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What's Lou Csordas, Novi's mayor, doing? Two things: He's having fun riding around on his new Harley, and he's practicing motorcycle safety. - Page 8A

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# **B Mile/Haggerty needs fixing** also closed between Nine Mile

Traffic backups blamed on timing of lights

### By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Don't be in a hurry if you're trying to drive west on Eight Mile Road off of 1-275.

Council Member Lynne Paul told city council members Monday night that due to the timing of signals at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads, which is currently being tweaked by the Road Commission for Oakland County, she recently waited through three or four lights - at 1:30 p.m.

The situation is only going to become worse once the Novi Road Exit 162 closes on June 1 off westbound I-96 for a widening and rehabilitation project.

With Beck Road already closed for the major 1-96 interchange being rebuilt, this means that I-275 will collect much of the southbound traffic off I-96. Meadowbrook Road, another major north-south road in Novi, is and 10 Mile roads. City Manager Rick Helwig

informed council that the timing of the signals at Eight Mile and Haggerty is currently under review, and RCOC hopes to complete the project in 30 days. 'We feel your pain and every-

one's pain, but these matters are totally out of our control," Helwig said. "We have their attention, how-

ever, and we're checking with them on a daily basis." Paul contacted Oakland County

Commissioner Hugh Crawford

The westbound I-96 off ramp at Novi Road will soon be closed. Get all the details on page 5A.

about the Eight Mile and Haggerty traffic backups. She fears if something is not done soon that the area could become the site of future motor vehicle accidents.

"Everyone's trying to mini-" mize the disruptions during all of these road closures. We need

everyone's support to get through the month of June, and then it will be smooth sailing," Helwig said.

"We're looking at the signal operation at Eight Mile and Haggerty now to try to alleviate the backups between that intersection and the ramp off I-275," said Dylan Foukes, traffic engineer, RCOC.

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Code of conduct debate resumes

Parents voice opinions on athletic code, random drug testing

### By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Parents of student athletes filled the Novi Community School District's Educational Services Building on Monday and Tuesday nights this week to voice their opinions on the proposed athletic code of conduct that district athletic director Curt Ellis submitted to the board of education for review.

The public hearings, which were held by the Novi Board of Education, were designed to allow parents the opportunity to voice their concerns. The board did not



Thomas Wilkins, resident conductor of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra since 1999, sits down to make a few notes at his plano in his Novi condo.

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50 entries expected for Memorial Day parade

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For Wilkins,

lifelong love

By Kim Kovelle

STAFF WRITER

conducting is a

A third-grade class trip set the

Perched in a Virginia orchestra

hall, the 8-year-old was captivat-

course of Thomas Wilkins' life in

an instant he calls magical.

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

A special touch has been added to Novi's Memorial Day parade this year, as the city's Parks and Recreation department has personally invited veterans of past wars who live in the area to be a part of the festivities.

According to Tracie Ringle, many have expressed interest.

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# Passion wielded with a wand

ed by the Norfolk Symphony's classical strains - and its conductor.

"This man seemed to be reveling in this incredible sound," Wilkins said. "He could make a gesture and it could affect how the sound could change or devel-

op. "I decided that day what I wanted to do."

Forty years later, the Novi resident is resident conductor for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Wielding his baton, he shares a

lifelong music love affair. Though his roots stem to a poor childhood, Wilkins said he never doubted his place on the

podium. "It wasn't difficult at all because I was pursing a dream," he said. "It's all I ever wanted to do.`

# Music from the projects

Today versed with the cello and tuba, Wilkins' first instrument was a much tinier black

melody flute

He soon filled his elementary school and housing project home with class-taught tunes and radio jingles picked up by car.

"I was really attracted to that thing. That was sort of my first experience," Wilkins said.

As he absorbed vocal music and violins, his single mother taught lessons in dignity --- and good behavior.

Clothes were crisply ironed,

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comment at the hearings, but is expected to take into consideration what was said before it approves a new code. Discussion focused on the following: • the code that Ellis and his athletics code of conduct review

committee team came up with; · a second proposed code that a group of four parents and Superintendent Dr. Emmett Lippe

A. Huprikar

crafted; and the notion of reinserting a random drug testing policy into the code. The second code is a revamped version of the with first. many modifi-

cations that the parents feel are necessary changes.

Amol Huprikar, a senior at Novi High School, is an All American cross country runner and is on the school's varsity track and cross country teams. After reviewing both proposals and attending Monday night's hearing, he's more in favor of the second

code. "I like Dr. Lippe's policy," Huprikar said. "It addresses all of the current issues that have been brought up without giving such harsh penalties. I've ran at many levels, even at the NCAA level, and nowhere is drug testing required. I've ran at national meets for cross country and they don't ask you to pee in a cup."

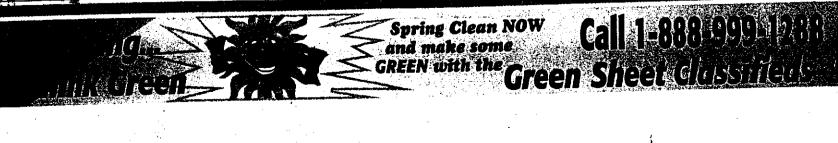
Huprikar believes there is a problem with substance abuse at the high school, but he doesn't believe it can be solved by drug testing.

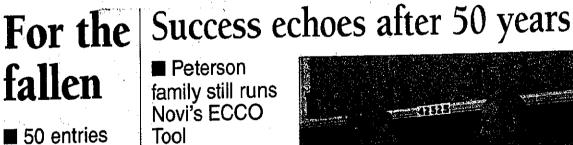
"I think the largest problem is drinking (among students)," he said. "That will not be solved by drug testing."

Scott Evans was one of the

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By Kim Kovelle STAFF WRITER

As a kid, Floyd Peterson earned top wages at his dad's new tool-making business in Novi: two bottles of soda and a nickel.

"When you're 8 years old, that was fun," Peterson chuckled. "He used to bring us out here and teach us little things. I knew where all the wastepaper baskets were."

Today, Peterson, 53, owns ECCO Tool Company, which celebrated its 50th anniversary last month.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

THEF!

Floyd Peterson, owner of Novi's ECCO Tool, greets his son Jeff. Both have been involved with the custom tool manufacturing business since they were little. ECCO's letters stand for the business' first two coowners, (Floyd's father) Elmer (his friend) Charlie and

# NOVIPUBLICIES 2A NOVI NEWS-Thursday, May 26, 2005 For Wilkin

"She had very high

Coupled with music,

A conductor's baton als



Thomas Wilkins next conducts the Detroit Symphony Orchestra tonight with a tribute concert to Ella Fitzgerald at The Max.

Athletic code, gnences. If you come to work drunk, they won't tolerate that. The idea that it should be 365 random drug days is something I support as testing reviewed well. The kids should be under that code." Seventeen parents spoke on the subject Monday night, with 16 continued from front page explaining why they felt the second proposed code should be speakers Monday night. He is the adopted by the board. Most were parent of a Novi High School freshman and a seventh grade stu- not in favor of the random drug dent in the middle school. He's testing item being reinserted. hoping the board adopts the sec- Only one parent was in favor of the current proposed code being ond proposed code. "When school is not in session. adopted. "The board will get together the code of conduct shouldn't now to hash out some kind of a apply," he said, "which also leads into the issue of hearsay. If some-student aihlete code of conduct body hears something that hap- and then bring it back for discuspens over the summer, the way the sion," John Streit said, board prescode's written today, that can be - ident. "My assumption is that it used against my kids, not in a - could be a combination of what's court of law, but in an athletics - already in place in Mr. Ellis' code and what Dr. Lippe and the pardirector's office." Mary Ann Roney's daughter is cats proposed too." Streit also has an example of on Novi High's cheer team. She was one of the few parents in the Grosse De school district's attendance. Monday who is in athletic code of conduct and plans on sharing it with the board. favor of Ellis' code. "I feel the consequences are

Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for good in the proposed code because there has to be strong the Novi News. He can be reached consequences," she said. "In every - at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by eday life you have strong conse- mail at rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.

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is, s a	"I allow them to become artists," he said. "J want the musi- cians to fall in love all over again with music. "J don't think I'm greater than the music. I think this music's greater than us."	UPCOMING CONDUCTING Novi resident Thomas Wilkins conducts the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Catch these upcoming performances:
page cleaned. expecta- ins. "My	A ballet in the air When scouted out by Detroit's	Tribute concert to Ella Fitzgerald: 8 p.m. today; 8:30 p.m. May 27 and 28; 3 p.m. May 29.
ny work a mother nt but a	orchestra five years ago, Wilkins left the Florida Orchestra with wife and twin daughters in tow. Stephen Millen, hired as gener-	Young People's Concert Series season finale: 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., May 28 Where: Orchestra Hall at
he said, 1 reach. 30 was in	al manager soon after, lirst mel Wilkins at a high school concert. The two now are close friends. "He was exactly the person	Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit More: (313) 576-5111;
untcered ello and school, aily.	people had described to me," Millen said. "Warm friendly, out- going. I just felt so comfortable. "He uses his frame so elegantly.	said. Whether it's with his new post
an offer on lured ervatory	It's as if there's a ballet happening in the air when he's conducting." Wilkins sees his passion in 12- year-old daughters Nicole, a when law Elico when plays (late	as music director in Omaha or conducting in Detroit, Wilkins' goal is unchanged since age 8. "I want to be a conduit so that
for me," ri-Lee, a	harpist, and Erica, who plays flute. The girls watched dad conduct from the orchestra pit — and belt	all of us on stage can help the audience fall in love with music,"
rapist, at 30.	James Taylor tunes in the car. Along with a relationship to God, Wilkins said he and Sheri-	he said. "God has gifted me. "It's so rewarding."
a grand and con- and pro- irywide. siest of	Lee have encouraged their girls to accept responsibility for their gifts. "That is the primary source.	Kim Kovelle is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107 or via e-mail at
a chord.	Everything then feeds to that," he	kkovelle@ht.homecomm.net.

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Last month, the teachers at the school voted 100 to 13 (89 percent in favor) to send the proposed policy to the board of education for review. The board heard the presentation last Thursday night and decided to table the issue until a later meeting.

### The current policy:

- States the importance of school attendance Provides limited description of legitimate reasons for absence Provides no limit to the number of absences if a student is age
- 16 or older -- county and state truancy guidelines apply to those under 16 (24 percent of student population)
- States a parent needs to call in to excuse their child by 3 p.m. the
- next school day. Internal consequences are not clearly defined and are left to the current administration/individual teachers to determine. Allows over 75 percent of the teachers to have their own class-
- room attendance policy. There is no consistency or continuity. Most consequences for absences are external (Novi Youth Assistance/Oakland County Juvenile Court) as required by the state/county.

### The proposed policy:

- States in detail the importance of school attendance and the roles of all involved in the education of a student as they pertain to school attendance.
- those which are not acceptable. · Deals directly with the three major areas of concern at Novi High School: Tardies, unexcused absences and students being out of school for unacceptable reasons (sleeping in, going to lunch, tak-

Describes in detail both legitimate reasons for an absence and

- ing a nap, shopping, not wanting to take a test, etc.). Provides consistent internal consequences for students who are
- not present. Has an educative component through which the student may
- learn the value that the community places on good attendance and has clearly defined consequences when they do not. Adheres to state truancy guidelines for those under 16 (24 per-
- cent of student population). Allows for consequences that are external (Novi Youth)
- Assistance/Oakland County Juvenile Court) as required by the state/county.
- Is, in the school's eyes, consistent with the educational, social and emotional goals of the Novi Community School District and the city which it serves.

Worship house welcomed many walks of life

# Novi Methodist Church, 130, endures after davcare stint, move

### By Kim Kovelle Dane Johnson. The entire community was wel-STAFF WRITER

come, though. "So few of these buildings were From birth, Kathy Crawford and her three sisters were rounded up ever placed into public use," Johnson wrote, "Its simple form, for Sunday services in the steepled Novi Methodist Church at Grand humble materials, and handsomely crafted details speak volumes River Avenue and Novi Road. She was baptized its wooden about the character of its creators font. Nearly four decades ago, she and their pride." married Hugh Crawford in the By the turn of the century, he 1876 sanctuary. They'd met at noted, the church was run entirely by women - a historical rarity. church, of course, Five Methodist ladies dominat-"We were in the same Sunday school classes," said Crawford, ed the board of trustees in 1900, 63. "It was such a close-knit com- according to Johnson's research. The church munity and everywas soon body helped one Finding Novi's entrenched in another. the heart of "We were so attached to our old Novi's historic "Four Corners" building." district. Since that time, Crawford's parents had been the landmark has transformed active parishioners since the from a daycare to a weed-shroud-1930s. ed, abandoned building.

"The ministers really almost Reborn today as home to the Oakland Baptist Church, the build-ing has moved on from its longtime Crawford recalled. "They would come to your home and have dinspot - in more ways than one. ner.' But in 1969, church leaders

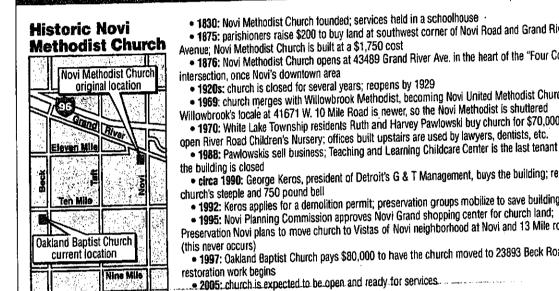
Pioneer spirit decided to merge with the Willowbrook Methodist Church, Parishioners rallied nearly creating the Novi United \$2,000 to buy land and build a Methodist Church. modest worship house in 1875.

Since the other church was When the bell first rang out, only 28 members flocked to the newer, the 19th century church 160-capacity church, according to was shuttered.

and some people in town never It wasn't long, though "It was a very traumatic thing, got over it," Crawford said. a 1993 report by local architect

# METHODIST CHURCH TIMELINE

Sources: Novi News, 1993 Novi Methodist Church Building Assessment Report, Preservation Novi, various Interview



SOURCE: Novi Historical Socie Map by DIANA WELLS



Pastor Tim Whyte exits his Oakland Baptist Church on Beck Road. The historic building was moved to the site in 1997 and should be open later this year, Whyte said.

the church found new li

	The next way it was burging	congregation that gave the church
gh, before	The next year it was buzzing with children in one of the city's	new life — and a new locale.
ife.	first daycare centers.	Without a sanctuary, Oakland
Theory and the state	With husband Harvey, Ruth	Baptist Church spent \$80,000 in
	Pawlowski transformed the sanc-	1997 to move the building to its
	tuary into playrooms, eating areas	final home near Beck and 10 Mile
	and upstairs offices for lawyers	roads.
	and dentists.	Since then,
liver	"It was laid out perfect for what	Association Pastor Tim
	we wanted," said Pawlowski, now	Whyte said his
Corners"	retired in Florida. "That was a lit-	small faithful
	tle farm town it was when we	flock of 60 has
1	opened."	worked to
rch;	During the next 18 years, Ruth	restore the
,	helped kids eat healthy and learn	church much
)0 and İ	while Harvey helped fix the build-	as its forefa-
	ing and keep pigeons out of the	Pastor Whyte thers: by
t before	old steeple.	hand.
IL DEIOIG	The River Road Children's	"A very conventional building
	Nursery thrived until Pawlowski	appealed to us a lot," Whyte said.
emoves	decided to retire in 1988.	"It's been a long project. We've
	Danger loomed in the 1990's,	been working at it diligently."
1 <b>0</b>	when new owner George Keros	He hopes that by year's end, the
	wanted to build a shopping plaza.	church will again open its doors
roads	Springing to action, groups like	to welcome the faithful as it did
	Preservation Novi hatched plans	130 years ago.
oad;	to move the Italianate church.	
,	"The pressure was on," group	Kim Kovelle is a staff writer for
	member Luanne Kuzma said. "It	the Novi News. She can be
	was long and drawn out. There	reached at (248) 349-1700, ext,
	were many city council meetings."	107 or via e-mail at,
	Ultimately, it was a Baptisl	kkovelle@ht.homecomm.net.

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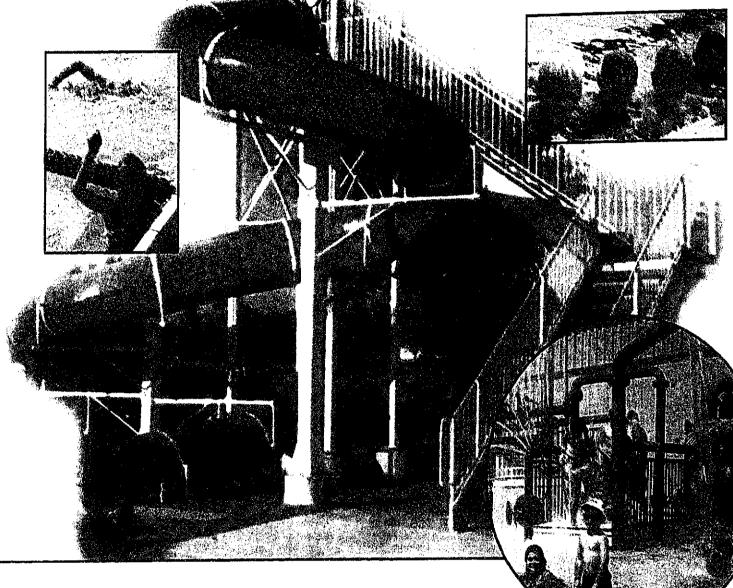
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Dave Dreisbach, a 28-year employee, works on a grinder to create a dovetall form tool.

"He's already saying that he

Floyd Peterson is banking or

working in Novi with his family.

that you can do," Peterson said.

"If you make it, good for you."

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"Dad told me, you do the best

Once, his son accidentally work? Peterson branded the wrong side of a steel Even before Elmer died three ece with a stamping tool. "He didn't really get mad with piece with a stamping tool. family still runs you if you messed up," Peterson might even join in: Jeff has helped Novi's ECCO aid. "He took the time to explain. his son Tyler, 5, "drive" a Hi-Lo Now I know how much work that tractor.

would have been to fix." continued from front page Evolving into a day operation, wants to come out here and work ECCO moved to Grand River with me," Jeff said. From modest roots in a former Avenue in 1959 before settling in Novi Road shoe store, the company its current 8,000-square-feet home one or two more solid decades founded by Elmer Peterson still on farmland in 1967. grinds out cutting tools and dies

By then, Elmer and sons Floyd depending on the economy. used to make automotive parts. and Terrence, were serving the Big Family members credit strong Three automakers full time, makties and determination to keeping ing equipment to turn out spark business alive at 42525 11 Mile plugs, valves and transmissions. Road for the past half-century. 'You started out with the basics,'

Peterson said. "No ifs, ands or buts. Family keeps going That was dad." Since ECCO Tool began with

second-hand surface grinders and The basics saws, Peterson said there have been plenty of changes. The son of Swedish immigrants, Machinery is now more stream-Elmer Peterson grew up working in lined. Tough times for Michigan's the lumber camps of Michigan's manufacturing base have forced the Upper Peninsula, his son said. company to cut costs and find new Farming was a way of life, as was hauling luggage for wealthy customers. But with never more than 12 visitors to nearby Club Island.

employees, the tight-knit work fam-"He was a very determined man. ily has pulled together, even during Dad knew what it was like to put in 1980s lavoffs. an honest day's work," Peterson They came in and donated whatever time they could," Peterson said. Employed at a Detroit tool shop "Most of them were here every day. after World War II Army service,

Elmer forged ECCO Tool by night. I cannot say enough about the Arriving in Novi at 4 p.m., he employees. Among them is his own son, Jeff, worked until midnight before headwho also learned the ropes from dad ing out to Detroit again by 6 a.m. at age 8, playing with engine hoists. His wife, Helen, whom he met at church, and their four children 'I started doing the shipping and the sandblasting and the cleaning," often brought him supper from Jeff said. "Everything just seemed their Plymouth home. Besides tidyreally big and important. Little by little, I started to enjoy doing the ing shop, the Peterson kids learned nachinery basics.

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PARADE DETAILS from teaching following the current school year. "This is kind of awcsome," he said. "The parade is certainly a Novi's Memorial Day Memorial Day Parade, hosted by the Parks, service that we wanted to perform for the community. I think Forestry and Recreation it's important for these kids to department, will start at 10 understand what Memorial Day a.m. Monday, May 30. is all about and to offer our servcontinued from front page It will begin at Karim ices. We try to stress that." Boulevard, just west of Though Seiler doesn't require 'We're expecting about 50-Haggerty Road off 10 Mile that his students be involved, he plus veterans to participate in the Road. The parade will travel does encourage them to come out parade," she said. "We've had west along 10 Mile and finish if they're in town. And he's responses from people from up at the Novi Civic Center at always had a good response; any-World War II, Korean War veterwhere from 150-170 kids show approximately noon. 10 Mile ans, Vietnam veterans and an up to march and perform. between Haggerty and Seiler has seen many changes The veterans will be riding Meadowbrook Road will be to the parade over the years, down the parade route in two closed to traffic at 9:45 a.m. large floats made up by the including the route. and the rest of the route will "Many years ago we started the parade at the Town Center and headed south on Novi Road and we usually tried to stop in

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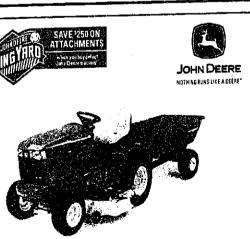
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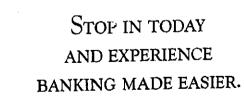
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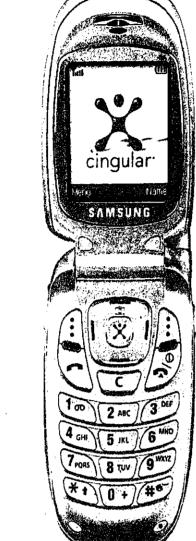


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fighter pilot

Dan Provost

of his fellow

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helmet.

BOTTOM:

royal guard's

Princess Leia

who drives a

Ford Focus,

takes a break

at Emagine.

snaps a photo

















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tries to take a swig of pop while waiting inside Novi's Emagine Theater. LEFT: Many members of the 501st Legion of Imperial Stormtroopers — a grou dedicated to the art of screen-quality costumes and other fans pose in front of Emagine Theater in Novi's

ABOVE: Jon

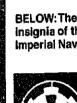
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TOP: Hooters waitresses Tara, left, and Kari try on some stormtrooper gear; ABOVE: Brooke Johinen of Eastpointe ponders the dark side; BELOW: R2-D2 is ready for his big day, black tie and all.



fans. "Most of us have dozen Imperials, Rebels and Jedis jobs and have to take hard-carned waiting for the opening of the movie, which was scheduled for vacation and personal days to be here."

Dark side returns

to Novi's Emagine

The Force was strong at Emagine heater in Novi May 18. S800 and came with the full gear needed to play the part. The helmet

resented as well. Stormtroopers, TIE him cool, a microphone and external

the Royal Guard were eagerly The group said stormtroopers awaiting the opening of "Star Wars - were the most popular of the cos-

Episode III: Revenge of the Silp" - TUPESEL SAA " "Remember, you lose in this" The fans were happy to be geared

met as he pointed his blaster at Josh to take time off of work to do it.

fighter pilots and even a member of speakers for communication.

is fully functional with fans to keen

The group said stormtroopers

up for the final installment of the

Star Wars movies, though most had

"We're not like basemen

dwelling Trekkies," said Provost of

Theater in Novi May 18.

And the Dark Side was well rep-

one," growled Dan Provost from

beneath his TIE fighter pilot's hel-

Kaufman of Plymouth, who was

dressed as a Jedi Knight.

The movie itself wasn't the only midnight. The crew, which was mostly represented by the 501st draw for the Star Wars fans. They Legion of Imperial Stormtroopers, had chatted through Web site forums and email about the event which consists of men and women who are dedicated to the art of and said it was a great way to meet screen accurate Star Wars costumes. one another. Some were old triends from past events while others, like "The costumes can be pretty Brooke Jokinen of Eastpointe. expensive," said Jay Shimko of St. "It's weird sometimes being the Clair Shores. He was dressed as only woman," she said of her alter DenGar, a bounty hunter. "They can nun from \$350 to \$2,500. It depends ego as a stormtrooper. "It's cool if it's an underground costume or though. I'm really having a good

screen accurate." The crew intended to have a tail-Emagine Theater was more than happy to be home to the event, which had people calling weeks in gate party. Hot dogs, burgers and bratwurst were on the menu - until advance to find out when tickets ountain Walk Mall security showed up. Like their own crew of would go on sale. The draw of the Novi 'Theater? It stormtroopers, the security team was one of the few places in halted the festivities, citing Fountain Walk rules regarding tailgate parties. Michigan showing the digital ver-The fans obeyed, choosing sion of George Lucas' masterpiece instead to get permission from a -- complete with seven extra minbusiness off the mall's property to utes of footage.

"We're very happy we're one of do their grilling. "We thought we were going to have to nix that one," said Steve Najor of Fenton. "I'm glad we were "George Lucas wants people to see able to come up with other plans." As the grills fired up and the cheers resounded — much like it that way so he threw in a bargain-ing chip with some extra minutes." The crowd of costumed moviegothose following the Battle of Yavin ers that developed didn't both the theater any. Instead, Tolbert said she - the troops started for the theater thought the other fans coming to the where their movie awaited them. midnight showings would have even "We expect about 30 people," said Ion Leopold, who was dressed more fun because of it.

