 1997.

Instilling lifelong skills

Mission is to strengthen motor, social and cognitive abilities in young children

By Ramez Khuri

STAFF WRITER

Marie Kennedy believes that it is important for children and their parents to come together when the kids are very young. She says that essential lifelong skills are best taught at young ages so that as they grow, kids can lead normal, healthy lives.

That is why in 1997 she started her company, Play and Make Music Classes. She looked at the child as a whole and determined that their large motor skills, such as climbing, running, jumping and balancing, are developed early. Much of her program is geared to those areas. She has a structured portion in her program where kids would be able to work on listening skills and different concepts.

"The program consists of an indoor playground, where parents can observe and participate in fun activities, which also teach important lessons. In Novi, Kennedy's program is run at Novi SoccerZone, located at 41550 Grand River Ave.

"I go there in the morning, and I set up a playground," Kennedy said. "People come with their children and play for about 15 minutes. Then we all go to the center of the soccer field, and we play musical games and activities with lots of different instruments."

The classes are broken down into different age groups starting at 6 months old to 4 years. Because the

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- Little Linguine: (2-and-a-half-4 years old with parent)

children are so young, the classes are usually run in the morning, with a few exceptions. Kennedy also runs an evening class at Hillside Elementary School in Northville.

"My program is open for everyone," Kennedy said.

Most registration takes place in different communities. The SoccerZone happens to be in four communities, so those living in any of the following areas can register: Novi, Northville, Smith Lyon and Walled Lake.

"I think the first thing I want to do is to create a warm, loving and trusting relationship between child and parent or whoever their primary caregiver is," Kennedy said. "Kids develop socially by being around other children. I personally look at

The Melting Pot scheduled to open in Novi next summer

By Pam Fleming

STAFF WRITER

Fondue aficionados will have a place of their own when a new restaurant, The Melting Pot, opens in Novi next summer.

The restaurant, whose location has yet to be announced, is slated to open in third quarter 2005, according to David Sieg, public relations manager for The Melting Pot restaurants, headquartered in Tampa, Fla.

The franchise currently has 86 locations coast-to-coast with 38 on the way. One opened in Dec. 8 in Troy at 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 119.

"Novi is still in the site selection phase, so we're looking at several different locations. Our development team and on-staff real estate director work together to select a site. We looked at the entire metropolitan area of Detroit," Sieg said.

Sieg said Mark Johnston, CEO of The Melting Pot, is heavily involved in determining metro area locations for the franchise.

The Troy location and the soon-to-be Novi site are so far the only two restaurants of The Melting Pot franchise in Michigan.

A typical meal at the fondue restaurant consists of four courses, starting with a cheese fondue. Next would come a salad with choice of homemade dressings, followed by the main entrée.

Entrée selections include center-cut filet mignon, teriyaki sirloin, portobello mushrooms, shrimp, lobster tail, duck, chicken, pork

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David Sieg

The Melting Pot

tenderloin and salmon cooked in a fondue pot and served with a bowl of mixed vegetables, which can also be fondue.

A server gives diners an overview of the meal and actually prepares the cheese fondue to familiarize new patrons with the fondue experience.

The meal is finished off with a chocolate fondue dessert, which includes a variety of foods dipped in chocolate. These include everything from fresh fruit to pound cake, cheese cake, brownies and graham cracker coated marshmallows.

A large part of The Melting Pot concept is the wine culture. Last year, 31 of the restaurant's locations were recognized with a Wine Spectator Award, which evaluates the variety, quality and selection of a restaurant's wine list.

"Most of our locations have a vast wine list with a full-service bar, but we'll have to wait to see if that's part of the Novi store," Sieg said.

The business was started in Maitland, Fla., in 1975 by two friends. The concept was purchased by Johnston and his brothers, Mark and Bob, in 1984.

With the slogan "Dip into Something Different," Sieg said the franchise definitely has a niche.

"It's the largest franchised fondue restaurant chain in the world," Sieg said. "It started in the 1970s when fondue was a fad, but it has national brand recognition now which has led to our success and our growth."

About 50 people are employed at each location, depending on the size of the restaurant.

Another thing that differentiates The Melting Pot from other franchise operations is that management requires local ownership and operation.

Sieg said the national average is about \$39 per person to dine at The Melting Pot.

The Novi store will be owned by Matthew and Ruby Soik, residents of Brookfield, Wis.

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Focused on Fitness

Seniors get new wellness coordinator for New Year at Fox Run

By Kim Kovelie
STAFF WRITER

New Year's fitness resolutions can be fleeting. The approach is a bit different in the wellness center at Novi's Fox Run, where those like William Moran exercise routinely. "I keep my pattern pretty steady," said Moran, 68, who walks seven miles daily. "I make resolutions as the need comes up."

"To help those in the 62-and-over retirement community meet athletic goals, Betsy Boudreau recently joined as the new wellness coordinator. Clad in a pink Juicy-brand workout suit, the 30-year-old said she hopes to help seniors find routines to fit needs -- and someday toss in a dash of Golden Girls.

Public eye

An Ann Arbor native who grew up in a sports household, Boudreau's first business degree landed her a job with stars.

"I knew at that point I want to do something in entertainment," Boudreau said. Moving to Los Angeles with her sister, Boudreau ended up at Walt-Korster, a public relations firm in Beverly Hills.

She became a spokeswoman juggling 14 clients, from Justin Timberlake and Britney Spears to Meg Ryan and Nick Cage.

"It's very stressful, very fast-paced and you have to be extremely well-organized," Boudreau said. "It really taught me not to be intimidated. As long as you know how to talk to people, you can basically work with anyone."



Betsy Boudreau, center, leads a Tai Chi class at the Fox Run community on Thirteen Mile Road. Boudreau is its new wellness coordinator.

After four and a half years in the business she headed home for respite and to reunite with family. It was then she met up with Pat Van Valkenburg, academic coordinator for physical education at the University of Michigan. "She changed my life," said Boudreau, who

recently graduated with a second degree in kinesiology and a physical education teaching certification.

Senior-focused

Soccer and swimming have long been part of Boudreau's life, but she said athletics can be tougher for those not accustomed.

"It was lucky to grow up with sports," Boudreau said. "It just really made me want to promote it. The chances of it increasing their life is very high."

She said she's seen it in her 90-year-old grandfather, who despite having Parkinson's disease, skin cancer and three open heart surgeries, walks daily. Since starting at Fox Run last week, she's already jumped in the pool with better groups of seniors. However, especially for older adults, there are different activities that work for different folks, Boudreau said.

"If they have access, a pool is just a good thing for seniors," she said. "Walk back and forth in the water. Big steps. It gives them a better sense of their balance."

Stretching is important, before exercising and in general, to loosen tight muscles and improve flexibility. Even for those in wheelchairs, Boudreau said, moving their arms and touching their toes helps.

"If you can't start with your toes, touch your knees," Boudreau said. "Anything that they can do to get their body moving and heart pumping is great."

Boudreau will direct the always-open fitness room, which also offers personal training for seniors. She'll guide traditional classes, from Jazzercise to Stretch and Tone, and also hopes to spark a few of her own someday.

"I'm a Golden Girls freak," Boudreau admitted. "I'm thinking of maybe somehow doing a Golden Girls' afternoon."

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SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Friday 1/14

8:45 a.m. Panera Bread
9 a.m. Stretch and Strength
10 a.m. Body Recall
11 a.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. Bridge
1:30 p.m. Bingo

Monday 1/17

Senior Center management office, lunch service, transportation closed: Martin Luther King Jr.

Birthday observed

Tuesday 1/18

9 a.m. Panera Bread
9:30 a.m. Line Dance
10 a.m. AARP Driver Safety Program
10:30 a.m. Asian Pacific Breakfast
11 a.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. Bingo

Wednesday 1/19

9 a.m. Stretch & Strength
9:30 a.m. Massage
10 a.m. Body Recall
11 a.m. Blood Pressure
11 a.m. TOPS Class
12:30 p.m. Lunch
2-4 p.m. Estate planning by appointment

Thursday 1/20

9 a.m. Line Dance
9:30 a.m. Travel Meeting
10 a.m. Lunch
12:15 Bridge
1:30 p.m. Line Dance

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EDUCATION

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A champion for learning

Company provides variety of enrichment classes for kids

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

A new and upcoming educational company, based out of West Bloomfield, has already made an impact in a couple of Novi's surrounding cities, like Northville and Walled Lake, and others are starting to take notice.

ChAMP Educational Services was started on June 1, 2003, by Andrew Pass. He said that his company teaches kids to have fun while they're engaging in activities that they enjoy and are interested in.

He said that his underlying philosophy behind the organization is believing that kids should develop confidence on top of competence, so they can succeed later on in life.

"You're going to do better in college and you're going to do better on standardized tests in high school," Pass said. "While that's not an explicit goal of the company, it's certainly implicit."

ChAMP Educational Services offers an array of classes for students in elementary through middle school to take after school. Pass explained that research shows the hours immediately after school is over are the most important of the day to keep children safe and productive. He said that if kids are actively involved between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m., there is less delinquency and they're more likely to be successful in school.

Pass stated the company when he was finishing his Ph.D. in curriculum teaching and educational policy. He was actively searching for a position as a school administrator. For every position he



Andrew Pass' philosophy is that children should "develop confidence on top of competence."

applied for, however, people told him that he didn't have enough administrative experience. "I woke up one day and I realized that I wasn't even fully into the search," he said. "I've always had a dream of owning my own business, and I decided to see if I couldn't make my dream a reality."

Pass wasn't sure what he was going to do at first. He had all kinds of different ideas, but then slowly, because he listened to the advice of others, realized that offering after school enrichment classes was a good idea.

"I'm a guy, who as a kid, was horrible at sports. And in that day in age, sports were basically the key to popularity," he said. "If you were good at sports, you were cool. I have always felt that if you weren't good at sports, it was tougher to make friends. ChAMP is seeking to change that by providing classes for kids in areas in which they are interested."

Parents interested in enrolling their children can do so through any school district or park district contracts with ChAMP Educational Services. Fees vary by institution, but are typically about \$10 per hour of class.

For more information, call (248) 855-3276 or visit www.champedservices.com.

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63 Novi students earn AP Scholar recognition

The Novi School District will hold meetings to discuss the proposed changes to the athletic code of conduct, including random drug testing of student athletes, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27 and Thursday, Feb. 24 in lecture hall A at Novi High School.

Scores for the 2004 Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exam are in, and a total of 63 Novi High School students have earned AP Scholar Awards for their outstanding achievements.

Meng Chau, Suraj Ramachandran, Neil Rao, Elizabeth Song and Solomon Zheng, all 2004 graduates, qualified for the AP National Scholar Award by earning an average grade of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more exams.

Twenty-six students earned AP Scholar Awards, which are granted to students who earn grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.

They include class of 2004 graduates Nitasha Ahluwalia, Lei Bei, Scott Bergeson, Amanda Church, Kara Fisher, Jessica Harbin, Jaime Herd, Peter Kalinowsky, Courtney Kolb, Shalray Mishra, Andrea Morabito, Elizabeth Murphy, Christian Orlando, Anna Rickard, Priyanka Sohani, Abhinav Vallabhaneni, Janine Waranowicz, Elaine Williams and Jason Wong.

Current NHS seniors Amol Huprikar, Cassie Jeng, Ji-Yeon Kim, Tiffany Lin, Yifei Liu, Jinghua Ma and Alyssa Roland also earned AP Scholar Awards.

