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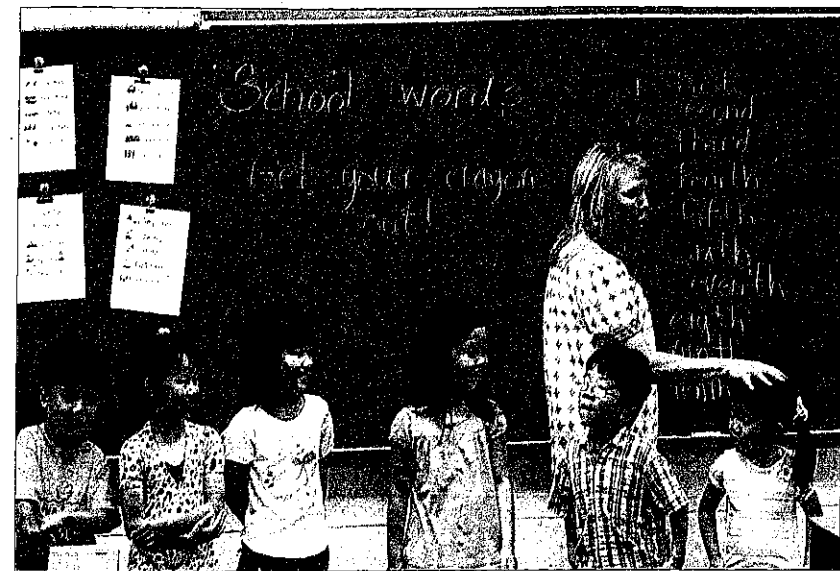
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Novi English Language Learner teacher Shella Jorgensen lines up a group of Japanese students in an exercise to instruct them on numbers and placement. Students are learning the language they'll hear when they attend Novi schools in the fall. For more photos, see page 7A.

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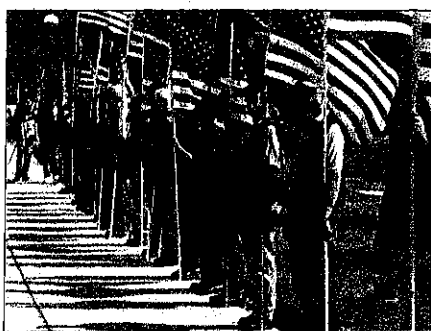


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Members of Michigan's Patriot Guard Riders stand at attention during funeral services for U.S. Army Spc. Byron Fouty.

■ Fallen soldier remembered at Novi memorial service

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Following a 14-month wait, United States Army Spc. Byron Fouty was honored Tuesday morning in front of a crowd of nearly 300 people at Brightmoor Christian Church in Novi.

Fouty, 20 last April, disappeared May 12, 2007, near Mahmoudiya, Iraq when insurgents ambushed his unit and killed 14 fellow soldiers. Fouty and two others were taken hostage.

His skeletal remains, along with those of 25-year-old Sgt. Alex Jimenez of Lawrence, Mass., were found two weeks ago on July 9 in the Iraqi village of Jurf as Sakhr. The body of 20-year-old Pfc. Joseph Anzack Jr. of Torrance, Calif., was found in the Euphrates River a few days after the attack.

"This is a hard one, but I'm glad we've been able to bring this to some closure," said Walled Lake resident Mick Fouty of finding his son. "He served our country with honor and dignity. He's a hero and will always be. I've lost something I can't ever replace, my only son."

"I am so proud of the way it was handled and the way the U.S. took pride in honoring my son daily. I pray that, someday, this war is over and we will not lose any more of our soldiers."

The 75-minute service honored Byron, in a closed casket draped with the American flag, with speeches from his father, former stepfather Gordy Dibler Jr. of

Oxford Township, sister Sarah Anne Dibler and others.

"I noticed how his eyes shined after he found some happiness and purpose," Sarah said of her older brother after he graduated from boot camp. "I know he's watching over us with the same gleam in his eye."

Byron, a former Walled Lake Central High School student, enlisted in the military June 2006 and was deployed to Iraq in January 2007.

"When your nation called, you said 'Let's go. I'll go,'" Gordy said.

He recalled his last memory of Byron was 3:30 a.m. Jan. 22, 2007, when Byron rented a car during an extra week off to try and drive back in an attempt to see the birth of his nephew, Issac Dibler.

Byron never met Sarah's son, but Gordy said they were introduced in recent weeks.

Throughout the ceremony, "The Red" by Chevelle, "What's Left of the Flag" by Flogging Molly and "Say Hello to Heaven" by Temple of the Dog were solemnly heard in Byron's memory.

As his boots and rifle sat outside in front of an American flag, local Patriot Guard Riders stood along the sidewalk perimeter, with flags in hand, outside the church and a brigade of more than 40 motorcycles escorted the hearse away after the services.

Byron will be laid to rest Friday at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, near where his mother, Hilary Meunier, now lives.

He was a member of the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry). The 10th Mountain Division has a motto that many felt embodied Byron: "Climb to glory. Climb to the top."

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Novi's Providence Park Hospital, designed with women in mind

This is the seventh installment in a series featuring the St. John Health Providence Park campus in Novi.

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

With recent studies proving women are the primary health care decision-makers of a household, it's no wonder Novi's Providence Park is dedicating the entire third floor of the 500,000-square-foot hospital to the Women's and Infants' Health Center.

"We anticipate a huge amount of babies to be delivered here," said Providence Park President Rob Casalou, in January. "(Novi) is where everyone's having a baby. We wanted to create an environment that women are comfortable with."

The center will include a 32-room gynecological unit, for patients who need surgeries such as hysterectomies for classes on women's health issues such as

menopause and 27 private Labor, Delivery, Recovery, Postpartum rooms.

"We're focusing on single-room maternity care," said Rochelle Igrisan, director of women's services. "In our rooms, all aspects of the birthing process go on in the same room."

The comprehensive, personalized care allows moms to have the same nurse from delivery, through postpartum care.

"I think the Novi concept of continuity of care is great for our patients," said Dr. Michelle Herman, obstetrics and gynecology.

With each of the rooms equipped with a refrigerator, flat screen television and guest sleeping area, the hospital encourages the fathers to stay with the mothers.

"We're really focused on the family-centered care," Igrisan said. "The visiting policy is based on your needs as a patient. There is no particular time of day you can have visitors and there is

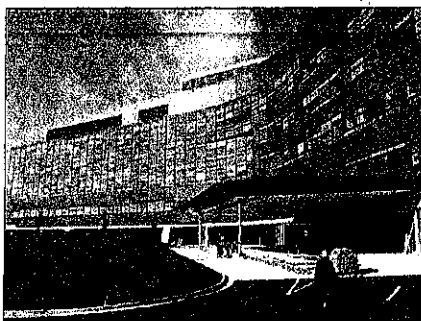


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In less than 50 days, Novi's Providence Park Hospital will open its doors for business.

no particular number of visitors." Although there are some exceptions to that rule, including the daily nap-time, which Igrisan said will allow the patients to get some rest, without any interruptions.

"The quiet, peaceful atmosphere on the unit is conducive to relaxing and celebrating new life," she said.

Please see WOMEN, 2A

North barn gone on Novi's Fuerst Farmstead

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Demolition on the City of Novi's historic Fuerst Farmstead, on the southeast corner of Taft and 10 Mile roads, began last week with the removal of the north barn.

"As suspected, a lot of the beams were dry-rotted, but we were able to salvage a few of them," said Sheryl Walsh, community relations manager for the City of Novi.

Walsh said the beams, along with the stones that will be sal-

vaged from the chimney and porch of the Fuerst farmhouse, will be incorporated into the Fuerst Park.

At the July 7 meeting, Novi's City Council approved contracts to remove the north barn and farmhouse, and to dismantle and remove the south and east barns.

In dealing with issues such as utilities, Walsh is unsure of exactly when demolition of the farmhouse will take place, but said it needs to be torn down by the end of August.

"It's obviously not going to come down as quickly as the barn

because of the stone," she said.

Farmington Hills resident Dave Wittbrodt was awarded the contract to dismantle the south and east barns by Feb. 28, 2009, and intends to reassemble them on his 4-acre property.

Removing the existing farmstead structures is part of a conceptual plan, approved by council, that the city believes will encourage public use of the 6.5-acre property. Included in the plan by

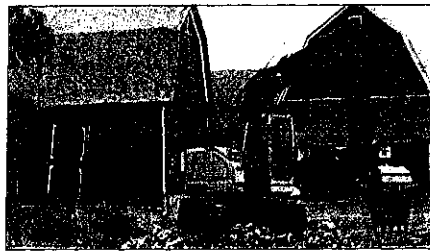


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A bulldozer rests on the rubble of the north barn at the Fuerst Farm last Wednesday afternoon.

