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Money seizure leads to drug cartel's demise

30 people in custody after major takedown

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

On Monday, authorities took steps to dismantle a major drug cartel following a drug money seizure in Novi and Northville in March 2004.

On March 18, 2004, Novi

police responded to a call for assistance at the Studio Plus Hotel in Novi off Eight Mile Road just west of Haggerty Road. As a result of that call, in which a Hispanic woman was screaming frantically that someone had been hurt in one of the hotel rooms, police officers seized more than \$3.4 million in cash.

As a result of information learned during that call, Novi officers served a search warrant at a rented home in Northville early the next morning, seizing an additional \$1.4 million.

"Early in this investigation, we recognized that this case involved what must be a major crime organization operating in Metro Detroit."

Doug Shaetter, chief
Novi Police Department

Three people were arrested within hours, and two are currently serving lengthy prison terms. The investigation did not end,

however, and on Monday, police officers, sheriff's deputies and federal agents executed a takedown operation by attempting to

arrest 33 individuals who are the leaders of the major drug cartel

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Fifties' fun

Mike Sakowski tosses his daughter Abby, 5, into the air as the two dance to the tunes of Rocky and the Rollers during Friday night's portion of the Michigan 50's Festival. For more photos of the festival, please see page 2.

State's school aid budget incomplete

Novi Community Schools must sit and wait

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

It looks as though the Novi Community School District may have to wait a while to fully implement its budget for the 2005-06 school year, as the state school aid budget is not yet complete.

It's not known how long it will take for the state to finish it, but until then, Jim Koster, assistant superintendent of business and finance for the Novi Community School District, is just going to sit tight.

"I've been in this business long enough to know that these things happen," Koster said. "One time we got it in late October. It doesn't surprise me."

Koster said that the delay impacts Novi because the school district doesn't know what its budget is going to look like yet. Some things are simply on hold.

"Our fiscal year started July 1 and school doesn't start until late August," Koster said. "We could possibly get it after school starts. When we get all the count in and we know what the numbers are, then we'll amend the budget. That's the only thing we can do. So here we sit and wait. We have no control over it."

Greg Bird, director of communications for the State Budget

Office, explained that the delay isn't that uncommon.

"The state fiscal year begins on October 1, so it is not uncommon that the school aid budget would not be completed by July 1," Bird said. "It has been in the past, but for the last four or five years it has not been."

Bird said that what's occurring right now is the administration is in negotiations with the legislature on the budget. They're hoping to iron out their differences, not only in the school aid budget, but every area of the budget.

"It certainly is difficult to say how long it can take, but it certainly has the potential to go on for some time," Bird said. "I couldn't comment on what difficulties school districts would have, as I assume each district is different."

Meanwhile, Koster will continue to play the waiting game.

"We're sitting here with a budget that will not be fully expensed until we know the amount we will receive from the state," he said. "We're going to hold the reins until we get things known. We're not going to implement everything, and that's just the way it's going to be."

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O'Toole's joins leukemia, lymphoma battle with fund-raiser

By Angela Harris
SPECIAL WRITER

The theme was clear within the first five minutes of the Stoney and Wojo Radio-athon to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society on WDFN 1130.

"Let's kick leukemia and lymphoma's a#@#," Bob "Wojjo" Wojnowski said, repeating the message throughout the 28-hour radio-athon.

Local patrons and sports enthusiasts flocked to O'Toole's on Novi Road for the event and to enjoy the fund-raising events

held locally at the establishment.

Money was raised through donations, hourly auctions, and events held at O'Toole's.

Spanning 28 hours over the two days (as of press time) more than \$155,000 was raised, shy of the \$175,000 goal. More donations

are expected during the next two weeks. At O'Toole's, patrons had the opportunity to participate in basketball and volleyball tournaments. A mechanical bull was also on site.

In addition, during the week leading up to the event, regular patrons had the opportunity to

purchase \$1 or \$5 flyers. The proceeds totaling \$200 went to the event.

The hosts, "Wojjo", a Detroit News sports columnist, and Mike "Stoney" Stone, hosted the event

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Student helps others hear you now

Novi student collects used cell phones for HopeLine

By Courtney Ratkowiak
SPECIAL WRITER

One-hundred and thirty domestic abuse victims now have refurbished cellular telephones and prepaid minutes in case of emergency, thanks to a Novi High School student and the Verizon Wireless HopeLine program.

After seeing an advertisement for the program in a magazine, Sherrick White decided to start a drive within the community.

"It looked like a good cause that wasn't as publicized as others are, and it got the word out about

domestic violence and how people can help to prevent it or at least limit it," White said.

After Christmas, the then-high school junior, presented the idea to Novi High School's Teen Court organization. After a unanimous vote, the club decided to sponsor the effort.

Carol Diglio, Novi High School dean of students and Teen Court advisor, said that the overwhelming support was characteristic of Novi students.

"Our kids here are willing to help and do something that's positive for the community," she said. "Sherrick wanted to bring (the HopeLine drive) to the attention of the school, the community, and the kids wholeheartedly supported him in doing that."

A collection box for the phones was set up in the high school attendance office, and the drive was publicized with signs

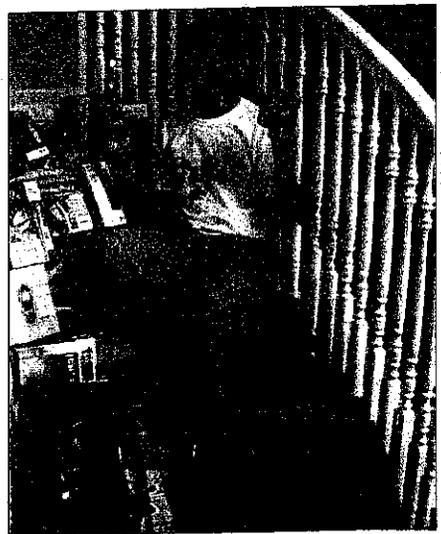
throughout the school as well as an infomercial on the high school television news.

By early June, White had collected 130 phones, with about one quarter from the high school and the rest from neighbor and church donations.

After learning about the drive, neighbor Colm Boran collected

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17-year-old Sherrick White, of Novi, shows off some of the 130 wireless phones he collected for Verizon Wireless' HopeLine Program, which benefits domestic violence organizations and the survivors they assist.



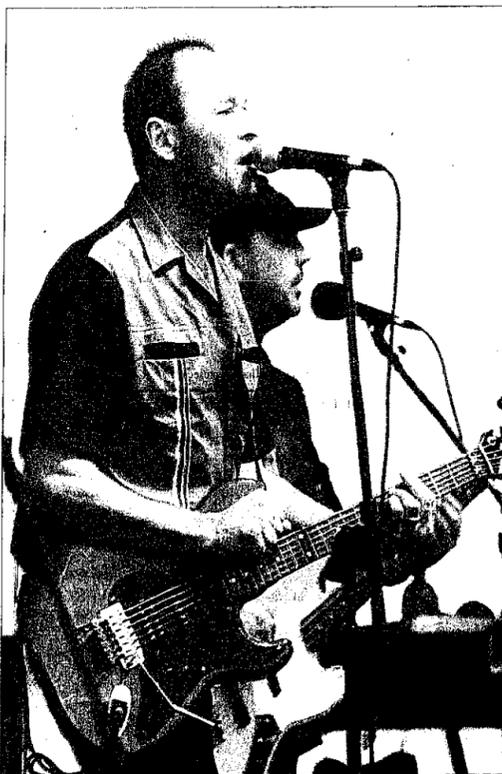
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Tina and Godfrey Fenech, center, smile as they cut a rug along with other couples on Friday night to Rocky and the Rollers' tunes.

Michigan 50's Fest a big hit



Rocky and the Rollers entertains the crowd.

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Meranda Pattah, left, 14, Tanya Talia, 13, and Michele Pattah, 11, scream with joy as they enjoy a thrill ride at the festival's carnival.



The sun sets over the main stage of the Novi 50's Festival Friday night.



The Michigan 50's Festival midway drew lots of people during the four-day event.



A collie leaps over a fence during a Rock n' Roll K9 show.



Central Catholic Dad's Club member Nick Masiak deals at the blackjack table in the casino tent.

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Preliminary exam slated in '03 murder

■ Farmington Hills man could face life in prison

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

A two-day preliminary exam was scheduled to begin this morning that could lead to a murder trial for Kevin Wayne Mykolaitis, 37, of Farmington Hills.

Mykolaitis has been charged in the death of his former prison friend Cameron Wade Sanders, 29, in a supposed life insurance scheme gone bad.

The exam was scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. today at 52-1 District Court in Novi in Judge Brian MacKenzie's courtroom and may continue through tomorrow, according to Sgt. Victor Lauria of the Novi Police Department, one of the investigators in the case.

Novi police were notified when Sanders' body was found in a wooded area just south of Twelve Oaks Mall by a passerby on the afternoon of April 14, 2003.

More than two years later, Oakland County Prosecutor David Goreyca announced the issuance of a warrant in the Novi homicide on April 27.

Mykolaitis was charged May 4 with first degree premeditated murder, a felony punishable by life, felon in possession of a firearm, a five-year felony; and two counts of possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, a two-year felony.

The charges stem from the April 11, 2003, execution-style slaying of 26-year-old Cameron Wade Sanders.

Following an intensive investigation, Novi Police discovered that Sanders and Mykolaitis,

who originally met in prison, had both been involved in a series of thefts and insurance frauds leading up to the murder.

According to police reports, in 2002, they incorporated a business under the name of Extensive Enterprises. In February 2003, they took out a \$600,000 life insurance policy, naming each other as beneficiaries.

A week before the murder, Mykolaitis called State Farm Insurance to verify that Sanders had paid his insurance premium. Following Sanders' murder, Mykolaitis filed a claim for \$600,000 under the policy. State Farm has refused to pay, and Mykolaitis has filed a lawsuit against the insurance company.

Novi police said the original plan was for the two policy holders to fake one of their deaths and split the cash settlement from the insurance policy.

According to police reports, in the early morning hours of April 11, 2003, several witnesses heard multiple gunshots from a wooded area near Twelve Oaks Mall.

Subsequent investigation by Novi detectives revealed that the victim had met with Mykolaitis at a Denny's Restaurant.

Three days later, Sanders' body was discovered in that field. According to the autopsy report, Sanders had been shot one time in the temple at close range and three more times in the chest. Two fired bullets were found in the ground under Sanders' body, indicating that the killer stood over Sanders' body and fired down into his chest.

"This case was solved because Novi Police detectives painstakingly put together layer upon layer of evidence, culminating in the identification of Kevin Mykolaitis as the murderer," said Oakland County Prosecutor David Goreyca.

Lauria said that the actual theory of the case will be pre-

Victim, murder suspect had convictions

■ Crimes included breaking and entering, drug charges

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Murder victim Cameron Wade Sanders and his suspected murderer Kevin Mykolaitis may have been friends at one point.

In fact, the two were former inmates in a Michigan Department of Corrections facility.

Sanders' body was found in a wooded area south of Twelve Oaks Mall on April 14, 2003. Investigators believe that Mykolaitis killed Sanders on April 11 after a meeting at Denny's Restaurant.

The suggested motive in the murder was a \$600,000 life insurance policy in which both ex-convicts were the beneficiaries. The two ex-convicts had

supposedly hatched a scheme in which they would fake one of their deaths and then collect the insurance money.

But then, one of them actually wound up dead.

At the time of Sanders' death, he had served his time and was out on parole, being released from prison in July 2002, according to Sgt. Victor Lauria of the Novi Police Department. Sanders, who was single, was working as an office manager for a furniture store in Ann Arbor before he was killed, Lauria said.

Mykolaitis, who had also completed his prison sentence, is married and has a son and a daughter. He was working at Ford Motor Company's Wayne Assembly Plant before his arrest in April.

The Michigan Department of Correction Web site's Offender Tracking Information System revealed that Sanders had received six sentences in the past:

- conspiracy to commit breaking and entering for an offense committed Dec. 5, 1996,
- breaking and entering with intent for an offense committed on Oct. 28, 1996,
- breaking and entering with intent for an offense on Sept. 5, 1994,
- breaking and entering with intent for an offense on Sept. 11, 1994,
- and breaking and entering with intent for an offense on Oct. 5, 1994.

Mykolaitis' sentences included:

- breaking and entering with intent for an offense on Sept. 12, 1997,
- conspiracy to delivery/manufacture of less than 50 grams of narcotics/cocaine for an offense on July 11, 1990,
- and delivery/manufacture of less than 50 grams of narcotics/cocaine for an offense on March 6, 1987.

Mykolaitis was also found guilty of being a habitual offender.

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What's a preliminary exam?

A preliminary examination is the first adversarial hearing in the district court having jurisdiction over a case. At this hearing, the defendant is represented by an attorney. The People and the victim are represented by an assistant prosecuting attorney.

The People must submit enough evidence to show that a crime was committed and that there's probable cause to believe the defendant committed the offense.

The defense is allowed to cross-examine the witnesses called by the prosecution, call witnesses and submit evidence on behalf of the defendant.

The magistrate can do one of three things after all the evidence has been submitted at the preliminary examination:

- If the magistrate finds a crime was committed and that there is probable cause to believe the defendant committed the crime, the magistrate will send the case to circuit court for arraignment.

- If the magistrate decides that the people have not met their burden and that either there was insufficient evidence presented to show a crime was committed or insufficient evidence to show probable cause to believe the defendant committed the crime, the magistrate will dismiss the charge.

- If the magistrate finds that the People have failed in their burden to show the crime was committed but finds evidence supports that a lesser offense was committed and probable cause, he or she will "bind" the defendant over for arraignment on the general information and trial on the lesser offense.

Source: Oakland County Prosecutor's Office

"Obviously, from the information that's been presented so far, the life insurance policy is one of the central items of the case."

Sgt. Victor Lauria
Novi Police Department

sent by Paul Walton, assistant prosecuting attorney. "Obviously, from the information that's been presented so far, the life insurance policy is one of the central items of the case," Lauria said.

Lauria noted that the prosecution may present as many as 20 witnesses in the case.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Armed robber charged on two counts

Armed police have apprehended an armed robber who hit the Speedway gas station at the southwest corner of Novi and 10 Mile roads on July 3.

Kyle Robert Head, 21, of Howell, was arrested on July 8 in 52-1 District Court in Novi.

Head was charged with two counts of armed robbery, a felony punishable by life or any term of years.

His bond was set at \$25,000 for each count, totaling \$50,000. Head was scheduled for a preliminary examination at 7:30 p.m. yesterday at 52-1 District Court in front of Judge Robert Brady.

Head was charged with the July 3 Novi robbery and with a robbery at another Speedway gas station that took place at 12:27 a.m. on July 7 at the corner of Commerce Road and Union Lake Road in Commerce Township. In this robbery, Head obtained over \$700 in cash and also possessed a weapon similar to the one used in the Novi robbery.

Head was arrested at about 12:30 p.m. July 7 by officers from the South Oakland Narcotics Intelligence Consortium (SONIC). They were working cooperatively with officers from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office and deputies from the Livingston County Sheriff's Office. Head was arrested on Grand River Avenue without incident.

Several pieces of evidence were recovered from the suspect's home after his arrest, according to David Molloy, Novi Deputy Chief of Police. The two weapons that were used in the robberies were also recovered from a park in the Howell area.

Novi police worked in cooperation with detectives from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, their Fugitive Apprehension Team, SONIC and the Livingston County Sheriff's Office.

"The arrest of this felon is such a quick period is an outstanding

example of several law enforcement agencies working together towards a common goal," Molloy said.

"The professional efforts of Novi detectives, SONIC officers and officers from the Oakland and Livingston County Sheriff's Offices resulted in the apprehension of an armed and dangerous felon from the metropolitan Detroit area. All of the officers involved are to be commended for their competent and conscientious efforts."

Internet predator arrested

Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox announced the arrest July 13 in Novi of Michael James Heidebreich, 28, a resident of Highland, for using the Internet to access a child for immoral purposes, and for distributing obscene matter to a minor.

"My office continues to protect Michigan children," Cox said. "Let all those who contemplate inappropriate and illegal contact with children on-line know we are committed to tracking them down and making the Internet safer for children."

