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Fall season features orange barrels

Construction survival guide

By Chris Jackett
 STAFF WRITER

With the first day of fall near- ing, leaves are about to start changing colors to red, brown and orange. But orange will also line the roadways in Novi as several of the city's 2008 road construction projects remain incomplete.

"The time required to get a signed contract after a project is awarded varies a lot, usually because of the unpredictable amount of time that's needed for a contractor to get performance/pay- ment bonds and insurance certificates that meet the city's require- ments," said Novi City Engineer Rob Hayes. "Until a contract is signed, we can only make our best guess on project start dates."

Improvements at the 10 Mile and Beck roads intersection, delayed from 2007, began work Aug. 27 and will run through October, although it was resched- uled to take place earlier this year. In addition to being repaved, all

avenues will be widened to accommodate a right-turn lane and traffic signals will be improved.

"Because occasional lane clo- sures will occur during the course of this project, drivers may wish to seek an alternate route over the next five- to six-week period," Hayes said.

A similar change will take place at 11 Mile and Meadowbrook roads this week as construction is set to begin to add a new signal and right-turn lane for west-to- north-bound vehicles on the east side of the intersection. The proj-

ect is slated for completion by the end of the month, and will make the intersection identical for traffic in both directions.

The most notable intersection receiving change is at Wixom Road, along Grand River Avenue and at the Interstate 96 inter- change. The Michigan Department of Transportation will continue working on the new expressway interchange before making it fully accessible in November. It will be constructed

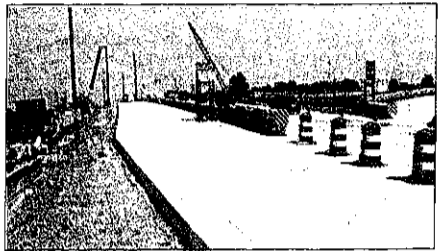


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Please see **ORANGE, 4A** Work continues at Interstate 96 and Wixom Road.



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Providence Park Hospital's Director of Women's Services Rochelle Igrisan, right, hugs a surprised Karla Walker after the mother learned the hospital began a \$5,000 Michigan Educational Trust fund for her newborn daughter, Wisdom Love Walker, who was Providence's first baby.

Novi's Providence Park Hospital rejoices opening

By Kelly Murad
 STAFF WRITER

Opening weekend brought excitement, patients and Wisdom to Novi's Providence

Park Hospital last week. "We were very busy, but it's been the smoothest opening we could have anticipated," said Providence Park Hospital President Rob Casalou. "There are

a few bugs to work out in terms of materials being in the right place at the right time, but I can't say we've had any major issues." St. John Health invested \$229 million into the state-of-the-art

hospital, located on the southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand

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Feedback sought for Beck road development

By Kelly Murad
 STAFF WRITER

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As promised, developers of the north- and southwest corners of 10 Mile and Beck roads are hold- ing a follow-up meeting with resi- dents of neighboring subdivisions to discuss potential uses for the currently vacant properties.

About 15 representatives from surrounding neighborhoods attended the first meeting, Aug. 14, which introduced four devel- opment options for the 24-acre property on the northwest corner.

The proposed plans consist of a residential development; a combi- nation of commercial and residen- tial; a commercial center with active parkland; or a commercial center with passive parkland.

The upcoming meeting, which is 7 p.m. Monday at the Novi Civic Center, will provide residents an opportunity to share input with the developers and planners.

"After we have this meeting, we'll have a temperature, a direc- tion from the homeowners, then we'll submit plans to the city," said Rick Rosin, managing member of Ten & Beck, LLC, who owns the property. "This property is going to be brought to closure."

The three proposed plans includ- ing commercial development call for a five-acre neighborhood com- mercial center, consisting of four buildings with suggested uses such as a pharmacy, stand-alone restau- rant and commercial retail.

"Our plan is to do a first-class neighborhood center," Rosin said. Two of the proposed plans sug- gest the remaining 19 acres adja-

cent to surrounding subdivisions be used as either active or passive parkland.

"There was quite a bit of space between the five acres and the start of residential property," said John Lesko of Greenwood Oaks subdivision.

Lesko was one of the attendees of the first meeting and is hopeful there will be a greater turnout at Monday's meeting.

"We've owned the property for over 10 years and have considered different development options," said David Goldberg, land develop- ment coordinator of Ten & Beck, LLC. "During those 10 years, we've listened to a lot of the con- cerns the residents have had with developing that corner. We feel the plan addresses their concerns." The computer images of the development rendered ample green space and the use of high- quality materials and design guidelines for the site.

If support is not gained for the five-acre commercial development, the property, which is currently zoned R-1, single-family residen- tial, will be developed with 30-35 lots of homes around \$200,000.

As for the four-acre property on the southwest corner, Rosin and Goldberg said they are currently considering a 13,000-square-foot professional building. Rosin is estimating anywhere from 50-100 people in attendance at Monday's meeting.

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Southern BBQ arrives in Novi

By Chris Jackett
 STAFF WRITER

Opening its doors the final Thursday in August, Virginia Barbeque found itself packed full of hungry customers during its Labor Day weekend grand opening.

"It's been so busy," said owner Sharon Byrd. "It's been great feedback on the food."

Virginia Barbeque opened its first Michigan location in the Pheasant Run Plaza on Grand River Avenue, west of Haggeny Road, to hoards of hungry locals looking for a taste of the south.

Armed with an array of chick- en, beef and pork, Virginia Barbeque satisfied the crowds with its brand of tomato-based, smoky sweet Virginia barbecue sauce and North Carolina-style vinegar-based barbecue sauce with spices.

"We're quick-serve barbecue. We specialize in barbecue. All our meat is smoked in a smokehouse in North Carolina," Byrd said. "My husband and I, we lived in the south for five and a half years. We always loved southern food."

Adding extra flavor and style to the menu, Virginia Barbeque

offers several traditional comfort foods like roasted red-skinned potato salad, homemade coleslaw, collard greens, hush puppies and macaroni and cheese as side dishes. It also offers racks of St. Louis- style ribs and the "coleslaw top- ping off a sandwich" option that is popular in the south and similar to a pickle with a sandwich.

Although the venue is small, offering just 24 on-site seats, it does offer carry-out dining and pickup-only catering options.

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Novi's Virginia Barbeque restaurant owner Sharon Byrd, right, stands with the company's president Rick Ivey.

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ITC sends crews to assist with power restoration in Gulf Coast communities

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ITC Holdings Corp. sent emergency field crews from its Michigan and Iowa operations to Louisiana to assist with power restoration efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Gustav. The Gulf Coast storm, which hit last Monday, left more than 1.9 million residents in Louisiana without electricity. More than 90,000 households in neighboring Mississippi were also without power.

ITC subsidiaries ITC Transmission, Michigan Electric Transmission Company and ITC Midwest sent 37 linemen from Michigan to work on transmission restoration in Louisiana. The crews, normally stationed in Michigan and Iowa, will spend up to two weeks in the Gulf state working on line and station repairs.

"ITC is an active participant in utility mutual assistance in the Midwest. We take pride in assisting in emergency relief efforts outside our service territories as a critical contribution to national security and well being," said Jon E. Jipping, executive vice president and COO of ITC. "The faster storm-ravaged communities can be reconnected to the electric grid, the faster their residents can return to normalcy. Anyone who has lost power on even a momentary basis understands how essential electricity is in day-to-day life."

"We are proud to be part of the national effort to help restore essential services to the storm-battered Gulf Coast."

Novi Theatres Senior Variety Series presents "Remember When... The Game Show of the Century!"

Act fast to enjoy "Remember When... The Game Show of the Century," presented by the City of Novi. The annual Novi Theatres production is always a fan favorite as 50 prime-time performers have been rehearsing throughout the summer, getting ready to dazzle the audience with songs from days gone by.

On the same day, Macy's will offer entertainment, special events and a chance to win a \$500 Macy's shopping spree.

The library receives 100 percent of the proceeds from the sale of the passes.

Passes are available at the library during regular library hours.

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Coffee and Conversation

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Presented by state and local tax experts John Neberke and Tom Kenny, the presentation will touch on one of the most important issues all small businesses must address - taxes. Learn how to work with the new business tax and what may be coming in the near future.

For further information, contact Cindy Uglow, neighborhood and small business manager at (248) 347-0437 or via email at cuglow@cityofnovi.org.

For more information about doing business in Novi, visit investnovi.org.

Macy's 'Shop for the Cause' benefits the Novi Public Library

Area residents will have the opportunity next week to shop at Macy's and raise money for the Novi Public Library.