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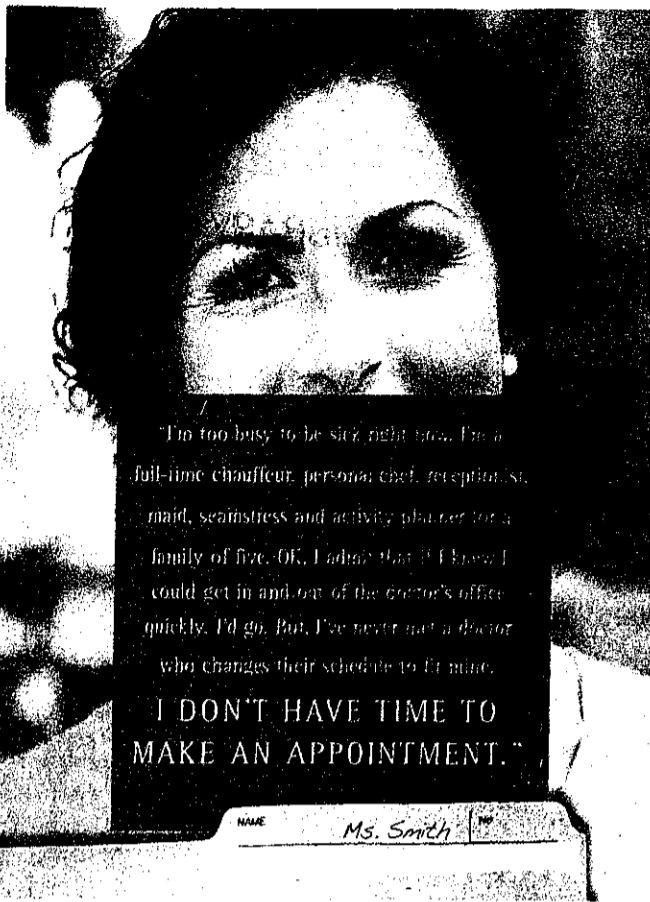
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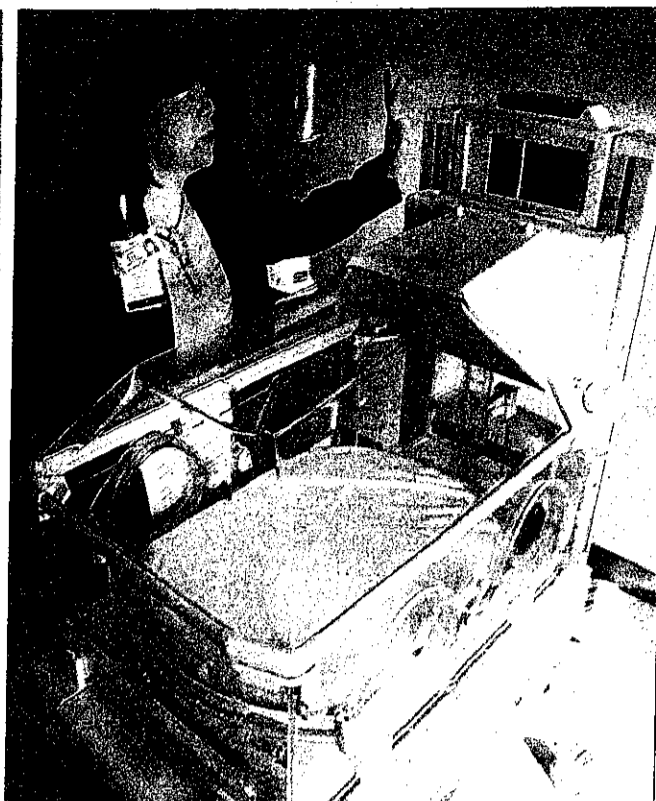


Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News
 Rochelle Igrisan, director of women's services for Providence, checks out the new cribs, or bassinets for neonatal intensive care newborns. The fully enclosed cribs allow the hospital to maintain a desired oxygen, temperature and humidity level.

WOMEN

continued from front

Along with the well-baby nursery, the third floor includes a 15-bed Special Care Nursery for premature and full-term babies with minor problems, such as jaundice. The SCN also has rooms for the mothers to stay with their babies.

"It (Providence Park) has such a different feel," said Dr. Jennifer Kaplan, obstetrics and gynecology. "It's a warmer place and it's a more family-oriented

unit." The Women's and Infants Health Center has some unique services patients may not find at other hospitals, such as an on-unit baby photography studio, playing "Brahms' Lullaby" during delivery, a special meal for new parents after the baby is born. Real Convenience concierge service and snow cones for women in labor, since they are only allowed to eat ice chips.

"We've really tried to make delivery out here really special for moms," Igrisan said. "We're going to be working with spas to see if

we can arrange some spa services." As with the entire Providence Park Campus, the Women's and Infants Health Center will be equipped with state-of-the-art technology.

"We're going to be using the best and the newest of technology," Igrisan said, noting they are really hoping to streamline communication through the use of a hands-free communication device, Vocera, and by allowing

patients to register online, prior to arrival.

"The value will use Vocera to let clinical people inside know you're here," said Lou Martin, account executive of marketing and public relations for Providence Park Hospital.

Another technological advancement the hospital will be implementing is the use of "Smart Pumps," which monitor the medication intake of the patients.

"It's a huge leap forward in safety," Igrisan said. Infant security will be a critical part of the third floor, fitting mothers, fathers and babies with matching identification bands, and securing babies with a Hugs, infant protection alarm.

"Hugs is the baby low-jack system of the third floor, fitting a certain perimeter, an alarm goes off," Igrisan said.

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MONEY Magazine ranks Novi among best places to live

■ Six Michigan cities in Top 100

By Kelly Murad
 STAFF WRITER

It appears as though MONEY Magazine has finally realized what Novi residents have known all along—Novi is a great place to live. After ranking 48th out of more than 700 cities across the United States, Novi is receiving national recognition as one of the Top 100 Best Places to Live for 2008.

With more than 52,000 residents, this was the first year Novi could be considered for the Best Places ranking, which looks at U.S. cities with a population of 50,000-300,000.

"Population was a criteria for a community to be considered, but there was a range of topics they looked at," said Sheryl Walsh, community relations manager for the City of Novi.

According to Walsh, MONEY Magazine called about six weeks ago to tell her Novi was selected, after an independent firm compiled all the statistics.

Aside: from population, cities

were judged on categories such as housing, finances, education, quality of life, leisure and culture, weather and health.

Novi ranked above average in education categories such as reading and math, and below average for personal and property crime incidents.

Although the magazine noted the city's cultural diversity, the racial diversity index actually ranked Novi below average.

"I think when you look at us in comparison to other cities in Michigan, we're extremely diverse, but this is looking at it nationally," Walsh said.

The magazine boasted about Novi's convenience of location and green space, which Walsh said is an example of city council's commitment to parks and recreation.

"Lakeshore Park, in the north part of the city, that's a true gem," she said, noting the uniqueness of having more than nine miles of hiking and biking trails with minutes of a major mall.

Novi's median family income ranked above the Best Places average, but its 5.2 percent job growth was below the 18.7 percent average.

"Novi's done well to hold its own, we still have a lot of big business coming to Novi," Walsh said. "Most of the national headlines about Michigan are bleak, but this is a good thing."

Five other Michigan cities ranked among the Top 100, with Troy ranking the highest at 22, Ann Arbor, 27, West Bloomfield Township, 36, Sterling Heights, 61, and Shelby, 62.

Walsh said it is an honor for Novi to be ranked 48th among such great cities.

"We want to strive to be in the top 100 for next year," she said. "We're the only community in the state of Michigan that can boast gold level recognition by the Governor's Council of Physical Fitness."

Last October, Novi received the gold level award, which recognizes the community's efforts to create and maintain an environment in which it is safe, convenient and fun for residents to integrate physical activity into their daily routines.

MONEY Magazine ranked Plymouth, Minn. as the Best Place to Live.

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File photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News
 Parkview Elementary School Principal Jenifer Michos talks with student James Kalj during the 2007-08 school year. Novi's strong educational institutions factored into the city's ranking as one of the nation's best places to live.

FARM

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McKenna Associates, Inc., the planning consultants hired to review the city-owned property, was the addition of an amphitheater, a gateway plaza and relocating the old Township Hall to the site of the north barn, due to construction of the new \$16 million library.

With relocation of the old

Township Hall slated for September, the north barn was the first building to be removed.