Heidebreich was charged with one count of accessing a child for immoral purposes, a 10-year felony, and two counts of using a computer to distribute obscene matter to a minor, both four-year felonies.

He was arrested July 13 in 52-1 District Court with his bond set at \$25,000. A preliminary hearing was scheduled at 9:15 a.m. yesterday.

Since its restructuring, the attorney general's Child and Public Protection Unit investigations have arrested 38 Internet sexual predators.

Cox encourages parents to visit www.michigan.gov/ag for tips on safe Internet usage for children. Citizens can also report suspected Internet child predators via the Report Internet Abuses Against Children link or by calling the Child and Public Protection Unit at (734) 525-4151.

Sports Park break-in

Community Sports Park on Eight Mile west of Beck Road had some damage during a burglary that occurred between 4 p.m. July 7 and 8:39 a.m. July 8.

The Novi Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department park suffered damage to the soccer building, with the doors to the concession area and utility room beat with a hammer and kicked in. A glass coffee pot, valued at \$20, was smashed outside, and \$100 worth of damage was done to a microwave door.

Damage was also noticed in the restrooms near the play structure. A dry chemical fire extinguisher was sprayed in the restrooms, which cost \$50 to recharge; a ceramic men's room urinal was broken, valued at \$200; and a sink was broken in the women's room, valued at \$200.

Did burglars take a dip?

Burglars may have dipped into more than just the cash drawer recently at Tradewind Spas at 41787 Grand River. The business reported a burglary that took place between 7 p.m. June 29 and 7 a.m. June 30.

The caller told police that unknown subjects entered the spa's east door with a key. The caller said it appeared that they left the radios in the hot tub turned on and stole \$40 cash out of the cash drawer in the front office before they left. The complainant said she believes the suspects are employees or former employees or their friends who entered the store after hours.

She added that someone used the same mode of entry on May 22 when \$100 was stolen out of the cash drawer and again on June 22

Obstructing police

A 19-year-old Novi man was arrested for obstructing police after he led officers on a foot chase at 12:45 a.m. June 24 near Ashbury and Chase drives.

An officer was on patrol in a parking lot on the southeast corner of Nine Mile and Novi Road when he saw a 2005 red Ford Mustang appear to be speeding eastbound on Nine Mile east of Novi Road.

The vehicle braked abruptly once it came near the patrol car. The driver then appeared to be driving slower than the posted speed limit and did not come to a complete stop at a stop sign.

After pulling the Mustang over, two men exited and ran from the officer, who chased the two on foot.

The officer finally wrestled him to the ground and could smell intoxicants coming from the suspect. A breath test showed a blood alcohol level of .20 in the man. The other man was not apprehended and got away.

Dancer gets punched

A 29-year-old woman told police she was the victim of nonaggravated assault when she got punched while dancing at Toquira Ran at Fountain Walk shopping center. The woman said she was on the dance floor when she was suddenly struck from behind. She said the punch knocked her down on the ground and dazed her for several seconds.

The woman was hit in the lower left eye and had no idea who had

Bill would ban multi-tasking on the road

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

A legislative bill introduced this week would ban hand-held cell phone use by motorists except for an emergency.

"This is a major hazard," said the bill's author, state Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth). "I'm doing it out of a concern for safety."

The precedent for hands-free cell phone use while driving is set in other states, Stewart said. Public safety and traffic experts can provide statistics about distracted drivers, he said.

"They're all pointing to causation for traffic accidents," he said, such as people trying to do two or more tasks simultaneously. "I'm sorry, you don't drive by your knees."

Stewart, who commutes to Lansing from his Plymouth home three times per week, said he does not use a cell phone.

"It scares the devil out of me when I see someone weave over the line," he said. "Nine times out of 10, they have a cell phone in their hand."

Stewart's bill was assigned Tuesday to the House Committee on Transportation.

You're going the wrong way

A 24-year-old Farmington man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:42 a.m. June 24 at 12 Mile Road near Twelve Oaks Mall.

An officer was stopped on southbound Novi Road waiting for the light to turn green at 12 Mile Road when he saw a man standing on the northwest corner of the intersection and a 2005 black Chevy pickup driving westbound on 12 Mile Road.

The driver of the truck drove through the intersection and then immediately turned left into the wrong way of a turnaround lane on 12 Mile Road.

The driver then stopped in the center of the turnaround lanes until the man standing on the corner ran over and got into the truck.

The driver told police, "I went the wrong way, I'm sorry," after being pulled over. After snickering at the man, the officer asked the man about his recent drinking. He said that he had quit drinking at the end of the game, referring to the Detroit Pistons/San Antonio Spurs game.

A breath test showed a blood alcohol level in the man of .21 percent.

Novi student collects used cell phones for HopeLine

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neighbor Colin Boran collected phones from co-workers to help with the cause. After publicizing the drive at his workplace through flyers and e-mails, he received 12 phones.

"Sherrick was definitely devoted to it as a good cause; you could tell that it wasn't just being done for personal gain," Boran said. "It's always nice to feel like you're doing something for people who need a helping hand."

Boran and Diglio both expressed hope that the Novi drive will be continued.

"I hope that next year we continue looking for projects," Diglio said. "I hope Sherrick is inspired to continue working with the community and with his initiative. I hope that he has sparked Teen Court to start this as a year-long project."

While agrees that he will most likely continue the drive next year.

"I thought it was a really good experience to know that I was doing something good for someone else," he said. "It felt good to give back to the community. I just hope that in the future, I'll be able to do more of this."

30 people in custody after major takedown

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uncovered during the investigation. Twenty-three people were named in federal indictments, plus an additional 13 were named in complaints. Officers from several participating agencies served 20 search warrants throughout the metropolitan area. Additional arrest and search warrants associated with this investigation were executed in at least six other states.

"Early in this investigation, we recognized that this case involved what must be a major crime organization operating in Metro Detroit," said Doug Sheaffer, Novi Chief of Police.

"We contacted several federal law enforcement agencies, task forces, and other local agencies for assistance. The drug component was quickly identified, and a partnership was formed with the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration. Since then, the investigation has been co-administered and jointly investigated in a close and tightly knit professional relationship by the Novi Police Department and the DEA," he said.

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People & Pets

Owners spend billions pampering pets

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

Pets are an important part of many people's lives. Most pet owners consider their pets as members of the family, especially those who live alone, don't have children or whose grown children no longer live at home.

With 350 million pets in more than 69 million homes in the U.S., pet owners spent more than \$34 billion on their pets in 2004, including the cost of purchasing pets, food, vet care, medicine, pet supplies and services, according to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association (APPMMA).

It's difficult for most people to place a value on their pet beyond what they paid to purchase the animal.

"People are willing to pay thousands of dollars to save their pets," said Dr. Allison Rockett, a local veterinarian.

Rockett is co-owner of the Animal Emergency Center in Novi with her partner, Dr. Heather Robertson. Most after-hour emergency calls to local veterinary practices are referred to the center, according to Rockett.

"We see a lot of trauma cases with injured animals that have been hit by cars, and we perform emergency surgeries on them," said Rockett.

Pet owners are spending money

to pamper their pets with pet groomers, trainers, sitters, spas and even consulting pet psychologists, according to the APPMMA. People can now purchase pet insurance for their animals and have them buried in pet cemeteries complete with memorial services.

Other people offer sizable rewards for information about or the return of lost pets. Each year more than 48,000 lost, stray or unwanted animals are cared for at three Michigan Humane Society shelters in the Detroit metro area. Only 10 percent of the animals recovered by the Humane Society have any identification.

Many local vet practices encourage dog and cat owners to have ID tags and/or microchip identification for their pets in case they are lost or stolen. The microchips are implanted in animals by most local vets or at the Humane Society shelters in Detroit, Rochester Hills and Westland for \$45.50 or a discounted rate of \$35.50 adoption time.

Lost pets

Livonia resident Nick Acosta has established a Web site, helpmefindmypet.com, as a national "amber alert" program to help people find their lost pets. Last year, more than six million pets were lost and only seven percent were recovered, according to Acosta.

Northville Animal Aid is an all-volunteer group that is dedicated to returning lost pets to their owners or finding new homes for them. The group currently has about 30 animals in foster homes, according to Ron Bodnar, who represents Northville Animal Aid.

"The Northville Police are extremely cooperative in bringing lost pets to us, but it's not easy to find homes for animals today," Bodnar said.

Northville Animal Aid had planned to open a local shelter for lost animals and even had sources willing to donate a building and supplies for it. Bodnar said the group had to abandon its plans when they couldn't get recognition or support of the project from the city of Northville.

However, the city has not ignored pets completely. The Northville Dog Park on Cady Street behind the Art House and Post Office was opened in May 2004.

The dog park is open to residents of the Northville community whose animals are licensed and vaccinated. Only 170 of the maximum 250 household passes have been sold to date, according to Traci Sinekoff of the Parks and Recreation Department.

The city of Northville is planning a second dog park in the 50-acre expansion of the Northville Community Park at Block and Five Mile roads, said Sinekoff.

Pet Ownership

63% of U.S. households own a pet
69 million homes own a pet
45% own more than one pet
Dogs: 49.5 million homes
Cats: 37.7 million homes
Fish: 14.7 million homes
Birds: 8.4 million homes

Spending on Pets
\$34.4 billion in U.S. in 2004
Food: \$14.2 billion
Vet Care: \$8.2 billion
Medicine: \$8.1 billion
Buying pets: \$1.6 billion
Services: \$2.3 billion

*Licensing, grooming, sitting. Source: American Pet Products Manufacturers Association



Photo by MICHAEL SHUSTER

Laura Williams, owner of Pamplomosa bath and body boutique in downtown Northville, regularly brings her two basset hounds, Milly Vanilly and Joany Bologna, to work at the shop.

Pet Connection knew about Take Your Dog to Work Day. She is a member of Pet Sitters International, the organization sponsoring the national effort to encourage people without pets to adopt from animal shelters, rescue groups or humane societies.

Aeri-McDonald has operated her pet sitting, dog walking and home sitting business from her home in Salem Township for the past eight years. She has many customers in the Novi, Northville and Plymouth areas among more than 200 regular clients.

Her business provides pet sitting in the homes of those clients so they don't have to board their pets when they are away on business or vacation. With vet-tech training, she specializes in caring for animals that need medications or shots.

"We treat homes and animals like we were our own," said Aeri-McDonald, who is an ambassador for the Northville Community Chamber of Commerce. "We also take in mail, newspapers and check the security of the homes."

The Pet Connection charges \$14 to \$20 for a visit for basic pet and home sitting. About 75 percent of her business comes by word of mouth from existing customers.

Aeri-McDonald also said that she has clients that take their pets and dogs to work with them. Laura Williams, owner of Pamplomosa bath and body boutique in downtown Northville, regularly brings her two Basset Hounds, Milly Vanilly and Joany Bologna, to work at the shop.

"Some customers come in just to see the dogs," said Williams.

Mark Trudew, owner of Fine Threads Men's Apparel in downtown Northville, occasionally brings his English bulldog, Bentley, to work with him.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Grant, plan to be reviewed

The city's grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to acquire about 15 acres north of Village Wood Lake from a Livonia developer and keep it as parkland as well as proposed amendments to the Community Recreation Plan 2003-2008 will be discussed at a special meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission at 7:30 tonight at city hall.

The meeting will be aired on Novi's government access channel, TV-13.

The grant application and proposed amendments will also be reviewed at a public hearing at 7 p.m. on July 25 during the regularly scheduled city council meeting at city hall. The amendments to the recreation plan need to be approved as part of the MRTRF grant application.

The grant application is due in Lansing by Aug. 1.

Tax deferral announced

The Michigan General Property Tax Act has been amended with Public Act 24 to allow certain citizens, including senior citizens, veterans and persons with disabilities, to defer their summer property taxes if they have a household income below \$35,000.

The previous income level for deferral was \$25,000. At the beginning of July, treasurers across the state mailed property tax bills including information regarding property tax deferrals based on the previous \$25,000 income limit.

State officials have determined that the new \$35,000 income limit will be used in this year's summer property tax collection. To qualify for the deferral under the new qualifying income limit, a resident must meet one or more of the following conditions, according to the State Income Tax Act:

- A totally and permanently disabled person, blind person, paraplegic, quadriplegic, eligible ser-

viceperson, eligible veteran, or eligible widow or widower, • 62 years of age or older, including the unmarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death.

Residents who believe they qualify under the new limit and wish to defer their summer property taxes can obtain an Application for Deferral of Summer Taxes from the city of Novi treasurer's office. Collection of the approved deferred taxes will be delayed until the winter property taxes are due.

Novi gardeners needed

The Gardeners of Northville/Novi are still looking for Novi gardeners to participate in the club's first-ever garden walk slated for this fall.

The group would like to have at least five gardeners included in the walk. If you think that you would like to share the beauty of your yard with others in the community, contact Doris Brownell at (248) 348-2426.

Best pet person

The pooch that pets the most persuasive essay about, "Why my owner is the best pet person in Detroit," will win his or her human friend a dream prize package that includes the chance to throw out the first pitch before the Tigers-Oakland A's game on Aug. 23 (Bark in the Park Night) and tickets for two to watch a future game from a corporate suite at Comerica Park with former Tiger star Mike Wilcox.

In addition to being the guest of honor at the Bark in the Park game, the dog that sends in the winning essay will receive one year's supply of Purina Pro Plan Dog Food and a \$100 gift certificate good for any purchase at Pet Supplies "Plus." Nestle Purina Pet Care and Pet Supplies "Plus" will also donate \$100 to the Michigan Animal Adoption Network in the winning dog's name.

To enter, contestants just have to describe in 100 words or less why their dog's human companion is "the best pet lover in Detroit," and send their entries to Bark in the Park Contest c/o Fucini Productions, P.O. Box 251507, West Bloomfield, MI 48325. Name, address and phone number must be included with every entry. Essays will be evaluated on originality, creativity and their effectiveness in conveying the powerful emotional bond that exists between pets and people.

All entries must be postmarked by midnight Aug. 8. The winner will be notified by phone by Aug. 15.

For a complete set of contest rules, visitors can log on to www.pet suppliesplus.com and click on What's New at Pet Supplies "Plus."

Online help for veterans

Ruth Johnson, Oakland County clerk, announced a new service for Oakland County's 96,000 military veterans. Veterans residing in Oakland County can now make online requests for copies of previously filed Department of Defense Form 214 (DD214) military discharge documents, at www.oakland.mi.us/clerkrod/.

"I'm always looking for ways to help veterans," Johnson said. "This new online application uses available technology to provide more efficiency and also benefits those veterans who might otherwise have difficulty getting to the county complex."

The DD214 is the official record of a veteran's active military service. A copy is kept at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Mo., where there has been at least one major fire where records have been lost. Johnson recommends that military veterans residing in Oakland County record a copy of their DD214s for safekeeping, at no charge, in the Oakland County Clerk's Office. These documents are confidential and not allowed to be viewed or accessed by the public.

DD214s contain confidential information and Johnson wants to assure Oakland County's veterans that the Oakland County Clerk's Office provides a secure repository for these important documents. At the same time, she wants veterans to be able to take advantage of available technology and has now made it possible for veterans to process a request for their recorded documents, at no charge, through the Oakland County Clerk's Web site. While the documents are not available online due

to confidentiality, a veteran can initiate the request for a copy without visiting the Oakland County Clerk's Office.

For more information on registering your DD214 or obtaining copies of your previously filed military discharge records, please visit the Oakland County Clerk's website at www.co.oakland.mi.us and click on Clerk/Register of Deeds, or call (248) 858-0572. This site also provides links to other useful Web sites for veterans.

New county design studio

Main Street Oakland County, a county-wide downtown revitalization program, officially opened the new Oakland County Downtown Design Studio & Resource Center in downtown Pontiac with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 14.

The Downtown Design Studio is a resource center for research and training on all aspects of downtown management. The studio also serves as a showcase for the MSOC downtown design projects, with a special emphasis on Pontiac as a case study. The Downtown Design Studio, the second to be operated by MSOC, is a function of Oakland County Planning and Economic Development Services, with fund-

ing from the Pontiac DDA and Chrysler Arts Beats & Eats'. Oxford Bank provided additional funding for signage. The original Downtown Design Studio, opened in 2000, was closed in 2003 due to county budget cuts.

