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## Decision clears path for Novi hospital beds

**State Supreme Court refuses to hear case**

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Rob Casalou witnessed the next milestone in Providence Hospital's history last week. The hospital president learned Aug. 31 that the Michigan

Supreme Court decided not to hear the plaintiff's case against St. John Health building a hospital in Novi.

State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Nowi) said the court backed an appeals court ruling supporting legislation by her.

The legislation permitted Henry Ford Health System and St. John Health to transfer beds to underserved areas in West Bloomfield and Novi.

Confident that the higher court would uphold the appeals court ruling, St. John Health has been moving forward with construction

"It's a great victory."

State Sen. Nancy Cassis

of a hospital in Novi bringing inpatient capabilities to the western Oakland County area.

The \$224-million, 200-bed hospital will be constructed at Grand River Avenue and Beck Road next to the existing medical facility and the Assarian Cancer Center.

"The state Supreme Court's decision to not hear the plaintiff's case is a victory for our patients, because it reaffirms our position that there is a definite need for access to inpatient medical care in the rapidly growing western sub-

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## City to foot bill for trees

**Plantings to run Sept. 15 through Nov. 30**

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Novi City Forester Steve Printz has his work cut out for him.

The Emerald Ash Borer has taken its toll on ash trees in the city in recent years, with the loss of about 2,400 street trees.

Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department staff members now have the daunting task of replacing these lost trees.

"We've lost one of our greatest street trees in the ash," Printz recently told city council members. "We're trying to diversify."

"In reviewing the city's tree policy and plans for fall planting, there has been a strong consensus that street trees should be the city's responsibility and not the homeowners."

So, the city will continue to replace fallen ash trees at no cost to the residents.

The enormous financial burden that the exotic pest has created led to the city exploring creative solutions.

This included using trees from the woodlands on property owned by the new Catholic Central High School starting in 2006 to replace street trees. The school has agreed to provide 233 trees a year to the city for nine years.

In 2004, the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department had only \$60,000 in the Tree Fund for street tree replacement.

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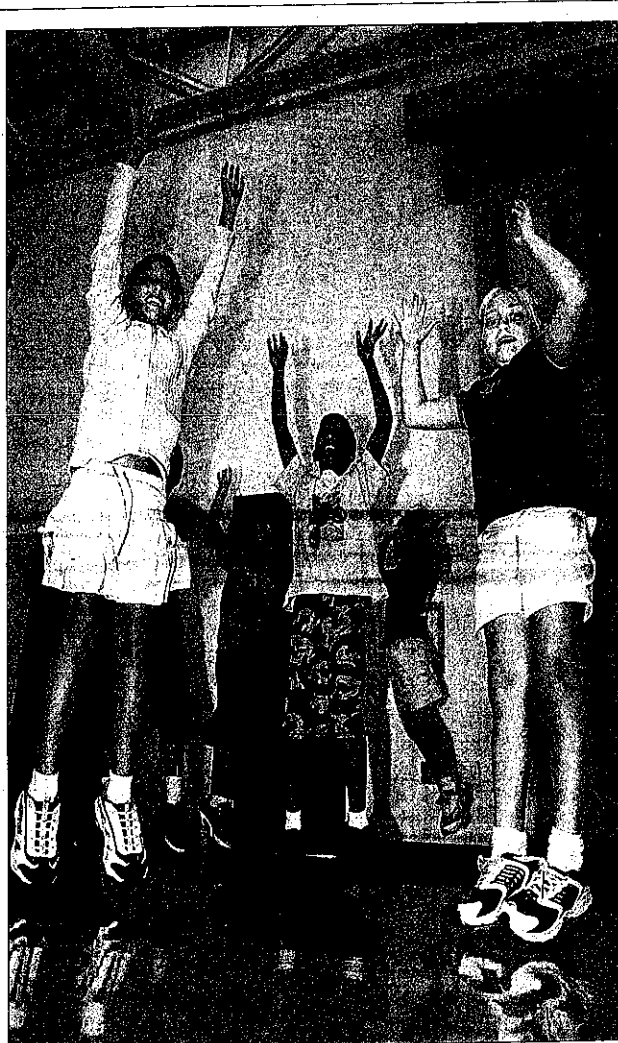


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**Work it out!**

Novi Woods students jump, seemingly, for joy and participate in their school's new "Woods Workout" program on a Thursday afternoon. At the "Reach for the Sky" station, from left are Emma Rinck, Lauren Cojei, and Palguna Thalla. The workout allows kids about 40 seconds and more than a dozen different stations where a different physical activity is called for. For the full story, please see the Health section on page 13.

**Fall for Novi activities**

- 9/11 Memorial Dedication
- Novi Walk of Fame
- Household Hazardous and Secure Document Destruction Day
- Fall Parental Exchange
- Visit with city of Novi staff
- Health Screenings
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## Fall for Novi

**9/11 statue to honor Novi Fire Dept.**

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

It may still be summer, but Cindy Uglow invites local residents to Fall for Novi on Sept. 17.

The annual event, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at city hall located at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, gives city departments and community groups the opportunity to host exhibits.

Visitors to the free event can also interact one-on-one with city staff and representatives from local organizations.

Fall for Novi gives residents the chance to have questions answered about property tax assessments, building concerns, ordinances, recreation activities, property values and more.

This year's event is presented in partnership with Providence Hospital and Medical Centers, Inter Automotive and the Rock Financial Showplace.

The dedication of the new 9/11 Memorial at 10 a.m. will kick off the event. The unveiling of the bronze statue will take place on the southeast lawn of the Civic Center.

Several area businesses have joined to donate the statue as a memorial to the heroic efforts of firefighters following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, in New York City.

The statue also honors long-time Fire Chief Art Lenaghan and the men and women of the Novi Fire Department.

Fall for Novi will also include Household Hazardous Waste Disposal and Secure Document Destruction Day, which will take place behind Ella Mae Power Park.

Participants should use the driveway between the Civic Center and Novi High School

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Novi Middle School Main Office Secretary Tanya Vuichard talks with colleague Mary Abraham.

## Vuichard comes to the rescue of neighbor

**Middle School receptionist hailed a hero**

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

When Tanya Vuichard strolled outside to get the mail a few weeks ago, she got more than she bargained for.

The Novi Middle School receptionist was greeted by her next door neighbor's frantic housekeeper, who said that her neighbor, Richard Grandon, had fallen down and passed out.

"She was frantically screaming," Vuichard said. "I ran in there and I called 911. It was unbelievable. I tried to save him, but he had already passed away."

The incident changed Vuichard in a way that made her appreciate life a lot more. She described it as a "very emotional" experience.

Many feelings were going through her head, but most of all, it was fear.

"All I could think was, I wanted to help him," she said. "He was blue in the face and one part of me didn't know if I would be able to do it, but something took over in me and I just did it."

Vuichard has never had anything like that happen before in her life, and it made her proud of herself because she didn't know she had it in her to try to save someone in trouble.

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The experience made her look at her job in a different way as well. She explained that with her working in a school building, something similar could happen at any time, and now she knows she would be able to react better if it ever does.

"I think it was good for me that it happened because it made me more confident in myself," Vuichard said.

Vuichard believes that everything happens for a reason and that fate determines everyone's life path. A self-described "happy

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### Novi hospital to open in 2008

Construction of the Novi hospital began this summer. Plans include an expanded emergency department and state-of-the-art imaging technology, inpatient and outpatient pediatric services, a dedicated pediatric unit and pediatric short stay unit, a Neuroscience Institute, a Musculoskeletal Center of Excellence and a dedicated and consolidated Women's Services area.

"The campus is being developed with additional investments of about \$100 million from area developers, business leaders and physicians."

These investments will bring a large fitness and Wellness Center, hotel services and a new medical office building to the Novi campus.

"For many years we have worked to provide inpatient care at western Oakland County," said Rob Cavalou, president.

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and outgoing person," she loves being around people and volunteering for different activities.

Her son just started high school and she is very involved in sports boosters at his school. "I'm just a very giving person and a good team player," she said. "I'll do whatever I need to do to get the job done or to make it work, and I'm always there to help out. I'm very dedicated to my job and kids' lives and their extra-curricular activities."

When her and her husband get the chance, they enjoy going to Grand Haven, on the west side of the Lake. They rent a place off Lake Michigan and enjoy the scenery.

"It's surreal, and it's right on the lake," Vaulchard said. "We've been going there ever since I met my husband in 1986. It's just beautiful. It's where we relax."

The family enjoys attending sporting events in their spare time as well.

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**Katrina relief**  
Members of the Novi Rotary Club hit the streets Saturday to collect approximately \$2,000 for victims of the Katrina hurricane. Shown at the Novi Road and Grand River intersection are (left to right) Joe Carrier, Al Ponkey, Tim McNamara, Bob Limbright and Mav Sanghvi. The Rotarians plan to repeat the fund-collecting this Saturday. Or, checks may be mailed to: Katrina, Novi News at 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167.

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### City to foot bill for trees

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developers who have removed trees from the city's regulated woodland areas. However, this fund covers the cost of only about 75 trees a year.

The city applied for and received two grants totaling \$40,000 from the Department of Natural Resources which enabled staff to plant 320 trees. City council members approved the application of another such grant for \$20,000 from their Aug. 22 meeting.

However, even with the Catholic Central trees and state funding, the city will not be able to replace all of the dead street trees until 2013.

Printz said \$793,000 has been budgeted for tree replacement, with Novi's forestry division responsible for executing the plan. Residents and homeowner associations will be notified of the plantings.

Staff also reviewed eight other communities' tree replacement programs and surveyed Novi residents in June 2004. The survey revealed that homeowners wanted that if they do not receive replacement trees this fall, their subdivision will be scheduled for spring planting.

Residents pay for the entire cost of tree replacement in most area communities or share the cost. In fact, Novi is the only city out of nine area communities surveyed that pays for the entire cost of street trees. Bids recommendations in the project will be presented to city council at its Sept. 12 meeting.

### Post-planting care tips for new trees

■ Please don't overwater in city's clay soil

Following are tips on new tree care:

- **Watering**  
Overwatering can drown trees. Trees require less water than grass. Turn down sprinkler systems to water not more than five minutes every four days. If you do not have a sprinkler system and rainfall is not sufficient, generally one inch/week, water with a hose slowly and gently for 10 minutes over the root zone once a week.
- **Mulching**  
Proper mulching can reduce the amount of water lost to evaporation, moderate temperature extremes within the root zone, weed growth and provide a barrier to mowers and weed-trimmer damage.  
Mulch can be composed of almost anything — shredded bark, wood chips, pine straw,
- **Fertilizer**  
The contractor will fertilize the trees next spring or fall. If you wish to fertilize, application of a controlled-release granular fertilizer without weed killer is recommended. Do not fertilize your tree right after it's planted.  
Excessive fertilizer salts can damage or even kill a tree. Call the city if you decide to fertilize your tree so the city forester can coordinate the effort with the contractor.
- **Protecting the bark**  
It is extremely important to protect tree bark. Care should be taken to not injure tree bark by mowing or weed whipping. The bark is very important because it protects the conduc-

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"They will receive a Certificate of Destruction," Uglow said.

If you have a mercury thermometer, the recycling authority will replace those free with a digital thermometer.

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Another addition to this year's event is the Novi Walk of Fame which will honor Novi's founders and those who have contributed their time, talents and resources to improve Novi.

At health screenings, visitors can have their blood pressure, cholesterol and bone density checked.

"Ask the Doctor" in which a Providence Hospital doctor will answer medical questions, will be available. A nursing staff will also be on hand.

The Fall Parental Exchange will be held under a tent on the west side of the Civic Center.

Kids can enjoy a moonwalk, putt putt golf, face painting and get their picture taken with the Novi Fire Department's mascot, Sparks. Should they ever be in a fire, they can also learn how to stop, drop and roll at the fire safety trailer.

The Novi Lions Club will provide Marcus burgers, founded by longtime Novi resident Tom Marcus.

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## 9/11 Memorial sculptor known worldwide

### Religious works to grace Catholic Central

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Canadian artist Timothy P. Schmalz, who created the city's new 9/11 Memorial, is so famous he's even met the Pope.

The sculptor, who lives in Ontario, has achieved worldwide recognition for his religious sculptures.

Now, one of his creations will grace the Novi Civic Center's grounds' south entrance. Schmalz's 9/11 Memorial for the city features four firefighters carrying a chaplain to safety in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Schmalz often sculpts himself, working in one of his three studios. In an old warehouse with no windows in the heart of an industrial district, he is fueled by a passion that drives him for up to 15 hours a day.

Schmalz has created master-

pieces such as a memorial to Mother Teresa and the "Millennium Monument" to Christ's birth in Bethlehem.

A native of Elmer, Ontario, his passion for sculpture began at age 16. He was accepted by Toronto's prestigious Ontario College of Art.

Skipping countless classes in art history and theory, he instead hid in the college's basement studio and sculpted, often being locked overnight in the school, where he worked until dawn.

He was expelled after only several months. He then leased his first studio, a 10-foot by 20-foot room with no heat.

Unable to afford anything else, he moved into the studio and lived where he worked.

Schmalz, who has also constructed many sculptures for the new Catholic Central High School in Novi, received his first commission at age 19—a figurative sculpture for the Roman Catholic Church.

This commission was the first of more than 100 original commissions he has done for the Church. Several thousand casts of these works in various sizes have been

sold.

### Lynne Paul pushed idea

City Council Member Lynne Paul learned about Schmalz when she dropped by to visit Father Richard Elmer at the old Catholic Central High School in Redford.

She wanted to see how the old school compared to the new one, and he showed her photos of Schmalz's statues planned for school's new Novi campus.

Paul then contacted Schmalz about creating a 9/11 Memorial for the city.

Elmer became interested in Schmalz's work when he saw some miniatures of his sculptures at the St. John's Youth and Family Center in Plymouth Township.

"He has a special gift as far as religious art is concerned," Elmer said. "There's a real spiritual depth in what he does."

Elmer drove to Ontario to see more of his work and talk to Schmalz about what he could do for the school's campus.

Pieces at Catholic Central include statues of St. Patrick and St. Basil, the school's patron saint,

inside the chapel, visitors will find a statue of St. Joseph with the child Jesus holding a hammer and looking up at the saint and a statue of the Blessed Mother.