The farmhouse, which is listed on the State Register of Historic Sites and the National Register of Historic Places, is at risk of losing its status without the existing facilities.

"It will just be removed (from the lists)," said Kathy Mitch, chair of the Historical Commission and president of the Friends of the Fuerst Farm. "Just because the buildings are gone,

the documented history is not going away and what they've done is now part of the documented history."

Much said the current historical marker found on the property will have to be returned to the state.

A group of concerned citizens formed the non-profit organization, Friends of the Fuerst Farm, in hopes of preserving the historic facilities.

Despite the groups' efforts and more than 1,300 petition signatures

requesting council consider an alternative plan, the property is being developed as the Fuerst Park.

"The people will not forget that the community was not consid-

ered in the decision-making process," Much said. Mitch said the group will have another meeting in coming weeks to discuss the future of Friends of the Fuerst Farm.

"I don't know there is anything else that can be done," she said.

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Novi presents changes in precincts and polling locations

■ Primary election Aug. 5

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

With the August primary less than two weeks away, voters should know what to expect on

election day and where to go. Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius said recent redistricting changes will require residents to pay close attention to their current voter registration card.

"In a cost-saving measure, we redistricted some of the precincts according to school district boundaries," she said. "New voter identification cards

were sent to all registered voters in precincts 6-21 in May. Along with redistricting changes, the polling locations of precincts 3 and 5 will be temporarily relocated due to construction at two of the Novi elementary schools.

Instead of Village Oaks Elementary, voters of precinct 3 will go to Good Shepherd

Lutheran Church, at 41415 Nine Mile Road, and voters of precinct 5 will go to Novi United Methodist Church, at 41671 10 Mile Road, as opposed to Orchard Hills Elementary.

Voting precincts 1, 2 and 4 are the only districts without changes. With current state Representative Craig DeKoe's (R-Novi) term expiring, Hugh Crawford (R-Novi), Douglas Curry (R-New Hudson), Christopher Maloney (R-Northville), Steven Valentini (R-Novi) and Chuck Tindall (D-Novi) are seeking election in the 38th District, which includes Novi, the Oakland County portion of Northville, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Wixom and Walled Lake.

In the race for Oakland County Commissioner, voters will be asked to select one of the three Novi candidates for the Republican party, Kim Capello, Lou Cordas and Fred Schlemmer, while Novi resident Karen Zyzanski is unopposed for the Democratic party.

Voters will also be asked to nominate candidates of all participating parties for offices such as United States Senator, Representative in Congress, Judge of 6th District Circuit Court, Judge of Oakland County Probate Court and County Executive, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk/Registrar of Deeds, Treasurer and Drain Commissioner.

In even-numbered years, August primary election voters also have to elect delegates to county convention of the Republican and Democratic parties, requiring each precinct to have a different ballot, Cornelius said.

Voters will also be asked if a proposal should be adopted, allowing the Oakland County Zoological Authority to levy a new property tax of 0.1 mill, 10 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value, for a period of 10 years - 2008-17. The revenue would be used to continue providing zoological services to benefit the residents of the county. It is

estimated that, if approved and levied, the new millage will generate about \$6.5 million in 2008.

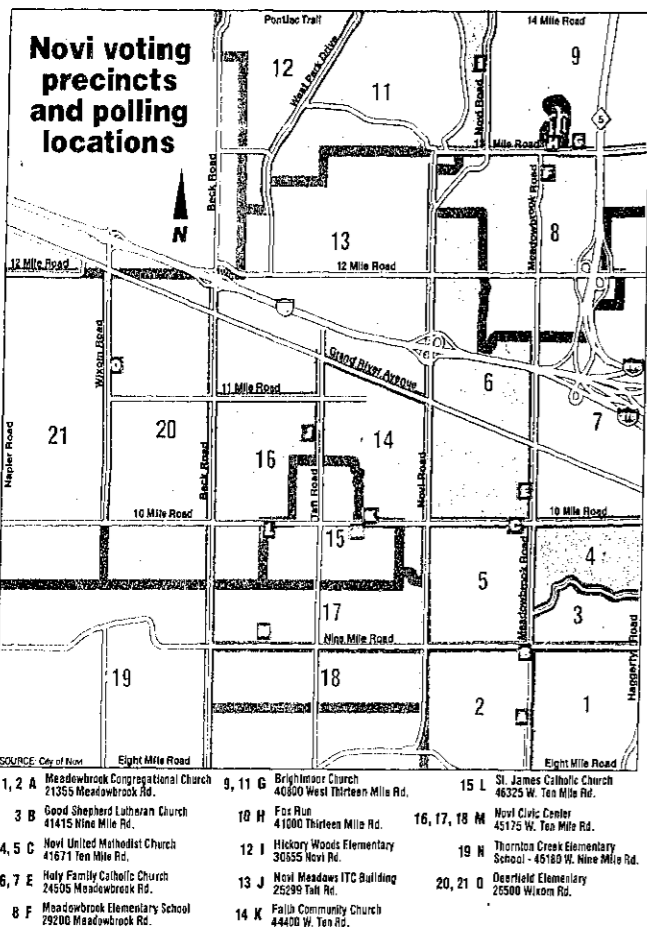
Three Novi Township incumbents will appear on the ballot. Running unopposed is supervisor John Juntunenwill, treasurer Ginger Juncker and trustee Tony Galikias.

The first set of absentee ballots were mailed out July 1, to registered voters who asked to be on the permanent mailing list.

"If there is anyone who would like to be on the permanent list to receive the absentee ballot application, they should contact the city clerk's office," Cornelius said.

Anyone interested in receiving an absentee ballot has until Saturday, Aug. 2 to submit an application. According to Cornelius, the Novi City Clerk's Office is required by law to be open the Saturday before an election and its hours will be 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Utility official honored by American Gas Association

The American Gas Association (AGA) recognized Novi resident Paul Preketes, senior vice president of energy delivery for Consumers Energy, with a Gold Award of Merit for his active and continuous service to the organization's operating section.

Preketes was one of four leading energy officials to receive the AGA Gold Award of Merit at a recent AGA conference, and the only Michigan utility honoree. He has been an active member of the organization since 1992, and joined the Operations Section Managing Committee in 1995.

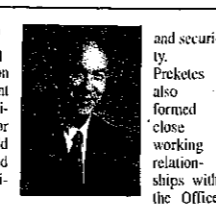
The American Gas Association, founded in 1918, represents 202 local energy companies that deliver natural gas throughout the United States.

The AGA's Operating Section mission is to aid member companies in operating safely, efficiently and reliably while continuing to serve the best interests of customers and the general public.

Since joining the operating section, Preketes has held increasingly responsible roles, including a four-year commitment culminating in his serving as committee chair in 1996.

During the time, the industry focused on several critical issues: safety, reliability, and the environment. Preketes has been instrumental in helping to form a set of security guidelines for the AGA and Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, which was accepted by the Office of Pipeline Safety and is in place today.

Besides his AGA roles, he is also an active member of the utility industry's Common Ground Alliance, where he serves on the organization's board of director and is immediate past chair.



Paul Preketes

Auto company receives state tax credits, bring jobs to Novi

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

More business and more jobs are headed Novi's way as Harman/Becker Automotive Systems plans to build up its Research and Development lab in the Haggerty Corridor Corporate Park at 12 Mile Road and Cabot Drive.

The vehicle infotainment provider's move will bring 135 jobs to Novi as part of a \$10-million investment from the state. The "Lucky 13" companies will receive \$44.4 million in state tax credits to create 4,000 direct new jobs around the state.

"Harman/Becker is one of the foremost companies in producing the infotainment systems that we take for granted in our vehicles," said Ara Topouzian, Novi's economic development manager. "This

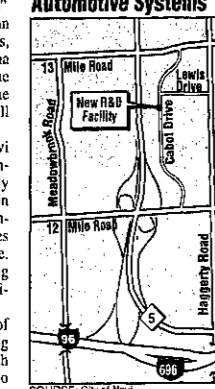
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The national company has an office nearby in Farmington Hills, but will close its only Indiana location and portions of its lone California location as part of the consolidation process that will bring the business to Novi.

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Novi-based Brembo North America Inc., a braking system developer, was also looking to build its North American headquarters and a research and development center in Novi, but did not receive the Michigan Economic Growth Authority Tax Credit, as the other "Lucky 13" did.

The other 12 Michigan companies include ForeSee Results, Evergreen Solar, Echo Global Logistics, Gibbs Technologies, International Bancard, MyInsuranceExpert.com, Technology Associates, Steel Tool & Engineering, Michigan Institute of Aeronautics, Attwood, Graphic Packaging International and Perrigo.