Get funny this summer

Registration for Second City's second semester adult Training Center Classes is now open through Aug. 5. A few openings are also left for the final session of Youth Improv Workshops. Adult and youth students can brush up on their talent for acting up in an atmosphere where the instructors encourage students to be spontaneous and funny. Subjects such as improv, acting, writing and music are incorporated into the lesson plan for availability information on Youth Improv Workshops can be found at www.secondcityusa.com. Participants can enroll for classes in person or by calling (248) 348-4448. All classes (adult and youth) will be held at 42705 Grand River Ave. in Novi. Class sizes are limited, and registration is processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Parks & Rec looks for festival participants

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

The annual International Festival, hosted by Novi's Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, may be over a month away, but Event and Marketing Coordinator Tracey Ringle is hard at work trying to find volunteers. The event will be held from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at Fountain Walk. Different cultures from throughout the Novi community will have a chance to exhibit their unique features. There will be entertainment on two stages consisting of dancers, magicians and like performers.



These participating will take part in committee meetings and the Novi Parks Department will supply booths with tables, tents and chairs. Each country representative is on a budget to spend on what they need for the festival. "They usually bring their flags and a lot of their stuff from home that they may have brought with them when they came here or have been passed down from generation to generation," Ringle said. "They answer questions and interact with people and get people to understand something new about their neighbors."

Ringle is also looking for entertainment and community performers who are willing to volunteer at low or no cost. Examples of entertainers are Scottish dancers or maybe just a family that has been doing traditional

dances for generations. "We like to showcase what is traditional," Ringle said. "Also we're looking for crafters. I know we had crafters in the past, and I want to broaden that for this event, like people who make traditional crafts or jewelry."

Craft vendors may pay \$25 to have a six-foot table and booth to sell their items as well. "It's a really community-driven event, so we really need the Novi Community to embrace this and take it on as a project," Ringle said. "Families, church groups, dance groups and girl scout troops are all welcome, along with anyone else."

Anyone interested in getting involved can contact Ringle at (248) 347-0400.

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Future Tiger?
River Bank Golf Course PGA head professional Herb Schmitt instructs student Jay Raina, 12, on the proper use of a wedge during a beginner's golf camp at the Currie Road course. For more information on Novi Community Education-offered courses, call (248) 449-1206.

Party time at the library

Novi library to host summer finales next week

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Kids get ready to party and eat pizza, all in the name of reading! On Monday, July 25, at 1 p.m., the Novi Public Library will host a lunch and laughs party for youngsters in fifth grade or older. "We're having a party with an improv group called YFF," said Margi Karp-Oppeper, head of youth and teen services at the library. "They will entertain us as the kids will celebrate summer and reading and making new friends."

Tuesday, July 26, will be a spooky day at the library, as at 1 p.m. Disney's *Monster's Inc.* will be shown to kids in kindergarten and up. No registration is required, but space is limited to 120 kids. The movie will run for about an hour and a half. "They are fabulous," Karp-Oppeper said. "They take songs that all the kids know from *Sponge Bob* and *Ivy Spider* and update them. They have electric guitars and drums. It's a lot of fun."

The concert, which runs for 60 minutes, will take place on the west side parking lot of the library. People are invited to bring blankets and picnic lunches, but the library will supply PopSicles. All ages are invited, and if weather doesn't permit it to be outside, the concert will be moved into the Novi Civic Center.

Friday, July 29, will mark the library's big 2005 summer program finale at 1 p.m. "We're going to celebrate reading success and summer fun," Karp-Oppeper said. "We're having an outdoor concert with the Candy Band."

The Candy Band is a rock and roll band made up of a bunch of mothers from Royal Oak. "They are fabulous," Karp-Oppeper said. "They take songs that all the kids know from *Sponge Bob* and *Ivy Spider* and update them. They have electric guitars and drums. It's a lot of fun."

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Youth interviews set for Sept.

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

On July 11, members of city council selected Saturday, Sept. 10, and Thursday, Sept. 15, as the dates for the 62 students to be interviewed who applied to serve on the new Novi Youth Council or as a representative on various boards and commissions. Students received a letter last week asking them to pick one of two dates and return the letter in a self-addressed, stamped envelope enclosed by the city.

Lynne Paul, city council member, said she thought it was important that all 62 students who have expressed an interest in serving the city be interviewed.

"They should have the same opportunity as any adult would," Paul said.

Each student will be asked to give up to a three-minute presentation on why they believe they would be a good candidate to serve the city and answer two additional questions which will be mailed to each candidate.

Answers to the two additional questions should be included in the students' presentations. After deciding what date they wish to appear before city council, and mailing their selection back to city hall, a confirmation letter will be sent to each student with the date and time scheduled for each individual interview.

In a 6-1 vote on March 21, council adopted a resolution to have student non-voting members on the Parks Recreation & Forestry Commission; Historical Commission; Beautification Commission; Library Board; and Community Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee. Students submitted an application and a short essay about why they would like to serve the city.

Recently, Providence Hospital also announced that administration is seeking young people in Novi to be part of a Youth Health Council. Since so many students have applied for only about 18 positions, this will give them another way to serve the community.

Providence Hospital is in the process of building a new hospital at its Beck Road/Grand River Avenue location in Novi. The new multi-million-dollar facility is scheduled to be completed in 2008.

Students who have questions about the interview schedule in September can call the city clerk's office at (248) 347-0406.

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Local homeowners vying for HGTV makeover

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER



Photo by DUANE RAMSEY

HGTV is looking for people from the Detroit area, who are moving into their first home, to receive a one-room makeover on the Home and Garden Network's new series, "My First Place."

David and Susan Kelley are hoping they will be selected to receive a makeover for the home they recently purchased in Walled Lake. The couple applied for the makeover with "My First Place" and is waiting to learn if they are chosen for the show.

"It's very exciting to be considered for the makeover," said Susan, a former dance instructor, now stay-at-home mom with their daughter, Lisa.

"Our new home is well-maintained and all white on the inside. We plan to do a lot of our own decorating as we have time. It would give us a head start to have professionals come in and decorate a room for us."

The Kelleys indicated their first choice for the makeover would be either the master bedroom and bath or the living room in the one-and-a-half story house. They recently closed on the purchase and plan to move into the home in August.

The timing is right since "My First Place" plans to begin filming in the Detroit area in August, according to the show's producers. The new show premieres in September and is considering anyone buying, renting or moving into their first home from the Detroit, Philadelphia and Seattle metropolitan areas for makeovers.

"We're looking for fun, high-energy people from the Detroit area who deserve a one-room makeover," said Kristin Heidreder, production manager for "My First Place" with High Noon Entertainment.

"The show will accompany the homeowners through the design journey of making their first house feel like a home. Our professional designers will create a custom look for the home and hold the couple's hands through the decorating process."

"I watch HGTV regularly and tape a lot of the shows that have designs we find appealing," Susan said. Her favorite HGTV shows include "Design on a Dime," "Designed to Sell," "House Hunters," "Room by Room" and "Weekend Warriors."

The Kelleys are living in their two-story, two-bedroom and two-bath condominium with a basement. They purchased their home through Fil Superlisky of Real Estate One in Novi.

The couple represents the storybook romance many dream about but few experience. Sarah and Brian grew up in Novi, met while attending Novi High School, began dating at 16 and graduated in 2002.

Next, they attended Michigan State University together where Brian earned a degree in chemical engineering, and Sarah earned a degree in elementary education. He works as an engineer for General Motors at a local assembly plant and she begins her new job teaching third grade at Mary Helen Guest Elementary School in Walled Lake this fall.

Whether the Dodds or the Kelleys are chosen for a makeover is up to them and the producers of "My First Place."

Anyone else buying or moving into a first home can apply for the makeover online at www.highnoonentertainment.com, by going to "My First Home" under "Shows" and clicking on "Be on TV."

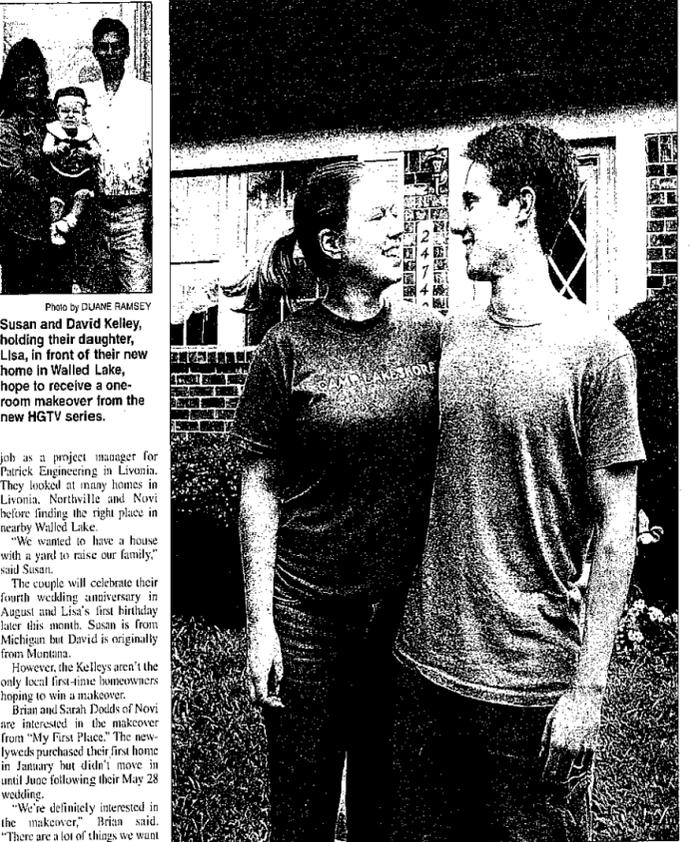


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Newlyweds Sarah and Brian Dodds smile at each other outside their first home: a condo in Novi.

Sarah watches many of the design and home shows on HGTV looking for ideas to decorate their new home. She likes "Car's Appeal," "Design on a Dime," "Designed to Sell," "House Hunters," "Room by Room" and "Weekend Warriors."

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Dog days of summer

Pooches are pampered at Brady's Bistro

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Outdoor dining has literally "gone to the dogs" at one of Novi's finer restaurants.

For, starting this summer, owners Mary and Tom Brady of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, 20653 Town Center Drive, invite pet owners to bring their pampered pooches with them when they enjoy a meal on the patio.

Michigan health law prohibits dogs inside restaurants, but not outdoors.

So, animal lover and Executive Chef Mary Brady decided to allow dogs to have their day in the sun, too.

Pet owners are asked to keep their dogs on a leash during their meal, and the pet guests receive water in a stainless steel bowl as well as a doggie treat.

Brady said she came up with the idea of catering to pet owners because she and Tom travel quite a bit in Europe and noticed that

outdoor restaurants allow dogs. "I thought it was such a neat idea, and we never really pursued it until we got a new puppy, Nikki, last Christmas. We like to take her wherever we can," Brady said. "Actually, we seek out restaurants where we can take her with us." Nikki is a 9-month-old Bichon Frise puppy.

"We know that a lot of our guests who come to the restaurant have dogs, too. Once you have one, you start talking about them. We just thought this would be a fun idea," Brady said.

Brady said the dogs create a lot of interest outdoors, and, so far, they've seen a hairless Chihuahua, a Briard and various mixed breeds.

"People just love it, and the dogs love all the attention," Brady said.

Karen Hyland, vice director at Brady's, and her husband, Mark, bring their dog, Rico, a 2-year-old border collie mix to the bistro's patio. In fact, Rico joined them at their recent 18th wedding anniversary dinner at Brady's.

Hyland spends a lot of time away from home and relishes time she gets to spend with Rico, who was rescued from the Michigan Humane Society shelter in Detroit.



Photo by JOHN HEDDER

Diamond Jim Brady's co-owner and chef Mary Brady, left, holding 'Nikki' says hello to her sister Jo Antishin's dog 'Shadow' Tuesday afternoon at the Novi Town Center's outdoor cafe that's catering to canines. Antishin's son Thomas, 8, right, pauses from his fish and chips to say hello to German Shepherd 'Argos'.

part of the family these days. Look at how many pet stores now allow dogs indoors. I've seen quite a few people who bring their pets out.

Hyland spends a lot of time away from home and relishes time she gets to spend with Rico, who was rescued from the Michigan Humane Society shelter in Detroit.

"I work a ton of hours, so the amount of time I get to see my pet is limited," she said. "It's nice to be able to take an evening off and not feel guilty about leaving him home one more time."

Brady's Bistro features eight tables on their patio and is open from 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday. From 11:30

a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and from 4-8 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call (248) 380-8480.

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Student launches business

By Angela Harris
SPECIAL WRITER

Her ideas come to her in the middle of the night and when she wakes up, Jeannette Tiso rolls out of bed and goes straight to work on her design.

"I get more done when I wake up and just start," Tiso said.

A 2003 graduate of Novi High School, Tiso opted for a less traditional part-time job than most of her fellow students: starting her own business.

Tiso began her vintage clothing business as a high school student and has continued it while she is going to college at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York.

It is easier to be her own boss than work for someone else, Tiso said.

"You are your own worst critic," Tiso said. "When you are not being judged on your talents, and I like being able to control where the business is going."

One of the challenges Tiso has found with owning her own business is that "what (she) puts into it is what (she) gets out of it."

"It's a challenge," Tiso said. "This year, I was really busy with school, so nothing really happened with it. It depends on me."

The summer is the most productive time for Tiso because she is able to work more hours, averaging about four hours of work a day.

Also, she never really sees the profit from it.

"I don't make a huge profit," Tiso said. "The money goes right back in for supplies and fashion shows."

Angela Harris is a Grand Valley State University journalism student and a Novi News intern.

Novi restaurateur caters major charity event in Milford

Women raise \$230,000 to help families pay for child care

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Executive Chef Mary Brady, co-owner with husband, Tom, of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro at Novi Town Center, said she had the honor of being selected to cater a major charity event benefiting low-income families last week.

More than 750 women raised the roof — and the bar — at the Women's Caring Program's 26th annual "Twilight Gathering" at the home of Carol Walters in Milford last Thursday evening.

The group raised a record

\$230,000 to help low-income families provide a safe, loving and enriched child care experience for their children.

The Twilight Gathering is the only fund-raiser held by the WCP to support its ChildCare Commitment program, a statewide effort that assists

low-income parents by subsidizing a portion of the high cost of licensed child care. But anyone who attends this gathering will say that it is not an average fund-raiser.

"It's about women supporting women and making a difference," said Debbie Dingell, WCP Board member responsible for "Hero of the Year" contributor

General Motors supporting ChildCare Commitment with an annual contribution of \$20,000. "You could take the energy here at this event and solve the energy problem of the United States."

"It's a great time to catch up with old friends and raise money for a great cause," said Patti Woodworth, former State of Michigan budget director and now executive vice president and chief financial officer for the Chicago An Institute who books a plane ticket to Detroit each year for the event.

The WCP's Twilight Gathering, which has grown into a statewide event, features a garden setting with gourmet food, music and a silent auction.

"Peg's Silent Auction," which along with Chef Brady's fare is often a main draw to the event for many women, raised \$25,900 this year, compared to nearly \$18,000 in

2004. Items included one-of-a-kind handmade items, stays at Birmingham's Townsend Hotel, the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Northwest Airline tickets, Detroit Lions packages, spa getaways, piano sessions, yoga classes, hand-crafted jewelry and other art, and more than 200 other items.

Last year's Twilight Gathering attracted more than 600 women — including a surprise visit by Gov. Jennifer Granholm — and raised more than \$200,000, bringing the WCP's total fund-raising efforts to more than \$1 million.

The funds help the organization provide safe, licensed and more affordable child care to 115 low-income working families — families

who spend an average of 28 percent of their gross annual income on child care but do not qualify for state support. Currently, nearly 100 families are on a waiting list for assistance through the program.

"You'd think, after all these years of skyrocketing attendance and increasing revenues, we'd get used to such growth," Walters said.

"But we don't take it for granted, and I'm sure we never will. We deeply appreciate, especially during times of tough economics and increasing cynicism, each contribution given and the outpouring of enthusiasm for this event. We do this out of love — love of children less fortunate than ours and for the love of our friends. The support we receive is so heartening," Walters said.

