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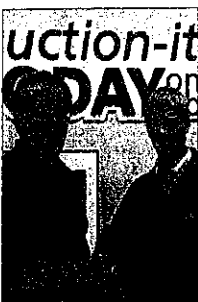
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Top administrator

Bob Stech, director of Novi Community Education, was recently named Administrator of the Year by the Michigan Association of Community and Adult Education. — Page 14A

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Elect Novi's future: Vote!

■ Candidates get their five minutes of fame

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Mayoral candidates (Vote for one; two-year term) David Landry

He believes the next few years are crucial for the city. Novi is currently at 52,000 residents, and is expected to reach 75,000-80,000 at buildout in around 2015. That means city leaders have 10 years to steer the city on its course to buildout.

His main goal is to provide necessary government services at an affordable tax rate. His approach is to concentrate on basic services, which he sees as roads, public safety, water and sewer service.

He's in favor of increasing the

Editor's note:

The six city council candidates and two mayoral candidates were invited to record five-minute profiles of themselves for Novi voters at the Southwestern Oakland County Cable Commission Studios in Farmington. Following are highlights of each presentation. Mayoral candidate Keith Kuhn did not record a presentation. His profile was pulled from an earlier article in the Novi News.

number of police and fire staffing annually and maintain zoning that allows high-tax-producing uses, such as office service technology developments to offset residential.

The city must make plans as far as water and sewer so that capacity exceeds demand. He

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■ Voter turnout low in last five city elections

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Celia Todd of Novi believes people come to the polls in larger numbers if items on the ballot involve taxes, millages or any other financial issue or concern.

And, voter turnout is always the highest during a presidential election. "But people need to realize that every election is important," Todd said.

She noted that more than 40 years ago when she lived in Milford that one item on the ballot was decided by her and a friend, as they were the last two voters.

"My friend and I went together, and we closed the polls," she said. "We inadvertently decided the issue, because it was defeated by

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■ Voters to use new optical scanner

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius is gearing up for the biggest event of the year for her — election day.

In less than a week, she and her team of poll workers will help Novi residents exercise their constitutional right by voting in the Nov. 8 city general election.

In this city council and mayoral election, the city will be using a new optical scan voting machine for the first time.

In fact, every voter in Oakland County will use the new M-100 voting machine. The device, which costs about \$5,000 and was purchased with federal grant funds, has a digital display and will tell the voter right away if something is amiss.

Markham not in race

Former planning commission chair Gwen Markham is still on this year's city general election ballot although she's no longer a candidate for city council. Her name still appears on the ballot because she did not pull out of the race until after the deadline for candidates to withdraw.

Instead of "connecting the arrows" on the ballots like in previous elections, voters will fill in an oval next to the candidate or answer of their choice with either a black or blue medium ball-point pen.

What happens if a voter draws outside the oval? "That's OK, as long as you darken a majority of the oval," Cornelius said.

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Karen MacKenzie works in her Novi studio on a painting. After years of focusing on working with Novi Youth Assistance, MacKenzie has concentrated her efforts on creating art.

Different strokes

■ Artist moves from courts to studio

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Novi artist Karen MacKenzie has accomplished the art of leaving one career, yet combining it with another.

A caseworker for Novi Youth Assistance the Oakland County Circuit Court system to for 13 years, which is under the direction of embark on a new career as an artist.

Oakland County, she left a job in May with "It's my innate skill," she said. "It's the

Where you can find her work

Novi artist Karen MacKenzie's work is available at Sherwood Studios at 6644 Orchard Lake Road (on the west side of the road) just south of Maple Road in West Bloomfield. For more information, call (248) 855-1600.

thing that came to me naturally when I was young."

She said she was always rewarded as a kid for being a good representational artist.

From the earliest elementary school, "I remember the runs saying what a good Jesus I could draw," she said.

She feels that sometimes when skills come naturally that people don't often give them the credit they're due. "Because you didn't work for it...it was just there," she said.