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Leaders of the Pack

This month, 37 boy scouts from Novi troop 407 attended summer camp at Camp Rotary in Clare. The week-long camp involved about 200 scouts from troops located throughout the state. The scouts enjoyed the outdoors and worked on various merit badges such as first aid, swimming, canoeing and archery. In total, about 38 merit badge programs were offered during the week. Aside from working on merit badge requirements, the scouts also enjoyed the crystal clear waters of the lake, an evening family barbecue, two camp-wide campfires and many other outdoor-related activities.

ON CAMPUS

Northwood University

The following students were named to the President's List by earning a grade point average of 3.85 to 4.0 for spring term 2008: Lance W. Suttler, a junior from Novi; Rachel R. Lilly, a senior from Wixom; and Steve Mentoian, a junior from Wixom. Michael A. Beard, a freshman

from Novi, was named to the Dean's List by earning a grade point average of 3.25 to 4.0 for spring term 2008.

Valparaiso University

Chris Scott, a marketing major from Novi who graduated in May, was named to the Dean's

Spring Arbor University

Stephanie Ling, daughter of Donald and Lorna Ling of Wixom, was named to the Dean's List for spring semester 2008.



With smiles on their faces, English Language Learner students Mariko Kanno, left, and Mio Magura join other ELL kids in a song during last Thursday's month long party ending their time at Novi Meadows.



Sue Frank runs the English Language Learner program in the summer for Novi schools. Here, she helps a couple of Japanese boys as they decorate hand fans for their mothers as part of a Monday morning class. The current ELL program has 32 kids, three teachers and numerous volunteers, and is mostly comprised of Japanese students who attend Novi schools.

English Language Learning fun

Novi Preschool Registration

Preschool registration for the 2008-09 academic year is ongoing. Class programs focus on social, emotional, physical and cognitive development. The program follows the State of Michigan Standards and Benchmarks for preschool/pre-kindergarten. Curriculum includes Language Arts, social studies, science, math, music and movement. Children are provided with experiences and opportunities allowing them to meet the State Early Learning Expectations for 3s, 4s and young 5s. Children must be 3, 4 or 5 by Dec. 1. Children also must be completely toilet trained.

Preschool classes follow the Novi Community School District calendar, running from August to June. To register for this fall's 2008-09 session, parents must

register their child at the Child Care Services office in the Instructional Technology Center, 25345 Taft Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. Child care is also available for students attending preschool. Space is limited. Call (248) 449-1713 for rates and availability.

When registering a child (or children), a parent needs to bring the following:

- A completed registration packet, available on the district's Web site, www.novik12.mn.us
- Child's birth certificate or passport, and
- Non-refundable registration fee payment (\$45 for school district residents, \$50 for non-residents).

through Friday. Parents are responsible for providing transportation. Tuition can be paid in full, \$6,393.36, or in nine payments of \$710.38 (August through April).

Many options are available for the district's half-day program, ranging from five- to two-day options. Child Care (C.A.R.E.) is available for parents needing assistance before or after preschool classes. Registration information and prices are posted on the district's Web site at www.novik12.mn.us. C.A.R.E. is also available at all elementary schools for kindergarten through eighth-grade students.

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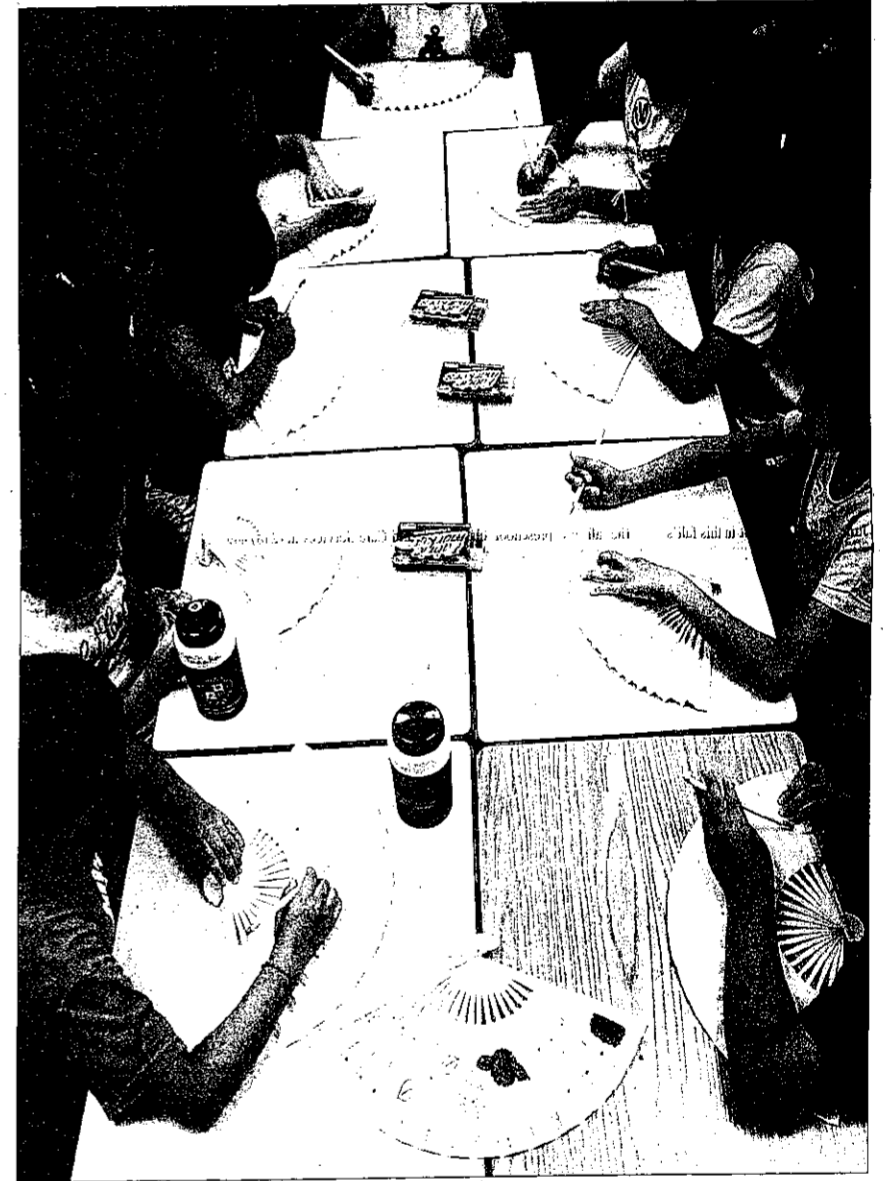
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With a squirt bottle loaded up with bright yellow dye, Lina Ishikawa, 11, works on creating a tie-dye T-shirt as part of the ELL curriculum. The class gives its foreign students an introduction to American culture. Ishikawa said, in Japan, kids don't make tie-dyes.



Masaya Ando points to a photo taken during some of his English Language Learner activities during the last month.



A group of English Language Learner students work on decorating hand fans during a Monday morning class. The ELL program runs four days a week for four weeks and is taught at Novi Meadows Elementary.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER



Kotaro Yanno enjoys some fried chicken at last week's ELL party to celebrate the end of the month long school for foreign students learning English.



ELL student Shiori Takano, left, checks on the progress of classmate Ami Tanaka during a Monday morning ELL class at Novi Meadows Elementary.



Cayetano Garcia-Cachay, 11, gets some pointers on how to finish his fan.

Community EMS paramedics in Novi to test AutoPulse



By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

John Tamer, EMS territory manager for ZOLL Medical Corporation, speaks to Community EMS paramedics Derek Brown and Michael Salliotte about using the new ZOLL AutoPulse machine. Community EMS responders were trained last Friday and will use the cardiac support pump on a three-month trial basis in Novi.

Community EMS is bringing a new service to patients in need of CPR for the next three months.

The Southfield-based emergency responders Novi unit will carry the ZOLL AutoPulse, a non-invasive cardiac support pump developed by ZOLL Medical Corporation and approved for trial by the Oakland County Medical Authority.

The AutoPulse is a vest that paramedics can strap to the chest of a person in need and it will calibrate itself by use of sensors to perform the compressions needed during CPR.

"We can set it to continual compressions. Carrying someone down stairs, we often have to stop compressions," said Ellen Fleming, quality assurance quality improvement manager for Community EMS.

Fleming said two major benefits of the machine are the uninterrupted compressions and the consistency. Paramedics are supposed to perform uninterrupted compressions for two minutes with two pauses for

ventilation between every 30 compressions, according to American Heart Association standards.