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Unscrupulous builders could face fines, jail

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Now) introduced legislation recently that would provide legal protection for consumers against the actions of unscrupulous builders and contractors.

"It's important to builders that they weed out the bad apples in their ranks," Cassis said July 8 outside Novi city hall.

"I have heard from constituents and seen on television the devastating impact standard workmanship can have on people's lives," she said.

"Some people are preying on certain individuals."

Cassis believes the package of bills, if passed, will go a long way toward protecting the consumer. The bills will be brought before the Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform this fall.

The legislation would give the state authority to go after unlicensed builders. The new laws would:

- establish a misdemeanor penalty of between 93 days and one year in jail or a fine of between \$5,000 and \$25,000 and a civil fine of between \$5,000 and \$25,000.
- The new laws would also maintain a high standard of professionalism in the industry by adding precursors and continuing education requirements.

Other features of the bills include:

- Using the National Association of Home Builders' "University of Housing, Blueprint for Success" as a model, they would require builders or contractors to complete 60 hours of education in the field before receiving a license.
- Throughout the three-year license period, an individual would have to complete 21 hours of continuing education, with a minimum of three hours each year.
- The laws would protect consumers by:

- requiring a license applicant to provide a valid copy of an operator's license or state I.D. card as proof of identity and proof of successful completion of education requirements, giving the Department of Labor and Economic Growth the ability to better track licensed individuals.
- requiring the department to post on its Web site any complaints against a licensee within 30 days of issuing a determination and the number of final determinations/judgments on an annual basis.

The bills change the license schedule and increase fees to support education and enforcement efforts. The new schedule coincides with code updates, which occur every three years.

The legislation would:

- increase license fee to \$180 for a three-year license.
- add an additional \$50 fee every three years to provide an updated code book to the licensee.
- create the Builder Education Fund, placing \$30 of the license fee into the fund for the department to manage the education program, and
- establish the Builder Enforcement Fund, placing \$30 of the license fee into the fund for enforcement efforts.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@nlhomecomm.net.

CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 05-046

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Erickson Retirement Communities is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a construction office trailer at 41229 Fox Run Road in the Fox Run Development. This would be issued for the period from the date of the meeting until July 29, 2006.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 29, 2005 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must be received prior to July 29, 2005.

GAIL U. BACKLUS
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY
(248) 347-0415

(7-21-05 NN 227572)

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 27, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider LASALLE TECHNOLOGY CENTER SOUTH SITE PLAN NUMBER 05-18 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLAND PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT, AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 12 ON CABOT DRIVE, NORTH OF TWELVE MILE ROAD AND SOUTH OF LEWIS DRIVE IN THE OST PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT. The subject property is approximately 10.73 acres and the applicant is proposing a 5,187 sq. ft., one-story building for speculative office use.

LOCATION MAP
SCALE: N.T.S.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 27, 2005.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
LOWELL SPRAGUE, SECRETARY

(7-21-05 NN 227752)

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Novi will hold a public hearing at their regular meeting on Monday, July 25, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., in the Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan for the purpose of obtaining public input for the proposed amendments to the Community Recreation Plan. The proposed amendments are necessary to support the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant application.

If you have any comments regarding this proposal, they may be presented in writing or during the Public Hearing section of the Agenda.

RANDY AULER
PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY DIRECTOR

(7-14-21-05 NN 225521)

BUSINESS BRIEFS

No. 1 full-service broker

The financial-services firm Edward Jones was named the No. 1 full-service broker in the August edition of SmartMoney magazine, according to Mark Whitfield, the Novi investment representative.

Edward Jones ranked first in J.D. Power and Associates' annual survey of customer satisfaction among full-service investors. The ranking, released as the 2005 Full-service Investor Satisfaction Study, placed Edward Jones ahead of 19 other firms.

New menu items at b's

bd's Mongolian Barbecue Restaurant at Main Street Novi has some new menu items as well as new beverages to offer this summer.

Appetizers now include such selections as shrimp skewers, chicken sauté and calamari hummus made out of soybeans. Rice bowls will also soon be offered at the Novi location — the company's test restaurant.

The restaurant is also now serving a new vodka, Grand Khan, an original Mongolian vodka distilled from Mongolian wheat grain grown at an elevation of 4,000 feet on the Mongolian steppes. The water for the vodka originates from crystal clear springs that begin its winter snowfall in the native mountains of Chinggis Khan.

bd's Mongolian Barbecue is located at 43155 Main Street in Novi.

New stores at Twelve Oaks

Brighton Collectibles, Fish Line, Zales and Just Dug's Bakery have joined the already 180 shops located at Twelve Oaks Mall.

Brighton Collectibles, located in the lower level center court, is a store specializing in coordinating lines of accessories. The store also features home accents, luggage and travel accessories, gifts, personalized, eye-wear and bath products.

Finish Line, located on the upper level near Sears, offers a large selection of footwear, apparel and accessories for men, women and children.

Located in the upper level in center court, Zales offers diamond

pearls and an extensive wedding jewelry selection.

Just Dug's Bakery caters to the dog lover and their pet with freshly baked gourmet snacks to window decals to anything in between. It is located on the upper level near Lord & Taylor.

New Web site for Brateman

Jonathan Brateman Properties launched its new Web site on July 8. Created with the expertise and assistance of the Farmington Hills-based firm E-Solution Specialists, the site now features online listings, easily navigable menus, a resource center, interesting factoids, and much more. The Web address is www.bratemanproperties.com.

DeMaria promotes

Eric Dumont of DeMaria Building Company, Novi and Detroit, has been promoted from project engineer, Health Care Group, to program manager in the Health Care and University Groups. He will manage construction projects for medical, hospital, laboratory and higher education clients.

Day & Night builds houses

Novi heating and cooling (HVAC) contractor Day & Night Heating & Cooling recently formed part of a group of HVAC contractors who donated labor to install several furnaces in homes built during the Habitat for Humanity "Blitz Build" in Detroit in mid-June. Thirty homes were constructed in a week in the neighborhood near West Grand Boulevard and Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Day & Night was one of several contractor members of the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (SEMIACCA) who participated. Crew members from Day & Night worked over a period of several days to complete the task — all on donated time.

Owner Cliff McCourt worked on the homes and was joined by son Ryan, who assembled ductwork and installed the furnaces. McCourt said he was inspired to help, knowing the commitment

made by the new homeowners.

Key Plastics earns honors

Key Plastics L.L.C. received the 2004 Supplier Quality Award from Nissan North America at the automaker's 2005 Supplier Quality Award Ceremony on June 17 for the second time.

It is the most prestigious supplier award from Nissan North America which recognizes the best supplier in each of five product categories.

Key Plastics also won the Chassis Business Unit category for the ongoing supply of Power Steering Reservoirs, Nissan's 2004 Quality Master Award for the seventh consecutive year and the 2004 Zero Defects Award for the fourth straight year.

Key Plastics is a leading supplier to the automotive Tier 1 and OEM markets and is located at 21700 Haggerty Road in Northville.

Industrial market report

Signature Associates-ONCOR international found that Novi has 9,633 million square feet of the West Corridor according to the Suburban Detroit Industrial Market second quarter report.

This is a 2.84 percent increase in direct vacancy change from the fourth quarter 2004 to the second quarter 2005.

The West Corridor includes Ann Arbor, Farmington/Farmington Hills, Livonia, Plymouth/Canton, Redford, Van Buren Township, Westland/Wayne and Wixom.

Wixom Dog Center

Dog Centers of America is scheduled to open an 11,000-square-foot facility in the Beck West Corporate Park in Wixom on Aug. 1.

The facility will offer 24 hours a day staffing, seven days a week for dogs bonded in their luxury suites. Dogs can socialize in two separate rooms totaling 4,500 square feet of space for daycare, which includes group play in the

indoor Dog Park or Puppy Playroom. Web cameras will allow people to view the dogs playing with their pals. Additional dog services include grooming; group training; and individual training by their experienced staff.

Dog Centers of America is located at 46926 Magellan in Novi.

VisionTree Healthcare implemented

VisionTree Software, makers of relevant decision making software solutions for individuals and organizations, announced Tuesday the successful pilot implementation of the VisionTree Healthcare software platform at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The Holy Cross Women's Center began implementing the VisionTree Healthcare Edition to help educate patients about treatment options, assist in evidence-based shared decision-making, informed consent and improve overall patient satisfaction.

Holy Cross Hospital is a member of Trinity Health of Novi, the nation's third largest catholic health care system.

Vehicle production up

Vehicle production this week in the U.S., Canada and Mexico is expected to hit an estimated 139,389 units, up 37.7 percent from the 101,193 cars and trucks built last week, according to <http://wautsauto.com>.

The downtime for this week, and last week's, is due to General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. beginning their traditional summer shutdowns.

In the U.S., automakers are expected to produce 91,444 vehicles this week, up 70.2 percent from the 53,727 cars and trucks built last week. To date, calendar 2005 U.S. vehicle output totals an estimated 6,488,749 units, down 1.0 percent compared to the 6,552,817 vehicles built in like-2004.

Compiled by Angela Harris

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Commission of the City of Novi will hold a public hearing at a Special meeting on Thursday, July 21, 2005 at 7:30 p.m., in the Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan for the purpose of obtaining public input for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application. This grant is requesting funding for the acquisition of 14.9 acres of property located east of Meadowbrook Road between Nine and Ten Mile Roads, known as the Village Wood Lake Site Condominium property.

If you have any comments regarding this proposal, they may be presented in writing or during the Public Hearing section of the Agenda.

RANDY AULER
PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY DIRECTOR

(7-14-21-05 NN 226057)

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 10, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.657 FOR POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR REZONING OF PROPERTY IN SECTION 14, NORTH OF I-96, AND SOUTH OF THE 12 OAKS MALL BUNGALOW, EAST OF NOVI ROAD, FROM RA RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE TO RC REGIONAL CENTER DISTRICT. The subject property is approximately 27.04 acres.

To rezone a part of the West 1/2 of Section 14, T.1N., R.8E. City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcel 22-14-100-062 and 22-14-326-002 more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the center quarter corner of Section 14; thence S02°17'54"E, along the North-South 1/4 line of Section 14, a distance of 221.61 feet; thence S87°42'06"W, 500.00 feet; thence S02°17'54"E, 250.00 feet; thence N85°51'48"W, 841.80 feet; thence N83°31'09"W, 55.65 feet; thence N60°45'17"W, 176.65 feet; thence N44°32'52"W, 495.26 feet; thence N60°29'57"W, 174.36 feet; thence N01°49'16"W, 112.88 feet; thence N87°24'32"E, 2003.82 feet to said North-South 1/4 line of Section 14; thence S02°17'54"E, along said North-South 1/4 line, 330.01 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 27.04 acres.

FROM: RA RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE
TO: RC REGIONAL CENTER DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 18.657
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 657
CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
LOU CSORDAS, MAYOR
MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CLERK

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday August 10, 2005.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
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EDUCATION

Ramez Khuri, school reporter (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 rkhuri@hl.homecomm.net

New auto shop enhances opportunities

Equipment should attract more students for engineering

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Novi High School Principal John Lawrence can remember the days when one could see the ground by opening a car hood and looking down past the engine. In fact, many years ago, that was pretty common. Today, however, that's not the case because of all the extra emissions, technology and computer chips that are installed in automobiles. Systems are becoming more technical and efficient as a result.

Trying to stay current with that kind of technology is a challenge that Novi High has been able to achieve, as this fall, students will have the opportunity to use new, state-of-the-art equipment in the school's auto shop.

"The sky is the limit," Lawrence said. "The equipment that we're placing in there has been upgraded as far as technology and becoming more and more technical."

The school has had auto technology classes in the past, but because of what is being added this summer, the auto shop had to move, and all the equipment has been updated.

Lawrence explained that the opportunities have always been there for students to come in and learn varying degrees of auto technology skills all the way from simple maintenance, to oil changes, tire repair, fire change, to more extensive things like mufflers, suspensions, engine tune-ups and engine diagnosis. These are issues that people might have with cars that they wouldn't ordinarily do at home.

"You'd have to go away to a special training or call a mechanic for those," Lawrence said. "It's almost like a do-it-yourself education to a

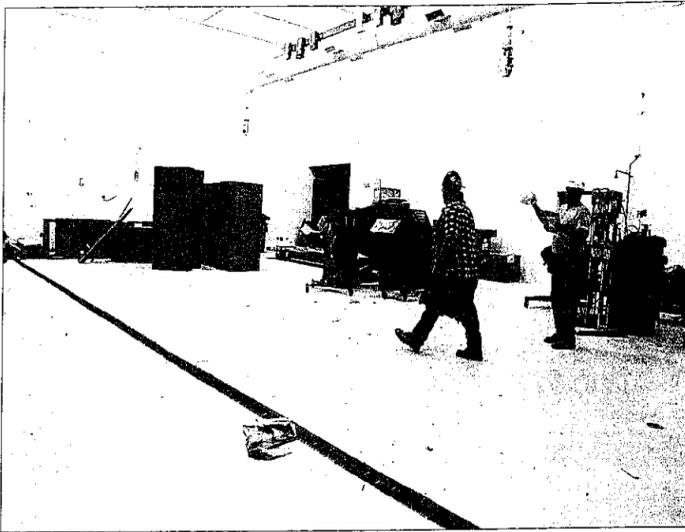


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Although mostly empty now, soon this room and an adjacent one will be filled with car lifts and equipment as part of Novi High's new automotive study wing.

pre-vocational training for students who are interested. What I would like to see us do is to start to attract engineering students, or those who are interested in automotive technology and automotive engineering and getting those kids into the program so they can have some exposure to it."

Lawrence said that in the past, students were sent off to colleges, and if they wanted to be a mechanical engineer, an automotive engineer, an automotive designer or a technician, they would have to start from scratch because they've never had any exposure to that kind of course work. He called this "a golden

opportunity" for students to have some exposure to that kind of program.

"It's another example of a program that we've brought to Novi High School that meets specific student needs," Lawrence said. "Obviously we have courses that meet the general population, such as math, science, social studies, English and foreign language, but we also have the elective areas that meet specific needs."

Dance is another example of what Novi High is offering this fall, as well as increasing its advanced placement offerings.

"It's about looking at what student needs are and staffing and providing facilities for those specific needs," Lawrence said.

The same is true for power technology, which is another program the school is opening up in the fall, that is along the same lines as auto technology, but on a smaller scale in terms of small engine placement. It deals with recreational vehicles, snowmobiles, motorcycles, boat engines and lawn mowers, among others.

"These classes are open to any student, including girls," Lawrence said. "All students have the same opportunities."

When Novi High did registration back in March and April, students had already signed up,

which means classes are slated and ready to go. If students still want to sign up for the courses, however, they can do so by seeing their counselor and making a schedule change after registration.

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Host families sought

Many outstanding high school age boys and girls from Europe, South America and Japan are available for placement with Novi families for the upcoming school year. Besides their special individual qualities, the students bring American families a chance to experience another culture without leaving home.

To go over applications or for answers to questions about the program or process, please call Linda Leedy at (248) 349-5599.

ON CAMPUS

Andrew Hahesh of Novi was named to the dean's list at Saint Louis University during Spring 2005 semester.

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FAITH

Ramez Khuri, staff writer (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 rkhuri@hl.homecomm.net



The Powers sisters—Blair, 14; MacKenzie, 10; and Johnie, 15,—put together their inspirational film, "One."

Movie explores the "One"

By Maureen Johnston
STAFF WRITER

Ward and Diane Powers can see the impact the movie, "One," has had on their three daughters.

The Thornton Creek and Northville High School students talk about different religious perspectives, a homeless teenager's vulnerability and being proud of their dad's branch.

The three agree watching the making of the movie, "One," changed their lives.

The parents turned the world into a classroom for Mackenzie, 10, Blair, 14, and Johnie, 15, while traveling with them the past three years.

"It showed us the whole spiritual side," Blair Powers said. "There's so much more than one way of thinking."

Local attorney Ward Powers and his friend, Scott Carter of South Lyon, this spring released their first-ever film, a full-length documentary, "One." They talked to people of all ages, beliefs and walks of life, asking questions about the meaning of life.

The project goal: show humanity's oneness.

Eye-opening experience
The Powers girls traveled with the filmmakers about half the time, their mom said, including to the east and west coasts.