"I think everyone will enjoy havas a stormtrooper, of costumed fans. ing them here," she said. "They'll His wife, Susic, was in attendance make waiting in line a little more as Princess Leia. Being engulfed in Star Wars was enjoyable." nothing new to couple. At their wed-

Which the fans sure didn't mind. "That's a big part of it," Leopold ding, two stormtroopers were in the wedding party and Yoda was the said. "We like the way people react to us. I think it's going to be a lot of centerpiece carved of ice. Leopold's costume was around fun."



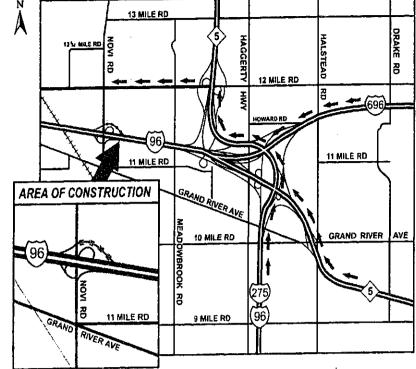


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TOP LEFT AND CLOCK-WISE: Dan Provost dressed as a TIE fighter pilot; Dan Provost and Kari from Hooters pose while waiting for Episode III to begin: A royal guard stands watch in the Emagine Theater parking lot; Novi's Emagine Theater was one of a handful of movie theaters to show Star Wars Episode III in digital format, which made it a popular destination for several fans; A Gamorrean guard and Jon Leopold show their support for those fight-: ing cancer by wearing pink wristbands.





# Work to begin on I-96 ramp

Signs will be placed on south-

bound and northbound M-5

(Grand River Avenue); westbound

The work will include con-

"This will improve the safety

The construction project is

Cost of the project is about \$1

This ramp off of 1-96 was tar-

structing an additional lane,

ing payement

completion.

I-696 and northbound I-275.

the ramp closure.

# M5 Connector suggested as alternate route

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

changing the off-ramp from a onelane exit to a two-lane exit merg-Ramp work on the westbound I 96 off ramp at Novi Road will ing into five lanes. begin about 6 a.m. on Wednesday, lune 1, and he completed before and congestion at this exit ramp." the start of the Fourth of July holi-Matheis said. day weekend, according to scheduled to take about 25 days. Michigan Department The alternative route during the Transportation staff. construction is the M5 Corridor Rick Helwig, city manager, said prior to Exit 162. at Monday night's city council meeting that the city learned last Friday of the starting date. He also million of which the city of Novipays about 1 percent or \$10,000. noted that the contractor wants to complete the project in 18 to 20 geted as one with a high percentdays instead of the scheduled 25



well.

Shaeffer said.

chief supports new initiative

### By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer has joined area law enforcement officials who support a new initiative that would reduce officers' time spent in court.

Law enforcement and communileaders from across Metro Detroit, including Detroit Police

engineer, Metro Region, said mes- this year to reduce the number of Chief Ella Bully-Cummings. Oakland County Prosecutor David sage signs will alert motorists of crashes in this area. Goreyca and Macomb County The widening and rehabilitation project includes not only an addi-Sheriff Mark Hackel, joined Michigan Attorney General Mike tional exit lane to Novi Road but Cox on May 11 to unveil their Morealso concrete repairs to the exist-Cops on the Street proposal. The ramp will be widened and The proposed reforms would help local communities better use their rehabilitated under full closure for law enforcement resources by safety of the public and road conreducing the number of cases in struction workers and to expedite which preliminary examinations are MDOT officials have estabrequired. On average, more than 75,000 lished an "Acceptable for Traffic felony cases are filed in Michigan Incentive Duration" for this projevery year. Studies show that 75 per-

ect, which is 25 calendar days. In this program, MDOT will cent of preliminary exams are waived by defendants in these cases. pay the contractor an early completion incentive of \$5,000 per day but only after police officers, victims, and other witnesses have spent for each calendar day that the contractor finishes before the end of hours in court. "The More Cops on the Street the designated completion date up proposal lets police spend more to a maximum amount of \$50,000 Motorists who have questions time in our neighborhoods and less time waiting around courtrooms," about the project can contact the Cox said. city of Novi Community Relations

The proposal will be submitted to

reform package offers an alternative "The proposal charging procedure for all less-serious felonies that is less expensive, would free officers less time-consuming, and more efficient. The proposal would retain the time so they could current preliminary exam procedure for serious felonies. devote more time Shaeffer estimated Novi police officers spend between 60 and 80 patrolling the hours every year in court. He added that police department members streets of our comunderstand that the arrest of a crimmunity where they inal violator is just one step in the criminal justice process. are needed. They also understand that pend-

ing time testifying in courtroom as to the facts of cases is important as Doug Shaeffer Novi Police Chief "That said, anything that frees officers from spending time in court, but without compromising a crimi-The current law allows defennal case, is especially meaningful,"

dants to waive their right to a preliminary exam without prior notice "The proposal would free offito the prosecution, subpoended witcers' time so they could devote more nesses and police officers -- caustime patrolling the streets of our ing a tremendous waste of time and community where they are needed." resources for all parties involved. One of Bully-Cummings' goals as Detroit Chief of Police has been Cox said. The proposal would also save to increase police visibility in the municipalities millions of dollars neighborhoods.

"In 2004, we did just that and each year in jail costs. County jails spend approximately \$193,000 per overall crime sank to a more than day to house defendants who sit in 30-year low 1 anticipate that the reforms in the More Cops on the iail before trial and sentencing. For more information on the pro-Street proposal will result in even posal, visit the Attorney General more officers on patrol, continuing to affect crime in our city," she said. Web site at www.michigan.gov. A survey of police agencies Pam Fleming is a staff writer revealed alarming data about how for the Novi News. She can be much time police officers wasted in reached at (248) 349-1700. ext. courts waiting to testify in prelimi-105, or by e-mail at

nary exams that were ultimately pfleming@ht.homecomm.net. waived. **Cost-Effective Statewide Coverage** June 4-5 MPAL Place your 2x2 display ad and reach over 3.5 million readers July 23-24 for just \$999! Place a 25-word Michigan Press Association 827 N. Washington Ave Sept 24-25 classified ad and reach over 4

# Motorcycling safety matters

Be 'boss hog' SHARING THE ROAD of caution. **During Motorcycle Safety** Awareness Month, heed the whether on bike following:

or in an auto

By Kim Kovelle

STAFF WRITER:

couldn\*t.

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· Respect a motorcyclist by giving him or her a full lane of On highways and at intersections, look out for motorcy-

clists making left turns or He bought his Harley-Davidson changing lanes Sportster this April, but Novi · Anticipate sudden motor-Mayor Lou Csordas started buildvole maneuvers; be mindful of ing chopper motorcycles 37 years nhstructions like debris and In all that time, the avid biker otholes

 Don't follow a motorcyclist only had one accident. In part, he too closely Source: National Highway Safety Administration Learn more Michigan Motor Cycle Safety Awareness Month, www.michigan-motorcyclewareness.org Motorcycle Safety oundation, www.msf-usa.org National Highway Traffic Safety Safety Administration,

speed and distance of a motorcycle," she added. Dangling objects from mirrors can be obstructions About 80 percent of motorcycle crashes end in injury or death, according to the National Prenger said interest in motorcy-Highway Safety Administration. cling has surged. Long-sleeved jackets, durable As continuing education coorpants, heeled boots and statedinator at Schoolcraft College in

mandated helmets help protect Livonia, she's seen 3,500 people a year go through various training motorists. Road surface conditions are classes. "A person on a motorcycle is important, too. Northville Township Manager way more vulnerable than any Chip Snider, a "touring" motorcymotorists," Prenger said. "We cle veteran, said hard asphalt surstress the awareness of looking. scanning the environment to faces typically aren't an issue. "When you hit loose gravel and expect the unexpected." material that causes a drop in fric-A basic \$25 course offers firsttion," Snider said. "That's when timers classroom and parking lot

motorcycles don't respond well, riding lessons. Making sure headlights always because you're only on two wheels." are on is one way to keep others alert, she said. Consider adding small, white lights for extra visi-Consider this

Once the Secretary of State Lane placement also is critical. approves a motorcycle license, Traveling slightly left of center plucking out the right ride is makes cyclists more visible to another important safety element. motorists, who often check dri-



key to enter the apartment. The woman later called her husband, who lives in West Bloomfield, after which time police were called. The man, who was arrested a his home after the incident, told police he entered the apartment hoping for consensual sex but only rouched the woman's thigh. given the man any indications of affection or possibilities of a relationship between the two of them.

Ultimately, awareness on both Chris Smith said. Make sure you're comfortable sides is key. "You have to drive very defenin the saddle, he said, and able to sively," Csordas said. "I am conreach handlebars with elbows stantly looking behind me in my slightly bent. rearview mirrors." "You want to be in a relaxed

position when you're sitting," Kim Kovelle is a staff writer for Smith said. If not, and if poor road the Novi News. She can be conditions arise. "There's not reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. much hope of you keeping it up

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POLICE REPORT case to the Michigan State Police

Concealed weapons found A 21-year-old man from Provo,

Home invasion reported Utah, was arrested for a carrying concealed weapons in the parking

Raymond Williams, a 29-yearlot at Novi Town Center at 1:59 old Novi man, was arraigned in a.m. May 10. Magistrate Judith Holtz's court-A sergeant was driving a fully room in 52-1 District Court May 9 marked patrol car northbound on on a charge of first degree home Novi Road north of Grand River invasion after entering a woman's Avenue when the officer saw a apartment on Timberlane Court in Chevy pickup truck driving about the Waterview Apartments at 20 miles under the speed limi Pontiac Trail and Wedgewood at

move over to the east turn lane of Novi Road, signaling after making When police arrived at the woman's apartment, she was crythe lane change. The truck proceeded eastbound ing. The woman told police that on Crescent Boulevard, with the when she got up to use the bathman pulling up next to two vehiroom in the middle of the night cles in the Town Center Theater that she discovered a man kneeling parking lot. The vehicle was run on the floor at the left rear comer ning with the headlights on point of her bed wearing only a white ed directly into the front of the theshirt and white cloth head wrap. At ater, blocking the handicap curb that point, she started to scream. access with the front of the truck. She then recognized the man as

The man did not have his dri a maintenance man for the ver's license with him when Waterview Farms apartment comapproached by police. Upon plex. The man had been in her requesting a search of the vehicle, apartment to fix her furnace in police found a set of brass knuckearly April. She has only lived in les, a tightly rolled and duct-tapedthe apartment about a month. The man told the woman that he first wrapped roll of coins typically knocked on her door. When she used to reinforce a punch, and a witchblade knife. did not answer, he used his pass

The man told police he was jus driving around because his uncle had just passed away in an auto mobile accident 20 minutes ago He said that he never intended to assault anyone with the weapons and insisted that the metal knuck les found in the center ann rest was a belt buckle. He said he carries the items because he is from Utah and

She told police that although she he was a "wannabe." had spoken to the man at the apartment complex that she had never Man arrested for assault

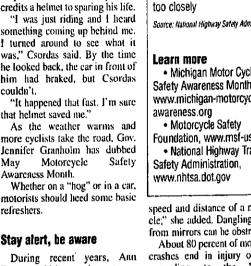
A 25-year-old Farmington Hills man was arrested for nonaggravat ed assault and ethnic intimidation Bond in the case was set at a at the Fifth Avenue Ballroom at 25750 Novi Road at 2:04 a.m. on

Indecent exposure uncovered When police arrived on the A 35-year-old Toledo man was scene, they saw a group of people involved in an altercation. They arrested for indecent exposure in noticed that a man was trying to the parking lot of Twelve Oaks get inside the trunk of his car. Mall at 4:29 p.m. May 13. After interviewing the man, An officer was dispatched to the parking lot for a report of obscenipolice learned that as he and a ty. Dispatch advised that a subject friend were leaving with two women, the Farmington Hills man in a blue Ford Focus was driving called the man a "nigger" and around the blue and violet parking asked him if he had a gun in the lots while masturbating. trunk of his car. He then Although the man denied the approached him and attempted to incident, the mall security director punch him, but missed, then said he was looking out the winkicked and punched him. The man dow above the valet entrance and tried to retreat to his car since he observed the man's behavior. The believed it to be his only safe spot director saw the man pass by at to go when assaulted. least four times observing that his The man believed someone said pants were down and his thighs

one of the two women was the wife or ex-wife of the Farmingto



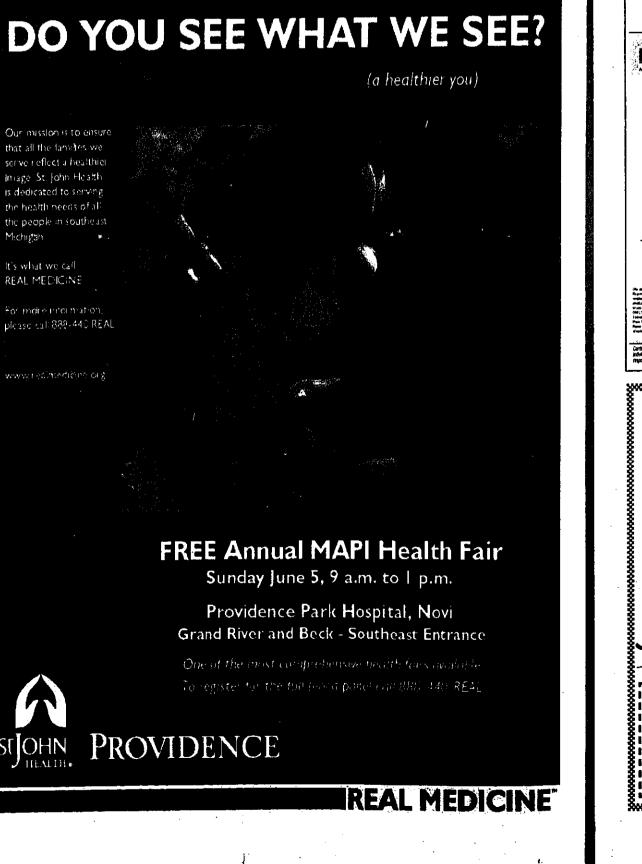




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# Volunteers spruce up city hall

Robinson said.

Center this fall.

city." Lewis said.

grounds this spring.

can take pride in their accomplish-

ments and being involved in the

The city's Department of Public

Members of Commission chair. community join \$2.500. in project

### By Pam Fleming STAFE WRITER

The Novi Civic Center buzzed with activity last Saturday as volunteers helped sprace up the grounds. More than 20 Novi High School students, two volunteers from the local Master Gardeners Association. Beamification Commission members and city staff members planted more than 4,000 flowers, while members of the Friends of the Ronge added native plantings they had rescued to a section by the southentrance to the Civic Center. Cay employees Jack Lewis, Parks, Recreation & Forestry

Department: Cindy Uglow, Neighborhood Services; and Kathy-Smith-Roy, Finance, were also on hand to assist in the project coordinated by members of the Novi Beautification Commission.

"It's nice to get the community involved in doing these types of plantings. It's a cost savings to the city and gives the volunteers a chance to participate in a civic activ- meeting. Activities include various

said Moira Robinson.

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Robinson estimated that the cost "It's nice to get savings to the city was more than the community "We're trying it this year around the Civic Center and the police involved in doing department, and if it goes well, the Beautification Commission may these types of take on some other projects." plantings. It's a The spring Perennial Exchange cost savings to the was also going on at the same time under a red-and-white-striped tent city and gives the near the historic Novi Township Hallnext to the Novi Public Library. volunteers a Another Perennial Exchange will take place in conjunction with the chance to Fall for Novi event at the Civic participate in a "The goal is to beautify the Civic civic activity." Center grounds with volunteers who

> Moira Robinson Novi Beautification Commission

Works staff is also renovating the Robinson noted that the events. Those interested in participating Beautification Commission still can contact Robinson at (248) 249needs to fill four vacancies. The only requirement is that an applicant 8205.

be a resident of the city of Novi. Pam Fleming is a staff writer No experience is required, and for the Novi News. She can be those selected for the three-yearreached at (248) 349-1700, ext. term attend a two-hour, monthly 105. or by e-mail at offeming@ht.homecomm.net. beautification projects and public



Photo by PAM FLEMING

Novi High School students, from left, Amanda Diacono, Rachel Murray, Rachel Burris, Amanda Perelli and Carly Lyall, joined Moira Robinson, (standing) Novi Beautification Commission chair, in a flower planting project at city hall last Saturday. Volunteers planted more than 4,000 flowers outside city hall and the police department.



"Early Bird Option"

### City Manager Rick Helwig told members of city council at Monday night's meeting that minor road work began May 23 in preparation for a traffic signal on Novi Road by the U.S. Post Office,

SOOD

NOVI CITY COUNCIL BRIEFS

Post Office signal installed

Fox Run officials requested the license and permit to complete the Work should be completed on retirement community being develthe road within a couple of weeks. oped and allow its residents the The signal will be installed as soon ability to have full dining services as it is ordered and manufactured, The city council in June 2004 Helwig noted. denied Fox Run's request for a Class C liquor license in the city.

Michigan Liquor Control

local approval.

389 people.

Commission which required no

The dance permit allows for

dancing only by patrons of Fox

Run. Seating capacity in the club is

### Andiamo's, Second City win Bonefish Grill may open at liquor license transfer Novi Town Center JCTD, LLC, whose members

are Joe Vicari and Dan Linnen, A joint venture partner is curwhich owns and operates several rently working to obtain a lease agreement to open a Bonefish Grill Andiamo's restaurants in southeast Michigan, won city council's restaurant at Novi Town Center. approval Monday night to transfer The restaurant would be located ownership of a Class C liquor n Town Center at 43304 11 Mile license to Andiamo's Restaurant Road. The space it would occupy is currently vacant and located on and Second City comedy club at 42705 Grand River Ave., Building the south side of a building facing 100, in the former Local Color Grand River Avenue next to building at Main Street Novi. Bodies in Motion.

The upscale Italian restaurant is City council members approved the transfer of a Class C liquor scheduled to open after the comelicense to the new restaurant from dy theater opens. Second City is Outback Steakhouse of Florida. slated to open by early July. Inc., at Monday night's council

meeting Grant to fund 160 tree Total project costs for the restauplantings this year rant construction will be about Council woman Laura Lorenzo \$905,000 to renovate and furnish commended Parks, Recreation and the restaurant, officials said. Forestry director Randy Auler dur-The full-service family restaurant currently has one other restaning Monday's council meeting for his quick action on a recent rant in Michigan in Grand Rapids. Novi resident Julian Copsey is the \$20,000 grant from the Michigan

Department of Natural Resources joint venture partner for both the Novi and the Grand Rapids locato the city that will pay for 160 replacement trees for the city lost "We're in the preliminary stages to the Emerald Ash Borer. of getting the deal finalized. We're The trees were supposed to be planted next year, but Auler made working on some lease agreements now," Copsey said. arrangements for the trees to be planted this spring by staff from

**Providence Hospital wins** Auler said the trees should be helistop approval planted by the end of June.

Providence Hospital and Medical Center won approval from Fox Run granted new dance city council Monday night for a temporary helistop to be located west of the existing medical build-City council members granted a ing at Beck Road and Grand River new dance permit Monday night for Fox Run Village, a retirement Avenue The helicopter landing area will

community at 41100 Fox Run be in operation for about three Road, off of 13 Mile Road east of years while the hospital construc-Meadowbrook Road. tion is expected to take place on Fox Run recently obtained a club liquor license from the the property.



Thursday, May 26, 2005-NOVI NEWS 11A

### **Council filing approaches**

Novi residents have only eight days left to file for either the mayoral candidacy or a city council seat. The filing deadline is at 4 p.m. on Friday, June 3, at the city clerk's office. As of Tuesday, May 24. the following candidates have filed: David Landry for the office of mayor and David Staudt for city council.

Candidates can either pay a \$100 filing fee or file nonimating pti-tions with a minimum of 100 valid signatures but not more than 200 signatures. Petitions are available in the city clerk's office at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For more information, call the city clerk's office at (248) 347-0456.

building at 11 Mile and Beck roads "I think a community of 50,000 would be closer. plus deserves full-time coverage by Other uses for the site could be our fire department through the night, whether it be full-time or considered. paid-on-call staff members," councit woman Lynne Paul said.

Council woman Toni Nagy noted that fire department coverage is becoming increasingly important with increases in the population and number of businesses in Novi. The fiscal analysis report discusses the financial constraints the city will face in coming years as well as some strategies and solutions to solve such issues.

### Managers to review future City staff to ponder fire fire department staffing station's future

Council woman Laura Lorenzo Council woman Lynne Paul made a motion at Monday night's made a motion at Monday night's city council meeting for members of city administration to review the eity council meeting for the city to review the value and possible future staffing needs of the Novi future use of the abandoned fire Fire Department. station at 11 Mile and Beck roads. Lorenzo asked city manager Paul noted that the building Rick Helwig if his staff, in conjunction with fire chief Art could be used as a Parks. Recreation and Forestry

worse. We're still concerned about

the traffic flow and our children."

He said that the Novi police

have done well controlling speed-

ers in the subdivision but that the

point that people can't back out of

"It's just unreal at rush hour,"

He noted that the 1960s-built

subdivision does not have side-

walks and that residents used to

gerous to do that now. Residents

said they would like the city to

restricting traffic in the area until

Mayor Pro Tem David Landry to

contact the city manager concern-

adopt a temporary ordinance

the bridge work is completed.

Ranucci was instructed by

walk in the streets, but it's too dan-

traffic flow is endless - to the

Ranucci said.

their driveways.

Ranucci said.

ing the matter.

The existing helistop just south

removed to allow development of

of the current Emergency

Department entrance will be

the hospital over the next few

A \$224 million hospital is

scheduled to open at the site in

Sign permit fee increased to

City council members approved

fee from \$15 to \$75, effective July

Mayor Pro Tem David Landry

noted that the fee has not been

Michigan area.

\$15,000 a year.

increased since 1974. Novi's fees

are also the lowest in the southeast

Novi Neighborhood Services

reviews and approves about 200

sign permits a year. The new cost

would change city revenue from

the permits from \$3,000 a year to

Meadowbrook traffic still

Ed Ranacci a resident of

Meadowhrook Lake subdivision.

council Monday night again to

complain about the increased traf-

off Ennishore, appeared before city

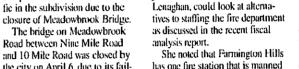
plagues residents

an increase in the city sign permit

years, officials said.

2008.

\$75



ing condition. "I think the situation has gotten



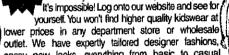






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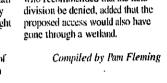
City denies appeal on land division Members of city council denied consideration of a land division application appeal on two parcels from John Calvas located at 46916 Grand River Ave. and 46920 Grand River Ave.

The appeal was denied because under city statute, property must have access to a public road, and the petitioner wanted to have a 200-foot access through an casement owned by International Transmission in Novi. The access wonid not lead to a public road. The state Land Division Act does not require a parcel to have access to a public road, but local ordinances do require this, so the parcels do not meet the city's stan dards for land division. Glenn Lemmon, city assessor who recommended that the land division be denied, added that the proposed access would also have

currently has to travel all the way to Community Sports Park at Eight gone through a wetland. Mile and Napier roads to store departmental equipment.

This trip takes two hours out of the work day, and the fire station

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### Thursday, May 28, 2005-NOVI NEWS 13A

# **BUSINESS** Pam Fleming, staff writer (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 pfleming

# Slender Lady provides nutrition and fitness to women in Novi

Platteville and previously was an

Taubman declares dividends

Bloomfield Hills-based

Tauhman Centers, Inc., which

operates Novi's Twelve Oaks

quarterly stock dividend is

\$0.285 per common share.

to shareholders as of June 30.

IKON dubbed 'best'

Mall, announced May 18 that its

Dividends are payable July 20

executive director with Cingular

Wireless.

# Friendly atmosphere makes for easy workout

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

There's a new place in Novi shouldn't eat and when. where women can get a complete workout, while taking care of their nutritional habits at the same time

Slender Lady of Novi, located at 24049 Meadowbrook Road, provides all that and more. In a 30-minute workout, women can work on different muscle groups with many machines, hula hoops, bands, pilates, kick boxing and exercise balls. After that, they can put them-

selves in a body wrap, to lose up to 15 inches of fat in an hour. Protein bars and drink shakes are also available. "We believe fitness and nutri-

shop hungry. tion go hand in hand," owner Sue Thallapally said. "We get better results with both. Each machine works on different muscle groups and not on one big one, so you get a better work out?