Schmalz also fashioned the 14 stations of the cross inside the chapel. In the media center, he created a statue of the Holy Family.

Schmalz presented a miniature of this statue to the Pope.

The Landon Companies of Bloomfield Hills donated the statue to be dedicated at city hall.

Dixie Marble of Novi contributed the limestone base. Providence Hospital paid for landscaping around the statue.

Anthony Concrete of Novi donated the concrete and sidewalk around the statue, and Sim-Check Sod Installation of Howell donated the irrigation system for the landscaping.

The Tabernan Group of Bloomfield Hills, owners of Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, also provided two park benches by the statue.

For more information about Schmalz's work, visit [www.sculpturetypes.com](http://www.sculpturetypes.com).



Courtesy photo

Canadian artist Timothy P. Schmalz, works on one of the many religious statues he has created. He recently fashioned a 9/11 Memorial for the city of Novi that will be unveiled at the Sept. 17 Fall for Novi community event.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

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## Keeping kids safe

### Tracking down area sex offenders

By Tracy Mishler  
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Allison Sarzinski tells her daughter everyday not to talk to strangers.

The 36-year-old Northville Township resident isn't afraid to let her 12-year-old daughter hang out with friends at the mall, just as long as she only talks with her friends.

"There's always the what ifs, but we can't always baby-sit our kids," Sarzinski said.

According to the Michigan Public Sexual Offender registry, there are 30 active sex offenders living in Novi. Acting Police Chief David Malloy said the city does not have a problem with sex offenders.

"Every community is going to have someone on the sex offender registry," Malloy said. "Incidents like this are very rare in Novi."

Malloy said first-time offenders pay a \$35 registration fee. Offenders guilty of a felony must register quarterly with department, and offenders guilty of a misdemeanor must register yearly, between Jan. 1 and 15.

"Failure to report address changes within 10 days is a felony," Malloy said. "Sex offenders are allowed to come in 24 hours a day to register and change addresses, so there should never be excuses of why they shouldn't be able to come in."

Police Chief John Werth said the Northville Township Police Department is aware of the whereabouts of their nine sex offenders.

"We just had a special program that verified where our sex offenders were living," Werth said. "It's our obligation to the residents to make sure these people are registered."

According to the Michigan State Police, a sex offender is anyone convicted of a sex crime, including rape and molestation.

Werth said offenders can remain on the registry for 25 years to life, depending on the crime committed.

"The residents of Northville know they register with us," Werth said. "It's the same way with other cities and townships."

### Safety tips

- Take an active role in your child's life. Know where your child is at all times, and be familiar with their friends and daily activities.
- Parent should teach their children to use the "buddy system" and to never travel alone.
- Teach your kids that if something makes them feel uneasy or uncomfortable, they should get away quickly and tell their parents or a trusted adult.
- Parents should teach their children that it is "OK" to be suspicious of an adult asking for assistance, many child predators use this technique to isolate and distract a possible child victim.
- Children should know their home address and telephone number, and know how to contact their parents in case of an emergency. Parents should also teach their children how to dial 911 for emergencies.

### Predator warning signs

- Parents should trust their instincts. If you sense something is not quite right, cut off contact between the person and your child.
- They may turn your child against you, and try to become of primary importance in the child's life.
- They take every possible opportunity to contact your child.
- They make themselves available for every occasion.
- They have low social boundaries.
- They encourage, instead of setting limits on, inappropriate "potty" talk or sexual talk.
- They don't set physical boundaries with your kids. There's a lot of physical play, and they don't limit your child in climbing all over them.
- They do not have age-appropriate peer relationships.

To check the Michigan Public Sexual Offender registry, visit [www.mjsor.state.mi.us](http://www.mjsor.state.mi.us).

Detective Sgt. Matthew Mayes said the department works closely with the elementary and middle schools to make sure kids are safe.

"If there is anything dangerous or any situation that could be hazardous to the kids, we immediately relay that information to the school administrators," Mayes said. "We are required to share information about sex offenders with the schools."

Malloy said that all the information is for public safety and is available.

"This time of year, we are very proactive with the schools," he said. "We don't have any additional information to provide the schools."

Malloy said the department is always patrolling to make sure residents and kids are safe.

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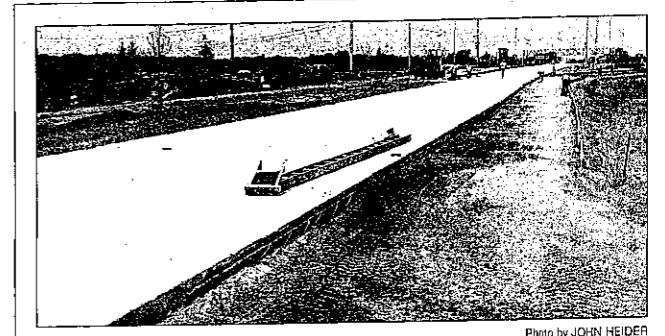


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### It's gettin' there

Work continues on the Beck Road and I-96 interchange in Novi on a recent Wednesday afternoon. The \$15 million project which will allow traffic from Beck onto eastbound 96 for the first time, began in 2004, and is scheduled to be completed by this November. The new interchange is called the Single Point Urban Interchange whose benefits include that one set of traffic lights can control all of the traffic passing through the area.

## Man arrested in golf course break-ins

By Dan Trudeau  
STAFF WRITER

Oakland County Sheriff's deputies were called to the Riverbank Golf course at approximately 4 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 5, after an alarm went off in the course's office.

As they arrived at the scene, deputies said they observed a man fleeing the building. They found an opened cash box and observed that a window had been smashed in, presumably to allow the suspect entry into the building, a police report said.

As deputies searched the scene, another deputy observed a truck parked in the nearby Tanglewood subdivision, a police report said a man appeared to be sleeping in

the truck. When awakened, the man indicated that he was deaf and could not understand the deputy's questions.

The report said the 24-year-old Warren man had mud on his shoes and appeared sweaty. He reportedly had cuts on his arms, and deputies found a piece of broken glass in his clothing.

A search of the suspect's vehicle uncovered a laptop computer, several boxes of cigars and more than \$800 in cash and coin, the report said.

Management from the Riverbank Golf Course said the office was only missing \$200, so police put out a call to neighboring law enforcement agencies, the report said.

Novi police said a break-in had

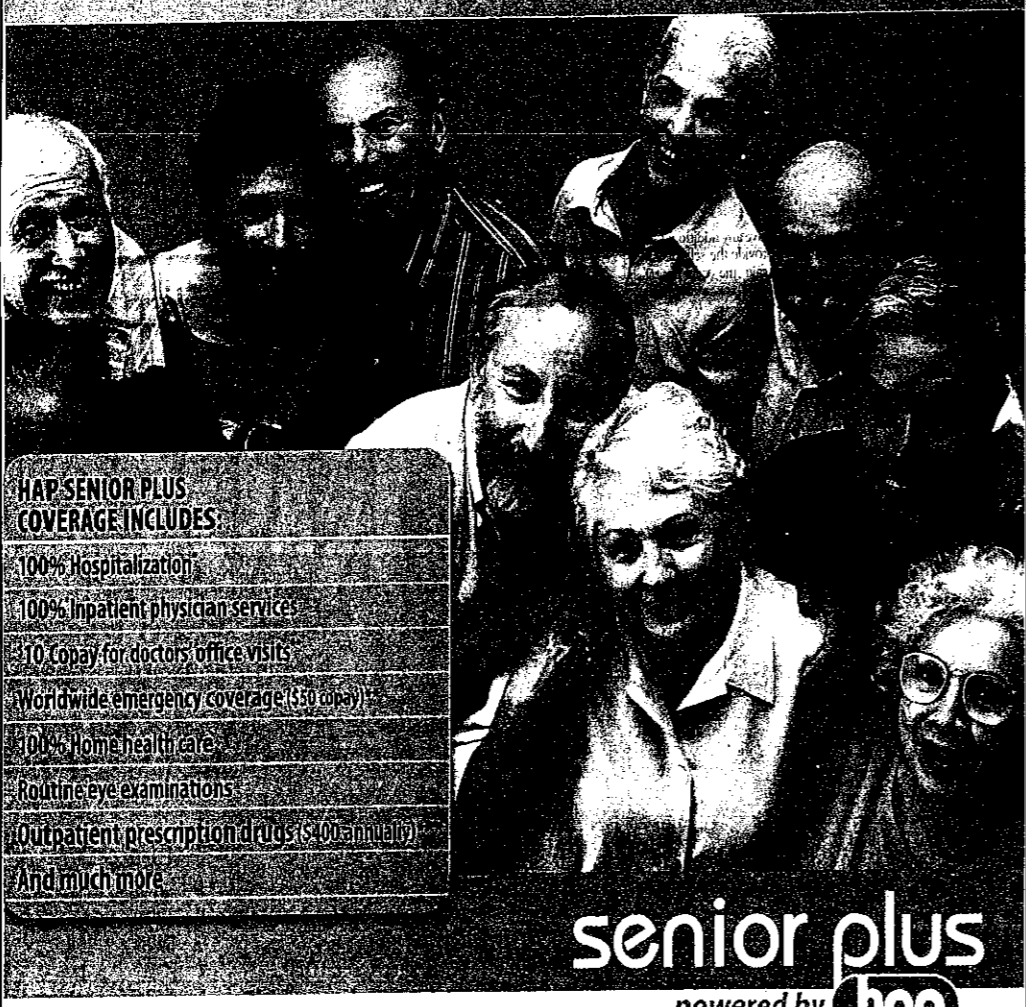
also occurred at a Novi golf course, and management at Lyon Oaks Golf Course later said a window had been broken in what appeared to be an attempted break-in there.

The report said deputies found a map in the man's vehicle with the locations of the three golf courses marked in pen.

The suspect was arrested for breaking and entering and possession of stolen items. He was also named by police as the suspect in the attempted break-in at Lyon Oaks, a report said. As of Tuesday, the suspect had not been arrested.

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## City council to interview students

### Members to ask pair of questions

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Novi City Council members began the task of interviewing 62 students this week.

Interviews with prospective members of the Novi Youth Council and other civic groups start at 9 a.m. Saturday.

The interviews are scheduled to last until about 11:30 a.m. in council chambers.

Additional interviews will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15.

Students recently received a letter asking them to pick one of the two dates to be interviewed and telling them the two questions council members will ask.

Those selected will provide a valuable perspective on community issues, learn how local city government operates and makes decisions, and establish service and volunteer habits for the future.

The city will also provide the appropriate means by which public and private agencies in cooperation with volunteer efforts can address such needs. Five students will be appointed to the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission; Historical Commission; Beautification Commission; Library Board; and Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee.

City council members will appoint one ex-officio student member to each of these five civic groups.

The 11-member Youth Council will make recommendations to the city of Novi on the needs of children, youth, and families of the city.

Students will:

- make recommendations to city council on issues relative to the youth of Novi;
- serve as youth ambassadors to the city of Novi and

encourage and promote the education of youth regarding city government and citizen participation.

Students will be appointed based on their application, a written essay and their interview.

Those not selected for either the Youth Council or a board or commission will be appointed to the new Novi Youth Health Council under the direction of Providence

Park Hospital.

Providence officials will also coordinate efforts with Novi's Coalition that Cares, a group that helps young people make healthy lifestyle choices, such as avoiding alcohol and drugs.

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Here's what they'll ask:

- Why do you feel you would be a good candidate?
- What is a goal you hope to complete or what would you like to take away from this experience?

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## Fuerst Farm Family Day set for Sunday

### Food, fun slated at annual event

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Novi Historical Commission President Kathy Much is working on putting the fun back in the farm — the Fuerst Farmstead, that is.

At the Fuerst Farm Family Day, set for 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 11 at 10 Mile and Taft roads, residents will be able to enjoy a variety of activities at the free annual community event.

"We have a really exciting set of activities this time around," Much said.

"We will have lots of opportunities for people to throw money into containers for the Library Building Fund."

Kids can enjoy petting a variety of animals brought by Pat Brauer of Farm Tales in Oxford.

Librarian and storyteller Lois Sprengel of Clarkston will tell "Fairey, Farmfolk, Tales" in the shade of a maple tree at the farm.

Brade Lowe, master puppeteer and president of the Detroit Puppet Guild, will provide the show "County Mouse & City Mouse" on stage inside the Historical Township Hall.

Denise Marie Stein and Maggie Ferguson of the musical group Meadowlark will play the hammered dulcimer, autoharp and guitar on the lawn.

Roy Prentice, Michigan State University Tollgate Education Center, will organize wagon rides in the barnyard.

"This is intended for families to come out and get a taste of what Novi residents experienced in an earlier time period," Prentice said.

Roger Miller, an apple grower from Eaton Rapids, will have 30-40 types of the fruit to taste and will show attendees how to make cider.

"Whether it's riding on hay wagons, tasting heirloom varieties of apples, or touring the Fuerst Farm grounds, you certainly get that farm experience," Prentice said.

Clay Orton, a volunteer from the Tollgate Education Center, will bring native honey to taste.

Children will have an opportunity to play traditional farm games that involve household chores of yesteryear, such as a washboard laundry relay. Other games will include the chicken race and the scarecrow obstacle course.

"The Historical Commission puts on this event to remind people what Novi's history has been and to educate residents about the community's rural past," Much said.

"We select performers and activities that take people back to an earlier time in Novi's history."

Other food items available will include kettle corn and ice cream. Crafts, exhibits and tours of the Fuerst Farm are also planned.

For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

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### Fuerst Farm has long history

The Fuerst Farmstead is known for its last owners, sisters Ruby and Iva Fuerst, who lived in their family home until they died in 1991. The farm dates back to 1827 and originally belonged to Gamaliel Simmons, who bought 160 acres in the northwest quarter-section of what became known as Section 27 of Novi Township.

The property is now owned by the city of Novi, and plans are under way for its restoration and reuse as a facility for educational and recreational purposes. At this time, the buildings are closed, but the gardens and walkways are open to the public.



Ruby and Iva Fuerst lived at the family farm at 10 Mile and Taft roads until they died in 1991. The farm, which dates back to 1827, is one of the oldest in Novi.