For Macy's "Shop for the Cause" program, shoppers buy a \$5 shopping pass at the Novi Public Library, then take it to the Macy's store at Twelve Oaks Mall Saturday, Sept. 20, and receive savings of 10-20 percent on most merchandise in the store, including sale items.

Ten percent will be deducted from furniture and mattresses; and 20 percent will be taken off a wide variety of clothing, accessories and home goods.

Intelligence members will also have a chance to compete in a trivia contest for a prize.

There are a limited number of tickets still available for both the luncheon and matinee performances:

• Luncheon today, Sept. 19, \$20
• Noon Thursday, Sept. 18, \$20
• Noon Friday, Sept. 12, \$20
• Noon Friday, Sept. 19, \$20

Matinee performances:
• 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, \$15
• 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, \$15

Tickets may be purchased online or at the Novi Parks box office, buy 15 or more tickets and get one free for same performance. All performances will be at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, between 7 and 8 p.m.

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A sample of the lunch-time fare at Novi's latest barbecue restaurant includes: Virginia-style pulled pork and hush puppies, left, and half a slab of St. Louis-style ribs.

BBQ

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The restaurant fits right in with the other food locations in the plaza in offering a quick-stop spot for employees of businesses along the Grand River Avenue and Haggerty Road corridors.

"Pheasant Run Plaza is a great destination for people for lunch. It's like a little community," Byrd said of her business' relationship with nearby venues such as Kentucky Fried Chicken and Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches.

Although the venue is the first in Michigan, Byrd has franchise rights to open several more along a territory spanning from Ann Arbor to Troy along Michigan 14 and Interstates 275 and 696. She said other entrepreneurs can franchise locations from her to speed up the process, but she hopes to open 13 more Virginia Barbecue locations in metro Detroit in the future.

"We're at least a year away from the second one," she said. "It's on a scale where it's relatively simple to run. It's all about the food."

"People will want to bring their own camp food for Friday evening, but the breakfast will be provided," Smith said.

The event will include a variety of activities, including games, crafts, camp fires, marshmallow roasting, scout demonstrations and inflatables, among others.

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Smith said those who wish to participate in the activities from 6-10 p.m. Friday, but not camp out, will be required to pay \$5 per car and will not be entered into the drawing to win tents and other prizes from Dick's Sporting Goods.

Currently, Smith said there are about 30 people registered, including the three scout troops, and his goal is 75.

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Novi springs into fall with family-friendly events

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Summer may be coming to an end, but the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department has organized a variety of family-friendly activities geared toward the fall.

For a complete list of activities and events, visit www.cityofnovi.org.

Family Camp Out

Battle of the Bands

Check out the four bands competing at Fireup Fest 2008, Sept. 12:

- Greenlin**
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Checking in Cold
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Fall Family Camp Out

Just because summer vacation is over, doesn't mean camping season is. The Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is hosting the first Fall Family Camp Out at Lakeshore Park.

"This is the first time ever we've been able to camp at Lakeshore Park," said Recreation Supervisor Derek Smith. "As much time as I've spent at Lakeshore Park, I've never been able to camp there, so I'm kind of looking forward to it."

"It's also going to be my 6-month-old son's first camping experience. He's going to be the Grand Marshal of the event."

Campers are invited to pitch a tent on the soccer field 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19 through 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20.

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Boys from Cub Scout Pack 1249 of Novi, Walled Lake and Farmington Hills, are participating in the event.

"They're all very excited," said Pack 1249 committee chair Lisa Dixon, of Novi. "We are a small pack, but as far as I know, all of them are planning on attending."

"We're going to have more entertainment for them," said Malley Wetters, recreation coordinator of the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department. "It's getting bigger and better and building on last year's event."

Along with food, the event includes Battle of the Bands, giveaways, inflatables and a bonfire.

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as a mirror image of the Beck Road and I-96 interchange located about one mile east and currently used as the detour route for the Wixom Road exit. Both exit ramps on the east side of Wixom Road have already opened for public use.

"Half of the new bridge is complete, which allows two-way traffic on Wixom Road over I-96," Hayes said. "The new on-ramp to eastbound I-96 is open to traffic, as is the westbound I-96 off-ramp to Wixom Road."

Repaving

Several roadways and neighborhood streets throughout the city are, or will be, undergoing repaving as their aged, outdated or pot-hole filled surfaces receive a needed facelift.

Crowe Drive from Novi Road to Ingersol Drive and Ingersol Drive from Crowe Drive north to Crescent Boulevard will receive work starting this week, giving the backward "L" a needed upgrade along the western outskirts of Novi Town Center. The two-month project will be complete in October as a result of the delayed start.

Orchard Hills Place, which runs from Jlagerty Road through to Eight Mile Road near the northwestern corner of the intersection is under construction with a completion date later this month.

Sunnybrook Lane, east of Whitehall Lane, was completed last week, connecting with the revamped portion west of Whitehall Lane to Beck Road taking place earlier this year.

Other neighborhood road improvements slated for October completion include Lydgate Court and Plaisance Boulevard, at the southeastern entrance to Dunbarton Pines, north of Nine Mile Road.

Also, Galway Drive from Nine Mile Road to Windemere Court, Worcester Drive from Daleview Drive to Princeton Boulevard and Dartmoor Street west of Galway Drive will all see improvements, which may cause congestion in the Lexington Green and Bradford of Novi subdivisions south of

Nine Mile Road, between Beck and Taft roads.

"The portion of Galway that's being done is west of the segment that was done last year," Hayes said.

Hayes said the city was budgeted to spend about \$5 million in 2008 road projects, which does not include the Wixom Road interchange as its a MDOT project taking place in the city of Wixom.

Off-road action

Also starting this week, four strips of sidewalk will be paved as part of the city's long-term connection plan. The project was estimated to begin in July, and the late start may drive the completion date into mid-November.

"There was a delay in awarding the contract and more delays in getting the contract executed," Hayes said. "Our construction season typically ends in mid-November. That's when the weather turns lousy, asphalt plants close and contractors go deer hunting."

The four sidewalk segments include the north side of 10 Mile Road from Wildcat Drive to Taft Road; the south side of 10 Mile Road from Meadowbrook Road to just west of Quince Drive where there aren't sidewalks present; the north side of 11 Mile Road, 300 feet west of Meadowbrook Road; and the west side of Bramblewood Drive, south of Cider Mill Road for 250 feet.

Future fun

Next year will bring two major projects to Novi, along I-96 and Novi Road.

MDOT safety improvements and rehabilitation to the "spaghetti bowl" region that includes Interstates 96, 696 and 275, along with improvements to the I-96 and Novi Road ramps, will begin in 2009 and stretch from Novi Road east to Halsted Road in Farmington Hills.

The Road Commission for Oakland County will begin work on Novi Road between Main Street and 10 Mile Road in late 2009, widening the road to five lanes while a bridge is constructed over the CSX Railroad tracks.

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River Avenue, which opened with 100 beds last Friday.

"We opened right at 6 a.m. and we had a patient arrive just before 6 a.m.," Casalou said. "We had three or four surgeries in a row, then we had the first baby."

Karla Walker, 34, of Detroit gave birth to Wisdom Love Walker, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, at 9:59 a.m.

"Rob provided (on behalf of the hospital) a \$5,000 college savings plan and our credit union started a \$1,000 savings account in her name," said Lou Martin, account executive of marketing and public relations for Providence Park Hospital.

Local businesses provided the family with diapers and formula to honor Providence Park Hospital's first born child.

As of Monday, 13 babies had been delivered at the Novi facility.

"September is the busiest birthing month of the year," Casalou said. "We had eight moms go into labor here (the first day)."

Aside from the third floor labor and delivery unit, the emergency room also saw a high traffic volume over the weekend.

"Right now, the volume of our ER has gone up 50 percent," Casalou said, with records showing 111 visits Friday, 124 Saturday and 125 Sunday. "The EMS providers in the area have been waiting for us to open."

Currently, the hospital qualifies as a Level II trauma center, with a chest pain area right inside the emergency room to determine whether or not a patient is having a heart attack or stroke.

"We've had all our firsts, but we haven't had the first death," Casalou said Monday.

Over the course of six months, the hospital will phase in the next 100 beds, and eventually, if needed, will expand to accommodate an additional 68.

