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Closing in on foreclosure costs

By Chris Jackett
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Properties across the county are foreclosing and Novi is facing extra expenses as a result of in-city foreclosures.

Novi has 65 foreclosures from Jan. 1 through July 20 this year, according to Dave Hieber, Oakland County equalization manager and assessor. Oakland County has 3,389 foreclosures as a whole.

"The first two quarters are up substantially. There's been about a 50-60 percent increase," Hieber said.

The city accounts for about 1.9

percent of the county's foreclosures despite having 4.3 percent of the county's population (52,231 of 1,214,255 people).

Novi's foreclosure numbers are higher than county neighbors Walled Lake (22), Lyon Township (21) and Wixom (8), but lower than Farmington Hills (167), West Bloomfield (160) and Commerce Township (78).

"Foreclosures are up based on the facts of a double whammy of the variable interest rates ending and jobs changing. The general Novi population isn't as affected by automotive layoffs as other parts of Oakland County," said Novi Mayor David Landry.

The foreclosures are costing the City of Novi money to maintain the abandoned lots. With the increase in foreclosures, the number of notices of maintenance violations to properties around Novi have increased substantially as well.

There were 280 notices given out in May and 160 in June, making a total of 440 for the first two summer months of 2007. This compares to 107 notices for May through August of 2006. This could put the number of notices on pace to rise from 107 to 880 since last summer.

Community Development Director Steve Rumble doesn't

expect notices of violations to get that high though, as weed cutting needs (one of the prime reasons for notices) are usually highest in the spring and properties are better maintained during the summer months. He attributed the rise in weed cuttings and other notices to foreclosures, people not having the ability to maintain their property and others relocating.

"Some of these (homes) are abandoned or moved out of and just not foreclosed yet. Some people went to another country and just left their house," he said.

Of the 440 notices, 200 were

County Foreclosures (7/20)

Berwyn Hills	12	Millard	11	Walled Lake	22
Birmingham	37	Millard Twp.	21	West Bloomfield	160
Bloomfield Hills	7	Novi	65	Wixom	8
Bloomfield Twp.	85	Pontiac	448	Wolverine Lake	18
Commerce Twp.	78	Royal Oak	162		
Farmington Hills	167	South Lyon	25		
Farmington Hills	167	Southfield	416		
Farmington Hills	167	Troy	160		

SOURCE: Oakland County Equalization Department

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Local Heroes

■ Novi resident and police rescue victim from cardiac emergency

By Kelly Murad
NEWS STAFF WRITER

When Novi resident Greg Snider made the "snap decision" to go to the Novi Oaks Golf and

Sports facility last Wednesday morning, he had no idea his decision would be saving someone's life.

"The odd part about it is that I don't frequent that place," Snider said. "Something told me I

Paul Stuligross

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Free wireless boosts business

By Chris Jackett
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Novi residents will soon be able to cruise the World Wide Web for free, making personal and business operations accessible from home, work or even a park bench.

Wireless Oakland has been under development since February 2005, formulating a plan to bring free wireless Internet access to all 910 square miles of Oakland County.

Oakland County Executive L.

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Brooks Patterson unveiled the plan to help enhance the county by making it more appealing for living and conducting business.

The county set up seven trial areas that are now fully operational in Troy, Birmingham, Pontiac, Royal Oak, Madison

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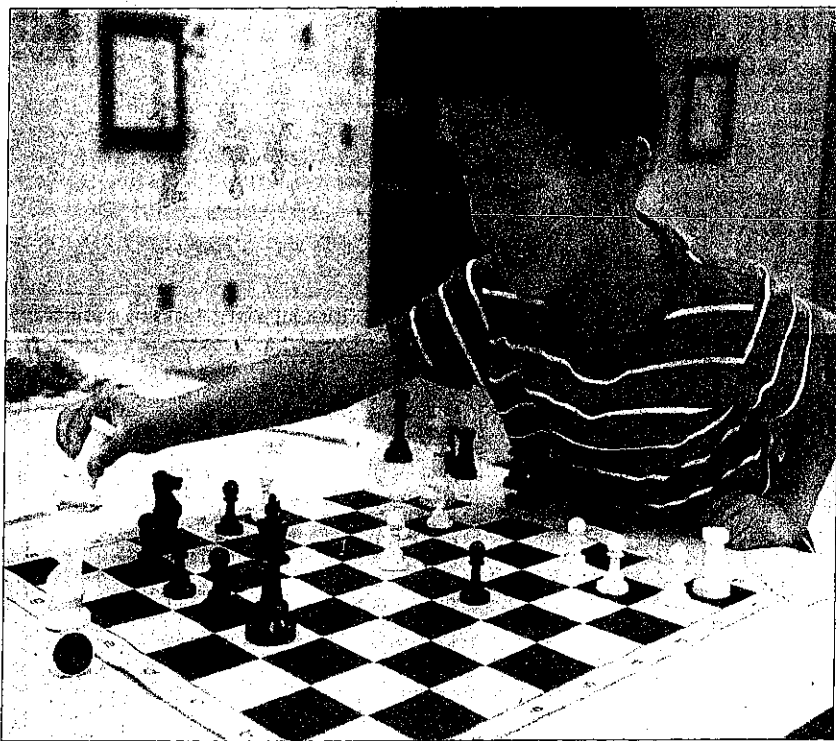


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Check Mate

With a smile and a lunge, Robert Chen makes a move as he plays chess at Novi Meadows Elementary. Chen and other students were taking part in a week-long chess camp at the school designed to give beginners a running start at the strategic game. The camp was offered through Novi Community Education.

NOVI WEEKEND PLANNER

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• SATURDAY

The summer is hot, so get into your nearest air-conditioned movie theater. It's time for a good old comedic action film. "Rush Hour 3" came out



Friday, starring Chris Tucker and Jackie Chan as crime-fighting detectives James Carter and Lee. In this installment of the series, the duo trav-

els to Paris to track down the Triads, a Chinese organized crime family. Call Emagine Novi, 44425 W. 12 Mile Road, at (888) 319-3456 for show times.

• SUNDAY

Enjoy some Indian culture from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at India's 60th Anniversary of Independence, hosted by Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. The event will feature live music, an indoor shopping mall, authentic Indian food and chances to visit the Visa Camp, Health Camp and job fair. Cost is \$5 to attend. Call (248) 613-6926 or visit <http://www.ilamichigan.org> for details.

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Heights, Oak Park and Wixom. "Novi was supposed to be in the initial phase, but something changed and now we've been promised to be in the second phase," said Novi Mayor David Landry.

The Wireless Oakland program has hit some roadblocks throughout its planning and development, but is expecting smooth sailing between now and its completion by the end of 2008. As part of the second phase, Novi should be going wireless sooner than other communities.

"Our goal is still to finish by the end of 2008," said Phil Bertolini, Oakland County deputy executive and chief information technology officer. "We're still figuring out how many phases there will be. There were a number of engineering issues (with the seven phase locations) we're factoring into the plan."

The Wireless Oakland program is partnered with DTE energy and dozens of other businesses in bringing a mobile and wireless future to the county. The wireless availability is expected to make the county a more plausible spot for personal and business relocation.

"It allows us to advertise wireless to businesses. It will be a very key component to all of Oakland County because that's what people and businesses want," Landry said. "That's the kind of thing businesses in other states talk about in the board room when they're looking for a

Michigan presence."

Without the wireless system in place, some businesses have already begun making the move into Novi. Red Level Networks, an information technology solutions company offering full IT service for about 150 companies such as Buffalo Wild Wings, the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, Co-op Services Credit Union and W. Industries, a tier 1 automotive part supplier, celebrated the grand opening of its move to Novi from Livonia, last week.

"We're excited to be in Novi. The climate and area are a lot different," said David King, founder and president of Red Level Networks.

"The wireless program is going to help a lot of our clients. We're going to have wireless wherever we want to work. Our technicians are traveling on the road and we may need to access their mobile systems on the road," King said, adding 67 percent of Red Level's business is in Oakland County already. "They may have to add additional wireless security though, to ensure a business uses its own system and doesn't connect with the wireless."

King said Wireless Oakland will help most businesses be more mobile, but is an even greater utility for residents.

"More rural areas will benefit from it. They have copper lines for longer distance communication," he said. "The access to information as people develop and become more productive overall will increase."

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Microsoft's Mike Crouse, right, talks to Ron Dowdy about computer services at an open house for Novi's Red Level Networks last Tuesday afternoon. Red Level had a grand opening for their office off Ten Mile Road to showcase its ability to provide customers with informational technology solutions.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Police Department and Civic Center public parking lot closes this weekend

Please be advised this weekend Midwest Pavement Contracting will be seal coating and striping the Police Department and Civic Center public parking areas and drives.

The work has been divided throughout three days to best serve the residents and patrons that utilize the facilities.

A map is posted on the city's Web site to assist with the

exploration of the associated lot closures.

On the designated work days the lot or drive under construction will not be accessible to any vehicular traffic for 24 hours.

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should be there."

While practicing his golf swing, Snider heard a 62-year-old man, who was golfing nearby with his wife, collapse behind him.

"At first I thought it was a (golf) bag falling over, but I turned around and he was in a heap," Snider said. "It didn't take me long to see the situation and figure it out."

The victim and his wife were on vacation from North Haven, Conn. As Snider went over to analyze the situation, he noticed the man was breathing but his pulse was very faint.

"I asked his wife if he had any heart problems and she said he had a heart attack a couple of years ago," Snider said.

Even though he had not practiced cardiopulmonary resuscitation since he was a scout leader 10-15 years ago, Snider immediately began administering chest compressions on the victim until further assistance arrived.

Novi Police Officer Paul Stulgross was patrolling nearby and arrived at the scene within three minutes of being dispatched.

Stulgross immediately attached an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), which is a portable device used to restore normal rhythm to a patient's heart, to the man's chest. Although Stulgross had never administered an AED, he said knowing what to do came naturally.

"Our department is very proactive, it's nice to know that the training pays off," he said.

Once the adhesive electrode pads are attached to the victim, the machine goes through a series of tests to determine whether or not a shock is needed to restore a normal heart beat. In this case, it was.

Stulgross shocked the man once and the chest compressions were continued until the Novi Fire Department and Community Emergency Medical Service arrived.

The victim was then transported to Providence Park Hospital in Novi and later to Providence Hospital in Southfield where he was reported to be awake and in stable condition.

"It's my understanding that it was the collective actions of everyone involved that prolonged his life long enough to get him to the hospital," Stulgross said. "It's a good feeling to know that I could be at the right place at the right time."

Medical officials stated the initial CPR performed by Snider and the AED shock administered by Police Officers saved the victim's life, allowing for advanced medical treatment.

"I am just very thankful I was there," Snider said.

In 2002, the Novi Police Department, with the approval of City Council, purchased AEDs for its police cruisers.

"We've saved three lives since the program was initiated," said Novi Chief of Police, David Molloy.

Closing in on foreclosure costs

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weed cutting related and resulted in 78 cuttings. The remaining notices were for violations such as nuisance ordinances (such as sidewalk maintenance), sign ordinance, soil erosion, wetlands, woodlands and zoning issues.

"If you took out the foreclosures, the numbers could be similar to what they were last year," Rumble said. "Some were existing lots. Others were approved buildings and were just not developed yet."

To draw the need for weed cutting by the city, a residence or business would need to have grass about eight inches tall.

"The city currently has a contractor (Brien's Services) that will cut the lots for \$65 each. This amount is then added to the property taxes if not paid by the owner," Rumble said.

The 78 confirmed cuttings have cost the city \$5,070 to date, with additional cuttings occurring next week. These costs are put on each individual property owner's bill, so the city should be reimbursed in full. The City of Novi has a \$2,850 budget for the weed cutting program.

There were only 27 cuttings throughout all four summer months last year, 65.4 percent less than this year's reported mid-way total.

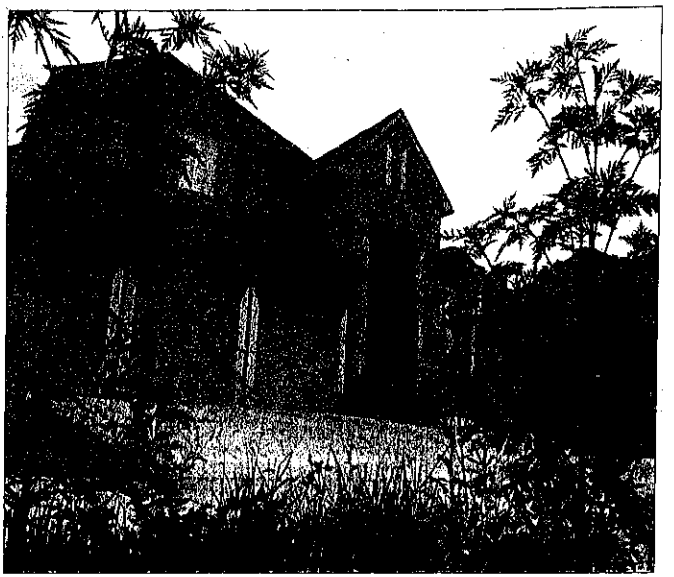


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Novi homes, like this one in Churchill Crossing, are abandoned, unsold or foreclosed, with several weeds growing along the lawns.

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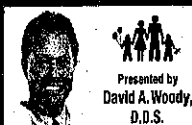
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A sample taste of the Mediterranean

By Kelly Murad
NEWS STAFF WRITER

By The Bottle and Mezza Mediterranean Grille have joined forces to introduce fine wines and Mediterranean cuisine to the Novi community.

Together, the two businesses are hosting the Midsummer Night's Flights series at Mezza, from 6-8 p.m. every Wednesday night through Aug. 22.

Midsummer Night's Flights provides individuals with the chance to sample five different wines while enjoying authentic Mediterranean cuisine.