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Pulte to build 308 condos

■ Council approves final phase in Sandstone settlement

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Mayor Lou Csordas knows that The Townes at Liberty Park is more than just another proposed condominium complex in Novi.

This second phase in the development, to be built by Pulte Homes, is the final portion of land Novi gave up in the infamous Sandstone settlement in June 2002.

After losing a hotly-contested lawsuit, the city council voted that summer to convey about 84 acres to Sandstone Associates Limited Partnership rather than pay the developer more than \$70 million following a judgment against the city in 1999.

Case dates back to 1995

Sandstone sued the city in 1995, accusing it of sabotaging a

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Running SWOCC a busy, fun job

■ Executive director proud to be "Novi's right arm"

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Caren Collins Fifer's most memorable experience while working for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission happened in 2002.

That was when the company took over an old auto paint shop in Farmington and made it what it is today: a fully-operational tele-

vision station, complete with two major studios.

SWOCC was previously in the Farmington Hills Industrial Park near the Grand River Avenue and 10 Mile Road area, and had about a third of the space it has now.

"It was a lot of fun," she said. "This building has been terrific."

With all that extra space, SWOCC is better suited to provide government and public access programming through Bright House Cable to the cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi. And Collins Fifer, SWOCC's executive director, oversees the whole thing.

"You have to really be able to multi-task to do this job," she said. "I actually wear two hats. I'm the administrator for the commission board, and manager for this production facility."

As administrator for the commission board, Collins Fifer handles many regulatory aspects pertaining to the cable franchise between the three cities, the cable operator and cable legislation.

But being manager is the fun hat she wears.

"We're multifaceted here," she

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Karen Collins in SWOCC's Nine Mile Road studios.

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BUSINESS

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Donations boost grand opening

Community auctions items for Katrina relief

By Tracy Mishler
 STAFF WRITER

All Low thought the best way to give back to the community was an auction.

Combining the grand opening of his Novi store, Auction-it Today, and the needs of Katrina victims, Low asked the community to donate items to be auctioned off for cash on eBay.

"The money brought in from sales will go toward Katrina relief efforts," said the owner. "This is a great way to help these in need."

Several items had been donated, including paintings, personal accessories, jewelry, sports memorabilia, vacations and a TV entertainment center.

Auction-it Today will also donate proceeds from a pair of autographed boxing gloves from Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns to Katrina victims. Low estimated receiving between \$1,000 and \$2,000 for the gloves.

Along with Katrina donations, Low invited Scott Danforth of Promise Village Home for Children to pick up a special donation from store employees.

"The kids living there really need this and it will definitely benefit them," Low said.

Promise Village is located in

Danforth, and Danforth, development coordinator, said the kids will appreciate the donations from Auction-it Today.

"Some of the kids have a lot of built-up aggression, and this will help alleviate some of that," Danforth said. "Everything we buy and do is with excellence, and this will only help them get stronger and become better people."

Cowowner Kevin Merta described the stores' grand opening as a big festival.

"There's just so much going on, and it's such a great feeling to help people out like we're doing," Merta said. "What we're doing is more on a personal level, but it helps to get people into the store and see what we do here."

Technology boosts business

Auction-it Today is located on North Road, just south of Grand River Avenue.

Customers can pick up or drop off just about anything, including garage sale items, cars, jewelry, cameras, computers, video games, antiques, even ticklers, real estate, sporting goods, boats, art and other collectibles.

The goods are then auctioned off on eBay, an Internet-based auction business.

"We help people sell their items," Low said. "We picked this location because we wanted to be instrumental in the growing Novi community."

Auction-it Today is a franchise with an estimated 50 more stores.

Auction-it TODAY on eBay



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Relocation leads salon in different direction

Salon fits last piece of puzzle

By Tracy Mishler
 STAFF WRITER

Jeff West has taken his styling passion further than just building a leading salon.

With architectural structures designed by West and his wife, Carolyn, and hanging equipment boards for easier accessibility, West wanted his salon in Novi to reinvent the wheel for future salons to come.

The 42-year-old owner and stylist of Salon Head West transformed the relocation of his 17-year business, on May 3, into a rebirth of what lies ahead.