Thallapally explained that Slender Lady is different from SLENDER LADY OF NOVI places like Curves and Club Elite, • Hours: 7 a.m.-8 p.m. both located in Novi, because of Monday through Friday; 9 the nutrition aspect. She said her company provides one-on-one a.m.-noon Saturday. Hours are flexible, however. nutrition plans to clients, complete with body mass index measuref members wish to come in at ments, body fat measurements and different times, they can call in

weight measurements, which are advance and make arrangemonitored once every six weeks. ments. Members can come in Clients are then given advice as to as many times a week as they what kind of food they should and like, but a minimum of three times per week is recommend-"We customize to the client's needs because everyone is differed for maximum results. ent," Thallapally said. "Some peo-· Rates: \$29.99 per month for fitness and \$39.99 per ple like to work on their abs, some like to work on their thighs. month for fitness with nutri-People are treated like family tion. There is an enrollment fee here, so when someone walks in.

know what she wants to work on." The exercise room and recoverv stations are changed every few days to give clients more of a varicle comes out. ety. Thallapally and Tamara Taha, the facility's manager, recom-

mend people eat something healthy before they come to work though. People feel more energetic, they're not out of breath and out and they should not grocery they're not that tired."

out here, we usually see that people with high cholesterol will go back to normal, if they have high sugar, it will go to normal, blood 110 or by e-mail at pressure will go normal," Taha rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.

Association.

development.

Bloomfield Hills.

of \$74, which is sometimes cut to 50 percent off. The enrollment fee will be waived for the first 100 people after this arti-

said. "They need to continue i

"When people start working Romer Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700. ext.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Sue Thallapally, owner of Novi's Slender Lady exercise club, demonstrates how weighted hula-hoops are used in their aerobic workout regime.

Tourism Index.

# **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

# Vallier named director

Novi resident Jacque Vallier recently was named executive director



responsible for all network operations across the three states including system

KON Office Solutions was named one of the 101 Best and Brightest Vallier holds an electrical engl- Companies to work for in West

As of May

Michigan by the Michigan neering degree from the **Business and Professional** 

IKON announced May 6 that it a fraction of a week more Automakers nationwide were was selected from more than 600 expected to produce 250,284 companies. The company said it ter reading of Octobervehicles this week, down 4.3 peralso has been cited for commitcent from last week. So far in December ment to diversity and employee 2005, production is 4,929,297. down 2.1 percent from this time The company is located at hank said. 26800 Meadowbrook Road. last year. Tourism on the rise Aegis relocates to Novi Vehicles more affordable From this time last year, Automobile affordability Jonathan Brateman of tourism statewide has jumped

improved slightly in first three Jonathan Brateman Properties, months of the year, Comerica Inc assisted Aegis Group Search Consultants in their relocation to Bank reported. The \$26,663 cost of an averthe area. Aegis Group Search age-priced new vehicle during Consultants has relocated to that span took about 24 weeks-41451 W. 11 Mile Road in Novi. The property is managed by the of median family income before JFK Investment Company of

from October-December travels, taxes, according to the bank's the bank said. Auto Affordability Index. That's affordable than the fourth quar-'King' goes veggie Burger King Corporation announced May 17 that a new That current rate has been rela-"VEGGIE Burger" is being tively stable since late 2002, the offered at restaurants.

The move, offered with Kellogg's Morningstar Farms, makes the fast food chain the only to offer such a burger nationally, Burger King reported Novi's Burger Kings are locatnearly 11 percent, according to cd at 49450 Grand River Avc. Comerica Bank's Michigan and 42665 W. 12 Mile Road.

The index for the first three Compiled by Kim Kovelle months of this year was about 130 points, up about four points

# **EDUCATION**

# New principal chosen for Village Oaks | Being cruel in school isn't cool

Sue Burnham BURNHAM BACKGROUND brings wealth of · Earned a bachelor of arts

experience degree in special education from Michigan State University. · Earned a master of arts in By Ramez Khuri rehabilitation and counseling STAFE WAITER from University of Michigan · Completed an experiential. The old adage "hard work pays based education specialist prooff" couldn't be more true in Sue gram in elementary school Burnham's case, After 27 years of administration from Wayne working for the Pinckney School State University. District in various areas, she's

now ready to start a new chapter Taught grades one, three in her career by heading straight and four for eight years in the Pinckney School District Burnham was officially chosen · Worked nine years as a as the new Village Oaks middle school counselor where Elementary School principal by she was named "Pinckney the Novi board of education last Community Schools Teacher of Thursday night. She will replace the Year." Mary Goedert next school year, Worked 10 years as princiwho has taken a principal position pat of Farley Hill Elementary at an elementary school in the Bay School in Pinckney, a K-4 "From a parental standpoint, building with 500 students and we were looking for someone 52 staff members and in 1997 who respected the parents' desire was named "Boss of the Year." to be involved in the kids' educa- Novi Community School tion as much as possible," said District administration believes

Susan Dusenbury, a Village Oaks that her background in special parent/teacher organization memeducation and counseling will ber who was on the principal be an asset to the Village Oaks search committee, "(Burnham) Elementary School staff, comhas shown through her past development and program at her school munity and district. that she really believes parents play a big part and they are a very

grades. After that, she was a midimportant aspect. That was huge dle school counselor for nine years with us parents because we all and has been principal of want to be involved." Burnham was hired by the Pinckney's Farley Hill Elementary Pinckney School District in 1978 School for the past 10 years. Her long list of accomplishand taught first, third and fourth

# **ON CAMPUS**

to Novi.

City area.

Novi residents, Lauren Adler, Sturgis and Meghan Timmins were named to the dean's list for Natasha Adler, Leslie Bateman, spring 2005 at Western Michigan Ana Beerbower, Erin Chupinsky, Jeffrey Dodds, Alison Dunleavy, University. Amanda Kowalski, Heather Miles, Kerry Morrison, Adam Noble, Kathleen Elizabeth Asmann, Ghada Bochenek, Krista Lee Matthew Poleyn, Rebeka Rauen, Clark, Eric Ryan Cook, Jill Tamra Christopher Schleuder, Brittany Frohlich, Roger Thomas Hammonds, Sandra Edith Smith, Allison Barsamian, Britney Bernys, Lauren Brandau, Shawn Hernandez, Jason Thomas Hill, Coolman, Lindscy Crofoot, Christopher Davis, Marissa Manud Kassama, Evan Thomas



Photo by KRISTYN ZINNER

New Village Oaks Principal Sue Burnham (left) smiles as Novi's assistant superintendent of instructional services, Nancy Davis, introduces her at a school board meeting.

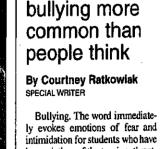
ments includes earning a bachelor tional services and Peter Dion, the of arts in special education from district's next superintendent. Michigan State University, a mas-"I really was feeling profession ter of arts in rehabilitation and - ally that it was time for a new chalcounseling from University of lenge in a more urban district," Michigan and an administrative Burnham said, "Also, my younges certificate from Wayne State child just graduated from high school and allowed me some time University. An interview team of 17 members highly recommended to apply in Novi. "I think I bring a wealth of expeher, which included parents,

Village Oaks staff, Bob Schram, rience and knowledge. I bring a executive director of human really optimistic, exciting outlook resources; Dr. Emmett Lippe, and I look forward to meeting the superintendent; Nancy Davis, staff, families and students of assistant superintendent of instruc-Village Oaks."

and interests. Oteyza, Shannon M. Parker, Bentley in May, 2005. Only 97 Melissa Ann Price, James Michigan high school students are Anthony Rigato, Karen Suzanne chosen to participate in the week-Schrock, Stacy Marie Szczesniak, long program of intensive govern-Ross Jack Wagner, Markeisha ment study. Leah is a sophomore Dionne Williams and Man Hei at Novi High and is the daughter

Woo, all of Novi, were among the of Jay and Sharon Rice. Li is a junior at Novi High and is the winter 2005 semester graduates at Schoolcraft College during comdaughter of Yue Nian Li and Jing mencement exercises.

Novi residents Leah Rice and Zhi Li were chosen to attend Gazley Aficia Hirshfield, Brandon McAlpine, Kimberly Ann Nelson, Newman, Jeffrey Pitcher, Jennifer Lindsay Marie Newman, Joan Sy Albion College's Operation



Consequences for both verbal and physical assault include suspension for up to 180 school days. "The bottom line is that we don't tolerate (bullying)," Diglio said. "We take it very seriously, and we want kids to know that our doors are open if they feel unsafe or unsure. The number one priority for us is to make Novi High School a safe, caring environ-

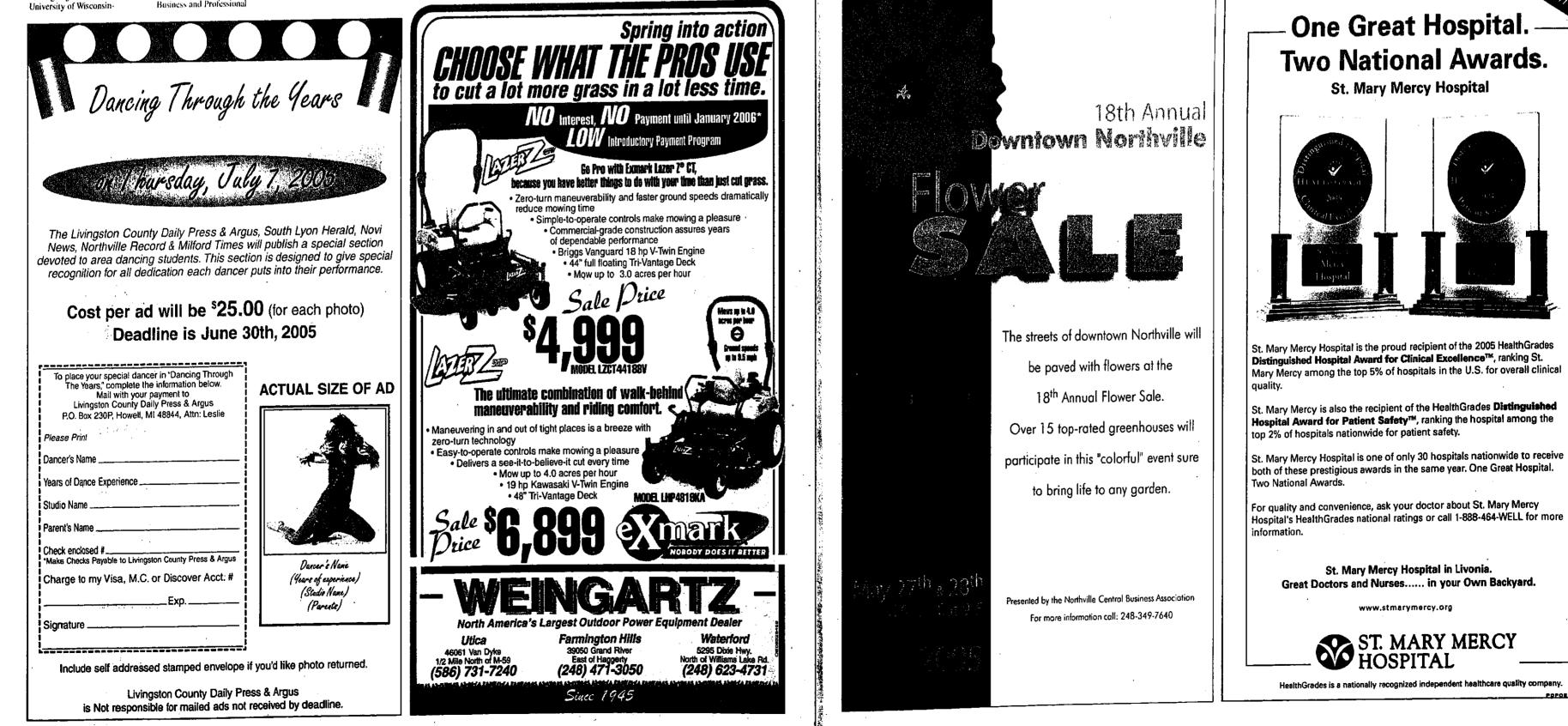
Parent coach Derek Randel, author of The Shameful Epidemic and facilitator of anti-bullying been victims of the teasing, threatworkshops, said that bullying is a ening antagonists. The dictionary "growing epidemic" that is defines a "bully" as "a person who extending far beyond all borders. is habitually cruel or overbearing," "Bullying has nothing to do using both words and fists as his or with the social and economic makeup of the city," Randel said In Novi schools, incidents of "It's not just an urban or rura verbal abuse are more common problem, it is in every school. With than physical altercations. Zain a city like Novi, people like to Shamoon, a Novi High School cover it up because they don't senior, said that competition, ignorance and egos are the biggest reawant it to exist, but, unfortunately it is very common." sons for harassment. Randel says that the reasons "You need to stand up for yourchildren are bullied include both self, and it sometimes gets out of controllable and inherent factors. hand to the point where you would Some of these reasons include the hurt the other person just to keep your pride," he said. child's intelligence, hair color, Shamoon said that major fights body language, and choice of clothing, but traits such as race, occur very sporadically, and physreligion, and disabilities are also ical harassment is not a large issue ammunition for bullies. Students at the high school. However, as a musician and rapper, he admits mainly bully others for the satisfaction of obtaining power over that he has endured some verbal abuse due to stereotypical expectatheir peers A lack of friends, "lost" belongtions regarding his race (Pakistani) ings, and frequent stomachaches When dealing with related and headaches are warning signs that a child is being harassed at issues, he said that "an administra-

ment."

school. Behavioral changes tor sat us down, asked us questions, let us talk through it. The include an avoidance of schoo activities, a decrease in grades, and administration did a really good job dealing with it." an increase of aggression toward Carol Diglio, Novi High School parents and siblings. For parents who believe that dean of students, added that the their child may be the bully, they administration tries to include all should first look inside the home students involved in the conflict to for the cause of the problem. "A work out a proper solution and kid isn't born with (the behavior); parents become involved if the a kid learns it. A lot of the time, issue continues to escalate. Novi High School addresses the bullies have been builied, maybe from siblings or parents," Randel issue of bullying at summer registration and outlines penaltics for said Courtney Ratkowiak is a junmisconduct in a daily planner dis-

ior at Novi High School. students. tributed to all ন্দ্রজ্ঞান হয় 💑 পার এই প্রায় নাম প্রায় এই চার্চার এই চার্চার

Auto production down



Courtesy photo The sweet sound of music Part of the fifth grade band, under the direction of Kristin Hurd, performed a concert last week. Only half of each of the fifth and sixth grade bands participated while the other half had a similar concert the previous week since there are so many students in band. The fifth-graders played five different pieces.



# District takes another step toward maintaining a high level of success

said

social studies.

Long range plan deals with curriculum for all areas

### By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Success in school is determined by how well a student understands the material being taught. The Novi Community School District dents have to learn." recently approved long range plan, "Clear, consistent, aligned, coherent curriculum for all areas." The issue's challenge statement stant change, it is difficult to achieve a clear, consistent, coherent, aligned curriculum for maintaining educational excellence." In order to make sure it does maintain educational excellence. and enhance communication between buildings, across grade levels and within grade levels. It's attends. also to organize and support professional learning communities. According to Jane Hesse, the district's director of K-12 curriculum and assessment, the Michigan framework is composed of benchmarks which, because of the federal government's No Child Left Behind mandate, are becoming grade level content expectations. teachers are doing right now in curriculum. professional development is For instance, every second rkhuri@ht.homecomm.net.

changing everything that they grade teacher, from all five ele-practice and then determining mentary schools in the district, where each of their skills are actu-needs to know that they are all delivering instruction to students ally going to be taught," Hesse that meets the state's guidelines She explained that the state has for curriculum expectations, as well as the district's own expectacome up with benchmarks for

math, language arts and English tions At the same time, the second language arts. It has also drafted grade teachers need to know what the first grade teachers deliver, "They are in draft form, but the and also the third grade teachers, state board of education is going so there is consistency, reinforceto approve whatever minor ment of key educational concepts, changes have to be made in July." and less redundancy or repetition Resse said. "Science will come along and they're all moving from in the curriculum. Davis said that is well aware of that; it has named a benchmark status to a grade spe- this is sometimes called vertical critical issue number six of its cific status. That's the what stu- and horizontal alignment. At every grade level, the district has a Nancy Davis, the district's goal that calls for this type of assistant superintendent of communication, collaboration, instructional services, believes and review of educational goals reads, "In an environment of con- that in order for the district to con- and practices, from pre-kindertinue with its historic high level of garten to high school graduation. success in academics, it is important for educators to know and understand what is expected of a and then communicating it to our student at every grade level. It is parents and students in a 'coheralso vital that a student in any ent' manner is crucial," Davis the district's strategy is to increase grade to receive the same high said. "By having a goal in the quality educational experience Novi

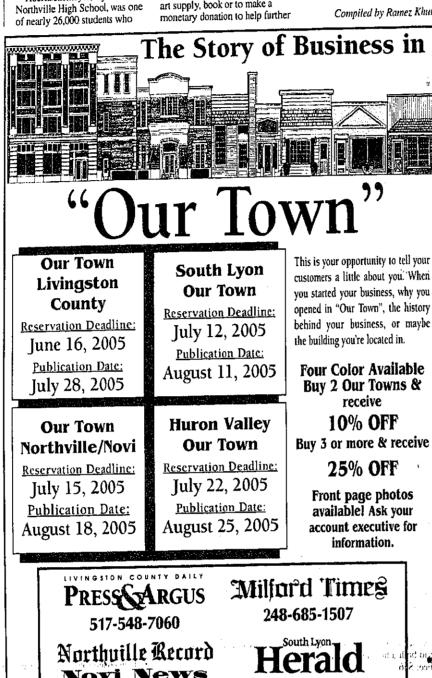
"Having a 'clear, consistent, and aligned' curriculum is vital -Community School regardless of the school he or she - District's long range plan, we can assure that our work as a staff will In order to do this, teachers and the focused on this important principals must engage across the aspect of educational excellence. board in the process of "curricu- As we gather together during the lum alignment" - ensuring that coming years and use our valuwhat is expected of students at a able Professional Staff given grade level is being taught - Development time, this work will and assessed appropriately. For be a primary area of concern."

the past two years, teachers in Ramez Khuri is a staff writer Novi have worked in a variety of ways to accomplish this task in for the Novi News. He can be "One of the things that our the 'lirst phase' of reviewing the reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-mail at

# SCHOOL BRIEFS competed for the study trip by Good-bye, Dr. Lippe

<b>Good-bye, Dr. Lippe</b> A public farewell party for Dr. Emmett Lippe, Novi Community School District superintendent, is planned for Wednesday June. 1, from 2-5 p.m. in the Novi High School atrium. Lippe will retire	competed for the study trip by participating in a nationwide German testing program adminis- tered by the American Association of Teachers of German.	Twenty-three acts signed up to entertain and share their talents. There were dancers, musicians, pianists, singers and an original skit was performed. The audi- ence heard "Praeludium 2" by
following the current school year.	PLANS Talent Show	Bach played on the piano by Anthony Pan and "Stairway to
Local headed to Germany Jacob Hoemschemeyer, son of Paul and Sue Hoemschemeyer of Novi, has recently been awarded an alt-expenses-paid summer study trip to the Federal Republic of Germany. Hoemschemeyer, a junior at Northville High School, was one of nearly 26,000 students who	On April 25, PLANS (Pursuing Learning Advancements for Novi Students) hosted a Talent Show at the ITC Forum. The real winners of the show were TACC (Teens Aiding the Cancer Community), a Novi High School-based non- profit group. Each audience member was asked to bring a toy, art supply, book or to make a monetary donation to help further	Heaven" by Led Zepplin played on the electric guitar by Frankie Mastrangelo – and everything in between. The true goal of the event was to raise awareness for the young students that there is power in using their talents to aid a worthy cause. Compiled by Ramez Khuri

the TACC cause.



# **COMMUNITY EDUCATION CORNER**

## Pilates on the Ball

Dates: Now - June 13 Time: 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Location: Village Oaks Gym Details: This new Pilates-based exercise series includes core (abdominals and lower back) training performed on a large exercise ball. Ball (\$25) and mat (\$25) will be available for purchase from Instructor at the first class. Fee: \$79

# Yoga for Weight Loss

Dates: Now - June 13 Time: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Location: Village Oaks Gym Details: Foundations of breathing, sun salutations, and basic postures are developed in this class. Yoga strengthens and lengthens your body, relaxes and unstresses the mind, promotes better posture, improves overall health and supports natural weight loss. Fec: \$79

# Yoga/Pilates Synergy

Dates: Now - June 13 Time: 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Location: Parkview Gym-Details: This class combines the most effective movements from Yoga & Pilates (Core Conditioning) to give practitioners more rapid & balanced development of their bodies than when either discipline is performed separately. . Fee: \$79

## Fusion Fitness RX

Dates: Now - June 13 Time: 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. Location: Parkview Gym Details: This new class is the ideal combination of Pilates, yoga and muscular conditioning. Fusion fitness focuses on the strength and stamina of both mind and body. Fec: \$79

### Focus on Glutes & Abs

Dates: Now - June 13 Time: 8:15 - 9 p.m. Location: Parkview Gym Details: Enjoy a 45-minute blast of energy, spirit and power that will help you tone your abs and buns while burning fat and building strength. Much faster paced than most toning programs, it is an intense regimen designed to sculpt your abs and lower body. Fec: \$79

# Resistance Training

Dates: Now - June 13 Time: 7-8 p.m. Location: Deerfield Gym Details: Join us for a non-stop, challenging but fun, workout which will tone the upper and lower body using rubber resistance equipment. Dynabands of different resistance will be provided. Fee: \$54

# Tai Chi

Dates: Now - June 7 Time: 7-8 p.m. Beginners; 8-9 p.m. Advanced Location: Orchard Hills Gym Details: Tai Chi is one of the great Chinese gifts to mankind sustained through the centuries. It is a form of exercise and self-discovery which can be done by young and old or strong and weak, leading to both a healthier and longer life



could eat my cookies? Second grade students at Novi Woods Elementary School on May 13 held their annual cookie sale, which is a culminating activity for the class' economic unit. The children did a market survey to determine which cookies would sell the best and then spent many days working on advertising, learning how to set up a business and producing the baked goods for their customers. All profits from the sale went to The Touching Hearts New Life Center, founded by a group of Novi women to aid and help finance a school or an orphanage in Malawi, Africa. For more information on this organization, visit www.touchinghearts.net.



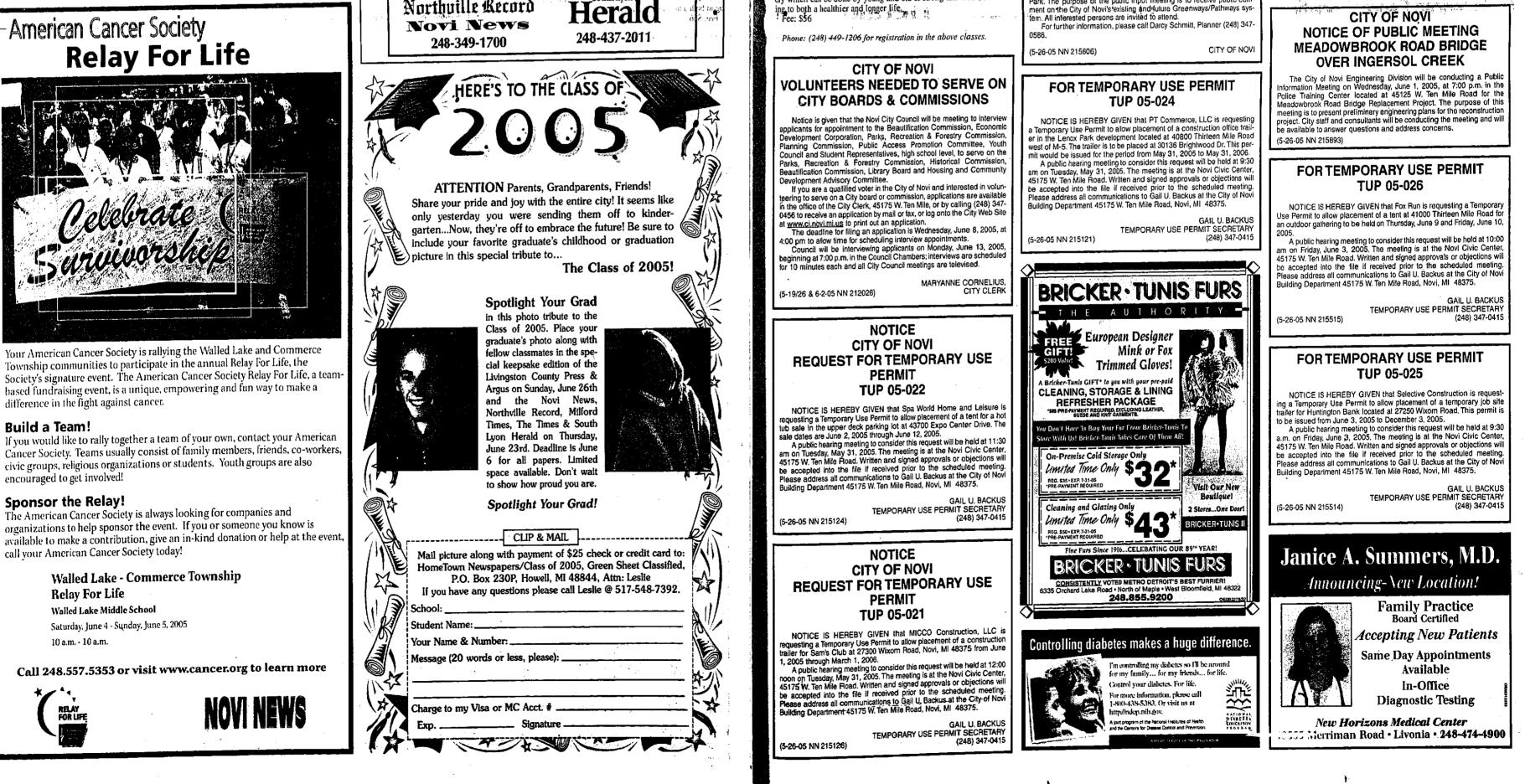
Fourth-graders Morgan McBroom, Desiree Sheppard and Teena Martin enjoy the water and friendship at Orchard Hills Elementary School's fourth grade Farewell Swim Party.