Each week Eric Gettel, owner of By The Bottle, selects a different variety of wines to feature at the event.

Last Wednesday, he chose Mediterranean varieties, which coincided nicely with the plate of Mezza's classic hors d'oeuvres such as, hummus, tabbouleh, falafel and baba ghanoush.

The four red wines and one white wine featured were from the Bokisch and Boeger Wineries in Northern California.

The Bokisch Winery is known for growing Spanish grapes, which are normally found in Spain, in the Lodi region of California.

Offering individuals a variety of foods with a variety of wines provides the opportunity to learn which combinations are the most enjoyable.

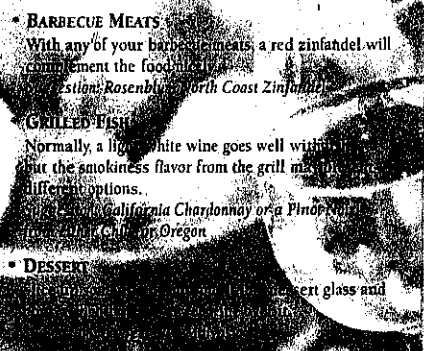
"The objective here is not to find an exact match, it is more an exploration," Gettel said.

He enforces a "try it and learn it method" when pairing wine with food.

"When I was a kid, America wasn't really a wine-drinking country," he said. "There is the old adage 'drink red with red meats and white with white meats.' I say grab a bottle of what you like and drink it with anything."

When Gettel and his wife Joy

Summer Food and Wine Combination



Suggestions of Eric Gettel, By the Bottle

Midsummer Night's Flights

By The Bottle and Mezza Mediterranean Grille are hosting the Midsummer Night's Flights series 6-8 p.m. every Wednesday through Aug. 22 at Mezza, 42050 Grand River Ave.

Midsummer Night's Flights provides individuals with the chance to sample five different wines while enjoying authentic Mediterranean cuisine.

Beatty opened By The Bottle in Novi, it was because they felt the community needed a store dedicated to wine. Now, two years later, Gettel couldn't be happier with the decision.

"Novi has been receptive and supportive," he said. "There is no question Novi is the place to be."

Among the numerous wines Gettel sells, he said California Cabernet is the best-selling wine.

"The characteristics of a cabernet really appeal to those who love red wine," he said.

Although the price of a bottle of wine can range from \$5 to \$170, the bulk of the wines in the store are between \$10-\$20.

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Ryan Quinn, general manager of Novi's Mezza restaurant, shows a "Mezza Taster" - a tapps style collection of dishes from the middle eastern themed eatery. Mezza will be taking part in the upcoming Midsummer Night's Flights food and wine tastings.

Eric Gettel
Owner of By the Bottle

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MY BUSINESS

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dSPACE Inc. moves to expanded facility

dSPACE Inc. moved its North American headquarters from Novi recently to a newly refurbished facility at 50131 Pontiac Trail in Wixom.

dSPACE Inc. is a subsidiary of dSPACE GmbH in Germany, the worldwide leading provider of tools for embedded controller development and testing.

The company is a leading producer of engineering tools for the development, testing and optimization of real-time embedded controllers and offers a complete tool chain of products to support model-based control design, rapid control prototyping, automatic code generation, hardware-in-the-loop (HIL) simulation and calibration.

The company purchased the two-story, 35,000 square-foot building, formerly occupied by Durr Environmental, in January. Renovations have been ongoing at dSPACE's new premises for the past six months.

In its new location, dSPACE Inc. has more than doubled its square footage, significantly expanding space for staff. The new facility also includes expanded laboratories for production and development and features a dedicated garage for customer vehicle testing.

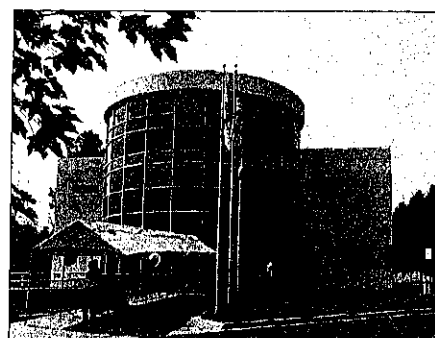


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dSpace provides support for automotive firms' designs in small motors and electronics.

The company has subsidiaries in North America (Wixom, Michigan), France, Japan and the United Kingdom, as well as representatives worldwide. Visit www.dspaceinc.com for additional information.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

The Germany-based automotive systems software design firm dSpace opened an office in Wixom last Friday afternoon. dSpace provides support for automotive firms' designs in small motors and electronics.

Cerberus grows, Tower restructures

By Chris Jockett
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The \$1 billion purchase of Novi-based Tower Automotive on July 31 by Cerberus Capital Management has the hall reeling in the auto industry with many changes evident.

Last week, Tower's chief executive officer, Kathleen Ligocki, stepped down and took a consulting position with Cerberus. Ligocki is a former Ford Motor Company executive and is regarded as one of the highest ranking females in the industry.

With her move, Cerberus' lead automotive consultant, Mark Malcom, was named president and CEO of Tower. Malcom previously held several senior financial positions, including executive vice president and controller, with Ford Motor Company from 2002-04.

Founded in 1992 and currently with \$25 billion under management, Cerberus already has majority shares of GMAC, CTA Acoustics and GD&X Automotive in its pocket. Along with the purchase of Tower and an 80.1 percent share of Auburn Hills-based Chrysler, experts say Cerberus is set to reconstruct the image of the auto industry in southeastern Michigan.

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By Tracy Mishler
SPECIAL NEWS WRITER

Gary Skrzek's biggest fear is losing his eyesight. And as the newest member of the Novi Lions Club, Skrzek, of Novi, said his goal is to help others who might live his fear daily and help those who are less fortunate than he.

"I honestly believe the Lions Club is the best organization in the world for all they do," Skrzek said. "I want to be as active as possible and do as much as I can."

Skrzek, like most Lions Club members, joined the organization because of its motto: to serve.

Together since 1972, the Novi Lions Club 11-A2 is 46 mem-

bers strong and directed by its main cause of helping those who are blind and visually impaired, and also hearing impaired.

In 1925, Helen Keller, a deaf and blind American author, activist and lecturer, addressed the Lions Club International, founded in 1917, at its international convention in Cedar Point, Ohio. Keller challenged the Lions Club to become the "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."

"This is a challenge that's picked up everyday," said seven-year Novi member Ron Martin. "I had a neighbor who was blind and used to help her all the time. I saw a need for helping the blind, and I believe that's most important."

According to the Lions International organization, members from around the world

have extended their commitment to sight conservation through numerous local efforts, as well as through their international SightFirst Program and LionsWorld Sight Day, a global partnership of United Nations agencies; eye care and philanthropic organizations and health professionals.

The Novi club has many organizations that it donates both time and money to locally, including the Leader Dogs for the Blind, the Perlick Center for Blind Children and the Michigan Eye Bank, which are the three major organizations the club focuses on.

Last year, the Novi Lions Library, gave away more than \$52,000.

Martin said this year has been tough to raise money due to the economy.

"So far, we've raised about \$43,000 including carryover from last year," Martin said.

Dick Weinert, an eight-year Novi Lion, said the club also donates three \$1,500 college scholarships a year to three

Novi High School students.

"We've also donated \$15,000 of eye glasses to third world countries," Weinert said.

Why join?

Weinert said the biggest reason for joining the Lions Club is the ability to give back to the community.

"We're here to help others," he said. "It's also about the fellowship."

The Novi Lions Club recently offered its time to host the beer tent at the Michigan 50s Festival.

Tips given to the Lions during the event went toward their bank for charitable donations.

Tom Marcus, charter Novi Lions member, said all money raised by the club goes back into the community.

"(We were) at the festival to be out in the public," Marcus said. "Novi is our home. What's good for Novi is good for us."

Marcus said the Lions Club is working to recruit younger members to keep the club going.

The Novi Lions Club along with hundreds of clubs worldwide have helped to:

- Provide 600,000 free professional glaucoma screenings and make 25,000 corneal transplants possible each year
- Establish and support a majority of the world's eye banks, hundreds of clinics, hospitals and eye research centers worldwide
- Collect more than 30 million pairs of used eyeglasses annually for free distribution to those in need in developing countries
- Offer screenings, eyeglasses and sports goggles to athletes through the Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes Program
- Provide free quality eye care, eyeglasses, Braille writers, large print texts, white canes and guide dogs for thousands of people each year.

Source: Lions Club International, www.lionsclubs.org

"We need to get the young people out to see what we do," Marcus said. "Being a Lion is a way to meet good people and have good friends. We go out of our way to make people feel at home."

Marcus said the Lions are responsible for the Marcus All-Steak burgers people have enjoyed for years at the Fall for

Novi, held yearly in September.

"We appreciate all the public has donated and done for us," Marcus said. "We're here to serve and all the help we can get is important."

Tracy Mishler is a freelance reporter for the Novi News.

Ticketmaster opens in mall

Dover, Los Angeles, Concord, Tampa and Novi are debuting Ticket Centers located in mall guest services areas with additional Taubman Mall locations to follow.

The Taubman Ticketmaster Ticket Centers will offer tickets to a wide range of venues and entertainment options including sports, music, arts, entertainment and family shows. Shoppers are able to access tickets and event information as well as watch videos promoting upcoming events on LCD screens displayed above each Guest Services area. Customers can also consult directly with a Ticket Center associate regarding seat selection and other event information before purchasing their tickets.

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My Novi, briefly

Novi residents have a lot to be proud of. Here are a few highlights from the past week.

Novi Public Library has a new service: an Online Book Club that delivers books electronically. Each day, Monday through Friday, the library e-mails subscribers a portion of a book that takes about 15 minutes to read. They're able to read two or three chapters from a book during the week. If they like a book, they can check it out of the library. Each week the library features new books.

Library launches online book club

With 11 book clubs to choose from, there's something for everyone. Patrons can read fiction, non-

fiction, romance, business, good news, teen or mystery. They can also listen to audio books in their e-mail and there's even a pre-publication club.

You can sign up for the service at the library or on the Web site: www.novilib.org and look for the Online Book Club icon.

24-Hour movie marathon

If you love watching newly released movies and want to help Michigan families battling leukemia or lymphoma, Hollywood Nights Movie Marathon is for you. The event will be held 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 10 at Emagine Theatre in Novi and runs for 24-hours to benefit the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, an independent foundation helping families cope with the financial and emotional stresses of battling a potentially life-threatening illness.

Raising a minimum of \$105.10 in pledges will get you admitted to the Theatre for 24-hours of watching movies and also entitles you to a catered lunch, dinner and breakfast, snacks and all the pop and popcorn you can eat.

Sponsored by Magie 105.1, The Oakland Press and Emagine Theatre, the event is a perennial favorite among local movie lovers.

Pick up a brochure at Emagine Theatre, register on-line at www.leukemiamichigan.org or call Children's Leukemia Foundation at (800) 825-2536. You must collect a minimum of \$105.10 in pledges to participate. Individuals 13-17 can participate with a parent or guardian.

Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan is a statewide organization that provides information, financial assistance and emotional support to adults and children affected by leukemia, lymphoma and related blood disorders. Founded in Detroit in 1952, the agency currently serves more than 3,530 patients across Michigan.

New Waste Disposal Agreement Announced

The City of Novi Homeowner Association negotiated a new contract for trash disposal, recycling and compost with Duncan Disposal. The service is available to all associations in the city. The contract begins August 1, 2007 and continues through June 30, 2012.

The end result to the neighborhoods could be less damage to the roads by limiting the number of trash haulers in subdivisions. If you pay your current hauler a single billing each month for your subdivision, you qualify and can join at any time. The contract also covers condominium complexes.

The rate for a single residential house is less than \$12 per month, and for condos less than \$8 per unit per month. For more information, please call Ron Boren at (248) 766-6426 or e-mail to cmlanovi@hotmail.com.

Deal Puts Pennsylvania products in Detroit Area Stores

Grab your spoons ice cream lovers, the selection at your local grocery store just got larger. Lancaster County, Pennsylvania-based Turkey Hill Dairy announced a deal putting its ice creams in more than 100 Kroger stores throughout the Detroit area, including the Novi Kroger store on Grand River Avenue, west of Beck Road. The agreement also includes Turkey Hill's line of seed teas. Turkey Hill produces the

nation's top selling refrigerated iced tea and is the fifth largest distributor of ice cream. The deal includes Turkey Hill's Premium, All Natural, No Sugar Added, and Light Recipe Ice Cream products. For more information about Turkey Hill, visit www.turkeyhill.com.

The Tree House from Philosophy to Support PBS

Just in time for the back to school season, Philosophy created The Tree House, a unique philanthropic kit containing hand-drawn illustrations of the mission of public broadcasting. Designed for dreamers of all ages, The Tree House is adorned with images of characters from PBS Kids. It has perforated doors and windows to inspire the imagination and encourage play. However, what's hidden inside each Tree House may be just as exceptional as each kid's comes complete with two mini-sized hand cream formulas scented with a crisp, red delicious apple fragrance. The 8 ounce hand wash cleanses, and conditions the hands while the 4 ounce hand cream hydrates and smooths the skin. The Tree House will be sold exclusively at select Macy's stores and on philosophy.com and shopPBS.com. One hundred percent of Philosophy's net proceeds will be donated directly to PBS.

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Anyone seen a 20-foot trampoline?

According to recent police reports, a 20-foot trampoline was stolen from a residence on Scarborough Lane, near Meadowbrook and 19 Mile roads.

The resident recalls seeing the trampoline in his yard at about 9:30 a.m. July 28 and then noticed it was gone at about 5:30 p.m., reports said.

According to the report, the resident has no idea who would have taken the trampoline, but said he recently had problems with juveniles destroying his landscape lighting.