"Every salon is designed the same way, with the same setup and same problems," West said. "I have removed those headaches and obstacles for a much more convenient styling environment."

Having taken space in the Main Street East plaza off Grand River Avenue, and becoming the last piece of the puzzle to complete the strip, West said his salon is headed in the right direction.

"You have to be able to walk the walk in this business," he said. "Our business is all about the customer, and our new facilities will help us serve our customers the highest standard imaginable."

West said the biggest part of the relocation was having an area for retail space.

"Product sales weren't as great as they could have been at the old location," West said. "Now, we actually have an area for people to browse and look for what they need."

West employs 18 stylists, including Carolyn and himself. "For the first time in five years, I've started to take on new clients," West said. "This is the hottest place to be with all the growth in the new downtown area."

Mixing science and beauty

Salon Head West mixes science and beauty, and West said passion is

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what all his stylists are able to deliver.

"Beauty is science," West said. "That's what we live by here: applied science and composing beauty."

Before becoming a stylist at Salon Head West, West makes sure all his stylists have passed his in-store salon academy.

"We spend more money on education than anything in this salon," West said.

"We offer services that no one else can, because we invented them."

Continued education is the only way to master an art, West said.

"Before they're even given a chair," he said, "my stylists must complete a two-year in-house education program, beyond what they are taught in cosmetology school."

Carolyn said the salon's training and values system is very important to them.

"We're kind of like the age-old man-and-pop-shop," Carolyn said. "A shop with a modern edge."

Best for your buck

With a client base well over 1,000, West said business has been better than ever.

"I love the city of Novi," West said. "The community has been great to me over the past 17 years, and I feel that I owe something to the people."



Salon Head West stylist Rosie Marchesotti, right, work with customer Michelle Pleiness on a Friday afternoon visit to the Grand River Ave. shop.

Salon Head West offers a beauty budget that fits most everyone. "We're not like every other salon," he said. "I can't say we're better, but we do have a lot to offer."

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A public hearing meeting to consider this request will be held at 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 10, 2005. The meeting is at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Written and signed approvals or objections will be accepted into the file if received prior to the scheduled meeting. Please address all communications to Gail U. Backus at the City of Novi Building Department 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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Hangin' out at Ronald's house

Left: Novi Woods families recently spent a fun-filled evening at the McDonald's restaurant on 10 Mile Road. Owners Claude and Theresa Murphy donated a portion of the night's profits to the school. Pictured (clockwise from lower left) are Lauren Matson, Karissa, Peter, Kathleen and Katrina Koomen, Ronald McDonald, Paul Tierney and Michael Matson.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

The Novi Community School District's National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists:

- Monica Arun
- Heather Liu
- Jason Margolis
- Lixing Qi
- John Vaidanen
- Wei Xie

Letters of Commendation recipients:

- Elizabeth Chidsey
- Kelli Herrick
- Nishi Miley
- Lauren Perlin
- Xue Song
- Ruchira Srinivaskrishna
- Eric Zhao

brought a huge crowd to Midland's downtown area and proved to be a winning night for all involved.

According to Jill Ouellette, professor and chair of Northwood University's fashion department, "After many planning meetings, we take our Visual Merchandising course for FSM students out of the traditional classroom and into the downtown store windows of Midland where students dress the windows and mannequins to the theme. The students are graded on the project and awards are given to outstanding displays."

Jennifer Kneekert, daughter of Randall and Linda Kneekert of Novi won Best Models, Honorable Mention, Chemical Bank, "On the Beach in Brazil" and Professor's Award for Props. Antique car in front of Chemical Bank.

Orchard Hills holiday gift market

Orchard Hills Elementary School's parent teacher organization will be sponsoring a holiday gift market 4:30-5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18.

The event is a fund-raiser for the PTO and will directly benefit the students of Orchard Hills. It will feature giveaways, tastings, demonstrations, a 50-50 raffle and refreshments.