The Advanced Placement Program allows students the opportunity to take college-level courses, and receive college credit while attending high school. AP exams are given each May to high school students who complete these challenging courses. Approximately 17 percent of the more than one million students to take AP exams across the country perform at a level high enough to earn recognition as AP scholars.

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Millages proposed in WL

The Walled Lake Schools Board of Education discussed at its regular board meeting Jan. 6 the renewal of 3.97 mill hold harmless and 18 mill non-homestead for the May 3, annual school election. This millage is not an increase.

The 3.97 mill hold harmless renewal millage represents \$7 million of the district's budget and the 18 mill non-homestead millage represents \$30 million for a total of \$37 million of the district's \$145 million budget, or 25 percent of the district's total budget.

Superintendent James Geister said the millage levies expire in December of 2005. However, renewing both of them in May 2005 allows the district the necessary funds to operate for the 2006-07 school year with no interruption of educational services and ensures the continuity of services to the students and community.

"These millage proposals are not increases; they are renewals of the funding the community has supported for the last 10 years. We take on fiscal responsibility seriously and in those times of uncertain state funding, we want to ensure the local financial commitment to the district," Geister said.

Other facts about the proposed hold harmless and non-homestead operating millage renewal include:

- Every district in the state is required to levy, with voter approval, 18 mills on all non-homestead properties, generally categorized as businesses, in order to receive full state funding under Proposal A.
- The levy on homestead properties, generally categorized as residential property, is capped at the amount necessary to ensure that the district's combined state and local revenue equals the per pupil amount allowed under the state's funding system. Walled Lake receives \$8,437 per student and can only collect \$437 locally under the law to reach this amount. Although in 1995, Walled Lake was authorized to levy up to 4.3 mills on residential, in the 2004-05 school year it levies 2.2648, almost half of the authorized amount, netting homeowners a reduction of \$200 per \$200,000 home for the 2004-05 year.
- The community last renewed both the 4 mill hold harmless levy and the 18 mill non-homestead levy in 1995.
- Without this millage in place, the district would lose more than \$37 million in the 2006-07 school year and the state would not make up the shortfall.
- On a \$200,000 home, the continued assessment will be approximately \$227 annually. The levy for businesses will remain the same.
- The proposed election date for the renewal of the 3.97 mill hold harmless and 18 mill non-homestead is Tuesday, May 3, in conjunction with the new date for the board of education election.



El Año Nuevo at Orchard Hills
Orchard Hills Elementary School Spanish Teacher Senora Saralyn Borrowman recently treated each class to a Mexican Fiesta which included sharing the most common traditions practiced during the festive day of "El Año Nuevo" (The New Year). The kids played a Mexican game called "pirinolas" and another game with a pinata. Pictured with Borrowman are fourth graders Andrew Szczesniak, Morgan Wiley, Alyssa Yarrish and Felicia Angelosanto wearing sombreros and looking festive for the "El Año Nuevo" Fiesta.

WALLED LAKE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Elementary seeks used cell phones

Fundraising and recycling are at the heart of an effort of a local elementary school as its students and faculty prepare to ask for donated cell phones.

Mary Helen Guest Elementary School, 1655 Decker Road, in conjunction with the American Cellular Donation Organization (ACTDO), a nonprofit organization in Warren, will launch a cell phone collection campaign as a means of raising funds and ensuring that landfills don't get polluted by the toxins found in the phones and in their batteries and chargers.

ACTDO collects working cell phones that are donated into charitable cash by selling them to third world countries, small retailers, and other groups in the market for refurbished wireless phones. Nonworking cell phones are recycled according to EPA guidelines.

"Currently, there are over 500 million idle, used cell phones in the United States, and that figure grows by about 80 million each year as users strive to keep up with technology's latest advances," said Vincent Siro, ACTDO's founder and CEO.

Helen Guest Elementary are urged to call (248) 956-3330. Those interested in donating but to no particular organization may log onto www.cellulardonation.org and input their zip code for a drop-off location near them. Groups wanting to launch a cell phone collection campaign of their own in order to raise funds and clean up the environment should call (888) 863-4111, (2355) or log onto

Northern administrator returns

Greg Riley, assistant principal at Northern is back home after a 62-day tour of duty with the Air Force National Guard stationed in Kuwait. He served as an aircraft maintenance officer overseeing the work of 150 men and women who repair the U.S. aircraft used in the

operations in Iraq. While in Kuwait, Riley was asked to be a project officer and turn an aircraft hanger into an auditorium for a special event for 2,000 men and women serving at the base of Kuwait. On Dec. 13 actor Robin Williams, football player John Elway, General Richard Myers and other celebrities and politicians visited the base to perform for the military.

"The district has been very supportive of my military service and I am grateful. The morale of those I served with was very good. I had an overall good feeling about being there and had the opportunity to work with others serving in the operation from Japan and Korea," Riley said.

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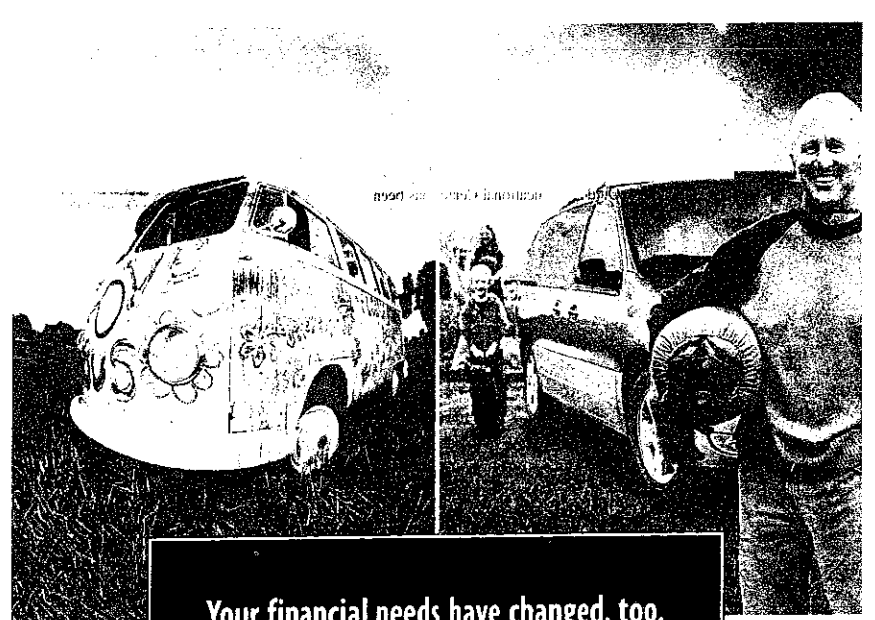
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Novi Meadows students walk along a trail at the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center on their way to study one of its ponds and a nearby stream.



Getting to know Mother Nature



In introducing Novi Meadows students to the natural surroundings of the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center, instructor Betty Lacey points to a birch tree and tells how it was utilized by Native Americans in building canoes.

Students give outdoor camp thumbs up

The Walled Lake Outdoor Educational Center has been the winter home for Novi's fifth graders for about 30 years. Though that tradition came close to being broken this year, it wasn't, and it's still going strong.

Starting in early December through mid-January, a different group of fifth graders went to the camp for a few days each week. Jan. 5 marked the last day of camp for Marianne Malarky's and Gary Hurst's group of students.

Students Austin Reed and Lauren Lonsway were tired the day they returned to their school, but they both felt the trip was well worth their time.

"We went on hikes and we had evening activities, like the string man who taught us tricks and gave us each some string that we can do tricks with," Reed said. "We had a karaoke night, and one of my classmates was really funny because he was dancing. We also did this thing called anti-tars club where two people lie and one tells the truth and you see how many you got right."

The kids were exposed to six classes - Pond Life, Wildlife, Forest Community, Survival, and Owls - which relate to the current Novi Meadows curriculum for science and language arts. Unfortunately for Malarky and Hurst's group, however, last week's snowstorm hit after they got back or they would have also been able to experience cross-country skiing. They did, however, go sledding on what little snow was on the ground.

Reed said he enjoyed the string man the best because he learned many new fun tricks. He also said he learned that hairy vines on trees represented either poison ivy or poison oak.

Lonsway said she had never gone to a camp quite like the one in Walled Lake before and it really wasn't what she expected. "Lots of kids were homesick and were crying a lot," she said. "I just felt kind of odd going to camp."

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Amy Quinlan peers into a dish of stream water. Students found that some of the stream water had an above-normal pH level and also discovered many small macroinvertebrate creatures living in their water samples.



Novi Meadows student Ashley Miller tests the pH level of a local stream at the center.



Novi Meadows teacher Michelle Campos talks to her students about the probable age of a nearby pond and its winter visitors (including deer and rabbits) during their visit to the center.

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Make it fun and students will learn

Teacher's goal is getting students to enjoy attending her class

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

It's not often you find an educator who's been teaching in the same district for 25 years, let alone the same school building for that amount of time.

But there is one in Novi. Orchard Hills Elementary School third grade teacher Cathy Brandau is just that person. She attributes her longevity to her love for the kids she teaches, her peers, the building she works in and the whole community around her.

To say Brandau loves children is an understatement. She explained how each and every day, she tries to find something special about every child in her class and goes out of her way to meet their needs. That's because she enjoys watching them grow socially and emotionally.

Brandau described her class as a second family. "I'm torn sometimes because when my own kids were sick, should I have come to school?" she asked. "I have my responsibility to my children here, but also to my children at home."

Growing up, Brandau never really cared about babysitting, or teaching kids, but it wasn't until she went to college that her feelings changed.

"I can't say I wanted to be a teacher when I was a kid, because what did every girl want to be? A ballerina," Brandau said. "There are no teachers in my family, but it was just something that I had the urge to do."

That urge was so strong that even after hearing many people try to discourage her from going

CATHY BRANDAU

- School: Orchard Hills Elementary School
- Grade: Third
- Years Teaching: 25
- Years at Orchard Hills: 25
- Education: Michigan State University for her master's degree and Eastern Michigan University for her undergraduate degree
- Children: Laura, currently attending Eastern Michigan University for a teaching degree; Adam, currently attending Central Michigan University for a business degree.
- Interests: She's a tri-athlete. She competes in triathlons during the summer months, swimming, biking and running. Her favorite is swimming. She does that at the Novi Sports Club a couple mornings a week. In her age group she usually places first or second.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Orchard Hills Elementary School teacher Cathy Brandau works with third grade student Kiara Turner on an internet research project in the school's library.



into the field, she still pursued teaching.

"When I attended Michigan State University, they literally would put us in this big auditorium and tell us we needed to get out of this field because there are no jobs," Brandau said. "A lot of my friends who graduated in teaching ended up leaving the field. I thought this was what I wanted to do and I didn't quit. Fortunately I was hired in this district 25 years ago."

Brandau explained that, just

like anyone, she has her good and bad days, but it doesn't take long for her students to turn those bad days right around.

"Something about kids keeps you young," she said. "You can be in a bad mood, but someone will give you a hug, or you see a spark that you put in a little kids eyes. That makes it all worth it."

Many things have changed dramatically since Brandau started teaching. She said that the children and the population have changed so much that some of her most memorable moments are things that teachers wouldn't have talked about years ago. She used 9-11 and the latest Tsunami as examples.

"We have written poems, we talked about the wave and we did art," Brandau said. "Those are the kinds of things that, years ago you

wouldn't do, but now they're very memorable moments."

Brandau explained that there have been so many big, worldly events lately, like the war in Iraq, and so much media coverage of them, that the kids of today know a lot more than the kids of years ago.

"They almost know too much today and they're like little adults," she said. "In a way it sort of saddens me at times because they're only eight and nine years old. Let them be kids."