Officers searched all the neighborhoods in the area, but were unable to locate the blue trampoline with black netting around it, reports said.

Property stolen from vehicle

A man filed a report claiming his compact disc/radio combo, 20 CDs and passport were stolen from his vehicle while parked at Tommy's Firestone Tires on Grand River Avenue, reports said.

Allegedly, the man had his car towed to Tommy's Firestone Tires in June for service and when he picked it up in July, items were missing from inside.

According to the police report, the manager at Tommy's Firestone Tires stated the vehicle was disabled and parked at the rear of the business for more than a month and was always locked while outside.

The manager said he was unsure when or if the vehicle was broken into because he is unsure if the vehicle had a stereo in it to begin with, reports said.

According to the police report, there were no signs of forced entry on the vehicle and the stereo appeared to be cleanly removed, causing no damage to the interior.

Destruction of property at neighborhood park

Between 12:15 and 12:25 a.m. July 30, two flood lights

and six in-ground sprinkler heads were destroyed at Island Lake North Park, reports said.

The park, which is located in Island Lake Woods at the corner of Island Lake and Shore Lane drives, is property of the North Bay Condominiums Association.

According to the police report, a resident, who lives near the park, heard loud metallic noises outside, but could not see anyone through his window. When he stepped outside with a flashlight, he heard two subjects laughing and running away from the park.

The resident called the police once he noticed the sprinkler heads damaged, shooting water into the air and the broken flood lights on the ground, reports said.

Allegedly, another witness observed two males running from the park area toward Arbors Neighborhood, south of Island Lake Drive.

Police took the broken flood lights into their custody for safekeeping, reports said.

Who stole my bike?

A bicycle was stolen from a residence near Rousseau Drive and Miquelon Court, between 4 p.m. and midnight July 27, reports said.

According to the police report, the tan 2005 Diamondback brand mountain bike was parked up against the house.

The victim, his wife and stepdaughter said they did not notice suspicious activity outside the house during that time, reports said.

Allegedly, there were two subjects that came to the victim's residence before 4 p.m. that same day asking why he stole their bicycle.

According to police reports, the victim was unfamiliar with the suspicious subjects and said he did not take anyone's bicycle.

There is a possibility that the subjects were in a green Ford Explorer, reports said.



Photo by JOHN HEIDENHOFER

Helping Hand

Novi firefighter Todd Seog collects funds from drivers at Beck Road and Grand River Avenue one recent Friday afternoon as part of the Novi Fire Department's Muscular Dystrophy Association fundraiser. Firefighters were staked out at intersections all throughout Novi for their annual "boot drive," raising money for the worthwhile charity.

Sign up begins for Citizens Police Academy

By Kelly Murad
NEWS STAFF WRITER

For one recent graduate of the Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy, the relationship he established with local officers led to the arrest of two suspects in a series of residential break-ins.

According to Novi Police Department Chief David Molloy, the relationship established with members of the police department assists in achieving the ultimate goal of community oriented policing, which reduces crime through a stronger citizen commitment to

the police department and the community.

Registration for the 26th session of the Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy began last Wednesday. Those interested in participating in the Academy must live in, or work in, Novi, Wixom, Walled Lake, South Lyon or Wolverine Lake.

The 10-week program, which begins September 6, consists of hands-on training, demonstrations and presentations designed to teach participants the ins and outs of law enforcement. Each individual will be given the opportunity to ride-along with a police officer,

view a K-9 demonstration and use the official Firearms Training System (FATS).

Classes, which will rotate among the different police departments, will be Thursdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Throughout the two months, participants will tour the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office, the Michigan State Police DNA lab, the 32-1 District Court and the Novi 911 dispatch center.

"This is a perfect way to become familiar with what your Police Department can provide the Novi community," said Evie Watt, Novi Police Department

executive secretary.

The Novi Police Department is requesting individuals to be 21 or older to participate in the Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy.

Interested participants must fill out an application, which can be found on the City of Novi Web site: www.cityofnovi.org and undergo a background check. The registration deadline is August 29, and the program is free.

"The Citizens Police Academy is a magnificent, free program for our community that increases the understanding and cooperation between the police and citizens through education," Molloy said.

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Names in the News

Central Michigan University Board of Trustees

Brian W. Fannon, Chief Operating Officer of Sun Communities, was appointed to a term expiring Dec. 31, 2014, to the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees by Brian Fannon.

Greg Kessler, Fannon succeeds Roger Kessler.

The Central Michigan University Board of Trustees is responsible for representing the general public through basic supervision of the university, as well as controlling direction of all expenditures from university funds.

Since 1994, Fannon has worked as the Chief Operating Officer of Sun Communities in Southfield, one of the largest public home and RV resorts with 135

communities in 18 states and more than 45,000 home sites. Fannon and his wife Jan have three children and have lived in Novi for 34 years.

Novi resident named Walsh College professor

Novi resident Linda M. Hagan, Ph.D., will join Walsh College as professor of business communications, effective August 30. Hagan's background includes university teaching and corporate public relations experience. She was with Michigan State University, teaching media relations, public relations, advertising and fundraising management and serving as director of the off-campus program for the Department of Advertising, Public Relations and Retailing. Hagan was also a visiting assistant professor in the S.J. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University and taught public relations for the University of Maryland at College Park. She earned a bachelor of business administration in marketing from Eastern Michigan University, a master of arts in journalism from the University of

Arizona, a doctorate in communication from the University of Maryland and Accreditation in Public Relations from the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA). Hagan belongs to the Detroit PRSA chapter, the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication and the International Communication Association.



Linda Hagan

Promotions at Fox Run

Barbara Jablonski, director of resident life at Fox Run, recently announced these promotions in the community services division.

Andrea Peragine, a resident of Ann Arbor who joined Fox Run as the wellness coordinator in 2003, was promoted from Community Resources Manager to Senior Community Services Manager. Joining Peragine in her area of expertise is Michelle Cassabon, a resident of Redford, who was named Community Resources Coordinator. Cassabon was previously a member of Fox Run's security staff.

Peragine and Cassabon will assist Fox Run residents with all daily activities.

Peragine will also be working with Wixom resident Mike O'Hara, who accepted the position of Community TV Coordinator. Fox Run will have a high tech, in-house television studio in the new Belmont Clubhouse, which is scheduled to open in August. O'Hara will work with residents to develop and telecast specialty produced program-

ming involving campus events and subjects of special interest to their neighbors at Fox Run. O'Hara was a supervisor with security and recently graduated from Specs Howard School of Broadcasting in preparation for his new position.

Fox Run is a campus for men and women at least 62 years of age in Novi and is currently home to almost 700 people who enjoy life at the community.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, per section 380.1271 of the School Code, as amended in December, 1993, Novi Community School District will conduct a public hearing to seek input on the feasibility and need of implementing a breakfast program. This public hearing will be held on August 16, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Tait Road, Novi, Michigan 48374-2425.

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Sutherland said. "When you combine adventuresome farmers with adventuresome chefs, we come up with very interesting, fresh ingredients. They (the chefs) let the natural flavor of the food come out, so the food stands out on its own."

Not only has Yamada appreciated Michigan for its fresh ingredients, but he said it has increasingly become one of the most Japanese populated areas in the United States.

"Since Japanese population increased (from 15 years ago), vendors for Japanese food came to Michigan as well," Yamada said. "It is easier for us to get fresh food."

The cookbook features four or five recipes from each restaurant, along with a profile and history of the restaurant. "It's a nice, diverse list of recipes," Sutherland said. "I pushed them (the chefs) to do interesting stuff, not just cookie-cutter recipes."

Even though Yamada said it was difficult to choose only five recipes, the goal was to select signature dishes that represent the restaurant.

"Cherry Blossom is really the only true Japanese sushi place (in the cookbook)," Sutherland said.

Among the Cherry Blossom recipes chosen was the noodle dish Kani Nabe Duck, one of Yamada's favorites, and Sakura (meaning Cherry Blossom) Roll, which is a salmon, yellowtail, tuna and avocado sushi.

Cherry Blossom in Novi isn't the only restaurant Shigeru Yamada owns, but it is his most lucrative.

"Novi does the best among three of the restaurants I have," Yamada said, in comparison with his other two restaurants Cherry Blossom in Ann Arbor and Cafe Sushi in Troy.

Although some chefs were hesitant to release their recipes,

Yamada believes the cookbook will have a positive effect on business.

"Hopefully, more clientele will try the Japanese food," he said.

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-OBITUARIES-

MARLAN GILL NELSON

Age 79, of Venice, Florida passed away August 2, 2007. He was born January 22, 1928 in Los Angeles, CA and moved to this area in 2001 from Northville, MI. Mr. Nelson was a retired Salesperson for 3-M Corp. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #772, Free Mason, Scottish Rite and a member of the Christ United Methodist Church in Venice. Mr. Nelson served in the U.S. Army. Survivors include his wife Lillian May (Barbey), daughters, Debra L. (Nell) McIntyre of Elkridge City, MD; Carol (Nell) Crane of St. Clair Shores, MI; son, David B. of Denver, CO; grandchildren, Rachael McIntyre, Connor McIntyre and Isabelle Crane. Memorial services Friday, August 17, 2007, 10am, brunch to follow at Mentor United Methodist Church, Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH. Memorial donations may be made to TideWell Hospice and Palliative Care, 5555 Road Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34238, American Liver Foundation, 75 Maiden Lane, Suite 603, New York, New York 10038 or Christ United Methodist Church, 1475 Center Road, Venice, FL 34282.

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MY YOUNG LIFE

Wildcat's clothing sells in Big Apple

By Kelly Murad
NEWS STAFF WRITER

It was not long ago the fashion styles of former Novi resident and Wildcat, Jeannette Tiso, were sweeping the scene at Novi High School.

Tiso's designs have moved to a bigger scene. The Big Apple.

Her summer collection, with business partner Liz Berg, under the clothing label French Me, was released in New York City last month.

Tiso, who began designing clothes when she was a freshman in high school, said she enjoys being able to take an idea and put it into a literal form.

"I used to take apart my clothes and put them back together in different ways," she said. "The first thing I made from scratch was my homecoming dress."

After graduating in 2004, Tiso moved to Manhattan to attend the Fashion Institute of Technology.

Along with the clothing label, Tiso completed her fashion design courses and is working toward a bachelor's degree by taking marketing courses.

Business partners Tiso and Berg learned the importance of networking by attending an artist market in Brooklyn.

Although Tiso said it was totally not their scene, they were able to introduce their clothing line and it was picked up by the Brooklyn boutique FLIRT.

"It's hard to believe," Tiso said. "I think you either make it or you don't in this business, but we are hard-working and have a lot of motivation."

The French Me summer collection consists of a swimsuit line inspired by 1950s pin-up girls and loose-fitting dresses designed for over swimsuits.

French Me

For more information about the French Me clothing label, contact Jeannette Tiso and Liz Berg at frenchme@flirt.com or visit their MySpace page at www.myspace.com/frenchme.

The French Me summer collection is featured at: FLIRT, 93 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, New York

As a marketing tool, Tiso and Berg are planning to wear the high-waisted, big-bottomed, sailor-style swimsuits on an upcoming trip to the Hamptons.

"They're adorable," Tiso said. "There is nothing like them out there right now."

The jumper-style dresses have a unique look as well.

Designed to coincide with the colors of the swimsuits, red, white and blue, the dresses are all racer-back-style, featuring big bows, or kangaroo pockets.

The current French Me collection is targeted toward women ages 18-27, and are retailing between \$120-\$140. Tiso is interested in one day adding a men's line to their collection.

"There is a need for new men's looks, but it's so hard to convince a guy to change his style," she said.

Tiso and Berg are currently designing their fall and winter collections. Right now, they intend to continue with the 1950s pin-up girl style.

What the future holds

As business is booming, the two girls are busy trying to keep up with the production of their collection.

"We each average four garments a day," Tiso said. Although she



Submitted photo
Jeannette Tiso displays one of the designs she and partner, Liz Berg created for their summer collection French Me. The collection was recently picked up by a New York boutique and features dresses and bathing suit cover ups.

would love to introduce French Me to the metro-Detroit area, Tiso fears the additional production could overwhelm them right now.

Before marketing themselves any further, Tiso said their next step is to hire a manufacturer so they don't have to sew all the clothing themselves.

"Definitely once things get rolling, we will bring things to the Novi, Northville and Royal Oak areas," Tiso said.

French Me clothes will be featured in at least five different fashion magazines, mostly New York based.

Movie marathon for a cause

Other than working, college students home for the summer are likely to reconnect with old friends before going back to campus. One group of former high school friends from North Farmington got together for dinner at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk in Novi and discovered an entertaining way to raise money for charity — a movie marathon. The group will be participating in "Hollywood Nights," a 24-hour movie watching marathon at Engage Theatre in Novi Aug. 10-11 to raise money for Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan (CLF).

The event, beginning Friday morning at 10 a.m. and running for 24 hours through Saturday morning at 10 a.m., includes a catered lunch, dinner and breakfast, snacks and all the pop and popcorn you can eat. To be

admitted, participants raise \$105.10 in pledges to benefit CLF, an independent foundation that helps Michigan families cope with the financial and emotional stresses of battling leukemia and lymphoma.

Sponsored by Magic 105.1, The Oakland Press and Engage Theatre, the event is now in its fourth year and is a perennial favorite for local movie lovers. Although this is the first year college students, Ellen Doty and Kevin Thiel have participated, the two feel it is a way to stay connected. "I think it's a great way for me to get together with old friends. It gives us something to do, we are provided with meals, and I feel good about doing something for our community," Thiel said.

Doty said, "I love going to the movies during the summer so

this is the perfect opportunity for me to help CLF and reconnect with friends."