"Shop 'Til You Drop"

4-4 p.m., tomorrow at Novi Woods Elementary School the school, located at 25195 Taft Road.

Raffle tickets are a \$1 each, and over 20 vendors will be selling jewelry, clothing, skin care, knitted items, doll clothes, and more. Admission is free.

Compiled by Ramez Khuri

Red Ribbon week brings out some hip kids

Right: Novi Meadows Elementary School's Red Ribbon theme this year was "Healthy Hearts and Minds Choose to be Drug-Tobacco-Alcohol Free." Each day the kids did different activities to support the theme. Here, these students were supporting "Block out unhealthy choices — wear your favorite hat or sunglasses to school!" Pictured are fifth graders: (back row, left to right) Kara Thompson, Lexie Martin, Darrien Hannah, Harrison Halley and John Hart; (front row) Carly Mach, Maggie Walsh and Jessica Borst.



Seeking hosts

The EF Foundation is seeking families to host foreign exchange students for one semester starting in January. Share your American home, family, high school, and community with a representative from another culture. Call Linda Leedy at (248) 349-5599 with any questions.

Northwood University Mannequins bring huge crowd to downtown Midland

For 26 years Northwood University's fashion marketing and management program has provided mannequin models and window dressings for the annual Mannequin Modeling Night which took place this year on Oct. 13. The theme was "A World Without Borders." The popular family event

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New coverage for Medicare

■ Seniors can finally fill their prescriptions

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER

June Kanue applauds Medicare for finally adding prescription coverage to her health insurance plan. "I can't afford a secondary insurance," said the 77-year-old Novi resident. "I've been paying full-price for every prescription. Prescriptions are too expensive."

On Nov. 15, open enrollment begins for Medicare part D, which allows seniors on Medicare the option of adding prescription coverage to their insurance.

Part D coverage will take effect Jan. 1, and thus far, seniors should have received an information packet explaining the benefits of the new addition.

"Just like a regular HMO insurance, seniors have the option of choosing a plan that best fits their prescription needs," said Teri Ceresa, social worker for the Mayor of Novi. "There is a lot of information for seniors to look through in such a short period of time."

Some medications may not be covered under certain plans, so those signing up for the coverage really need to do their research first, said Ceresa.

According to Medicare, the decision to get the prescription drug coverage depends on how they are currently paying for prescriptions and how they are getting their Medicare coverage.

Kelley Waterski, medical practice manager at Fox Run Senior Community, said those who currently have prescription coverage will most likely stay with their existing coverage.

"It's not cheap," Waterski said. "But it will help a small portion of the seniors without prescription coverage in the general Medicare population."

There are more than 18 plans approved by the state of Michigan for Medicare part D, and Waterski said there will be more come January.

Seniors signing up for Medicare part D can expect to have a \$250 annual deductible, with the insurance company covering 75 percent and the patient paying the other 25 percent.

The insurance will cover up to \$2,250 of prescription costs, and patients will pay 100 percent of their bills beyond that amount.

According to Medicare, coverage will not take effect again until prescription costs reach \$3,100.

Think before you act

Willard Dresser fills at least eight prescriptions a month through Medco Health Solutions.

"With Medco, I get a three-month supply of my medications through the mail with my General Motors insurance," said the 83-year-old Fox Run resident. "I probably won't sign up for the new Medicare coverage, because what I have right now is convenient and doesn't cost me but the Co-pay."

Waterski said seniors don't have to rush and make a decision this minute.

"Those that don't currently have prescription coverage should carefully look over the different plans," she said. "They should also carefully look at their annual prescription costs and compare them to the premium and costs of the new prescription plans before making any decisions."

The enrollment period for the 2006-06 year is between Nov. 15 and May 15, 2006. After that, seniors will have to wait until Nov. 2006 to enroll again.

"This is a great benefit for those who normally wouldn't have prescription coverage," Waterski said, "and it might be wise for them to look into it and take advantage of it."

For more information about Medicare part D, visit www.medicare.gov, or call (800) MEDICARE.