# **GREENWAYS/PATHWAYS STUDY** The City of Novi hereby announces a public input meeting will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2005 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Lakeshore

Park. The purpose of the public input meeting is to receive public com-0586

Courtesy photo Keep rollin' to the goal Orchard Hills Principal Paul LePlae takes a breather to jump into a picture with third-graders Chelsea Lau, Sally Dagher and Emma Howe at the elementary school's last rollerskating party of the year.



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Novi News

Grace Perez Perry PUBLISHER Cal Stone EDITOR **Richard Periberg** GENERAL MANAGE

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

# WHERE WE STAND

# A half century of coverage: Here's to 50 more

The changes in Novi over the last 50 years are mind-boggling. Back in 1955, who would have thought that this rural area would turn into one of the most sought-after in the state by residents and businesses alike?

Publisher Glenn Cummings and his son Tom must have had a clue. They published the first Novi News 50 years ago to the day. It was 14 pages and cost just 7 cents. The headline in the ton left corner of the front page stated simply the newspaper's mission: To Better Serve the Interest of A Rapidly Growing Community.

Rapidly growing, indeed. Novi's population has jumped from 4,000 to 50,000. Million-dollar homes pepper the landscape and countless retailers serve as magnets to shoppers near and far. This newspaper has been there, covering the events, small and large - from baby announcements and graduations to projects that have literally changed Novi (the Ford plant, annexations, Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi Expo Center, I-96, Sandstone lawsuit, downtown, and on and on). We've offered a platform for citizens to voice their opinions, and we've given our own.

As impressive as 50 years seems, the Novi News is just a baby compared to our sister publications (Northville Record, 135 years; Milford times, 132; South Lyon Herald, 124; and the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus, 160).

Mr. Cummings sold the Novi News to Bill Sliger just a year after its launch, and Sliger sold it to Phil Power in 1976. Earlier this year, Gannett purchased Power's expansive chain of newspapers, HomeTown Communications Network, and a new chapter in the history of the Novi News is being written. Change. It's another word for news. Novi's seen a lot of it the past 50 years; we plan on being here for the next 50.

Share your opinions: We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Generally, no more than one letter per month by the same author will be published. Letters must be received by noon Tuesday to be printed in the Thursday edition. Mail: Letters to the Editor, Cal Stone, Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167 E-mail: cstone@ht.homecomm.net Fax to: (248) 349-9832

a big celebrity.

to countless kids and adults.

posed for a photo by a plaque

Detroit.

page 21A.

Red hair neatly styled, she

honoring her 45-plus

years of service and

Children Home in

She died early that

Thursday morning.



Flower power Area gardeners who 5. 1 gathered outside the historical Novi Township Hall last Saturday for the annual spring Perennial Exchange included, from left, Lin Gillman of Troy, AMURIC Beth Belter and Anne Sobczyk, both of Novi. At this event, people can share plants with each other at no cost. Another exchange will take place next fall in conjunction with the Fall for Novi program.

# Hard to believe my "kid" turned 50

What a week. My oldest son to-eight page tab put together by a three-man editorigot his first little al staff (me, myself league hit, my daughter peeled off a and I) Even though comflawsless rendition puters were fairly new of "Taco Time in o our newsroom then. Texas" at her piano it still seemed to take recital and my 3 forever to put that youngest boy scored small paper together two goals in his sea-

game.

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every week. son-finale soccer My next child was 1/2 SAU Mug Oh, yeah - and the the St. Johns Reminder, a older. Novi News turned

weekly shopper that had added news content well before I Sometimes this newspaper arrived. The biggest joy was seems like one of my children watching that boy beat up the because editors commit so neighborhood bully, The much time and energy making sure their publications are con-Clinton County News, on a regular basis. It was like tributing members of society. watching my 9-year-old sprint My "first born" was a weekly in the town of Perry. down court and steal the bas-Michigan - The Shiawassee. County Journal: It was fourketball game after game. I put in six years with that

pub before taking a year off to years from 1975-84, but I also spent a good deal of time spend time with my first real looking at the papers before child, Caitlyn, Since 1995, I've been like a and after that period. I think everyone who foster parent - the Charlotte

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Photo by PAM FLEMING

worked on this commemora-Shopping Guide, Eaton tive section was impressed by Rapids Community News. our predecessors. The Novi Grand Ledge Independent and the Insider Business Journal -News has earned a lot of awards over the years, and it's all wonderful kids, each with their own unique quirks and a challenge and privilege to try and keep up that tradition. snecialties. For the past three years, I've I hope you enjoy reading the Novi News. I've been a been calling Novi home. I don't newspaper "dad" for 17 years, live here, but I spend most of my time here, making sure the but I'm always open to sugkid is getting all the right stogestions for making my 'child" better. Thanks for ries and hitting deadlines. For the past month or so, the reading. staff here has been going through old copies of the Novi News doing research for our

Cal Stone is the editor of the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, 50th anniversary special section, ext. 113 or by e-mail at cstone@ht.homecommithet. which is included in this issue. 1 was responsible for the 10

enough to convince one reporter.

She's remembered for being

### **ATENDAR** EVENTS at (248) 348-0531, Lion Pete DATE: Tuesday, May 31 dents and for those ages 55 and up; Hoadley at (248) 960-9042 or Lion TIME: 7-8 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Meadows 6th \$6 for non-residents (fees are for the entire evening). CONTACT: (248) 348-9116 Terri D. Taylor at (248) 960-3562 grade media center Walled Lake Memorial Dav DETAILS: Nancy Davis, 1st Annual Novi Wildcats Assistant Superintendent for **Providence Center for the Boys Basketball Golf Outing** DATE: Monday, May 30 Academics in Novi Schools, will Healing Arts — Artist in DATE: Saturday, August 6 TIME: 11 a.m. be speaking. You do not need to be DETAILS: Citizens and Residence LOCATION: Tanglewood Golf a current member of PLANS Club, 53503 10 Mile Road, Lyon mmunity groups are welcome to (Pursuing Learning Advancement ONGOING: Thursdays in Novi Schools) to attend. TIME: 1:00-2:30 p.m. Township DETAILS: Golf, lunch, raffle, CONTACT: City Hall at (248) CONTACT: Lee Linton at (248) LOCATION: Creative Arts 305-9043 Studio, Assarian Cancer Center, prizes CONTACT: Dave Crandell at 47601 Grand River Ave. (248) 380-3148 or Doug Reichley DETAILS: Artist May Teevans Novi Youth Baseball Leagues Wixom City Council instructs. Class will include drawat (248) 380-3921 Opening Day/Used Equipment ing, pastels, watercolor, and mixed DATE: Tuesdays, June 14, 28; Collection July 12, 26; Aug. 9, 23; Sept. 13, 27; Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 9, 22; Dec. 13 media. There is a \$5 materials fee SUPPORT Drop-in or register. CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 DATE: Saturday, June 4 TIME: 9 a.m. and 20 GROUPS LOCATION: Community Sports TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Wixom City Hall. DETAILS: Bring used baseball LIBRARY 49045 Pontiac Trail CONTACT: (248) 624-4557 and softball equipment, such as **MOMS Club of Novi** gloves, bats and balls for the col-LINES DATE: meetings first Thursday lection boxes. The goal is to make **BUSINESS** of each month sure all players have the necessary TIME: 10 a.m. equipment to play ball this sum-**Novi Public Library Hours** LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten Mile CONTACT: Danny Enright at **Oakland County Planning and** (248) 449-8800 Road Economic Development HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 Workshop a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 **City of Wixom 4th Annual** DATE: Thursday, May 26 a.m.-5 p.m.; Founders Day Event DETAILS: Bookkeeping Basics Sunday, closed during the sumhomes, or work part-time. DATE: Saturday, June 4 for Small Business - Learn the reamer. DETAILS: Unless noted below, global.net TIME: noon-3 p.m. sons to keep good records, the difall programs take place at the ferences between bookkeeping and LOCATION: Gibson House. 49805 Pontiac Trail, parking off accounting, a variety of ways to library. Women's Prayer Support CONTACT: (248) 349-0720 keep the books, how to track a Wixom Road DATE: every Saturday DETAILS: Free event, entertainmonth's worth of detailed records TIME: 9-10:30 a.m. ment and activities for all ages relatand determine a monthly profit of Memorial Day Holiday Hours LOCATION: Harvest ed to the 1800-1960's eras at our loss. The fee is \$45 and includes DATES: Saturday, May 28-Gibson Park Historical site includthe Big E-Z Bookkeeping book. ing old tractors, cars, candlestick Monday, May 30 All workshops will be 9 a.m.-DETAILS: The library will be maker, tin smith and blacksmith. noon, at the Oakland County comchurch). open for regular hours on Saturday quilters, petting farm, train display, plex, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, May 28. The library will be closed Pontiac. For more information or to kids' choo choo train rides and register, call (248) 858-0783. on Sunday, May 29, and Monday, games, horseshoe tournament and May 30. strut your mutt, storyteller, puppet show, craft station and school cho-Lakes Area Chamber of rus groups. Concessions available. **Help Match the Walker** Commerce Morning CONTACT: Million Connection shin@comcast.net www.cityofwixom.com or (248) DETAILS: With A Million DATE: Wednesday, June 8 TIME: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Booksî going up on the walls, there are more books than usual these LOCATION: Big Apple Bagel, (TOPS) chapter Bark Parks days at the library. By purchasing 2510 Union Lake Road, DATES: Wednesday mornings one of the paper signs in the shape DATE: Saturday, June 4 Commerce Township DETAILS: Opportunity to meet of a book for \$1, you can help the TIME: 10:30 a.m. library match the \$1 million Walker LOCATION: Gibson House, one of the newest members and Meadowbrook Road, Novi challenge grant. The book signs network with others. 49805 Pontiac Trail, Wixom CONTACT: (248) 624-2826 may be purchased at any service DETAILS: Oakland Count desk in the library. a.m. meeting Parks and Wixom Parks and Recreation present "Strut Your **Business Referrals** Mutt" Trail Walk Saturday, June 4 **Summer Teen Volunteer** DATE: every Wednesday at I yon Oaks as nart of the Applications LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, National Trails Day event, Dog DETAILS: The library's Youth 45175 Ten Mile Road enthusiasts are to meet at 10:30 HEALTH Services department is looking for TIME: 7-8:30 a.m. a.m. at the Gibson House, From teen volunteers to help with our DETAILS: Meeting of local prothere, they will walk approximately Summer Reading Program. one mile to the 13-acre Lyon Oaks fessionals and business looking to Volunteers should be in going into Bark Park. Dogs must be leashed increase word-of-mouth referral MAPI - Free Annual Health the 7th grade or above in the fall business. 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LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETAILS: The Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a non profit support group, for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children, work out of their CONTACT: dinatallman@sbc-Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom (parking behind the DETAILS: 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, (248) 926-8332 or harvestfellow-

# **New Take Off Pounds Sensibly**

LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons Activities Room, 25075 TIME: 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30 DETAILS: \$20 per annual membership includes handbook; \$1 per meeting. New members welcome.

Applications are available at the

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library. For more information, con-

tact a Youth Services librarian.

**Teen Volunteer Orientation** 

DATES: Tuesday, May 31;

DETAILS: All teens who signed

up to help with the 2005 Summer

Reading Program must attend one

**High School Literature Club** 

High school writers and readers

are invited to share their own writ-

ing or a favorite piece by another

author, and talk about anything and

everything literary. No registration.

Walled Lake Library Summer

DATE: every Thursday

LOCATION: 1499 E. West

DETAILS: Families are invited.

There will be puppets, storytellers

CONTACT: (248) 624-3772

Walled Lake Rotary Club 17th

Annual Emery E. Jacques Jr.

TIME: 11 a.m., registration: 1

LOCATION: Links of Novi,

50395 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi

DETAILS: registration fee

includes drinks, lunch, dinner and

CONTACT: Doug Clark at (248)

CONTACT: Lion Jerry Coonce

DATE: Friday, June 17

and quest readers all summer.

TIME: 7-7:30 p.m.

Maple, Walled Lake

DATE: Tuesday, June 7

TIME: 7-8 p.m.

Story Hours

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Golf Classic

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Thursday, June 2

of these sessions.

TIME: 4:30-5 p.m.

DATE: Sunday, June 5 TIME: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

LOCATION: Providence Park

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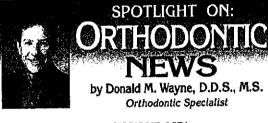
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# Gentleness, generosity were gifts from a loving 'aunt'

If a person spoke poorly of another within her earshot, Clover E. Downs, 91, said three words: "Oh my, dear." The voice was gentle, but the impact was instant. Slander stopped, said Valerie McNeesc. an adopted "niece."

"In all the years in conversations, she never said anything nasty about anyone," said McNeese, "Never used poor language. You rarely heard an 'l' statement from her "She wanted to know about you."

Kim Kovelle Two weeks ago. Downs, 91, agreed to turn the But her work and personality spotlight on herself for a Novi News article. Chuckling, she told the public relations manager at her Novi

leave behind a powerful message o those who knew her best. Born Clover McGregor in Detroit, Downs was raised by an engineering father who invented Fox Run home, "Well, I'll just be

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a kitchen ceiling fan and a doting stay-at-home mother. Downs modestly detailed her The only child met and marlifetime roles as business owner, ried another only child, John philanthropist and "Aunt Clover" Downs. Through her husband, philanthropic floodgates opened. She gave and served on the boards of Denby, Heritage Club YMCA, Detroit Yacht Club and Women's Economic Club. hefty donations to the Membershins were maintained Salvation Army Denby in more than 15 other groups. The Downs couple gave gener-Her story appeared in ously to all. "It was a storybook marriage," last week's edition on said McNeese, "I don't think "Love." Downs never saw it. they had one argument." College degree in tow, Downs plunged into real estate with John n 1955. They bought a mobile home park. She pushed numbers delight. with pencils, never calculators. When the couple couldn't have children, they made up for it with

Since 2000, it has also operated

committees.

refrigerator, said Fox Run house-At parties, she migrated to the tables packed with teenagers or keeper Kerry Chamberlin. Every Friday at 10 a.m. when strangers. She once chatted with a Las Vegas helicopter pilot about his family. "I'm going to go sit with the young group. I'll see you later," was Downs' line, McNeese said. park next door. Fingernails were always polished and painted. For a recent university project benefit event, home." she showed up in black leather. On the backs of envelopes, Downs always placed shamrock everywhere. stickers. Above them she wrote, She had a penchant for Lincoln Continentals. At the Detroit Zoo - to which Downs also donated - watching the monkeys was a By private jet, she flew around an amazing lady." the world several times. Magnets from Downs' travels covered the left side of her

giving, well-mannered and uninhibited. She was. she arrived to clean Downs' spa-As Aunt Clover said, she went cious apartment, Chamberlin with the flow. found her friend gazing out her "She totally lived it to the sun room window at the trailer fullest," McNeese said. "If every "It was amazing for her," body lived life like she did, we would have a perfect world." Chamberlin said. "She felt like Funeral services for Clover E. Downs are at 1 p.m. today, at the In a museum of an apartment, Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 820 E. Downs' attention to detail was Maple Road, Birmingham. Memorials may be made to the Locks were changed from sil-Salvation Army Denby Center ver to gold. Plants blossomed. for Children and Family Service, Animal crackers were always 20775 Pembroke, Detroit, MI ready for visiting kids, including Chamberlin's daughter. 48219. "She was always giving me Kim Kovelle is a staff writer credit because I'm a single mothfor the Novi News. She can be er," Chamberlin said. "She was reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107 or by e-mail at Hearing her tale over a telekkovelle@ht.homecomm.net. phone line two weeks ago was

# Nonprofit organizations only as good as their boards

not-for-profit enterprise

Many observers think

boards of directors which set Nonprofit organizations play an enormous role in our state. overall policy and hire and overalthough most are relatively little see management. And as anybody known. But they're influential, with any experience in business knows, the quality of the board growing rapidly, and getting more can make or break any enterprise and more important all the time. You have a bad board, you get We all are familiar with some high-visibility nonprofits: Meals a crummy organization — and eventually, you may even have a on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity,

the Detroit Opera House (home of Michigan Opera Theatre) United Way, Focus: Hope and The Henry Ford are good examples. But there are also lots of smaller, local not-forprofit organizations scaltered all over Michigan. Some are well-funded;

Phil Power some are hanging on by their fingernails. Nearly all are doing the best they can to make things better for all Michigan residents. These days, governments at all levels are generally doing less, and so our nonprofits have to do more.

gent leadership is crucial. Virtually all nonprofits have

percent were entirely new to company that is going board service. And BoardConnect out of business. also operates a matchmaking For nonprofits, putservice for non-profits, matching ing together a good up those who want to employ board is particularly tricky, since members their time and expertise with usually don't get paid boards that need them. To date, the matching part of the program for donating their time has placed 166 candidates in That makes it particularly hard for small, board seats. According to Susan Katz struggling and little-Froning, president of NEW, the known non-profit comidea behind BoardConnect is to panies to recruit the right people strengthen nonprofit board leadfor its board of directors. ership through training in board How do they do it? responsibilities and effective Now, for the first time, there is recruitment practices." NEW's an outfit designed to help them: Nonprofit Enterprise at Work idea is to relieve pressure on the board and administrative staff. NEW). Started back in 1993, the

a program called BoardConnect BoardConnect is among the best that provides training for memprograms of its sort in the counbers of nonprofit boards. Through try, which is why the folks at it, NEW has trained 613 candidates in the fine points of govern-NEW have been approached repeatedly over the years about ing a nonprofit. By the way, a expanding the program to serve fifth of those were already serving on a board somewhere; 60 communities elsewhere in Michigan. That's now happening. NEW and the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce are in the midst of developing a partnership to provide BoardConnect services to communities throughout the TriCounty region of Southeastern Michigan. I figure there will be a formal announcement made at this weekend's Detroit Chamber conference on Mackinac Island. One sign of how much this is needed: NEW has also been invited by a variety of metropolitan area foundations to apply for funding to make this happen. The program will also be offered to communities outside the Detroit metropolitan area. and to instead allow them to According to Froning, early disfocus more of their time on other cussions are under way with issues involved with running a

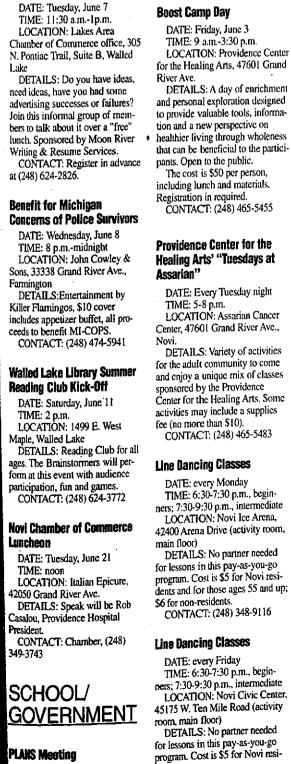
groups in Traverse City, ties. There were nearly 3.300 it Marquette, Lansing and Jackson. Oakland County; 5,100 in Wayne County: 1,200 in Ingham County; Overall, the vision is for BoardConnect to become and 250 in Livingston County. Michigan's premier source for · All told, they directly employed more than 315,000 nonprofit board training by 2010. That's a worthy goal. Many, people. perhaps most, readers of this col-• They held assets valued at more than \$80 billion and umn have worked with local nonreceived more than \$44 billion in profit organizations. Some have served on their boards. Anyone revenue. Collectively, they grew almost who has done any of those things half again as fast as the Michigan ought to agree that increasing the economy as a whole. quality, capability and profession alism of nonprofit boards could Which makes it that much more crucial that they get the best vastly improve their effectivenes and thereby boost the quality of leaders they possibly can. life of people throughout Phil Power is the Chairman of The BoardConnect expansion HCN, Inc., and a long-time

now being planned is an encourobserver of economics, politics aging step in the right direction. and education issues in So let's keep marching! Michigan. Full disclosure: His Incidentally, if you want a wife, Kathy, served as Chair of quick snapshot of how large the NEW from 1995-97, and his famnon-profit sector in our state has ily foundation is partially funding the expansion of BoardConnect. grown, as of last year, Michigan He would be pleased to hear • No fewer than 41,000 nonfrom readers at profit 501(c)(3) organizations, of ppower@homecomm\_net which 21,000 were public chari-

Michigan.

was home to:

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Chat DATE: Tuesday, June 7 TIME: 11:30 a.m.-lp.m LOCATION: Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce office, 305 N. Pontiac Trail, Suite B, Walled DETAILS: Do you have ideas, River Ave. need ideas, have you had some adventising successes or failures? Join this informal group of members to talk about it over a "free" lunch. Sponsored by Moon River Writing & Resume Services. CONTACT: Register in advance at (248) 624-2826. Benefit for Michigan Concerns of Police Survivors DATE: Wednesday, June 8 TIME: 8 p.m.-midnight LOCATION: John Cowley & Sons, 33338 Grand River Ave., Assarian" Farmington DETAILS:Entertainment by Killer Flamingos, \$10 cover ncludes appetizer buffet, all proceeds to benefit MI-COPS. CONTACT: (248) 474-5941 Walled Lake Library Summer Reading Club Kick-Off DATE: Saturday, June 11 TIME: 2 p.m. LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple, Walled Lake DETAILS: Reading Club for all ages. The Brainstormers will perform at this event with audience participation, fun and games. CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 Novi Chamber of Commerce Luncheon main floor) DATE: Tuesday, June 21 TIME: noon LOCATION: Italian Epicure, 2050 Grand River Avc. DETAILS: Speak will be Rob Casalou, Providence Hospital President. CONTACT: Chamber, (248) 49-3743 SCHOOL/



# LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road (activity DETAILS: No partner needed for lessons in this pay-as-you-go

CONTACT: (734) 462-6460

**CLASSES** 

Novi Lions Club 12th Annual **Charity Golf Outing** DATE: Thursday, July 14 TIME: 9 a.m., shotgun star LOCATION: Links of Novi Golf Course, 50395 10 Mile Road DETAILS: Proceeds will go to Pennickton Center for Blind Children, Taylor, Mich.

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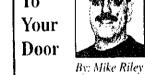
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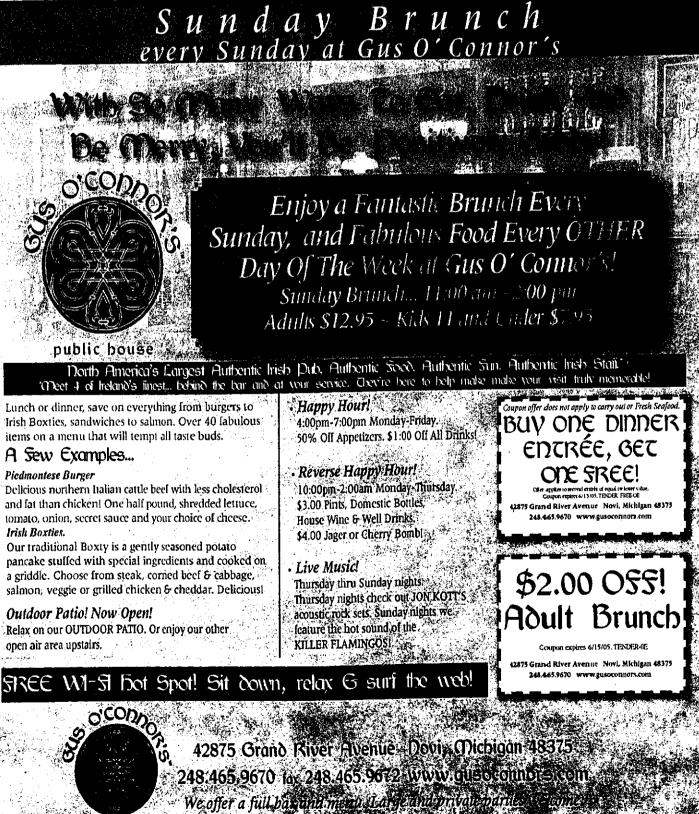
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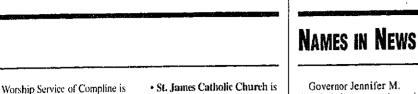
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• The Holy Family Church What it means to be Catholic. holveross.com. Are you interested in the Catholic Church? An invitation to come in and get your questions answered will take place on June 6 at 7 p.m. at the church. Please RSVP or call the church (Maria) with any ques-

The Church of the Holy Family is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Road: between Grand River and Ten Mile Road, Calt (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org

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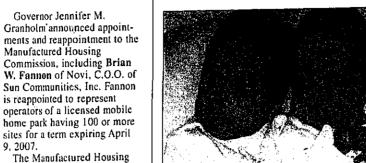
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www.crosspointemeadows.org. Saturday, June 4. Participants may walk or run either distance. The St. John Lutheran Church i located at 23225 Gill Road in Farmington Hills, Call (248) 988church Web site is has a download-()604 or (248) 474-8521 for more information.