Brandau said the hardest part of her job is juggling all the time frames with all that is to be accomplished with academics and yet still making it a fun environment for the children. Her main goal is to make it so the children want to come to her classroom.

"If they don't want to come, they're not going to learn," she said. "First and foremost I try to make sure they are happy with the classroom, they are happy with the surroundings and they are happy with me. Then they'll learn."

One of Brandau's proudest accomplishments in her career is being able to teach the same students twice. She had three student teachers shadow her recently, who happened to be in her class when they were in third grade. One of them is now her colleague at Orchard Hills and two others were former students of hers.

"I just finished having a student teacher in my class, who I taught 15 years ago," Brandau said. "They come back and that means a lot to me. It's fun when you have taught them and then they come back once again to learn from you. Their personalities are the same as when they were in the third grade."

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Why she was chosen:

"I would like to nominate Cathy Brandau, third grade teacher at Orchard Hills for your teacher of the month program.

One of the primary reasons my wife and I moved to Novi was for the schools, and our experience with Mrs. Brandau confirmed to both of us that we made the right decision.

Our older daughter, Shannon, transferred to Orchard Hills for the third grade school year. We were concerned since Shannon was shy and was starting a new school.

Our concerns grew when we learned that Shannon would be in Mrs. Brandau's class and that the class looped from second grade. This meant that most of the class knew each other from the previous year and that Shannon would be an outsider to this situation. It didn't take us long to realize that Mrs.

Brandau would never let any be an outsider in her classroom. She paid extra attention to Shannon during this difficult adjustment period for her and made sure that the transition for Shannon went as smoothly as possible.

This caring and nurturing attitude from Mrs. Brandau was exactly what Shannon needed, and the result was that our daughter had a very successful third grade year and transition into the Novi school system.

When our younger daughter, Morgan, was assigned to Mrs. Brandau, we were ecstatic. Morgan also had a wonderful experience in third grade. Not as shy as Shannon, Morgan immediately took a liking to Mrs. Brandau and was constantly inviting Mrs. Brandau to activities outside of school.

I can remember telling Morgan that Mrs. Brandau had her own activities on weekends and to not to expect her to show up at

Morgan's activities. Based on our previous experiences with Mrs. Brandau I should have known that I was underestimating her. The following week-end I remember looking up and seeing Mrs. Brandau at Morgan's soccer game on a Saturday afternoon. Morgan had invited Mrs. Brandau to Morgan's soccer game and Mrs. Brandau had taken time out of her busy weekend to attend the game.

If I had any doubts about Mrs. Brandau's commitment and love for her students and job, they were forever erased that day.

In my opinion it is because of teachers with the spirit and dedication like Cathy Brandau that make Novi schools outstanding and the city of Novi the community that it has become."

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What Novi did while in the Upper Peninsula



Visited historical landmarks



Played some U.P. games ...



... met new people ...



... made some friends ..



... and lost some, too! But, in the end, they had a lot of fun and look forward to the chance to do it all again.

COLD NIGHTS IN DA U.P.

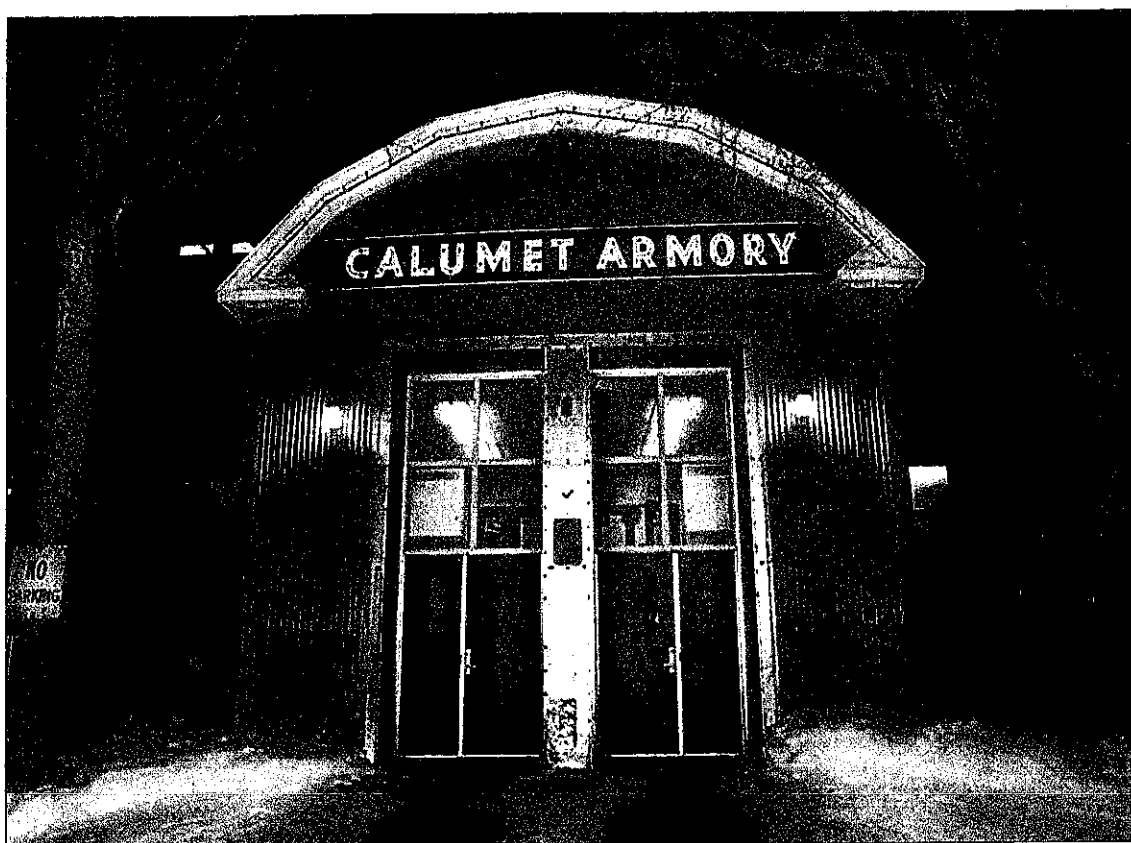


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Calumet's Armory Arena is one of the most historical arenas in the Upper Peninsula. It's frigid outside, but even colder on the ice when a team takes on the Copper Kings. Novi warmed things up, however, with a 2-1 victory there last week.

Novi keeps things warmed up with two victories

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Despite frigid temperatures dipping into single digits in the Upper Peninsula last week, the Novi Wildcats hockey team was figuring out a way to keep warm.

The answer? It wasn't some smoldering fire or thick coat — it was two solid wins over Upper Peninsula squads from Houghton and Calumet. Novi topped the Calumet Copper Kings, 2-1, before edging a scrappy Houghton Gremlins team, 5-3.

"It was nice to get those wins," said Novi coach Dan Phelps, who went 0-4 his first two years making the trip. Last season the Wildcats went 2-0 and this year repeated the performance. "The trip is worthwhile despite the wins, but it makes coming home a little easier with them."

The trip is becoming old hat for the Wildcats hockey program — but not for the players who come through it. Senior Mike Berger and sophomore Shamus Finnerty never took the trip to Houghton with the squad before. Berger is a first-year senior with the hockey team and Finnerty made the

varsity squad this season. "It was a lot of fun," said Berger, who had made the trek to the Upper Peninsula before but never overnight. "It was a great experience for all of us." Finnerty agreed, noting he had never been to the U.P. prior to the trip. "It's a lot different," he said. "You can't go places like you can here in Novi. It was eye opening."

The trip was eye opening for the host Yoopers, too. Calumet and Houghton were both given an education in how well kids from below the bridge can play. Not only did Novi sweep their opponents, but Brighton did as well.

Howling at the moon

Novi wasn't afraid to show where their true loyalty was. When the Brighton Bulldogs played Calumet at the Copper Kings' historic arena, the Armory, Novi was there to cheer their Kensington Valley Conference rivals to a 2-1 victory.

"It's becoming kind of a tradition," Phelps said. "We respect



Photo by MICHAEL RUCCOLO

The Novi Wildcats hockey team is glad they didn't wear sandals to Houghton. The snow is piled up as they step off their bus following a 10-hour ride from Novi.

Brighton. We respect all of our opponents, but we wanted to see them win. They came to our game as well."

Which the Wildcats were appreciative of. Being a stranger in a

strange land doesn't normally lend itself to a good fan base — especially when they were 549 miles from home, or the equivalent of about a 10-hour trip.

"It was great to have them there," Finnerty said. "Cheering for them was great too. It was packed there. That was the most unique part of the trip."

Friday night showdown

As though making the trip wasn't bad enough, the Wildcats only had a few waking hours to prepare for Calumet — the sixth-ranked team in the state for Division III schools.

"We let the kids swim and just relax on Thursday," said Phelps, noting the team got a late start

because the original bus driver slipped and broke his wrist before they could depart from Novi. "Then we had a morning practice and got ready to play."

And play they did. Though the Wildcats fell behind 1-0 at 10:51 in the first period of play, they rallied just two minutes later to tie the game. R.J. Makoski, a senior, fired a pass to John Hamblin. The Novi skater dodged a defender and sparked Novi's comeback with a wrist-shot past the Calumet goalie to knot the contest.

Neither team had the luck to notch a score in the second period and Novi used all of the tricks in Phelps' bag to tally a second goal with 7:27 left in the game. Ryan Fox and Steve Rousseau were credited with assists after a passing game found Mark Eberline winding up and rocketing home the game winner.

Justin Ruccolo, a senior, earned the win in goal. "Justin has been playing

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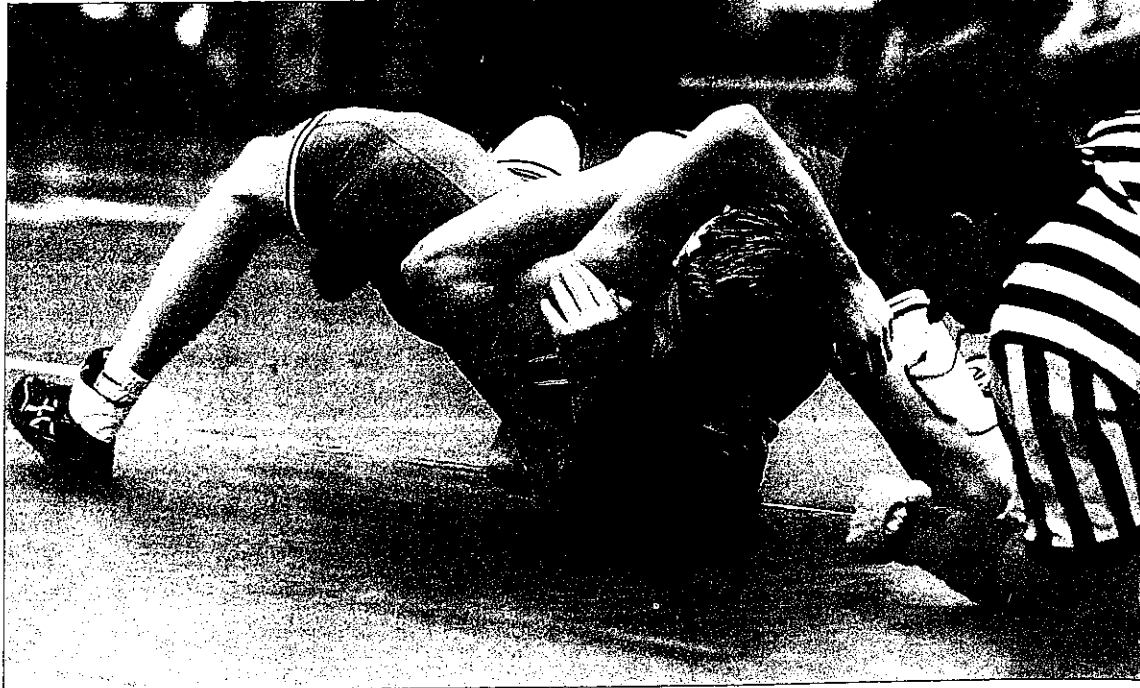
Wildcats exit the Calumet Armory locker room.