"If I have one worry, it is that the demand on this facility will outpace its capacity," Casalou said. "I think the volume is going

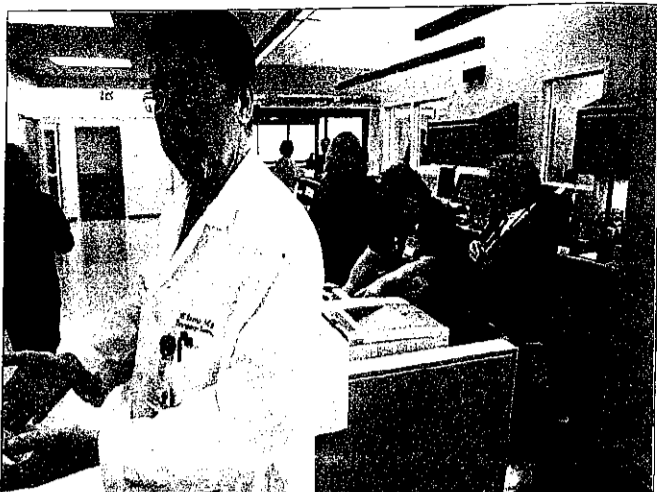


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Dr. Martin Harris, a coordinator of the Emergency Services Department at Novi's Providence Park Hospital, talks about the hospital's capabilities on its first day of operation.

to keep picking up every day. I think the quietest day will always be yesterday."

The hospital was constructed with double corridors to keep the health care activities and supplies separate from the visitors, a concept Casalou said was adopted from the Disney Institute, called onstage-offstage.

The state-of-the-art facility was also designed with a higher level of technology and acuity-adaptable equipment, meaning the patient can remain in the same room throughout their stay, no matter their condition.

"Our acuity-adaptable is working just as planned," Casalou said. "We have invested our energy being on the cutting edge of eliminating errors. It's important because one source of errors is from patient transfers. It's a proven safer method of care."

Construction began on the 500,000-square-foot facility in October 2005.

The hospital is just one piece

of Novi's Providence Park Campus, which is surrounded by a 1.6-mile serene path for walking or biking through the natural woods and wetlands of the property.

The 200-acre campus is composed of six separate buildings, including the existing medical center, the Assarian Cancer Center, Providence Park Hospital, the Novi

Orthopaedic Center (including The Bone and Joint Surgery Center of Novi), the Neurosciences Institute and Park Medical Office building, and Staybridge Suites hotel.

Once complete, total employment on the campus is projected to be about 2,000.

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Armed robbery suspect steels \$28 from Mobil station

By Kelly Murad
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The suspect in last Wednesday's armed robbery of a Novi Mobil Gas Station was expected to appear in front of Judge Robert Bondy of the 52-1 District Court yesterday, for a pre-arrest conference, said Novi Police Chief David Molloy.



Kenneth Carson
Sept. 3, the Novi Police

Department received a call from a gas station clerk of the Grand River Avenue and Novi Road business, who said he had just been robbed.

According to reports, a male suspect, fitting the description of Carson, entered the gas station, walked up to the sales counter and pulled his shirt tight to show what the clerk described as a gun in his waistband.

After demanding what was later identified as \$28, the suspect fled the gas station in a gold Dodge Intrepid.

About 20 minutes, later police received a call reporting an improperly parked Dodge Intrepid about a block away from Carson's residence, Molloy said. Officers determined the vehicle was registered to a resident of the complex and the owner's son matched the description of the robbery suspect.

With the assistance of the South Oakland Narcotic Intelligence Consortium, Carson was arrested as he exited the apartment. A search warrant for Carson's residence on Little Rapids Court was obtained through the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office. "We recovered the weapon, as well as a couple of other handguns, and the money that was taken," Molloy said.

According to reports, Carson confessed to the crime through interviews with Novi investigators. Armed robbery is a felony and carries a penalty of imprisonment for life or any number of years. Carson was arraigned Sept. 4 at the 52-1 District Court in front of the Judge Michael Batchik and was lodged at the Oakland County Jail in Pontiac. Bond was set at \$20,000.

Novi police investigators seek home invasion suspect

Novi police ask residents to be on the lookout for an unknown suspect wanted in connection to a string of home invasions.

The suspect threatened to harm the homeowner and a weapon was implied, but none shown. The suspect is described as:

- White Male in his late 20's or early 30's
- About 6 feet tall, weighing about 180 to 200 pounds
- Shaved or crew cut, light brown hair
- Possibly has a scar on his right cheek
- Last seen wearing a white T-shirt with cut off blue jean shorts

The suspect is believed to have been driving a two-door forest green 1990s style Chevrolet or GMC Jimmy. The vehicle has a 10-inch oval hole in the driver's seat worn through to the cushion and the plastic strip on the chrome bumper is missing. A similar vehicle is shown at right.



Submitted photo
Photo of a truck similar to the one driven by a suspect wanted for a string of home invasions.

Trial opens against man accused of killing wife in Novi nearly 11 years ago

By L.L. Brasier
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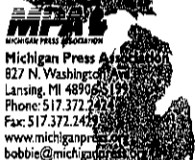
An Oakland County prosecutor laid out his case against former Davisburg resident Daniel Pittao, saying Pittao's fury over his wife's decision to divorce him led him to kill her in her Novi apartment more than 10 years ago.

But defense attorney Richard Convertino argued that investigation from the beginning viewed Pittao as the sole suspect, "through a prism of guilt" and failed to properly investigate the case, mishandling evidence and steering clear of evidence that might have cleared him.

The defendant, Daniel Pittao, Townsend said, pointing at Pittao at the defense table. But Convertino ticked off on his fingers the lack of physical evidence - no fingerprints, no DNA, no hair, no fibers - placing Pittao in the apartment, and said other people had keys to the front door. A crew of workmen were in the apartment directly above Tamara Pittao's unit the day she was killed, he said. Yet none were interviewed. And there were two wine glasses in her kitchen sink, with fingerprints that did not belong to Daniel Pittao. Plus, police were never able to determine the origin of two hairs found

in the dried blood on Tamara Pittao's blouse. "Instead, they said, 'Let's put the square peg in the round hole and make it fit,'" Convertino said. "They never looked beyond my client."

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Pittao, 49, a former account representative with Johnson Controls, sat taking notes during the first day of testimony in his open murder trial in Oakland County Circuit Court. He is charged with beating, then slashing the throat of Tamara Pittao, 30, in her Novi apartment on Nov. 24, 1997. Police found her body there three days later.

Prosecutor Gregory Townsend told jurors there were no signs of forced entry and Pittao, who had a history of assaultive behavior, was the only one with a motive to harm her. She had filed a personal protection order against him four months earlier and told friends she feared he would harm her. "Tamara Pittao had only one enemy in the world, and that was

He went on trial in January, but the jury deadlocked and a mistrial was declared. This trial is before Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Michael Warren. It is expected to last two to four weeks.

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MY BUSINESS

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Destination Novi offers unique glimpse of city's economic development

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Despite economic hardships across the country, Novi has been able to keep its head above water by bringing in new businesses and residents. The newest program, Destination Novi, will have its maiden run next Thursday to aid in continuing the city's economic growth.

"The goal is to bring site selectors, the Realtors, the brokers to the city of Novi to talk about the hurdles to get projects done," said Ara Topouzian, Novi's economic

development manager. "It was part of an early list of projects and activities we wanted to accomplish as a city. It's something that hasn't been done in Novi before. It's not a new concept, but it's one Novi hasn't done."

Destination Novi will take place 3:30-7 p.m. Sept. 18 and offer a unique look at the city's more recent economic developments.

A two-hour bus tour will begin at Rock Financial Showplace and visit Ryder System, JTC Holdings, Twelve Mile Crossing



at Fountain Walk, Toyota Boshoku America and St. John Providence Park Hospital before

circling back to Rock Financial Showplace for drinks and appetizers during an informal networking session.

"We wanted to showcase the city of Novi and, in particular, these six developments. For no reason other than they're recent, different and presented their own challenges during development," Topouzian said. "The point is to bring in the decision makers or those who help with decision making to show them why they should bring their business to Novi."

The event is being coordinated

with the city by the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties, as Rock Financial Showplace and the Oakland Business Review are also sponsoring portions of the day.

Topouzian said the 50-person bus is nearly full, and encourages those interested in joining Destination Novi to register online by Friday at www.investnovi.org or call NAIOP at (248) 508-0270 for more information. The event costs \$50 and, although space is limited, a second bus is available if

enough people register.

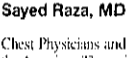
"The tour is for people to see Novi, understand what was involved with the development and ask questions to city officials," Topouzian said. "It is open to everyone. We do have people signed up who are not brokers or auditors. I assume there will naturally be some networking going on. There will be a developer and city official on the bus to answer questions."