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SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Friday 11/4	Wednesday 11/9
8:45 a.m. Patena Bread	9 a.m. Stretch and Strength
9 a.m. Stretch and Strength	10 a.m. Body Recall
10 a.m. Body Recall	10 a.m. Lunch
11 a.m. Lunch	10:30 a.m. Quilting
12:30 p.m. Bingo	11 a.m. Blood pressure
12:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge	11 a.m. Taking Off Pounds Sensibly class
2-2:30 p.m. Massage/Healing Touch	12:30 p.m. Clogging*
Monday 11/7	1:30 p.m. Sing-a-Long, free, with George and Caroline
9 a.m. Stretch and Strength	2-2:30 p.m. Massage/Healing Touch
10 a.m. Body Recall	"Is the Book Done Yet" Trip
11 a.m. Energy Equation	Thursday 11/10
12:30 p.m. Pinchle*	9 a.m. Line dance
2 p.m. "The Art of the 18th Century France"	10 a.m. Veterans' Event cancelled
6:30 p.m. Clogging*	12:15 "Bridge"
Tuesday 11/8	1:30-3 p.m. Book Discussion, "Rooney & Nancy", Bob Calacelle
9 a.m. Patena Bread	2-2:30 p.m. Massage/Healing Touch
9 a.m. Line Dance cancelled	Kewadin Casino Trip
10 a.m. Asian Pacific	
11 a.m. Oakland County Health Nurse	
12:30 p.m. Bingo	
12:30-3 p.m. Focus Hope	
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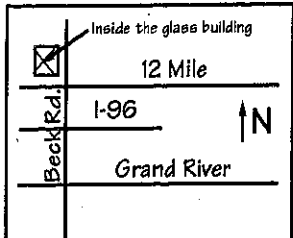
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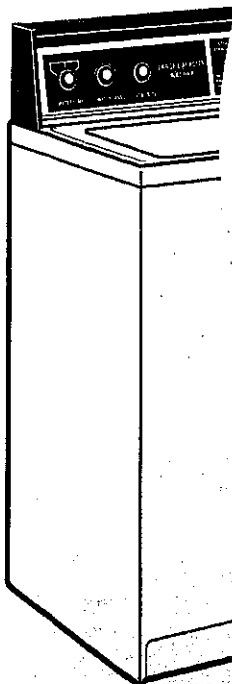
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NAMES IN THE NEWS



K. Hudson

Kathleen Hudson joined Neuman-Smith as director of business development. With 20 years of industry experience and an extensive network of contacts throughout the architectural, academic and business communities, Kathleen has been instrumental in bringing new clients, partners and project opportunities to the firm. Kathleen earned a master of business administration and bachelor of science in marketing from Wayne State University. Kathleen and her children live in Novi.

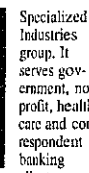
Bank One has promoted Charles Dillard to senior vice president and William Sanders to division manager of the



C. Dillard

Dillard, of Novi, manages relationships with government clients as a senior banker. He has worked in commercial banking more than 30 years after joining

Bank One's predecessor, National Bank of Detroit, in 1974. He previously held positions in the bank's international division, serving clients' needs in Europe, Latin America and the



W. Sanders

Specialized Industries group. It serves government, non-profit, health care and correspondent banking clients.

GHAFARI, a full-service architecture, engineering, consulting and staffing organization, announced that it has named Randal Paquette director, busi-

Middle East. He earned a bachelor's degree in international relations from Michigan State University's James Madison College and a master's degree in economics and finance from Michigan State University. He is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Sanders, of Novi, now manages commercial banking services for non-profit clients in Southeast Michigan. Most recently, he was a commercial banker in Detroit and previously held various commercial banking positions since he joined NBD Bank in 1987. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Alcorn State University, Lorman, Miss., and an MBA in finance from Atlanta University. He serves on the boards of directors for the Coleman A. Young Foundation and Black Family Development and is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and the Urban Financial Services Coalition.

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ness development. A Novi resident, Paquette will focus on establishing and implementing business strategies, and developing opportunities that will enable GHAFARI to increase market share in the government and industrial markets.