### Tollgate Farms plans event, too

Roy Prentice of Michigan State University's Tollgate Farms in Novi, reminds residents that the Farms will have its free Fall Fair, which is similar to the Fuerst Farm event, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 17.

"We get 800-900 people each year," Prentice said.

"There will be pumpkin painting, face painting, hay wagon rides and fishing in the pond for the kids," he said.

Children can also see horses, sheep and cows. Plus, a 4-H group will bring animals to the event so kids can interact with them.

"It's a fun thing to do for the family if you're trying to get the kids out of the house," Prentice said.

Tollgate Farms, on the northwest corner of 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads, are open year-round from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday; the Farms are closed on Mondays and holidays.

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By Mike Riley

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1	\$12,341	\$17,705
2	16,679	23,736
3	21,917	29,767
4	28,155	35,798

\*For each additional family member add \$4,238  
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**Artist Chellstorp at Meadowbrook**

Majorie Chellstorp, Watercolorist, will be having an exhibit in September at Meadowbrook Art Center, 41200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. She is an award-winning artist whose work is in many corporate and private collections around the world. She has studied at Clarke college in Dubuque Iowa has a Master of Fine Art from the State University in Iowa and has further studied at the Chicago Art Institute.

**Free family movies at Town Center 8**

Novi Town Center 8 Theaters are offering free family movies at 10 and 11 a.m., Saturdays and Sundays Sept. 17-Nov. 13. Goodrich Quality Theaters, Intscot, Kernal Korn, will appear at theaters for photo ops. The movie schedule is as follows:

- Sept. 17-18: Because of Winn Dixie
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- Oct. 1-2: ROBOTS
- Oct. 8-9: Lemon Squeezy's A Series of Unfortunate Events
- Oct. 15-16: Sharky Boy and Lava Girl in 3-D
- Oct. 22-23: Rebound
- Oct. 29-30: Sponge Bob Square Pants
- Nov. 5-6: Shrek II
- Nov. 12-13: Madagascar



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**The Show Must Go On**

Larry Markey (shown) and the rest of the Midwest Radio Control Club will present Air Show 2005, "The Show Must Go On" at its Northville flying field located on Five Mile Road, west of Beck Road. The show hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday. The whole family can enjoy this event with special programs for kids including introductory flights. Refreshments and lunch will be available on site. Admission is a \$5 donation per car. Contact Steve McFall for more information, (734) 564-3873.

**County board has vacancy**

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners needs an Oakland County resident to serve on the Huron County Metropolitan Authority.

The Huron County Metropolitan Authority's plans, promotes, develops, maintains and operates parks. It also owns and connects drives and/or limited access to highways for Oakland, Wayne, Washtenaw, and Macomb's metropolitan district. Oakland County has a vacancy to fill for the current term expiring May 15, 2006. The Authority meets at 1:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month.

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**Buy a bottle and lots more**

**New winery to quench your taste buds**

By Tracy Mishler STAFF WRITER

Eric Gettel knows how to make any wine taste good.

His goal: To share his knowledge with others.

Gettel, 42, and his wife, Joy Beatty, 38, opened By the Bottle, in Novi to fill a gap missing for the city's wine connoisseurs.

By the Bottle, a gourmet food and wine store, opened last Monday in the City Center Plaza on Novi Road.

"We're trying to fill the need for the novice person who is interested in knowing about the wonderful experience of wine drinking," Gettel said.

With acclaimed wine manager Steve Cartwright on staff, By the Bottle offers information about the hundreds of types of wine available in the store.

The idea for the store came after several trips to Ann Arbor to buy wine.

"We wanted more information, and there are no exclusive wine shops in Novi," Gettel said. "We did our research and traveled to several places. We visited vineyards and spoke with vintners. There's probably thousands of vineyards that one could yet visit."

Beatty, aside from being a full-time professor at the University of Michigan, acts as the By the Bottle food scout.

The store carries mostly non-perishable foods that Beatty said go well with a good glass of wine.

From Bruschetta and dipping pretzels, to herbal tea and pasta,

Store hours: Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sun noon-5 p.m.

Location: City Center Plaza on the corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue.

For more information, call (248) 344-8992.

By the Bottle currently houses close to 500 brands of wine, and Gettel plans to have close to 700.

"We have representation from all over the world," he said. "Not only do we have the traditional European producers like France, Italy, Spain and Germany, but we also carry wines from Chile, Argentina, Greece and South Africa."

"The state of California is another big wine producer, pumping out brands like Lady Bug Red and Earth, Zin and Fire."

"There are still traditional wines, but the bulk of wines nowadays are branded," Gettel said.

Both Gettel and Beatty wanted a store that was original and carried uncommon items that weren't sold everywhere else.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi Wine Shop employees Joy Beatty, Eric Gettel, and Rachel Cullen, right, just opened their Novi Rd. gourmet food and wine store this past week. It's located just south of Grand River Ave.

By the Bottle has a wide variety of tasty foods and snacks.

"Our choice of inventory and our pricing strategy was to make interesting gourmet food accessible to carry foods that aren't found in local grocery stores. I'm looking for originality."

Beatty said she also pays attention to packaging.

"I also wanted things to look nice," she said. "I've tried to stay away from purely gift foods."

By the Bottle also carries a selection of imported and American micro-brews from around the world, including Germany, Bulgaria and Sri Lanka.

The stores prices range from \$6

to \$150, and Gettel said it all depends on the bottle.

"A \$7 bottle is going to be a much more interesting experience than a \$4 bottle," he said. "Our average prices are significantly lower than most. The bulk of our wines are under \$15, and most everyday wines should be under \$15."

Gettel has no current plans of

expanding By the Bottle in new locations.

"We'll get this store up and running and then we'll see what to do next," he said. "We do plan to be in the business a long time."

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**BUSINESS BRIEFS**

**Teen boutique opens**

Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi recently welcomed Delia's into its line of girls' fashions. Delia's is a well-known brand aimed toward teenage girls. The store features the latest styles at affordable prices and is just in time for back to school.

Delia's is known for their fashionable jeans, jackets and accessories, and the store carries their hot selling logo T-shirts in the teen shop.

Twelve Oaks is the first location in Michigan with a Delia's, and shoppers can find the store on the lower level, near Lord & Taylor. Shopping hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Mon-Sat, and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.

**Jason Myers, new face in Novi planning**

The Novi Planning Department welcomes Jason Myers to their team of city planners. Myers comes to the city of Novi with a Master of urban planning degree from the University of Michigan and has more than a year of work-study experience with the

Environmental Coordinating Services Department for the city of Ann Arbor.

Myers started working in the Plan Review Center Aug. 29.

**More capabilities for engineering company**

Cosworth Technology recently changed its name to Mahle

Powertrain, adding global capabilities and new opportunities for the Novi-based company.

Cosworth Technology's engineering expertise, test and diagnostics coupled with Mahle's engine engineering expertise gives the company the capability of more engineering subassemblies of cylinder heads, traditionally the domain of automakers.

**Get healthy in Novi**

Sending kids back to school in better health is the goal of a free fun-filled weekend for kids at the Better Health store in Novi. Kids can enjoy ice cream, face painting, coloring contests and healthy lunch treats, while their parents get nutrition information.

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# Walsh College to host special business program for women

Free event Sept. 21 in Novi

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Women in business, like Catherine Gise of the Small Business Association, have a special day planned just for them Sept. 21 in Novi.

That's the day the Women's Economic Development Outreach organization will offer a free half-day program at Walsh College on Meadowbrook Road between Grand River Avenue and 12 Mile Road.

Directed toward women in business, the program is filled with information, insights, contacts and tools women can use to grow their business and take it to new levels, according to Dengate.

Topics include marketing opportunities, opening doors to corporate connections, staffing issues, planning, prospecting and financing for the future.

"We allow men, but our primary focus is on women, because we feel in certain areas it's an underserved market," Dengate said. "It's also a rapidly expanding market, especially in the small business arena."

Mike Dengate of National City Bank, one of the sponsors of the event, said the organization, which was developed by the bank, has been around for only three

years but has grown tremendously. "Last year, in a five-stop tour, we attracted about 1,000 women," he said. "This year, we've set our sights on attracting closer to 1,500, and we've expanded the program to seven stops in five days in Michigan."

The program begins with a complimentary "power breakfast" about 8 a.m. and ends about noon. A free program booklet will also be provided.

Most of the organizations partnering with National City Bank on the program will have booths on site that will offer a lot of networking opportunities.

Other sponsors include the Small Business Association, Athena, Classic Printers, Seton Hill University, the Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center, Allegiant Development University and the National Association of Women Business Owners.

Amy Marshall, executive director of the National Association of Women Business Owners, Greater Detroit Chapter, said her organization is the number one resource for women business owners in southeast Michigan.

"We provide assistance with business development, education,

opportunities, public policy advocacy, mentoring, networking and procurement events," Marshall said. "A little over half of the privately held businesses in Michigan are now owned by women."

She said the Women's Economic Development Organization tour is offers one-stop shopping for women who need resources, information, and contacts to help grow their businesses.

"Opportunity is knocking. The WEDO tour will help prepare women business owners to answer the door," Marshall said.

The event is offered in partnership with the city of Novi and other local organizations. Participants can register online at [www.wedo-magnify.com](http://www.wedo-magnify.com) or by calling toll free, 1-888-622-4249. Deadline for registration for the Novi program is Sept. 14.

Those not able to attend the program Sept. 21 have the option of signing up for the same program on Sept. 19 at the Detroit Entrepreneurial Institute or in Clinton Township on Sept. 20.

Women who would like more information about the program can contact Catherine Gise of the Small Business Administration at (313) 326-6075, Ext. 223, [catherine.gise@sba.gov](mailto:catherine.gise@sba.gov).

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### Golfing for kids health

Oliver/Hatcher Construction, based in Wixom, is hosting the sixth annual Michigan Masters Sept. 13 at Bay Pointe Golf Club in West Bloomfield. The outing proceeds are given to the Family Life Department at C.S. Matt Children's Hospital; a thanks from the company for caring for the daughter of an Oliver/Hatcher executive.

Last year, the company raised \$50,000, and so far, the event has raised over \$270,000. The outing features a barbecue lunch, silent auction and dinner.

### Allstate expands to Wixom

Allstate Insurance Company opened a new branch in Wixom July 29. The agency offers auto,

property, life insurance and protection for motorcycles, boats, motor homes, recreational vehicles and businesses. The Allstate Insurance Company is the largest publicly-held personal lines insurer in the nation, helping over 17 million households alone.

### Women in business

The Word Baron, Inc., a full-service multimedia graphics design company based in Farmington Hills, received national certification as a women's business enterprise by the Michigan Women's Business Council.

The Word Baron, Inc. is a 100 percent woman-owned company, specializing in the production of written and visual communication tools. The certification process, by the Michigan Women's Business Council, is an in-depth review of the business and on-site inspection, and is designed to confirm the business is at least 51 percent owned, operated and controlled by women.

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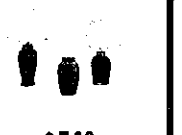
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### Earned his wings

Thomas James Butler, III, (TJ) passed his Eagle Board of Review on Aug. 11. The 15-year-old is a freshman at Novi High School. He will be recognized by an Eagle Court of Honor on Nov. 13 at the Novi United Methodist Church on 10 Mile Road in Novi.

This is the same church that sponsors Troop 54, to which TJ belongs. TJ's service project involved replacing and building over 200 feet of fence (pictured) at Maybury Riding Stables of Maybury State Park. His project also involved scraping and painting two mini-barns and one hay wagon. Minor repairs to the mini barns and the ticket both were also performed. TJ has served as chaplain's aid and troop guide for his troop. He is member of the Order of the Arrow. TJ's parents are Tom and Sandy Butler of Novi.



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## OBITUARY

### BEVERLY (KOSIDLO) BURNHAM

God called Beverly on Sept. 1, 2005 at the age of 44. Bev leaves husband Dennis Burnham, children, Olivia, Alexander & Luke Burnham. Surviving are Ginny Burnham, Donald Burnham & Denise Burnham. Bev's parents: Marian & Alexander Kosidlo, brother David (Vicky) Kosidlo, sisters Kathleen (Ken) McCowan, Bernadette (Rick) Higgenbotham, Diane (Brian) Foley, Eileen (Tom) Finn, 9 nieces & nephews & many family members & friends. Funeral arrangements were at the Charles R. Steg Funeral Home on Sept. 4, 2005. Funeral Mass was on Sept. 6 at St. Priscillas in Livonia. She was laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

## ENGAGEMENT



Costlow-Dunwell

Dan and Diane Costlow of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Eve Elizabeth Costlow, to Jeffrey Allen Dunwell, son of Richard and Patricia Dunwell of Brighton, formerly of Novi.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Novi High School and is majoring in Elementary Education at Eastern Michigan University. She is currently student teaching at Village Oaks Elementary School, Novi.

The groom-elect is a 2002 graduate of Novi High School and is majoring in Biopsychology at the University of Michigan. He will be attending dental school, fall, 2006.

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# EDUCATION

Ramez Khuri, school reporter (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 rkhuri@gannett.com

## Weekend fanfare to kickoff marching band's season

Novi High will hold its annual competition this Saturday

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

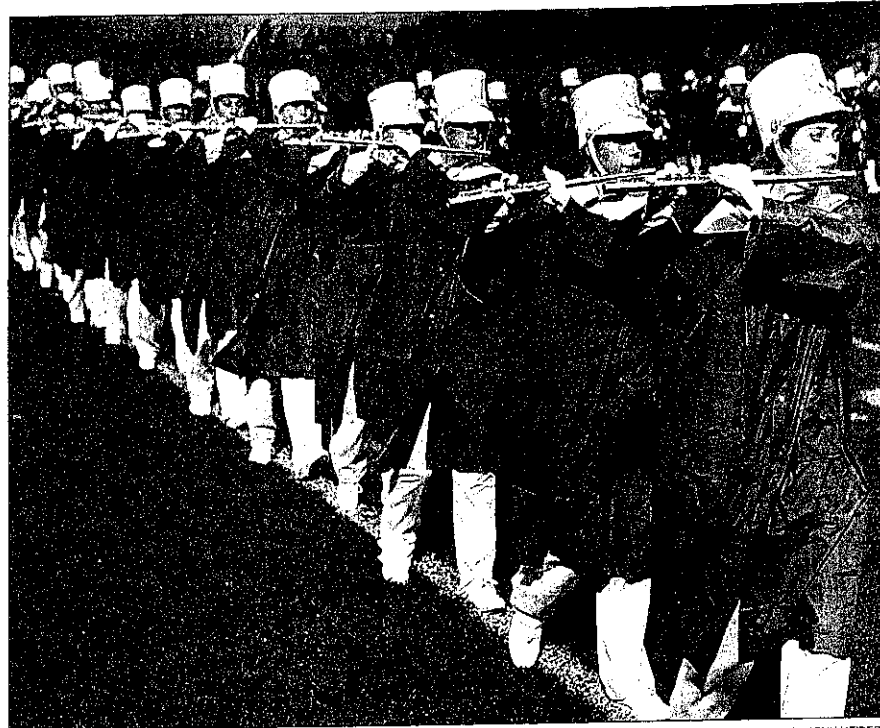
As time draws near to Saturday, Marguerite Having gets a little more excited each day. The Novi High School junior is in the marching band's drum line. She knows that not only is her team extremely talented this year, but she says its very dedicated as well.