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NEWSMAKERS

Pulmonary medicine physician joins Botsford staff

Sayed Raza, M.D. joins the medical staff at Botsford Hospital. Raza is board-certified in internal medicine, pulmonary disease and sleep medicine. He is a fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians and a member of the American Thoracic Society. He will practice at Pulmonary and Critical Care Specialists located at



Sayed Raza, MD

39650 Orchard Hill Place in Novi. The office number is (248) 449-7010.

Cassis serves as chair of Rules Committee

State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-*Novi*) was recently sworn in by Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Cliff Taylor as chair of the Rules Committee for the



Nancy Cassis

Michigan Republican State convention in Novi.

Greenlee named vice president of operations

Art Greenlee of Northville has assumed the position of vice president of operations and chief administrative officer at Garden City Hospital.

He will oversee 28 functional areas of the hospital, including the Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan, Sports Rehabilitation Center, Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Center, Respiratory Therapy, Emergency Department, Laboratory, Community Service and Imaging Services.

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Novi spa-salon takes 'green' to a whole new level

Gjeto's new eco-friendly facility

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

John (Gjeto) and Eva Vushaj were ahead of the curve when they first came up with the idea to open an eco-friendly spa.

"I have three kids, and I always believed you have to try to preserve the environment for your kids," John Vushaj said. "We saw the eco-theme as more natural, and we saw a need for that."

But when Gjeto's Salon and Day Spa originally opened in Fountain Walk in 2002, people weren't practicing nearly as many green techniques as they are today.

"When we first started a spa, we knew we wanted a green spa, but it was difficult because a lot of companies didn't offer the products, so it would have been more costly then," Vushaj said. "A lot of companies have joined the effort, so the products are not much more expensive (than regular products)."

Now, six years later, Gjeto's has opened a 3,000-square-foot

eco-friendly facility in the same complex, which is now called Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk.

"I like the location. We were one of the first tenants here," Vushaj said. "Fountain Walk has had its ups and downs, but it's a success story."

"We just needed a little bit of extra space."

The entire facility was built to be environmentally green, organic and vegan-friendly.

"No one has ever done this to this extent," Vushaj said. "It's not only the spa, we've taken the efforts as far as the laundry detergents, our building is eco-friendly."

From the paint on the walls, to the lighting and air conditioning, and limiting the use of plastic containers, Gjeto's establishment shows regard for the environment.

"It does add cost, but long term it's to improve the health for ourselves, as well as our clients," Vushaj said. "Our clients are savvy, they know what they are looking for. They understand their surroundings and want to know how it affects the environment."

Although some may question how green is green? Vushaj said it's as true green as you can get.

"The concept of it is cool," Vushaj said. "We use a lot of sea-

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John Vushaj
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Vushaj said one of the difficulties in using products that are either organic, vegan-friendly, fragrance- or toxin-free, is they have a shorter shelf-life.

"One of the hardest things I found is to find a product line that meets organic standards for hair coloring," Vushaj said, explaining the standard is 85 percent of the ingredients must be organic. "The results are the same, just the effects are more gentle."

On par with other high-end salon and day spas, Gjeto's offers a variety of services, which range in prices, including hair care, cosmetic services, hand and foot rituals, massage therapies and facial rituals, among others.

"It (the building) took a little bit longer time-wise, and it took a little bit more cost-wise, but our clients appreciate that," Vushaj said. "It shows in results. Our business is very consistent."

Gjeto's also offers specific services catered toward men, who Vushaj said make up about 20 percent of the clientele.

"You have to offer certain things just to get them in. It makes a lot of guys feel more comfortable," he said.

As a Northville resident, and former Novi resident, Vushaj said the majority of the family business' clientele is local.

"Our prices are very competitive," he said. "We understand the state of the economy so we want to make sure we stay affordable for the clients."



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Lily Camaj applies a seaweed self-heating mask to the face of Nicole Dado at Novi's Gjeto's Salon & Day Spa.



Nicole Dado gets painted with the seaweed self-heating mask at Novi's Gjeto's Salon and Day Spa. The mask contains salt and seaweed from France's Brittany coast.

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Fireup Fest 2008, Tastefest attract students

Novi Parks and Recreation, in partnership with Music Go Round, will put on the second Fireup Fest at about 9:30 a.m. (after the Novi High School football game) on Friday, Sept. 12. The Fest, held at Eli's Mac Power Park, will run until 11:45 p.m. and will be open to high school students only for an admission price of \$5. The event will feature food, giveaways, a battle of the bands, inflatable attractions, a bonfire and more. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend by volunteering. If you would like to volunteer, call Malley Welbers at the Parks office, (248) 347-0400.

Class NOTES

All-Sports Pass now on sale

The Novi Athletic Boosters are again selling the All Sports Pass, which entitles entrance to all regular season home games for the entire school year. Cost is \$30 for individuals or \$140 for a family pass.

Contact Michael J. Jurewski at mjuresk@noviathletics.com or visit www.noviathletics.com for more information.

Novi High School Band Boosters

Fanfare
The Novi High School Band Boosters will host "FANFARE" 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13. At this time, 15 high schools are scheduled to attend this competitive marching band event. It will be an exciting day of music and drill and serves as an important fundraiser for the Novi High School Marching Band. Adult ticket prices are \$6, seniors and students are \$4 and children under 4 years old are free.

Fall Can and Bottle Drive
The Novi High School Band Boosters are holding the annual fall bottle drive to benefit the Novi High School Marching Band. Students and parents will begin collecting cans and bottles door-to-door beginning at 9 a.m. and finishing around 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20. Donations of cans and bottles may also be dropped at Boosters' Supermarket, 41840 W. 10 Mile Road and are greatly appreciated.

Novi Athletic Boosters September meeting

The Novi Athletic Boosters September meeting will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, in room 160 inside Novi High School. Meetings cover the various fundraising efforts of the Boosters, along with updates on activities at the high and middle schools.

The Novi Athletic Boosters raise funds to support Novi Wildcat student athletes at Novi High and Novi Middle schools. Proceeds are used to purchase uniforms, equipment, training and to allow more students to participate at a higher level.

Novi High School Wildcat Tastefest

Back by popular demand, the Novi High School Wildcat Tastefest will be held Friday, Sept. 26, during the Novi versus South Lyon football game. The Tastefest starts at 5 p.m. and runs until the end of the game. Participating restaurants include: Bob's Mongolian Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Pizza Marcelous, Famous Dave's, Subway and Cold Stone Creamery. Food will also be available at the NIS Competition Stand. Christmas's Face Painting will also be at the event.

For more information, contact Lynda Favorite at lyndafav@aol.com or Kara Mandaville at yoga3@aol.com.

Walled Lake Schools host Bocce Bash Benefit

The Foundation for Excellence-Walled Lake Schools is hosting a "Bocce Bash" fundraiser from 7-11 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13. The event will be held at Palazzo di Bocce, 4291 S. Lapeer Road in Lake Orion.

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Elementary renovations complete, additions progressing

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Students at Orchard Hills, Parkview and Village Oaks elementary schools are back in school, but plenty has changed.

The three schools underwent classroom renovations over the summer, providing each with several new amenities.

"Teachers just feel like it's a new room. Some of the rooms got new carpeting, some got dividers," said Orchard Hills Principal Paul LePiae. "They went into all the classrooms and ripped down the ceiling tiles and grids. This lighting system will even increase our savings more." In addition to new ceiling tiles and more energy-efficient lighting that have a motion-censor detector, the classrooms also received new cupboards, sinks and drinking fountains. The second- and fourth-grade classrooms also received new desks.

"Teachers have been struggling in terms of good storage," LePiae said. "I was very pleased in terms of the contractors coming through."

Although the refreshing upgrade was completed over the summer, all three schools are still being worked on as a new wing, which will include a gym, music and art rooms, is being added on to each school. The project should be complete by Oct. 24 and will give the students more room to exercise and practice the arts.

"It'll give us a lot more flexibility when we have our lunch. Now we have the opportunity to have gym during lunch time. The scheduling should be easier for special."

"We used to have to cancel gym classes if we wanted to hold assemblies. The gym class can use the cafeteria where they have been when we need the gym for an assembly."

LePiae, who has been at Orchard Hills since 1986, said the designated art and music rooms are a huge step from programs that once offered a mobile art cart and have since resided in a standard classroom or the community room.

"It's probably double (the size of) what we have now. Prior to this, we just used classrooms," he said. "Now we have a room designated and outfitted to be an art and music room."

The art and music rooms are located across the hall from one another and appear as mirror images, except the art room has a smaller room designated for a kiln, which heats pottery—a tool the elementary has never had. The new wing is located next to the first-grade classrooms on the northwest corner at Orchard Hills.

"I've seen a lot of renovations in the 22 years I've been principal and this one takes the cake," LePiae said. "Even though the building's 50 years old, it's been renovated four times since I've been principal. It's been a challenge, but always keeping focused on the final outcome, it's worth while."