Brochures are available at Engage Theatre in Novi, Register on-line at www.leukemiamichigan.org or call Children's Leukemia Foundation at (800) 825-2536. You must collect a minimum of \$105.10 in pledges to participate. Ages 13-17 may participate only with a parent or guardian.

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Submitted to the Novi News

Start Smart prepares young athletes for future endeavors

The City of Novi Parks Department has partnered with the National Association of Youth Sports to bring the unique Start Smart Sports Development program to Novi.

The program, endorsed by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, was created for parents who want to help their pre-school aged children develop basic motor skills, such as running, catching, kicking and batting.

The program encourages parents or guardians to take an active role in establishing self-esteem in their child.

They also receive a take-home guide to help them successfully coach, encourage good sportsmanship and participate with their child.

According to Start Smart coach, Susan Cosick, "Novi Parks keeps the class size small so we can introduce team concepts without intimidating kids who might be trying something new for the first time."

Novi Parks will offer its fourth session of this program with sessions beginning Sept. 1 and 10 for children 3-5 with an adult partner.

Offered for the first time will be Start Smart Football, with sessions beginning Sept. 12 or Oct. 22 for children 5-7. For more information, please contact Susan Cosick at (248) 347-0400.

Registration for all Novi Parks fall programs begins August 15 and all online registrations made via www.cityofnovi.org will receive a \$5 discount for each program. Registration is available in-person at the Novi Parks office Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, contact Tracie Ringle at (248) 735-5613.

By Kelly Murad

NOVI NEWS STAFF WRITER

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Court correct to uphold requiring photo ID

Despite the cries of Democrats who evoke images of poll taxes and intimidation, the state Supreme Court was correct when it upheld a 1996 state law that requires voters to present picture identification, such as a driver's license, at polling places.

Although we agree with the ruling, we are most troubled by the apparent partnership that has gripped the state Supreme Court. The vote on this case was 5-2 on strictly political lines.

Supreme Court decisions are supposed to be based on law and not according to the wishes of the political party that nominates the justices. It's not clear that the court is operating in that manner.

This is not a Draconian act; after all, people routinely produce a driver's license whenever they board a plane or when they make even a minor purchase on a credit card at a store. Shouldn't the accurate identity of a voter be as important as a DVD purchase at Best Buy?

The law has never been enacted because attorney general opinions called it unconstitutional. The Supreme Court ruling — produced because of a state House resolution introduced by state Rep. Chris Ward (R-Brighton) — trumps those decisions.

Those who oppose the requirement of photo identification charge that the act amounts to a poll tax, a reference to Deep South tactics of denying votes to blacks with the use of impossible-to-overcome barriers — such as excessive fees or impossibly difficult literacy tests.

But those who don't have or who cannot afford a driver's license or other photo identification merely have to sign an affidavit that confirms their identity. That's not a difficult hurdle.

A more serious concern is the allegation of voter intimidation. Democrats create images of busloads of Republican operatives screaming into Detroit to intimidate cowering inner-city voters. It's not as far-fetched as it sounds. Republicans roared into Florida and produced what some called a mob scene during the infamous 2000 presidential recounts.

Such intimidation would be abhorrent, illegal and a threat to our constitutional democracy. If it occurred in any form, the solution is to prosecute vigorously. The threat or fear of illegal actions is no justification, however, for failing to ensure that only qualified people cast ballots.

Another argument from photo identification foes is that such legislation is unnecessary because there is no widespread example of election fraud. That's not a very serious argument, since few people voluntarily admit that they've been casting illegal ballots.

Besides, it doesn't take universal corruption to turn an election. In the Northville area alone, we've had several key elections in the last decade that have been decided by a thin margin. Our system is better served if the public has confidence that only eligible voters made the decision in such close races.

As it is, a voter in Michigan need only fill out a sheet with his or her name, address and birth date, which is all easily obtainable information. Producing a driver's license — or other photo identification — is an unobtrusive step that will increase the legitimacy of elections.

The demagoguery of Democrats in opposing this move is troubling and hurts the party's cause since it lets Republicans argue that Democrats might have something to gain if phantom voters are casting ballots.

Better both parties unite to ensure fair and accurate election results.

What do you think?

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LANSING CONNECTION

Bill to expand drug-comparisons Web site approved by Senate

Legislation to expand and improve a Department of Community Health (DCH) Web site listing prices for the most commonly used prescription drugs recently passed the Senate.

Senate Bill 525 will ensure the www.michiganprices.com Web site includes the top 150 prescribed drugs in Michigan (as reported by the state's Medicaid program), as well as any other commonly prescribed prescription drugs used to treat major illnesses and diseases so that consumers can compare prices of their medications.

The bill states that if a brand name drug is listed, the site must include that drug's generic equivalent.

At available. Currently, the Web site does not list generic equivalents. Until recently the DCH Web site listed only 30 prescription drugs.

SB 525 also guarantees the site includes:

• A minimum of five links to other useful Web sites that can provide assistance to consumers;

• The MDCH's toll-free number that Michigan residents can call to find out what prescription drug programs they may be eligible for, including free and discounted prescription drug programs;

• An advisory statement alerting consumers of the need to tell their health professional and pharmacist about all the medications they are taking so that they know how to avoid harmful interactions between

medications.

The legislation will ensure the site is properly maintained and expanded to include valuable information, such as listing generic drugs and their prices. With today's Senate approval, Michigan is one step closer to having one of the most comprehensive drug information Web sites in the country.

The legislation now heads to the House for consideration.

Bill protecting consumers at the pump introduced in Senate

Senate Republicans introduced a bill that will protect consumers by holding gas gougers accountable.

Senate Bill 631 will add a fine of up to \$1,500 for a first violation for gas gouging and not more than \$3,000 for a second offense. If an individual persistently and know-



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Fountain Walk?

Upon returning home from college this summer, I naturally ran into the familiar pockets of construction throughout the city, including the renovations at Novi's own Fountain Walk. Given that I wasn't a fan of the aesthetic design of the shopping center in the first place, I thought that maybe this renovation might be of some benefit.

However, when I came to find out that this development involved both the removal of the fountain as well as placing a road through the structure, I couldn't help but be extremely disappointed. Pardon me if I'm either misinformed or just disillusioned, but I believe that this renovation is the very definition of irony: to remove the fountain and greatly reduce the designated walking area in a place called Fountain Walk.

In the recent article in the Novi News regarding this change, Fountain Walk general manager Greg Ashton stated "In the winter, it will give the public the opportunity to walk right into the store instead of walking 50 yards." First off, since when was 50 yards a distance we were simply unable to travel? I'm no epitome of physical fitness, but I consider 50 yards a perfectly conceivable distance for anyone. You know that old phrase, "a walk in the park"? That's literally what it is. Secondly, we live in Michigan; we should be perfectly used to the winter weather. Shoveling your driveway is almost infinitely more work than walking 50 yards through the snow, which I believe does get plowed, to Hoopers.

Lastly, consider that all too-tiring chore of walking from your car all the way to Enigma to get that jumbo popcorn bucket and 32

oz. soda (but don't worry, it's Diet!) a favor to yourself.

Maybe I'm just not thinking of this renovation as economically as I should be. I could see how it could help the businesses within the structure that seem to go neglected flourish with customers and traffic. But I cannot seem to get over the idea that this change has been a mistake for what began as a legitimately good idea. The fountain and its "courtyard" walking area acted as a meeting spot, a place to hang out with friends, and a site for simply enjoying the weather or taking a break from a day of shopping. I just wish that people could see the past idea of the things being done only to be converted and just deal. But these days, I guess I'll just have to learn to love those lovely gas fumes being spewed from Hummers and pounds of carbon dioxide on my days out at the place formerly known as Fountain Walk.

Cameron K. Lewis

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Reading Program Successful

Novi's young people have done it again! Despite all the tempting activities that summer has to offer, they have spent an unbelievable amount of time reading this summer, and we are so proud of them. The Novi Public Library's 2007 Summer Reading Program was highly successful again this year, with our total registration close to 1,200 children. These children logged in over 15,000 hours of reading during the six-week program.

We would like to thank the many members of our community who supported the Summer Reading

Service not Part of Big Deal

What is happening with the former Homestead Credit Union on Haggerty Road in Novi is an example of what is happening to business services in general: big businesses gobbling up small ones and customer service is suffering.

When it was just Homestead Credit Union, I would phone and get an answer from a real person in a few seconds. Now, Homestead has been taken over by Telcel Credit Union, also in Novi on 12 Mile Road.

With three phone calls today (Friday, Aug. 3), I got recorded answers that there were 8, 6 and 9 calls ahead of mine, respectively. I finally had to hang up to get a real person, and asked her why the long wait.

"We've just taken over the South East Credit Union, and have a lot more calls."

I told her my problem with signing in on Telcel's Web site for home banking. I had tried a half dozen times to get in, using the same numbers I had used successfully a few days ago. She tried also, and was unsuccessful, without going through a complicated security question routine.

I asked her if I could talk to the person in charge of the home banking system. She said he was tied up with incorporating the newly acquired credit union, but would return my call.

I feel like Andy Rooney, smaller is better. I'm going to look for a credit union that puts customer service ahead of growth and acquisitions.

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What happens in Detroit impacts us all

In a recent interview with newsmen Chris Wallace on "Fox News Sunday," Gingrich, a rumored Republican presidential candidate and former Speaker of the US House said, "The Detroit public school system currently graduates 32 percent of its entering freshmen on time and fails to serve 78 percent of the young people in Detroit. We should basically, fundamentally replace the Detroit school system with a series of experiments to see if they'll work."

Gingrich also went on to blame union control of teachers and other public employees for Michigan's overall economic problems as a reason why Michigan sticks out like a sore thumb as other states prosper.

I am not a public school union buster or a member of the Novi Gingrich fan club. But I am troubled by the bobbing and weaving that resembles Muhammad Ali in his prime when it comes to addressing the dropout crisis in Detroit, Michigan and in America. The first part of problem solving is admitting you have a problem. Detroit, we have a problem!

As expected, there were quick howls from the Detroit Community. Many responded by telling the Republican presidential wannabe to halt out of Detroit's business. Dr. Jimmy Womack, president of the Detroit school board and a decent man, challenged the dropout statistics used by Gingrich. According to the Michigan Department of Education, the district had a 68



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percent graduation rate in 2005, the last year for which figures are available. That's right, 68 percent. Makes you feel warm and fuzzy inside knowing that only 32 percent of the kids did not finish high school. There are disputes about whether this figure means 32 percent did not graduate or they moved to another district.

Regardless, even if this number were cut in half it does not bode well for the future of Detroit, the region or state. One child not graduating from high school in this hyper-competitive world is one child too many.

Let's remember, this is more than a statistic; this is someone's child that will be without an adequate education to survive, let alone thrive, in the 21st century, technologically driven, global knowledge economy. The children of Detroit are not simply competing with the kids in Novi and Utica or Ohio and Florida — they need to be ready to compete against the children of the world.

Raise hell — raise the dropout age

Governor Jennifer Granholm has supported raising the dropout age (there is a corresponding need to develop alter-

nate pathways for success for these kids) since I pushed the issue when I started serving as state superintendent of schools in 2001. Legislation has been offered to change this law. It has languished in committee for years — but nothing happens. Why?

Politics being what it is — it is easy to shoot the messenger. However, Novi has provided an opportunity for Michigan to take action to prevent this educational genocide with our children. A child without a quality education is more likely to end up in prison and on the public dole. This is a tragedy that impacts us all.

Novi's Gingrich is fond of saying, "Real change, requires real change." As the old motor oil commercial used to say, "You can pay me now or you can pay me later." Doing nothing has a major moral and economic impact on all of us. Bashing Novi Gingrich will do nothing for the many children without the education and skills necessary to succeed in this tough world.

How about a little change for our children?



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ERIC WILSON: RCOC is committed

I have now had the honor of serving the residents of Oakland County as a member of the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) Board of Road Commissioners for six months, and I would like to share with you readers some of what I have learned in this time.

The opportunity to visit the Road Commission's six garages and witness the commitment and dedication of each staff was my first prerogative. Sitting in with the clerks in the agency's Department of Citizen Services offered me the chance to witness first-hand the volume of calls and coordination of the responses inside the call center to respond to the needs of Oakland County. In an average year, the Department will receive more than 30,000 calls from the county's citizens.

When it comes to customer service, the RCOC staff sets the standard by their effort and the speed with which they respond to the calls of the Oakland County residents. Our Department of Citizen Services not only receives all these calls, but processes the service requests, tracks the responses and, in many cases, provides follow-up calls to the residents in a concerted effort to continue the advancement in the quality of service we provide.

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I have met with representatives of every Road Commission department to form a detailed analysis of the present and future road needs in the county. We work as a team to provide low-cost programs, which have a high-yield result for improving the quality of our roads. To speak frankly, this is an agency staffed by committed professionals who take both their jobs and our collective responsibility to the community very seriously.

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- Through our FAST-TRAC system, we employ more than 2,000 video cameras for automated vehicle

detection — the largest such deployment in the world.

• Is a leader in constructing modern roundabouts, the circular intersections that have been proven to reduce traffic accidents, increase traffic capacity and provide better traffic flow.

• Saved money and avoided hiring additional staff by privatizing services where it makes business sense to do so.

• Is the only road commission in the state with an entire department dedicated to receiving and processing resident phone calls and e-mails.

• Is a national leader in many aspects of transportation-related technologies that are allowing for improved efficiency and safer roads.

• Is the lead agency in the Southeastern Michigan Snow and Ice Management (SEMSIM) project, which is the largest deployment of satellite-based fleet management in the country (partners are Wayne County, the Road Commission of Macomb County, the City of Detroit and SMART bus system).