Saturday's Novi High School Band Fanfare marks the marching band's first competition of the season and the 15th straight year Novi has hosted it. It is the single

largest fund-raiser by the band all year. "I think we will be ready because the work ethic of the band has gone up so much since I joined it," Having said. "I'm really proud of everybody, and it's nice because if you're going to spend so much time working on a certain show and all this music, you might as well be good, otherwise you're just wasting your time."

Having explained that Novi's band, which will be performing last during the competition, will be wearing different color sashes and "sparkly white" uniforms. She is excited about the music as well.

"It's the best music I've worked with in my high school experience, and I'm a junior," Having said. "I think the show is going to do very well this year. I'm very excited about that."



The Novi High School marching band takes the field before a Friday night football contest.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

### Novi High School Band Fanfare

- Date: Saturday, Sept. 10
- Time: 4 p.m.
- Location: Novi High School football field
- Participants: The event will feature 10 high school bands, including Novi, South Lyon, Chippewa Valley, Decatur, Durand, Mount Pleasant, Farmdale, Lakeland and Farmington Harrison.
- Details: Marching band competition. \$6 per adult, \$4 per senior and child and free for Novi senior residents with pass. Tickets are available at the gate.

### Schedule of events:

- 4:00 p.m. Novi
- 4:15 p.m. Garden City
- 4:30 p.m. Decatur
- 4:45 p.m. Durand
- 5:00 p.m. Mt. Pleasant
- 5:15 p.m. Farmington Harrison
- 5:30 p.m. Farmdale
- 5:45 p.m. Break
- 6:45 p.m. Lakeland
- 7:00 p.m. Chippewa Valley
- 7:15 p.m. South Lyon
- 7:30 p.m. Novi
- 8:00 p.m. Awards

- National Anthem
- Exhibition
- Flight IV
- Flight IV
- Flight III
- Flight III
- Flight II
- Flight I
- Flight I
- Judged Exhibition

The band practiced once a week through July and the first week in August. However, Having said that marching band runs from May through November, making it one of the longest extra-curricular activities associated with the school.

"Out of respect for our visitors we're getting judged, but our scores won't be published," Having said. "Nobody else will know our score because we're holding the competition."

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# HEALTH

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

Workout on par with district's wellness theme

By Ramez Khuri  
STAFF WRITER

Novi City Council Member Lynn Paul's daughter came home one day all excited about how much exercise she got at school.

Turns out that Novi Woods Elementary, where she goes, has a new exercise program called "Woods Workout," which coincides with the district's new "wellness" theme this year.

"My daughter is in fourth grade," Paul said. "I'm really excited about this. It's very good for the kids."

Libby Crawford, Novi Woods physical education teacher, explained that she and three other teachers in the building came up with the idea after they witnessed a similar program at Village Oaks Elementary School called "Fitness Focus."

"We wanted to do a program that gave kids exercise every single day," Crawford said.

Originally, students only had gym class once a week. The four teachers, Julia Sacli, Kary Marrovi, Isolda Sartecki and Crawford, wanted to make sure their students had exercise and activity more often so that they were ready to sit down and do academic work and specials.

They brainstormed and came up with the idea to have 15 workout stations that students would go through every day. The kids do a cardiovascular workout, they work on their upper bodies, lower bodies and abdomens.

"It's a very intense workout," Crawford said. "We're trying to touch upon all the areas of their bodies. Then they are ready to go on academics."

"We're very excited and the kids are very excited about it too," Crawford added. "They come in, they know what they're doing now, they understand what the program is and they are working hard and getting a great workout every single day."

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Novi Woods student Matt Sorisho jumps through a Hula hoop during an afternoon session of the school's new physical activity program "Woods Workout."

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# FAITH

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## Novi St. James men's team wins 2005 playoffs

The Novi St. James Men's Over-30 softball team capped off a successful season by winning the 2005 playoffs of the Northwest Catholic Softball League.



Courtesy photo

The St. James softball team, pictured left to right: front row - Tim Macdonald, Daryl Lombard, Mark Hirka, Don Patterson, Bill Rumbley and Rick Brudzynski. Back row - Leo Wasagshik, John Rydzewski, Tim Masseran, Chris Petrous, Dave Kaschwitz, Dan Brudzynski and Mike Venter. Missing from the photo are John Glampa, Tim Kelly, Rich Lovett, Tom Sacharski, Larry Williams and Butch Winfield.

Thomas, St. James wins made St. James champions of the bracket but meant they were faced with the formidable task of having to beat the champion of the winners bracket, Walled Lake St. William, 17-5. As a result, they were placed in the second division for the playoffs where they joined a 24-team field in a double-elimination tournament.

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## United Methodist celebrates 175th

Church to celebrate with historical reenactments

The first church in Novi will soon hit an important milestone - 175 years. And to celebrate, church-goers at the Novi United Methodist Church will have the opportunity to witness many historical reenactments of how the church came to be this Sunday.

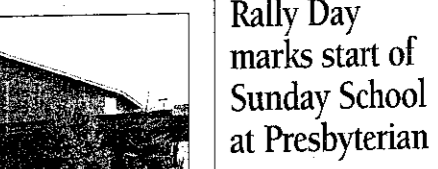
### CHURCH CALENDAR

- Faith Community Presbyterian Church, on Sept. 11, the church will start the fall worship schedule with Rally Sunday, two services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and nursery care is offered at all services. The Rally Sunday Pancake Breakfast will begin immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service, and the various church committees will be offering music, games and LOGOS registration. Everyone is invited. The church is located at 44-000 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.holyfamilynovi.org](http://www.holyfamilynovi.org).
• Oak Pointe Church service times will be at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. every Sunday. Visit [www.oakpointe.org](http://www.oakpointe.org) or call (248) 912-0043.

## Rally Day marks start of Sunday School at Presbyterian

A quick history lesson on the Novi United Methodist

In 1830, the Novi Methodist Church was founded using a school house for worship services. In 1875, 14 church members began building a white frame church at the southwest corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue, on a lot they purchased for \$200. By 1959 the Methodist church had grown to over 180 members.



Novi's United Methodist Church on Ten Mile Road. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The Faith Community Presbyterian Church will hold its first-ever Rally Day. The event, to kick off this year's Sunday school program, will feature a tent on the church's front lawn (weather permitting), a pancake breakfast, games and a Castle Bouncer from Awesome Bounce. "There will be lots of activities, and it's open to the public," Reverend Dick Henderson said. "It would be helpful if we get a call to know people are coming so that we can prepare. There will be some body doing face painting as well. It's like a fall picnic to kick off the school year."

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### WHERE WE STAND

#### Retirees' benefits: Could Novi be in Detroit's shoes?

It may not be what city employees want to hear, but when it comes to health care and retirement costs, they've got to have some "skin in the game," according to Mayor Lou Cordas, or Novi will be facing the financial challenges that Detroit and River Rouge do now.

Currently, the city could only cover 15 percent of eligible retirees' post-retirement benefits, which means they're underfunded by 85 percent.

Every year, taxpayers in Novi cover pensions and health care benefits for city employees, which is almost 15 percent of the city's \$26 million budget.

When municipalities are in a growth mode, like Novi is, the situation is masked and ignored while rich plans are piled on. But, when the city is finally built out and has more than 90 percent of the private sector covering the taxes, public services are slashed or taxes raised.

That won't be an issue here for perhaps another 10 to 15 years, but why wait until then to address the problem? The mayor, who is in the business of health insurance/benefits, wants to form a committee to review the crushing expense dilemma now.

We agree with that game plan, and encourage city council to back the idea.

There are several solutions to the problem: One is to fund the benefits now so the current budget pays for the current employees. To do that, in addition to the percentage that the city currently contributes, out of its general fund must come additional money to fund the benefits every. Unfortunately, that leaves less money to spend on other goodies.

Currently, the city contributes to MERS, a defined benefit program. It could stop that and transfer the MERS' assets to a 401a program for retirement savings. The city could then increase employees' wages and let them contribute to their own 401k plans for retirement savings with the city matching those contributions.

There are other options, but the point is that something needs to be done now.

"It's like the automotive union employees who have had extraordinary benefits," said Cordas. "But now that's come home to roost and they have to make cuts ... We're on that same path right now."

## LETTERS

### Stand tall, Novi

With the world watching Americans are stepping up to support those in need. While collecting funds Saturday, with fellow Rotarians for victims of Katrina, I was able to see the overwhelming generosity of Americans.

This is a long-term relief effort, and I would remind all that we need to be helping until the people devastated by this storm are back on their feet. If you have given, give again. Parents, talk to your children about helping others. The world is watching and history will judge how we acted in this time of crisis.

God Bless America!

Tim McManara  
Novi

### Novi's finest do it again

I recently expressed my condolences to you and the city of Novi on the death of Chief Schaefer in the Novi News. I had previously published a letter which was subsequently published in the Novi News. I told how Chief Schaefer was the first city official to give me a very favorable impression of this fine city when my wife and I moved here from Troy three years ago. I thought you might be interested in another little event that I believe was also a bit of a legacy.

Early Sunday morning I thought I was experiencing my first medical emergency as a possible stroke victim as the result of a severe dizzy spell. My wife called 911 and I just had time to throw on a pair of pants and shirt when two of Chief Schaefer's finest were knocking on our front door. Shortly thereafter, two EMS technicians arrived, and I was transported to Providence Hospital on Grand River where I also received excellent service. This was Labor Day weekend, and I now realize how much we are indebted to these public servants who are willing to forgo holidays to serve the community.

Obviously, my wife and I have nothing but praise for you and all the fine people that keep the machinery of this community running smoothly. We feel blessed to live here in Novi. God bless you and all the folks who make life here pleasurable.

Richard F. Reising  
Novi

### Questions for city candidates

This coming November the City of Novi voters will be electing a new mayor and three members of City Council. The importance of this election is highlighted by the fact that this new Novi City Council - in addition to their important weekly city administration work, will be intensely involved in the hiring of a new city manager, a new chief of police, the use and disbursement of over \$3 million of seized drug money, and perhaps the replacement of other key department heads.

As concerned residents of our city we need to select the best possible people for these vacant city council seats. Each candidate for these positions should be interrogated by you and their responses assessed so you can vote for the people who will enhance our quality of life, preserve our property values, and will have the proper appreciation and right fiscal spending control.

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

## Locals come to the aid of hurricane victims with fund-raisers

Kids selling lemonade on the side of the road. It's a common sight during Michigan's hot summers, but when they're raising money to help hurricane victims, it takes on a special meaning. Everywhere you look, people

are doing whatever they can to contribute to the Katrina relief effort. It's painfully obvious that government - from the president on down - dropped the ball on this one, and everyday folks are stepping up to help themselves.

Locally, there are numerous fund-raisers, but you can always use the American Red Cross at (800) HELP-NOW or www.redcross.org.

**Novi Bowl**  
• Date: Saturday, Sept. 10, 17

and 24

- Bowling hours: 9 a.m.-2 a.m.
- What: Dedicating the price of a gallon of gas from the total cost of bowling sessions.
- Why: Funds will be donated to the American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.
- The Novi Rotary Club
- Date: Saturday, Sept. 10
- Time: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- What: Rotary members will be collecting donations from drivers at Grand River Avenue and Novi Road, and Meadowbrook

and 10 Mile roads for Katrina victims. They will also be at the Novi Post Office on Novi Road.

- Library Pub and Grill
- Where: 42100 Grand River Avenue, Novi
- Date: Tuesday, Sept. 13
- Time: 5 p.m.-midnight
- Hosting a silent auction with proceeds benefiting the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.
- What: Auction of restaurant gift certificates, golf packages, Second City tickets, limousine ride, game tickets for Red Wings.

and 10 Mile roads for Katrina victims. They will also be at the Novi Post Office on Novi Road.

- Attending: ESPN and game show host Chuck Woolery
- Michigan Humane Society
- Accepting donations by phone, mail or online for Katrina victims
- Web site: www.michiganhumane.org
- Phone: (866) MHUMANE from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Where: Michigan Humane Society, Hurricane Katrina Animal Relief Fund, 26711 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 175.

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- Fax Run Senior Community
- Henry Ford Village
- Where: Novi and Dearborn
- What: Residents and employees donating funds for two weeks, and Erickson Communities developer will match contributions up to a maximum of \$25,000
- 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@gannett.com.

## Katrina catastrophe in Louisiana should bring nation together

Imagine sitting in your house in Novi when all of a sudden, a message flashes on your television that says everybody must take refuge at the Pontiac Silverdome because of a major storm headed to the area.

Now imagine the day after the storm. Novi is flooded with water and fifth and people are missing. Thank goodness that never happened here, but it did happen in Louisiana.

With gas prices still soaring, chaos in New Orleans, and "George" still in the White House, things are looking pretty bleak in America right about now. It seems as though Americans have been going through a lot of heartache since Sept. 11, 2001.

and it makes me wonder how much more the public can take before it completely snaps. It's easier said than done, but citizens should really try to focus on the lighter side of things.