In addition to adjusting to the new wing and scheduling availability, Orchard Hills will have to

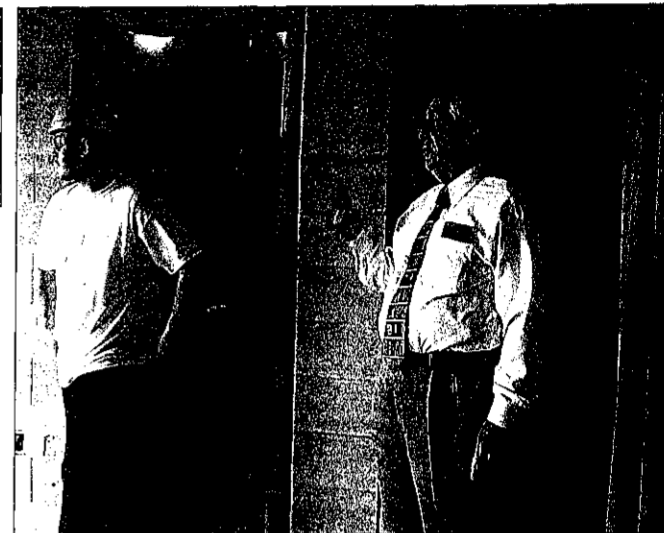


Orchard Hills Elementary School's new auditorium takes shape.

adjust to new technology measures that have increased security throughout the district. New surveillance cameras and door-locking mechanisms are being installed at all Novi Community Schools.

"The biggest change is going to be the front door," LePiae said.

The system will require each school's office assistant to buzz in daytime visitors at the front door after they speak to them through an intercom.



Orchard Hills Principal Paul LePiae checks out the construction of the school's new auditorium, music and art rooms.

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ENGAGEMENTS



Drake-Mulder
Deborah Nowacki of Temperance and Paul and Denise Drake of DeWitt announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsey Elizabeth Drake to Jeffrey Mulder, son of David and Jane Mulder of Haslett.
The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Novi High School and a 2005 graduate of Western Michigan University and is employed by Playmaker's of East Lansing. The groom-elect is a 1999 graduate of Haslett High School and a 2003 graduate of Michigan State University and is employed by New Balance in Farmington. A June 2009 wedding is planned in Lansing.



Bolter-Herpich
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bolter of Wadsworth, Ill. proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Nichole Bolter, to Christopher Wayne Herpich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Herpich of Orchard Lake, formerly of Northville.
The bride-elect is a graduate of Arizona State University and is currently employed as a project manager for W.E. O'Neil Construction, residing in Chicago. The groom-elect is a graduate of Michigan State University and is currently employed as a sales specialist for Valassis. A fall wedding is planned.



Murphy-Churella
Tom and Pam Galuszka of Games are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Amy Murphy to Mark Churella, Jr., son of Mark and Leslie Churella of Northville.
The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of South Lyon High School and is currently employed at an insurance agency in Novi. The groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of Novi High School and 2001 graduate of the University of Michigan. He is also employed at an insurance agency in Novi. An Oct. 17 wedding is planned.

BREAKING NEWS: Go to the Web at hometownlife.com for updated news and information

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LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road
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Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.
Adult Christian Education
Classes
DATE: 7 p.m. Starting Tuesday, Sept. 16

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church
LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-3847 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
Sunday Schedule
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 a.m.
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross
LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com
Sunday Worship
TIME: 7:45, 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery
Care
TIME: 10 a.m. Worship Service
Alzheimer's Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month
DETAILS: Offering support and open discussion for all those dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

Church of the Holy Family
LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or www.holyfamilynovi.org

Mass Schedule
TIME/DATE: 7:30, 9:10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
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Sunday Worship
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ReNew Life Ministries
TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. Mondays

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Mass Schedule
TIME/DATE: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday
Mothers Group
TIME/DATE: 9:30-11 a.m. first and third Wednesday every month, Sept. 17-May 20
LOCATION: Parish Hall
DETAILS: Providing mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to grow their faith. Activities include article discussion, crafts and speakers. Childcare available but children also welcome to join moms during meetings. Suggested donation of \$20 is asked to cover activity and childcare costs. Don't have to be a parishioner to join.
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The Baha'i Faith
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last Saturday of every month
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DETAILS: This Devotional Gathering is focused on prayers for peace. People of all faiths welcome.

Novi United Methodist
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Regular Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month
LOCATION: In front of the church
DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace, making a statement that is not anti-anything, but pro peace.

Crosspointe Meadows Church
LOCATION: 23800

Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.
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Faith Community Presbyterian
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Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOGOS
TIME/DATE: 4:30 p.m. every Wednesday, beginning Oct. 8
DETAILS: For children in kindergarten to 6th grade. Enjoy recreation, Bible study, music and dinner.
Adult Bible Class
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Orchard Hills Baptist Church
LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road
CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665
Preschool/Kids Choir
TIME/DATE: 7-9:15 p.m. every Wednesday
DETAILS: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

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Bask Home Bakery, Canton	Pepsi Bottling Group, Howell
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MY CITY

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Five items of interest from Novi's City Council meeting

Council unanimously approved an agreement with AT&T to provide City of Novi PEG programming to AT&T U-verse subscribers. In April 2007, council approved to allow AT&T to provide digital phone, high-speed internet and video television services to the Novi community. Currently, the city has received more than \$30,000 in franchise and PEG fees from AT&T customers, who are not able to view the public programming. City officials believe there are about 1,500 AT&T U-verse subscribers in Novi and feel it is necessary to provide them programming they have been paying for. The first year cost for two encoders, installation and maintenance; two T1 lines for distribution and miscellaneous equipment and installation is \$27,000, but

MEETING NOTEBOOK

AT&T is providing a one-time signing bonus, therefore the city's cost is \$17,213.
• First-quarter budget amendments were approved by council, 7-0. The amendments consisted of rollover items from last fiscal year and current capital adjustments. Two of the largest rollover items were about \$1.7 million from parks, recreation and forestry capital outlay projects and \$1.3 million from fire department capital outlay projects. City officials said the overall estimate reflects an increase of about \$890,000 greater than anticipated.
• Council approved, by a 6-1

vote, the preliminary site plan for a proposed Hyatt Place hotel on the Rock Financial Showplace property, on Grand River Avenue, west of Tall Road. Mayor David Landry dissented. Although Landry said he supports the project, he could not support the waiver of parking lot landscaped islands, recommended by planning commission. Staff also did not support the waiver, simply because other locations have been required to meet the standard of one landscaped island every 15 parking spaces. On behalf of Titan Hotel Development, LLC, Blair Bowman said breaking up the

parking lot with islands will prove inconvenient for the type of traffic that comes through the Rock Financial Showplace.
• Community relations coordinator Matt Pegoziak presented council with information regarding the 2008 National Citizen Survey. As part of the 2008-09 fiscal year budget, council approved \$16,000 for the completion of a National Citizen Survey, as was conducted in 2006. The survey will be conducted by the National Research Center. Surveys will be mailed to select residents in October and returned to the National Research Center by November. The goal is to have the results by the end of December, to aid council for goal setting for the 2009-10 fiscal year.
• Mayor Landry presented council with an update concerning disc-

ussions that are taking place between the Novi Community School District and the City of Novi regarding property for a signature park. The city is seeking to acquire the district-owned Bosco Property, southwest of 11 Mile and Beck roads, to build a signature park to address the city's recreational needs. Landry said there is a need for outdoor, festival space, indoor gymnasium space; and theater space, among others. Since the school district acquired the nearly 74-acre Bosco Property through a bond, the city has no intention of purchasing the property. Instead, as Landry proposed at the previous board of education meeting, to exchange land such as the Wildlife Woods property; the nearly 15-acre property south of Novi High School, which currently houses a softball field and two soccer fields;

and allow the district to keep 7.2 acres of the Bosco Property, which is large enough to construct another school building if needed. Landry also said the city would pay a \$2 million development cost to prepare both the 7.2-acre portion of land the district would retain on the Bosco Property for future use and a 4.4-acre shared parking lot between the related property and a proposed city recreational center. Landry is hoping the school board will vote at the next meeting Sept. 18, but said all is subject to voter approval through a special bond election.
Council meeting notes were taken from the Sept. 8 regular meeting of the Novi City Council. All council members were present. Next meeting: 7 p.m. Sept. 22 at the Novi Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

Princess Lindsay's Tea Party fundraiser raises awareness in Novi this Sunday

Princess Lindsay's Tea Party will be held Sept. 14 at the Novi Sheraton, located at 21111 Haggerty Road, to help raise money for a little girl who has Hutchinson Gilford progeria syndrome, a rare genetic disease causing the body to age faster than normal. Children like Lindsay with this condition gen-

erally have small, fragile bones like the elderly and have other symptoms of aging.
Princesses Cinderella, Snow White and Aurora will be doing make-up, hair, story time, coloring tables and much more. Please come dressed to party in your favorite princess gown. There will also be

a fashion show with photos taken. Tickets are \$25 for children and \$5 for adults, and can be purchased at www.lolilifes.com.
Businesses interested in participating in the event can e-mail lolilifes@yahoo.com for more information.