On behalf of the RCOC, I would like the



Eric Wilson

thank Michigan Sens. Nancy Cassis and Mike Bishop and State Reps. John Stakoe and Jim Marleau for their efforts to retain the 25 miles-per-hour residential speed limits we have maintained for decades on 283 segments of our gravel roads. Safety is our number one priority, and we believe that 25 mph speed limits on these segments help ensure the safety of both motorists and pedestrians, including children playing or bicycling along these roads.

The Road Commission remains committed to significantly reducing Oakland County's road-funding donor status (we send more money in road funding to Lansing than we get back from the state) as well as Michigan's donor status (Michigan sends more money in road funding to Washington, DC than we get back). We are committed to procuring our fair share, whether it's from the state or the federal government.

It is an honor to serve the county as a board member for this exemplary organization, and I warmly thank the Oakland County Board of Commissioners for allowing me to serve the residents of Oakland County in this manner.

Eric S. Wilson is a member of the Board of Road Commissioners for Oakland County.

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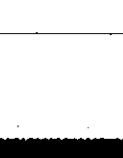
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HOT TICKET: Tonight is the last show in the City of Novi Kids' Concert Series 7 p.m. at Lakeshore Park

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MY BULLETIN BOARD

Thursday, August 9, 2007
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EVENTS

Kid's Concert Series
LOCATION: Lakeshore Park
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. tonight,
The Kevin Devine Musical
Circus: 7 p.m. The Novi Concert
Band.
DETAILS: Fit to be Tied Dye
will be there dying T-shirts for
\$10 per shirt.
CONTACT: Novi Parks (248)
347-0400; Weather Hotline
(248) 347-0473

Homebuying Seminars for Women
DATE: Thursday, Aug. 16
TIME: 7-8 p.m.
LOCATION: ReMax 100, 26870
Beck Road, Novi.
DETAILS: The seminar is titled
"Taking Advantage of the
Michigan Market" and will provide
information for women who may
be thinking of becoming
homeowners for the first time.
Ideal for women who are thinking
about downsizing, snacks and
beverages provided; reservations
required.
CONTACT: (866) 910-8600,
ext. 3

2008 Novi Heat Travel Baseball Tryouts
TIME: 9-11 a.m.
DATE: Saturday, Aug. 18
(inclement weather date Sunday,
Aug. 19)
LOCATION: Community Sports
Park (6 Mile and Napier)
DETAILS: Age 9-14
CONTACT: www.novijouth-
baseball.org or tome@palmer-
moving.com

Midsummer Night's Flight
TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. each
Wednesday through Aug. 22
LOCATION: Meza
Mediterranean Grill, 42050
Grand River
DETAILS: Sample a set of 5
wines with hors d'oeuvres, new
selection each week, \$20 per per-
son; See list at: www.bvthebot-
tenovi.com.
CONTACT: By the Bottle (248)
344-8992

Gardeners of Novi and Northville
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second
Monday of each month, Sept.-
May
LOCATION: Rotate between
Novi Civic Center and Northville
Library
DETAILS: Visitors welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 331-2334 or
www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

Farmers Market
DATE: Every Wednesday
through the end of October
TIME: 7 a.m.-1 p.m.
LOCATION: Walled Lake City
Hall Field (between Decker and
Pontiac Trail), Walled Lake
DETAILS: Vendor applications
currently accepted; cost of booth
is \$12 per day, special discounts
are offered.
CONTACTS: Call Janell Joyce
(248) 624-4847 for application
and other information.

Right to Life Open Public Meeting
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 27
LOCATION: Novi Public
Library, 45245 W. Ten Mile Road
DETAILS: For profits residents
of Novi, Northville, Wyom.,
Walled Lake, Farmington and
Farmington Hills; will discuss
forming a new Right to Life of
Michigan (RLM) affiliate; Field
Rep. Christopher Zielinski will
speak about importance of hav-
ing active RLM affiliate in com-
munity.

Borders
43075 Crescent Blvd.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0780
Fairy Extravaganza
TIME/DATE: noon Saturday
DETAILS: Activities vary
according to age and appropri-
ateness: Create flower fairy, cre-
ate fairy clown, discussion
groups, fairy coloring sheets, pin
the wand on the fairy, make fairy
wands, musical flowers.
High School Musical Pep Rally
TIME/DATE: noon Saturday,
Aug. 18
DETAILS: Sing, dance, cheer.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Novi Chamber is
a nonprofit business associa-
tion. We provide enjoyable net-
working opportunities for our
members; act as a bridge
between local business and
government; help businesses
stay aware of other member's
services and products and the
activities of their community.
For more information, contact:
Whitney McClellan, executive
director (248) 347-4622 or
wmcclan@yahoo.com. For event
listings: www.greaternovicham-
ber.com.

Sales Leads Group 1
TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m.,
second and fourth Thursday of
the month
LOCATION: Hooter's of Novi
DETAILS: Serious network-
ing; no fee.
CONTACT: Michelle Winn at
(248) 855-3754

Arts at Andiamo
TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Friday
LOCATION: Andiamo, on the
Patio, 42705 Grand River
DETAILS: This event is open
to the community and will fea-
ture the work of four local artists
on exhibit and available for sale;
raffles, hors d'oeuvres.
GNCC Office After Hours
TIME/DATE: 4-6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 23
LOCATION: Eaton Center
Complex, 43390 W. Ten Mile
Road
DETAILS: Financial Planning
and Investments hosted by Novi
Family Dental, The Diederich
Agency and GNCC; outdoor bar-
becue, refreshments and raffle.

Novi Chamber of Commerce
The chamber is celebrating 40
years of business, representing
over 500 members. Our mission
is to be a responsible, proactive
advocate of business interests in
the greater Novi area. We are
business and professional people
working together to enhance the
life of our community and the
businesses in it. For more infor-
mation, visit
www.novichamber.com or con-
tact the chamber office at (248)
349-3743

Summer School Series "The ABCs to Achieving Business"
DETAILS: Co-hosted with the
Lakes Area Chamber of
Commerce. See below.

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce

Since 1963, the Lakes Area
Chamber of Commerce has
proudly served as West
Oakland's Regional Chamber,
serving the communities of
Commerce Township, Union
Lake, Walled Lake, Waterford,
Wyom., Wolverine Lake and
White Lake. Our purpose is to
improve the quality of life for
businesses and residents in the
Lakes Area. We act as a unified
voice on behalf of the business
community, provide a forum to
discuss and review topics of
interest, serve as a source of
information and develop pro-
grams that are responsive to
the needs of the communities
we serve.
CONTACT: (248) 624-2826
Wolverine Lake Fishing Contest
TIME/DATE: 6-11:30 a.m.
Saturday, August 18
DETAILS: Catch and release;
age categories 1-7 years, 8-12
years, 12-17 years and 18-adult;
prizes for first through third
place in all categories for 17 and
under; first place for age 18-
adult; awards presented at
Village Festival on September 8.
Michigan Starclippers Dinner Train Morning Connection
TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Thursday, August 23
LOCATION: 840 North Pontiac
Trail, Walled Lake
DETAILS: Meet at depot to net-
work with local business owners;
no fee.
32nd Annual Market Day
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, August 26
LOCATION: Historic Lakefront
Downtown

DETAILS: Crafts, food, enter-

tainment and music; rain or shine.

Summer School Series "The ABCs to Achieving Business"
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1:30
p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28
LOCATION: Walled Lake
Educational Center, 850 Ladd
Road, Building D; enter from
Maple Road
DETAILS: Grow your business
with the author of "Networking
Your Way to \$100,000 and
Beyond," August 28 "Five Keys to
Retaining Clients and Getting
Referrals" presented by Mark
Raymond; \$30 per class or \$60
for entire series.
CONTACT: Register at Lakes
Chamber (248) 624-2826 or Novi
Chamber (248) 349-3743

Kelley-Fisk Farm Festival
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 8-9
DETAILS: Fun for everyone,
entertainment, crafts (booths
open 9 a.m.), corn roast, bake
sale, rummage sale, pony rides,
antique cars, and more; \$1 dona-
tion includes door prize ticket,
five and under free.
LACC Fall Golf Outing
DATE: Friday, September 14
DETAILS: See "Golf Outing"
section.

Line Dancing
DATE: Monday and Friday
TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. begin-
ners; 7:30-9:30 p.m. intermedi-
ate
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center,
45175 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: No partner needed
for lessons; pay-as-you-go pro-
gram; Novi residents \$5; non-
residents \$6.

Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks
Independent Living Residence,
Licensed Assisted Living,
Licensed Memory Care
LOCATION: 27475 Huron
Circle (adjacent to Twelve Oaks
Mall)
CONTACT: (248) 735-1500
Open House
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
daily or by appointment

SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT

Novi City Council Meeting
DATE: Monday
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center,
45175 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting
DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 4
TIME: 6 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center,
45175 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

Novi School District Board of Education Meeting
DATE: Thursday, Aug. 16
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Educational
Services Building
CONTACT: (248) 449-1204

CLASSES

Providence Center for the Healing Arts
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer
Center, 47601 Grand River
Avenue, Novi
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455
Wanted: One-Time Art Workshop Instructors
DETAILS: We are looking for
people who have an art or
craft that they would like to
share in our series of one-time
workshops; call (248) 465-
5455 if interested.

Colorful Penell Workshop
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., sec-
ond Tuesday of every month
DETAILS: The cost is \$2;
beginners welcome.

Ceramics Class
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 1-5
p.m. Wednesday
DETAILS: There is a \$10
materials fee.

Knit'n' Yarns
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m.
Wednesday
DETAILS: Join others and
create hats and shawls for
those in need.

Tai Chi Class
TIME/DATE: 10:15-11 a.m.
Thursday
DETAILS: Ancient Chinese
exercise used to improve flexi-
bility, balance, strength; no
experience necessary; cost \$5.

Meditation
TIME/DATE: 11:15 a.m.-
12:15 p.m., Thursday
DETAILS: Learn proper
breathing techniques that can
be used at home or on the job
to help reduce stress; class
held in reflection space,
Cancer Center.

Yoga Classes
TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:15 p.m.
Monday (for backs); 5:30-6:30
p.m. Tuesday (strength &
endurance); 11:15 a.m.-12:15
p.m. Wednesday (for backs);
12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday (for
backs)
DETAILS: The cost is \$10
for walk-in; \$80 for 10-class
card; \$70 for seven-week
evening session; registration
required.

Message
TIME/DATE: Various times,
Monday and Thursday
DETAILS: Therapeutic mas-

sage is effective for stress and
tension, chronic fatigue, pain
and headaches. Everyone is
welcome. Patients undergoing
treatment should bring physi-
cian's referral. Call for an
appointment; \$50 for 50-
minute session.

Walled Lake City Library
LOCATION: 1499 E. West
Maple Road, Walled Lake
CONTACT: (248) 624-3772

Friends of the Library Meeting
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second
Tuesday of each month
Evening Story Hour
TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Thursdays
DETAILS: Drop-in story time
for children ages 3-5.

Classical Music Series
TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first
Tuesday of each month
DETAILS: Enjoy recorded clas-
sics, discussions and refresh-
ments; lasts about 90 minutes.

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Novi Public Library
LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten
Mile Road
HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5
p.m. Friday and Saturday; closed
Sunday during the summer.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0720
Unless noted below, all pro-
grams take place at the library.
Novi Knitters
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m.
Monday
DETAILS: Drop-in knitters
group, informal, all levels wel-
come; Youth Area.
"Trim Kids: Helping Overweight Children"
TIME/DATE: 7-7:45 p.m.
Tuesday
DETAILS: Please call to regis-
ter for this discussion with Dr.
Lynn Vaughn regarding child-
hood obesity; topics include
nutrition, exercise and the psy-
chological perspective of this
issue. Program is free; for ages
8-14 with parent or caregiver.
Library Board Meeting
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List your event in our calendar!

To be included in My
Bulletin Board, please send
event name, date, time, loca-
tion, details and contact.
■ Mail: Novi News, My
Bulletin Board, 104 W. Main
Street, Suite 101, Northville,
MI 48167.
■ Fax: (248) 349-9832
■ E-mail: vemitchell@
gannett.com

Book Discussion Group
TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third
Tuesday of each month
DETAILS: Drop in for informal
discussion; bring a bag lunch;
check with library for current
book selection.

Wixom Public Library
LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac
Trail, Wixom
HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5
p.m. Friday-Saturday. Closed
Sunday.
CONTACT: (248) 624-2512
ESL Cafe
TIME/DATE: 3:30 p.m.
Thursdays
DETAILS: Coffee and conver-
sation-improve your English
speaking skills by speaking with
people from other countries. Try-
ing to improve their English; no
tests; free. An instructor will
help the group.
CONTACT: Karin at the
Information Desk.
Informal Book Discussions
TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
tonight
DETAILS: Read "The River of
Doubt" by Candice Millard; come
prepared for a stimulating dis-
cussion; for questions call Sheila
or stop by the information desk.
"Get A Clue" Children's Summer Reading Clubs
DETAILS: Children ages 2-10;
everyone enrolled in the Read-To-
Me and Summer Reading Clubs
who reads (or is read to) eight or
more books by August 11 is
invited to the Closing Celebration
on August 14; prizes for reading
one, five and eight books.
Fantastic Fridays
TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m.
Fridays
DETAILS: For ages 2-6, with
an adult; 30 minutes of stories,
songs, crafts and fun; please
register; Friday "Cookies and
Cake".