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Novi escapes with close win over Calumet Copper Kings.	Ranking Calumet has in the state for Division III schools.	Points gathered by Mark Eberline — three goals and two assists.	Record by KVC schools in tourney as Brighton and Novi both swept.	The year Houghton's Dee Stadium was built.	Goals scored by Novi so far this year. Opponents have 34.	Novi's overall record following U.P. tournament.	

'Cats win at buzzer



The Novi Wildcats basketball team started the Kensington Valley Conference portion of their schedule off on the right foot last week. The squad, coached by Pat Schlatter, put up a last-second shot to earn a 39-37 win over the Pinckney Pirates.



Novi's Riley Loker seems to have an upper hand on his Northville opponent Joe Marotta during their December match.

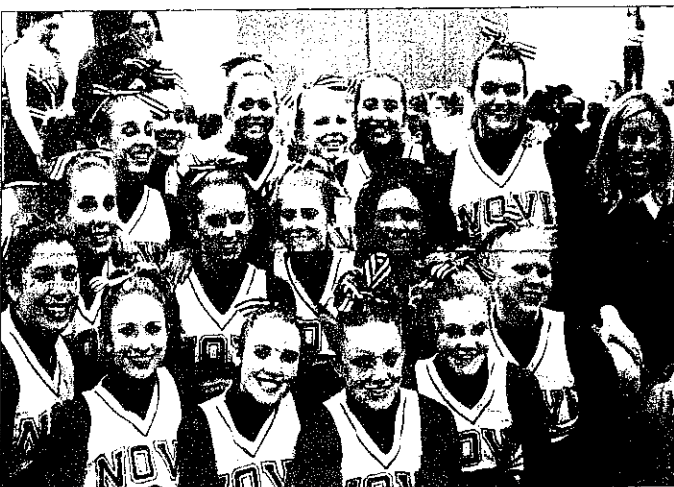
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Novi stayed off the Pirates through the third quarter, holding onto a one-point lead at the end of a one-point lead at the end of a 33-32 differential. The final quarter of play found the Pirates coming on strong and making a three-pointer with six seconds left to knock the game, 37-37.

but found their planned play broken up with just 4.3 seconds left on the clock. Hart glanced at the clock, pulled up and fired a long shot. The ball hit the rim, hung there for a moment and started to roll out when Hartin went airborne and tipped the ball back in for the win.

Novi is now 1-0 in conference play. It there's one constant in the world of competitive cheer, it's that Hartland is always going to be one of the toughest teams to beat in the Kensington Valley Conference.

Too much Hartland for Novi to handle. It there's one constant in the world of competitive cheer, it's that Hartland is always going to be one of the toughest teams to beat in the Kensington Valley Conference.



The Novi varsity cheer team gathers following a tough loss against the Hartland Eagles last week.

UNDERCLASSMAN RESULTS

Cheer

On Jan. 5, the freshman competitive cheer team lost a close match to Hartland, 305-5. The JV girls didn't fare so well either, falling to Hartland, 414-364.

Basketball

The freshman boys basketball team played Northville Jan. 4 and started off very slow, falling behind 20-3. After halftime Novi kept it close and made a few runs, but could never get it under 12 before falling 45-21.

Novi was led by Collin Crandell with 9 points, Alex Lyall added 5 points and Sean Rydzewski and Pat Schlenke had 4 each.

On Jan. 4 the JV team lost to cross-town rival Northville, 44-37. The Wildcats struggled with scoring points in the first half but proved stingy on defense. They held Northville to only 18 points but still trailed the Mustangs by a 3-point deficit in the fourth quarter. The Cats tied the score at 33 but couldn't get the stops defensively to take the lead.

Ellen Dean had his first double-double of the season as he scored 13 points and recorded 10 rebounds. Trevor Bersak hit a trio of three's while Mark Heard had 6 points and 4 assists.

Volleyball

The girls JV volleyball team finished first at the Northville Invitational on Jan. 8. The Wildcats were undefeated on the day. After finishing first in their pool, the Cats faced Walled Lake Northern in the quarters and won 25-19, 19-

25-15, 3. They knocked out Canton in the semi match 25-16, 14-25, 15-13. For the championship they defeated a hard-hitting Dearborn team. After dropping the first game 19-25, the Novi team regrouped and won the second and third games 25-22, 15-13. Top players were Julie Schramm with 8 kills, Amanda Diacoco with 6 kills, Lauren Purdy with 7 blocks, Hayley Miller with 7 aces, Paula Dietz with 6 aces, and Shannon Cody with 16 digs.

In tournament play in Hartland on Saturday, the freshman volleyball team finished first in their pool and went on to the playoffs. In the second round, the girls came back from a five-point deficit to win 25-23 but lost in the semis to Northville for third place overall.

Veronica Salens had a kill during the playoffs that sent Novi to Kearsley home. Alyssa Frasier and Kelsey Laux did a great job of setting and Lauren Eibel had quite a few digs.

Wrestling

Junior varsity wrestlers, Mike Cash and Derek McClelland continued their dominance on the mats by winning the Canton Invite and leading the Wildcats to another fourth place finish at the 20-

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Huprikar now an All-American runner

By Sam Eggleston, SPORTS WRITER

Amol Huprikar runs through life. In the fall, Huprikar runs with Novi High School's cross country team and in the spring he runs with the track and field team. After the season's done he finds himself running some more.

Huprikar recently made news with a second place finish in a highly competitive national race with a time of 15:37 in less-than-favorable conditions. He was less than a second behind the winner.

The end result beyond places and times? Huprikar can now claim the title of All-American. "I was happy that I got second," he said. "I was excited because I didn't expect that. I wanted to stay up front and planned out when I would move, but I honestly thought there would be a lot more people with me."

Instead, Huprikar and the first-place finisher were ahead of the pack by over three seconds with a half of a mile to go. As the race quickly came to a close they had put even more distance between themselves and the competition — but they couldn't seem to get much space between each other.

"He had the lead and then I took the lead and about 100 meters to go he took it back," Huprikar said. "I wasn't sure how I'd finish, so I wasn't disappointed at all with second."

"I like the idea of racing against harder competition."

Amol Huprikar, Novi senior runner

In fact, Huprikar admitted his single goal heading into the race was to take home an All-American title. That meant he had to finish in the top 25 out of over 200 racers taking to the course. The conditions in Illinois, where the race was held weren't what cross country runners would call ideal. Instead it rained constantly for two days prior to the race and Huprikar's crew were the last race of the day following about 1,800 other racers.

And the temperature? "The actual temperature was about 25," Huprikar said. "With wind chill it was about four or five degrees though."

Huprikar toughed through it though. He had to. It was his first national race. Following last season's cross country schedule he chose not to compete at that level.

"Last year I was pretty beat up by the end of the year," he said. "Plus, I was happy with my finish at the state meet and

content to leave it like that. This year we've been planning on doing stuff after the end of the season so we went out and did it."

The other part of the "we" is none other than Novi coach Bob Smith. He knows talent when he sees it. He's coached national champions before. Huprikar definitely had the fire to compete at that level.

"Amol is an amazing athlete," said Smith. "He knows what it takes to reach his goals."

Which is exactly what Huprikar will have to do when he heads to college. He's been talking to Michigan State with hopes of becoming a Spartan next year with fellow Kensington Valley Conference runner Dana Flacco. He's still looking at the University of Michigan and Purdue as well.

"Right now I'm just scheduling some official visits," said the senior. "Even if I don't get a scholarship, they usually end up giving money to the runners who do good their first season."

Huprikar, who hopes to study engineering at whatever school he ends up attending, is looking forward to the challenge of racing at the collegiate level.

"I like the idea of racing against harder competition," he said. "The kids are bigger and faster and it's twice as far. It's not going to be easy, but I'll enjoy it."

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Amol Huprikar handles the course in Illinois. He took second in the national race.

Saying good-bye to a well-respected man

Some coaches don't know when to retire. They've been at it too long, teaching old styles of the game they were once masters of.

Tom Fritz, thankfully, it's one of those coaches who's always been on top of the game of wrestling — he it when he was the head coach at Flat Rock, Belleville, Riverview, New Boston Huron or for the past 21 seasons apart with the Novi Wildcats.

But, sadly, Fritz is stepping down after this season. He just can't do it anymore. "I'm like J.J. (Bologna) and Corey (Fritz)," he said. "I like to get down and wrestle with the kids. This old body just can't do it anymore."

Grant will take over for Fritz after this season. But, can he really take over? No insult intended for Grant, but those are some big shoes to fill. Fritz has collected 365 dual meet wins in his career as of Dec. 9, 2004. He had two undefeated seasons with a winning percentage of 77 percent.

His teams, through the years, have won 60 tournaments, 10 league championships, seven regional championships and two state titles. Not that Grant is a slacker. He was a volunteer coach last season at Howell and a head coach at Dexter for three years. White at Dexter he coached two-time state champion and current University of Michigan

Wolverine, Jeff Marsh. Speaking of U of M, Grant's been there too. He wrestled four years of varsity there, including being named the freshman of the year and the most improved wrestler. He took fourth in the Big 10 championship and qualified for the NCAA tournament. He was a two-time all-state wrestler at Clarkson High School as well.

Out with the old and in with the new? It's hard to say good-bye to Fritz. He's an icon in wrestling. Novi has been lucky to have him.

He's retired once before but was coaxed back in by current head wrestling coach Brad Huss. He says it won't happen again.

"I'm not coming back," he said, smiling. "Brad got me back once before, but I won't let him do it again."

Fritz is going to be missed. He coached so much success in his life. He's had 71 individual quality for the state meet, including 30 that have placed and 21 who have been state champs. Out of all the kids he has coached he sent 22 to college-level programs, including four who currently wrestle at U of M. He has been regional and state coach of the year four times, area coach of the year seven times and in 1982 he was a finalist for the national coach of the Year award while with New Boston Huron.

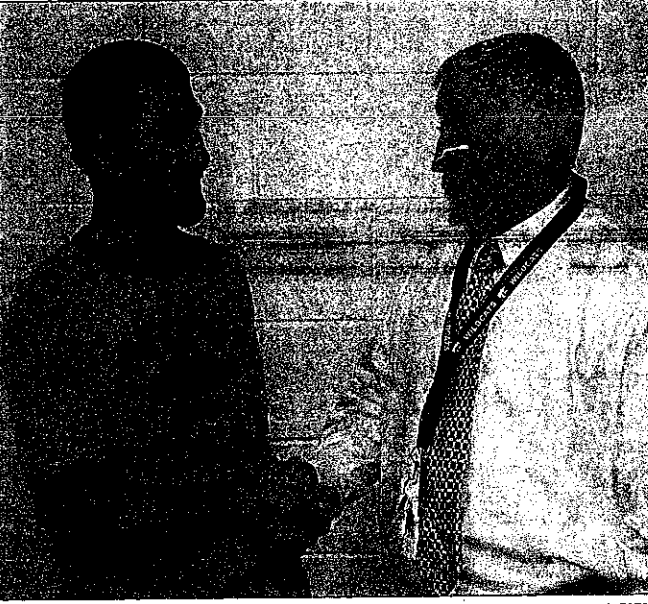
But tradition doesn't graduate, or retire, from Novi, does it? It just gets refreshed with younger bodies and younger minds. Grant has a lot of work to do to live up to the role he is expected to fill.