"The rescuers fatigue (and their ability gets tired quickly). The quality of your compressions may be affected. A machine's not going to do that," said Fleming, who has more than 24 years of experience as a paramedic. "I was impressed by it. It seems to me the device may be delivering a more effective compression. It covers the chest a little more completely. It covers the chest with more surface area than just the sternum."

Fleming said an average of five calls per month in Novi could require use of the machine. She said the machine performs compressions continuously with the only options for paramedics being to shut off the passes or shut off the machine. The frequency and speed of the compressions cannot be altered.

"The only thing the machine is set for is 30 compressions and two ventilations, according with the American Heart Association," she said.

The machine, although in its final field test stages, has performed well, according to ZOLL Medical Corp., and it also being implemented by Regional EMS in Flint. Use of the AutoPulse results in an 88 percent improvement in survival response to hospital admission and a 235 percent improvement in survival to hospital discharge, according to a press release.

However, it is not designed for use on trauma patients or those 18 and younger. Fleming said there is no data suggesting it is unsafe for seniors or other adults.

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Source One will be hosting a lunch and giving tours of its office, which is structured to support their customer's computer network needs. To register for this event, or to learn more about Network Source One, please visit www.networksourceone.com.

Starbucks to close Novi location

Starbucks announced last week it will close 600 stores by March, including its Novi TwoFive Oaks Mall location. The complete list is on the company's Web site. The closures come as cash-strapped

consumers spend less on gourmet coffee and as Starbucks faces increased competition from the likes of Biggby Coffee, Dunkin' Donuts and McDonald's, which has added lattes and mochas, in all.

Starbucks plans to close eight locations in metro Detroit, including stores in Rochester, Eastpointe, Ferret, Dearborn and Novi.

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Community vision will shape signature park

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

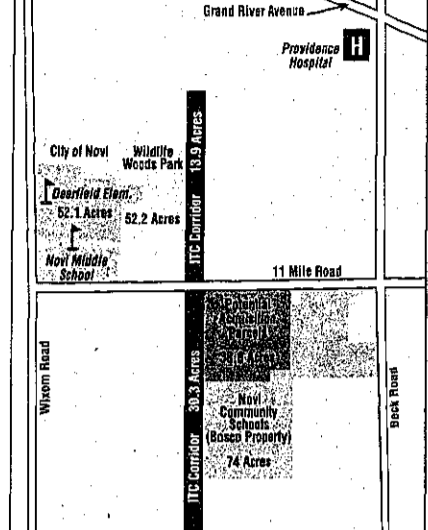
Novi City Manager Clay Pearson's appearance at the July 10 school board meeting has many community members wondering what is a signature park and what will it entail?

"It's a comprehensive park that includes a variety of activities," said Community Relations Manager Sheryl Walsh. "It could take the form of anything, but that's going to be the vision of the community."

Walsh said depending on what the community deems necessary, the park could include a community center, theater, dog park, large amphitheater, ball fields, disc golf and could serve as the site for concerts in the park, and festivals such as the Michigan 50's Festival.

According to Pearson, the most critical need for the city, in terms of recreation, is a multi-purpose recreational facility that could be used for gym space, active recreation classes and senior and adult programming.

Discussed Land Trade



SOURCE: City of Novi

Talks surrounding the idea of a signature park is in response to a goal set by Novi's City Council in January, for the city to acquire property for such an endeavor.

Pearson addressed the Novi Board of Education about the possibility of a property trade between the city and school district, which would allow the city to build a 30-100-acre park and meet the recreational needs of the community.

The proposal suggested the city would swap Wildfire Woods Park, the 52.2-acre property at the northeast corner of 11 Mile and Wixom roads, for the district-owned 74-acre Bosco Property, located southwest of 11 Mile and Beck roads.

The property is currently zoned as residential acreage, which Pearson said should meet the needs of what the city is proposing.

The city is also looking to purchase three properties on the south side of 11 Mile Road that total 38.8 acres and are connected to the Bosco Property.

Although council mentioned two other sites at the January goal setting session, The Links of Novi Golf Club on 10 Mile Road, west of Wixom Road, and land near 10 Mile and Novi roads, Pearson said the Bosco Property is the city's first choice because it is already public property.

With taxpayers already having paid for the property, Pearson said the city is looking to acquire the Bosco Property without any cash transfer.

Even though it is too soon to predict how the signature park will be funded, Walsh said a feasibility study is in the works, which will not only address those issues, but survey community members about their needs as well.

The Novi Board of Education's Facilities Committee is scheduled to meet Aug. 5 to discuss the proposal and options.

Walsh said more details will be known following formal discussions of the entire school board at the next regular meeting, Aug. 21, at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road.

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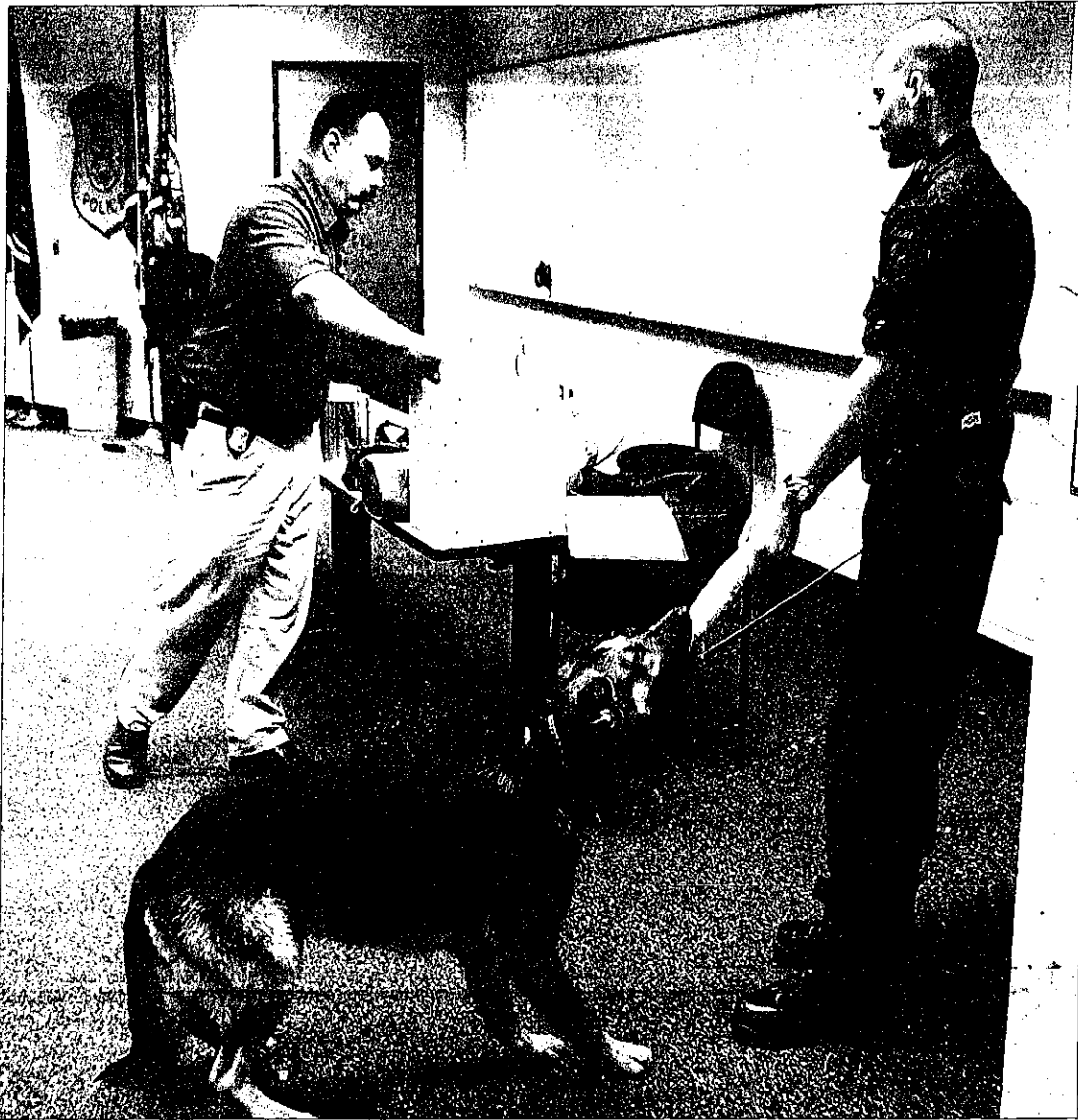
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As detective Mike Wilson readies the "scratch box" Novi Police officer Bob Manar prepares German shepherd "Alex" for a demonstration of the canine locating narcotics.