Instead of sitting back and saying "poor us," we should all do our part to help those in need, whether it be sending money, other forms of aid, or by simply praying for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Folks in Novi, and the whole

metro Detroit area for that matter, should feel pretty fortunate that we didn't feel the full effects of that storm. But that doesn't mean we should ignore it either. After all, it's unfortunate catastrophes like this that bring this great nation together in the spirit of humanity.

That's not to say nobody is doing anything to help. Many have already done their part, but the horrible visions and stories out of New Orleans every day show that those people need a lot more.

Instead of sending billions of dollars to Iraq to fight a needless war, that money should be going to help our own people during this time of need.

I can't help but think about all the homeless people who hang around Comerica Park and Ford Field in Detroit. They ask anybody they see for spare change. I would normally say that those, and others like them in every major city, should be the ones to receive the most aid from our

government. But now, I realize that there are thousands more who just became homeless about a week ago. What an unfortunate predicament.

All I'm trying to say is, let's help our own people before we think about fighting others.

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# COMMENTARY

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## Economy expert could help state see light

Things might look pretty tinged with gloom and doom around Michigan right now, but there are some hopeful signs on the horizon.

That is, as long as you squint hard enough.

New U.S. Census Bureau data show Michigan adding 91,077 professional, scientific and technical services jobs from 2000 to 2003, second only to California.

Our state's manufacturing payroll dropped by more than \$5.7 billion (15.2 percent) over the same period, while the payroll for high-tech service jobs rose by \$7.4 billion (75 percent) for the same period.

All this is pretty conclusive proof of what all the experts have been saying about our economy: Standard old vanilla-flavored manufacturing is evaporating, even as the high-value-added service sector is thriving more than ever. That has been painful for many folks who once pulled

down good wages and benefits from manufacturing jobs. But the world is changing, and in our state, the transition from work for strong backs to work for strong brains is proceeding reasonably rapidly.

Meanwhile, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) also has several pieces of good news to report: (In the interests of full disclosure, I am vice-chair of the MEDC.)

Michigan ranks No. 2 in the nation for new corporate facilities and expansions in 2004, according to Site Selection magazine. We're still a national leader in this category after eight years of tracking.

The MEDC-sponsored SmartZone program, designed to make cities into incubator zones for new high-tech businesses, won the national Best Practice award for regional economic development from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Expansion Management magazine recognized Lansing/East Lansing and Ann Arbor as being among the best metro areas in the country at attracting the kind of highly skilled and educated workforce necessary for knowledge-based businesses.

This is all happening as Jim Epolito takes over as the new chief executive officer of the MEDC, succeeding Don Jakeway, a good guy and an effective professional. Epolito is the former CEO of the Lansing-based Accident Fund Insurance Co. of America.

There, he developed a terrific reputation for growing the company from a single-state insurance provider into a national outfit with more than 500 employees spread across more than 40 states.

The MEDC, by the way, was established as a partnership between the Michigan and local communities. Its job is to recruit, retain and grow businesses and jobs in Michigan through things like site location assistance, job training grants and tax breaks.

hired I know he has the full confidence of Gov. Jennifer Granholm and David Hollister, director of the Department of Labor and Economic Growth.

He'll need that support, and then some. The MEDC job is by no means easy. There is a school of thought in Lansing, stimulated by the Mackinac Center and adopted by some ultra-libertarian members of the state House, that the MEDC should be killed.

Just how this logic works is beyond me, especially when the agency is one of the very best economic development organizations in the country and when Michigan is pining for more jobs. But you can confidently expect a push to cripple it.

He'll also play an important role in fanning Granholm's economic development strategy. At a time when Michigan is leading the nation in unemployment and our auto industry is reeling, setting out a simple, compelling plan is important to both the state's economic future and Granholm's re-election campaign.

And the governor's \$2 billion bond proposal - itself a good idea, although not big enough - has been overshadowed by the state tobacco settlement payments for around \$1 billion. (Translate that as spending money you don't have yet.)

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Granholm has made several statements at setting out her agenda. The Chery Commission recommended doubling the number of Michigan workers with college degrees. They made the right call - but so far, they have failed to persuade the keepers of the pocketbook to reallocate the money to do it.

The governor's proposal to tweak the Single Business Tax in a revenue-neutral way was dead on arrival in the House of Representatives, which last week proposed its own business tax package. Trouble is, it promises


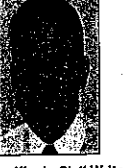










an annual \$1 billion revenue less a deficit of about that much every year. Furthermore, it offers no clear way to make up the shortfall.

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

**A MENTION OF RETENTION**

Once your braces have been removed, your life has been corrected and your teeth have been straightened, you must wear a retainer to maintain teeth in their new positions. One such type of retainer, the Hawley retainer, consists of plastic that is molded to your palate, with an attached wire that holds your teeth in position. The plastic portion of the retainer is available in clear, colors, and a number of interesting designs. In addition, there are also Essix retainers, which are made of clear plastic (similar to invisible "braces"). Then, there are permanent retainers, that are affixed to the back of the teeth. These offer the advantage of not being susceptible to being accidentally misplaced.

Keeping your removable retainers clean, with a toothpaste, is very important. It's also important to brush and floss your teeth thoroughly. Please make sure to see your orthodontist for an adjustment, if the retainer causes pain or cuts or rubs against your gums.

For more information about orthodontic treatment, please call our office at 248-471-1581. Patient care has always been my number one focus. The office is conveniently located at 39395 W. Ten Mile Road, Suite 111.

25: Whatever type of retainer is chosen, you must wear it as prescribed by the orthodontist to preserve the results of your treatment.

# CALENDAR

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## EVENTS

### Novi Theaters Productions

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
 CONTACT: (248) 347-0400  
 Senior Variety Series: Kicks on Route 66  
 TIME/DATE: noon, Thursdays, today, Sept. 15; Fridays, Sept. 9, 16; and 2 p.m., Sundays, Sept. 11, 18

### Novi High School Band Fanfare

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 10  
 TIME: 4 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Novi High School football field.  
 DETAILS: marching band competition; \$6 per adult; \$4 per senior and child; children 5 and under and Novi senior residents with pass are free.  
 CONTACT: Sharon Hoving at (248) 349-4461

### Northville Genealogical Society Meeting

DATE: Sunday, Sept. 11  
 TIME: 2:30 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Northville Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville  
 DETAILS: Carolyn Griffin, author of "The Huguenots: Coming to America" will be the speaker. A computer genealogy class on resources will be held at 1:15 p.m. (prior to the regular meeting). There is no fee. Individual help on genealogy is offered by Society members at the Northville District Library, 1-3 p.m., Mondays and by appointment.  
 CONTACT: Grace Willfang at (248) 349-9079 or visit [www.rootsweb.com/~nmg](http://www.rootsweb.com/~nmg).

### Emergency Food Assistance Distribution

DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 13  
 TIME: 12:30-1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Novi Senior Center at Meadowbrook Commons  
 DETAILS: All people who are income eligible and not registered may do so at the site by bringing social security cards, household income and photo I.D.  
 CONTACT: OLISA, Community and Family Services Department, Pomiac, (248) 209-2658 or (800) 482-9250.

### Tollgate Gardens Annual Fall Fair

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 17  
 TIME: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 LOCATION: 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
 DETAILS: Admission is free. The event will include hayrides, line dancing, children's activities, garden items for sale and free refreshments.  
 CONTACT: (248) 347-3860, extension 212

### Northville Home Tour

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 17  
 TIME: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 DETAILS: The cost is \$15. Tickets are limited and are available at Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main St., or Gardenview, 202 W. Main St., Northville.  
 CONTACT: Joyce Murdock, (734) 207-1942 for information and tickets by mail.

### Novi Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority Event

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 17  
 TIME: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
 DETAILS: Open to all Novi, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Walled Lake, Wixom, South Lyon and Lyon Township residents. For a complete list of acceptable items, visit [www.rrrasoc.org](http://www.rrrasoc.org).  
 CONTACT: RRRASOC, (248) 208-2270 or visit [www.rrrasoc.org](http://www.rrrasoc.org).

### Novi Concert Band Rehearsals

TIME/DATE: 7:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays, ongoing  
 LOCATION: Novi High School, Taft Road  
 DETAILS: The next rehearsal is Sept. 13, open to all wind and percussion players.  
 CONTACT: Diran Kochyan, (248) 348-5135

### Maybury Farm's Second Annual Corn Maze

TIME/DATE: 5-9 p.m., Fridays; 1-9 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays  
 Friday, September 16th.  
 LOCATION: Maybury Farm, 50165 Eight Mile, east of Napier Road in Northville. Use the farm entrance on Eight Mile and follow around to the Maze parking lot — there is no fee if you use the Maybury Farm parking lot. Follow the signs to the Corn Maze entrance at the Maybury Farm Welcome Center.  
 DETAILS: The Corn Maze, sponsored by Metro Detroit Farmer Jack stores, will open to the public Friday, September 16-October 30.

### Autumn Perennial Exchange

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 17  
 TIME: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
 DETAILS: Bring extra perennials

to exchange and trade, free of charge, for a different plant. Everyone welcome.  
 CONTACT: (248) 347-0400

### Farmhouse Restoration Town Runnige

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 17  
 TIME: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Walled Lake Event Field, 1499 E. West Maple in Walled Lake.  
 DETAILS: The Friends of the Foster Farmhouse are a group of volunteers that are committed to restoring and maintaining the Farmhouse as a local history museum. Attic, garage and basement items are needed. All proceeds will benefit the restoration of The Foster Farmhouse. Items can be dropped off on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 1-3 p.m., at the Foster Farmhouse located at Riley Park on Common Street in Walled Lake.  
 CONTACT: (248) 624-5727, or visit [www.walledlake.com](http://www.walledlake.com) "Related Links."

### WCSX Classic Rock Cruiser Show & Shine

DATE: Sunday, Sept. 18  
 TIME: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Bob Sellers Pontiac, Twelve Oaks Mall  
 DETAILS: All makes and models are welcome at this classic rock cruiser show and shine event.

Tickets will be available for JJ & Lynne Stone Soup GTO Raffle tickets and teas.  
 CONTACT: (248) 398-9470 or email, [jwilliams@greatermidiadetroit.com](mailto:jwilliams@greatermidiadetroit.com) or visit <http://www.wcsx.com>

### Novi Chorales Auditions

DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 20  
 TIME: 7:30-9:30 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Novi Middle School, 11 Mile and Wixom Road  
 DETAILS: The Novi Chorales is a community chorus with members from Novi, Northville and the surrounding area. The group rehearses September through May with Christmas concerts in December, a spring concert in May and performances at other local events.  
 CONTACT: Noel Brown, President (248) 348-0439 or Janet Wassilak, Director (734) 449-2579

### Sixth Gate Cloggers Beginners Class

DATE: Sept. 21-Oct. 26, ongoing Wednesdays  
 TIME: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 10 Mile, west of Novi Road  
 DETAILS: The fee is \$24 for Novi residents; \$36 for non-residents. 12:30-3 p.m., drop-in class with a \$4 fee.

CONTACT: (248) 669-2253, Instructor Paul

### Borders Bookstore Events

LOCATION: 43075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi  
 CONTACT: (248)347-0780  
 Ralph's World Performance  
 DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 20  
 TIME: 10 a.m.-noon  
 DETAILS: Ralph Coven of Ralph's World will be performing at a casual, free concert. Event is for the whole family.  
 Book Signing  
 DATE: Thursday, Sept. 29  
 TIME: 7 p.m.  
 DETAILS: Children's author, Patrick Carmen will be signing his book, Land of Elyon #2: Beyond the Valley of Thorns

### Democrats of West Oakland County Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 21  
 TIME: 6 p.m., social hour; 7-8:30 p.m., meeting  
 LOCATION: Souvlaki Coney Island Restaurant, 31150 Novi Road, Novi; corner Novi and 14 Mile roads.  
 DETAILS: Robert Sedler, Constitutional Law Professor, Wayne State University will speak on "Paralels-Vietnam and Iraq". Public is invited.  
 CONTACT: (248) 624-7228

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## SCHOOL/GOVERNMENT

### Wixom City Council

DATE: Tuesdays, Sept. 13, 27, Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 9, 22; Dec. 13 and 20  
 TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Wixom City Hall, 49045 Pontiac Trail  
 CONTACT: (248) 624-4557

### Novi City Council Meeting

DATE: Mondays, Sept. 12 and 26; Oct. 10 and 24; Nov. 14 and 28; Dec. 5 and 19  
 TIME: 7 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
 CONTACT: (248) 344-0470

### Novi School Board Meeting

DATE: Thursdays, Sept. 8 and 22  
 TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Educational Services building, 25345 Taft Road  
 CONTACT: (248) 449-1200

## BUSINESS

### Business Referrals

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

## CLASSES

### Build Your Own Home

DATE: Tuesday and Thursday, Sept. 8, 13 and 15  
 TIME: 6-10 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Department of Parks & Recreation, 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom.  
 DETAILS: City of Wixom Parks & Recreation in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute will offer a 16-hour seminar, How To Build Your Own Home. The seminar costs \$190 plus \$30 for two textbooks to teacher. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, Sept. 2.  
 CONTACT: Call (248) 624-2850 to register.

### Providence Center for the Healing Arts' "Tuesdays at Assarian"

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

## LIBRARY LINES

### Novi Public Library Hours

LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile Road  
 HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, closed during the summer. Sunday hours resume September 11.  
 DETAILS: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library.  
 CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

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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://novilib.mi.us>), and select the "Make a Donation" button on the homepage.

### Starlight Story Time

DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 13  
 TIME: 7-7:30 p.m.  
 DETAILS: Preschoolers and their families are invited to enjoy bedtime stories. No registration.

### E-Mail for Seniors

DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 14  
 TIME: 1-3 p.m.  
 DETAILS: Learn the basics of sending and receiving e-mail, and sign up for a free e-mail account. This class includes interactive discussion and hands-on practice. Call the library to register.

### Book Time with Ronald

DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 14  
 TIME: 7 p.m.  
 DETAILS: Laugh with Ronald McDonald in a program sponsored by the McDonald's at Eight Mile and Haggerty Roads. For all ages; no registration.

### Reading Buddies

DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 20  
 TIME: 4:30-5:00 p.m.  
 DETAILS: Our drop-in Reading Buddy Program pairs older children (grades 5-12) with younger children (kindergarten-grade 4) to improve the younger child's reading skills and encourage a love of reading. Contact a Youth & Teen Services Librarian for details.