Fritz, on the other hand, just has to put his feet up and relax for a while. Something he probably won't do for long before going out to find some projects. He'll succeed at whatever he does, there should be no doubt about that.

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Sam Eggleston



Coach Corey Grant (left) shakes hands with the man he'll be replacing come next season, coach Tom Fritz.

SPORTS SHORTS

Baseball registration
The Lakes Athletic Association baseball league will be accepting registration for the 2004 season at the Walled Lake Central High School cafeteria on Wednesday, Feb. 9, from 6:30-9 p.m. The baseball association offers a competitive environment for boys and girls ages 5 to 18. Call (248) 975-8157 for more information.

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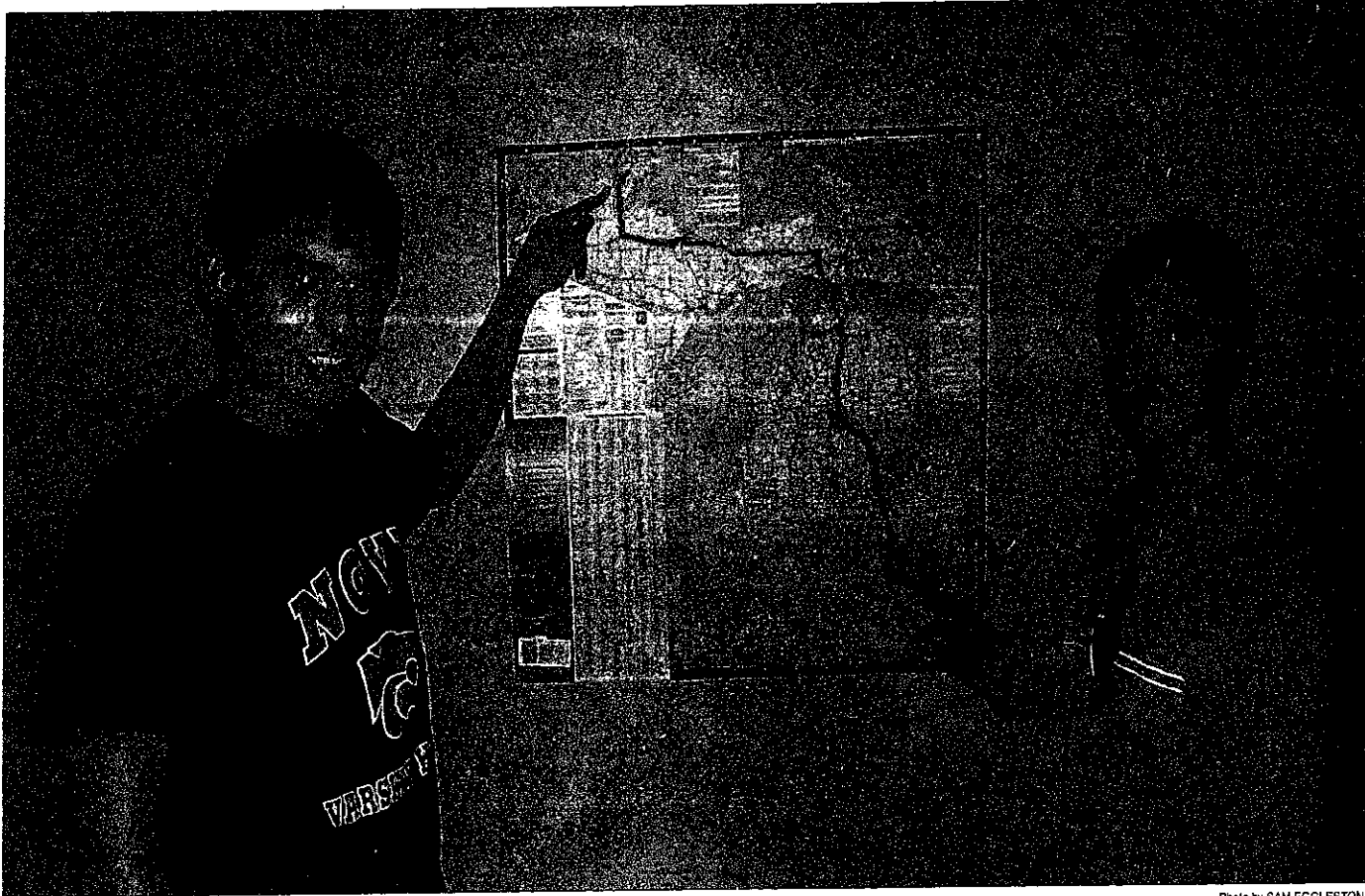
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Movie advertisement for 'Million Dollar Baby' featuring Hilary Swank and Clint Eastwood. Text includes: 'ON OVER 175 TOP TEN LISTS', 'THE BEST FILM OF THE YEAR', '5 GOLDEN GLOBE NOMINATIONS', 'STARTS FRIDAY, JANUARY 14'.

Movie advertisement for 'Fat Albert' featuring Cedric the Entertainer. Text includes: 'A TREAT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!', 'LOTS OF LAUGHS!', 'DELIGHTFUL, WHOLESOME, FANTASTIC!', 'STARTS FRIDAY, JANUARY 14'.

Plymouth Whalers hockey schedule. Text includes: 'JAN. 15TH & 16TH', 'FOR TICKETS CALL 734-453-8400', 'SAT. 15TH 7:30PM GUELPH STORM', 'SUN. 16TH 2:00PM OWEN SOUND ATTACK', 'COMPUWARE SPORTS ARENA'.

From Novi to the U.P., 'Cats rule



Mike Berger, left, shows where the Novi Wildcats ended up to play some impressive hockey last week while Shamus Finnerty, right, points to sweet home Novi. The bus trip was 549 miles and took 10 hours — each way.

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some disciplined hockey," said Phelps. "We're really happy with how he's progressing so far this season."

Just don't get them wet

Novi had the task of taking on the Houghton Gremlins on their home ice of Dec Stadium Saturday, Jan. 8. The outcome found Novi skating off with a 5-3 victory.

"Dec Stadium was great," said Berger. "The locker rooms were warm, but it was so cold on the ice."

The stadium was built in 1992 and housed one of the United States' first professional hockey teams just a few years later. It is widely considered the birthplace of professional hockey in the U.S.

"It's such a historical place," Phelps said. "It's one of those things these guys will be able to tell their grandkids about."

"The story will be that much more exciting for the little ones when it's added Novi earned the victory — and survived a couple of fights. Near the end of the game, a Gremlin player rushed Brad Ciolek, the Novi goalie. The result was a few fights breaking out on the ice."

"There's a natural territorial rivalry," Phelps noted. "With our team being from the Lower Peninsula and playing in the Upper Peninsula, it's natural for them to want to beat us. One of their kids just got a little too spirited."

Novi wasn't any worse for the wear. In fact, the squad skated off with four points — two goals and two assists.

"Mark has been leading by example," Phelps said. "When this team plays together, they can really make things happen."

Playing together found Novi taking the lead as Ryan Fox tallied a goal with 2:53 left in the first period off of an Eberline pass.

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Dan Phelps
Novi hockey coach

Just a minute later — on a power play — Maloski hit a slap shot from the blue line and past the Gremlin goalie to notch a 2-0 lead.

Houghton came back in the second, scoring a shot of their own that found its way past goalie Ciolek, who earned his first victory of the year in the game.

Ciolek got by with a little help from his friends — such as Eberline, who hit a wrist shot in the upper corner of the net for the 3-1 difference before tacking on another goal on a pass from Tom Claverilla.

The Gremlins had their final score of the night come off a 5-on-3 powerplay situation with 8:37 left on the clock to cut the Novi lead to 4-2. The Wildcats finished off the tournament and the night on a goal by Claverilla.

"I had a great time," Finnerty said, noting he'd like to make the trek again next year.

"It could be a possibility. We haven't checked our schedules yet, but it's our intention to be back again next year," said Phelps. "We'll have to see how the schedules line up before we make any administrative decisions."

Sam Eggleston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@hthomecomm.net.



ABOVE: Novi coach Dan Phelps addresses his team in the locker room at the Calumet Army. BELOW: Two Novi skaters get ahead of their Copper King foes.



Novi skaters defend themselves against some scrappy Houghton Gremlins last week during a trip to the Upper Peninsula.



Calumet coaches (left) and Novi coach Danny Phelps watch the game progress along with their attentive squads.

CALENDAR

Cal Stone, editor (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 cstone@hthomecomm.net

EVENTS

"Understanding Chronic Pain" Book Signing

DATE: Saturday, Jan. 15
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: Borders Bookstore, 43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi (Novi Town Center)
DETAILS: Join Dr. Robert T. Cochran Jr., M.D., for insights into the true nature of pain. In his new book, *Understanding Chronic Pain*, Dr. Cochran explores the origins of pain through a series of fascinating case studies. He looks at the complex behaviors that come to those who suffer from chronic pain, and the very promising role of pharmacy treatment. His conclusions, based upon treating thousands of chronic pain patients throughout his 40-year practice, uniquely span the medical specialties of neurology, internal medicine and psychiatry.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0780

Novi Chamber Luncheon

DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 18
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Hotel Baronette, 2790 Novi Rd., Novi
DETAILS: Mayor Lou Coardas will present the State of the City address, and the 2005 Chamber Board of Directors will be installed. Cost is \$20. RSVP by Friday, Jan. 14.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3743

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Membership Luncheon

DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 18
TIME: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
LOCATION: Independence Village of White Lake, 935 Union Lake Road, White Lake
DETAILS: Please join in welcoming incoming board members and honor outgoing board members. Mike Metzger of Lakes Area Tax & Accounting Services, will speak on new tax information. Cost is \$18 per person in advance.
CONTACT: (248) 624-2826

Democrats Meet

DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 18
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Mama Mia Restaurant, 1403 S. Commerce Rd., Walled Lake
DETAILS: Democrats of West Oakland County meeting with pizza and social hour at 6 p.m.
CONTACT: (248) 685-1882 or (248) 624-4753.