SUPPORT GROUPS

Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting
DATE: Last Wednesday of
each month
TIME: 10-11 a.m.
LOCATION: Holy Family
Catholic Church, 24505
Meadowbrook Road
DETAILS: This informational
meeting is open to all adoptive
families in Oakland County. There
is no charge. Child care is avail-
able. Registration required.
CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248)
334-3595

Bereavement Support Group
DATE: Third Tuesday of each
month
TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: The meeting pro-
vides the opportunity for those
in grief to share their story and
to learn about the phases and
tasks of grief. All are welcome
and there is no fee.
CONTACT: Michael M. Meyer,
Doctorate of Ministry

Angela Hospice Groups
DETAILS: Grief support
groups include general grief,
loss of a spouse, women's grief,
parents who have lost a child
and a grief support quilters
group. All groups are led by
bereavement professionals and
trained volunteers.
LOCATION: Angela Hospice
Care Center, 14100 Newburgh
Road, Livonia
CONTACT: Joan Lee (734)
953-6012

General Grief Support Groups
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30
p.m. second and fourth Tuesday
of month
DETAILS: Open to all losses.
Loss of Spouse/Significant Other Support Group
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. first
Tuesday of month
Men in Grief
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m.
fourth Monday of month
Suicide Loss Support Services
DETAILS: Individual and family
services offered free for those
who have lost a loved one
through suicide; call (734) 484-
7810 for more information.
Heartstrings: Parents Who Have Lost a Child
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first
Thursday of month
Grief Support Quilters' Group
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and
third Wednesday of month
DETAILS: Register by calling
(734) 953-6012

DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital Support Groups
LOCATION: 1 William Carls
Drive, Commerce
Al-Anon Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every
Sunday
DETAILS: Al-Anon is similar
to Alcoholics Anonymous, but

intended for the family and
friends of someone with an
alcohol problem; helps family
and friends of alcoholics recov-
er from the effects of living with
a problem drinker; no pre-regis-
tration required.
CONTACT: (248) 706-1020
Alcoholics Anonymous Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every
Sunday
DETAILS: Support group to
attain and maintain sobriety; no
pre-registration required.
CONTACT: (248) 937-3314
Journées Cancer Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. the
first and third Monday of each
month
LOCATION: Lobby of the
Chacrac Cancer Treatment
Center, off the hospital's South
Garden Entrance
DETAILS: The Chacrac Cancer
Treatment Center hosts a support
group for anyone dealing with
the cancer experience. Intended
for those with cancer and those
related to or who know someone
living with cancer.
CONTACT: (248) 937-5163
New Parents Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m., second
and fourth Wednesdays of each
month
LOCATION: Hospital
Conference Center
DETAILS: The group is a
supportive environment for fam-
ilies to share their struggles and
learn how to resolve issues after
the birth of their child. Parents
can discuss concerns such as
sleep deprivation, crying with
their new role and emotions.
CONTACT: (248) 858-7766

Neighborhood Baby-sitting Co-op
DETAILS: Using the co-op,
you and your children can make
friends and get what you need
accomplished without the little
ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's
night out and other social
events.
CONTACT: Sue Tracz (248)
380-0998

Friendship Circle
DATE: Second Thursday of
each month
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: St. James
Catholic Church, 46325 N. 10 Mile
Road, between Taft and Beck
Road
DETAILS: Social group for all
widows and widowers; 3:00-4:00
CONTACT: Norbert Monson:
(248) 851-6730; Florence
Volight: (248) 477-3032; Joy
Jovadi: (248) 948-9138 or joy-
valdi@earthlink.net

MOMS Club of Novi
DATE: First Thursday of each
month
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: Moms Offering
Mothers Support (MOMS) is a
non-profit support group for
mothers who choose to stay at
home with their children or
work out of their homes.
CONTACT:
jensungflerning@yahoo.com

Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples
DATES: Second Thursday of
each month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Witch's Hat
Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South
Livonia
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: (248) 437-5496
for more information.

Breast Cancer Support Group
DATES: Second and fourth
Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Huron Valley-
Sinai Hospital (Classroom C)
Commerce
TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.
DETAILS: No registration
needed.
CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

Crohn's & Colitis Support Group
DATES: First and third
Wednesday of each month
LOCATION: Providence Park
Hospital and Medical Center
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
DETAILS: Enter facility
through southeast entrance.
Meeting in Conference Room A,
immediately to the left.
CONTACT: Al Biggs (313)
805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis
Foundation of America (888)
737-2322.

Heartland Hospice Volunteers Needed
TIME: Day and evening train-
ing classes
LOCATION: 28588
Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475,
Southfield
DETAILS: Caring and com-
passionate individuals needed to
register for Heartland Hospice
Volunteer Training. We serve
individuals and their families
during their end of life journey
in the Tri-County area. Office
support is also needed.
CONTACT: Mary at (800) 770-
9859

First Baptist Church of Novi
LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile
Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or
www.firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
Sunday Schedule
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 5:30
p.m. fourth Sunday of every
month.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross
LOCATION: 40790 W. 10 Mile
Road
CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or
www.churchoftheholycross.com
Sunday Worship
TIME: 7:45, 10 a.m.
Sunday School
TIME: 9 a.m. Adult Bible
Study: 10 a.m. Worship Ser-
vice for ages 3-7; 10 a.m. All Ages
Youth Worship
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second
and fourth Sunday of every
month
DETAILS: All youth welcome.

St. James Catholic
LOCATION: 46325 N. 10 Mile
Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778
Mass Schedule
TIME/DAYS: 8:30 and 11:30
a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-
Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5
p.m. Saturday

Novi United Methodist
LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile
Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652
Sunday Worship

St. Paul Lutheran
LOCATION: 201 Elm St.,
Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-3140
Sunday Worship

First United Methodist of Northville
LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile
Road, Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or
visit www.fumcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship
DETAILS: 9:15, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Healing Service
DATE: First Monday of every
month
TIME: 4 p.m.
Suicide Loss Support Group
DATE: Monday, Aug. 27
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: New Hope Center for
Grief Support is offering this sup-
port group to those who have lost
a loved one to suicide.
Registration is not required.
CONTACT: New Hope Center for

Dak Pointe
LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile
Road
CONTACT: (248) 912-0943 or
visit www.oakpointe.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Spikes!
Hayley Miller, right, instructs a camper how to properly
"set" to hit a return during a volleyball camp at Novi
High. The week-long camp, run by the school's volleyball
team and coaches, taught the basics to youngsters and
was offered through Novi Community Education.

TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Grief Support (248) 348-0115 or
www.newhopecenter.net

Crosspointe Meadows
LOCATION: Meadowbrook
Elementary School, 29200
Meadowbrook Road (south of 13
Mile Road)
CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9
a.m.-2 p.m. or visit www.cross-
pointemeadows.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

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intended for the family and
friends of someone with an
alcohol problem; helps family
and friends of alcoholics recov-
er from the effects of living with
a problem drinker; no pre-regis-
tration required.
CONTACT: (248) 706-1020
Alcoholics Anonymous Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every
Sunday
DETAILS: Support group to
attain and maintain sobriety; no
pre-registration required.
CONTACT: (248) 937-3314
Journées Cancer Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. the
first and third Monday of each
month
LOCATION: Lobby of the
Chacrac Cancer Treatment
Center, off the hospital's South
Garden Entrance
DETAILS: The Chacrac Cancer
Treatment Center hosts a support
group for anyone dealing with
the cancer experience. Intended
for those with cancer and those
related to or who know someone
living with cancer.
CONTACT: (248) 937-5163
New Parents Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m., second
and fourth Wednesdays of each
month
LOCATION: Hospital
Conference Center
DETAILS: The group is a
supportive environment for fam-
ilies to share their struggles and
learn how to resolve issues after
the birth of their child. Parents
can discuss concerns such as
sleep deprivation, crying with
their new role and emotions.
CONTACT: (248) 858-7766

Neighborhood Baby-sitting Co-op
DETAILS: Using the co-op,
you and your children can make
friends and get what you need
accomplished without the little
ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's
night out and other social
events.
CONTACT: Sue Tracz (248)
380-0998

Friendship Circle
DATE: Second Thursday of
each month
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: St. James
Catholic Church, 46325 N. 10 Mile
Road, between Taft and Beck
Road
DETAILS: Social group for all
widows and widowers; 3:00-4:00
CONTACT: Norbert Monson:
(248) 851-6730; Florence
Volight: (248) 477-3032; Joy
Jovadi: (248) 948-9138 or joy-
valdi@earthlink.net

MOMS Club of Novi
DATE: First Thursday of each
month
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: Moms Offering
Mothers Support (MOMS) is a
non-profit support group for
mothers who choose to stay at
home with their children or
work out of their homes.
CONTACT:
jensungflerning@yahoo.com

Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples
DATES: Second Thursday of
each month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Witch's Hat
Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South
Livonia
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: (248) 437

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TIME: 8:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.
Kindergarten Registration
 DETAILS: Children who turned five before Friday Dec. 1 may register for full or half-day kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran School.

The Baba'l Faith

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last Saturday of every month
LOCATION: 23803 Ripple Creek St., Novi
DETAILS: This Devotional Gathering is focused on prayers for peace. People of all faiths welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit www.usbaha.org

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Single Place Ministries
DETAILS: Thursday evenings, 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8:30 p.m. program; \$5
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org
Walking Group
TIME: 11:30 a.m. Saturdays
LOCATION: First, second and fourth Saturday, Big Apple Bagel Shop, 2334 Farmington Road, Farmington; Third Saturday, Panera Bread Co., 34635 Grand River Ave., Farmington
DETAILS: This is a walking/social group. Everyone is invited.

St. John Lutheran

LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills
CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit www.stjohnlutheran.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School
TIME: 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School
TIME: 10:15 a.m.

Faith Community Presbyterian

LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile
CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:10-10:30 a.m.
Children's Ark Closing Sale
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday
DETAILS: Everything must go.
CONTACT: (248) 349-2691

Gracepointe Presbyterian

LOCATION: Crown Plaza Hotel, Novi (formerly the Double Tree, at the northwest corner of I-96 and Novi Road, across from

Twelve Oaks Mall)
CONTACT: (248) 497-3178 or e-mail gracepointe@mac.com

Orchard Hills Baptist Church
LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-5665

HEALTH

Exercises and Techniques in Stress Reduction

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday
LOCATION: Oakland Physical Therapy, 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B124, in the Providence Park Medical Center.
DETAILS: This program will review and discuss exercises and relaxation techniques with the goal of stress reduction and stress management. Advance registration is required.
CONTACT: (248) 380-3550

ONGOING

SWOCC Studio Tours

LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington
DETAILS: Come in for an up-close look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studios local community television studio.
CONTACT: Melissa Cohn (248) 473-2640

Gardens of Northville and Novi

DATE: Second Tuesday of month, September through May
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Rotates between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library.
DETAILS: Visitors welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or visit www.gardensofnorthville-novi.org

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DETAILS: \$6 admission, \$5 parking, children under 16 free with paid adult, no strollers.



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And The Winner Is ...

Larry and Pat Michalski accept the keys from Larry White, general sales manager for Novi's Marty Feldman Chevrolet, of a 2006 Chevy Cobalt SS Tuesday morning. Michalski had the "golden key" - of 10,000 mailed to area residents - that started up a vehicle at the dealership. Michalski had his pick of a 2007 model, but opted for a 2006 with more options.

CLASS REUNIONS

Novi High School Reunion Class of 1987

DATE: Saturday
DETAILS: More information coming.
CONTACT: Call (323) 467-0642 or NoviHigh@gmail.com

Roseville High School Class of 1972

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 15
DETAILS: Visit www.Roseville72.com for more information.
CONTACT: Call William Straughen, (586) 247-8087 or

Roseville72-Reunion@yahoo.com

Walled Lake High School Classes of 1967, 68 and 69

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 22
LOCATION: 59 West, Milford Road and M-59
DETAILS: Cost is \$45 per person for dinner, DJ and cash bar.
CONTACT: Sue (Waselek) Sutt at (248) 345-2202 or visit www.walledlake676869.classique.com

Detroit Cody High School Class of 1957

DATE: Friday, Oct. 5
LOCATION: Embassy Suites, Livonia
DETAILS: Our 50th reunion open to all 50's graduates; cost is

\$90 per person; includes dinner, open bar, memory book, champagne toast and more; register early as seating is limited.
CONTACT: Loreta Niewick at (800) 859-9502 or loreta@wideopenwest.com
Detroit Mackenzie High School Class of 1957
DATE: Friday Oct. 19
TIME: 6:30 p.m. to midnight
LOCATION: Radisson, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia
DETAILS: The cost is \$75 per person. Mail M. vonGlinn, 20097 Class Drive, Novi, MI 48375 for tickets. The deadline is Sept. 30. Note: The reunion committee is looking for classmates from the class of 1957.
CONTACT: June Class-Marj Storch at marj.storch@sticlob.al.net, Mary Middleton at rmvonglinn@aol.com, Susan (Simon) Geraci (248) 697-9429 or vincegeraci@yahoo.com; January Class-Eleanor Locke at elocke@aol.com or Dick Bebbington at rbebbington@yahoo.com.

GOLF OUTINGS

Brighton Hospital Annual Golf Classic

DATE: Monday
TIME: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
LOCATION: Lakeland Golf and Country Club, 8750 Chilson

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DATE: Friday, Sept. 14
TIME: 9 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. shotgun start
LOCATION: Brentwood Golf Club, 2450 Havenwood, White Lake
DETAILS: 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch at turn, prime rib dinner, contest, awards, hole-in-one contest, and prizes; \$55 per golfer paid by Sept. 7, \$105 after Sept. 7; hosted by Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce.