### Kids' Movie Night

DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 20  
 TIME: 6:30 p.m.  
 DETAILS: Join us for a PG-rated movie. Bring your own pillow or blanket, and we'll supply the popcorn. For kids in elementary school; no registration.

### Reading Maniacs

DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 21  
 TIME: 4:30-5:15 p.m.  
 DETAILS: Join us for popcorn and a short movie, and tell us about the best books you read this summer. For kids in grades 3-4.

### Library Board Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 21  
 TIME: 7 p.m.  
 LOCATION: City Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center  
 DETAILS: Community members are welcome to attend. Meetings are also broadcast live on cable channel 13.

### Walled Lake Library "Ladies' Night Out"

DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 20  
 TIME: 7 p.m.  
 LOCATION: Walled Lake City Library, 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake  
 DETAILS: Storyteller Linda Day

will be the presenter for the tenth annual "Ladies' Night Out". Admission is free, seating is limited.  
 CONTACT: Walled Lake City Library, (248) 624-3772

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### Women's Prayer Support

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

### Breast Cancer Support Group

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

### Novi Toastmasters

DATE: first and third Tuesdays of the month  
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room  
 TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.  
 DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership.  
 CONTACT: Colleen, (248) 685-9226

per person, which includes lunch and materials. Registration is required.  
 CONTACT: (248)465-5455

### New Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) chapter

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

## HEALTH

### Providence Medical Center/Heart Institute Classes

LOCATION: Providence Park, Novi, 47601 Grand River Ave.  
 CONTACT: (888) 444-7325, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 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, September 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 healthier living through wholeness. Open to the public. The cost is \$50

### Botsford General Hospital Saturday Event

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 24  
 TIME: 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
 LOCATION: 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi.  
 DETAILS: Botsford General Hospital is an official event site for National Women's Health and Fitness Week. It's a free event. Activities and speakers will focus attention on the importance of regular physical activity and health awareness for women of all ages. There will also be kids activities.  
 CONTACT: (248) 473-5600, anytime. No registration required.

## ONGOING

### Cool Car Cruise

DATE: every Wednesday through October  
 TIME: 5 p.m., rain or shine  
 LOCATION: Motor City Steel, 2111 Haggerty Road, Commerce Township.  
 DETAILS: All cool cars welcome regardless of year. '50's, '60's, '70's, and '80's 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

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## Reliving their kicks

Seniors remember trips on historic Route 66

By Tracy Mishler  
STAFF WRITER

George Giese remembers that last stop for gas before entering the desert on Route 66.

Giese, 80, of Novi, along with thousands of others, remembers the long hot trips from Chicago to Los Angeles on a two-lane road.

The 2,400-mile road stretched through several states from east to west and served the main route to opportunity in California from the 1920s-1960s.

Giese traveled Route 66 over 40 years ago from start to finish with a group of friends.

"I remember we stayed in cabins off the route," Giese said. "And I remember seeing the painted desert in New Mexico and the petrified forests."

Giese said he made the trip several times, and one thing he remembers the most is the train ride back along the route while he was in the Army.

"That was the longest trip," Giese said. "I swear Abe Lincoln must have rode in that train because it was so old and so slow."

Giese and several members of the Novi Theatres' senior variety series are getting ready to perform "Kicks on Route 66" at the Novi Civic Center starting Sept. 8. They have lasting memories along the now almost deserted road.

"We took the Route from start to finish to see all the famous sites," said Iris Rehnlund, 71, of Wolverine Lake. "It was a beautiful trip, and took almost three weeks."

"We wanted to take our kids to Disneyland in California, and Route 66 was the only way to get there."

Leonard Kaminski also has memories on Route 66, although he said it was a long time ago.

"When I entered the Korean War, I was based in Clovis, New Mexico," said the 77-year-old Novi resident. "Clovis is right on the route."

Leonard said he remembers the Burma-Shave signs up and down Route 66.

"These were hilarious signs,



Photo by TRACY MISHLER

George Giese sings his solo during the rehearsal of "Kicks on Route 66" by the Novi Theatre seniors.

almost like a commercial on signs," Leonard said. "They were entertaining to look at every few miles."

At the height of their popularity in the 1950s, there were over 7,000 Burma-Shave signs stretching across America.

"The signs were part of the trip," Leonard said.

Alison Welsh, 74, of Northville Township, never took the entire route, but she did use it on family trips to St. Louis, Miss.

"Like most people, we didn't have air conditioning in our car," Welsh said. "It was so hot and all I remember seeing is a lot of corn-

fields."

Route 66 traveled through eight states, including Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

According to the National Route 66 Federation, 85 percent of the road is still easily driveable, but after 1984, Route 66 was almost entirely decommissioned as a federal highway.

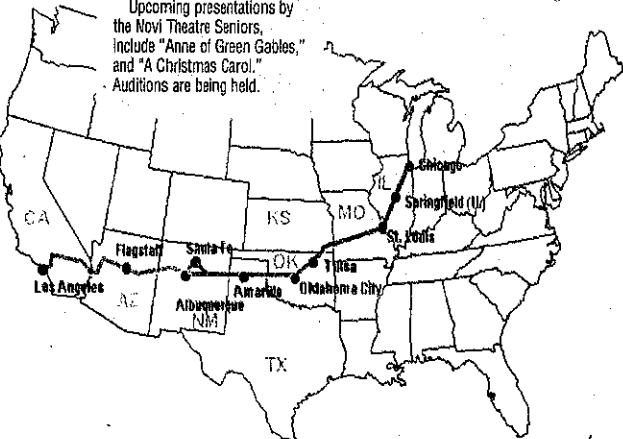
The reason for Route 66's extinction: High speed, interstate highways bypassing and replacing the old 66.

"It was such a great road to travel," Rehnlund said. "We did the trip several times. And if I could do it again, I would."

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For show times of "Kicks on Route 66," call (248) 347-0400.

Upcoming presentations by the Novi Theatre Seniors, include "Anne of Green Gables," and "A Christmas Carol." Auditions are being held.



## SAVVY SENIOR - MEDICARE'S EXTRA HELP PROGRAM

Dear Savvy Senior,  
My neighbor recently got an application in the mail from Social Security for extra help paying for her prescription drug costs. Does not getting an application mean I'm not eligible for assistance? I am 67 years old and could sure use some extra help. What can you tell me?

Looking for Extra Help

Dear Looking,

The new Medicare prescription drug benefit, which begins January 1, 2006, will offer extra help to older Americans with limited incomes, but just because you don't get an application in the mail doesn't necessarily mean you're not eligible. Here's what you should know.

### Extra Help

From last May through August, the Social Security Administration has been mailing out application forms to millions of Medicare beneficiaries (with limited income) who may be eligible for extra help paying for their out-of-pocket Medicare prescription drug costs. More than 14 million Americans will be eligible for this extra help, which will pay between 75 and 100 percent of their drug costs.

### Do You Qualify?

Nearly seven million of the Medicare beneficiaries eligible for the prescription drug extra help (the very low income) are automatically enrolled and don't need to apply. But there's another seven million people out there with slightly higher incomes that may also be eligible, and need to apply. Here's how the extra help eligibility breaks down:

\* Automatically Enrolled: If you are receiving Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or assistance with a Medicare Savings Program, you

are automatically enrolled and don't have to apply. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) should have sent a letter explaining this to you. But in late fall you will still be asked to enroll in a drug plan of your choice. If you don't, CMS will enroll you in one.

\* Must Apply: If your 2005 monthly income is below \$1,197 (\$1,604 for couples) and your assets are below \$11,500

(\$23,000 for couples), you qualify for extra help but you must apply. Even if your income or assets are above these limits, you may still qualify (and should apply) because certain types of income and assets are not included. Also, know that receiving an application in the mail from Social Security doesn't necessarily mean you will get extra help, and not receiving an application doesn't mean you're not eligible. If you don't receive an application by late August and think you may be eligible, you should apply either by phone at 800-772-1213, online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or you can apply in person at your local Social Security office.

### Income and Assets

People who are automatically enrolled don't have to worry about figuring their income and assets since the government has already been deemed them below the limit. But for those who must apply, income means

any money from work, Social Security, retirement benefits, alimony, rental property, etc. Assets that are counted include bank accounts, investments, additional real estate and the value of life insurance policies. They do not include your home, vehicles, personal possessions, burial plot and up to \$1,500 intended for funeral expenses.

### Confused?

If you're feeling confused or overwhelmed with all this Medicare madness and have questions or need help applying, contact your local State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for free counseling and assistance. To find your nearest office, call the Medicare hotline at 800-633-4227 or visit [www.shiptalk.org](http://www.shiptalk.org).

### Savvy Tips

Remember that applying for extra help is separate from signing up for Medicare's prescription drug coverage. To get drug coverage, you'll still need to enroll in a Medicare drug plan between Nov. 15, 2005 and May 15, 2006. Also, if you get turned down for Medicare's extra help, you may still qualify for assistance from your state. Some state programs have higher income limits or may not require an asset test. Your SHIP counselor can advise you. For more information on the new Medicare prescription drug plan visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [www.savvysenior.org](http://www.savvysenior.org). Jim Miller is a regular contributor to the NBC Today Show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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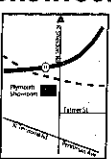
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## SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

### Friday 9/9

8:45 a.m. .... Panera Bread  
9 a.m. .... Stretch and Strength  
10 a.m. .... Body Recall  
10-11 a.m. .... Jack Main, Medicare  
noon .... Lunch/Clogging\*  
noon .... "Kicks on Rout 66" Senior Show\*  
12:30 p.m. .... Bingo  
12:30 p.m. .... Duplicate Bridge cancelled  
2-2:30 p.m. .... Massage/Healing Touch

### Monday 9/12

8:45 a.m. .... Men's Golf last day  
9 a.m. .... Stretch and Strength  
10 a.m. .... Body Recall  
noon .... Lunch  
12:30 p.m. .... Pinochle\*  
1 p.m. .... Internet Safety, Novi Police Department  
2-2:30 p.m. .... Massage/Healing Touch

### Tuesday 9/13

8:30 a.m. .... Golf League Banquet  
9 a.m. .... Panera Bread  
9 a.m. .... Line Dance  
10 a.m. .... Asian Pacific  
11 a.m. .... "Sleep Well, Feel Well", Sharon, Oakland County Nurse

noon .... Lunch  
12:30-3 p.m. .... Focus Hope/TFAP  
12:30 p.m. .... Bingo held in activities room  
2-2:30 p.m. .... Massage/Healing Touch

### Wednesday 9/14

9 a.m. .... Stretch and Strength  
10 a.m. .... Body Recall  
10:30 a.m. .... Quilting  
11 a.m. .... Blood pressure  
11 a.m. .... Taking Off Pounds Sensibly class  
noon .... Lunch  
12:30 p.m. .... Clogging cancelled  
1:30 p.m. .... Sing-A-Long  
2-2:30 p.m. .... Massage/Healing Touch

### Thursday 9/15

9 a.m. .... Line dance cancelled  
9:30 a.m. .... Travel Meeting  
noon .... Lunch  
noon .... "Kicks on Route 66" Senior Show  
12:15 .... Bridge cancelled  
1-2 p.m. .... Line dance  
2-2:30 p.m. .... Massage/Healing Touch

\* Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. Phone (248) 347-0414.

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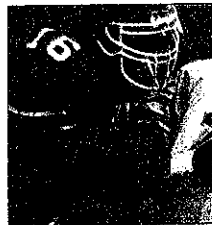
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**She shoots, she scores!**  
The Novi Wildcats basketball team split their week with a win over Oak Park and a loss to Canton. Other Wildcats squads did well too. — Page 2B



**That's the way to do it**  
The Catholic Central Shamrocks earned their first win of the season with a 4-6 domination over London Catholic Central last Saturday. — Page 3B



**Regional Marketplace**  
Hidden Lake, a lakefront community of upscale homes that offers resort-style living in a rural setting, continues to fulfill people's dreams. The planned, mixed-use residential development is located off Silver Lake Road just east of U.S. 23 in the southeast corner of Livingston County. — Page 4B

# SPORTS

## Quick Hits

### New face

For those who haven't seen her byline already in the sports section of the Novi News, senior Courtney Ratkowiak started interning for the sports department this fall. Ratkowiak brings plenty to the table as far as experience: She's a varsity member of both the swimming and diving team and the volleyball team and she's a member of the marching band as well. Ratkowiak will be working on a variety of stories this year, ranging from columns to features. Already, she's earning praise from those she has come in contact with. Novi athletics director Curt Ellis said Ratkowiak asked him at the end of their interview if he had anything else to add. He said no because she had already asked him about things he would never have expected from a high school intern.

### Weekend at Bernie's

Novi resident Bernie Fratto sure isn't doing too shabby for himself as far as getting air time on the radio goes. Fratto, who recently completed his one-year anniversary at Live 97.1 FM on the "Parker and the Man" show, now finds himself doing a bit more talking. This time around, it's about the Lions as he's landed himself a part as a co-host on the Detroit Lions post-game show on the same station. Fratto is always up for chatting about sports, now he gets to do it all across metro Detroit.

### It's all in the stats

The beauty about sports is they can never lie. There's a winner and there's a loser and there are those who can play and those who can't. In the end, in every sport there is, it all comes down to statistics. Yards gained or buckets made or goals scored — it's all a part of the big picture and it's all essential to the outcome of a contest. The Novi Wildcats football team is blessed to have some of the best statisticians around and the results are easy to see. The report handed out after the game includes everything the Detroit Lions hand out after their games are done — and it should, it's the same technology. The key, of course, is to keep that information from falling into the wrong hands. It's like a slow-motion replay of every down in the game. The good news is, the information is password protected. If the football team ever ends up needing money, they can start renting out their stat crew to teach other teams how the numbers really should be breaking down.

### Potential

No one ever argued that Novi graduate Katie Shannon had the potential to run at the collegiate level. Now, she's proven it. Shannon, who runs for Albion College, ran her first-ever college meet in the Vanderbilt Invitational last Saturday and came away with the victory in 19:39. "She's been running well in practice," said Albion head coach Hayden Smith in a prepared statement. "I didn't necessarily expect her to beat the top returnee in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. You would have to go back a long time to find the last time an Albion woman won a race."