The church is located at 44400 The Novi United Methodist Mile Road, Sunday worship is at 945 a.m. with Rev. Jacqueline E for more information.



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# WOMEN'S HEALTH - THYROID DISORDERS

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member with thyroid disease.

There are different types of thy-

Hypothyroidism, or underac-

Your thyroid gland plays a vital role in your health and wellbeing, affecting every organ, tissue and cell in the body. This small, double lobed gland located at the base of the neck produces hormones that regulate metabolism. When it is not working

E. Horowitz

tive thyroid, is the most common type of thyroid disease. It occurs when the thyroid gland does not produce enough of the thyroid hormones, causing weight gain, properly, fatigue and intolerance to cold can affect temperatures. Other symptoms your hear may include constipation, irregrate, body ular menstrual bleeding, anemia weight, ene gy level, muscle

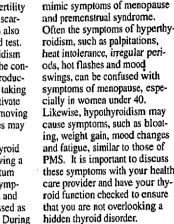
and slowed heart rate. It can also contribute to infertility problems in some women. strength These symptoms often develmenstrua op slowly over a period of severcycles, skin al years and since other diseases health, mem have similar symptoms, may ory and just about every other take a while to diagnose. function of your body.

Hypothyroidism can be detected Thyroid disorders are more with a simple blood test and is common in women than in men usually treated with replacement occurring in approximately one in eight American women. of thyroid hormones. Hyperthyroidism, or overacaccording the U.S. Office on tive thyroid, occurs when the Women's Health. Other risk facthyroid produces an excess of tors include being over 40 years thyroid hormones, causing of age and having a close family

patients, so underlying thyroid weight loss, irregular menstrual disease can be detected and cycles, muscle weakness, palpitations, heat intolerance, feeling treated early. Thyroid disorders can also of irritability and insomnia. Some women may have fertility problems and frequent miscarriages. This condition can also be diagnosed with a blood test. Treatment for hyperthyroidism depends on the cause of the condition and a woman's reproductive plans. It may involve taking radioactive iodine to inactivate

the gland or surgically removing it. Replacement hormones may then be necessary. Women can develop thyroid problems during or following a pregnancy. In the postpartum period in particular, the symptoms of fatigue, insomnia and depression may be dismissed as normal for a new mother. During

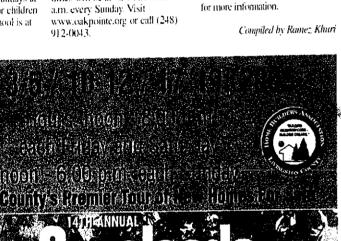
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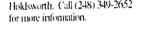
Elaine Horowitz, RNC, BA, BSN, is the nurse navigator, Women's Services at Providence Hospital. She can be reached at

pregnancy thyroid disorders can result in preeclampsia, increased miscarriages and may impact the child's psychological development. Some physicians routinely check thyroid levels in all





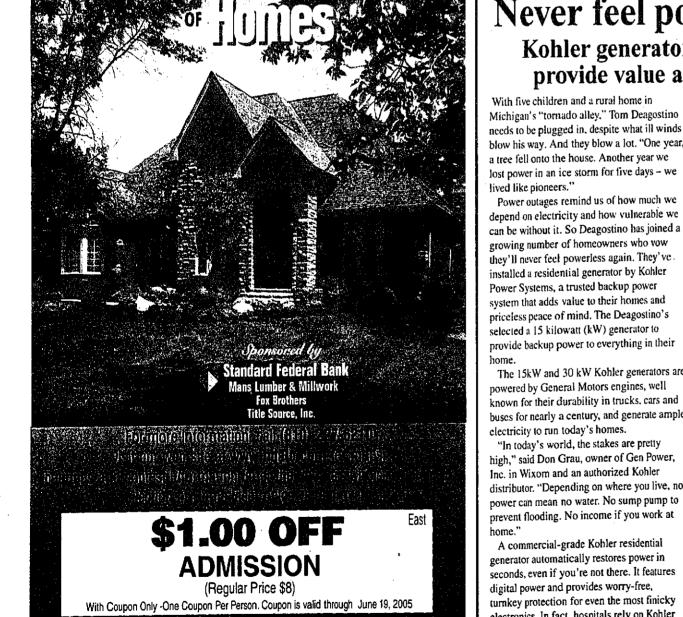
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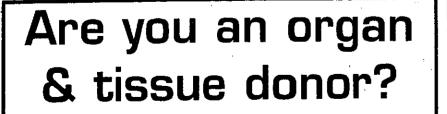


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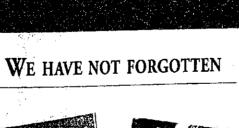
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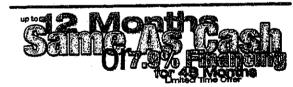
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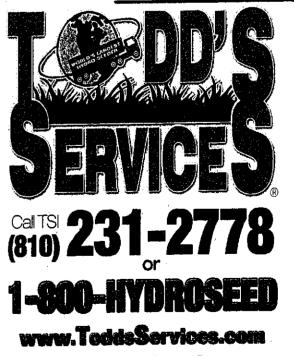
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Either way, a lot has happened in this area over the last half century, and in some form or another, this newspaper has been there to cover it.

The Novi News is celebrating its 50th anniversary today, but the publication is not the focus of this section. Our staff thought it would be more interesting to highlight the changes that have occurred in and around Novi rather than the minute details about who was the editor and when. That said, a bit of background deserves

mention. Publisher Glenn Cummings' son Tom launched the Novi News in 1955 but sold it, along with The Northville Record, to Bill Sliger, 33, a year later. The cost of a single edition jumped from 7 cents to 10.

In 1976, Philip Power acquired Sliger, Home Newspapers, which became part of his Suburban Communications Corporation

- later changed to HomeTown Communications Network, which was sold earlier this year to Gannett.

As one can see from the variety of front pages shown here, the Novi News has gone through many changes. It was part of the Northville Record for awhile and shared a flag with the Walled Lake News for a bit. too.

There have been numerous editors (Robert Webb, Nancy Dingeldey, Phil. Jerome, Steve Bell, Mike Malott, Kathy Jennings, Jan Jeffres, to name a few) and they have brought home a ton of awards from the Michigan Press Association.

To condense 50 years into a 10-page section, each staff member took a 10-year period: Pain Fleming, 1955-64: Kim Kovelle,

1965,74; myself, 1975-84; Ramez Khuri 1985-94; and Sam Eggleston, 1995-current. Our task was to come up with several key events for each year: find one photo that represented our decade; pick one unique adventisement; and pull out a unique quote, I think each learned a great deal about Novi in the process, and we gained much respect for our predecessors. The paper's coverage of the shooting at the Wixom Ford plant in 1996 was staggering, to say the east. Bylines were unheard of until the late 1970's, and color photos were a rare treat. For the main story, we recruited free lance writing veteran Duane Ramsey, and we supplied him with a long list of locals who know Novi better than anyone - Ed Kriewal, Leo Harrawood, Kathy Mutch, Tom Marcus, Barb Burette, Geny Stipp, Diana Canup, Vic & Nancy Cassis, Lou Martin, Lou Csordas, Peggy Hayes, Karl

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Wizinski, Blair Bowman, May Sanghyi, Kathy & Hugh Crawford and Lauree Bell. We thank them for their help. Narrowing down our quotes to Just one per decade was challenging. I stumbled across a great one in Jack W. Hoffman's col-umn from 1978. He was with Lee BeCole urnn from 1978. He was with Lee BeGole, police chief, when Lee gol a call that assuspected murder was spotted. BeGole and Hoffman hopped in the patrol car and took off. When they got there. Begole told Hoffman to come with him, and when the cinef drew his gun, the newspaper man won-dered what he had gotten himself into "Keep moving, stupid," Begole said. "If he fires at you,"I'll have an idea where he s

aL We hope you enjoy reading this special 50th anniversary section as much as we enjoyed putting it together Cal Stone, editor

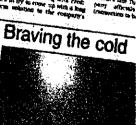
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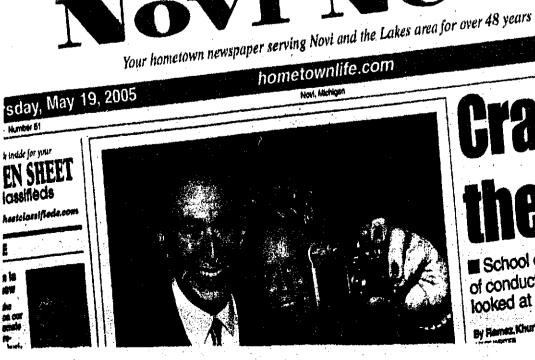
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By Hamez, Khuri

The Novi Community School District will hold two public hearings regarding the code of conduct at 7:30 p.m. Monday. May 23 and Tuesday, May 24, in the Educational Services

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Novi evolves from township into village

### By Duane Ramsey SPECIAL WRITER

During the first 50 years of the 20th century, Novi Township was primarily a rural area with the majority of residents involved in farmng or small business activities.

The 1950's was a decade of change for Novi and the entire nation, following the end of World War II. The township continued to grow steadily throughout the decade. "Fifly years ago, there was nothing here - just 36 square miles of farms and 3,000 people," said Leo Harrawood, who served on the

Novi Township Council in 1957. A disabled veteran of World War II, Harrawood and his family lived in a log cabin on Novi Road where Twelve Oaks Mall sits today. He is now 85 and blinded by macular degeneration but still lives in Novi with his second wife, Beatrice.

Frank Clark was the first supervisor of Novi Township, according to Harrawood. Frazier Staman, the township's second supervisor, died Dec. 27, 2004, at the age of 101. Staman also served as chairman of the Oakland County Road

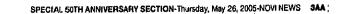
Commission, His insurance business was a local landmark on Novi Road near Grand River Avenue for many years. Harrawood organized a group of local businessmen and founded the Rotary Club of Novi in 1959. He is still active in the local Rotary Club and claims to have 41 years of perfect attendance. Harrawood also served as president of the Novi Board of

Commerce in 1955 and 1956. Founded in 1942 by a group of local businessmen, it was the forerunner of what became known as the Novi Area Chamber of Commerce. Novi Township organized a police department in 1954 with two radio-equipped cars, three officers and the first police chief, Lee

Begole. The township had previously relied upon the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for police protection.

Except for a brief period in 1960, Begole served as police chief from 1954 through Novi's incorporations as a village and city until he during a dispute with the village's first manager. He returned to the position later that year after the village manager resigned from that

Begole still lives in Novi and remains active in the community. He is currently working for the Green Oak Township Police Department





Henry Ford II (left) and Novi Township Supervisor Frazer Staman (right) look on as Ben D. Mills, Ford vice president and general manager of the Lincoln division, breaks ground on the new Wixom plant site on Dec. 2, 1955.

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the Novi News. Novi Township established its own volunteer fire department with the purchase of its first fire truck in 1929. It purchased a new American LaFrance fire truck with a 700-gallon tank in 1956. A move began to incorporate Novi as a village in August of 1957. The action was prompted by the incorporation of the neighboring Village of Wixom, which included a northern section of

Novi Township that became part of the newlyformed village. The incorporation of Wixom was prompted by Ford Motor Company's plans to build a new assembly plant along Wixom Road in what was then Novi Township. Wixom's incorporation meant that the location of the new factory would be part of the new village instead of

Novi Township. Built in 1957, Ford's Wixom plant is one of the largest manufacturing facilities in North America with 4.7 million square feet on 320 acres. The plant became the area's largest employer with more than 3,000 workers producing several Lincoln mod-els, the new Thunderbird and most recently the Ford GT super sports car. When Novi Township was incorporated as a village in 1958, it was the largest village in Michigan. Novi's population "grew from 4,000 in 1950 to 6,490 in 1960, according to the U.S. Census. The need for new schools increased with the population. There were 10

G. E. MILLER SALES & SERVICE school districts within Novi Township in the mid 1950's. Many of those districts were consolidated with Northville Schools to the south or Walled Lake Schools to the north The construction of Orchard Hills Sch school built to serve residents of the new subdivisions in Novi. When it opened, Orchard Hills was cited as one of the best elementary

Walled Lake, of which the southern three quarters lie within Novi's borders, has played a key role in the community's history. For many years, Walled Lake served as a summer resort for Detroit area res-

idents. A large dance casino was built on the southern shore of Walled Lake in 1922. Although the casino was actually located in Novi, the popular amusement park complex became known as Walled Lake Park. The Casino Shores Pavilion once attracted thousands of music fans to hear the big band sounds of the 1940's and early '50's. It later featured the rock and roll sounds of

the late '50's and 1960's. The casino burned down in the mid '60's and was not replaced. The amusement park had begun to decline and was closed in 1968, ending a local entertainment era.

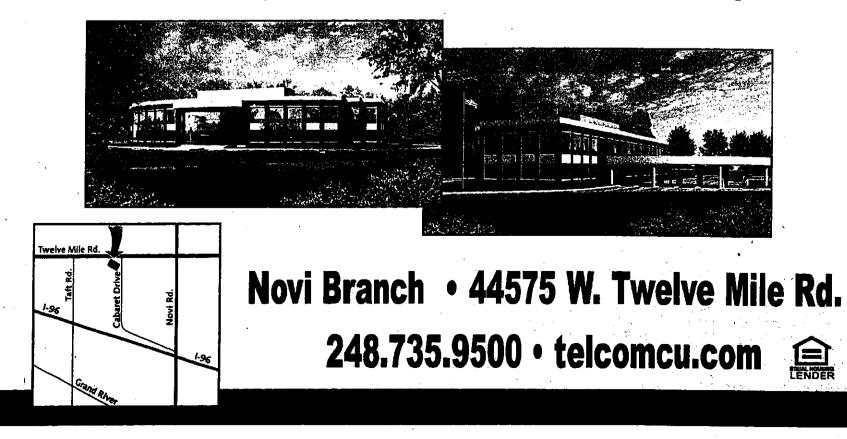
The development of the freeways was the primary factor responsible for Novi's rapid expansion. The first of the multi-ple-lane, divided highways was the extension of the John C. Lodge freeway that opened in 1957 and fater became I-

696. The 1960's saw many changes in the newly-formed Village of Novi. The paving of Novi Road between Grand River and Eight Mile Road in 1960 led to many new commercial developments in the area.



Lelcom Credit Union and our members would like to congratulate the Novi News on their 50th Anniversary. We are still relatively new to Novi, yet as the winner of the Novi News' People's Choice Award as the best financial institution and mortgage source for the second consecutive year, we look forward to the future serving the Novi Community.

Come visit us. Let us show you how we can save you money, and why You Belong Here!



Begole remembers the time when Novi didn't have its own newspaper and was covered by the Northville Record. Bill Sliger purchased he Northville Record and began publishing a separate front page as

Novi's first public library or on Novi Road near Grand River. In 1964, an addition more than doubled the library's space to house more than 5,000 books. Dorothy Flattery served as head librarian from 1963 to 1985.

Novi Township prepared this week to go as far as the state Supreme Court and possibly even higher in order to keep part of its territory from annexing to Northville. Supervisor Fraser Staman said yesterday the township will take the fight as far as legal channels allow.

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<ul> <li>1955</li> <li>• Rapid progress was being made on the \$200,000 addition to the Novi elementary school, according to Charles Lane, Ann Arbor architect in charge of construction. Plans called for a completion date of September 1.</li> <li>• A \$175,000 expansion program was announced by officials of the Paragon Construction Co. The Paragon plant, located on Grand River, ust west of Novi Road, was completed late the previous winter. Paragon was a fabricator of structural steel used in buildings, bridges and heavy construction of a multi-million dollar Lincoln division assembly plant and office building in the northwest part of Novi Township were made public by Ford Motor Co. Officials The plant employed between 4,000 and 5,000 persons, who were recruited largely form the surrounding area. It's annual payroll was expected to be between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000</li> <li>1956:</li> <li>Mod flowmship prepared to construction annexing to Novi Township were recruited largely form the surrounding area. It's annual payroll was expected to be between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000</li> <li>1956:</li> <li>Mod flowmship prepared to construction annexing to Northville and possibly aven higher for the series of the start of the plant employed between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000</li> </ul>	alini Katalari Governi antikati sa Katalari shakari	Court Decision presumably prought to an and Warran's non- to stay when the boondaries on a movie ownestic state the points of popers North owner howes in s wareful connectanting linked as	cation of the filing of a suit to disconned over, 500 of its acres. that were once eyed by a	division and commercial center, Village officials said they would fight the disconnection, and ordered attorney Henry Bond to file an appearance and an answer to the suit. <b>1962</b> • With only slightly over a third of Novi's registered voters casting ballots, the village rejected the proposed city incorporation and elected incumbent Phillip Anderson, Ray Harrison and Donald Young to the village council. • The state Supreme Court of the 12 Mile road landfill case so that events which occurred after the original trial may be considered by a lower court. The landowners and fill opera- tors sought to reverse decisions by the appeals board and village council refusing a license. • Township Supervisor Frazer Staman resigned after nearly 10 years in office to seek appoint- ment to the three-man Dakland county Road Commission. <b>1963</b> • Preliminary plans for a <b>1.3</b> million junior-senior high school on the Novi school sys- tar Stat and 11 Mile roads were presented to the school board. • Calling it one of the most mutal crimes he had encount for Judge Frederick Ziem, sentenced James Gostini, to The sentenced James Gostini, to The	old Novi giri Judge Ziem stipu- lated that the 21-year-old. Dearborn man be jailed for the remainder of his natural life at hard labor. The girl was killed wavage beating of her father, wesiey Husted, of 2099 Austin Drive. • When an assassin's bullet stilled the heart of President John F. Kennedy in Dalas, Texas, the nation's heart stopped, too. A wave of disbe- lift, then sorrow blanketed the community. In Northville, Novi and Wixom, shoppers huddled around radios in the stores. When the president's death was anounced there were sighs and then silence: • Oral vaccine pollo clinics were announced for Northville, Novi and Wixom residents. Immunization stations were set sono as schools. • A controversial Issue in Novi — the establishment of a mobile home sits — simmered down. The village council approved une trail coach loca- tion on Haggerly north of interstate 96, took another site under consideration and rejected three other sites. • Plans were revealed for an extension of Interstate 96 into beroft and the construction of interstate 275/ Both roures is and bite of the state of ano beroft and the construction of and a the construction of and a the construction of and a the construction of and the construction o

"It is not who is right but what is right that is important" —Thos. Huxley

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# To Better Serve the Interest of A Rapidly Growing Community

This is the first issue of Michigan's newest weekly wspaper--THE NOVI NEWS. It is published as a com-panion paper to THE NORTHVILLE RECORD, which next

panion paper to THE NORTHVILLE RECORD, which next week celebrates its 85th birthday, and enjoys the distinc-tion of being the second oldest paper in Wayne county. The reason for publishing THE NOVI NEWS is stated immediately below its name at the top of this page—"To Better Serve a Growing Community". It is the logical out-growth of the greater emphasis which THE NORTHVILLE RECORD began to place on Novi news early this year. Since that time, it has consistently featured one and two pages of news and pictures devoted to happenings in Novi township. Novi's response to this change, both in personal mments and increased readership, has been both grati-

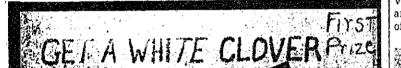
fying and encouraging. It is, in fact, the encouragement we have received from many new friends in Novi that prompts us to move even faster than we had planned toward a full-fledged, distinctive weekly newspaper. Frankly, this issue of THE NOVI NEWS is substantially similar to THE NORTH-VILLE RECORD in news and advertising content, although its format is such that Novi news is positioned on Page 1, 5 and 10 instead of exclusively inside the paper as heretofore.

Another feature—"The Willowbrook Corner"—has been added this week. Willowbrook, at the corner of Meadowbrook and Ten Mile roads, is one of Novi township's fastest growing communities. Twenty-five families are now living there, and 40 more families are scheduled to move in within the next two months.

Additional land has been secured and present plans call for from 500 to 800 homes to be built in this area. Wil-lowbrook may well become more than just a corner in the next few years. Mrs. Thomas Morrison, known to her friends as Agnes, will be our correspondent in this area.

While we are on the subject of correspondents, it appropriate to give a word of thanks to Mrs. Luther Rix, our Novi correspondent for many years. Much of the success we have achieved in the past few months with our special Novi pages has been due to Mrs. Rix's excellent news gathering efforts.

news gathering chorts. We are sending you THE NOVI NEWS this week in-stead of THE NORTHVILLE RECORD so you will become familiar with the newspaper to be published with Novi's interests especially in mind. We believe the new paper will perform a more valuable service for the Novi comunity than has been possible heretofore. It will contain all the news you have been getting in the past, plus addi-her home in Novi Thursday after tional Novi news and features as it grows in circulation. Please note the self-addressed reply card attached to with paper this week. It asks whether you wish to reply a THE NOMI NEWS indicates of THE NORTH THE REC ORD in the future. If you do, the balance of your subscrip-tion to the Record will be credited as a NOVI NEWS sub-pital in Detroit last week. scription. Please check the card and mail it today so we Mrs. Doyce Ward celebrated can revise our mailing list. IF WE DO NOT HEAR FROM her birthday Wednesday eve-YOU WE SHALL ASSUME THAT YOU WISH TO RE- ning with a family get-together. Out-of-town relatives were Mrs. CEIVE THE NOVI NEWS.



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Class of 1955 To Graduate Wednesday

NOVI'S 1955 GRADUATING CLASS-At the annual graduation cerem les in Novi at the Community Bldg. Wednesday, June I, Dr. Harold Sponberg of Michigan State college will be the speaker. Marilyn Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Miller, 46489 Grand River is valedic-torian of the class and Mary Clot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Clot. 2214 Austin Drive, is salutatorian. Members of the class shown above are, front row, left to right. Sandra Moody, Tom Lien, Marilyn Miller, Roger Cheeseman, Joan Pawlitzki, Richard Riffer and Patricla Brown. In the second row are Dennis Snow, Judy Wood, Hugh Crawford, Bonnie Bellinger, Don Boyer, Jackie Balley and Ronnie Loynes. In the top row are Tom Sechrest, Sharon Edelmann, Carl Leavenworth, Allen Geer, Mary Ciot and Gary Ledford. Absent from the picture are Claudia Mairs and Sharon Clarke.

Record Photo A Strengthered Mrs. Tom Morrison, Traffic Jam Jells

some of the groups will go to Walled Lake where they will participate in similar ceremonies. New Correspondents On Grand River Sun Mrs. Lou Hicks

**Buried Monday** Auses 18 Crashes Lighteen accidents were re-Tried invises than three hours d traffic was backed up for yeral miles on Grand River hen one of the worst traffic ms in recent years occurred in by: Sunday afternoon. Miss Lou Hicks, a resident of Novi all her life, died May 19 in St. Joseph's hospital in Pontiac, at the age of 77. She was born in Novi township Aug. 31, 1878, to Cliver and Eliza Hammond. Her husband, Steveni survives her; also, a daughter in liaw, Mrs. Diserbi St. Onge of Nrs. Louis Larsen, secretary of Mrs. Louis Larsen, secretary school solve the school problem soonest, but like Mitchell, wants to see a new high in any anexation package. May Solve Impasse Adoption of the foregoing res-olation astansibly broadens, the bretwo brandsolve of Novi. The data study of the bretwo brandsolve of Novi. The data study of the bretwo brandsolve of Novi. The data study of the bretwo brandsolve of Novi. There bretwo schools start disacteded the solve of Novi survives her; also, a daughter in liaw, Mrs. Discribed to the solve of Novi. There bretwo schools start disacteded the solve of Novi. The solve of Novi. There here two schools start disacteded the solve of Novi. The solve of Novi. There bretwo schools start disacteded the solve of Novi. The solve of Novi. There here two schools start disacteded the solve of Novi. There here two schools start disacteded the solve of Novi. Schools that present the solve of Novi. There the solve of Novi. There the solve of Novi. There the solve of Novi. Schools schools that disacteded the solve of Novi. Schools the solve of Novi. There the solve of Novi. Schools the solve of Novi. Schools the solve of Novi. There the solve of Novi. Schools the solve of Novi. School Sauses 18 Crashes

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**Northville Schools Approve Conditional Novi Annexation** Special Program Novi organizations will pay their annual Memorial Day trib-

Gradual integration of the Northville, Novi and Salem school systems into one large school district appeared to move a step nearer realization as a result of a meeting of Roland Strolle, of the state department of public instruc-tion, and the Northville board of education held in Northville on May 19.

After lengthy discussion of the over-all educational needs of children in the area , the

memorial ceremonies are under the leadership of Duane Bell. Northville board of education adopted a resolution "in favor of brought into focus recently by Plans call for the participating groups to meet in front of the Novi Township hall at 10 o'clock Monday morning. Memorial ceremonies will be held at the Novi man No. 7, Novi No. 8 and Put- sentatives of the Novi school discemetery, Oakland Hills cemenam No. 9, if requested to do tricts that they should stick together and that he would oppose tery and the Community Bldg., so . . . . The resolution reserved the any individual moves toward an-Novi's living war memorial.