Single Mingle Dances

DATES: Jan. 21 and Feb. 4
LOCATIONS: Sheraton Hotel, Jan. 21; Doubletree Guest Suites, Feb. 4
TIME: 8 p.m.-1 a.m.
DETAILS: Hosted by Metropolitan Single Professionals. Admission is \$5 for members, \$9 for non-members. Top 40 DJ, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and door prizes.
CONTACT: (248) 544-6445 or (248) 851-9909 or www.mspsc.com

After Hours Mixer

DATE: Thursday, Jan. 27
TIME: 5 p.m.
LOCATION: Sheraton Detroit Novi, 21111 Haggerty Rd., Novi
DETAILS: Join fellow Novi Chambers of Commerce members, partnering with the Livonia Chamber to mix, mingle and make connections. Cost is \$10.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3743

Threads of Power

DATE: Friday, Feb. 25
TIME: 8-10:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Wyndham Garden Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi
DETAILS: A group of business men and women affiliated with the Novi Chamber of Commerce have

GOVERNMENT / SCHOOL

Novi School Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, Jan. 6
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Rd., Novi
CONTACT: (248) 449-1200

Novi City Council Meeting

DATE: Monday, Jan. 10
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0460

Novi Planning Commission Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 12
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0460

Novi School Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, Jan. 20
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Rd., Novi
CONTACT: (248) 449-1200

Novi City Council Meeting

DATE: Monday, Jan. 24
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0460

Novi Planning Commission Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 26
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0460

Novi City Council Goal-Setting Meeting

DATE: Monday, Jan. 31
TIME: 6 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0460

Novi School Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, Feb. 3
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Rd., Novi
CONTACT: (248) 449-1200

BUSINESS

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

CLASSES

Providence Center for the Healing Arts "Tuesdays at Assarian"

DATE: Every Tuesday night
TIME: 5-8 p.m.
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi
DETAILS: Variety of activities for the adult community to come and enjoy a unique mix of classes sponsored by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts. Some activities may include a supplies fee (no more than \$10).
CONTACT: (248) 465-5483

SUPPORT GROUPS

Moms Club of Novi

DATE: meetings first Thursday of each month
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center (MOMS Offering Moms Support) is a non-profit support group, specifically aimed at meeting the needs of mothers who choose to stay at home with their children, including those who work out of their homes, as well as those who work part-time.
CONTACT: Dina Tallman, membership VP or e-mail: Dina@wmr.com

Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples (MOMMS)

DATE: second Thursday of each month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Witch'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) 676-2913

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) 928-8332 or by e-mail at harvest@lowship@comcast.net

Breast Cancer Support Group

DATES: second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.
LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C on the ground floor of the hospital.
TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.
DETAILS: There is no need to register.
CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

Oakland County Health Division Expectant Parent Classes

DATE: ongoing series.
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 Program

DATE: first and third Fridays of the month
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook Road between Ten Mile and Grand River Avenue)
DETAILS: A nonprofit, non-denominational group that brings adoptive families together. Twice-a-

NOVI EXPO CENTER

The following events will be held at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Novi (southwest corner of Novi Road and I-96).

MCA Carwash Trade Show

DATES: Jan. 18-19
TIMES: Tues: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Weds: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
DETAILS: Don't miss out on the latest products and technology, presented by the Midwest Carwash Association. Cost is \$10 for non-members.
CONTACT: (800) 546-9222 or www.midwestcarwash.com

All Breed Dog Show

DATES: Jan. 21-23
DETAILS: Hosted by the Livingston Kennel Club and Oakland Kennel Club. Parking is \$5.
CONTACT: Livingston: (810) 735-4076; Oakland: (517) 522-3156

Ultimate Fishing Show

DATES: Jan. 13-16
TIMES: Thurs. 2-9:30 p.m., Fri. noon-9:30 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
DETAILS: Show for everyone who likes to fish, featuring tackle, trips, boats, charts, seminars and more. Cost is \$8 for adults; \$4 for children ages 6-14; free for ages 5 and under. Parking is \$5.
CONTACT: (800) 328-6550 or www.ultimatefishingshow.com

Rehabilitation Services

DETAILS: Rehabilitation Services will be offering Pilates mat training classes, an effective form of exercise to strengthen, stretch and streamline one's body with minimum stress on joints. The cost for the program is \$120. Due to limited class size, it's recommended to register early.
CONTACT: (248) 465-4416

Oakland County Health Division Flu Shots

DATE: ongoing until supplies are depleted.
LOCATION: Pontiac Office, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd. (north of Elizabeth Lake Rd.) in the Oakland County complex, building 30E.
HOURS: Monday, noon-8 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
DETAILS: Flu shots are available only to high-risk priority groups. Cost is \$7. Medicare and Medicaid insurance can be billed to cover the cost. Bring photo identification proof of Oakland residency is required.
CONTACT: Flu vaccine hotline, (800) 434-3358

Boost Camp Day

DATE: Friday, Feb. 4
TIME: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
LOCATION: Providence Medical Building, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi
DETAILS: A day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, information and a new perspective on healthier living through wholeness that can be very beneficial to the participants. Event is open to the public. Cost is \$50 per person; includes lunch and materials. Registration is required.
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

Pilates at the Park

DATE/TIME: Mondays 7-8 a.m., Jan. 24 - March 14 (Conference Room C); Mondays 4:15-5:15 p.m., Jan. 24 - March 14 (Conference Room B); Wednesdays 4:15-5:15 p.m., Jan. 26 - March 15 (Conference Room C)
LOCATION: Providence Park (southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue), Novi

HEALTH

Line Dancing Classes

DATE: every Monday
TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate
LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Aens Dr. (activity room, main floor)
DETAILS: No partner needed for lessons in this pay-as-you-go program. Cost is \$5 for Novis residents and for those ages 55 and up; \$6 for non-residents (fees are for the entire evening).
CONTACT: (248) 348-9116

SWOCC Studio Tours

DATE: ongoing.
LOCATION: 53300 Nine Mile Rd., Farmington
DETAILS: Come in for an up-close-and-personal look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Community Studios, your local community television studio. SWOCC offers tours to many organizations, such as Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and service clubs. The groups also have an opportunity to make a short promo for the public access channel, INFO TV-12.
CONTACT: Melissa Cohn (248) 473-2840

Schoolcraft College Choral Union Auditions

DATE: Call for audition app.
LOCATION: Schoolcraft College Forum Building, Room 310, 18600 Haggerty Rd., Livonia
DETAILS: All voice parts welcome.
CONTACT: Shari Clason (248) 349-8175 or dpscc@aol.com. Re: auditions

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Novi News

Thursday, January 13, 2005

A simple formula for growth

If there is one character trait that stands out among America's entrepreneurs, it is optimism. Starting a small business demands more than a desire to control one's destiny and a willingness to take risks. It calls for a positive outlook.

When the NFIB Small Business Economic Trends survey was tallied in December, the optimism index among small firms soared four points to tie a 30-year-old record. What sparked that upbeat report? Expectations of good times ahead.

With all the challenges facing the nation, there is no better time to sweep away obstacles that prevent existing small businesses from growing and new ones from starting, and thus creating more jobs. That is the message small business is delivering to Capitol Hill as the 109th Congress begins to craft its legislative agenda.

It's just common sense

To raise the optimism of small-business owners and those who want to start a business, the formula for success is simple: subtract the complex tax code, excessive regulations and frivolous lawsuits and add affordable health care.

For nearly two decades, taxes have ranked among the top concerns of small-business owners. According to The Tax Foundation, the total effective tax rate in 2003 - which encompasses the total tax burden from all levels of government - was more than 28.5 percent, a figure higher than at any time during World War Two. Taxes on the average household are now greater than the cost of food, clothing, shelter and transportation combined.

Unlike the nation's confusing tax code, the plea from small-business owners is quite uncomplicated. Plainly stated, they want Congress to simplify the code and reduce taxes.

Too many rules

Optimism, hence small-business creation and growth, can also be sparked if Congress takes meaningful steps to reduce the load of excessive regulation and intrusive laws. Instead of devoting all their time to satisfying customers, these entrepreneurs spend an inordinate amount of their daily schedules grappling with unclear and confusing government instructions, a steadily growing mountain of paperwork and duplicate information requests.

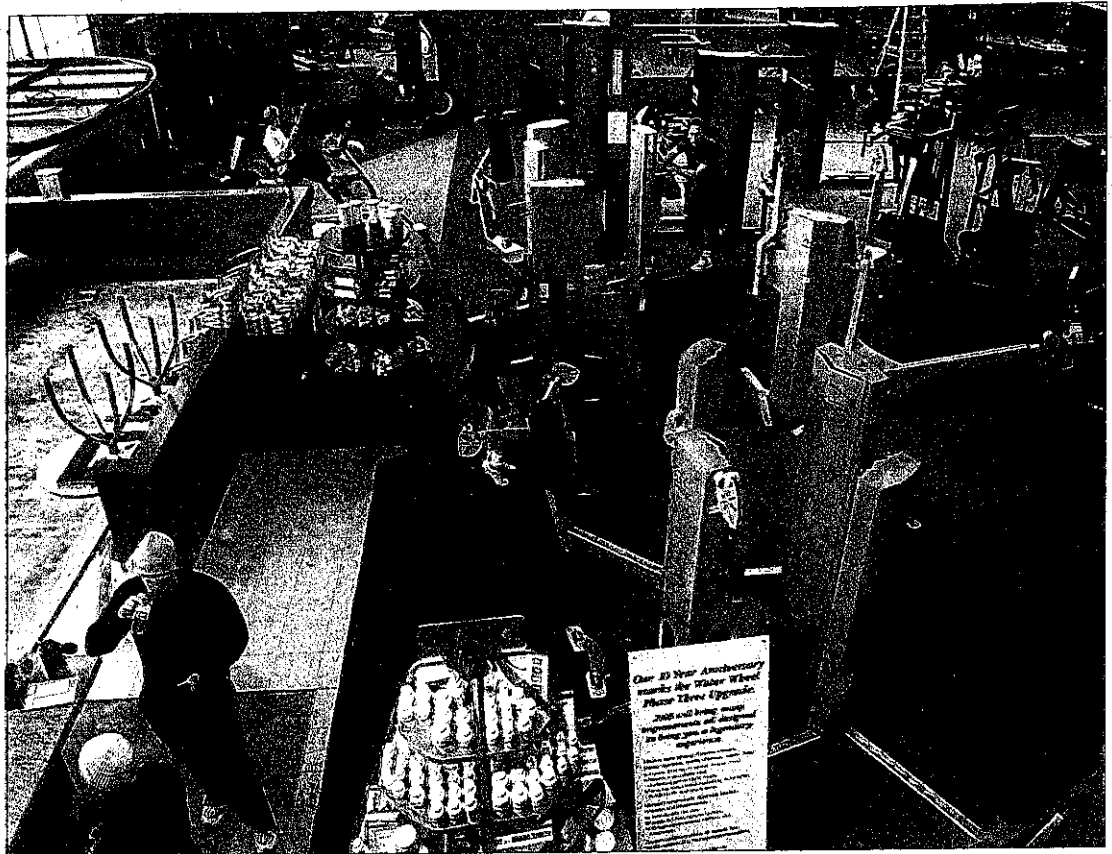
That small-business owners have any optimism at all is somewhat amazing when faced with the fact that lawsuit filings have tripled in the past 30 years. Frivolous lawsuits and out-of-control, lottery-sized damage awards are steadily raising the threat to small firms. Within just the past five years, more than one-tenth of owners have been sued or threatened with liability litigation.

Do you want to see small-business growth and job creation take off? Congress can make it happen by passing legislation to allow associations to offer health insurance to their small-business members; expand options for individuals to buy their own insurance; oppose health-care mandates and permit the self-employed to deduct health-care costs.

It's a simple formula: optimism plus entrepreneurship equals small-business growth.

Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitols. More information is available on-line at www.NFIB.com.

ADVERTORIAL



Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Northville's Water Wheel gymnasium as seen from its second floor cardiovascular machine room.

Water Wheel celebrates new facilities, programs

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

Water Wheel Health Club in Northville is celebrating its tenth year in business with the completion of its newly renovated fitness facilities and expanded training programs now available to its members.

To show its appreciation for the support of its members during the renovation, the club will celebrate with the Phase III Grand Opening Bash on Jan. 24 from 5 to 9 p.m. Members and guests are invited to enjoy free food, entertainment, giveaways and have a chance to meet the owners and staff to see what's happening at Water Wheel Health Club in the coming year.

"We are thrilled to celebrate our tenth year of service to the community," said Chris Klebba, co-owner of the club with his wife Ellen. "We want to thank our members for their business and look forward to achieving more for them with our enhanced facilities."