Novi Wildcat varsity soccer player Trey Love.

# Defending Novi

## Trey Love one of state's best

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

Trey Love has never been the kind of player to look for glory. The fact that he received All-Area, All-Conference and All-State honors last year just shows how far he's come since he was seven years old. "My parents put me in a bunch of sports and soccer was the one I took to," Love said. "It wasn't that I was better at it, I was just fast." And in soccer, speed rules. Love has made a point of showcasing his speed in the past as one of the top defenders in Michigan. Whenever the need calls for it, he's ready to step up and mark the other squad's top player. "Trey is the best defender I have ever coached," said Novi coach Brian O'Leary. "He is responsible for the way we play. He has tremendous speed, amazing foot skills and does not get beat on the dribble. We let our sweeper roam around the field instead of being deep for support for the marking defenders. That is because when Trey guards the other teams best forward, he never needs help and that shows what kind of talented defender he is. "Last year when we played Northville he guarded James Hannah, the number-one-ranked player in Division I, now at the University of Michigan, and Trey held him without a shot on goal. When we played Livonia Stevenson, he guarded Jordan Fylonenko, another first team All-State player, and not only held him without a shot on goal, he never even let him get the ball." Sure, playing defense is always a good time, but scoring goals would be fun, right? "I'm not worried about that," he said. "It's just a force of habit. Playing defense is what I do best and I've come to accept that." Love will be expected to live up to what he's done in the past. As a freshman he was pulled up to varsity and then he found himself starting as a sophomore. When he's not playing high school soccer, he's playing with the likes of Northville's Mike Cornelius. While with the Wolves, he's played against some outstanding scorers. "With the Wolves, I've marked guys who are nationally ranked or who are on the national team," he said. Love and his high school team will be looking to win the Kensington Valley Conference title this year

and have found themselves being the subject of soccer talk all around the area. Novi returned most of their team from last year and is expected to be competitive. "There are a lot of big hopes for this team," he said. "I just want us to play good this season and to do good in states." Though it doesn't matter when it comes to the team's season goals, Love said he's looking forward to taking on the Northville Mustangs. In fact, he and Cornelius have chatted online several times talking about the match-up. "That's always a good game," he said. "It's a lot of fun, nothing dirty or below the belt. I love that game." Playing soccer is more than just waiting for the season to start, especially for someone like Love who is drawing Division I interest from colleges. He said beyond playing for the high school and club, he has to work hard in the off-season as well. "Between staying in shape and working out, it's a lot more than just playing," he said. "It's like a year-and-a-half-round sport." So much works means Love often finds himself missing out on the social aspect of high school. "I'm not around on the weekends a lot and I'm playing during the week," he said. "My parents make sure it doesn't get too bad when it comes to homework. Grades come first." Love's mother and father, Kim and Talvis, are big supporters of his soccer. Even his younger brother, Jordan, plays travel soccer. It isn't uncommon to see his parents at the games. "Yeah, you can see them and hear them," he laughed. With a full season of soccer still ahead of him, Love doesn't want to have college first and foremost on his mind. It's still a factor, but he's not playing to earn a scholarship somewhere. "I'd like to play in college," he said. "Right now I'm just leaving my doors open. I want to consider all of my options." Of course, he already knows what he'd like to study: business or computer science. The Wildcats are lucky to have a player like Love, who's family moved from Chicago five years ago. Though Love said he missed the big city life, he's happy with where he ended up. "Novi's been good to me," he said. And he's been good to Novi. Not only has he been



Novi Wildcat varsity soccer player Trey Love in action.

one of the top players on the team, he's also been a great leader. "I just want to go out and play hard and set an example," he said. "Not just for this year, but also for next year. We're losing a lot of defenders and I want to show the other guys how it should be done." All that hard work should pay off for Love. O'Leary said he expects to see his top defender repeat with his All-State honors. "Not only is Trey going to repeat as an all state player, if he doesn't make first-team All-State there is something wrong with the system," O'Leary said. "Depending on how well our team does Trey could be a candidate for Mr. Soccer."

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<b>By the numbers</b>	2-0	1-1	14	29	9-1	0	7 p.m.
	Northville football team's record following win over Pinckney	Girls basketball win after dominating victory and tough loss last week	Points scored by Rachele Folino in basketball's loss to Plymouth Canton	Free throws shots by Canton in their win over Novi	Novi's combined score over Pinckney and Churchill last week on the soccer pitch	Games lost by Novi soccer so far this year with a 3-0 record	Tomorrow night's kickoff when Novi football takes to the road against Howell



## 'Cats split week on hardwood

The Novi Wildcats basketball team didn't fare as well as they would have liked in their season opener but bounced back just fine to split their week.

The Cats earned a 64-42 victory over a hapless Oak Park squad after losing to Canton, 50-36, earlier in the week.

"We had seven foul trouble," said coach Bill Kelp of the Canton game.

The Wildcats shot nine free throws in the entire game compared to Canton's 29.

The final score was surprising, considering the Wildcats were tied with the Chiefs, 23-23, at halftime.

Leading the way for Novi was Rachele Follin, who had 14 points while Nickie Stephen added nine and Jamie Fratto sank five.

Against Oak Park, the Cats didn't have even a glimmer of trouble despite missing Follin, who was out nursing an ankle injury.

Following the 20 points put in by Stephen, Novi dominated the flow of the game from the start, leading 28-9 at the half.

"Everyone got to play for us," Kelp noted.

Taylor Graybiel had 12 points with a standout performance.

Against Pinciny the Wildcats found Ryan Carter, Matt Simpson and Todd Janer scoring in the first 20 minutes for a 3-0 lead before reserves Robby Park, Hunter Robertson, Matt Messerant and Shane Bullong finished the game.

Sean Sinney made three saves in goal to earn his second shutout of the season.

Against Churchill, Novi fell behind after a scramble for a loose ball in front of the net found a shot from five yards out hitting the back of the net.

Novi rebounded following a great save from Sinney a Churchill headyway to keep the Chargers from adding to their lead.

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Wildcat Chantel Hill brings the ball upcourt against Oak Park.

### Novi pounds Pinciny

One thing is for certain this season in the Kensington Valley Conference — the Carnegie brothers aren't going to be the favorite players around when their opponents are done voting.

The Pinciny Pirates were the first KVC team to feel just how talented the duo is as Brandon and David Carnegie combined to score the first three touchdowns of the game as Novi romped to a 34-24 victory.

"We were able to get everyone playing time," said Tim Kelleppoury. "It was interesting to see the change in roles. The starters had to become the support on the sidelines and help keep the intensity up on the field."

It worked as Novi allowed two Pinciny scores in the third quarter and two more in the fourth after securing the victory.

"Pinciny is a much improved team," Kelleppoury said. "They've improved throughout the entire program."

Steve Hart threw two touch-

### Soccer starts on top

The Novi Wildcats soccer team, led by coach Brian O'Leary, earned two victories last week.

The squad notched a 7-0 victory over the Pinciny Pirates and a 2-1 win over the Churchill Chargers.

### Underclassman Scores

#### Junior Varsity Tennis

The Junior Varsity Tennis team beat Northville with a score of 5-3 on Monday August 29th and fell to Canton 0-1.

The next day, the Wildcats beat Holly High School, 8-0, in regular play and 12-0 overall.

#### Junior Varsity Basketball

The junior varsity basketball team took a road trip and beat Canton last Tuesday. Canton ended the first quarter with a 10-7 lead before Novi fought back to take a 22-19 lead at the half. The second half was all Novi, culminating in a 46-29

Novi's Taylor Graybiel puts up a shot against Oak Park's Danyell Harris.

## Nakamura looks for great season

By Courtney Ratkowiak  
SPORTS INTERN

Ayano Nakamura will never forget the fall of her sophomore year.

As one of the few remaining members of Novi High School's most successful tennis team, she considers the team's 2003 fourth-place state finish her most memorable high school moment. Now, Novi's newest number one singles player has another opportunity to help the team to a state championship tournament, leading by example with her work ethic and dedication.

includes most of the state's top 10 teams, Nakamura will be competing against an elite group.

"She's going to be playing a very good player every match, and she'll be tested every time out," she said. "Honestly, I should be able to handle it. Physically, it's going to be tough. Going from two to one (singles) is obviously a big jump, and now I'll be playing against all the best players in the district, but I'm going to give it all my best for the team."

Team goals include winning KVC's and regionals, and Nakamura's individual goals are similar.

"This year, as a senior, my goal is to win KVC's and try to

earn points for our team at regionals," she said. "We definitely have a chance to make it to states, and we want to do well as a team at regionals to make it there."

After the season, Nakamura will continue playing tennis to gain college exposure. Kalamazoo College has already expressed interest, and other prospects include Ferris State, Oakland University, and Michigan State. For now, however, she prefers to focus on her

"It's still new for me to be the best player on the team, but it's exciting," she said. "Honestly, I should be able to handle it. Physically, it's going to be tough. Going from two to one (singles) is obviously a big jump, and now I'll be playing against all the best players in the district, but I'm going to give it all my best for the team."

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Hanson said that, due to a nonconference schedule that

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—Chris Carver, WIRELESS MAGAZINE

"I think we've better than last year, because we've already beaten teams that we tied or lost to last season," she said. "It's going to be tough, but it's going to be a lot of fun."

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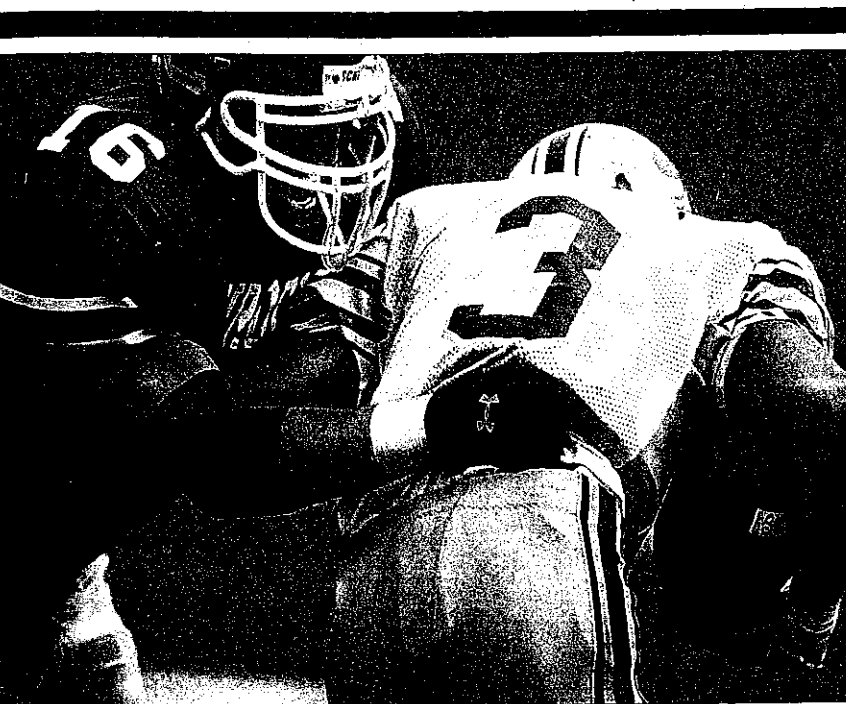
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## CATHOLIC CENTRAL



A Catholic Central defender makes a tackle.

## Catholic Central blasts London, gets first win

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

The score last Saturday didn't matter much to Tom Mach, but the outcome of the football game did.

Mach, who coaches the Shamrocks of Catholic Central, watched as his players celebrated following a 44-6 victory over London Catholic Central. It was his team's first-ever true home victory.

"There were excited," he said. "They were very excited. It was our first win in the new stadium and we've been talking about improving each week and they really really hard to do that."

The Shamrocks (1-1) were able to get up fast and early against their Canadian opponents and Mach said he was pleased with how his team performed.

Catholic Central was able to replace the starters not long after the game started, allowing his team to play as many athletes as possible.

Two Shamrocks who stood out offensively for their squad was quarterback Ryan Forte, a senior captain, and his favorite target Chris Harding, a 6-foot-7-inch senior tight end.

"Chris really went up and made a couple of nice catches," Mach said. "One was for a touchdown and another one was nearly as big when he went up and took it away from the defensive back."

On the defensive end of the ball it was senior nose tackle Steve Thill, a captain, earning praises from Mach along with jun-

ior linebacker Jeremy Bednarz-Gray.

"Jeremy has been doing a great job for us," he said. "He's been getting to the football and you always see him around the ball at all times."

Thill, he said, has been working hard to become a force as the defensive line's top talent.

"We've been working him hard this year and he's been responding really well," Mach said. "He's been anchoring our defensive line for us."

Catholic Central is slated to take a road trip and visit Notre Dame Prep tomorrow at 12:45 p.m. Notre Dame is a young team that has started off on a 0-2 record.

"They have a couple of players to watch out for," said Mach. "Their quarterback is a good athlete and their receivers are pretty good too."

But the Shamrocks could be lining up against the best team in the state and they wouldn't change their philosophy.

Mach said his team has committed to trying to get better and that's what they've been doing.

"Our whole emphasis from day one is to improve each day," he said. "That's the same no matter who we're playing from the biggest team in our league to one that's not as big. Our first goal is to improve from week to week."

This week the Shamrocks are also looking to master up enough energy to play the entire length of the game with the same intensity.

Mach said it's a goal that comes after a

flat performance in the opening minutes against London Catholic Central.

"The theme this week is to play the full 48 minutes," Mach said. "We came out a little slow, a little tentative. We want to start the game strong this week and play that way all 48 minutes."

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The Central Catholic O-line prepares to make a push against the defense of Toledo Central Catholic.

Check back next week for the Novi News' continuing coverage of Catholic Central athletics

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Motor City Madness tryouts

The Motor City Madness will be holding tryouts Sept. 11 and 18 at Novi's Power Park (behind city hall).

Tryouts are as follows: U10 from 9-11 a.m.; U12 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; U14 from 1-3 p.m.; U16 from 3-5 p.m.

For more information, please contact coach Phyllis Wagner at (248) 982-2955.