Old Village & Cooke Schools Golf Fundraiser

TIME: 8 a.m. shotgun start
DATE: Saturday, September 29
LOCATION: St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth
DETAILS: All proceeds benefit handicapped students from 17 districts in Wayne County, supporting music therapy and art programs, special events, student equipment needs. Hole sponsorships and donations needed. Golf and dinner \$100 per person; dinner only \$30; hole sponsor \$100, contest sponsor \$50; raffle/donor prize donors needed, any value. Make checks payable to Old Village School, deadline Sept. 12.
CONTACT: (248) 344-8460 or (248) 344-8489

REGIONAL

2007 Mustang Kickoff Gala

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m.-midnight, Friday
LOCATION: Laurel Manor, 38900 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia
DETAILS: Evening includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dessert, dancing, live performance by Ultra Violet, 21 and over, open bar, silent auction, raffle for a \$2,000 necklace and a jersey, \$75 per person; please register by Aug. 1; information and forms available at www.northvillermustangs.com; proceeds benefit the Northville High School Football Program.
CONTACT: Barb Eckhout or

visit www.northvillermustangs.com

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www.METROPARKS.com
CONTACT: (800) 477-3178
Fireside Stories at the Farm
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17
LOCATION: Farm Learning Center
DETAILS: Hayride, stories around the campfire, interactive programs, demonstrations, \$3 per child, \$5 per adult; pre-registration required.

Butterfly and Hummingbird Gardening

TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18
LOCATION: Nature Center
DETAILS: Plan all-you-can-eat restaurant to attract these animals to your backyard; \$2 per person; pre-registration required.
Habitat Hike
TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19
LOCATION: Nature Center
DETAILS: Check out habitats on guided hike; \$2 per person; pre-registration required.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church, 22 E. Main St., Northville
DETAILS: Appointments at (248) 347-1063; walk-ins also welcome.

"Evening in the Gardens" with MSU Extension Service

LOCATION: MSU Tollgate Farms, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
CONTACT: Registration necessary; call Linda (248) 858-0887 or smithlin@oakgov.com
Dwarf and Unusual Containers
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22
DETAILS: Fee \$20
Cooking in the Garden
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23
DETAILS: Fee \$20

Northville Book Club

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24
LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 East Main St.
DETAILS: "Gone With the Wind," Margaret Mitchell
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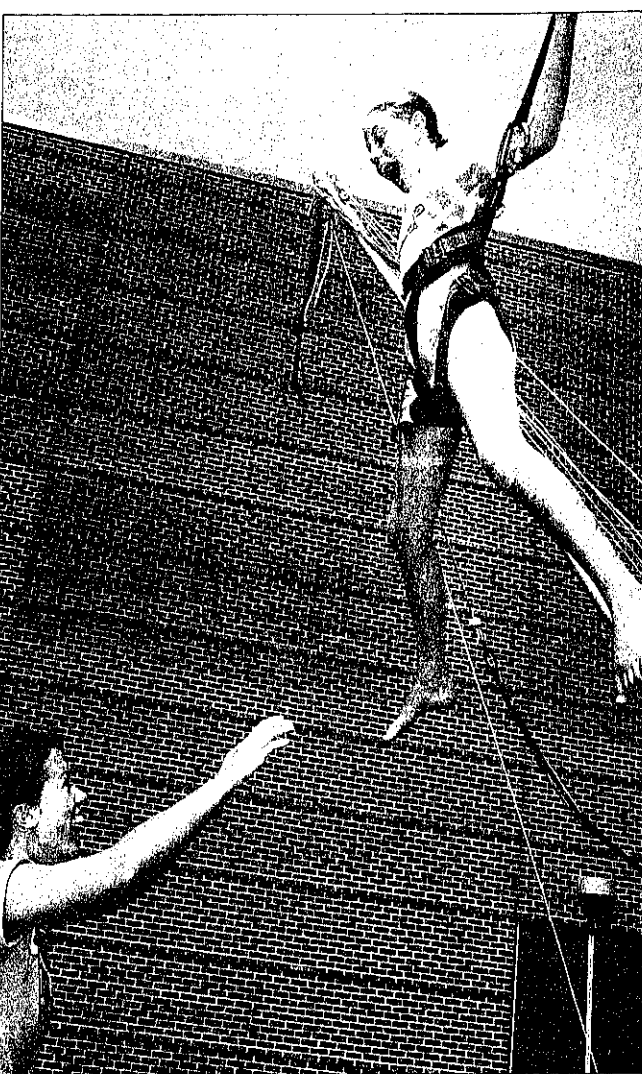


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Hi Flying!
 SpringHill Camp counselor Laura Cooke, left, helps Kristina Giroux, 10, into the air on a bungee jump at last week's camp at Novi's Oakpointe Church. The vacation camp featured lots of Christian fellowship and active, outdoor activities for its campers.

divorce; Oct.-May, walk-in, no fee; (734) 462-4443.
 Warner and Bobby Lewis; Aug. 23, The Randy Brock Group
LOCATION: Sibley Square Park, 48800 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
CONTACT: Community Services, 49015 Pontiac Trail, (248) 624-2850, www.city-wixom.com

City of Wixom

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DATES: Tonight, Doug Deming and the Jewelltones; Aug. 16, Gloria

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Physical Therapy Rehabilitation Update
 by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

STRESS FRACTURES

The number of stress fractures is on the rise. Women are particularly vulnerable, because they are more active than ever before and more prone than men to this type of injury. Microscopic breaks in the bone result from excessive loads being placed on the bone. These breaks, called stress fractures, develop most often in the legs and feet. The risk of this type of injury rises dramatically when exercisers repeatedly engage in high-impact activity, such as running, on pavement. Stress injuries may also result from poor balance or lack of flexibility. Such injuries often develop at the site of a previous injury. The prescription for stress fractures is rest, followed by varying exercise activities and

advancing exercise regimens slowly. Upper body stress fractures usually occur when there is repeated movement or impact to a certain area. Tired muscles may also lead to stress fractures, since weakened muscles transfer the stress to bones and joints, causing them to crack. For additional information about anything discussed in today's column, call NORTHVILLE PHYSICAL REHABILITATION PC. We are located at 215 East Main, Suite B and can be reached by calling 248.349.9339. New patients are welcome.

P.S. Stress fractures produce pain that may mimic other types of injuries, making professional diagnosis imperative.

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STORY CHAT: WHAT DO YOU THINK? TELL US AT WWW.NOVINNEWS.COM

TAKE THE FIELD

Football practice begins for Michigan high school teams

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Football is flying all over the state of Michigan.

High school football practice began Monday. All other fall sports are soon to follow, but football gets an early start because the first games will take place Aug. 24 for Novi, Catholic Central and Northville.

While practice started Monday, it really begins today in most coaches' eyes. The first three practices are non-contact without pads. Today, the real hitting begins, and the coaches can get a much better assessment of their players.

Wildcats

Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey had about 50 kids come out for the varsity team Monday. He uses the first few days of practice to remind all the players how to do things from the basics on up.

Once all the paperwork was done, the Wildcats took to the field for the first of many two-a-days.

"Today is opening day for us, but it really is learning how to play football in a safe condition," Kellepourey said. "In the first three days, we go back and refresh the kids' memories about how to tackle and how to block and how they learn to play so they can obviously play football."

Each practice tells Kellepourey and his assistants more and more about his players.

"We're evaluating our kids right now — how they respond to their coaches, how they respond to their teammates, how we put them in position and see if they understand offensively or defensively," Kellepourey said. "We try to put them in the best situation that they can participate with the team."

He also is looking forward to getting the pads on for a better look.

"(Today) is what we consider to be our opening day," Kellepourey said. "Opening day, your making cracking sounds with the shoulder pads."

"It's great to get our season going right now."

Shamrocks

Monday marked the start of Catholic Central head coach Tom Mach's 31st year with the Shamrocks.

He admits he might not get as fired up as some younger coaches, but he certainly looks forward to getting on the field.

"Our kids have been working real hard since December," Mach said. "It's good to actually get to the point when you could actually work with a football. It's a lot more fun for everybody getting in actual football plays."

The Shamrocks started with about 85 players last year. This year, Mach and his coach-

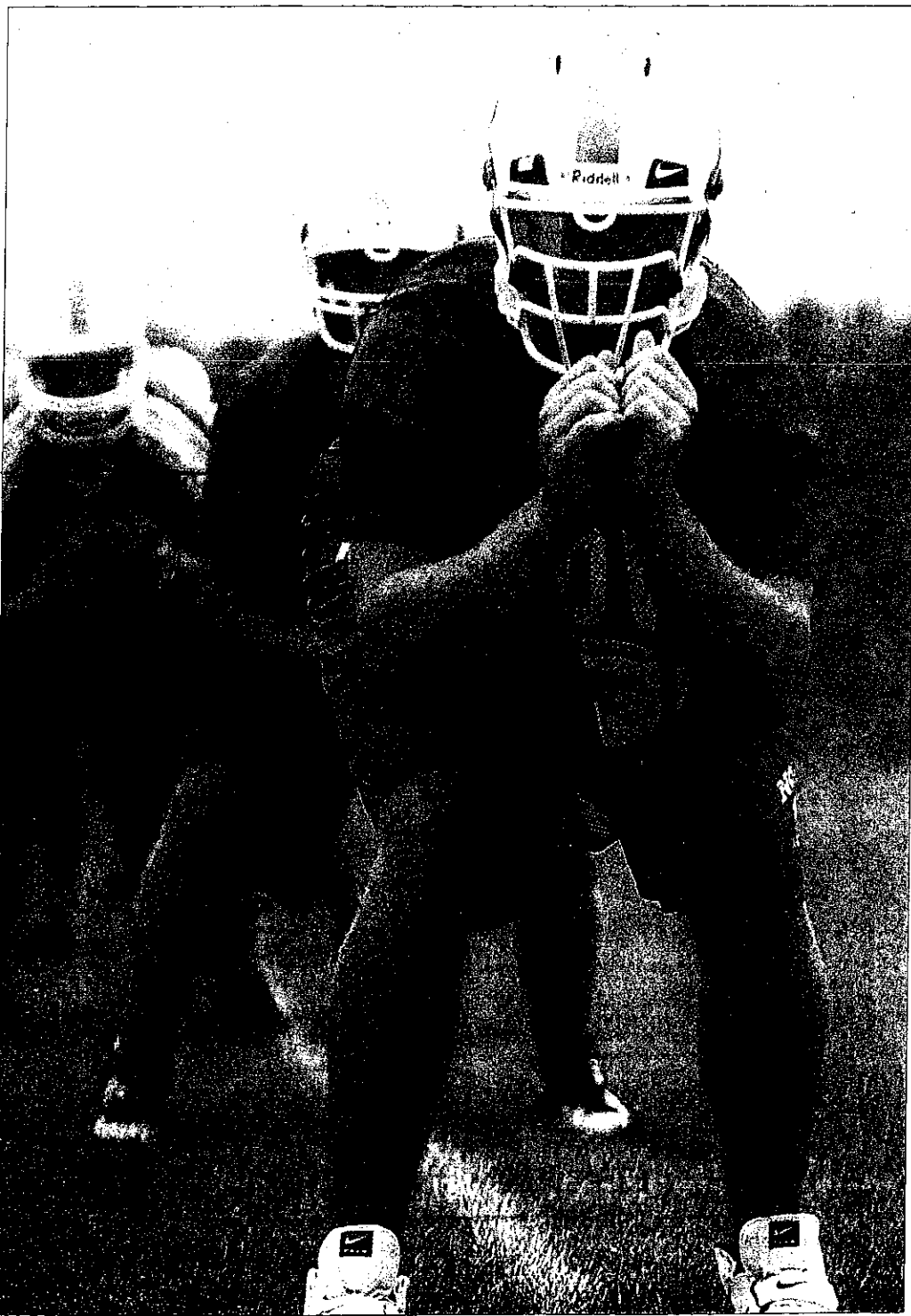


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Wildcat lineman Tyler Hoover and other varsity football team members sharpen their footwork Monday.

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What is SPORTS SPOTLIGHT? Each week, the Novi News takes a look at a different sport or team. Have a story? Email jtheisen@gannett.com

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MY FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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Vegetarian Fare

There's nothing quite like the delicious flavor of food cooked on a grill and enjoyed with family and friends to make a meal feel like a celebration. The same old burgers and dogs may get tiring after a while, though. If your barbecue fare needs a little flair, try adding in veggies. Now more than ever, a variety of foods are being enjoyed on the grill. It's never been easier to serve up beautiful and delicious dishes for a backyard barbecue.

Whether you're entertaining friends or preparing a pleasant family dinner, there are plenty of vegetarian grilling recipe options to tempt your taste buds. Sensational vegetable dishes, zesty burgers and veggie skewers add a twist to the traditional barbecue.

Celebrity chef and cookbook author Curtis Aikens uses a variety of vegetables, like peas, peppers, potatoes, corn and zucchini, to create delicious and healthy dishes.

"It's so easy to make great veggie foods all year round," Aikens said. "I want people to see veggies differently because there are so many delicious recipes and flavors available, your taste buds will never get bored!"

Chef Aikens suggests a large combination of fresh baby spinach, tomatoes, cheese, garlic, basil and olive oil to dress up grilled vegetables. Think in Parmesan sandwiches. Bring some paella to the party with his delicious vegetarian dish that uses vegetable stock as a flavorful base. Looking for a refreshing twist on a traditional wrap? Chef Aikens recommends creating a zesty mixture of marinated vegetables with other strips of *Morningstar Farms* Spicy Black Bean Veggie Burgers or Garden Veggie Patties and wrapping them in a flour tortilla.

For more easy recipes and fun food ideas, visit www.veggielife.com.



Chef Aikens' Party Paella

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Prep Time: 15 minutes
Time to Table: 35 minutes

Makes: 12 cups, 8 servings

- 2 cups finely chopped fresh green beans
- 1 1/2 cups chopped onion
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 teaspoons olive oil or vegetable oil
- 4 cups vegetable broth or reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 2 cups chopped tomatoes
- 2 cups long grain rice
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1 8-ounce package *Morningstar Farms* Meal Replacers

1. In 12-inch nonstick skillet, cook and stir green beans, onion and garlic in hot oil over medium-high heat about 5 minutes, or until tender.
2. Carefully stir in broth, tomatoes, rice, paprika and turmeric. Bring to boil, reduce heat. Simmer, covered, about 18 minutes or until rice is tender and liquid is nearly absorbed.
3. Stir in *Chik'n Strips*. Cook, covered, over medium-low heat 2 to 3 minutes or until heated through. Serve immediately.