The renovation included adding new space and remodeling existing space to nearly double the size of the facilities at Water Wheel. The unique layout was designed as an "adult play land" by a nationally-known architect who specializes in health clubs.

The design also features new colors, flooring, showers and locker rooms for the comfort of its members. The new facilities include three new group exercise rooms for offering a variety of classes such as Yoga, Pilates and Group Cycle.

A new smoothie bar was built for the addition of a national smoothie franchise called City Blends. It will offer meal

replacement shakes in a variety of different flavors to meet the dietary needs of the individual customer.

In addition to the renovated facilities, Water Wheel is offering a number of enhanced, goal-oriented programs developed for busy adults. Members still have the option of participating in group exercise, personal training programs or both to achieve their fitness goals.

The personal training programs have been improved, offering the revolutionary Free Motion Tower Training. It involves a flexible combination of cardio-vascular and strength training on multi-function equipment in a 45-minute, high-value session with a personal trainer designed to meet the goals of the each member.

"We will never wander from our commitment to be an adult, limited membership alternative to the over-crowded, impersonal gyms," Chris said.

"We will continue to be the personal club that is a key part of your life and a safe comfortable place for you to come. Only now, you will have more opportunities to get everything you want in a workout with more options, more staff and more fun."

In 1994, Chris and Ellen Klebba decided to offer the community an upscale, unique fitness center where adults of any fitness level can achieve a quality fitness experience.

"Our focus is life-style enhancement," said Chris. "We offer support and guidance for any activity or sport you enjoy or want to enjoy. We can help you achieve your goals and develop a healthy lifestyle to look and feel your best."

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- Water Wheel Health Club
- 235 East Main Street in Northville
- (248) 449-7634
- Monday - Friday, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- www.wtrwheel.com

Water Wheel provides a team of professional personal fitness coaches for one-on-one or small group training sessions. They offer specific lifestyle enhancement programs such as individual weight loss systems and in-home personal training.

Membership benefits include unlimited use of the entire club and its facilities, goal assessment with a personal trainer, nutritional analysis, ongoing floor instruction, regular health and fitness educational seminars and special events.

Water Wheel offers a trial membership for individuals to try the club's facilities, equipment and group classes, as well as receiving a free personal training session before officially joining. Membership rates are guaranteed for life at the rate each person joins.

The owners of Water Wheel are so confident in their staff and services that they pledge to fulfill the needs of their members or refund the membership fee within 10 days of enrollment if the individual is not completely satisfied.

"If you are looking for an alternative to the big-box, over-crowded, impersonal clubs, we invite you to stop by and give us a try" Chris said. "Let us design a custom program for you, meet



Chris Jeffery rides a stationary bike at Northville's Water Wheel Health Club.

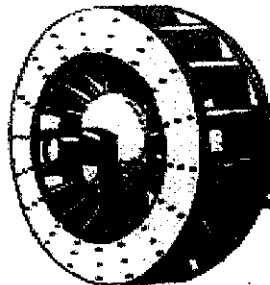
our staff and check out our service."

The club also includes a Wall of Fame that features success stories and testimonials from members who have reached their goals with the help of the elite team of fitness coaches. Call to book a free consultation to learn how to work smart and get the results you want.

The Water Wheel Health Club was recognized as the "best health club in Metro Detroit" by Hour Detroit Magazine in 2003.

The club is an active participant in the International Health, Racquet and Sports Club Association, which allows access to more than 3,000 clubs worldwide for its members.

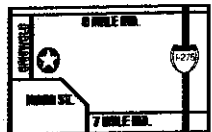
Chris is a certified personal fitness instructor and a recognized fitness expert in the area. He speaks regularly at businesses, clubs and organizations and has written more than 250 columns on various health and fitness topics.



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Jeff and Lisa Amburgy form winning real estate team

By Duane Ramsey
 SPECIAL WRITER

Jeff and Lisa Amburgy have combined their efforts and expertise to become a successful husband and wife team of full-time real estate professionals committed to helping people buy and sell homes in today's competitive marketplace.

Jeff Amburgy is the top producer for the South Lyon office of Real Estate One with more than \$20 million in real estate sales in 2004.

Last year, his wife Lisa left her job as assistant vice president with Citibank, Inc. to join him full-time in the real estate business. She has more than 12 years of experience in the banking and mortgage industries which has proven helpful in her new career.

"Service is the key to success in real estate today," said Jeff. "Our objective is to provide superior professional service that will keep our clients coming back."

"We receive great joy and an enormous sense of pride in knowing we have helped many first time buyers in fulfilling their dreams of home ownership," Jeff said. "There is also satisfaction in having those same clients come back to sell their homes and assist them in purchasing their second home."

Jeff and Lisa sell primarily residential real estate in the South Lyon area and surrounding local communities. They have handled everything from \$100,000 condominiums to \$5 million estate homes.

The couple begins by developing and providing a marketing plan customized for each client that includes advertising on numerous web sites, in newspapers and real estate publications. They also provide a pre-inspection and home warranty with each home they list at no cost to the seller.

The Amburgys have a full-service web site at www.homenotjustahouse.com with their complete listings, virtual tours of those listings and other information about buying and selling a house. People are able to search not only their listings but those of the entire real estate market from their web site.

"We sell a high percentage of our own listings," Jeff said. "We keep up-to-date on everything in the real estate business in four counties," including Oakland, Livingston, Washtenaw and Wayne.

Much of their business involves people moving from Detroit metropolitan area communities to South Lyon and the surrounding areas. They also handle a large portion of the relocation business coming into and going out of the area.

Jeff and Lisa work out of the Real Estate



Photo by DUANE RAMSEY

Jeff and Lisa Amburgy of Real Estate One in South Lyon are ready to meet the real estate needs of their clients.

One office on Main Street in South Lyon. The office is located in the original St. Joseph Church, which is now a historic landmark. Both drive cars with their names and the Real Estate One logo on them, serving as a good form of advertising as they drive around the community.

As residents of South Lyon with their daughters Ashley and Alicia, the couple knows the area extremely well and is involved in the local community and school activities. Both are members of the South Lyon Area Chamber of Commerce.

Jeff also is president of the South Lyon Business Association, a local networking group with about 25 members, which meets every Tuesday morning at 7:30 at the South Lyon Hotel.

DETAILS
 Jeff & Lisa Amburgy
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 346 N. Main Street
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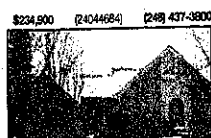


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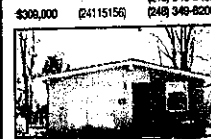
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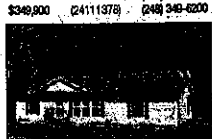
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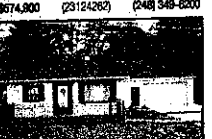
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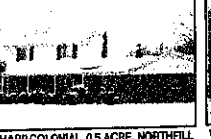
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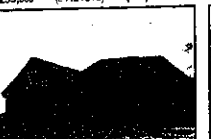
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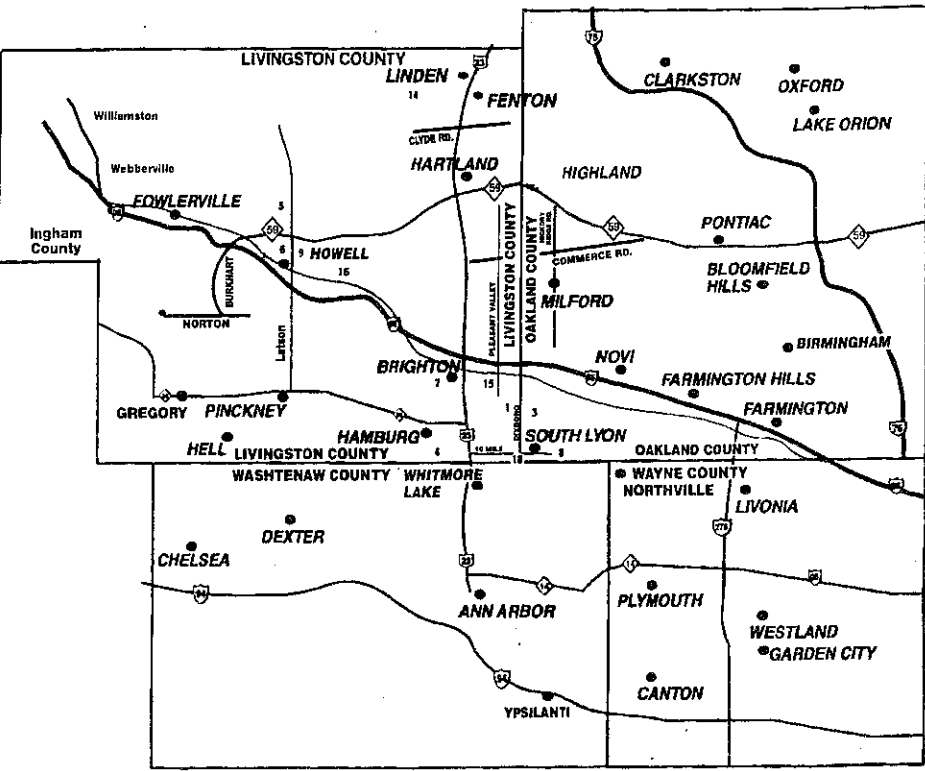
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NOVI Elegant Southern Living
4 bedroom colonial to move in. Wonderful lot. Great kitchen w/large cabinet. French doors lead to gorgeous family room. Master suite w/walk-in wardrobe, en-suite bath. This is a must see home. Looks like a model.
(F53ASH) 248-349-5600 \$423,000



NOVI Elegant Custom Cape Cod
A grand entry greets you w/travertine flooring, circular staircase, cherry cabinets and granite top. Stainless steel appliances, an impressive lot, W/O LL, w/full kitchen. No expense was spared. A definite must see.
(F64HOB) 248-349-5600 \$849,900



ROCHESTER HILLS Stunning Condo
3 BR, 2 1/2 BA condo w/attached garage into kitchen. Fireplace heats LR & DR combo w/downdraft backing to trees, putting green & walking trails. Basement used as FR has glass block daylight. Beautifully decorated.
(F76TEN) 248-349-5600 \$204,500




NOVI Nothing Could Be Finer
Charming 2 bedroom, 2 bath ranch overlooking a lake. Hardwood floors, gas fireplace, C/A, basement, patio, some appliances, Hickory hardwood floors.
(F07PON) 734-455-5600 \$218,000



CANTON You Can Have It All
In this charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch offers family room w/full brick fireplace, 2 car attached garage, finished basement, hardwood floors under carpet + newer roof, windows & updated patio door. HWH.
(F63HLL) 734-455-5600 \$215,000



CANTON Condo Comfort
Move-in ready perfection. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Finished basement and attached garage make this the affordable choice. Plymouth Canton Schools. Great complex with low association fee.
(F35BED) 248-349-5600 \$154,400




LIVONIA One Look Will Do
Beautiful, warm and an open floor plan. LR w/downdraft to deck & brick paver patio. 3 BR, 2 BA. Finished LL with BR or office, hardwood floors, updated bath, 2 car garage, large lot, landscaped yard. It doesn't get any better.
(F66SUN) 248-349-5600 \$183,000




LIVONIA Looking For A Ranch?
Ready to go! Offering 3 BR, LR, DR & 2 BA. White eat-in kit. Finished FR in LL w/tpic. Updates. Appliances stay. Hardwood floors, glass block windows, large fenced rear yard, garage insulated & drywalled, C/A.
(F63DEE) 248-349-5600 \$169,000