### Adult Coaches Wanted

Adult Coaches are needed for Northville Parks and Recreation's youth basketball leagues. Your child will play for free if you volunteer to be a head coach. If you are interested, call Dave Dematis, (248) 349-0203, extension 1405.

### Walk for a cure

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter (CCFA) will host its Second Annual Heel to Heal walk on Saturday, September 10 at Maybury State Park in Northville. Proceeds will go towards research and programming to help find a cause and cure for Crohn's Disease and ulcerative colitis.

More than a million people suffer from Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, known collectively as IBD. Both are painful diseases that affect the gastrointestinal tract, causing diarrhea, abdominal cramps, bleeding, and numerous complications including bowel obstruction and colon cancer. Most IBD sufferers are young when symptoms first appear. Crohn's disease primarily afflicts adolescents and young adults, with an estimated 10 percent (some 100,000) under the age of 18.

"Our annual Heel to Heal walk is a great way for friends, family and community members to support loved ones who are affected by Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis to support their loved ones," said Bernard Riker, Executive Director of CCFA, Michigan Chapter. "The event is growing each year, helping to increase awareness and fund the research of this worthy cause."

Participants can choose between a one-mile walk and a 5K (3.1 miles) walk. Registration is \$10 (free for children under 12) and includes a picnic lunch and free admission to the park. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the one-mile walk, and the 5K walk begins at 10:30 a.m. The picnic lunch, sponsored by Outback Steakhouse of Novi, begins at 11:30 a.m.

Last year more than 350 CCFA members, patients and their families laced up their walking shoes to raise more than \$65,000 for the organization's research and programming.

To register for the event, or to become a volunteer or sponsor, call Gilda Hauser at (248) 737-0900 or e-mail nichigan@ccfa.org. You can also register on-line at www.ccfa.kintera.org/nich05wa lk.

### Travel baseball and softball

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association (KVBSA) is accepting applications for travel baseball and softball teams for the 2006 season.

There are currently openings in all age brackets in both baseball and softball. Baseball will have divisions for U9 through U18 and softball will have divisions for U12 through U18.

For more information contact Jeff David at (386) 206-7646 or e-mail at jeff.david@kvbsa.com. You can also visit the website www.kvbsa.com.

### Adult hockey leagues

Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills will offer separate Beginner Adult Developmental Hockey Leagues presented by Labatt for men and women during the fall/winter season.

Both leagues will run once per week for 25 weeks and will have similar structures. The first six weeks will consist of an instructional training camp before dividing players into teams. Once teams have been formed, there will be two practices prior to the beginning of games. The remainder of the season will consist of three games and one practice per month.

Included in the league fees is the cost of jerseys and instructors, who will also serve as referees during games in order to coach the players and teams during the play, on the bench and in between periods. As a bonus, all players in the B/DHIL will get a free membership to the SIFH Fitness Club from September to March, as well as the opportunity to purchase a RBK 5K Modano pattern hockey stick for just \$75 (retail is \$150) courtesy of RBK Hockey.

The women's league will run 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., Sept. 11, 2005-March 26, 2006 (no sessions on Nov. 27, Dec. 25, Jan. 1, or Feb. 5). The men's league will run 8:30 and 9:30 p.m., Sept. 19, 2005-March 20, 2006 (no sessions Oct. 31 or Dec. 26). Registration is limited, call (248) 888-1400 or visit www.suburbantice.com.

### Two players needed

The Michigan Wolves U14 travel baseball team will be holding tryouts the last weekend in August. Needed are two solid players. The Michigan Wolves U13 team finished 43-6 for the 2005 season winning several tournaments, including a fifth place overall out of 40 teams in the AAYBA World Series in St. Louis. For more information, visit www.miwolves.com or call Tim at (734) 645-9033.

### Registration for Fall Learn to Skate underway

Novi Ice Arena will run a six-week fall session of its Learn to Skate Program from Wednesday, September 7-Saturday, October 22 (no classes October 12-15). Classes are offered Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and skate rental is available. In addition, Learn to Skate students get a punch card for free admission to open skating at Novi Ice Arena throughout the program they are enrolled in.

The following classes will be offered:

- Beginning Tot
- Snowplow Sam 1-3
- Basic 1-5
- Skater's Edge Accelerated Bridge Program - NEW!
- Adult

Classes will run once per week for 30 minutes with optional 30-minute practice sessions. Open registration for Learn to Skate is underway. The Learn to Skate Program is very popular so call the Novi Ice Arena at 248-347-1010 or visit www.novoicearena.com today to inquire about the proper class for your skater.

### Northville High School Cheer Squad Car Washes

DETAILS: Fund-raisers for Northville High School cheerleading squads.

Registration is limited, call (248) 888-1400 or visit www.suburbantice.com.

### Fall Youth Basketball

Now accepting player registrations for fall youth basketball. Registrations will continue through September 16 or until leagues are full. There will be a \$10 late fee applied for registrations received after September 16. The girls league is for fourth-sixth grades while the boys leagues are for fourth-fifth and sixth-seventh grades. All players must complete a personal data form, which will be used to formulate teams. Practice will be held one-two times per week beginning October 18. The eight game schedule is played primarily on Saturdays from October 29-December 10. Please contact

### Coach wanted

Northville High School is in need of an assistant gymnastics coach that has experience in spotting.

Please contact Bryan Masi, Athletic Director at (248) 344-8414



# REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

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## Are your investments working as hard as you do?

This Monday we celebrated Labor Day — and if you're like many people, you certainly feel that your household is laboring pretty darn hard. And you'd be right. In fact, from 1975 through 2002, the average hours worked by all family members rose by 11 percent, according to the Economic Policy Institute. But all that work may not necessarily translate into the attainment of your financial goals — unless your money is working as hard as you are.

How can you make sure this happens? For starters, you need to define just how hard your money needs to work — in other words, what sort of performance you'll require from your investments. Not everyone needs the same type of return from his or her portfolio.

For example, if you plan on working past normal retirement age and then stay fairly close to home, you might not need as much income from your investments as your neighbor, who wants to retire early and travel the world. To get a reasonably close estimate of the level or resources you'll need to draw on during your retirement years, you may want to work with a financial professional.

Once you know how much you'll need, you can assess if you're on track toward reaching this figure. After factoring in what you can expect from Social Security — an amount that will make up only a relatively small percentage of your retirement income — consider your employer-sponsored retirement plan.

If you work for a company that offers a traditional "defined benefit" plan — one that pays you a pension based on your age and length of employment — there's not much you can do to get more "bang for your buck," apart from working more years. But if your employer offers a "defined contribution" plan, such as a 401(k), you can take action to ensure that your investment dollars are working hard for you.

Start by evaluating your 401(k) portfolio. Are you "overweighted" in conservative investments, such as bonds, certificates of deposit or guaranteed income contracts? These vehicles, while not without value, are "lazy" in the sense that they won't give you any significant appreciation.

To provide yourself with substantial growth opportunities, you may need to put a relatively large percentage of your 401(k) plan into equities. Then, when you near retirement, you might want to lock in any gains you have achieved, and reduce your portfolio's volatility, by shifting some — but certainly not all — of your 401(k) equity dollars into bond and CD accounts.

And the same course of action applies to your individual investments. Even if you are by nature a conservative investor, you will need at least some exposure to stocks to achieve the growth you need for retirement and other long-term goals. If your portfolio is laden with bonds and CDs, you might lower your investment risk — the possibility of losing some principal — but you'll assume more purchasing power risk, because fixed-rate investments may barely keep you ahead of inflation.

In short, you need to construct a diversified portfolio that reflects your risk tolerance, long-term goals and time horizon — but you have to make sure it contains plenty of investments that are working hard for you.

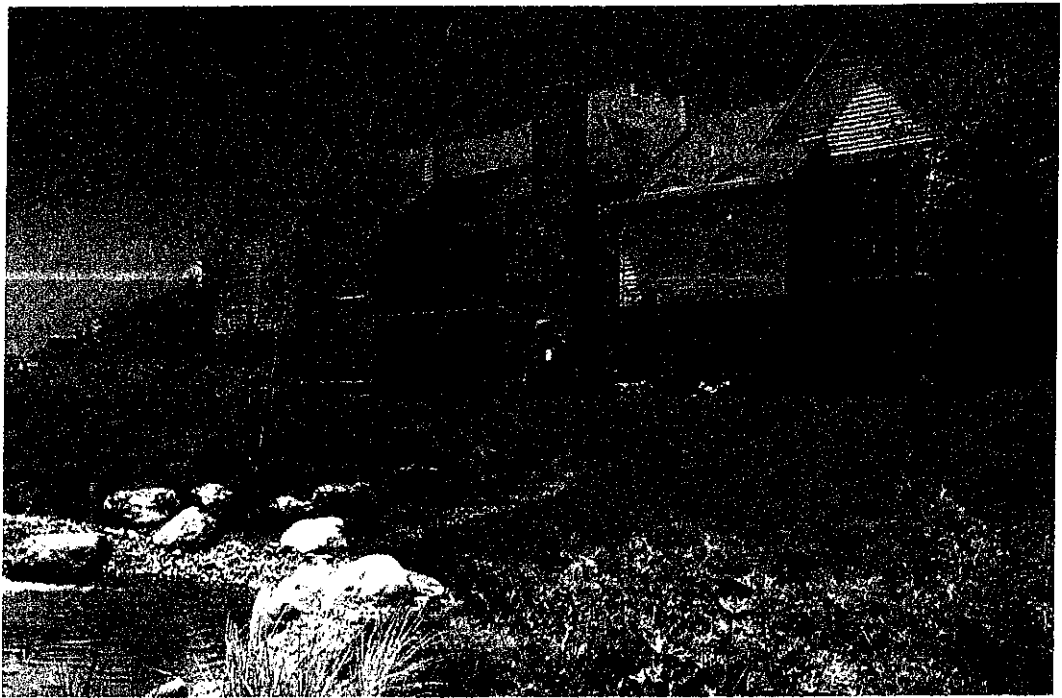
Without these investments, you may be the only one who has to keep working hard — for more years than you'd like.

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Luxury condominiums are located around Hidden Lake at the resort-style residential community located in southeast Livingston County.

# Hidden Lake

## Offers resort-style residential community

By Duane Ramsey  
SPECIAL WRITER

Hidden Lake, a lakefront community of upscale homes that offers resort-style living in a rural setting, continues to fulfill people's dreams. The planned, mixed-use residential development is located off Silver Lake Road just east of U.S. 23 in the southeast corner of Livingston County.

Developers Earl and Steve LaFave have created a diamond in the rough, taking the 376-acre site of a gravel pit and creating an upscale, resort-style residential community. The LaFave brothers, partners in Beck Development and Hidden Lake, have built homes and reside in the community.

"Each year it grows and just gets better and better. There seems to be something for everyone here," said Diane Paczas, marketing director for Beck Development. "We have families with children, singles, seniors and empty nesters living in the community."

Beck Development opened Hidden Lake in 2000 and has offered something new each year. A new section of off-water, detached condominiums is currently in the design stage and will be offered in late

2005 or early 2006.

This year, they opened The Falls II, the second phase of attached condominiums consisting of 48 units. The spectacular condo sites, featuring views of the lake and waterfalls, will sell in the high \$300,000 range.

The 20-foot cascading waterfall was created between the first and second phases of attached condos. A second waterfall feature is under construction just north of the first phase of attached condos.

Hidden Lake will also begin selling lots in Phase 5 of single-family homes with 43 additional waterfront sites.

The residential community is located on the 110-acre, spring-fed Hidden Lake. The clear water ranges from 15 to 60 feet in depth and offers great fishing in the stocked lake.

Residents enjoy boating, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, tubing and water skiing on the all-sports lake, excluding jet skis. A private marina offers permanent docking slips for lease or purchase, a boat launch and fishing pier.

The white sand beach with a swimming area for children is a popular place in the summer. People use the six miles of paved walkways through the natural environment for walking, jogging, rollerblading and

### DETAILS

#### Hidden Lake

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Hidden Lake is not only where the home is but also where people gather for entertainment, recreation or social events. The community center was created as the foundation for the Hidden Lake lifestyle where family, friends and neighbors gather to enjoy the beach, lake, gardens or open green space.

A 600-seat amphitheater was created on the lakeshore to bring people together with events, such as "Meet Your Neighbors." Fourth of July fireworks display, End of Summer Bash in September and a new Octoberfest added this year.

Live entertainment with all types of music is provided for adults and teens. Carnivals, picnics, magic shows and other events are held for the children on weekends.

The Hidden Lake community is fulfilling the

vision that the LaFave brothers had for the property. Their mission is to create an environment that allows people to define their lifestyle in a community that rivals the finest resorts.

When completed, Hidden Lake will consist of more than 400 residences, including single-family homes, attached and detached condominiums on and around the lake.

The developers have selected a small group of custom builders to build homes with a wide variety of designs and floor plans for single-family homes at Hidden Lake. Detailed architectural and landscaping requirements were established to maintain the high-quality of the residential development.

Custom-built homes begin with minimums of 2,500 square feet of living space and prices ranging from high \$400,000's to more than \$1 million. The homes at Hidden Lake offer the look and feel of country estates in a setting of beautiful views, gardens, and natural areas blended with residential landscaping.

The Coves at Hidden Lake is a limited edition of individual condominium homes. The builders, Wineman & Komer are pleased to announce that they are in the closeout phase of these luxury detached condos.

The Falls of Hidden Lake offers luxury waterfront attached condos with a maintenance-free lifestyle in an upscale lakeside community. Four distinct floor plans from 2,200 to 2,700 square feet are available with walkout levels on most sites, starting in the high \$300,000's.

Hidden Lake is conveniently located with easy access to U.S. 23 and I-96 for people commuting to jobs in Ann Arbor, Flint, Lansing, or the Detroit metro area. It is located in the Brighton School District and provides municipal services that include a private water system and connection to sewers maintained by Green Oak Township.

The Hidden Lake Community Association represents the entire community and is responsible for maintaining the private roads and all common areas. There are separate associations for the single-family homes, attached and detached condominiums.

The developers are no strangers when it comes to creating residential projects in the area. Beck Development Company was involved in other residential ventures, including the award-winning Blue Heron Point in Northville, The Villas in Livonia, and Condominiums at Oak Pointe in Brighton.

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