Aiming a handgun hooked up to an interactive police situation video simulator, Sam Olsen, 13, waits to see what he should do as the scene unfolds in front on him on a screen.



Novi Police detective Mike Wilson introduces an interactive computerized police scenario that includes using laser beam shooting guns.



Students of the Novi Youth Police Academy listen to a lecture about dealing with suspects in the line of duty.

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Vehicles targeted on Chase Drive, Addington Lane

Chase Drive

Five complaints were made with regard to items stolen or damage done to vehicles on Chase Drive, off Nine Mile Road, just west of Meadowbrook Road, between July 12-14.

• Between 10 p.m. July 13 and 11:15 p.m. July 14, a garage door opener was stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway of a residence on Chase Drive. According to the owner of the vehicle, items from the center console were strewn across the floor. There was no damage to the vehicle. The victim charged the code for the garage door, along with the program for the opener, reports said.

• Between 10 p.m. July 13 and 6:15 a.m. July 14, the rear window of a Ford Edge was broken, while parked on Chase Drive, reports said. According to the victim, the only item missing from inside the vehicle was a black Sprint cellular phone charger.

• Between 9:30 p.m. July 13 and 8:25 a.m. July 14, various items were stolen from a Ford Taurus wagon, which was left unlocked in the driveway of a residence on Chase Drive. Among the missing items was a Magellan global positioning system unit, Panasonic portable digital video disc player and an 8-GB USB memory stick, reports said.

• Between 11 p.m. July 13 and 6:45 a.m. July 14, the rear driver-side window of a blue Ford F-150 was smashed. According to the victim, there was nothing missing

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from the vehicle, but a similar incident occurred two houses down.

• Between 2 p.m. July 12 and 7 a.m. July 14, a BlackBerry cellular phone was stolen from a vehicle parked on Chase Drive. According to reports, the white Ford Explorer was left unlocked and there were no signs of forced entry. The wife of the victim said she heard a car alarm go off at a nearby residence on Chase Drive at about 4:30 a.m. July 14.

Addington Lane

Two complaints were made regarding items stolen from vehicles parked on Addington Lane, off Taft Road, just south of 10 Mile Road, between July 11-12.

• Between 10 p.m. July 11 and 7 a.m. July 12, a wallet, containing a Fifth-Third Visa card, among other items, was stolen from a Dodge Dakota truck. According to the police report, the vehicle was left unlocked while parked at the residence on Addington Lane. The victim's wife said she heard a car door close at about 1 a.m. but didn't look outside.

• Between 11:59 p.m. July 11 and 11 a.m. July 12, about \$1,500 in change was stolen from a vehicle.

According to the report, the driver-side door was just shut completely when the victim returned to the vehicle. There were no signs of forced entry and the victim is unsure if the doors were locked. A neighbor said he saw two older model vehicles driving down the road when he arrived home at about midnight July 12, and believes he saw the same vehicles the day before. Police said the suspects were probably checking vehicle doors in the area and returned the following night. The neighbor was able to give a description of one of the suspects. He said the suspect was a male in his 20s, about 6 feet tall, 180-pounds with light brown hair and a goatee. If anyone has information regarding these incidents, contact the Novi Police Department at (248) 348-7100.

Two teens arrested on possession charges

Police were called to Ashbury Drive, near Eight Mile and Novi roads, just before 11 p.m. July 15, on a report of a suspicious vehicle.

The resident reported a silver Honda Accord, occupied by several subjects, had been parked in the dark for several minutes.

As the officer approached the scene, the suspects turned on the headlights and began to drive down the road, reports said. The officer stopped the vehicle, which was occupied by three teen males, to ask what they were doing.

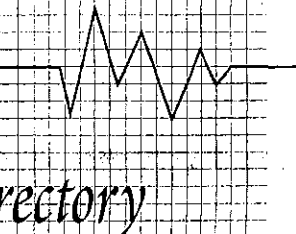
The driver of the vehicle said he and his friends were just killing time. All of the subjects

live in the subdivision. According to the report, the officer smelled a slight odor of intoxicants. The officer saw a black backpack on the floor of the back seat and asked what was inside. The driver said nothing, but as he lifted the bag, there appeared to be a bong or pipe of some sort, with a small amount of

marijuana residue, reports said. The officer placed him under arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia. The subjects all agreed to preliminary breath tests. The blood alcohol concentration of two of the males was .03 percent and the third subject had no reading and was released at the scene to walk home.

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First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church... CONTACT: (248) 349-3647

Oak Point Church... LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road

Crosspointe Meadows Church... LOCATION: 29000 Meadowbrook Road

GracePointe Presbyterian Church... CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Sleeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider...

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross... LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road

ReNew Life Ministries... TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m.

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Case No. 08-040 filed by Affiliated Investors, LLC for Premier Medical located at 4400 W. Twelve Mile Road

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Case No. 08-042 filed by DAP Investments for Mercantile Marketplace located on the west side of Novi Road

Case No. 08-041 filed by Michael J. Harris of Novi Feed & Supply located at 43963 Grand River Avenue

Case No. 08-043 filed by Joseph F. Koalk Jr. of JPK Investment Company LLC located at 26200 Town Center Drive

Case No. 08-044 filed by Gary M. Keady of Affordable Spaces, Inc. located at 24278 Roma Ridge

Case No. 08-045 filed by Charles N. Awan of Pleasant Run Plaza located at 39853, 39854, 39855, 39856, 39857, 39858, 39859, 39860, 39861, 39862, 39863, 39864, 39865, 39866, 39867, 39868, 39869, 39870, 39871, 39872, 39873, 39874, 39875, 39876, 39877, 39878, 39879, 39880, 39881, 39882, 39883, 39884, 39885, 39886, 39887, 39888, 39889, 39890, 39891, 39892, 39893, 39894, 39895, 39896, 39897, 39898, 39899, 39900, 39901, 39902, 39903, 39904, 39905, 39906, 39907, 39908, 39909, 39910, 39911, 39912, 39913, 39914, 39915, 39916, 39917, 39918, 39919, 39920, 39921, 39922, 39923, 39924, 39925, 39926, 39927, 39928, 39929, 39930, 39931, 39932, 39933, 39934, 39935, 39936, 39937, 39938, 39939, 39940, 39941, 39942, 39943, 39944, 39945, 39946, 39947, 39948, 39949, 39950, 39951, 39952, 39953, 39954, 39955, 39956, 39957, 39958, 39959, 39960, 39961, 39962, 39963, 39964, 39965, 39966, 39967, 39968, 39969, 39970, 39971, 39972, 39973, 39974, 39975, 39976, 39977, 39978, 39979, 39980, 39981, 39982, 39983, 39984, 39985, 39986, 39987, 39988, 39989, 39990, 39991, 39992, 39993, 39994, 39995, 39996, 39997, 39998, 39999, 40000

Case No. 08-046 filed by DAP Investments for the proposed tenants Chipotle located at 26385 Novi Road, Casual Male located at 26385 Novi Road, and Vitamin Shoppe located at 26375 Novi Road

Case No. 08-047 filed by Dave Nona of Triangle Main Street, LLC for Main Street Phase II

In addition Petitioner is requesting 31 to locate a dumpster in the front yard of building 400 as well as 4) a 3 foot setback variance to allow the dumpster enclosure to be located 17 feet from the property line

Case No. 08-022 filed by Amarilj S. Chawdry for Villageood Condominiums LLC located at Hagarog Road and Karier Lane

Villageood LLC is requesting one sign variance for the continued placement of a fifteen square foot real estate marketing sign measuring six feet in height for Villageood Plaza

Make a Difference RECYCLE

CALLING ALL SENIORS: Check out your section of our community calendar on page 20A

Victoria Mitchell, editor (248) 349-1700, ext. 102

MY SENIOR LIFE



Happy 5th Anniversary Fox Run



Ed and Shirley Handley, who live at Fox Run, share the anniversary celebration.



Nan Pritchard celebrated the 5-year milestone with fellow residents Annette and Virginia Roscoe.



Members of Fox Run's executive team were on hand to share in the anniversary events. (l to r): Sharon Mena, director of Human Resources; Mike McCormick, executive director; Judi Donovan; regional director of General Services; Kevin Cunningham, director of Dining Services; Barbara Jablonski, director of Resident Life; Danny McNeal, director of Finance.