Grilled Rustic Roll-Up

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Time to Table: 90 minutes

Makes: 8 servings

- 2 small yellow summer squash (3 to 4 ounces each)
- 1 medium eggplant (about 12 ounces)
- 3 1/2-inch-thick onion slices
- 1/2 cup reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 2 tablespoons olive oil or vegetable oil
- 4 *Morningstar Farms* Garden Veggie Patties (with more veggies) or *Morningstar Farms* Spicy Black Bean Veggie Burgers (with roasted corn)
- 8 9-inch flour tortillas, warmed
- 2 cups chopped romaine lettuce
- 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese with peppers (2 ounces)

1. Cut each squash lengthwise into 3/8-inch-thick slices. Cut eggplant lengthwise into 1/2 slices. Place squash, eggplant and onion slices in large resealable plastic bag. Drizzle with soy sauce, orange juice and olive oil; seal bag. Place in shallow pan; refrigerate 1 to 12 hours, turning occasionally. Drain vegetables. Discard marinade.
2. Coat cold grill rack with nonstick coating; preheat grill. Place burgers and onion slices on grill rack over medium

heat; grill 3 minutes. Add eggplant slices to grill rack; grill 3 minutes more. Add squash slices to grill rack. Continue grilling 5 to 6 minutes or until vegetables are tender and burgers are heated through, turning once.

3. Cut burgers into strips. Separate onion slices into rings. Cut squash and eggplant slices into strips. Top tortillas with burger strips, onion rings, squash strips, eggplant strips, lettuce and cheese; roll up. Horizontally cut each in half.

Note: Recipe makes 18 tablespoons marinade. Three tablespoons of marinade is absorbed by vegetables; remaining marinade is discarded (but is needed to coat vegetables).

Pollo Pomodoro Panini

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Time to Table: 25 minutes

Makes: 4 servings

- 2 tablespoons finely shredded or grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 1/4-inch-thick slices firm-textured tomato
- 1 8- to 9-inch focaccia, cut into fourths and split horizontally
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 4 *Morningstar Farms* Chik Patties Original (optional)
- 1 cup baby spinach leaves

1. In small bowl, combine Parmesan cheese, basil and garlic. Sprinkle over one side of each tomato slice. Set aside.
2. Brush cut sides of focaccia with olive oil; set aside.
3. Coat cold grill rack with nonstick coating; preheat grill. Place patties on grill rack over medium heat. Grill 6 minutes, turn patties, grill 2 minutes more. Top each patty with cheese slice, if desired. Place tomato slices, Parmesan side up, and bread pieces, oil side down, alongside patties on grill rack. Grill about 2 minutes more or until cheese begins to melt and bread begins to brown.
4. Arrange spinach on half of the bread pieces. Top with patties, tomato slices and remaining bread pieces. Serve immediately.

*If desired, substitute one ciabatta loaf for the focaccia.

**If desired, prepare in oven. Bake patties according to package directions. Top each patty with cheese during the last minute of baking, if desired. Remove from oven; keep warm. Place tomato slices, Parmesan side up, and bread pieces, oil side up, on shallow baking pan. Broil 4 inches from heat 3 to 4 minutes or until cheese begins to melt and bread begins to brown. Assemble sandwiches as directed above. Serve immediately.

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Dancin' the night away

Mid American Studio offers pom, dance, yoga and fitness classes for all ages

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

If there were ever a model for a one-stop dance and fitness facility, it would probably look a lot like the Mid American Studio of Farmington Hills.

Located inconspicuously at 24425 Indoplex Circle, among the many industrial and manufacturing buildings, Mid American Studio stands out from its competitors both by the services it offers and the convenience it brings to children, adults, and families who are interested in learning various dance disciplines, fitness workouts, and a healthier lifestyle.

When the studio opened in 2002 under the direction of owner Karen Blazitis, there were 10 weekly dance classes on the schedule. That has grown to 32 dance classes and 25 fitness classes, serving upwards of 350 young students from age 3 to high school seniors and 250 adults of all ages.

Prior to the opening of the studio, Blazitis had 23 years experience in the industry as the founder and director of Mid American Pompon camps and competitions. She combined that knowledge with her extensive fitness background to create Mid American Studio. This is perhaps one of the reasons for the studio's steady growth and business model.

There are many reasons Mid American has grown to this capacity. Danielle Adam, instructor and director of both Youth Programs at Mid American Studio and Mid American's Summer Pom and Dance Camp Program, explained some of the reasons.

"The kids can take classes in 13-week sessions," she said. "They are not tied down to a full year of dance."

That works well for young students who are committed to other outside activities such as sports programs, pompon, and cheerleading.

The studio also offers short six-week sessions in the summer to keep kids busy and fit when school is out.

Adam noted that young children have the advantage of a smaller teacher-to-student ratio, which is very important to the learning and development process.

"We try to ensure that our 3-5 year olds are in a class where there are no more than 10 students for every instructor," she said. "This type of atmosphere helps young students to learn social skills, as well as dance technique."

Adam said that the largest age group at Mid American Studio is made up of girls from 7th grade to 9th grade who are trying out for their school's pompon teams.

"The pompon program we established is used by teams throughout the state," she



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Short, 13-week dance sessions give students the opportunity to enjoy dance classes without a year-long commitment, which is ideal for girls who participate in sports or other activities at school.

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Mid American Studio offers summer pom and dance camps and has a retail store for all of the team's needs. They also have an All Star Performance Team that provides talented girls with the opportunity to perform in parades and at the Detroit Pistons game.

season in an organized fashion.

Visitors to the facility are impressed with the state-of-art equipment, clean work-out atmosphere, and friendly personnel.

She noted that there are discounts available for families with more than one member enrolled in at the studio. Children enrolled in multiple classes also receive a discounted rate.

"Our main goal at Mid American Studio is for our clients to stay active," Adam said. "We want to keep people of all ages moving, to help them learn to maintain a healthy lifestyle."

With the variety of choices available to youths and adults, it is no wonder that Mid American Studio is quickly becoming the place to be in the Farmington Hills area.

For more information or to sign up for classes, call (248) 477-5248 today or visit www.midamericanstudio.com.

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With heating and cooling costs continuing to rise, it makes sense to look at one of the leading causes of energy inefficiency in the home: windows. Installing energy-efficient windows can mean increased comfort as well as savings on utility bills in any climate.

The transmission of air and light is generally the most important function of windows. However, this can mean heat loss in the winter, overheating in the summer, and higher energy bills. A typical home may lose up to 30% of its heat or cooling through windows. Properly installed, energy-efficient windows can go a long way toward improving this situation.

There are many factors that affect a window's energy efficiency. Whether they are single- or double-paned, gas filled, Low-E (Low-Emissivity) coated, and even the material of the window frame all contribute to a window's performance.



Online resources such as www.efficientwindows.org provide detailed information on these specifications and how to select windows appropriate for various climates. An experienced window contractor can also be a good source of information and recommendations.

Homeowners should check with their local utility to find out about possible rebates and other incentives for the purchase of new, energy-efficient windows.

Of course, replacing windows is not always a viable option. There are steps homeowners can take to improve their energy savings without replacing windows. Making sure windows are properly caulked, keeping weather stripping in good repair, and using storm windows will help. Window coverings are another good way to reduce heat loss in winter and avoid overheating in summer.

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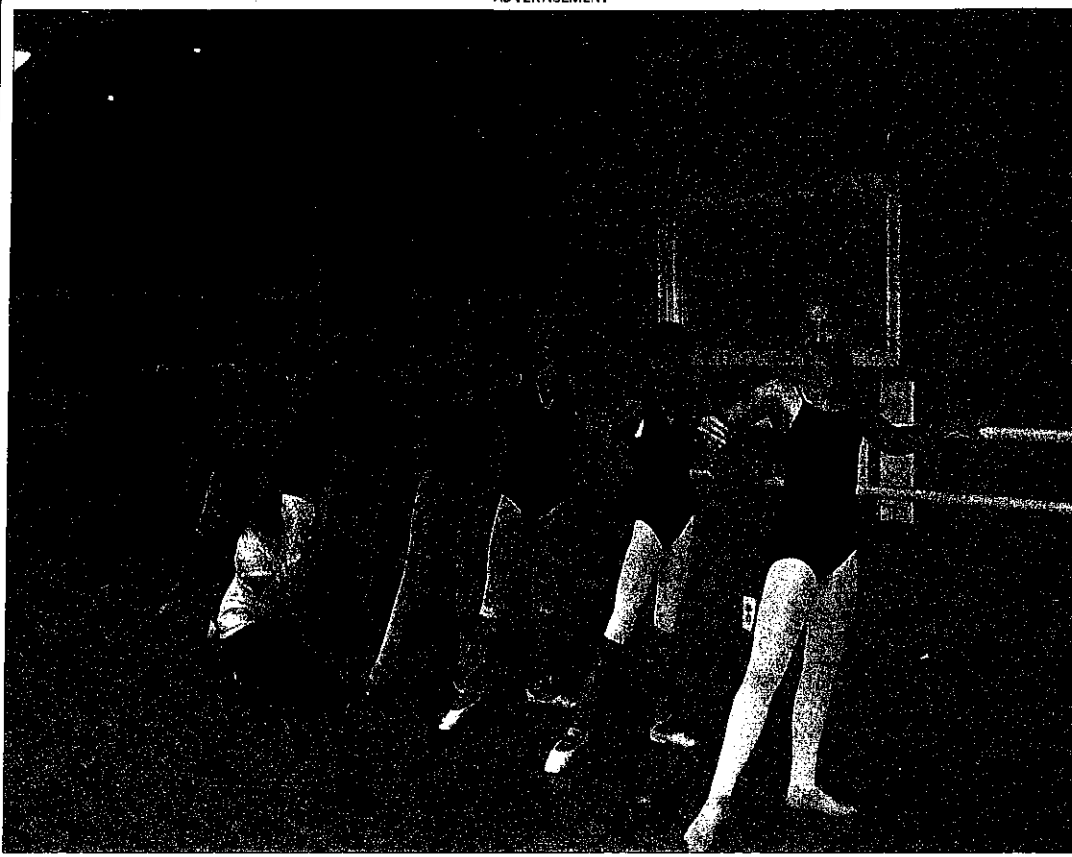


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Young ballet students receive instruction in one of four themed studios at Karen's School of Dance in Highland.

Karen's School of Dance takes dance moves across the world

By Sally Rummel
SPECIAL WRITER

Students who dance in this spacious 6,000-square-foot dance studio can travel the world — even if their feet never leave the ground.

With themed studios from New York, Paris and Disney World, Karen's School of Dance allows its students to "dream big" while practicing their dance steps in Highland.

Large murals depicting "The Big Apple" and "Parisian Scenes" form an inspiring background for both competitive and recreational dance students — all of whom receive the same quality instruction from a staff that numbers six teachers, including studio owner Karen Kern.

The younger students really enjoy the Disney-theme studio, while the Signature studio offers a place for guest teachers and graduating seniors to "leave their mark" on its walls.

In addition to Karen Kern, teachers include Stacey Harrison, Jennifer Smith, Kathy Clark, Stephanie Fica and Liliya Ruhukya.

Ruhukya, who was trained in Russia, serves as the studio's ballet director. The studio's full-time manager is

Maureen "Moe" Hoyer and receptionist is Nancy Moffitt.

"Whether you're looking to pursue a professional career or just love to dance, there's a place for you at Karen's School of Dance," says Kern.

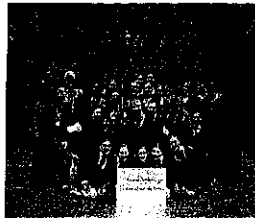
Her love of dancing, which began when she was only 2½ years old, was what turned this passion into her lifelong career.

A graduate of the Interlochen Fine Arts Academy, Kern danced with the Lakes Area Ballet Company in southeastern Michigan, and was trained by many Master Teachers in all different styles.

"We're a technique-based studio," adds Kern, who has been teaching dance in the local area for more than 24 years. "We offer a progressive program so that each student builds his or her previously learned skills."

With a student roster of 760 dancers representing approximately 400 families, Karen's School of Dance is one of the largest in the area — and also one of the most successful.

Many dancers performed in national competition at the recent Kids' Artistic Revue in Chicago and brought home a number of major awards, including Miss Dance America 2007, Mr. Dance America 2007, First Overall in



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Karen's School of Dance students won a number of major awards in recent national competition held in Chicago.

Intermediate Lines, First Overall in Elite Groups and Star Showcase.

"We also earned a number of overall placements and are just about always ranked in the Top 10," says Kern.

Many students have gone on to pursue professional careers, including one who recently earned a coveted scholarship to The Edge Studio in Los Angeles.

"She will be featured in an upcoming edition of 'Dance Spirit' magazine as its Future Star award winner," says Kern.

On the local level, students from Karen's School of Dance have also earned scholarships from the Huron Valley Council of the Arts.

Others have gone on to perform with groups such as the Young Americans, as well as on cruise lines and for entertainment companies.

Students attend Karen's School of Dance from Novi, Milford, Highland, White Lake, Davisburg, Holly and Fenton.

They enjoy using "The Homework Room," a break area that provides an

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While parents wait for their students to complete their class time, they may watch their progress from closed-circuit TVs in the lobby or through viewing windows. A large outdoor covered porch area is another place for parents to gather.

A total of 140 classes are taught Monday through Saturday during the school year.

A Summer Dance Camp hones interested dancers' skills all summer long.

An Open House is set for the week of Aug. 13-18 for Fall Registration. Prospective students may attend free dance classes during this week and enjoy balloons, refreshments, raffles and drawings.

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