From Powers' initial 2002 notion to make an independent film to the release this spring, the parents have watched their children grow.

"They've been so intimately a part of this whole story," Diane Powers said. "When people see the movie, they're definitely emotional about it."

"It kind of takes us out of our comfort zone," a homeless teenager Mackenzie's parents met in Colorado, stayed in her memory. When asked his "one wish for the world," he had no response.

Because he seemed so like her, Mackenzie said she was sad he didn't think his opinion was worth asking.

"That's what people leave the movie with," Ward Powers said.

Maureen Johnston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 103, or mjohnston@hl.homecomm.net.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Meadowbrook Congregational Church invites everyone to attend a Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. The church is located at 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads. Call (248) 348-7157.

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross offers a worship service every Wednesday from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Come and share your lunch hour with God at a worship service that includes scripture and Holy Communion. The church invites all to worship Sundays at 7:45 and 10 a.m. Nursery care is available at 10 a.m. worship service. (The nursery is coordinated by a registered pediatric nurse.)

Adult Bible Study is Sundays at 9 a.m. Worship Center for children ages 3-7, and Sunday School is at 10 a.m.

Worship Service of Compliment is held at 8:30 p.m. Rite 13 (ages 11-14) and J2A (ages 14 and up) groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner. Youth Worship Service is held at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Sunday of every month; all are welcome.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross is located at 40700 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. Call (248) 427-1175 or visit www.churchofthe-holycross.com.

Faith Community Presbyterian Church invites you to worship at 10 a.m. Sunday school and nursery care is offered each Sunday.

The Empty Nesters, our adult fellowship group, will be enjoying each other's company at Kensington Metro Park for a boat cruise and dinner. The church houses the Novi Emergency Food Program, a food bank that has been serving the hungry of Novi, New Hudson, and Wixom for over 25 years.

AA meetings are held each Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Henderson is leading a class on world religions at 7 p.m. on Tuesday nights. The cost is \$5 to cover materials.

The on-going women's Bible study is 10 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7 p.m. on Thursdays. The church is located at 44400 W. 10 Mile Road in Novi. Call (248) 349-2345.

The Holy Family Church is located at 24505 Meadowbrook Road, between Grand River and 10 Mile Road. Call (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamily-novi.org.

Oak Pointe Church services times will be at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. every Sunday. Visit www.oakpointe.org or call (248) 912-4043.

St. James Catholic Church is located at 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi. Call (248) 347-7778.

First United Methodist Church of Northville worship school and nursery care is offered

church schedules are as follows: 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Sunday. The church is located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road (at Taft Road), Northville. Phone (248) 349-1144.

Church of the Holy Cross is located at 40700 W. 10 Mile Road (between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads). Visit www.churchofthe-holycross.com for more information.

St. John Lutheran Church is located at 23225 Gill Road in Farmington Hills. Summer services are at 9:15 and 11 a.m. (except for Sept. 4, which is 9:15 a.m. only). Nursery is provided. Call (248) 474-0584 for more information.

Crosspointe Meadows Church meets Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School. Services are at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Fresh-brewed, hot coffee is available from 10-10:30 a.m. The church also has children's programs for all ages and a nursery available. The church is located at 29200 Meadowbrook Road, just south of 13 Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 427-2700 or www.crosspointemeadows.org.

The Novi United Methodist Church is located at 41671 W. 10 Mile Road. Sunday worship is at 9:45 a.m. with Rev. Jacqueline E. Holdsworth. Call (248) 349-2652 for more information.

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 10, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18,189 TO AMEND SECTION 2505 OF THE NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, TO MODIFY PARKING STANDARDS FOR SHOPPING CENTERS LARGER THAN 1,000,000 SQUARE FEET.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 unit 400 P.M., Wednesday, August 10, 2005.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
LOWELL SPRAGUE, SECRETARY
(7-21-05 NN 227757)

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN

Notice is hereby given that the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission of the City of Novi will hold a public hearing at a Special meeting on Thursday, July 21, 2005 at 7:30 p.m., in the Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan for the purpose of obtaining public input for the proposed amendments to the Community Recreation Plan. The proposed amendments are necessary to support the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant application.

If you have any comments regarding this proposal, they may be presented in writing or during the Public Hearing session of the Agenda.

RANDY AULER
PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY DIRECTOR
(7-14-21-05 NN 226055)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18,645

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18,645.

Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is July 25, 2005.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan this 11th day of July, 2005. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 27, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider QUADRANT'S PROFESSIONAL OFFICE CENTER, SITE PLAN NUMBER 04-55A, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLAND PERMIT AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 16, WEST OF MEADOWBROOK ROAD BETWEEN 136 AND TWELVE MILE ROAD, IN THE EAST PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT. The entire site is 5.372 acres and the applicant is proposing to construct a 21,840 sq. ft. office building.

RANDY AULER
PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY DIRECTOR
(7-14-21-05 NN 225517)

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Novi will hold a public hearing at their meeting on Monday, July 25, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., in the Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan for the purpose of obtaining public input for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application. This grant is requesting funding for the acquisition of 14.9 acres of property located east of Meadowbrook Road between Nine and Ten Mile Roads, known as the Village Wood Lake Site Condominium property.

If you have any comments regarding this proposal, they may be presented in writing or during the Public Hearing session of the Agenda.

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TO REZONE TO R-1

SE COR SEC. 16 T1N, R3E CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS

MOTOROLA MINITOR 5 PAGERS

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for MOTOROLA MINITOR 5 PAGERS according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 P.M. prevailing Eastern Time, Wednesday, August 3, 2005 at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI
CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
Novi, MI 48375-3024

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "MOTOROLA MINITOR 5 PAGERS BID" AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the City of Novi.

Notice dated: July 18, 2005

CAROL J. KALINOVIK
PURCHASING DIRECTOR
(248) 347-0448
(7-21-05 NN 227422)

TO REZONE A PART OF THE Southeast 1/4 of Section 16, T1N, R3E, City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcels 22-16-451-034 and 22-16-451-076 more particularly described as follows:

Parcel 22-16-451-034
Beginning at a point on the East line of Section 16 (nominal C/L of Taft Road) said point being N00°59'30"E, 331.68 feet from the Southeast corner of Section 16; thence Due West, 1328.50 feet; thence N00°42'50"E, 331.27 feet; thence Due East, 659.52 feet; thence Due South, 137.27 feet; thence Due East, 659.51 feet to the East line of Section 16 (nominal C/L of Taft Road); thence S00°59'30"W, 194.00 feet along said East line to the point of beginning. Containing 8.0 acres more or less.

Parcel 22-16-451-076
Beginning at a point on the South line of Section 16 (nominal C/L of Eleven Mile Road) said point being Due West, 323.50 feet from the Southeast corner of Section 16; thence continuing along said South line Due West, 348.50 feet; thence N00°42'50"E, 233.00 feet; thence Due West, 171.00 feet; thence N00°42'50"E, 95.65 feet; thence Due East, 844.97 feet to a point on the East line of Section 16 (nominal C/L of Taft Road); thence S01°00'12"W, 148.68 feet along said East line; thence Due West, 323.50 feet; thence S01°00'12"W, 163.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 4.15 acres more or less.

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TO: R-1 ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

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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

International Festival: Event showcases diverse cultures

In one month, the city of Novi's Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department will host its annual International Festival at Fountain Walk. It's a great opportunity for all to present their different cultures.

Every country represented will be supplied their own booth with an activity unique to them. About a dozen, hopefully more, countries will be represented this year.

Asian, Middle Eastern, Oriental, Irish, Italian, Mexican and on and on... this community has a broad ethnic range, and this festival is a perfect chance to experience those.

But not only do we encourage you to attend this event. We also encourage you to be a part of it by volunteering.

If you are an entertainer or crafter, Tracie Ringle, event and marketing coordinator for the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, wants you. For just \$25, crafters can set up a table and booth to sell their wares.

Or, if you'd like to represent your country, just take part in the committee meetings and the rest - tables, booths, tents and chairs - will be supplied. You'll even get a budget!

"It's a really community-driven event," said Ringle, "so we really need the Novi community to embrace this and take it on as a project."

So mark Saturday, Aug. 20 on your calendar. The event takes place from 2-6 p.m.

Call Ringle at (248) 347-0400 for more information.

Fest showcases a great community

If it hasn't been said yet, thank you to the organizers of the Michigan 50's Festival. Once again, they put together Novi's biggest annual event, bringing the community closer and showing everyone how to have a good time.

Mother Nature took a shot on opening night Wednesday, bringing the rain for Sheritan Arnold's tribute to Elvis, but attendees hung in there. And they were rewarded as Peter Nomic and Herman's Hermit's put on one of the best shows I've ever seen. I grew up listening to this guy, but I never realized he was such a fine entertainer. Hit after hit - many from his colleagues of 40 years ago - kept pouring from the stage. Impressive, indeed.

I was there that night mulling the beer tent with my fellow Rotarians. I don't get a chance to do much with the club, but I will make more of an effort in the future. It was fun just hanging out and joking around.

On Thursday afternoon, I caught a bit of the high school rock bands performing on the main stage. Again, I was blown away. These guys played their hearts out and played well. A welcome addition to the festival and one I hope they do again next year.

That night it was back to the beer tent, this time with the Novi Chamber of Commerce. Thank you to my fellow board members David McLynn, Lennie Williams, Bob Thorne and John Bowen (who brought along a crew from Rock Financial Showplace) for taking time out of your hectic schedules to help the festival and raise a little cash for the chamber. Likewise, my colleagues here at the Novi News and Northville Record - Pam Fleming, Laurie Lamey and David Aguilar - pitched in, and I think we had fun in the process.

Congratulations to Lori Kapelczak, festival president, and her board for an outstanding event. Take a break before jumping on plans for 2006!

Next up, the chamber's golf outing at Moose Ridge on Thursday, Aug. 11. Call (248) 349-3743 to register or sponsor.

Cal Stone is the editor of the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or by e-mail at cstone@ht.homecomm.net

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Imagine how much can be raised

I would like to extend the thanks of the Novi Public Library board, staff and volunteers to Emagine Theaters in Novi.

On Saturday, July 16, over 400 residents attended a benefit showing of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" at Emagine with all of the proceeds benefiting the Novi Public Library Capital Campaign. This Capital Campaign is an ongoing effort to raise funds for expansion or renovation of the library.

Until the end of 2005, the Walker Family will match every dollar raised. This is only the first in a series of benefit movies we will be offering this year thanks to the generosity of Emagine Theaters. Please visit the library Web site (www.novilib.org) for announcements of future films as they are confirmed. You can also make a donation to the campaign online. See you at the movies!

Terry Margolis
Novi Library Board of Trustees

50's Fest thoughts

Well again, the Michigan 50's Festival is over. I just want people to know about the amazing work that goes on that puts this thing together. The board of directors by now has already made many of the plans for next year's festival.

All those tents, carnivals, circuses, vendors, car shows, entertaining acts and, most of all, the music, don't just miraculously show up every night. We all want home very, very, very, very much. Note we just show up in our red shirts, and someone tells us what to do. All the organizational things have been done.

I have been privileged to have been a part of the Festival as a cruiser since the beginning in 1987. In fact, I think Judy Garvey and I are the only original cruisers that are still involved. Cindy Kopynski, or Cindy K, was our fearless leader in the early years, but later on, moved up to the board. We were reminiscing the other night about how in the early days, the cruisers were responsible for putting up and taking down thousands of chairs and tables, pouring beer, selling and collecting tickets, and cleaning up all the leftover beer cups, every night. We all want home very, very, very, very much. Note we just show up in our red shirts, and someone tells us what to do. All the organizational things have been done.

Again, thank you to the board for all you do all year to put on the greatest weekend in Michigan.

Skip Tuck, Cruiser
Novi

Preserve Novi's quality of life

The hope and promise of a high quality of life is what attracted my wife and I to Novi nearly 13 years ago. Before we knew what the city had to offer, the minimal quality of life factors we counted on were good schools (make that top-rated schools), close proximity to work and close proximity to the countryside.

But after being in our current location for the last dozen years, it's the unexpected things that we appreciate. Having wildlife in the backyard, having a playground and the library nearby will be things that my children will remember well about growing up in Novi.

Wine bill creates interesting brouhaha

Wine lovers rejoiced - briefly - in May, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Michigan's law that outlawed out-of-state shipments of wine to consumers while allowing in-state wineries to do so violates the interstate commerce clause of the Constitution.

What many hoped that meant was that non-Michigan wineries would now be allowed to ship into the state, thereby breaking the distribution monopoly now held by the beer and wine wholesalers.

But the politicians had other ideas. Recently, the House Regulatory Reform Committee approved, 5-1, a bill to ban any direct shipment of wine to consumers, at all, including sales at tasting rooms at Michigan vineyards. Instead of acting to make life better for the consumers, they voted to prevent us from ordering shipments of wine at all.

Why? The answer lies in an interesting tale of lobbying, political analysis, lobbying, money and philosophical analysis.

The bill restricting wine sales is sponsored by Rep. Chris Ward, R-Brighton, among others. It is backed by the Michigan Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association, one of the most powerful lobbying groups in the state. Supporters of it argue wine-by-mail would give kids under 21 easy access to alcohol. (Imagine



most teenagers trying to figure out how to order a perfect Sooma County pinot noir). The bill was vehemently opposed by the association for the state's 42 wineries, who claim it would kill their businesses.

If there's anything Michigan doesn't need right now, it's another move to kill name businesses. The House committee hearing was interesting. The vote was taken without discussion. The hearing room was packed with lobbyists, many from the wholesalers association.

Opponents distributed campaign finance reports showing how much money the committee members were paid by the wholesalers' association.

It was a lot. According to the nonpartisan Michigan Campaign Finance Network, the association during the 2004 election cycle contributed a total of \$683,316 to the campaigns of 97 out of the 110 House members. The association contributed around \$5,000 (the maximum allowed by law) to four of the five committee members who voted for the bill.

Rep. Ward, the bill's sponsor, received \$4,138 for his campaign and another \$7,900 for his political action committee.

A Hamburg Township group called Wine Consumers Across Michigan (WineCAM), put out a press release pointing to those contributions, commenting "there's an implicit quid pro quo, and now Chris Ward is expected to give them the bill they want, whatever the impact on Michigan's consumers or wineries."

The press release also quoted



Sky and dive
Camp Lakeshore counselors Mike Allie, left, and Ken Calderone, right, toss camper Kyle Barksdale high into the air over Walled Lake on a Monday afternoon. Camp Lakeshore has week-long sessions until late August.

But I worry about the sustainability of the wildlife because of the rate of growth of Novi. The exponential growth will continue for the next decade, and now is the time that we need to consider how to save the few remaining wildlife spots, wherever they are throughout the city, especially in the more developed areas.

The city government should be looking out for, and listening to, all of Novi's citizens. I can understand that the residents in the older neighborhoods may at times feel left out of the improvements being made, because their areas are already built and done with. And when the mayor accuses some residents of playing politics because they want a few remaining acres of wilderness in an older, unpopular part of the City Plan, I think it's shameful.

It is time for the residents of Novi in all areas to stand up for quality of life issues and to hold the city officials responsible for favoring exponential development over thoughtful, long-term planning. Novi's exponential growth has made it difficult for all of us to easily move about the city, and I think it is wonderful that there is a quality public space in an older part of the city that improves the quality of life for those residents who choose to use that open space.

Why are our city leaders forcing people in the older parts town to reduce their quality of life while insuring it to the newcomers on the perimeter? If Andrew Match is the only public

figure looking out for the old-timers of Novi, then I say Andrew Match needs to be elected to ensure a good quality of life for all of Novi's residents.

Curt Hamilton
Novi

All for the green

Laprarate the efforts of those who are working to preserve the 15 acres slated for development near Village Oaks. And I don't live near there. I will probably never go over there to walk my dog or take a nature walk, but I still support it and hope it goes through.

I think it's good for the city to preserve what ever parcels we can, so that when Novi is completely developed out, more of the natural beauty will have been retained throughout the city. I don't think I'm a minority in this. I think a lot of people prefer seeing some natural areas around town, as opposed to endless stretches of subdivisions and strip malls. So to those who are working to preserve natural areas around Novi, thanks for your effort and foresight. You are making Novi a better place for all of us.