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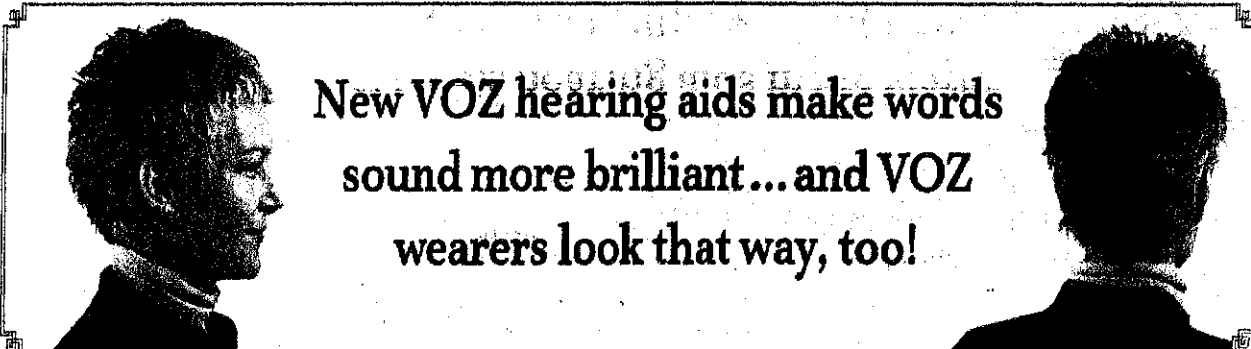
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My Novi Sports

Next Week: Changes for the KLAA fall sports

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LET THE GAMES BEGIN

■ Jr. Olympics off and running in Novi, other local areas

By Jeff Thelsen
 SPORTS WRITER

The games are officially here. The Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic games begin today in Novi and in several surrounding areas.

Rock Financial Showplace will play host to many events, from jumping rope to powerlifting to wrestling. Approximately 3,000 athletes will pass through Rock Financial Showplace during the games, which begin today and run through Aug. 2. Other events at the Showplace include cheerleading, gymnastics, Karate, table tennis, taekwondo, trampoline and tumbling and weightlifting.

Novi Middle School will also be a host site, fielding the baton twirling competition July 29-Aug. 1. Novi's own Kristen Kilger, 16, will be competing in her hometown.

Three other Novi athletes will be competing in track and field — Keena Coleman (8), Brittany Davis (17) and Scott Sansovich (17).

Other local athletes include four from Northville — Sara Wilchowski (22) in gymnastics; and Charles Anthony (13), Evan Gerish (18) and Amy Reynolds (17) in track and field.

Track and field will be held at Eastern Michigan University July 26-27.

The Celebration of Athletes, a signature event for the games, takes place 7:30 p.m. July 28 at the EMU track.

Events in other locations include baseball (July 26-Aug. 1 at six sites), boys basketball (today-Monday at Lutheran Huron and Lutheran Westland High Schools), girls basketball (Friday-July 31 at Lake Orion HS and Scripps MS), Football (today-Sunday at Livonia Community Recreation Center) and Swimming (July 29-Aug. 1 at EMU).

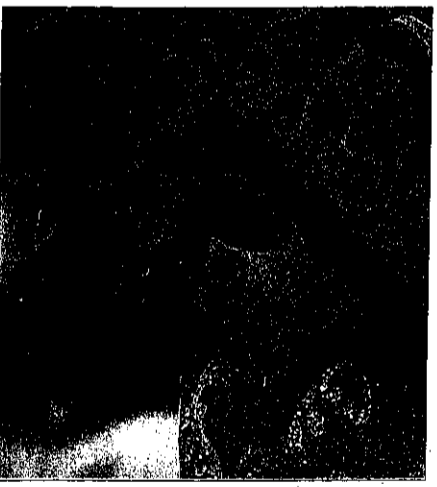
Tickets for all events are \$40 and include a ticket to the Celebration of Athletes. A day pass is \$12 and is good for all sporting venues for that day (does not include the Celebration of Athletes).

A ticket to the Celebration of Athletes is \$5.

Go to www.aajrogames.org for a schedule of all sporting events and for more information.



Photos Submitted
 Gymnastics (above), tumbling (left) and baton twirling (bottom) will all be part of the AAU Junior Olympics starting today in Novi and several surrounding areas.



NABF World Series starts today in Northville

■ CC's Chris Waterstreet looks to help Broncos against elite teams

By Jeff Thelsen
 RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The National Amateur Baseball Federation World Series arrives today in Northville for the 26th straight year.

Teams from all over the country and Canada will compete with the Northville Broncos for the title of being the best in the NABF for kids 15 and younger.

The Broncos are a team comprised mostly of incoming Northville juniors, but others on the team include Catholic Central junior Chris Waterstreet.

Northville Broncos schedule

Today	Broncos vs. Astro Falcons
Monday	Broncos vs. Long Island Titans
Tuesday	Broncos vs. Summit City Sluggers
Wednesday	Broncos vs. Summit City Sluggers
Thursday	Broncos vs. Summit City Sluggers
Friday	Broncos vs. Long Island Titans
Saturday	Broncos vs. Summit City Sluggers
Sunday	Broncos vs. Summit City Sluggers

the St. Louis Tigers, 9 a.m. at Hillside and again at 3 p.m. at the high school against the Summit City Sluggers.

Should the Broncos make it out of pool play, the Hillside fields will host the semifinals and finals Saturday.

The teams in the other pool include the Independence Diamondbacks, Long Island Titans Gold, NFWB Broncos, Long Island Mustangs and Toronto Mets.

The NFWB Broncos is another local team, featuring players from Northville, Canton and other local schools. Northville's Dan Mills is on the NFWB Broncos.

"I'm really fired up," Northville head coach Bruce Gerish said. "I'm excited because it's kind of a big stage. The kids have worked hard."