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constructed "on a 40-acre site." He is not in favor of additions to the Northville High school to handle the increased needs of the area, should annexation become a reality. "Flabbergasted" "I'm flabbergasted" "I'm flabbergasted" "I'm flabbergasted." didn't ex-pect it at all," was the reaction of Mrs. Louis Larsen, secretary of the beard She believes that

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Novi Will Honor

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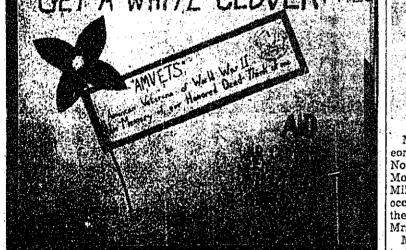
Grade school, the group was made possible by the contributions and

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individuals. and organizations.



Michael Eby, 12-year-old sixth grader at Novi Grade school, won top honors in the AMVET'S "White Clover Day" poster contest. Michael's poster, which is shown above, won him a \$25 savings bond. Originally, the contest had been set up to include 10 second prizes of \$1.00 each but judging proved so difficult that the judges solved the problem by enlarging the field to include 13 runners-up. The 14 winning posters will be on display throughout the Novi area today, Friday, and Saturday, in conjunction with the AMVET'S annual "White Clover Sale,"



Selling American flags, in preparation, for Memorial Day and Fourth of July are two youthful members of the Novi Methodist church. Diane McCollum. left. and Shirley Coleman. The flags. which are made of cotion bunting approximately 3x5 feet, sell for \$3.50 and proceeds from the sales go to the church's building fund. Additional flags may be obtained from Mrs. Walter Tuck, chairman of the drive.

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old in August. Mrs. Joe Gardella had a luncheon for several members of the Novi chapter- of the Blue Star Along Ten Mile Rd. north side of Ten Mile and about 40 more houses are well under Mothers at her home on Twelve Mile Rd. Wednesday noon. The occasion was also the birthday of the Blue Star Mothers president. Mrs. Fred Mandilk. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gow eners Power officials. rs Power officials. The gas main, which follows a 800 homes in the Willowbrook ertained their pinochle club Sat-

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by Mrs. Luther Rix Phone Northville 245-J

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cision to furnish gas to the area. However, it is still possible for | Moving in at practically the hese residents on the northside same time as the Hurlburts was of the road to have gas installed, the George Marinoff family, 24230

Housewarming Held At New Reed Home

Twenty-one couples descended er. upon Mr and Mrs. Noel Reed and

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hobbs, their daughter, Pamela, and son, 24395 Willow Lane, are also form-Graham, at 46300 12 Mile Rd. er residents of Detroit where Mr. Saturday evening for a house Hobbs works for General Motors.

The Reeds, who have been in their new home for about two

the Willowbrook by Mrs. Thomas Morrison

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The Bert LaBrom family, 24400 LeBost Drive, have a special claim to fame. Their household boasts Willowbrook's first citizen, Cher-

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And now for a little news of ister of the Novi Methodist what's going on around the area and who's doing it . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bacardi economics class at Northville also a unanimous call for the 13th Bd. of Com. Meeting (Continued on Page 10)



MARRIED 45 YEARS AGO-Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harnden of Novi celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary May 18 with m dinner at Frankenmuth. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Harnden of Northville and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Granzow of Novi. Harnden operated Harnden's confectionery store at Novi for 18 years and for the preceding 29 years was with Ford Motor at the Rouge and Highland Park plants. He is a member of the Novi Odd Fellow lodge and the Northville F. & A. M. Mrs. Harnden is a member of the Novi Rebekahs. They were married in St. James Lutheran church in Detroit and have two sons, Allan of Novi, and Marvin of Detroit, and six grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Harnden will observe their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 30. The two brothers married sisters, Etta and Louise Giese of Detroit.

> Walter Tuck, John Harnden and Frank Watza were elected trustes to succeed themselves for three years. Plans are in the making for an expansion program. A committee

has been appointed to promote the plans.

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Mrs. Ernest Pitchford and Mrs. Planning and Zoning Comm. will Louis Larson were elected dele- be the featured speaker at the gates to the annual conference monthly meeting of the Novi held June 15-19 in St. Mark's board of commerce Thursday eve-Methodist church, Detroit, Mrs. ning, June 2. Russell Button was elected Sun- The meeting, which will be held day school superintendent for at the Novi Community Bldg. another year. will start at 7 o'clock.

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# Growth continues as Novi becomes a city

As the population of the village grew, efforts to make Novi a city met with some opposition. Several attempts to incorporate Novi as a city had failed in 1959, 1962 and 1967. However, voters finally approved the incorporation in May of 1968.

The Novi Jaycees were among the supporters of incorporation and members went door-to-door encouraging people to vote for it, according to Tom Marcus, who was one of the founders of the Novi Jaycees chapter in 1967.

In February 1969, Novi officially became a city with a population of 9,668, as reported in the 1970 census. Joseph Crupi served as the first mayor of the city of Novi.

The city annexed portions of Novi Township that had been detached from the village when it incorporated in 1958. After a lengthy legal battle finally settled by the Michigan Supreme Court, a small area of about 75 acres including the Brookland Farms subdivision still exists as Novi Township today. As Novi's population continued to grow, the need for new schools increased.

Several local school districts were consolidated to form the Novi Community Schools in 1964.

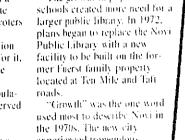
The new K-12 school district covered 16 square miles and had 800 students at that time. By the end of the decade, Novi's school system was one of the fastest growing systems in the metro-Defroit area.

New schools continued to be built during this period, including a middle school, a third elementary school and a combined juniorsenior high school (now Novi Meadows School) that was opened in 1965 near Taft and Eleven Mile roads, Novi Community Schools conducted its first graduation of senior high school students in June 1969.

Marcus and his wife, Thelma, moved from Detroit in 1964 into Willowbrook Village, one of the first subdivisions in Novi, developed by Paul Lebost and built by Bert Smokler.

Tom and Thelma, who still live there today, were active in the Jaycees and Lions Club for many years. They operated Marcus Glass, an auto, commercial and residential glass business with locations on Grand River and Ten Mile, from 1970 until they sold it to Harmon Glass in 1991.

Residential subdivisions became the popular form of housing in Blanchard's Tavern in the 1970's. By 1973, 40 percent of Novi's 10,000 residents were the 1930s at the south hin the previous five years.



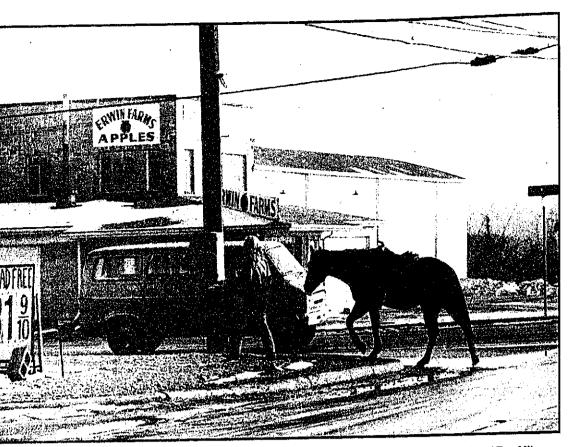
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experienced tremendous growth in population, subdivisions, schools, businesses and unprecedented commer cial development Commercial developments at Eight Mile and Haggerty and at Novi and Ten Mile roads were built in the mid 1970s. The projects were expected to provide a major economic hoost to Novi. Although the village and city of Novi did not have a traditional downtown, the original central business district developed around Grand River and Novi Road as early

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as 1830, Over the years. the area became known. as "Four Corners" and AT NICK'S "Novi Comers." The Novi Inn hotel 3 Barbers



Traffic, and progress, wait, while a Novi girl heads her horse across the street at the corner of Novi and Ten Mile roads. Such rural, perhaps even nostalgic, sights did not last much longer at that intersection as the landmark Erwin's Apple Orchads was soon leveled to make way for another retail strip.

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section. Dave's Hamburgers was built on that site in the 1960s and soon became a meeting place for local residents. It became Bates' Hamburgers in the mid 1980s but the landmark was replaced by a new commercial development in 2004. A Mobil gas station has stood on the southwest corner of the intersection for nearly 70 years. It was one of the first gas stations in Novi when it opened in 1935. Charles Trickey owned and operated the Standard Oil gas station built on the site of the former Novi Hotel at the northeast corner. He sold the gas station to Leo Harrawood in 1949 to open Trickey's Hunting & Fishing Store on Grand River just east of Novi Road.

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Trickey's family moved to Novi in 1929. His daughter Lauree and her husband, Duane Bell, purchased the hunting and fishing store from her father in the late 1960s. They operated the business until they sold the property when the Novi Town Center was

huilt. Harrawood owned the Standard Oil and Amoco gas stations from 1949 until 1992. The 24-hour, full-service station included an ambulance service, bus station and restaurant over the years, must "Did you ever buy peanuts from the peanut man at Harrawood's service station?" asked Donna Canup, Harrawood's daughter who grew up in Novi, raised her family and still lives

# Population,

commercial growth explode

The City of Novi experienced its largest increase in population, 129 percent from 9,668 in 1970 to 22,675 in 1980, according to the U.S. Census. Novi became a thriving suburban community in that period.

The development of municipal facilities became a primary issue for the city of Novi. A three-phase plan was created to move the cen-ter of the city's services from Novi Road. The groundbreaking for the new public library occurred in 1975 and it opened in 1976 on Ten Mile Road near Taft. Dorothy Flattery

directed the transition from the old library to the current facility. Upon her retirement, the east wing of the library was dedicated in her honor The city leased space in that east wing of the new library, moving all city services from several facilities under one roof in the first

phase of the municipal plan After 30 years of service, Fred Loynes retired from the Novi Fire Department in January 1973. He joined the volunteer fire department

in 1943 and served as its third fire chief. The construction of the Novi Police Department complex near the new library in 1977 completed phase two of the plan. It was named City of Novi Lee C. Begole Police Headquarters in honor of the town's first police chief after his retirement in 1991.

In 1977, the new high school was built directly behind the public library at Ten Mile and Taft roads. Additions were built on the high school in the mid 1990's and in 2004. Barb and Pat Burettes' six children attended Novi schools. Their oldest daughter was in the first graduating class of the new high

school in 1978. Barb also taught at Novi Meadows School for 22 years. Growth came in more forms than people and schools. Many businesses and companies located in Novi to keep up with the booming

population. Accessibility to healthcare became an issue for the commun The city contacted four hospitals regarding the issue, and Providence was selected as the major health care provider in Novi.

Providence opened the first clinic and ambulatory facility at Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads in 1978. It moved to a larger facility a Ten Mile and Hagerty in 1980. Novi Auto Parts is reportedly the oldest business still operating in

Novi today. Now known as A-1 Novi Auto Parts and Hardware, it is celebrating 80 years in business at the same location on Grand River east of Novi-Road.

The business was founded as Walt's Garage by Walter Tuck in

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Three bulls owned by cattle farmers Norman (shown) and Charles Tobel and Emil Yurick died in spring 1982. D&K Construction Company was charged with unlawful discharge of hazardous waste in connection with the dumping of 75-100 gallons of ammonia into Bishop Creek, along the western edge of the farmers' property. Authorities were unsure if the chemical caused the bulls' deaths, but the loss of fish and aquatic life resulted in the issuance of war-

Twelve Oaks Mall was built on property that included Harrawood's 1925. Tuck helped to establish the first volunteer fire department in Novi that was housed in the garage of his business. He also served as family home. The opening of Twelve Oaks Mall in August of 1977 marked the the first fire chief and first president of the

beginning of Novi's development as a regional shopping

"There was no opposition to the mall at that time because Novi didn't have any large shopping centers," said Ed Kriewall, who served as city manager in Novi from 1974 to 2000 when he retired.

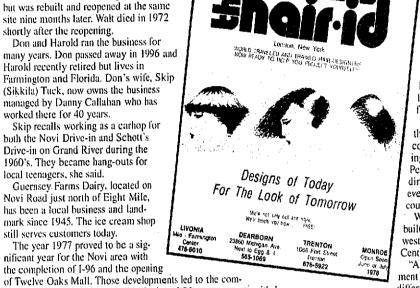
Twelve Oaks Mall opened with four anchor stores, including Lord & Taylor, JC Penney, Sears, and Hudson's, which later became Marshall Field's. The mall has maintained the four original anchors for 28 years.

With four department stores and more than 180 other shops, Twelve Oaks is considered a "super regional mall" drawing from a larger area beyond Novi, said Peggy Hayes, marketing and sponsorship director at Twelve Oaks Mall. People from every state in the U.S. and 55 foreign countries have visited the mall since 1977. West Oaks Mall and West Oaks II were built across from Twelve Oaks Mall on the

west side of Novi Road and the Novi Town Center on south side of 1-96 followed. "All of the shopping centers here compliment each other," said Hayes. "We all have different retail stores and strengths to offer

consumers. The population boom in Novi continued into the 1980's. By 1981, 11 separate subdivisions were built in the city with 21 more under development at that time.

Providing the infrastructure such as roads, water and sewer lines, and the Walled Lake treatment plant was critical to Novi's commercial development and residential growth, according to Kriewall.



"Eventually, there will be giant computer bases scattered across the country which will be able to tap into just about every conceivable piece of information from books and magazines to the stock market."

site nine months later. Walt died in 1972 shortly after the reopening. Don and Harold ran the business for many years. Don passed away in 1996 and Harold recently retired but lives in Farmington and Florida. Don's wife, Skip (Sikkila) Tuck, now owns the business managed by Danny Callahan who has worked there for 40 years. Skip recalls working as a carhop for both the Novi Drive-in and Schott's Drive-in on Grand River during the

the completion of I-96 and the opening of Twelve Oaks Mall. Those developments led to the commercial boom that resulted in Novi where 1-96 now connects with 1-"Once the mall opened, the area really began to grow," said Barb

Burette, "I think that's the most significant thing that has changed the area.' Leo Harrawood, who lived on Novi Road north of 1-96, worked in

real estate for 60 years in the area. When the City of Farmington turned down the developer who wanted to build a mall there, Harrawood said he approached the man about locating it in Novi.

Among those newcomers, Barb and Patrick Burette moved to Novi from northwest Detroit in 1971. Barb said they needed a bigger house for their family of six children and found one in the Meadowbrook Glens subdivision where she and her husband still live.

Shop in Town intersection. The hotel 349-2780 That northeast corner was redeveloped remained in operation into as the park-like square by the city with the 1980s and has served as home to a variety of busithe opening of the Novi Town Center and nesses to this day For many years, Matthew Moeren's Grocery Store stood on the remains public open space today.

"I get frequent calls from developers interested in my property, but these people tell me that Novi is sleeping and they'd rather go somewhere else. One very big and popular builder has told me that Novi could be Model City, U.S.A., but that you're doing nothing about it."

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Lawrence Zamlen

Landowner to Novi City Council in 1972 regarding the city's need to extend sewer lines. Zamlen owned 75 acres north of Ten Mile Road between Novi and Taft roads.

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<ul> <li>1965 <ul> <li>Novi Public Schools' first adult education program offered arts and crafts; sewing and men's gym.</li> <li>Police report juvenile crimes were on the upswing, with an 18-percent increase in complaints and 20-percent jump in arrests.</li> <li>American Plastic plant, a prominent Novi industry, was destroyed by fire; despite help from six departments, losses were estimated at \$1 million.</li> <li>After C.A. Smith proposed the idea to village council, enough signatures were collected in a petition drive to qualify Novi for a cityhood election.</li> </ul> </li> <li>1966 <ul> <li>With state supreme court battle against developer attempts to build a landfill on Twelve Mile Road.</li> <li>A power failure cut electricity to most of Novi for more than an nour before repairs were made.</li> <li>Voters in northern Novi and Wixom passed a record \$9.7</li> </ul></li></ul>	<ul> <li>punishment (i.e., spanking).</li> <li>1967 <ul> <li>Pack of dogs was reported roaming a Willowbrook subdivision, keeping people in their homes.</li> <li>Due to civil unrest and rioting in the city of Detroit, Novi Village Council held an emergency session and set curfew hours; five Novi police officers, including Lee Begole, volunteered their services in Detroit.</li> <li>Novl Rotary Club opened a new public playground near Grand River Avenue and Novi Road after two years of work.</li> <li>Novi designed a master plan for land use to guide rapid development; it assumed a capacity 125,000 population, expected to be reached in 30 years.</li> <li>Newly-formed Novi Jaycee Auxiliary elected Gwynne Cherfoli as its president.</li> </ul> </li> <li>1968 <ul> <li>Novi High School junior Virginia Clift was selected as Miss Michigan.</li> <li>With new Novi High</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>police officer Robert Starnes, holding him at gunpoint until a South Lyon officer and state police officers selzed weapons; three of the youths were later charged.</li> <li>Novi's historic Walled Lake Amusement Park closed, reportedly to make way for a subdivision of homes.'</li> <li><b>1969</b> <ul> <li>Nationwide refinery strike threatened local gas supplies.</li> <li>In a 629-283 decision, Novi voters approved a city charter and elected Joseph Crupi as mayor.</li> <li>Novi High School entered its first year as a complete four-year school; city council agreed on blue and gold for colors of first city of Novi police car.</li> <li>Novi Jaycees picked com- mercial artist Robert MacIsaac's design for the city of Novi logo (it is later simpli- fied two times in the late 1970s).</li> <li>Dalla Zonkers was appointed first city manager.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Mile Road between Novi Road and Ennishore, saying it would create \$1.5 million in taxes and employ 1,018 people. • Police Chief Lee BeGole was authorized to hire three additional officers. • Novi City Council banned sale of all future sewer taps by the city until a study could be made to determine how many were left. <b>1971</b> • Novi resident Kathy Radtke, 17, went missing after her Northville boyfriend was found gunned down in his car at a "Lovers' Lane" area near Five Mile and Napier roads; her body later was discovered in a northern Oakland County lake. • Fire leveled Novl Auto Parts, one of the city's oldest buildings • Six men ranging in age from 19-24 were arrested by Novi police for possessing drugs and narcotics worth more than \$5,000 in street sales. • Novi City Council took action to annex part of the	<ul> <li>Wixom's Ford Assembly Plant as part of a secret 10-day information exchange.</li> <li>1972 <ul> <li>Lègal drinking age was lowered to 18.</li> <li>Construction began on the M5 freeway interchange — the state's largest — near the I-96 and I-696 intersection.</li> <li>State OK'd annexation of seven remaining township vestiges, cutting the township vestiges, cutting the township to just Brookland Farms sub-division.</li> <li>Wal Tuck, Novi's first village president, died at his Grand River Avenue home.</li> <li>Four people told Novi police they had seen oval-shaped, unidentified flying objects with white lights in the sky over the northern part of the city.</li> <li>Four Novi High School seniors were crowned homeconing queens.</li> <li>Voters chose Republican Richard Nixon for president over George McGovern by a.2-1 margin.</li> </ul> </li> <li>1973 <ul> <li>Paralyzed by a weekend.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	down by voters • Work began on Tweive Oaks Mail, slated to open in May 1977 • Awo armed men med app
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City manager Ed Kriewall says forced wage increases would mean layoffs. Weeks later, council adopted a \$1.6 million budget and fixed the millage rate at 6.5 mills.</li> </ul> </li> <li>1976 <ul> <li>The largest turnout in the history of Novi School District helped Novi to become one of only three Oakland County districts to succeed in passage of a millage increase as voters approved (1,314 - 402) a 9.5 mill renewal and squeaked by (878-840) a 3.5 mill increase for two years. <ul> <li>A landmark farm at the corner of Beck Road and Pontiac Trail burned. A herd of registered, pure bred Black Angus cattle were trapped inside the 76-year-old structure; arson was suspected.</li> <li>The Novi Jaycees annual four-day event, Gala Days, is held in a field on property donated by Morris Lapham and Maureen Nacker at 10 Mile and Haggerty. Road for the first time. More than 15.000 people</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>	<ul> <li>Lake and Wolverine Lake Village.</li> <li>1977 <ul> <li>The Michigan State Highway</li> <li>Commission voted to cancel the controversial 24-mile, \$69 million M-275 freeway project to link I-96 in Novi with I-75 near</li> <li>Holly. Opponents said it would cause urban sprawl and environmental damage.</li> <li>Detroit Osteopathic and Providence Hospital both announced plans to submit letters of intent to the state to build ambulatory care facilities in the city of Novi; Providence wins approval later in the year.</li> <li>President Jimmy Carter declined an offer to dedicate the new \$11.5 million Novi High School. Instead, former Lt. Gov. James Brickley performed the honors in August.</li> <li>Twelve Oaks Mall opened in August to much fanfare, but appealed to the state tax tribunal, saying it is worth only \$6 million, not \$16 million as the city claims. Both parties eventually agreed to \$11 million.</li> <li>Three thousand residents were evacuated after a 73-car train derails near Novi Road; nine of the cars contained dangerous chemicals.</li> <li>The largest field ever - 18 candidates - filed for council seats for the November election.</li> <li>The Walled Lake News began publishing in the Lakes area, covering Walled Lake, Wolverine Lake Village and Commerce Township.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>and critically wounded him.</li> <li>Novi High School auditorium was renamed Fuerst Auditorium in honor of a family of early city settlers.</li> <li>1979 <ul> <li>Oity of Walled Lake celebrated 25 years of incorporation.</li> <li>Three longtime staff members of Sliger Home Newspapers are appointed to a management team in charge of all operations of the community newspapers (including Novi News) – Jack W. Hoffman, Roland Peterson and Michael Preville.</li> <li>Foundation work began on construction of the new Novi police facility on Ten Mile Road.</li> <li>In Walled Lake, the Camelot Inn's liquor license and alcoholic beverages were confiscated by agents of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission under an LCC order to revoke the license of Oakland County's only bottomless bar. It was the first license revocation under state rules, implemented in Nov. 1977, that prohibits nude entertainment in establishments holiding liquor permits.</li> </ul> </li> <li>1980 <ul> <li>In one of the most tumultuous governmental periods in Walled Lake's history, the city council voted 4-2 to oust Peter Parker from the top administrative post while he was vacationing and hired J. Michael Dorman as new city manager. Citizens and business people showed strong support for Parker, but to no avail.</li> <li>Wixom and Novi were the fastest growing communities in Oakland County over the past</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	ure, while Novi's 22,528 was up 133 percent. <b>1981</b> • Novi Instituted a new five- year road program directed at maintaining subdivision streets and designing new roadways. The citys' first road program is completed with 13 miles of roads now paved. • The new post office on Novi Road opened in the former Glenn Catering Co. building, pur- chased from Walter Zukins of Southfield. • Heavy rain in September flooded Meadowbrook Lake and sent water over Nine Mile Road. A not-so-common flood occured four weeks later. The most seri- ous flooding was at Herman and East Lake where eight homes went under water. The city formed a storm drainage problems and to develop a plan. • Proposal A tax reform plan was shot down. • Novi schools budget hit \$9.2 million. After 11 years of rising enrollment, the Fourth Friday count showed a 22-student drop from the previous year for 3,165; voters approved a 10.5 mill renewal by 977-578 vote (20 percent hit the polls). <b>1982</b> • Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills banded togeth- er to research cable television in hopes of developing a unified system for the area and provide more reasonable rates for sub- sonbers. Metrovision, Omnicom and United Nederlander each	Corporation, Mayor Robert Schmid and City Manager Ed Kriewall toured an exposition center in Pittsburgh to deter- mine whether there was inter- est in development of such a facility in Novi. • Brookland Farms subidivi- slon was allowed to continue as the sole remaining piece of Novi Township, following a 3-1 vote of the Michigan Boundary Commission on city annexation. • City Manager Ed Kriweall looked up racing Icon Andy Granatelli in Van Nuys, Calif. to make a pitch for purchasing, or having donated, one of the Novi Special race cars. Funds from the Economic Development Corporation made a purchase possible the following year and the car's most famous driver, Duke Nalon, was on hand for the unveilling ceremonies. • Novi celebrated the arrival of its first major hotel, Sheraton Oaks, a \$10 million, 220-room facility. • Teachers, secretaries-para- professionals and cooks were threatened with dismissal, but lawsuits filed against the schools and the striking employees three unions result- ed in round-the-clock fact-find- ing in Judge Fred Master's courtroom. Both sides agreed to accept the results and went back to work after three weeks. <b>1983</b> • In an attempt to preserve its residential areas, Novi tough- ened its housing construction standards with two ordinances – one prohibiting excessive dis- similarity and one banning excessive similarity – of homes	<ul> <li>Novi received a \$364,000 grant through the federal Jobs Bill program for construction of a ramp on to I-96, designed to improve traffic flow in the area – on the condition that a convention center would be constructed, creating 200 Jobs and providing the catalyst for 12,000 more jobs.</li> <li><b>1984</b> <ul> <li>Approved was a new alignment for East Lake Drive and South Lake Drive, surrounding 12.5 acres of city-owned property that has 900 feet of frontage on Walled Lake, to take heavy traffic from ELD and reroute it to Decker Road.</li> <li>The annexation of Novi Township was finished. The 13-year-old case ended when an Ingham County Circuir Court judge upheld a 1982 decision by Michigan Boundary Commission ordering annexation. The end of the suit, brought by resident William B. Chase, meant status quo for the seven parcels of the township that had been treated as portions of the city since 1979.</li> <li>Sewer capacity problems which the city thought were nearly tied up, came undone in September when the Environmental Protection Agency rejected a grant application for the \$120 million regional sewer project known as Son of Super Sewer.</li> <li>The 1984 MEAP results marked the first time in history, that Novi students scored in the six categories measured in the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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# **City becomes** draw for shoppers, development

The increase in housing and population fueled the continued growth of commercial development in Novi. With the major mall and expressway hub, Novi became more of a destination community for businesses and people.