Times
Pretty Princess
1st Session: 9:30-11:00 a.m.
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Spotlight's 'Hello Dolly' begins soon featuring Novi director

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

A local director and two cast members with Northville connections will be part of the "Hello Dolly!" performance in Canton this month.
Novi resident Barbara Bloom is directing and choreographing "Hello Dolly!"
She is affiliated with the Novi Theaters and will direct and choreograph "Dann Yankee" this fall.
She also assisted with costumes for "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" this summer in Novi and directed "It's a Wonderful Life - The Musical" last year.
A native of Farmington, Bloom moved to Novi in 1999 from Minneapolis and was approached to choreograph "Oliver" for the Canton Theatre - Spotlight Players, adding another continuity to her resume.
"I've done quite a few shows for the Spotlight Players," she said. She's been a member of the group's board of governors for five years and has been president for three years.
"The Spotlight Players, formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild, has been in existence for more than 60 years. We are the adult, resident theatre company at the Village Theater," she said.
Bloom has danced all of her life, owned two dance studios, and has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in communication with an emphasis on theater from Wayne State University.

She performed in professional theater for more than 10 years. Locally, she performed with the Michigan Opera Theater and was recently in the world premier of "Father Beings" at the Music Hall Performing Arts Center in Detroit.
Directing and choreographing more than 60 shows, Bloom has been involved in these aspects of theater for more than 20 years and has appeared in more than 100 productions.
Nicole Wawok, of Northville Township, is a featured dancer in the "Hello Dolly!" along with Christine Kapuskny, who grew up in Northville and graduated from Northville High School in 1996. Her parents, John and Carol Kapuskny, still live in Northville.
Wawok is a native of Chicago who just moved to Canton last summer. She has studied dance at Millikin University in Decatur, Ill. "Ever since I moved here, I hadn't been able to do anything related to dance, and I wanted to get involved in theater again," she said. "So, I started doing some research online and found a notice about auditions for 'Hello Dolly!' that took place in mid-July."
She was involved in community theater in Chicago, was a member of the DePaul University Choir in Chicago, the Millikin University's Concert Choir and studied voice at Millikin.
"The cast is very talented and the choreography is outstanding," Wawok said. "I'm looking to for-



Barbara Bloom

ward to my friends and family members from Chicago coming to the Detroit area to see me perform," she said.

Preparing for auditions

Wawok hadn't starred in any productions of "Hello Dolly!" before, so she reined the movie with Barbara Streisand to get a feel for the plot.

The musical comedy is the story of a gregarious widower and matchmaker, Dolly Gallagher Levi, who creates a stir wherever she goes. While conducting her matchmaking, she

Performance dates, times

The Spotlight Players will present "Hello Dolly!" at The Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton Township, on Sept. 19, 20, 26, 27 and 28 and Oct. 3, 4 and 5. Performances are at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Go to www.spotlightplayers.net for coupon code for discount on tickets available online only. Regular ticket prices are \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors and children under age 18. For more information, call (734) 394-5300.

and off for about 15 years and has performed with other community theaters in the area.
But, this will also be the first time she's performed with the Spotlight Players.
She also studied voice at the University of Michigan.
"I consider myself more of a singer than a dancer, but I've studied both fields, as well as acting," she said.
Kapuskny has taken a number of classes at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea and is a music teacher for Walled Lake Consolidated Schools.
"Performing is my passion, and

it's what keeps me invigorated and inspired to teach," she said. "I've performed since I was really young, and that prompted me to study music."
She was never involved in a production quite this large, where they are costuming us and have an actual publicity person, stage manager and board of governors. "It's very professional. I'm very impressed."
Bloom believes "Hello Dolly!" appeals to all ages.
"It's pure entertainment," she said. "Our goal is to have the audience come away from the performance humming a tune with a smile on their face. There is a message in the performance as well, however, which is survival. But, it's treated in a very light-hearted, lyrical fashion."

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Our opinion: Pardon our dust

The year is well under way for the Novi Community School District and so is the construction. Undoubtedly parents, students and teachers...

New surveillance cameras and door-locking mechanisms are being installed at all Novi Community Schools buildings. The biggest change is going to be the front door...

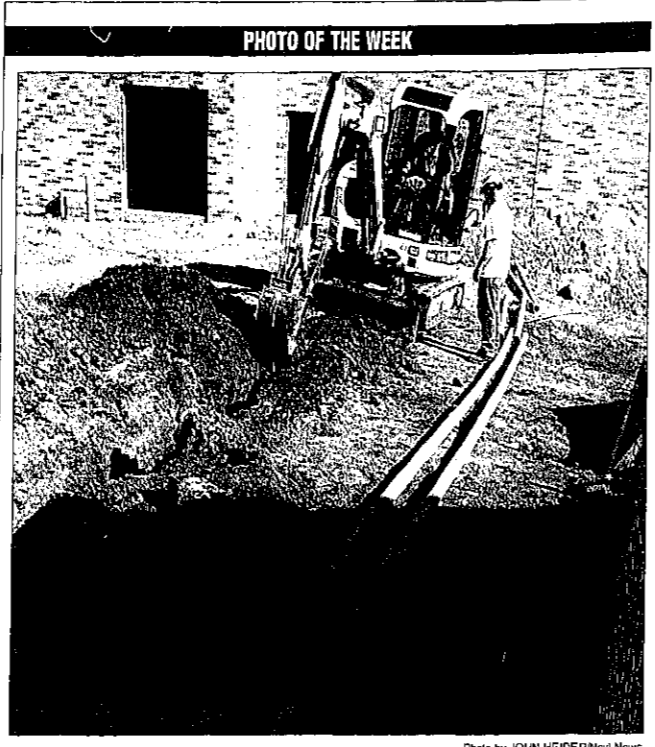


PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NOV NEWS

Well under way A trench is dug outside Novi's Orchard Hills Elementary to bring power to its new building. The new wing will house art and music rooms and have a large auditorium.

Kwame accountability

The media did not provide an impossible situation for Kwame Kilpatrick. Governor Granholm did not put off after important dates to not Kilpatrick at the top of her list...

time just because he fears the media may have slanted his loyal supporters in the City of Detroit. His future jurors, against him to the degree that he would not receive a fair trial...

Lorene (Lorrie) McVey Novi

McCain doesn't get it

John McCain just doesn't get it when it comes to the economic realities of middle class America. His belief that "the fundamentals of our economy are strong" shows how out of touch he is with American families trying to find good jobs, keep their homes, pay for adequate healthcare and send their children to college.

Obama a citizen of the world

Not just our country, but the world, needs a global leader. Someone who will listen to many perspectives. We have such a candidate in Barack Obama. Obama's greatest strength is that he is a citizen of the world.

Signature Park questioned

Last week, Novi Mayor David Landry told the Novi Board of Education that the proposed land trade necessary for the city's proposed Signature Park would be contingent upon the voters approving a bond early next spring.

Doreen Lawson Novi

Voters beware

"Democracy is not something you believe in or a place to hang your hat, but it's something you do. You participate. If you stop doing it, democracy crumbles." Abbie Hoffman

Also, the city council must be very open regarding other competing needs that the taxpayers may be asked to support in the form of a bond or millage, so the voters can make an informed decision...

Hannah Provence Donigan Commerce

Novi High School Band Boosters Fundraiser

TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. Saturday. DETAILS: Fifteen high schools will attend this competitive marching band event. This is a fundraiser for the Novi High School Marching Band. Adult tickets are \$6, seniors and students are \$4 and under age 4 are free.

Laura Lorenzo Novi

HOT TICKET: Princess Lindsay's tea party Sunday benefiting Hutchinson-Gilford Progeria Syndrome

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Princess Lindsay's Tea Parties DATE: Sunday LOCATION: Sheraton Detroit Novi, 21111 Haggerty Road DETAILS: Event is a benefit for Lindsay, a child with Hutchinson-Gilford Progeria Syndrome...