Randal comes to GHAFARI from The Banham Companies of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where he served as director of business development. Over his 26-year career, he has primarily worked in the design and build of complex systems and related support facilities.

Stephen C. Ragan of Novi has been promoted to senior vice president for university advancement at Lawrence Technological University, announced Charles M. Chambers, president of the 3,000-student private university. Ragan had been vice president for university advancement since

1999. Ragan was instrumental in establishing the UMRC-EARL agreement with the Army Research Lab (ARL) and the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC)—an unprecedented federal partnership with a private Michigan university.

Ragan is a trustee of United Methodist Retirement Communities, Inc. (UMRC), and founding trustee of the UMRC Heritage Foundation. He is a past chairman of the Board of Trustees of Schoolcraft College, and in 1994 was named to Crain's Detroit Business "Top 40 Under 40" list of rising executives.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, he held funding positions with Saint Joseph Mercy Health System in Ann Arbor, McPherson Hospital, and Eastern Michigan University prior to joining Lawrence Tech.

Cadet Andrew Joseph (A.J.) Glubzinski, a 2005 graduate of Novi High School, took part in the annual Plebe-Parent Weekend

at the U.S. Military Academy from Oct. 14-17. Parents Robert and Ann Glubzinski of Novi visited their cadet for the event which included tours and meeting staff and faculty.

A.J. Glubzinski

A. J., one of approximately 1,000 plebes at West Point, plans to graduate in 2009 and be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

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America's Family Pet Expo

TIME/DATE: 1-9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 18; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19 and 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 20
 DETAILS: This is an entertainment and educational event to promote responsible pet care. The cost is \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors, \$4 for ages six-12, free for 5 years and under.

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Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Beck roads.
 DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers.

CONTACT: Norbert Monson, (248) 851-6730, Florence Voight, (248) 477-3032 or Joy Iovaldi, (248) 348-9138, joyiovaldi@earthlink.net

Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples

DATES: second Thursday of each month
 TIME: 7 p.m.
 LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon.
 DETAILS: This group provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families. Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Valley school conference are all welcome.
 CONTACT: For more information, call Jackie, (248) 437-5496.

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

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

New Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) chapter

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

Adoption Playgroup

DATE: first and third Fridays of the month
 TIME: 10 a.m.
 LOCATION: Holy Family

Catholic Church (on Meadowbrook Road between 10 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue)

DETAILS: A nonprofit, non-denominational group that brings adoptive families together. Twice-a-month meetings provide opportunity to play and talk.

CONTACT: Michelle Pergeau (248) 887-4955 or Sandra Noonan (248) 960-3257

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LOCATION: Providence Park, Novi, 47601 Grand River Ave.
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 DETAILS: A one time class to review important information for birth of your baby.

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 DETAILS: A one time class for mom and her partner helping to provide tips for successful breastfeeding.

Baby Care Basics
 DETAILS: A one time class with practical information about how to adapt to life with a baby.

Infant Massage
 DETAILS: This two session class teaches parents how to offer their infant the comfort of massage.

Flu Shot Clinic

DATE: Saturday, Nov. 5
 TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
 LOCATION: First United Methodist Church, corner of Eight Mile and Taft roads.

DETAILS: Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan are sponsoring this clinic. Community is welcome. Registration preferred but not required.

CONTACT: Karen, (248) 349-1144

Varicose Vein Screening

DATE: Saturday, Nov. 19
 TIME: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

LOCATION: Providence Hospital-Novi, 47601 Grand River
 DETAILS: The division of Vascular Surgery at Providence Hospital in conjunction with the American Vascular Association will offer a free screening for varicose veins and counseling for various methods of managing the condition. Pre-registration required.
 CONTACT: (248) 424-5748

Providence Center for the Healing Arts Artist in

Residence

TIME/DATE: 1-2:30 p.m., ongoing, first and third Thursdays of every month

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center-Art Studio, Novi
 DETAILS: Join Artist-in-

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CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

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