By 1985, Novi's population surpassed the 25,000 mark and continued to rise each year. Novi's spiraling growth was recognized nationally when the New York Times featured an article in 1987 about the former rural town becoming a "suburban Oz".

Severe weather affected the Novi area twice during this period. A tornado struck on June 21, 1987, damaging several homes in the Chateau Estates Mobile Home Park. Another tornado occurred on Sept. 14, 1990, devastating some homes in the Yorkshire Place subdivision

The old Novi Town Hall was relocated to the public library property in 1986 and today serves as a museum for the Novi Historical Society.

A modern Novi Civic Center was built next to the library on Ten Mile Road in 1987, completing the three-phase municipal plan. For the first time in its history, Novi was able to house all city departments in one building.

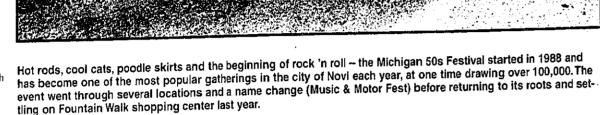
"Moving into the new Civic Center was like getting a new job and an office with a door and window" said Gerry Stipp, who worked in the "cramped conditions" in the library building and old town hall. Stipp began working for the Village of Novi in 1959. She served as a police dispatcher and clerk, city treasurer, deputy city clerk and as city clerk for her last 23 years with the city. Stipp retired in 1995 with 36 years of service and still lives in Novi.

The Novi Town Center was built on Novi Road between 1-96 and Grand River in 1987. The new shopping center brought the focal point back to what was once Novi's main business district at Novi Road and Grand River Avenue.

In 1988, the first Michigan 50's Festival was held in Novi. The 50's festival has been held annually at different locations including the Novi Expo Center, new Main Street downtown and last year at Fountain Walk where it will be held again in July.

The Motorsports Hall of Fame was inaugurated at the Novi Civic Center in 1988 with the display of the Novi Special race car. The museum found a nermanent home at its current location at the Novi Expo Center.

The development of the Motorsports Hall of Fame was inspired by the Novi Special race car engine originally built in the area during the 1950's. The Novi Special car ran in the Indianapolis 500 and set



"It was the most famous car to run at the Indy 500," said Ed

Kriewall, former Novi city manager who was instrumental in bringing one of the famous cars back to Novi. Kriewall worked with the former Delwal Corporation and Novi's Economic Development Corporation to obtain the car from Andy Granatelli in 1983. The Novi Special

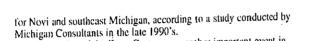
made an appearance at the Indianapolis 500 in 1988 before becoming the center display of the Motorsports Hall of Fame at the Civic Center that year.

U.S. Vice President Dan Quayle was the keynote speaker at the annual Novi Police Memorial Day on May 16, 1989. The first National Police Week was created by President John Kennedy and held in May of 1962. Novi celebrated its first Police

Memorial Day in 1980. In 1989, Providence pur chased 150 acres at Beck Road and Grand River and built the comprehensive medical center that opened

on that site in 1992. Foday, it plans an expansion to create a 200-bed, full-service hospital at

that location The Novi Expo Center opened in 1992 at its current site on Novi-Road at I-96. The center has more than 200,000 square feet of exposition space and 10,000 square feet of meeting and convention rooms. The Expo Center attracts thousands of visitors to Novi for conveneight years later. tions, consumer and trade shows, and community events every year. The Expo Center generates \$190 million in direct economic impact

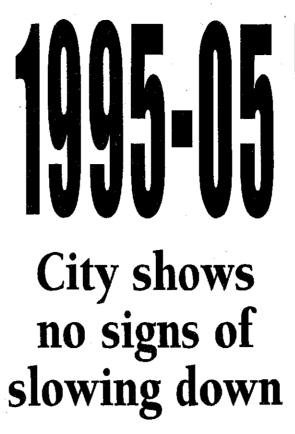


"The opening of the Expo Center was another important event in Novi's history," said Kriewall. "It may be more important than Twelve Oaks Mall because it is unique in the state of Michigan."



approved rezoning of land as the Town Center District in preparation for the develop-CORT OBLE Vic's World Class Market

opened as an anchor for the Main Street development in 1994. Unfortunately, the business closed



"Novi's changing so fast that history is just 10 years ago for many people," said Lou Martin, who served as public information director for the city of Novi from 1994 to 2000. He was chairman of the Novi Area Chamber of Commerce in 2003 and now works in public relations for Providence Hospital

Novi continued efforts to develop a downtown for the city. A ribboncutting ceremony was held on Dec. 12, 1996, for the Main Street project Novi City Council approved plans and construction began on the development in 1997 while tenants moved into the Main Street Village apartment complex adjacent to it.

Larson Jewelry Design became the first store to open on Main Street in 1999. Brian Larson's business has survived the financial problems of the development and remains at that location today with a handful of other original tenants. Many retailers and restaurants have come and gone from Main Street.

For example, the Local Color Brewing Company opened in 1998 but closed in 2003. The development has struggled to achieve the success anticipated by its original designers, developers and community leaders. "There is still great potential for Main Street. It will be successful but it will just take longer to happen," said Kriewall. "The key is that it feels like a downlown at Main and Market streets."

In the past three years, several new retailers and restaurants have located there. Last year, a new developer bought the remaining vacant land along Main Street with plans to complete the project. However, the new owner, Triangle Development, and the city of Novi

have not yet reached an agreement on how to proceed with the develop-Meanwhile, Novi's major draw, Twelve Oaks Mall, underwent a major

renovation completed in 1999. It included replacement of the floors, new lobbies and seating areas, and new glass, chrome and marble interior features that remain today. Construction is currently nearing completion on the new exposition, convention and conference center on the 50-acre site on Grand River between Beck and Taft roads with I-96 frontage. It is scheduled to open

in August 2005 by The Best Of Novi, known as TBON, LLC, formed to operate the new center. TBON is tentatively planning a grand opening gala for Aug. 26 that

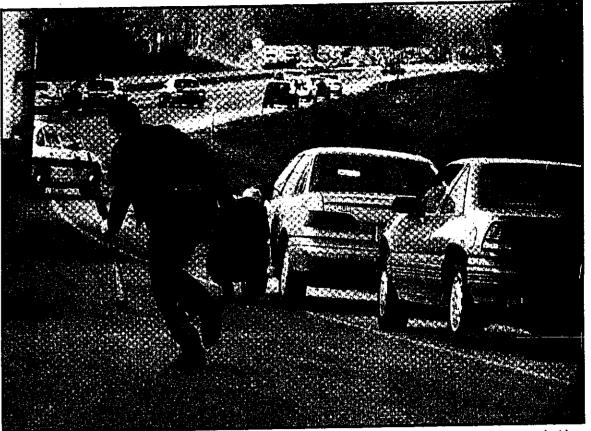
will include a "show of shows" display with all proceeds going to Providence Hospital in Novi. They will have a free opening event for the general public on Aug. 27, said Bowman, manager of TBON. The new facility was designed specifically for convention and exposi-

tion business unlike the current Expo Center. It will include 10 percent more space for conventions and shows but with a more effective use of that space, said Bowman. The new exposition center will quadruple the amount of space for meeting rooms and include a new banquet and conference center that

will be available for community events, private parties and weddings. Bowman said they will host the Festival of Trees at Christmas there and are planning special events around the 2006 Super Bowl.

Novi Expo Center Inc. is currently conducting a feasibility study to





A police officer quickly crosses the road to take cover behind a van on I-96 near the Ford Motor Company plant in Wixom. Police responded after shots were fired at the plant. One man was killed and three wounded - including two police officers.

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Taubman Centers, Inc., which owns Twelve Oaks Mall announced earlier this year plans for the addition of Nordstrom as the fifth anchor store, an expansion and renovation of Marshall Field's, and the addition of 90,000 square feet of retail Should you stop av space. The mall will expand from 1.2 to take the call? 1.5 million square feet. Nordstrom's department store will be Ameritech built on the site originally planned for a Caller ID help you decide by fifth anchor between JC Penney and Lord & Taylor. Construction is sched-Ahowing you uled to begin early next year with who's on the completion in time for the 30th line before you anniversary of Twelve Oaks in 2007. pick up the phone The mall's anchors, JC Penney You can choose which calls to Company, Sears Roebuck and Co take now, and which ones to and Federated Department Stores return later. The display unit are among Novi's largest employ even records and stores the ers. The total employment at all Order Caller ID today. stores in the mall would likely

Call 1-800-795-1390 make it the largest employer in Novi. The city's largest single employer, Intier Automotive Seating of America, employs 950 persons at its Novi facility where they produce compo-

nents and systems for the automotive industry. Novi Community Schools is the second largest employer with approximately 925 employees

rovidence Hospital employs about 500 at its Novi facility and Trinity Health of Michigan employs another 330 at its administrative offices in

Novi continues to attract all types of business to the area, including additional companies and facilities that serve the automotive industry. Siemens-Cerberus Division of Siemens Building Technologies is relocating its Detroit branch office to Novi later this year.

"We selected Novi because it may be the best planned You are walking out the door when the phone community in southeastern Michigan," said Dan Kroll, general manager in Detroit. "The city provides a fantastic environment for our employees to both live and work. It offers surroundings with a wide range of housing 'options, great schools, shopping and city services."

The German-owned Eberspaecher Company is building a \$24 million North American Headquarters for research and development on Haggerty Road north of 12 Mile. The company serves automotive clients that include the big three, Audi Volkswagen and BMW. "If you took a map and plotted the technical centers for Ford, General Motors and Daimler-Chrysler and their three proving grounds, you'd wind up with our Novi site in the middle about 35-40 minutes from each site," said Werner Mantay, president of the Michigan Division of Eberspaecher.

"Noyi is the new epicenter of the southeastern Michigan region," said Lou Csordas, mayor of Novi since 2003. "Novi's location at I-96, I-275 and 1-696 is a prime reason for its growth with access to Detroit, Lansing and Metro Airport. We've also planned what we feel is a desirable community with excellent schools,

shopping and services." Csordas also cited plans for a new 200-bed, fullservice Providence Hospital and the opening of the new Central Catholic High School this fall in Novi as indications that "Novi is the place to be." Prior to being elected mayor, Csordas served on city council for four years and the city planning commission for three years. He has lived in Novi for 28ur vears.

The 2000 Census showed that Novi's population had grown to 47,000 and today it exceeds 50,000. Novi will continue to grow with an estimated population of 80,000 by 2030, according to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. Novi is expected to continue growing with additional business and population for the next 25 years.

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"I've learned that agendas can be deceiving. When it appears as though you might make it home to see an entire episode of "Hill Street Blues," three additional items will be placed on the agenda, angry residents will show up to protest bus routes and the board's most long-winded member will step on a soapbox. If that's the case, you'll be lucky to catch "Nightline."

Michele M. Fecht Novi News reporter in her column, 1985

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In a letter to the editor In November 1996, taking exception to a Novi Planning Commission discussion on a possible city regulation restricting the size of American flags flown by businesses.

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# YEAR-BY-YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

<ul> <li>1995</li> <li>• Main Street, at least the first shop on the block, became an actual address where Novi residents could browse, snack and spend money as Vic's World Class market, the anchor of the ambitious downtown project, opened.</li> <li>• A 225-pound Siberian Bengal Tiger escaped injury when the trailer he and six other flons and tigers were riding in detached from a tow vehicle on 1-96 and cracked open in the median. The animal was later sea to y police.</li> <li>• Flags flew at half mast when Novi asid farewell to the Popular 32-year-old member of city council, Tim Pope, at his Oct. 25 funeral: Pope suffered a massive closed head injury on May 8 in an automobile accident on Grand River Avenue.</li> <li>1996</li> <li>• Novi's population grew an anazing 23 percent since 1990, according to a mid-decade census conducted by the city. At the beginning of the 90's, Novi had 32,998 citizens, but as the new subdivisions spring up all over fown by 7996, that figure had popped up to 7,536 residents.</li> <li>• In November, the bity of the side of the median fully and over fown by 7996, that figure had popped up to 7,536 residents.</li> </ul>	County Sheriff's deputies, He was later convicted and is serving a lite prison sentence. In April, an employee at the Femperform Company in Novishot a co-worker and field to his betroit apartment where he was captured a short time later. An argument occurred between the vow owners, Aaron Napoleon arbitration and the plant after work. <b>1977</b> The official ground-breaking official ground-breaking of the Novi Sease of the Novi Sease of the Novi State of Novi and 10 Mile roads. The effort to preserve and fiscore and fiscore the Fuerst farmstead to the state of Novi and 10 Mile roads. The Novi Community Sports Novi State of Onstruction and flate two states of the State of Novi State of Onstruction and flate two states of construction and flate two states of construction and flate two states of onstruction and flate two states of onstates of onstru	<ul> <li>the top spot in the state while the boys soccer team earned a state championship of their own. Also collecting the highest tille in the land was the Novi boys cost.</li> <li>• City officials hoped Main Street would be hopping, but in 1998 it was stopping. The properts bankers, NBD, pulled back on tinancing until more tenants signed on leading to a work shutdown until October.</li> <li>• The So Infanous in Novi ft is ferered to simply as the laws stir in conversation. It is the Sa million lawsuit awarded to Sandstone Associates against the draw debates, especially were the activity of Novi and the version of the properties and the second in Manger Edition of the second in Manger Edition of the second in Manger Edition of Novi City Manger Ed</li></ul>	<text></text>	Sandstone on June 25, the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled and granted the joint motion to have the matter returned to Oakland County Circuit Court where the settlement judgment was ultimately entered. • Vic's World Class Market closed its doors to the public Feb 8, sending the city scram- bing to collect outstanding taxes, leaving long-time cus- tomers perplexed, and placing another black mark across <b>2003</b> • Novi was cast into darkness when residents found them- selves among millions left in the dark following a massive black out stretching from New England to the Great Lakes. Local officials were amazed how cam things were during Blackout 2003, reporting no major incidents related to the jower outage. • Novi residents were horri- fied in September upon learning of the beating death of 2-year old Ann Marie Shawley The girls stepmother, Nikole Michelle Fredricks, was found guile school's [] 100 all-boy student body is expected to arrive in fail 2005.	chain met again in front of the Novi Chy Council where Bob Gatt fearing a lawsuit, changed his vote to approve the liquor locase transfer to the restau- rant. • Owners broke ground on a new \$18 million exposition can ter on Grand River Avenue west of faft Road in June. The new center, which has not been offi- cally named, will replace the Novi Expo Center. • The Novi Police Department marked its 50th anniversary and to help celebrate officers seized \$4.8 million in drug money in Novi and Northville. • Senator Nancy Cassis con- firmed weeks of speculation and announced her candicacy for governor of Michigan in the 2006 election. • Providence Hospital got the legal go-ahead from the Michigan Court of Appeals. March 23 to start work on their plans for a 200-bed, \$224-mil- ion hospital in Novi. The appel- rate court upheld a July 2004 ruling giving the original go- ahead ruling to the hospital. Oposing health care systems. were planning to appeal the decisionae room.
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# **Tennis advances**

The Novi tennis team earned a trip to the state finals with a second-place showing in the regional tournament last week. The team also earned the KVC championship over the Brighton Bulldogs. – Page 3B

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Partners Jim Faydenko and Gary Hess of Remodeling Remedies in South Lyon have over 40 years of combined experience in the field of remodeling and renovations, specializing in all aspects of remodeling including kitchens, bathrooms, basements and laundry rooms. - Page 4B

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# Holy cow!

The Novi Wildcats soccer team sure knows how to rack up some points.

The coached by Brian O'Leary, ha outscored oppo nents, 98-6, so far this year. Four of

those goals came against defending Division I state champions Northville in a 4-4 tie earlier this year.

### Well done

If there is any doubt as to why Emily Esbrook, a sophomore soccer forward at Novi, is going to be a star, then all one had to do was watch her play against South Lyon two weeks ago.

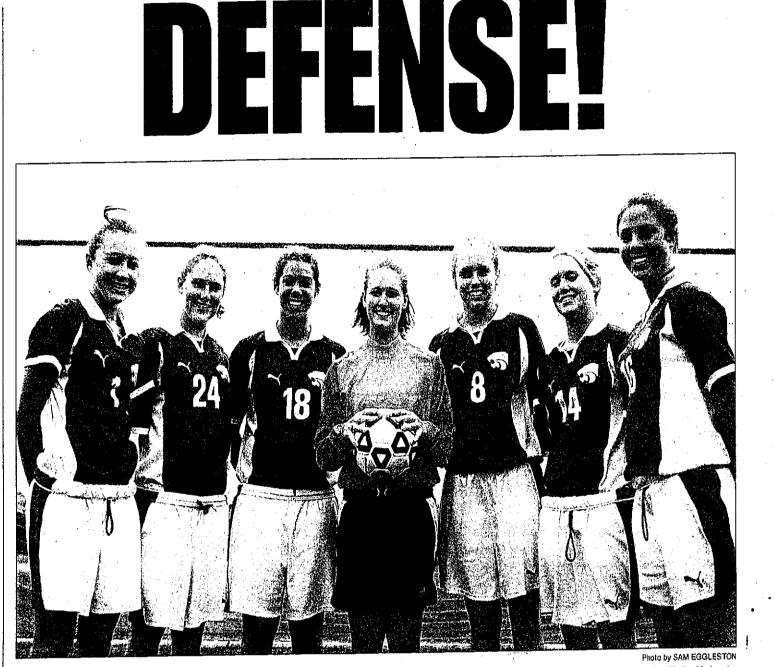
Esbrook took a corner kick, headed it to the ground, watched it bounce about a foot off the turf and then kicked - with her left leg, mind you - a goal into the upper left comer past the South Lyon goalie.

It was, to say the least, impres-'sive. Imagine what she'll be able to do as a senior.

## Party time!

The Novi News is officially 50 years old today. Some of the people who work here are actually that old, though none who are in the sports department.

The years have been kind to the community newspaper, which has won several awards throughout the years, including a first-place finish in the sports coverage category of the Michigan Press Association.



The Novi Wildcats soccer team's defense has only allowed six goals this year. From left to right: Kaite Chaklos, Kristine Chaklos, Kelly Hebert, Kim Herbst, Jessica Barndt, Shannon Cody and Lauren Marchioni.

Novi has allowed just six goals so far

Of course, none of that would be possible if it weren't for the city of Novi and the high school as well. From the Novi News sports department to the community and the many athletes who have come and gone through the years, we'd like to say thank you. We can't wait to see what the next 50 years will bring to our pages and to your history.

By Sam Eggleston

Offense gets the glory, but defense wins

That's the credo the Novi Wildcats soccer

The six defenders and goalie don't mind

not seeing their names in the newspapers or

hearing themselves mentioned in casual con-

versation about how good the soccer team is

this year. Usually, if a defender is being men-

tioned, it's because they're not doing their

Novi's defense knows what they're doing,

The squad is undefeated and has 14 shutouts

"I love playing defense," said sophomore Jessica Barndt. "My mom told me when I

was younger and I decided to play defense

instead of midfield that there wasn't much

glory. Offense gets all the glory; the forwards

get all the goals. I wouldn't trade it for any-

The Wildcats' defenders all thought alike

with none of them offering up a trade from

their current positions to the offensive end of

Sure, they like seeing goals scored, but

The defensive crew is quite satisfied right

"There's nothing like being able to stop

The Novi Wildcats have no problem with

finding players willing to take to the defense

either. Coach Brian O'Leary said he has six

girls he can count on to be solid performers

In Novi's strategy, they employ four

defenders on the field at a time but O'Learv

said he has six that get equal playing time in

Barndt, Hebert, Lauren Marchioni, Kristine

Chaklos, Katie Chaklos and Shannon Cody.

"As a group they are very organized and feed off each others' strengths," O'Leary said.

"Each game may call for one to play more

The first four are the team's starters.

than another and no one complains."

someone from scoring," said senior Kelly

they'll leave that to the likes of Kristi Timar,

Emily Esbrook and Stephanie Crawford.

team's defensive corps is willing to live by.

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Hebert. "It's a great feeling."

while out on the pitch.

### Special thanks

It's not every day a three-yearold attends a photoshoot.

Novi News sports writer Sam Eggleston found himself in a bit of a pickle when he needed a shot taken but no photographer times were available. So, he did the next best thing — he brought his daughter, Shaylyn, along and snapped the photo himself. The Novi girls soccer defense joked with her, commented on her hair style and laughed when she picked on her daddy. It was a special moment for Shaylyn, who said she intends to play soccer when she grows up. Maybe the 'Cats can give her some pointers?

### Swinging for the fences

Is it that time of year again already? In the latter half of June, the Novi News will help kick off the summer by co-hosting senior All-Star baseball and softball games. The East teams are comprised of players from

Novi, Northville, South Lakeland Milford while the West team boasts talent

Lyon,

and

from

Howell, Hartland, Fowlerville, and Brighton. Pinckney.

The game is expected to be played at Milford this year and will have a host of talent from this area playing in it. Don't miss out. Stay tuned to the Novi News for upcoming details.

### **District tournament time**

The Novi Wildcats will have the long road to the district finals this year. They start things off with a game against Farmington Mercy at 7 p.m. May 31 at Novi. Also playing May 31 will be Walled Lake Northern and Walled Lake Central.

The winners of the two games will play at Livonia Stevenson at 4 p.m. June 2. Following that game, Northville and Stevenson, both who had first-round byes, square off at 7 p.m.

The championship game will be played at Stevenson High School at 7 p.m. June 3. The winner advances to the regional tournament.

Novi is currently ranked No. 1 in Division I while Northville is No. 2 and Stevenson is No. 9. Northville is the defending state champions.

That's because the Wildcats have "specialized" defenders. O'Leary said if a game finds a ball in the air a lot more than average, he sends in Hebert and Cody, while Barndt and Kristine Chaklos are employed if Novi's opponents are doing complex offensive strategies. If the Wildcats need to attack with their defense, Marchioni and Katie Chaklos are the two defenders O'Leary calls into action.

So far this year, Novi has only given up six total goals - four of which came against defending state champion Northville, who the Wildcats tied. Their offense, on the other hand, has scored 98 goals.

"I wouldn't say we get bored," said Marchioni. "The offense is outstanding, there's no doubt about that. We've got some of the best forwards around. It's great to know if we can keep possession of the ball, they're probably going to do something with it

The last line of defense for the Wildcats is the sure-handed goalie, Kim Herbst. The senior netminder may not have a lot of work to do on some nights, but she's solid when she needs to be.

"We are not an easy team to play goal for because we are so organized and efficient the other team barely gets any shots," said O'Leary, "But when they do, it's usually an excellent scoring attempt. Kim is a big part of our equations. Her game has improved so much during her high school career."

The Wildcats defense heads into every game with one goal in mind - stop the other team from getting a shot on the net. They've come close to it on several occasions, even holding the Kensington Valley Conference's No. 2 team, South Lyon, to just one shot on goal in a 6-0 stomping two weeks ago.

That goal won't be as easy come district tournament time next week. Novi will take on Farmington Mercy in the first game of the tournament. The Mercy Marlins finished second in the Catholic League this year.

"Coach O'Leary has made sure we understand we have to take it one game at a time," said Barndt. "Mercy has played a few games and Coach told us to watch them play. That way we know how they play, what they do and who does it. We have to take it game by game and we can't think about any other team besides Mercy."

Novi knows the sting of a district loss. Last year they met up with Northville in the final and fell in a close game. The Mustangs went on to win the state title.

This year, Novi hopes to have the honor of playing in the district title game again, though they have the long road. After playing Mercy, the winner will move on to the winner of a Walled Lake Central vs. Walled Lake Northern contest. On the other side of the bracket, Northville and Livonia Stevenson both earned byes in the first round and willplay each other in the semifinal. The winner will move on to the title game.

"Our district is so brutal I could see any of five teams coming out of it," said O'Leary. "You could put any one of those five teams in about 12 of the districts in Michigan and they would be the favorite."

Most notable besides Novi are Northville and Stevenson. The Wildcats are currently ranked No. 1 in Michigan, but Northville is



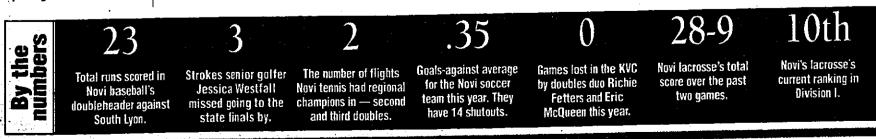
Wildcat Senior Kelly Hebert throws the ball in from the sidelines during last week's home victory against the South Lyon Lions. Hebert was capable of throwing the ball almost to the middle of the field to reach her teammates.

No. 2 and Stevenson is No. 9. Walled Lake Central is tough too, having beat Stevenson earlier this year.

"It's not going to be easy," said Hebert. "It's a sharne that at least one of the top 10 teams in the state will be eliminated before they even make it to the state tournament."