Saturday will see Northville play a pair of games. First, against

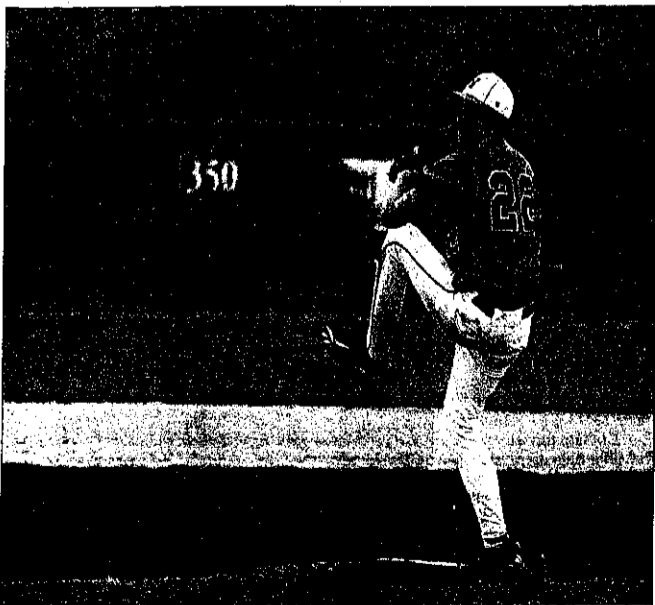


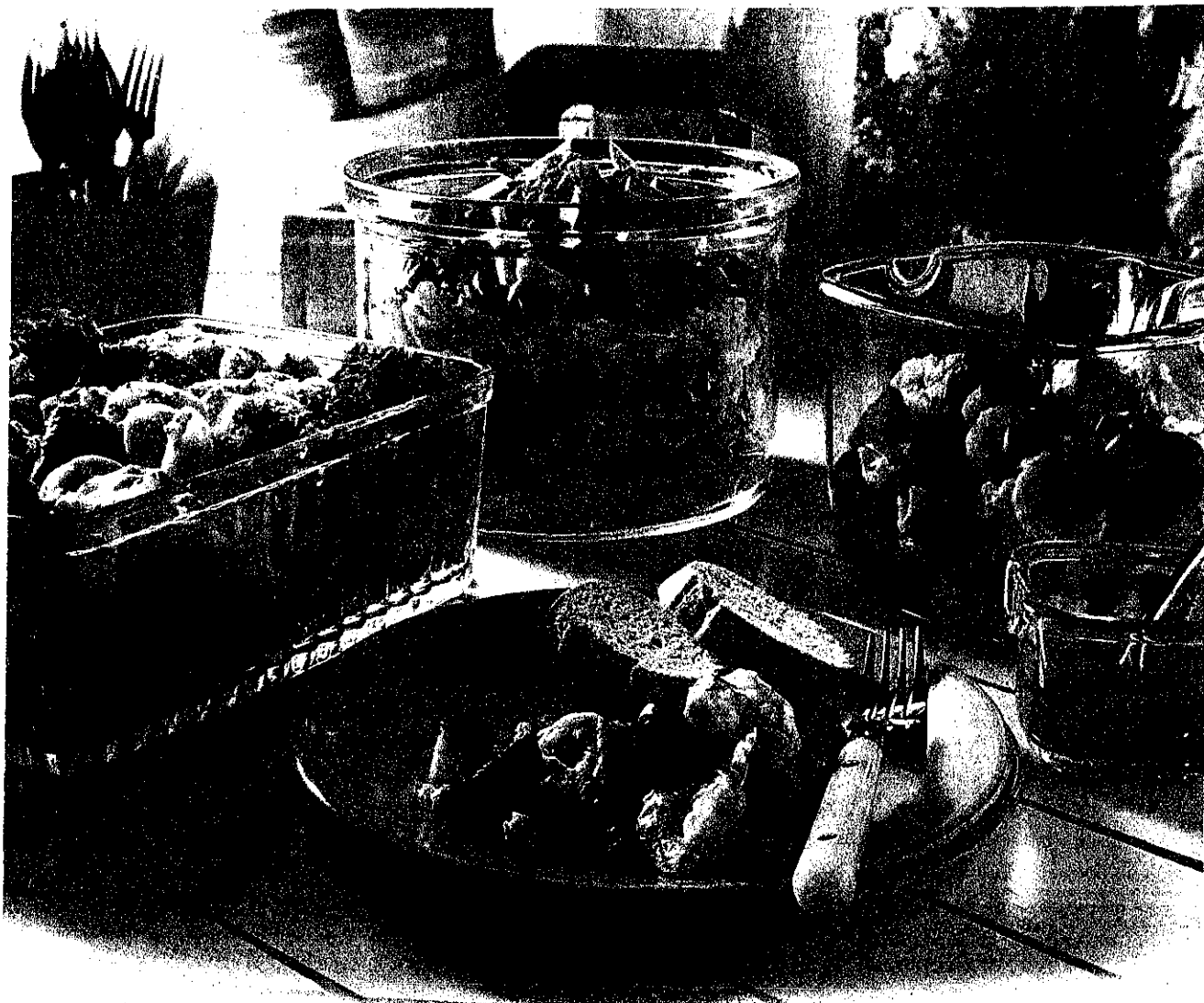
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 See BRONCOS, 2A Northville Bronco pitcher Colin Gerish gets ready to deliver a pitch.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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Picnic Time!

From left: Steak & German Potato Salad, Tex-Mex Layered Bean Salad and Greek-Style Beet Salad

FAMILY FEATURES

Whether it's a picnic at the beach or lake, in the backyard or the park, food just tastes better outdoors. So, pack up and enjoy!

This trio of chilled salads is welcome warm-weather fare and offers something for everyone ... a German potato salad and steak duo, Greek-inspired beets and shrimp, and a layered bean salad with a Tex-Mex twist. Just add crusty bread and favorite beverages, and off you go!

For dessert, it's home-baked brownies and fresh fruit from the farmers market. Moist and chocolaty brownies are made with a mix and two surprise ingredients: chipotle chile powder imparts subtle heat, and pickled beets make them extra moist and flavorful.

Picnic Primer

Make It Easy & Safe

- High quality prepared foods streamline prep time. Canned salads like German potato salad and three bean salad, plus pickled beets packed in jars, provide a delicious head start to the salad trio. For a spur of the moment picnic (or a quick meal accompaniment), don't forget they are ready to eat ... just open the can or jar.
- Pack foods in containers with tight-fitting lids or in sealable storage bags. For transporting the Steak & German Potato Salad, pack the steak strips and potato salad separately, then combine when it's time to top the packaged greens.
- Separate containers of avocado and tortilla chips can be added to the Tex-Mex Layered Bean Salad just before tossing. Pack the dressing for Greek-Style Beet Salad in a separate container for easy drizzling at serving time.
- Use plenty of frozen gel packs or ice in coolers or picnic baskets, and keep them in the shade whenever possible; open only when necessary.
- Return food to the cooler quickly after eating, within one hour, or less time, if you are in the sun.
- Visit www.senecafoods.com for additional recipes and serving suggestions.

Steak & German Potato Salad

Preparation Time: 15 minutes
Cooking Time: 15 minutes

- 1 can (15 ounces) Read German Potato Salad
- 2 tablespoons coarse ground Dijon-style mustard
- 1/2 pound boneless top sirloin steak, cut 1 inch thick
- 1 bag (10 ounces) hearts of romaine lettuce

- Stir together potato salad and mustard in medium bowl; set aside.
- Heat medium nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Place steak in skillet and cook about 15 minutes until medium rare doneness (145°F); turn occasionally.
- Cool steak. Carve diagonally across grain into 1/4-inch-thick slices; reserve. Just before serving, gently toss steak with potato salad. Serve over greens.

Makes 4 servings

Note: Recipe can be doubled.

Tex-Mex Layered Bean Salad

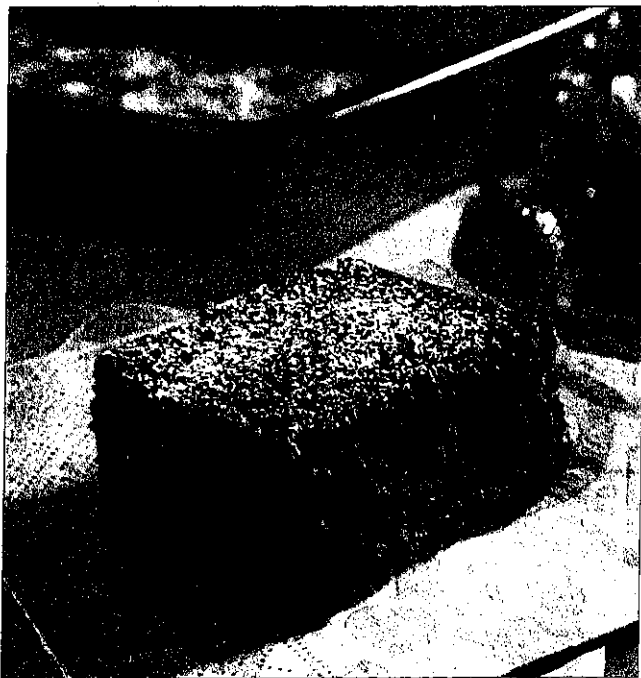
Preparation Time: 20 minutes
Chilling Time: up to 8 hours

- 1 large red or yellow bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1/3 cup chopped red onion
- 1 bag (16 ounces) Iceberg lettuce, carrot and cabbage salad mix
- 1 cup shredded Mexican cheese blend
- 2 cans (15 ounces each) Read Three Bean Salad, drained
- 1/2 cup low-fat mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup low-fat sour cream
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped chipotle peppers in adobo sauce
- 1/2 cup crumbled tortilla chips (optional)
- 1 small avocado, sliced (optional)

- In 3-1/2-quart salad bowl or soufflé dish (preferably straight-sided) layer salad as follows: bell pepper, onion, lettuce, cheese and three bean salad.
- Mix together the mayonnaise, sour cream and chipotle peppers. Spread over top of salad. Cover and refrigerate up to 8 hours.
- Just before serving, sprinkle top with chips and sliced avocado, if desired. Toss to serve.

Makes 8 to 10 servings (about 12 cups)

Note: Read Four Bean Salad can be substituted for Three Bean Salad.



Chipotle Beet Brownies

Greek-Style Beet Salad

Preparation Time: 15 minutes
Chilling Time: 2 hours

- 1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Whole Pickled Beets, drained
- 1/4 cup pitted Kalamata olives, halved
- 1/2 pound medium cooked shrimp, peeled, tails removed
- 1/2 cup seeded, chopped cucumber
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1 tablespoon snipped fresh dill

- Drain beets well; cut into quarters. Combine beets and olives in medium bowl. Top with combined shrimp and cucumber. Sprinkle with feta; refrigerate, covered, until chilled.
- To serve, sprinkle with dill, and drizzle with vinaigrette, as desired.

Makes 4 servings

Note: Recipe can be doubled.

Chipotle Beet Brownies

Preparation Time: 15 minutes
Cooking Time: 28 to 30 minutes

- 1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Sliced Pickled Beets
- 1 box (19.5 ounces) milk chocolate brownie mix
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon ground chipotle chile powder
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips or chunks
- Confectioners' sugar (optional)

- Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray bottom of 9 x 13-inch pan with nonstick cooking spray. Drain beets, reserving 1/4 cup liquid. Combine beets and reserved liquid in blender or food processor. Puree until smooth; set aside.

- Combine brownie mix, oil, eggs, pureed beets and chile powder in large mixing bowl; stir 50 strokes with spoon. Stir in chocolate chips. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 28 to 30 minutes as directed on package. Remove from oven; cool. Lightly dust with confectioners' sugar, if desired.

Makes 24 brownies