Life Story Writing Workshop TIME/DATE: Oct. 2 and 20, Nov. 5 and 17, and Dec. 4 and 15 LOCATION: Novi Public Library, 45245 W. 10 Mile Road

Friends of Rouge Park 5K Run/Walk TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. start, Sunday, Oct. 5 LOCATION: Brennan Pools parking lot, Plymouth Road

Fall Home Design Classes TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Sept. 11 through Oct. 2 LOCATION: Art Van Furniture

Democrats of West Oakland County TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday LOCATION: Maple Restaurant and Golf, 31260 Wakefield Dr., on 14 Mile Road between Novi Road and M-5

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Road Rally Fundraiser for Animals TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m. Saturday LOCATION: Oakland Community College Parking Lot

Fall Family Camp Out TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19; 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 LOCATION: Lakeshore Park

Novi High School Wildcat Tasterfest TIME/DATE: 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26 LOCATION: Novi High School Football Stadium

Trail, Ste. B, Walled Lake CONTACT: For more information, visit lakesarea.com or (248) 624-2828

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Novi Public Library LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile Road HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Novi Community School District Board of Education Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18

Novi City Council Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Monday of month (Sept. 22)

Novi General Assistance Meeting TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each month (Oct. 7)

Novi Chamber of Commerce Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants Fall Members Advisory Forum

Walsh College, Business Leadership Institute LOCATION: 41500 Gardenbrook Road, near 11 Mile and Meadowbrook roads

Novi Rotary Club TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday

Females in the Family Business Affinity Group TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. third Thursday of every month

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PHIL POWER: Look past the basic statistics

You cannot manage what you cannot measure. Although that's an old line, going back at least to the 1950s, when the folks at IBM started using it, it's absolutely true.

example, is up by nearly seven percent, while professional and technical services, education and health care all show good gains. In other words — while the deterioration of the auto industry in Michigan keeps making the headlines, the very real story of good growth in the new economy is overlooked, or left on the back burner.

Nearly all the growth has gone to those at the very tip of the income pyramid — the top one-half of one percent. In Michigan, where building and staffing prisons is one of the few growth areas in our gross state product, the GSP statistics don't measure the damage done from the crimes that made prisons necessary. Nor does the GSP measure the extra burden from college loans that graduates have to shoulder.

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tea in 1795? Would Miss Wolstonecraft's liberal views have shocked or pleased the famous Regency-era romance novelist? Please register.
Elderhostel Information
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday
DETAILS: Elderhostel is America's first and the world's largest educational travel organization for adults 55 and over. It is a not-for-profit organization that provides exceptional learning adventures to nearly 160,000 older adults each year. Elderhostel offers nearly 8,000 programs a year in more than 90 countries. A representative will be here to discuss how you can benefit from an Elderhostel adventure! Please register.

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DETAILS: Each time we meet you will have a chance to listen to some great stories and cook up a tasty snack. Please register.
English Conversation Group
TIME/DATE: Noon-1 p.m. Tuesday and Sept. 24
DETAILS: Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills. The group will be guided by a volunteer from the Oakland County Literacy Council. No need to register.

Reading Manics
TIME/DATE: 5-5:45 p.m. Wednesday
DETAILS: If you're in grades 3-4 and like to read, like to talk about books, and like to hear about new books, do we have a club for you? Join us every other month to have a snack, play a game or do a craft, and talk about a book we've all read. For September, read Half Magic, by Edward Eager. (Be ready to tell us what you wish for, if you could!) We'll have pizza and talk about what books we all read over the summer. See you there!
World Travel on a Budget
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday
DETAILS: The workshop presented by the Michigan Council of Hostelling International-USA is designed for travelers getting ready for their first trip or travelers eager to save money when traveling. Topics include travel documents, accommodations,

transportation, traveling safely and responsibly and more. The presenter strongly believes that the best travel is inexpensive and culturally sensitive. Please register.
Children's Author Nancy Shaw Visits Novi Public Library!
TIME/DATE: 10:15-11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 18
DETAILS: Nancy Shaw, Michigan author whose book Raccoon Tune is the 2008 featured book for the Library of Michigan's Michigan Reads! Program, will appear at the Novi library. Shaw will read her book to preschool children and encourage parents, grandparents, caregivers, and other adults to read to their younger family members.

Help for the Aging and Their Caregivers
TIME/DATE: 1-2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18
DETAILS: Find out where and how to access services for older adults and family caregivers presented by the Area Agency on Aging 1-B. Please register.
Job Searching with Michigan Works
TIME/DATE: 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18
DETAILS: A representative from Michigan Works will offer information and job searching tools that will benefit your job search. Registration necessary.

Food and a Flick
TIME/DATE: 3-4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19
DETAILS: Chill with an after-school snack and a good movie - and still be in time to take the late bus home. Bring your friends!
Pedicure (Green Living) Part 2
TIME/DATE: 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20
DETAILS: This workshop centers on the application of green design in small-scale urban and suburban settings and is an ideal introduction for homeowners, renters, landscape professionals, green builders, students, gardeners, and activists in the social justice, environmental and sustainability movements. Please register.
Homecoming Dos & Don'ts
TIME/DATE: 6:30-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22
DETAILS: Learn the proper etiquette for the big homecoming dance! Please register.
Avoiding Fraud, Scams and Identity Theft

TIME/DATE: 12:30-3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24
DETAILS: In response to public concerns regarding all matters of financial fraud (from problematic telemarketing, counterfeit prescription drugs, investment offers by mail, common email identity scams and more) the Weimer Financial Group & the Novi Public Library are co-sponsoring an afternoon talk with a special FBI agent from the local Oakland office. Come join us first for a light lunch and enjoy sipping some spectacular coffees starting at 12:30. Following the presentation, please register.
Recycling 101
TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24
DETAILS: Michael Caspo of the RRRASDC (Resource Recovery & Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County) will present new recycling information, tips and updates beginning in October for the Novi community.

Friend's Fall Events & Used Book Sales
DETAILS: Used book sale bags will only be available on Sundays beginning in September. The bargain price will remain at \$6.50. Special "First Sunday" book sales will be held on Oct. 5, Nov. 2, and Dec. 7.
Walled Lake City Library
LOCATION: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake
HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday; closed Friday.
CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 or e-mail to admin@walledlakelibrary.org
Amnesty for lines during September
Through the month of September, the library is offering its patrons amnesty for outstanding overdue fines. Patrons with unpaid fines can have them waived simply by visiting the library before Oct. 1 and requesting the waiver.
Classical Music Series
TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first Tuesday of each month

Friends of the Library Meeting
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of month
Adult Book Discussion Group
TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month
DETAILS: Drop in for informal discussion. Bring a book lunch, check library for current book selection. Sept. 16 - "Wuthering Heights" by Emily Bronte.
Library Board of Trustees Meeting
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Friday of every month
Pet Awareness Day
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21
LOCATION: Walled Lake Events Field (next to Fire Department)
DETAILS: Activities and vendors for all things pet related will be available at this celebration, including a pet psychic.

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; 1-5 p.m. Sunday
CONTACT: (248) 624-2512 or visit wixomlibrary.org
Museum Adventure Pass
DETAILS: Card holders can check out free passes, for two to four people, to many area museums, cultural centers and historical sites. See detroitadventurepass.org for more information.
ESL Cafe
TIME/DATE: 3:30 p.m. every Thursday
DETAILS: Coffee and conversation. Improve your English speaking skills by speaking with people from other countries trying to improve their English. No tests; instructor help, free.
CONTACT: Karin at the Information Desk.
Library Board Meeting
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22
Computer Basics
TIME/DATE: 2-4 p.m. today
DETAILS: For those who have never used a computer.
Internet 101
TIME/DATE: 2-4 p.m. Monday

or Tuesday
DETAILS: Learn the basics of the Internet and navigating the web. Please register.
Life and Style of the Victorian Lady
TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2
DETAILS: Guest Ann Petterson shows what it took to be a Victorian lady. Space limited, please register.
Staves of Suspense Book Club
TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24
DETAILS: Reading "Resurrection Men" by Ian Rankin.
Friends of the Library Used Book Sale
TIME/DATE: Preview Sale for Friends 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18
DETAILS: Books, videos, CDs and DVDs for sale. Saturday is \$5 for a Bag Day. Proceeds benefit the library. Donations may be dropped off anytime.