YPSILANTI Affordable Condo Living
2 bedroom, 1.5 bath end unit ranch close to everything. Freshly painted, newer flooring in kitchen, all appliance stay + storage room.
(F42WAS) 734-455-5600 \$68,317



CANTON Charming Updated Ranch
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home offering 2 car garage, partially finished basement, newer kitchen cabinets & flooring, windows, furnace & C/A. Family room w/athedral ceiling & natural fireplace.
(F10HAN) 734-455-5600 \$194,900




LIVONIA Live In Livonia
At this price? One bedroom condo w/corner. Close to freeways, shopping & restaurants. Newer carpet & fresh paint. Low association fee includes gas, water & pool. Appliances included, too.
(F89BOB) 248-349-5600 \$69,900



DEARBORN Brick Colonial
Updated and shining 21 brick 3 BR, 1.5 BA home w/new windows, floors, paint and carpet in 2004. Breakfast room & formal dining room. Near Ford Headquarters & shopping. Well built and updated.
(F16WES) 248-349-5600 \$174,816



CANTON Sharp Brick Ranch
3 BR, 2 BA home with cathedral ceilings. Master suite with walk-in closet, separate bath & driveway to deck. Partially finished basement, attached garage, first floor laundry & numerous updates.
(F67RID) 248-349-5600 \$219,900




LIVONIA Why Rent When You Can Buy
Charming 2 bedroom townhouse w/tpic finished basement, fresh paint in most rooms, all appliances, reupholstered hardwood floors in living room, dining room & bedrooms. Also 1 year home warranty.
(F78MID) 734-455-5600 \$92,900



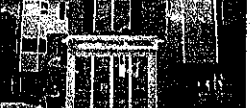
CANTON Exceptional Colonial
Charming 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/2.5 car attached garage, full basement, family room w/fireplace & vaulted ceiling, kitchen w/oak cabinets, island & appls. Large yard w/brick paver patio & sprinkler system.
(F81BAY) 734-455-5600 \$316,900



NORTHVILLE Historic Northville
Downtown location, restored into warm wooded area. Close to parking, washer & dryer in building. Recently renovated, newer carpet, kitchen and bath cabinets. Newer windows, roof, paint. Must see to believe.
(F25FAI) 248-349-5600 \$100,900



NORTHVILLE Northville Schools
Great location! 4 BR colonial with walking distance of downtown. 2.5 car garage, FR w/tpic, C/A, partially finished basement, beautiful landscape yard. Home has great curb appeal. Many newer updates.
(F47WES) 248-349-5600 \$269,900



PLYMOUTH Walk to Downtown
Desirable Pinewood Village condo. Never Berber carpet & freshly painted. Nice oak kitchen cabinets. Why rent? Neutral decor. All appliances stay. Occupancy is negotiable.
(F14PIN) 248-349-5600 \$129,900



FARMINGTON HILLS A Home For All Seasons
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, extra shower stall, C/A, large eat-in kitchen, fireplace in family room, nice driveway to patio, oversized 2 car garage, shed for extra storage, newer windows, electrical panel & bath fixtures.
(F19CRE) 734-455-5600 \$205,000



SOUTH LYON Awesome-Find!
Enormous 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch built in 2001 offers 3 car attached garage, basement, FR w/gas fireplace & ceramic surround, Cathedral ceilings & open floor plan. Formal DR, never fail apple stay, mstr BA w/jetted tub.
(F08BUC) 734-455-5600 \$339,900




NOVI The Best In The West
Convenient location to a-way & shopping! Awesome 2 BR ranch condo - only attached by garage. Everything's been done: maple kit, bath, HW floors, furn, windows. Newer windows, roof, paint. Must see to believe.
(F10GLE) 248-349-5600 \$129,900



LIVONIA Great Neighborhood
Spacious 4 BR, 2 BA quad with lots of privacy. Formal dining room, family room w/neutral fireplace. Hardwood under carpet. Rec room in basement & 2 car attached garage. Great opportunity.
(F12BEL) 248-349-5600 \$225,000



HARTLAND Pristine Inside & Out
3 BR, 2 BA home w/tpic w/tpic & daylight, LR w/electronic start tpic, MBR w/wic, FF laundry, FR (option 3rd BR) w/surround sound, wet bar & B-I ring. Full cast ceramic BA on LL, W/O to patio for BBQ. All apps stay.
(F61NEW) 248-349-5600 \$199,900




WATERFORD Cure Appeal & Incredible Updates
Like a new house in this beautiful 3 bedroom ranch home. Custom entry doors, newer roof, windows, doors, kitchen cabinets & counters w/appliances. Partially finished basement & more.
(F80MAP) 734-455-5600 \$159,900



DEARBORN Own & Rent
Spacious upper/lower apt. Exterior has brick, stone siding. Great DeARBORN location. Total of 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, nearly finished basement, lots of storage, 2 car garage & 2 private balconies.
(F23HOR) 734-455-5600 \$185,000



NOVI Won't Last - Honest
Superior 3 BR, 2.5 BA colonial in excellent location. Now this year: kit, patio, downfalls, some carpet. Newer roof, windows & more. Great finished basement, carpet, drywall & full bath. Located w/locks. Move in soon.
(F05JAM) 248-349-5600 \$279,900



FERNDALE What A Charm!
Newer roof, siding, windows and updated electrical. Large master bedroom. Great garage storage. Freshly painted throughout. Neutral decor. Park at street end.
(F11BRD) 248-349-5600 \$114,900



REDFORD Cute Updated Bungalow
2 bedroom home offers 2 car garage, newer carpet, roof, vinyl windows, furnace, HWH & updated bath. Formal dining room w/franch doors leading to large deck w/step lot.
(F95CHE) 734-455-5600 \$107,900



WESTLAND Stretch Your \$\$\$
Charming 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/2 car garage, nice finished basement. Never furnished, electrically, most carpet, updated bath. Hardwood floors in most rooms & home warranty.
(F84DEN) 734-455-5600 \$139,900



LYONS Location! Location!
Lovely 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial backing to large 6 acre pond. 2 car attached garage, walk-out basement, family room w/gas fireplace, walk-in closet in master bedroom, large deck overlooking the pond.
(F08BAR) 734-455-5600 \$244,900



DEARBORN Mrs. Clean is Moving!
Wonderful 3 BR brick bungalow that is clean as a whistle. Hardwood floors, partially finished basement. Remodeled kitchen w/DR. Cedar closets, updates throughout. Walking distance to Leavogood Pk & Divine Child.
(F11MAY) 248-349-5600 \$162,900



WIXOM Welcome Home
Awesome cape cod features formal LR & DR w/bay windows. Two-story entry, GR & kit offers hwd floors throughout. Spacious master suite w/master bath. Finished walk-out w/HH BR. Two tiered deck.
(F89WAR) 248-349-5600 \$369,900



DETROIT Beautifully Updated Colonial
Fabulous 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath brick home in desirable area offers updated kitchen, roof, furnace, C/A & most windows. 2 car garage, finished basement, large wood deck, private fence & so much more.
(F00PEN) 734-455-5600 \$179,900



WYANDOTTE Updated with Plenty of Charm
Never Pargo flooring in kitchen & living room, 2 car garage, partially finished basement, spacious eat-in kitchen w/appliances. All this in this 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath bungalow.
(F63ORC) 734-455-5600 \$131,000




TAYLOR Updated Taylor Ranch
3 bedroom, 1 bath home w/open floor plan, updated kitchen w/appliances, updated bath, newer furnace, C/A, 2.5 car garage.
(F63BUR) 734-455-5600 \$117,900



MILFORD Lakeview, Hillside Haven
4 bedroom, 2 bath home w/lake privileges, fireplace, wood stove in great room, updated kitchen cabinets & counter, deck & MBR overlook Sears Lake. Almost 3/4 acre wooded lot. Close to downtown Milford.
(F64PAR) 248-349-5600 \$174,900



HOWELL Peaceful w/view of Pond
Near downtown Howell & Brighton, 1994 brick w/3 BR, 2 BA. Kit w/white tile to GR w/gas fireplace. Formal LR & DR. Mstr BA w/walk-in closet & shower. WIC & vanity area. Lg 2.5 car gar, over 1 wooded acre lot. All apps.
(F44PAR) 248-349-5600 \$272,000



PLYMOUTH Perfection Plus
Premium lot w/updated floor plan, 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial w/3 car all gar, fireplace in living room, open dual staircase, basement, huge address w/privacy of closest space, elegant custom awnings.
(F77FOX) 734-455-5600 \$489,000



PLYMOUTH Spacious Colonial
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home w/2 story foyer w/hardwood floors, high ceilings on main floor, crown molding in GR & dining room, large bath w/garden tub in master suite, island in kitchen, fireplace in GR, downwell to patio.
(F56WEN) 734-455-5600 \$348,900



WESTLAND A Must See
3 bedroom colonial w/tpic in kitchen, sun room, formal dining room, large living room, 100 x 137 lot, 2 car garage & basement.
(F05PAL) 734-455-5600 \$146,900




CANTON Great Neighborhood
Wonderful spacious colonial offers 4 spacious BR and 2.5 BA. Family room w/gas fireplace. Brick paver patio & wooded backyard. Quick occupancy. Be in your new home for the fall. A must see. Also available for lease.
(F33PON) 248-349-5600 \$239,900



SOUTH LYON Beautiful Brick Colonial
Like a new, spacious open floor plan in this 4 BR brick carriage club home. Serene view of nat pond. Gourmet kit, black appls, maple cabinets. Basement plumbed for bath. Many custom upgrades. Neutral colors. Very nice.
(F63CAR) 248-349-5600 \$329,900



REDFORD Move In Condition
Nicely updated 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath brick ranch in south Redford school district. Finished basement, oak kitchen, hardwood floors, updated bath, vinyl windows, 2 car garage, nice deck. Great location!
(F06COL) 734-455-5600 \$136,500




LIVONIA Won't Last Long
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch w/Livonia schools, finished basement w/office & wet bar. Newer appliances, roof, C/A, windows, updated kitchen & bath. Never 2 car garage. Florida room & built in BBQ in fenced yard.
(F12HAL) 734-455-5600 \$169,900



CANTON Abundant Space
Large 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/2 car attached garage, full bath, FR w/tpic & downwell to deck, oak kitchen w/large garden bay window, ceramic floor & goonwall. Never furnished, C/A, shingles & windows.
(F80CHA) 734-455-5600 \$250,000




MILFORD Terrific Colonial
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath 1995 built colonial with view of Huron River. Pergo flooring in foyer, kitchen, hall & lav. Finished basement w/full bath. Deck w/hot tub. Cath ceiling in FR w/gas tpic. Open kit w/teating area to deck.
(F81RIV) 248-349-5600 \$239,900




LIVONIA Wooded Premium Lot
4 BR, 2.5 BA, Lg MBR w/wic & full BA. Brick w/tpic in foyer, LR & DR. Kit in '02 & cns '00. Entry lead glass or FR dntd. OS, HWH '04. Roof (rear off) & gutters off. Full FR w/tpic. Lg deck.
(F63SHE) 248-349-5600 \$339,900



DEARBORN Facing Beautiful Woods
1 bedroom, 1 bath condo in high rise w/newer carpet in living room & bedroom. Freshly painted. T/O. Lots of storage space.
(F00GAR) 734-455-5600 \$86,000



CANTON Neat, Clean, Neutral Condo
Living room has fireplace w/marble surround, finished basement, skylights in bath & over stairs. Large fenced patio. All this offered in this 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhouse.
(F71VIN) 734-455-5600 \$142,000



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 \$234,900



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