Angie Bruder
Novi

HEALTH

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Dealing with diabetes

Non-medical diabetes support groups for both adults and children a first for area

By Angela Harris
SPECIAL WRITER

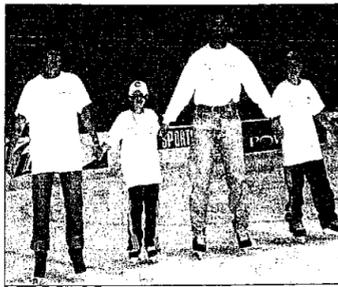
Eleven years ago, Dr. Scott Grodman and his wife, Karyn, dealt with their two sons' diabetes by themselves, isolated from support of others dealing with the same situations.

The hospital where his oldest son, Jared, was born offered a five-day program to educate parents about diabetes. After completing it, the Grodman's were simply sent home.

"I thought, 'This is it! All we have to do is give him medicine and feed him.' There's got to be something more," Grodman said.

In an effort to do just that - more - Grodman organized a race to raise money for research, diabetes education. The first year, about 60 family members and friends participated. Today, around 500 people run in the annual event.

Since being established, the foundation has raised close to \$500,000 for research. Diabetes is an autoimmune disease where something in the environment triggers a reaction that shuts down the pancreas so that it no longer produces insulin.



The photo of the Grodman family was taken at a recent event called Skate@TheJoe hosted by The Helping Others Foundation, which raised monies toward Grodman Cure Foundation and other local organizations.

In addition, in conjunction with the Oakland Family Services (OFS), the Grodman's, through the Grodman Cure Foundation, are reaching out to others and offering the area's first non-medical diabetes support groups for both adults and children.

"It makes us feel more whole knowing that we are not only helping our own kids, but also have a hand in helping others and with research," Grodman said.

The two groups are aimed at parents and children with diabetes and their siblings.

"You have a sense of isolation, like it's only happening to you,"

DETAILS

Who: Dr. Scott Grodman and his wife, Karyn, partnered with Oakland Family Services

What: Present the area's first non-medical diabetes support group

Why: As an opportunity for people to get together, share ideas and support each other

When: The third Saturday of every month from 9:30-11 a.m.

Where: Oakland Family Services' Walled Lake office at 2045 E. West Maple Road, Suite D407

It allows a person to talk and communicate with others and alleviates any uncertainties," he said. "For us, we learned not to look at any one number (blood sugar levels) because everyone has good days and bad days."

Trained master's level therapists will lead the groups. Long-term participation is encouraged by the OFS.

"We encourage ongoing participation, since the longer that people are together, the more they bond and benefit," Clayton said. "These groups will help people deal better with their chronic illness and learn healthy coping behaviors."

Angela Harris is a Grand Valley State University journalism student and a Novi News intern.

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by Donald M. Wayne, D.D.S., M.S.
Orthodontic Specialist

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Presented by Michael S. Rowe, M.D., E.A.C.P., C.C.R.I.

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PEOPLE

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OBITUARY

JOHN R. LOVE
Age 74, passed away July 11, 2005. Beloved husband of Carol. Dear father of Robert (Suzanne), Craig, William, and John (Sandy) Loving grandfather of 8. Great-grandfather of 1. Brother of Muriel Johnson and Helen (Roger) Wentz and the late Frances and Doris. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorial service was held Saturday, July 16th at 11:00am at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi, 248-349-1800. Memorial donations to the Salvation Army, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075-9522 or the charity of your choice. Online condolences: www.ohobrienfuneralhome.com

OBITUARY POLICY
The first seven lines of an obituary are published free of charge. After that, there is a fee of \$15 per line. Pictures may be published for \$25.
*Deadline for obituaries is Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. for publication in Thursday's newspaper.
For more information, call 888-999-1288, or e-mail your funeral home. *Holiday deadlines are subject to change.

WEDDING

The bride is the daughter of Patrick and Margaret Shaul of Novi. She is a 2000 graduate of Novi High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as a teacher at Mary Helen Guest Elementary School, Walled Lake.

The groom is the son of Robert and Yvonne Dodds of Novi. He is also a 2000 graduate of Novi High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as an engineer for General Motors Company.

The bride's maid of honor was Angie Herbst. The matron of honor was Diane Carpena. Bridesmaids were Erin Gofale, Karina Owens, Kristen Owens, and Kimberlee Dodds.

Serving as best man was Jeff Dodds. Groomsman were Kevin Southworth, Ryan Bateman, Andrew Goetz, Matthew Ephraim and Gary Davis, Jr.

The couple honeymooned at Riviera Maya, Mexico and will make their home in Novi.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dodds
Sarah Lynne Shaul and Brian Joseph Dodds were married May 28, 2005, at Farmington United Methodist Church, Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Maxwell and Father John Budde officiated the ceremony. A reception was held at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom, Plymouth.

IN THE SERVICE

Marine Corps Pvt. Joseph J. Sharpe, a 2003 graduate of Walled Lake Central High School, recently graduated from the Cannon Creman Course while assigned with Marine Detachment, U.S. Army Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Okla.

During the course, Sharpe received instruction on the identification and use of artillery ammunition, and the characteristics, functions and duties of his assigned job.

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SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Friday 7/22	2-2:30 p.m.	Massage/Healing Touch
8:45 a.m.Panera Bread	
9 a.m.	.....Stretch and Strength	
9 a.m.	.....Body Recall	
10 a.m.	.....Lunch@Bingo*	
noon	.....Bingo	
12:30 p.m.	.....Duplicate Bridge*	
12:30 p.m.	.....Massage/Healing Touch	
2-2:30 p.m.	.....Massage/Healing Touch	
Monday 7/25		
8:45 a.m.	.....Men's Golf	
12:30 p.m.	.....Stretch and Strength	
9 a.m.	.....Body Recall	
11:30 a.m.	.....Goodie Lady	
12:30 p.m.	.....Lunch	
12:30 p.m.	.....Pinochle*	
2-2:30 p.m.	.....Massage/Healing Touch	
6:30 p.m.	.....Clogging*	
Tuesday 7/26		
9 a.m.	.....Panera Bread	
9 a.m.	.....Line Dance	
noon	.....Asian Pacific	
12:30 p.m.	.....Lunch	
1:30 p.m.	.....Bingo held in activities room	
1-3 p.m.	.....Dance	
2-2:30 p.m.	.....Massage/Healing Touch	
Wednesday 7/27		
9 a.m.	.....Stretch and Strength	
9 a.m.	.....Women's Golf	
10 a.m.	.....Body Recall	
10:30 a.m.	.....Quitting cancelled	
11 a.m.	.....Blood pressure	
11 a.m.	.....Taking Off Pounds Sensibly class	
noon	.....Lunch	
12:30 p.m.	.....Clogging*	
2-2:30 p.m.	.....Massage/Healing Touch	
2-2:30 p.m.	.....Sleep in a Silo Trip	
Thursday 7/28		
9 a.m.	.....Line dance*	
9 a.m.	.....Mixed Golf	
noon	.....Lunch	
12:15	.....Bridge*	
12:30 p.m.	.....Line dance	
2-2:30 p.m.	.....Massage/Healing Touch	
7 p.m.	.....Kid's Concert Series at Lakeshore Park	
7 p.m.	.....Pre-care day Port Huron to Macinais: Trip	

*Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi (248) 347-0414.

CALENDAR

Cal Stone, editor (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 cstone@hometown.com

EVENTS

Novi Theaters Productions

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 12, and Saturday, Aug. 13; 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 14.
LOCATION: Novi Community Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48240.
DETAILS: Summer Camp Kids on Broadway.
TIME/DATE: noon, Thursday, Sept. 8, 15; Friday, Sept. 9, 16, and 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 11, 18.
DETAILS: Senior Variety Series, Kicks on Route 66.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.
CONTACT: (248) 347-4000

Animal Care Fair

DATE: Saturday, August 27 and Sunday, August 28.
TIME: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
LOCATION: Southfield Municipal Complex, 20900 Evergreen Road.
DETAILS: Michigan Humane Society's 13th annual fair, including adoptable animals, pet products, and animal learn demonstrations. Admission and parking are free.
CONTACT: www.michiganhumane.org

SCHOOL/GOVERNMENT

Special Session on DDAs

DATE: Monday, Aug. 1.
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.
DETAILS: Members of the Novi City Council will have a special study session to discuss the pros and cons on the establishment of a Downtown Development Authority. The public is invited to attend this meeting.
CONTACT: (248) 347-4056

Wixom City Council

DATE: Tuesday, July 26; Aug. 9, 23; Sept. 13, 27; Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 9, 22; Dec. 13 and 20.
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Wixom City Hall, 89455 Pontiac Trail.
CONTACT: (248) 624-4557

Novi City Council Meeting

DATE: Mondays, July 25, Aug. 8 and 22; Sept. 13 and 26; Oct. 10 and 24; Nov. 14 and 28; Dec. 5 and 19.

LOCATION: Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.
CONTACT: (248) 344-0470

Novi School Board Meeting

DATE: Thursdays, Aug. 18, Sept. 8, and 22.
TIME: 7:40 p.m.
LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Latt Road.
CONTACT: (248) 449-1200

BUSINESS

Oakland County Business Workshops

LOCATION: Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac.
CONTACT: (248) 858-0883

How to Start a Business

DATE: Thursday, Aug. 4.
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon.
DETAILS: For anyone thinking about going into business, learn how to implement ideas and receive a list of pitfalls to avoid when starting a business.

How to Write a Business Plan

DATE: Thursday, Aug. 11.
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon.
DETAILS: For small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success.

Small Business Loan Workshop

DATE: Thursday, Aug. 18.
TIME: 8:45 a.m.-noon.
DETAILS: Finance options for small business owners.

Oakland County Business Women's Conference

DATE: Tuesday, Aug. 16.
TIME: 1:43 p.m.
LOCATION: Royal Park Hotel, Rochester.
DETAILS: Designed to provide women in business with tools to increase profitability and make key decisions and will feature Keynote Speaker Mary Kramer, Publisher of

Crain's Detroit Business

CONTACT: www.oakland.mi.us/pubs/calendar

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Events

LOCATION: 305 N. Pontiac Trail, Suite B, Walled Lake.
CONTACT: (248) 624-2826

Business Referrals

DATE: every Wednesday.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.
TIME: 7:30-8:30 a.m.
DETAILS: Meeting of local professionals and business looking to increase word-of-mouth referrals business. Various classifications open and eager to bring you qualified business leads.
CONTACT: (734) 462-6460

Providence Center for the Healing Arts - Artist in Residence

ONGOING: Thursdays.
TIME: 1:30-3 p.m.
LOCATION: Creative Arts Studio, Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave.
DETAILS: Artist May Teemans instructs. Class will include drawing, pastels, watercolor and mixed media. There is a \$5 materials fee. Drop-in or register.
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

CLASSES

Providence Center for the Healing Arts "Tuesdays at Assarian"

DATE: Every Tuesday night.
TIME: 5-8 p.m.
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi.

Novi Public Library Hours

LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road.
HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10

Line Dancing Classes

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

Line Dancing Classes

DATE: every Friday.
TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road (activity room, main floor).
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LIBRARY LINES

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Movie Day

DATE: Tuesday, July 26.
TIME: 1 p.m.
DETAILS: Take a break for a G-rated movie and snacks. Bring your own pillow or blanket. For kids in kindergarten and up; no registration.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

Help Match the Walker Million Online

DETAILS: You now can make a donation online to help the library match the \$1 million Walker challenge grant. Just go to our Website <http://novi.lib.mi.us> and select the Make a Donation button on the homepage.

Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds

DETAILS: Sign-up is now underway for our 2005 Summer Reading Program. The program is for children in the fourth grade and below.

Just Read

DETAILS: Kids going into the fifth grade and up are invited to sign up now for Just Read. We'll feature awesome programs and prizes throughout the summer.

Lunch & Laughs

DATE: Monday, July 25.
TIME: 1 p.m.
DETAILS: For grades fifth and up, celebrating the end of the summer reading program with our annual pizza party. The improv group YFV will be performing. Sign up in advance in the rear area of the library.

Friendship Circle

DATE: meetings second Thursday of each month.
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Traflet and Beck roads.
DETAILS: Social group for all

Women's Prayer Support

DATE: every Saturday.
TIME: 9:10-10:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom (parking behind the church).
DETAILS: Support 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) 926-8333 or harvestfellowship@comcast.net

Magick with Thomas Plunkard

DATE: Wednesday, July 27.
TIME: 1 p.m., ages 4 and up; 7 p.m., all ages.
DETAILS: Join us for fun, bewilderment, and magic all in one fantastic program. No registration.

The Candy Band

DATE: Friday, July 29.
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: Township Hall, 10 Mile Road, next to the library.
DETAILS: The Summer Reading Program wraps up with a performance by The Candy Band. No registration is required for this one-hour, free event, which is for all ages.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Childbirth Refresher

DATE: Tuesday, Aug. 2.
DETAILS: Designed for the woman and her partner who have attended childbirth classes during a previous pregnancy. It provides a review of the birth process and techniques for dealing with labor and birth.

Yoga Classes

DATES/TIMES: Mondays, 1:30-2:30 p.m.; Fridays, noon-1:30 p.m.
DETAILS: The cost is \$10/walk-ins or 10 class card for \$80. If you are interested in battling fatigue, calming your nerves or reducing stress, this is the class for you.

Providence Center for the Healing Arts-Boost Camp Day

DATE: Friday, Sept. 9.
TIME: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Providence Medical Building, 47601 Grand River Ave.
DETAILS: A day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, information and a new perspective on

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close look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studios, your local community television studio.
CONTACT: Melissa Cohn, (248) 473-2840

HEALTH

Oakland County Health Division Classes

DATES: July 26, August 2, 9, 16.
TIME: 10:30 a.m.-noon.
LOCATION: Harco Valley Simi Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce.
DETAILS: Breast-feeding support series.
CONTACT: (248) 858-4000 to register or for more information

Providence Medical Center/Heart Institute Classes

LOCATION: Providence Park, Novi, 47601 Grand River Ave.
CONTACT: (888) 444-7325

Breast Cancer Support Group

DATES: second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.
LOCATION: Harco Valley-Simi Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C on the ground floor of the hospital.
TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.
DETAILS: No registration.
CONTACT: (248) 917-5017

New Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) chapter

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

ONGOING

Cool Car Cruise

DATE: every Wednesday through October.
TIME: 5 p.m., rain or shine.
LOCATION: Motor City Street, 2111 Haggerty Road, Commerce Township.
DETAILS: All cool cars welcome regardless of year. '50s, '60s, '70s, and '80s music by TJ the DJ. Lots of free giveaways including 50/50 and free T-shirts to the first 75 car owners.
CONTACT: (248) 668-1144

SWOCC Studio Tours

LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington Hills.
DETAILS: Come in for an up-

close look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studios, your local community television studio.
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EXPO CENTER

Novi High School Band Golf Outing

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TIME: 8:30 a.m. check-in; 9:30 a.m. shotgun start.
LOCATION: Tanglewood Golf Course, 53503 10 Mile Road, Lyon Township.
DETAILS: \$100 per golfer, lunch, dinner and prizes included. Raffle prizes are needed.
CONTACT: Dorian Kochyan, (248) 348-5135

Novi Chamber of Commerce Tycoon Tee-Off

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CONTACT: (248) 349-3743

Novi Parks Foundation & Singh Development Golf Outing

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TIME: 8:30 a.m. registration; 10 a.m. shotgun start.
LOCATION: Links of Novi, 50295 W.10 Mile Road, Novi.
DETAILS: \$100 per golfer, lunch, dinner, silent auction included. Proceeds benefiting Novi Parks Foundation.
CONTACT: Brian Burks, (248) 561-0255 or BBurke@holzerford.com

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CONTACT: Anne Storey, (248) 348-5600, Ext. 210

Abilities Expo

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CONTACT: (800) 736-7170 or www.abilitiesexpo.com

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1st Annual Novi Wildcats Boys Basketball Golf Outing

DATE: Saturday, Aug. 6.
LOCATION: Tanglewood Golf Club, 53503 10 Mile Road, Lyon Township.
DETAILS: Golf, lunch, raffle, prizes.
CONTACT: Dave Crandell at (248) 380-3148 or Doug Reichley at (248) 380-3921

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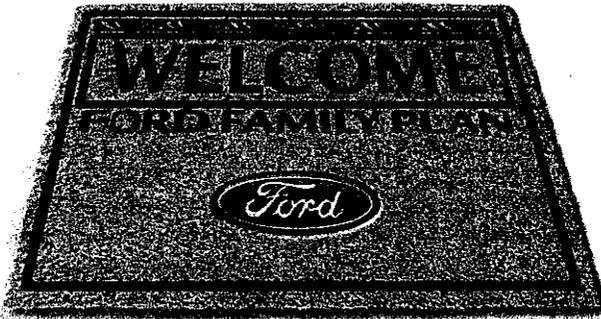
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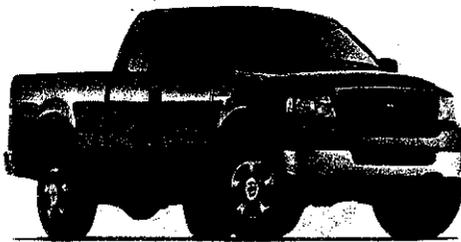
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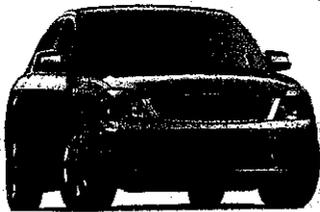
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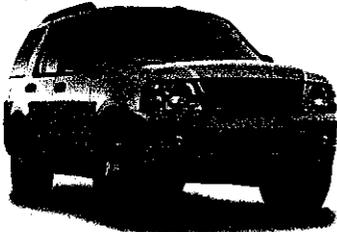
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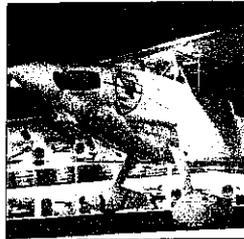
OPEN SATURDAYS



A bug in your ear

There's only one place to get the new bodybugg weight-control system in Michigan and it's right across Eight Mile in Northville. The Water Wheel Health Club has it and it's going fast.