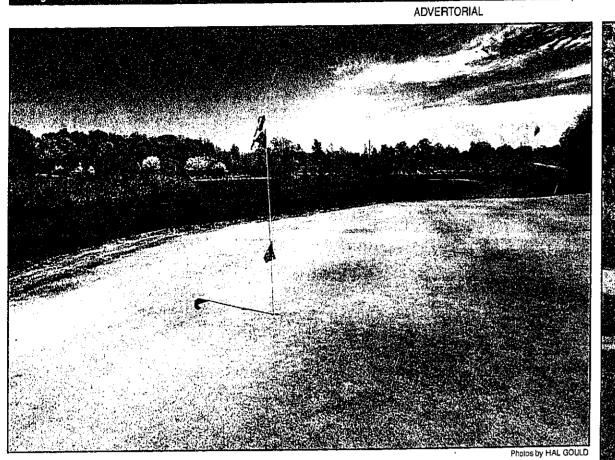
But Novi is sticking to their guns. They want the district title and whatever is beyond. They have the tools necessary to do it, said Marchioni.

"I think we can definitely do it," she said. "We've got one of the best teams in the state. We just have to stay focused and play our game. If we do that, we can beat anybody."



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# GET IN THE SWING



The 17th green at Downing Farms demands a precise approach shot, like many of the greens on the course.

# From farm to local favorite Lush natural surroundings give Downing Farms a Northern Michigan-esque feel

Downing Farms offers up-north feel

### By John Mueller SPORTS WRITER

What is now a visually stunning and physically challenging golf course in Salem Township started out as a father's dream. The Downing family had owned a farm at 8145 Seven Mile Road since the 1930s, and James. the father of the family, had always wanted to covert the land into a golf course. At some point, he turned this dream into the beginnings of a plan. 'He started the golf course little by little," Downing's son James, Junior, said. When the elder Downing passed away in 1989, the remaining Downings decided to finish off what James Senior had start-The final result? Downing

Farms Golf Course, which offers 18 interesting holes of golf and a northern Michigan-esque feel

"I think the challenge with this course is that you pretty much have to use all of vour clubs.

> James Downing Co-owner of Downing Farms Golf Course

empted to go for the green in two shots, clearing the water which separates fairway from green is a daunting task. A prudent lay-up shot might end up being the difference between a par or a hogie and a higher num-In short, the course keeps you hinking and keeps you on you "We try to make it the best we can." James Junior said. And this is why Downing Farms is a genuinely satisfying cludes on the last hole; you can course to play, whether you're a beginner or a more accomplished call it Salem's very own Amen golfer Take heed, though -- make The 90-yard par-3 15th hole sure you don't leave any of your requires a blind shot onto a green that slopes severely away from clubs at home. Chances are, you'll need every the tee and toward a marsh. Only the most crisply-struck of shots one of them. will hold the green; otherwise, Reach sports reporter John you're apt to wind up in the wet-Mueller by phone at (248) 685-The 289-yard 16th hole, 1507 ext. 25 or by e-mail at imueller@ht.homecomm.net. though not lengthy, requires Greens Fees Until June some careful tee-shot placement as a portion of lake slices into the **Downing Farms** 18 Holes w/cart fairway about halfway to the **Golf Course** (walking) Seniors (over 55) The 17th hole, the course's 'Peninsula Hole,' is another 9 Holes w/cart short-yet-dangerous par 4 (only (walking) 242 yards), starting off with a Seniors (over 55) near-90-degree dogleg off the tee (Weive) H **Greens Fees After June** Once you're past the bend, you have to contend with the threat-18 Holes w/cart ening presence of more water on (walking) the entire left side of the playing area leading up to the green. It's a picturesque view as you Nine Mile line up your approach shot, but (walking) keep the following in mind: it's better to go right than left (and



Novi's Kyle Goodman returns a shot to his Dearborn Fordson opponent during last Friday's playoff action. Goodman won his first match 6-2, 6-1.

# Novi goes to state finals

Wildcats finish second in regional tourney By Sam Eggleston

SPORTS WRITER It was a good week to be a Novi Wildcat tennis player. The squad, coached by Jim Hanson, not only earned back the Kensington Valley Conference championship, but proved worthy of the state finals by taking second in their regional.

Novi finished second behind the

Photo by JOHN HEIDER No. 2 team in the state for Novi's Justin Namm on his way to defeating Southfield's Division I, Catholic Central. Leng Apiritnarung during last Friday's MHSAA Div. The Wildcats scored 22 points while the Shamrocks racked up Reg. #3 tennis playoffs hosted by Novi High. Namm won 27 points. Livonia Churchill fin-6-0, 6-0. ished third out of the nine-team field with 13 points while third round. They topped When the dust settled, Novi and Livonia Northville won five of the seven show-Stevenson tied for fourth with Southfield to advance. downs. 10 points. Earning KVC titles were "There were six teams that were sevenly matched," said KVC champs Ramachandran and Lais in the Last year, Novi found them- singles flights as well as the Hanson, G "We were lucky selves finishing second in the doubles teams of Heffernan and enough to win a few close Kensington Valley Conference matches and a couple of behind rival Brighton. flights.' This year, the Wildcats turned Nan Jiang and Doster at three The duo of Richie Fetters and Eric McQueen made plenty of

three singles

of Pinckney.

'Cats send crew to finals

quite a feat to be crowned regional 4-by-200 relay for the second ye

champion. To do it in two evens is in a row. This year they ran a 1:39.8

### By Sam Eggleston SPORTS WRITER

rare indeed." In the pole vault, Novi qualified in the regional. The team was com-It's going to look like a home Novi track and field meet when the Wildcats make the trek to the state and Alberty went 13-0 and 12-6, respectively. Junior ace Chris finals a week from tomorrow in Machisak, who was expected to Rockford. qualify, was ill for the meet, but still The boys team qualified an

incredibly impressive 13 players went 12-3 in a near-qualifying and the girls are sending three to showing. The Wildcats also showed their talent in the 4-by-800 the state meet Qualifying for state finals via the relay --- though the team wasn'

sure they'd be able to pull it off. regional track meet held last Friday "The automatic qualifier was vere girls Allie Sisson, Allison Lofgren and Christina Lis. Boys 8:10 and the top two teams were who qualified for the finals were seeded under eight minutes," said Ryan Pritchard, Dan Coleman. Smith. "Our seed time was 8:25.3, Chris Alberty, Mark Moore, Amol more than 15 seconds off of the Huprikar, Mark DuFresne , Kip time to obtain to advance." Miller, Derrick Leonard, Josh Woods, Jarrell Woods, Chris do. He turned to some of his best Dalton, Brandon Carnegie and Brandon Coles. "Overall, we did exceptionally well," said boys coach Bob Smith. Pritchard was the most notable on the day, earning first place in

fied with an 8:08.1. both the shotput and the discus. The senior threw 51-feet-3.5-inches in the shot for the top spot and

The girls track and field team will be well represented by some of the premier athletes at Novi High Lis, once again, proved just how Smith did what any coach would capable she is in the high jump, earning the regional title with a leap of 5-feet-2-inches to earn a trip to athletes. Moore, Huprikar, DuFresne and Miller, who are all the state finals for the third-straight year. Also earning the trip was

Girls rule, too

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for a new school record and second

prised of the Woods brothers,

Another notable showing was

from Moore, who finished the two-

mile run in 9:30.3 to qualify for the

finals. He had 16 seconds to spare

in the qualifying time and shaved

12 seconds off his season best time.

the Pre-KVC tournament as South

Lyon Oaks. There, they took

Novi lacrosse had a 10-2 show

Carnegie and Coles.

cross country runners, stepped up. Sisson, who took second in the 300 The team finished fourth but qualihurdles and was just 0.1 seconds off of the school record. Novi's 4-by-100 relay team of Another notable athlete earning Leonard, Dalton and the Woods the trek to the finals was Lofgren brothers headed into the regional who issued and applaud-worthy seeded fourth, but left with first. 16-feet-7.75-inches - well above The team put up a school record the qualifying mark of 16-2.

tossed the discus 162-10. "His throws ended up in the with a 43.2 second run. The Wildcats also qualified the woods," Smith commented. "It's

# Wildcats baseball get three wins in KVC

It has been a solid year for the of letting up. The squad, coached Novi Wildcats baseball team as by Brian O'Leary, continued their days earlier, the Wildcats played in they've climbed the ladder, once dominating performances this year again, in the Kensington Valley as they pounded the No. 9 ranked Conference and are prepared to team in Division I in Livonia take a fifth-straight title. The squad Stevenson, 2-0, after slapping took two games away from around KVC foe Milford, 11-0. Hartland and split a doubleheader Against Stevenson, Novi had to carded a 98; Oh with a 99; Lindsey with South Lyon last week. Against contend against some powerful Hartland, Novi won, 6-2 and 9-8. shooting but was backed up by the Earning wins on the mound were stellar play of goalie Kim Herbst, senior Kevin Cislo, who struck out 10 in the first game, and sophomore Trevor Borsak, who didn't allow a run in his three innings. In the second game, Cislo went 3-for-4 from the plate. Against South Lyon, Novi looked strong in the first game but a complete doppleganger in the second contest as they split with the Lions. The 'Cats won the opener, 6-0, before dropping Three strokes away the nightcap, 16-1. Senior Billy Morrison was golden on the mound

in the first game, scattering four

hits before helping his own cause

with a 2-for-4 performance from

couldn't buy a good throwing per-

formance as the Lions jumped out

to a 16-0 lead against three differ-

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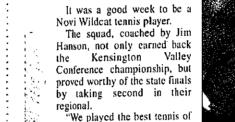
fourth, Scoring for Novi were Jackie Chudy, who shot a 97; Greulich with a 97; Westfall, who Haslett recorded a 104; and Brenna Ouinley shot a 108. who earned her 14th shutout of the On a rol season to tie with her brother, All-Stater Rusty Herbst, and his best high-school career performance. Senior Kristi Timar tacked on the game-winning goal before Stephanic Crawford, who took a

ing over Orchard Lake St. Marv's and an 8-7 victory over Hartland Against Orchard Lake, Novi followed the lead of Travis Blackledge, who scored four goals Kelly Hebert, scored to make it 2-0. to help his team secure the victory. Starting things off was Jacob Hal, who scored with less than a minute

shaved off the clock before Blackledge added one, followed by The Novi Wildcats were just another from Haf, to put Novi up 3three strokes away from being rep-0. Jeff Policicchio added his firs resented in the state finals last goal of the night and then a second week. Jessica Westfall, a senior just minutes apart for a 5-0 advancaptain, shot an 89 at a very competitive regional competition last tage before Blackledge added week and barely missed the indi- another for a 6-0 lead at halftime. vidual-qualifying cut for the state At the start of the second half,

finals. The team, as a whole, took Blackledge scored Policicchio ninth out of 16 teams with a score tossed in a far shot that found the of 416. Also scoring for the team back of the net for an 8-0 differwere Audrey Oh, who shot a 103; ence. Blackledge scored his fourth goal and Bobby Watts added the Abby Greulich, with a 112; Ashley cer team doesn't know the meaning Simms, earning a 112; and Missy final nail to the coffin.





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"We played the best tennis of the year," said Hanson. "I'm really happy with how we came out and played last week. It was great high school tennis." In the regional tournament,

in the tournament at two dou-

bles. The pair earned a bye in

the first round before topping

Dearborn and Livonia Churchill

6-0, 7-5 victory.

year.'

noise after earning the top seed Novi escaped with 20 points

and a conference title after the

KVC championships last week.

Brighton finished second with

"It all came down to Brighton

18 points.

Liu, Fetters and McQueen and Hsu and Shah. Runners-up were doubles and Justin Namm and

long throw-in from senior defender

with its lush and underdeveloped surroundings. The layout was designed by Harry Bowers (who has also Corner designed Drummond Island's The Rock and Grand Blane's Captain's Club, among other courses) and started off as a ninehole course in 1992. Construction on the second nine holes was started in 1996. Now an established 18-hole stuff treat for local golfers, the course is owned by James Junior, his brother Charles (who was involved in much of the course's original design work) and their mother Mary Lou, and the layout green. that James Senior once envisioned is now a reality. What makes Downing Farms stand out? For one thing, it's not your typical kind of course that requires only a driver off the tee that bends to the right. and a mid-iron to reach the green. Downing Farms demands a little more "I think the challenge with this

course is that you pretty much have to use all your clubs," James Indeed, the tree-lined fairways.

creative placement of sand wet). bunkers and undulating kidneyshaped greens require some creative shot-making for anyone who wants to finish around par. the green While the course's total

yardage of 5,087 from the men's tees doesn't qualify it as a particularly long layout, there's plenty of challenges along the way. The first nine consists of four par fours - three of which are shorter than 300 yards - as well as a pair of par 5s and three par 3s, and water comes into play on six of these holes.

The course's signature hole, the 125-yard par-3 sixth, is truly something special. Although shortish in length -

requiring a short iron from most golfers - the pond that fronts the green and the right side of the playing area adds an element of intimidation as you line up your

The hole was voted the thirdprettiest public-course hole in the state by the Detroit News in the summer of 2003. The back nine consists of five par 4s (only two of which exceed 300 yards in length), a pair of par 3s and one par 5. One of the greatest stretches of holes in the

area starts on No. 15 and con

GolfCourse

The journey concludes with the 387-yard par-4 18th hole, Par: where more water awaits up by Yardage: by DIANA WELL Though many golfers will be

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The treacherous 15th hole, a 90-yard par 3, features a green that slopes severely away from the tee area and toward the marsh pictured here in the background. **DOWNING FARMS GOLF COURSE** Phone: (248) 486-0990 Fax: (248) 344-0414 8145 W. Seven Mile Road Northville, MI 48167 Sat.-Sun. \$35 before 2 p.m., \$30 after 2 p.m. Not allowed Not allowed No special rates \$20 before 2 p.m. \$25 before 2 p.m., \$20 after 2 p.m. \$15 after 2 p.m. \$10 before 2 p.m No special rates Sat.-Sun. \$40 before 2 p.m., \$32 after 2 p.m. Not allowed Not allowed No special rates \$27 before 2 p.m., \$24 after 2 p.m. \$17 after 2 p.m. No special rates

The flight making the most noise was that of third doubles. After topping Dearborn in the first round, the duo of Mike Mehl and Adam Doster beat Dearborn and Northville to earn a trip to the finals against a Catholic Central team that was undefeated on the entire year. Mehl and Doster made their names known by the time the smoke cleared, beating the Shamrocks in three sets, 0-6, 7-6 (5) and 7-5. "They had to fight back before they got the tiebreaker," said Hanson of the second set. "Then they went on to beat a team that hadn't lost all year." Hanson said he thought the victory could possibly get the flight team seeded in the state finals, which are a week from tomorrow in Midland. Novi had success across the board. At one singles, Kyle Goodman fell to eventual champion Britton Steele in the third round while sophomore Roshan Ramachandran lost to Northville's Chris Irvine, the flight's runner-up, in the third round of play. Third singles player Justin Namm advanced to the finals after beating players from Southfield and Northville. He fell to Catholic Central's Nick Carroll in the title tilt. Also advancing to the flight final was Kevin Lai, who lost to Catholic Central's Chris Atallah for the championship. Lai did, however, earn wins over Southfield and Dearborn to earn the trip. At one doubles, the team of Ryan Heffernan and Felix Liu couldn't get past the third round as they fell to Dearborn. The

duo topped Livonia Stevenson

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lar for the fourth doubles team

of Jason Hsu and Chris Shah,

who fell to Northville in the

to advance to the final game against Dearborn Fordson. and Novi," said Hanson. at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at "Brighton made it to all the There, they earned a convincing seggleston@ht.homecomm.net. finals and we faced them in "They kept their seed all the seven of them." way through," said Hanson. "They played some great tennis. They've been playing great all TRYOU GAN'T GET OUT Ŧ ADAM SANDLER

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Fifth Third Bank Goodman was knocked out in the second round by eventual KVC champion Carlos Illescas Victorian World Class Sam Eggleston can be reached Charm Event Kun 9 Saturday, June 25, 2005 at 7:30 am Presented by (COMCaSt. Ford Field in Northville, Michigan Fifth Third Bank New! New! 10K Run **Kids Fun Run** 5K Run/Walk Presented by Presented by Foresters nvesting - Sharing - Inspiring Call Northville Running Fit at (248) 380-3338 See event details and register online at www.solsticerun.org

# **REGIONAL MARKETPLACE**

# Hiring a competent, reliable contractor

If your plans include hiring a contractor, consider these tips from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

Not all contractors are reputable. Here are some signs that you could be dealing with someone who is operating outside the law. An unscrupulous contractor may:

· Offer you discounts for finding other customers · Happen to have materials left

over from a previous job Accept only cash payments

· Offer exceptionally long guarantees

 Suggest you borrow money from a lender the contractor knows First things first.

Ask friends, relatives and coworkers for recommendations, while allowing yourself written estimates from at least three different contractors. If the project is large, consider tripling the number of bids to nine. The estimates should all be based on the same job specifications, quality of materials, labor and time needed to complete the project. Be certain you understand any price differences between the contractors. And don't automatically choose the lowest bid.

### Proof is in the pudding

Ask for a list of previous clients for reference and call the clients to inquire about the quality of work. If possible, visit and inspect the contractor's completed work. Don't forget to contact your local Better Business Bureau (bbb.com) to examine the contractor's business history and any complaints filed against him. If you find out your contractor indeed has a clean record, remember that just because there are no complaints on file doesn't mean the contractor doesn't have a history of consumer problems. It may be that the problems haven't been reported yet, or that the contractor is doing business under several different names.

### **Check credentials**

Verify the contractor licensed and insured for workers' compensation, property and personal liability. If in doubt, ask to see his insurance certificate. If he's not insured and an accident happens, you'll need to

### By Annette Jaworski SPECIAL WRITER

For most families home remodeling is a major expense. Do you wonder if you're getting a good return on your investment? When it comes to remodeling

quite simply, just compare the cost of construction with the added value you'd receive when selling your home.

Partners Jim Faydenko and Gary Hess of Remodeling Remedies in South Lyon have over 40 years of combined experience in the field of remodeling and renovations, specializing in all aspects of remodeling including kitchens, bathrooms, basements and laundry rooms.

What projects give you the most bang for your buck?

The greatest return at resale, I would say hands down, would be number one, kitchen remodels and number two, bathroom remodels," according to Faydenko.

Realtor Magazine Online agrees in their yearly national report of cost versus value citing the top three areas generating the highest percentage of return to be kitchens, siding and bathroom remodels.

### Kitchens

As technology and demographies change, one thing remains constant, the kitchen and bathroom typically are deciding factors in a home sale. Today's consumers are looking for kitchens that are open and bright. If you have a kitchen that is small dark and old, a remodel can transform that look.

According to lists compiled by real estate professionals across the country, you can expect to recoup a national average of 92.9 percent of the cost involved in a minor kitchen remodel. For example, by spending \$15,273, you regain a resale value of \$14,915 as well as enjoying the improvements. A major remodel recoups approximately 80.5 percent of the cost.

### Bathroom

Remodeling Experts at Remedies know bathrooms can often make or break real estate deals. House hunters can love everything about the house until they see the bathroom. After years of living there, it may not be obvious to current residents that it's out of date to say the least. Perhaps the décor, colors of tub, flooring and sink are a thing of the past, or the walls around the tub, sink and backsplash have been caulked and re-caulked. In a typical 25-year-old home, with a 5X9 foot bathroom, you might replace the fixtures including the toilet, replace the standard size tub with ceramic tile surround, and add a double sink vanity with a solid surface counter. Then you might consider upgrading a mirror or adding a recessed medicine cabinet and complete the remodel with ceramic tile

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### Basements

Although not at the top of costto-value remodeling projects, many opt to finish their lower level for recreation, entertainment or additional living space. More living space or a playroom/recreation area often suits young families. Spare bedrooms and second kitchens are also popular additions

'We don't even call them basements anymore; they're known to us as lower levels," says builder, Jim Faydenko. He offers a creative intagination, years of experience and innovative ideas, and can guide clients through all the stages of their basement-remodeling project.

A basement remodel ranked 17th nationally for 2004, with a 76.1 percent return of original cost. The average cost was \$47,888 and a resale of \$36,457. For that price, you can expect to finish your lower level with a 20

# ADVICE TO THE WISE FROM REMODELING REMEDIES' GARY HESS

### Bathroom

"First, regardless of whether you plans include selling your home or staying put, design your new bathroom with retirement in mind. Widen the door and replace the tub with a large stand up shower." As people live longer and are able to stay in their how in later stages of life, it's nice to have the adjustments ready and available when needed.

'Secondly, if the room is smaller in size, keep in mind color schemes that make the room feel bright and airy," he adds.

### Kitchen

"Clients should consider appliances and fixtures that coincide with the value of the rest of the home," said Hess. In other words, if you have a nine hundred square foot home, you don't want to overspend by putting in a gourmet kitchen. You'll have a hard time recouping the cost.

Faydenko adds, "If you stick with the existing configuration of the kitchen you can keep the cost of remodeling project lower." Lastly keep in mind that a kitchen is more valuable if it designed for the largest spectrum of consumers/homeowners.





file a claim on your homeowner's insurance. Does he belong to any trade and professional associations like the National Association of the Remodeling Industry, the National Association of Home Builders Remodelers Council, or other trade associations in the remodeling industry? While membership in these organizations isn't crucial, the fact that he belongs to one or more of these associations shows professionalism and commitment to the trade. Associations also offer certification and management training and keep their members up to date on the latest products and techniques.

### Get a written contract

Once you've settled on a contractor, get a written contract that contains the following points:

· Contractor's name, address, phone and license number, if required. Make sure the contract covers the description of the project, timetable and payment schedulc.

 A payment schedule for the contractors, subcontractors and suppliers.

 An estimated start and completion date.

 An explanation of how change orders will be handled. (A change order is written authorization to the contractor to make a change or addition to a project. A contractor will often require payment before the work begins.)

 Total project cost with a breakdown of labor and material charges.

 Warranties covering materials and workmanship,

• A "broom clause" which makes the contractor responsible for all clean up work.

• A clause that states your right to cancel within three business days if you sign it in your home or at a location other than the contractor's permanent place of business.

 Keep all paperwork for future reference. This includes copies of the contract, change orders and correspondence.

For the FTC's guide to hiring a reputable contractor, copy and paste http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/pub s/services/homeimpv.pdf into your Web browser.

Mary Davis manages public affairs for the Michigan Credit Union League (MCUL).

flooring. This could run approximately \$9,800, according to the 2004 cost vs. value national report. However, the value of the project is about \$8900 or recouped cost of 90.1 percent.

Finally if there's only one bathroom, consider adding a second if possible. Buyers are looking for a master bath plus an additional bath. Adding a bathroom can cost an average of \$16,000 in the Detroit metro area and can add \$9,000 or more to resale, recouping a value of 56 percent. Meanwhile it adds convenience and opens the door to more customers at resale.

by 30 foot entertaining area with wet bar, as well as a 5X8 foot full bath and 12 X 12 foot additional finished room that can be used as a bedroom, study exercise room or a playroom.

The main room could include 15 recessed light fixtures in an acoustical drop ceiling and wall to wall carpeting, 10 linear feet of raised panel oak cabinet with laminate countertops that highlight the bar area. Add a stainless steel sink, single lever bar faucet, small refrigerator under the counter and vinyl flooring.

The bathroom would feature standard white plumbing fixtures, a vanity with solid surface countertop, fiberglass shower unit, vanity light fixture and a light/fan combination in the shower area.

For your home improvement ideas contact Gary Hess and Jim Faydenko at Remodeling Remedies (248) 486-7494 or toll free (866) 226-9080.

### How to finance

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Financing these value-added changes can be more affordable than you think and pay off divi-dends in the future. There are many creative financing options available to the consumer.

Cara Sommerfield at Main

Street Bank in Northville says that for smaller projects, such as the laundry room or bathroom undate. tap the existing equity in your home. This equity is easily converted into cash through a home equity line of credit. Once the line of credit is established, you can withdraw money by writing a check or making a withdrawal at the bank. You can also pay towards the principal in order to reduce the balance, and then withdraw that

eđ. Alexis Loesser, the Home Equity Specialist at Main Street Bank in downtown Northville pointed out, "This is a cost-effective way to update your siding today, slowly pay back that amount over time and update your

bathroom in the future. All with the use of one Ioan."

These loans (home equity) are typically interest only, and the rate adjusts with the Wall Street Journal prime rate. Locsser also noted, "In this rising rate market, you may want to explore your fixed rate options. A fixed rate program will allow you to withdraw funs the same way as a line of credit, only this program will give you the security of a fixed rate."

For larger remodeling projects including additions and extensive kitchen and bath updates, you may way to explore a remodeling construction Ioan. Cara Sommerfield, Main Street Bank's construction manager explains the benefits.

The greatest value to these types of programs is they allow

you to use the future value of your home, after improvements in order to determine the amount of equity that you are able to convert into cash.

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With this type of loan, you pay off your first mortgage and make interest only payments during construction. Then, you can convert your construction loan into any end mortgage that best fits your needs.

Creative financing options and flexible lending program can make renovating your home very affordable. For more information on Main Street Bank's financing programs, contact Cara Sommerfield at (248) 319-0662 or csommerfield@mainstreetbank.net

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