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Motoring

The Motor Sports Hall of Fame of America isn't long for its current home in Novi. Make sure to stop in and visit the shrine to racing before it moves on to a new, uncertain location in the very near future.

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Regional Marketplace

Ann Bishop, a physical therapist, demonstrates the HydrTrack Underwater Treadmill System to Nate Furlong, a physical therapy technician, at Northville Physical Rehabilitation's new Cady Street Annex facility.

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SPORTS

Thursday, July 21, 2005

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By Novi News

Skaters labeled far too quickly

We want kids to find something to do and stay out of trouble, but when they do they're being a nuisance. Kind of a Catch 22, right?

Skateboarders are caught in that kind of paradox. They're kids who have something to do, but no place to do it at. Sure, there's a skate park in Novi, but



Sam Eggleston

most of the kids who are getting chased away from businesses and parks don't have the cars or the cash to enjoy it. Not to mention there's a far cry between street skating and that on the ramps and pipes of a park.

Beyond the dislikes or likes of parks the fact remains clear that skaters don't have the necessary facilities to practice their trade. Baseball players, soccer teams and tennis players have facilities right in town. Golf? Take a pick of multiple courses. Bowling? Sure. There are places to swim, to run, to jump rope, play street hockey and ride bikes. Skateboard? No.

Those who ride the boards have long had a bad reputation. They're troublemakers, criminals and bad seeds, right? Wrong.

They're kids. This is what they've dedicated themselves to. This is their passion.

A kid wants to draw? We give them pencils and paper. They want to be writers, we give them computers. If a kid wants to be an Eagle Scout, we find places for the meetings.

Then why can't skateboarders find a place to ride? People complain that the damage skaters do costs money. How much? Take that money, build a place for the kids to skate and let them at it. As a community we've spent money on ball diamonds, tennis courts and soccer fields. How much more does it cost for a skate park? How much more does it cost to make sure our kids are staying out of trouble?

But these kids are trouble with a capital T. They don't deserve community funds spent on them, right?

The problem is in the labeling. A kid decides they're going to ride the rail at a school because there's no place else to do it. Suddenly they're a troublemaker. Every skateboarder that even looks at that rail for the next five years is a troublemaker too. Label a kid long enough and they're going to become what people expect them to be.

A good kid who just wants to practice something that makes them feel proud of what they're able to accomplish grows up to be a bad kid in the eyes of everyone around them. It's a cycle that should have ended long ago.

Take a minute and watch the kids skate. They're good at what they do. They're talented. Smother that talent, end a dream, and it's like smothering the fires of determination and desire. Take away what they love and eventually they won't love much.

It's all a Catch 22. Now's the time to end it.

Let the kids skate. The less they're automatically expected to cause trouble, the less they'll cause.

Give them a chance. They might surprise everyone.

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Novi soccer player Stephanie Crawford moves upfield with the ball. She recently verbally committed herself to play for the University of Michigan

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

From Wildcat to Wolverine

Novi soccer standout Stephanie Crawford commits to Michigan

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Tell Novi soccer standout Stephanie Crawford she's one of the best players in the state and she says "Thanks." Tell that to her mother and father, Libby and Jeff, and they say "Wow, really?" Mention the fact to the University of Michigan women's soccer coaches and they say "We already know."

Crawford, who was Novi's leading scorer on the team's way to a Division I state title this year, announced Sunday her intentions to play at U-M in 2007 following her graduation from high school. The offer, which she took via a verbal commitment with the college, was a four-year, full-ride scholarship.

"It was a great offer and I really liked the school," said the forward. "They asked me to come play for them. I thought about it and then decided that's where I'd like to go."

As only a sophomore, Crawford knew she wanted to stay in-state for her collegiate career. Michigan and Michigan State were the two schools she was seriously considering. The offer from Michigan was just too good to pass up.

"We never expected it to be this quick," said Libby Crawford. "We thought she'd get offers in the winter. When they told us what they were offering we said we had to think about it. Stephanie said she really liked it there and that's where she wanted to go."

The decision could end up saving Crawford and her parents over \$16,000 per year at the college.

Though Crawford said she didn't know what she wanted to study, she knew Michigan offered a broad variety of classes. Her decision to go there follows a long line of her family. Her brother, Michael, currently attends the university after being a standout in several sports at Novi High School. Her mother's family all attended the college as well, except for her mother, who went to Michigan State.

"I think it's the right place for me," said Crawford. "It's a great school and it's close to home. I'm really happy I'll be able to go there after I graduate."

Not to mention she's really happy she'll be able to avoid the worry of catching a college coach's eye. As a member of the highly competitive Michigan Hawks club soccer squad, Crawford will play in the national tournament next week. There, college coaches will be keeping a close eye on all the players in attendance.

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"Now I don't have to worry about if I'm playing good enough or who is watching me. I can just go out and play and have fun."

Stephanie Crawford
Novi soccer standout

is watching me," she said. "I can just go out and play and have fun." Though Michigan State remained an option to Crawford until Sunday, she said the thought of meeting new players to take the field with excited her.

"That's the point of college," she said. "A lot of girls from Novi play at Michigan State. I know that would be fun, but I just thought it would be fun to be a part of a different team too."

She's got two years of high school and club soccer left ahead of her, but Crawford doesn't have to worry herself about where she's going to continue her soccer career or who's going to pay for it.

"It's an amazing offer," said Libby Crawford. "We're so proud of her. I called everyone when she decided. I'm so excited for her. We all are."

The Crawford family expected the offer to be a decent one, mixed possibly with an academic scholarship thanks to Stephanie's 3.7 grade-point average so far. When the full-ride athletic scholarship offer was extended, they were surprised but happy.

"I think Michigan will be a good fit for me," Crawford said. "It's a great school. It's going to be a completely different team by the time I get there, but I think they're going to be competitive. It's definitely going to be a lot of fun."

Her brother, Matthew, still has one more year of sports at Novi High School before he moves on to college. His choice? Most likely Michigan State. Still, he and the rest of the Crawford clan support their youngest athlete.

"All that hard work paid off," her mother said. "She really deserves it."

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Where foul balls vanish for good

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

Smack the ball foul in nearly any ballpark across Michigan and there's usually someone hopping the fence to go and grab it.

Just don't try that at Walled Lake Northern or Walled Lake Central high schools.

At Northern, the Knights baseball team can only watch as foul balls fly out of the park along the first base line. When it lands outside the fence, it's in foul territory where no one is supposed to wander. At Central, it's along the third base line of the softball diamond where balls go to never return.

"We must have hit about 20 balls over there that no one could go get," said

Northville assistant baseball coach Brad O'Neill about Northern.

Both fields butt up against private property. At Northern, the district decided it was just best to let the balls be. At Central, the neighbor put up an eight-foot-tall wooden fence and has yet to toss a softball back to the players.

"At Northern it's just a matter of liability," said athletics director David Yarbrough. "We could have put a gate in the fence but it would have had to remain locked at all times. Plus we just couldn't have kids jumping over it to get the balls because we didn't want to get someone hurt on private property."

The cost isn't that great compared to what it would cost in terms of liability if one of the players or coaches were to get

hurt trying to snag the ball. Yarbrough said a few extra dozen balls are used up at both locations, totally about \$40 per dozen.

"We've talked about putting up an extra high fence or some netting, but I've been told the cost just doesn't add up," said Tim Baglow, the head baseball coach at Northern. "We tell the other teams that come and play us that they should expect to use up a few extra balls. That's just the way it works."

Though Yarbrough said they have indeed considered measures to stop the balls from escaping the park only to never return, he said the ones that have been tried haven't worked all that well. He doesn't think new measures would work either.

"They're going to find a way out of

the park," he said. "At Central we put a hood over the backstop thinking that would help. It really hasn't."

"We could spend the money putting up netting or fencing, but the balls are going to get out of the park. It's really not worth the cost."

The rule is simple at both schools: hit the ball out of the park and it lands on private property then that's where it's going to stay.

"We're not going to send people over to get the balls," said Baglow. "That's the rule and we follow it. Some of the other coaches look at us a little funny, but that's what we've been told to do."

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What's bugging you?

New weight-loss tool makes dropping pounds as easy as doing high school math

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

For years, those looking to lose weight have wished there was a simpler way to understanding the math behind weight loss.

Should I eat less? Should I eat more? Now a technological Jimmy Cricket has arrived. It's called the bodybugg, and Northville's Water Wheel Health Club is one of only two places in the Midwest where it's available.

"For so long we've been had-mouthed technology because people can sit down, watch television and play video games and not get the exercise they need," said Water Wheel owner and operator Chris Klebba. "Now, we're embracing it."

This is the first time technology has entered the industry that actually has the capability of making a difference, said Klebba. It takes the guess work out of it and it's no harder to operate than pushing a button.

Klebba and the fitness trainers at the club wear the three-ounce device. It's grey and white, and it straps to the arm, necking five sensors against the skin of the user's triceps to record calories burned at any given moment.

The bodybugg proves high school algebra teachers across the country right by making weight loss an A-B-C equation. Who knew?

Open house

The Water Wheel Health Club recently announced the newest classes that will be offered to help the area get in shape with Body Training Systems. This group exercise program offers adults of all demographics a new option for the battle of the bulge. The new offering is unique to the Northville area as the Water Wheel has recently added a custom designed group exercise room specifically to implement Group Power, Group Kick and Group Step.

Why has Body Training Systems proven so effective for weight loss? Group classes offer a structured, full body workout which is laser accurate in hitting those "special areas". The enthusiasm of a hand-picked BTS instructor keeps you motivated. With several options for all sexes and sizes there are no excuses for getting moving.

• **Group Power** is a complete resistance workout which will tone your body using a light barrel with simple movements.

• **Group Kick** combines the best of martial arts disciplines for an empowering cardio class.

• **Group Step** is the ultimate in step aerobics with simple athletic movements.

The exercise will be unveiled at the Water Wheel Health Club's Christmas in July Open House Monday July 25, 5-9 p.m.

This event is open to the public (21 and Over). Participants are welcome to take a class and enjoy free massage, refreshments and prizes. Contact Chris Klebba at (248) 449-7634 or see www.wheelwater.com for more information.

Breaking down the numbers

The "A" equals calories consumed while "B" equals calories burned through physical activity and exercise. Take the first minus the second and it adds up to either a calorie surplus or deficit, either weight gain or weight loss.

"It's all math," said director of fitness Anton Pinar. "When you know how many calories you take in and how many you burn, you're going to know what you need to do to reach your goals."

Pinar said the device isn't about technology increasing a person's ability to lose weight. It's about educating them to be able to reach those goals.

"It teaches you everything you need to know to get there," he said. "If you just get home from work and you check your progress, you'll see if you're

right on track or if you maybe need to go for a walk to burn those extra calories for the day."

The bodybugg keeps track of calories burned for up to 14 days with most clients uploading their information daily to a personalized Web site via a wireless connection (included with the bodybugg). They then manually input their food intake for the day and then get a chance to see how far they've come.

The bodybugg also makes it hard to be in denial. Those who cheat on their meals will find the mechanical conscious showing them via body mass changes information on the site what their actual calorie intake had been.

The device also includes a true pedometer that counts steps based on pressure and movement. It keeps a daily record of steps on the clients' Web site as well.

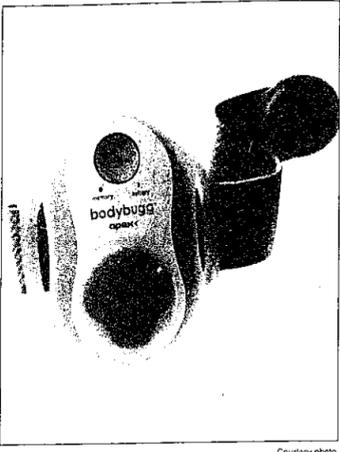
"It's pretty amazing," Pinar said.

The device became available to the public last Thursday and the Water Wheel has already sold out, thanks to press on CNN and in Forbes Magazine.

It's a craze that's sweeping the weight-loss industry, said Klebba.

"People are really excited about this," he said. "It's small, it's wireless and it's going to revolutionize the way people go about losing weight."

The cost of the device is \$588 if a client chooses to purchase it



Courtesy photo

Meet the future of weight-loss management in the new bodybugg. The small device tracks the amount of calories a person wearing it burns throughout the day.

and \$369 for a three-month lease. The package includes the bodybugg and all of its equipment for use on a personal computer as well as a 12-week program through the Water Wheel with six personal training sessions, a personal journal and a 12-week membership to the club. It's a package that normally would cost over \$800, minus the bodybugg.

The personal training sessions don't have to be face to face either. The trainers at the Water Wheel will have the capability of tracking clients' progress over the Internet and will do sessions over the telephone.

In fact, Pinar has a client who will be "teletraining" from Arizona.

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Girls netball players wanted

Want to be a part of a new and exciting game hitting the area? Then netball is the sport for you. Imported from the United Kingdom, netball is a very popular sport that is starting to creep into the United States.

Girls ages 15 and over are welcome to participate in the leagues. For more information, contact Sarah Weyburne at (248) 344-2828.

Golf Benefit

Sarah is a 14-year-old high school freshman, who at age 12 was diagnosed with a brain tumor. She has already undergone two surgeries to remove the majority of her brain tumor. She must now go to Bloomington, Indiana for eight weeks to receive a specialized form of radiation therapy at the Midwest Proton Radiotherapy Institute, to treat the rest of the remaining tumor. Her friends have rallied in her support and are sponsoring a golf outing to

help offset the cost of treatment not covered by insurance.

The event will be held at Hawk Meadows Golf Course located at 410 E. Main Rd. in Howell on July 23, 2005. Donation of \$85/person includes 18 holes and cart, continental breakfast, hot dogs/beverage at the turn and appetizers afterwards. For more information please call (248) 960-7227 or (248) 231-6553.

Novi Ice Arena to hold adult hockey leagues

The Novi Ice Arena will hold summer adult hockey leagues for adult teams, including 18 & Over "D" on Sunday nights, 18 & Over "C" on Wednesday nights, 18 & Over "B" on Tuesday nights and 30 & Over "A" on Thursday nights. League features include excellent game times, no checking, focus on fun and even competition, and trained scorekeepers.

The Sunday division will play a five-game schedule (plus playoffs) and Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday divi-

sions will play a six-game schedule (plus playoffs), with one game per week beginning in early July. Games will consist of three 15-minute running time periods.

For information on adult hockey leagues at Novi Ice Arena, call (248) 347-1010 or visit www.noviicearena.com.

Fall Baseball League

DATE: Saturdays-Sundays, starting August 15
 LOCATION: Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, Wixom

DETAILS: For age divisions, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14 and high school. 12 games per season plus playoffs, umpires, fields, and game balls provided. The cost is \$230 for individuals and \$1450 per team.
 CONTACT: Total Baseball, (248) 668-0166 or visit www.total-baseball.com

Hitting Camp

DATE: August 8-10
 TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
 LOCATION: Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, Wixom

DETAILS: For ages, 7-17 years old. Will include proper baseball swing, improving physics ball speed and batting averages. The cost is \$120 per player, \$10 discount for second child.
 CONTACT: Total Baseball, (248) 668-0166 or visit www.total-baseball.com

Summer Hockey Programs

DATE: ongoing through August
 LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena, Novi Road, between 9 and 10 Mile roads

DETAILS: Classes for boys, ages 5-5, 6-8, 9-10, 11-14, and girls, ages 8-12, 13-18 and

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Motor Sports Hall of Fame of America

Future home is uncertain for racing shrine

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

There isn't much time left, but it's not too late to visit the Motor Sports Hall of Fame of America while it's still at its current residence.

The Hall of Fame, dedicated to all forms of racing that involve a motor, is located at Novi's Expo Center off of Novi Road, but not for long. The operation will have to be moved elsewhere when the Expo Center makes its shift to its new location on Grand River Avenue west of Taft Road, expected in the coming months.

"There's going to be a relocation. That's definitely going to happen," said Ron Watson, Hall of Fame president. "We don't, unfortunately, know where. There are some various options



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The Motor Sports Hall of Fame hosts many famous cars and other racing machines including Ford's 1999 NASCAR championship auto, left, Cale Yarborough's Ford, A Blueberry formula V raceplane, and a racing boat designed by Bill Sebold, right.

out there, but unfortunately we can't tell you because we don't have anything specifically."

The Hall of Fame opened in 1988 and has watched as motor sports have grown throughout the nation, increasing in fans and attendance at nearly every level.

Though the location isn't the easiest to find, Watson said plenty of visitors from across the globe have managed to track them down over the years.

"We've had them from as far away as Australia and New Zealand, and definitely all 50 states," he said.

The cost to get into the Hall of Fame, which includes cars, planes, boats and more, is \$4 per person; \$2 for children under 12 and seniors over 60 years of age.

"It's one of the better things you can do for \$4," Watson said. "The hours, which the Hall of Fame will most likely use until they relocate later this summer, are 10 a.m.-5 p.m."

As motor sports have grown, Watson said the fan base has continued to expand. Now, women, children and senior citizens enjoy them as much as the traditional male fans.

The Hall of Fame boasts a car once driven by Darrel Waltrip, painted the familiar colors that a box of Tide laundry detergent carries.

"Some people say that was a turning point," Watson said. "When household products became sponsors it started to draw in fans other than men. Now it's pretty much even between men and women."

Though Watson said the Hall of Fame hasn't singled out a final location, he said he hopes to see it stay in southeast Michigan.

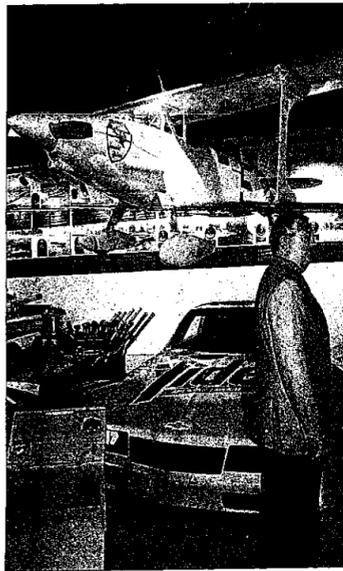


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Ron Watson and the Motor Sports Hall of Fame have a lot of different racing machines on display including cars, motorcycles, boats, jet-powered cars, and planes.

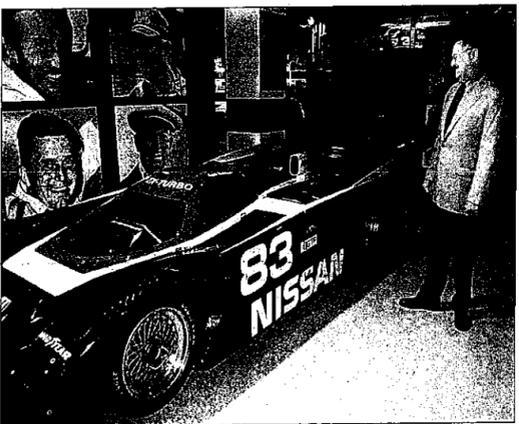


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Ron Watson, president of the Motor Sports Hall of Fame looked inside the Novi Expo Center, takes a look at a recent addition: the LeMans style racer of inductee-Australian Geoff Brabham.

"We'd prefer to stay in the area," he said. "Our first preference is to stay right here (in Novi) and then southeast Michigan. There is the possibility that we may have to go out of state though."

Even if they do have to move across state lines, the Hall of Fame is still making a point of not letting their regular routines get interrupted. They'll still hold their induction ceremonies this year

Aug. 18 at Detroit's State Theater. It's a black-tie event that will introduce some big names into the Hall. Some noobies include: Danny Foster (in the Powerboats category), Harley Wood (Drag Racing), Benny Parsons (Stock Cars), Tom Sneva (Open Wheel), Jay Springsteen (Motorcycles), Holman & Moody (All Large) and Troy Rutman (Historic).

Those who have already been

inducted and are expected to attend include legends Mario Andretti and Richard Petty among others.

Tickets to the event are available. Contact the Motor Sports Hall of Fame of America at (248) 349-7223 for more information.

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Second place finish

The Novi Heat U10 Boys Baseball finished in second place at the Canton Tournament recently as they overpowered several opponents and came up just short in the title run. Pictured are: Bottom (left to right): Brad Kozinski, Nick Eugard, Blake Boron, Preston Dooley, Jason Carliss; Middle Row: Nick Shelar, Marjo Ferrini, Nicky Pandya, Grant Wheeler; Top Row Coaches: Brian Boron, Tim Wheeler and Steve Dooley.



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Tournament champions

The CYO Basketball Jam earned a championship for the 12-and-under division of the Red Hacker 3-versus-3 basketball tournament recently. The team, coached by Jeff Sinkovich, earned the title last month following some strong play against some very stiff competition. On the team are Marissa Kalaj, Kelly Wineka, Madeline Sinkovich and Joanna Beaton.

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Payday loans trap consumers

Pretend for a moment that you have the ability to make loans for \$200, \$300 or even \$400. Then say, for instance, an acquaintance needed a short term loan for \$300 to tide him over to payday. Would you lend the money at an interest rate of 400 percent? Would you keep charging this rate every two weeks until the borrower paid you in full? This is the essence of a payday loan.

Most people balk at the idea of a loan with a 400 percent interest rate, but payday lenders are making a killing issuing these loans. In 2003, payday loan borrowers forked over \$3.4 billion in high interest rates, according to a study by the nonprofit Center for Responsible Lending (CRL).

Long criticized by consumer groups as an industry that preys on the financially vulnerable, the payday lending industry recently drew criticism from the United States military. Citing a study that shows payday lenders are aggressively targeting military personnel, the Department of Defense has implemented a program that warns service men and women about the dangers of payday loans and encourages them to make better choices.

How payday loans work

Easy access to quick cash without requisite education can trap consumers in a vicious cycle of debt. Here's why. To get a loan, a borrower gives the payday lender a postdated personal check, and in return they receive the cash advance minus the lender's fee. For example, with a \$300 payday loan, a borrower might pay \$45 in fees and get \$255 in cash. The lender holds the check until the borrower's payday. At that time, the borrower has the option to pay back the \$300 in exchange for the check, let the lender deposit the check for \$300, or renew or roll over the loan for an additional \$45.

According to CRL, only one percent of all payday loans are made to one-time emergency borrowers; and some 75 percent of payday customers are unable to repay their loan within a two-week time frame. That means most borrowers roll over their loans and pay renewal fees multiple times for the same loan. In short, they pay a lot of money for a small amount of credit.

Some states, including Michigan are considering legislation that will regulate payday lenders. In Michigan, House Bill (HB) 4834 would set a maximum de facto interest rate on a sliding scale depending on how much the consumer borrowed with a maximum loan of \$600. (Currently, no limit exists on the interest rate.) The bill guarantees that borrowers would pay no more than 15 percent for a \$100 loan, 14 percent on the second \$100, 13 percent on the third \$100, 12 percent on the fourth \$100, 11 percent on the fifth \$100 and 11 percent on the sixth \$100, plus a verification fee. If a person were to obtain the maximum loan of \$600, they would in effect pay roughly 12.7 percent for the loan. The bill also provides a number of consumer protections. HB 4834 currently awaits Senate action.

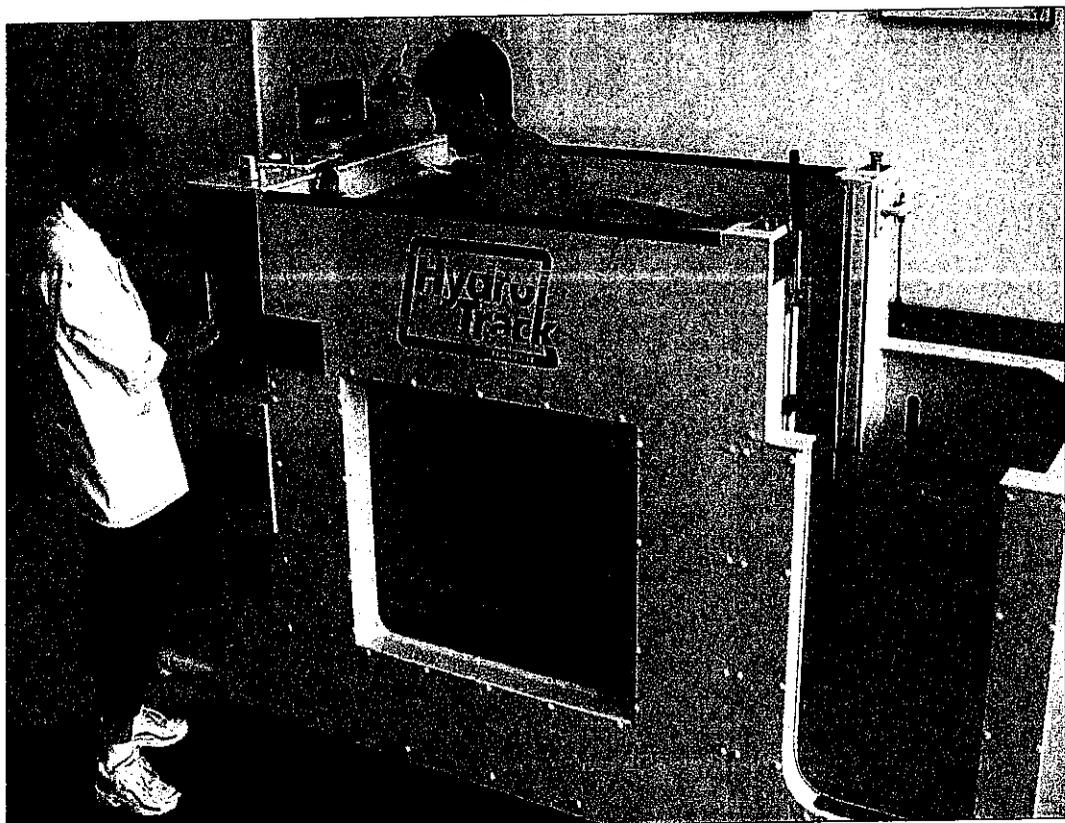
Alternatives to payday loans

Payday lenders are not the only option for cash-strapped consumers. Advances from employers, emergency assistance programs, overdraft protection from a financial institutions and credit union loans are all realistic alternatives to payday lending services. There's a caveat to this suggestion, however. While these alternatives may work in the short term, borrowers must break the cycle of payday loan dependence and begin to budget, manage their money and use credit wisely.

Consumer credit counseling agencies like GreenPath Debt Solutions offer consumers free credit counseling and budgeting plans. They can also set up payment plans with creditors, lower interest rates and in some cases, have late fees waived. Credit counselors at GreenPath may be contacted at (800) 350-1961.

Mary Davis manages public affairs for the Michigan Credit Union League (MCUL), a statewide trade association representing Michigan credit unions. Send your financial questions to "Your Money Matters" c/o the Michigan Credit Union League, P.O. Box 8054, Plymouth, MI 48170-8054, or stop by our Web site (www.mcul.org) to learn more about smart money management.

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Ann Bishop, a physical therapist, demonstrates the HydroTrack Underwater Treadmill System to Nate Furlong, a physical therapy technician, at Northville Physical Rehabilitation's new Cady Street Annex facility.

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"As Americans are living longer, they want and should expect improved quality in their lives," said Dennis Engerer, a physical therapist and director of Northville Physical Rehabilitation, P.C. Spending retirement sitting in a rocking chair or playing shuffleboard is not what most Americans want anymore. They want to continue living active and healthy lives and advances in healthcare are making that possible.

It was not too many years ago that an osteoarthritic hip or knee joint meant the end of golfing, hiking, or certainly walking any distance. Now, many people in their 70's, 80's and even 90's are getting a new lease on life with joint replacements and simple orthopedic surgical procedures that allow them to lead very active and comfortable lives for the remaining years of their lives.

"People have many more options today" said Engerer. "When they realize they have the opportunity for themselves or their family members to relieve pain, avoid disability, or live longer, they appreciate the opportunity for another chance."

Our niche in the healthcare system is to provide an environment conducive to physical rehabilitation. That may include the necessary equipment, the expertise, or simply the physical and psychological assistance someone may need to begin the process.

"Some people are more motivated than others," said Engerer.

We're good at motivating even those who have been discouraged. If you can relieve some of the pain a person has or begin to improve even a small amount of their function, then the motivational level quickly increases."

Northville Physical Rehabilitation just completed its 20th year in downtown Northville and we are excited about our continued growth. We opened our second location on Cady Street in Northville, which has allowed us to acquire new tools and new staff to provide a wider range of treatment services, according to Engerer.

We are able to provide a broad spectrum of physical and occupational rehabilitation services for patients with simple to very complex injuries or illnesses. We tailor our treatment plans according to a patient's ability and personal expectations that may be as varied as a desire to propel a wheelchair independently or run a marathon race.

"It's very satisfying to assist a person and watch them achieve their goals," said Engerer. "We now offer aquatic therapy



Photos by DUANE RAMSEY

Becca Carter (right), a physical therapy technician, supervises patient Florys Meredith who is using the elliptical exercise equipment at Northville Physical Rehabilitation's main facility downtown.

at the new location with the installation of the Hydro Track, an underwater treadmill system."

The Hydro Track system provides a wide variety of aquatic therapy applications with superior results compared to land-based equipment. Water allows resistance in all ranges of movements within a very protective environment with the advantage of heat and buoyancy to relieve pressure and pain. The practice recently acquired a device which uses a laser to provide treatment for many soft-tissue diagnoses.

Northville Physical Rehabilitation sees many patients through referrals from area physicians, including fami-

ly practice doctors, orthopedic surgeons, and rheumatologists.

Patients are also welcome to call and schedule an appointment for an initial evaluation without a referral.

"We work closely with local doctors, hospitals and medical clinics to provide rehabilitation therapy for their patients," Engerer said. "We try to make it as easy as possible for those referrals. Following an initial exam, we contact their physician and make recommendations for appropriate treatments."

The staff at Northville Physical Rehabilitation includes five physical therapists, a physical therapist assistant, an occupational therapist, exercise phys-

ologist, athletic trainer and five physical therapy technicians.

In addition to treating patients at their two locations, the staff is able to provide care in patients' homes or assisted living centers. Transportation to their facility is also available for patients living in the local community.

Northville Physical Rehabilitation is a participating Medicare and Blue Cross Blue Shield provider and participates with most insurance plans.

Office hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Additional information is available on their website at www.NorthvillePhysicalRehab.com.



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