Baby Days
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 15, 22, 29 and Oct. 6
DETAILS: Drop-in for playtime and informal child story time. For children up to 24 months and their caregivers.
Mommy and Me
TIME/DATE: 10:30-11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, 18, 25 and Oct. 2
LOCATION: Craft Room
DETAILS: For 2 year olds and their caregivers. Hear stories, sing songs and make a project. Children must be 2 years old by Sept. 11. Registration required.
Preschool Story Time
TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays or 7 p.m. Wednesdays

Sept. 9 through Oct. 1
LOCATION: Craft Room
DETAILS: Meet for stories, songs and art activities. Designed for the independent listener, caregiver must remain in the building, but not in the room. Children must turn 3 years old before sessions begins and not enrolled in kindergarten.
Fantastic Fridays
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
DATE: Friday, Sept. 26 - An Apple a Day, register now
DATE: Friday, Oct. 17 - Bear with Me, register beginning Sept. 26
DATE: Friday, Nov. 7 - C is for Cookies, register beginning Oct. 17
DETAILS: For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Program includes food, stories, songs, and crafts.
Scrapbooking Workshops
TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. or 2 p.m. Saturday
DETAILS: For kids in grades 1-5. Bring 4-6 photos of your family, pet, friends or your summer vacation. We provide the tools and supplies.
Michigan Reads
DETAILS: During September, children throughout Michigan will listen to "Raccoon Tune" by Nancy Shaw. This program is designed to boost early childhood literacy. Come and check out a copy of the book and ask for your free "Raccoon Tune" sticker and bookmark.
Fall Book Club for Grades 3-5
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12
DETAILS: Reading "The Van Gogh Cafe" by Cynthia Rylant. Join us for pizza, pop and discussion. Register now.
Mother/Daughter Book Club
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5
DETAILS: For girls in grades 4

6 and their mothers or other adult woman. Reading "The Homework Machine" by Dan Gutman. Potluck dinner and book discussion. Register now.
Coffee Can of Probability
DETAILS: Each week in Sept. there is a list of book suggestions. Read any one, tell a librarian about it, then fill out an entry slip and put it in the can. Each week's winner chooses a prize from the grab bag.
Teen Read Week
DATE: Oct. 12-18
Twilight Saga Trivia
DETAILS: Enter the trivia contest for the "Twilight Saga." Forms available Oct. 1 and must be completed by Oct. 17. The entry with the most correct answers will win copies of "Twilight," "New Moon" and "Eclipse."
2008 Teens Top Ten
DETAILS: Pick up a ballot with the nominees for this year's Teens Top Ten Vote for your favorite books. In Nov. the list of Wixom's Teens Top Ten will be posted.
Teen Book Discussion
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17
DETAILS: For teens in grades 6-12. Reading "Uglies" by Scott Westerfeld. Register between Oct. 1 and Nov. 12. Refreshments provided.

NOVI SENIORS

Novi Senior Activities Center
LOCATION: Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook Road.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0414
Massage by appointment: 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday
9-11 a.m.: Line Dance
Noon: Lunch
Noon: Senior Show
"Remember When... The Game Show of the Century"
12:15 p.m.: Contract Bridge
1-2 p.m.: Chair Yoga
1:30-3 p.m.: Book discussion - Christine Fallis, Benjamin Black
Thursday
9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength
10 a.m.: Body Recall
Noon: Lunch
Noon: Senior Show
"Remember When... The Game Show of the Century"
12:30 p.m.: Dupl. Bridge cancelled
1 p.m.: Bingo
Monday
9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength
10 a.m.: Body Recall
Noon: Lunch
TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 18

NOVI SENIORS

12:30 p.m. Pinochle
Tuesday
8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread
9-11:30 a.m.: Line Dance
10 a.m.: Asian Pacific
10:30-11:30 a.m.: Bookmobile
Noon: Lunch
1 p.m.: Bingo
Wednesday
9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength
10 a.m.: Body Recall
11 a.m.: TOPS, Blood Pressure
Noon: Lunch
12:30 p.m.: Clogging
2-3:30 p.m.: Computer Lab Open
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TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily
DETAILS: Join us for tours and refreshments.
"Going Gray Isn't Always Black and White"
TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 18

NOVI SENIORS

DETAILS: Speaker is Elder Law Attorney Ron Rosenberg. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. Please RSVP.
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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
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Bereavement Support Group
DATE: Third Tuesday of each month
TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: The meeting provides the opportunity for those in grief to share their story and to learn about the phases and tasks of grief. All are welcome.
CONTACT: Michael M. Meyer, Doctorate of Ministry

Angela Hospice Groups
LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia
DETAILS: Exhibitors, prizes, fashion, fun and more for all those involved in planning a wedding. Admission is \$8 for adults, parking is \$5.
CONTACT: Ed Wittenberg by e-mail at edwittenberg@hotmail.com by Sept. 1.

Widowed Friends
DETAILS: Widowed Friends of the Archdiocese of Detroit is a peer support group.
CONTACT: For more information, call Marilyn at (586) 739-9406.

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) 464-7810 for more information.
Hearings: Parents Who Have Lost a Child
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first Thursday of month
Grief Support Quilter's 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 Township
CONTACT: (248) 937-3314
Alcoholics Anonymous Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday
DETAILS: No pre-registration required. For information, call (248) 937-3314.
Al-Anon Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday
DETAILS: For family and friends of someone with an alcohol problem. No pre-registration required. For information, call (248) 706-1020.
Alateen Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday
DETAILS: Intended for teens dealing with someone with an alcohol problem. No pre-registration required. For information, call (248) 706-1020.
Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group
TIME/DATE: 2-3:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month
LOCATION: Krieger Center (South Garden Entrance)
DETAILS: Designed to allow caregivers to share tips and offer support to each other; for questions or directions call (248) 937-3314.
Breast Cancer Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of every month
LOCATION: Sinai Center for Women; next to the hospital's South Garden entrance.
DETAILS: This support group is for any woman diagnosed with breast cancer.
CONTACT: (248) 937-5163
Breather's Club Support Group
TIME/DATE: Noon the third Wednesday of the month
DETAILS: Free year-round program for persons afflicted with lung disease. Provides support and information. Pre-registration not required. For information call (248) 937-3314.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TAPS) Chapter
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. weigh-in and 11:30 a.m. meeting every Wednesday
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Bride's Day Bridal Show
TIME/DATE: Noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21
DETAILS: Exhibitors, prizes, fashion, fun and more for all those involved in planning a wedding. Admission is \$8 for adults, parking is \$5.
International Gem and Jewelry Show
TIME/DATE: Noon-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21

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LOCATION: Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600, Southfield
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DETAILS: Please pre-register. There is a cost for most programs. Call (248) 684-8632.
SCHEDULE: 10 a.m. Monday - Fun on the Farm.
Invasive Shrub Out
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday
Horse Drawn Hayrides
TIME/DATE: Noon-4 p.m. weekends
Fun on the Farm Halloween Party
DATE: Oct. 23
LOCATION: Farm Center

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Nature Center Programs
DETAILS: Please pre-register. There is a cost for most programs. Call (248) 685-0803.
SCHEDULE: 7:30 p.m. Friday - Calling All Owls; 7 a.m. Saturday - Fall Bird Count; 2 p.m. Saturday - Talkin' Turtles; 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 - Late Summer Insects; 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 - Late Summer Wildflowers; 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 - Tall Tall Tales; 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27 - Brownies.

Northville High School Class of 1958
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Country Club
DETAILS: Cost is \$50 and includes dinner. Cash bar.
CONTACT: Ed Wittenberg by e-mail at edwittenberg@hotmail.com by Sept. 1.

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Victorian Festival starts tomorrow

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER



Downtown Northville's biggest annual event — the Victorian Festival — will be extra special this year when it kicks off tomorrow. The weekend festival will observe two decades in the historic community this year, with nonstop activities for the whole family.

The festival, a Northville Chamber of Commerce event presented this year by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, will run from 5-10:30 p.m. Friday; noon-10:30 p.m. Saturday and noon-4 p.m. Sunday.

Home Tour is back

After a one year hiatus the Northville-Nowi Branch of the American Association of University Women will sponsor its 13th tour of homes during Victorian Festival Days. The tour will be held Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and highlight four distinctive homes and one local business in Northville.

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Copies of the official festival guide published by the Northville Record will be available throughout the festival. New festival features this year at Mill Race Village will include a tea garden with lemonade, tea and sweets; 15-minute readings with fortune tellers; a white elephant sale of other people's cast-offs; and a relaxation garden offering mini-massage.

The infamous Husband Calling Contest takes place at 2 p.m. Sunday at Mill Race Village, with the Duck Race slated for 3:30 p.m., with \$5 duck race tickets to be sold until 3 p.m.

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Garden club creates Monarch way station

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Butterflies are one of the world's great mysteries. How can a tiny egg turn into such a feast for the eyes?

Metro Detroit residents may now witness the beauty of the butterfly at Maybury State Park in Northville Township.

Over the last several months, members of the Gardeners of Northville & Novi have created a certified Monarch Way station by the concession stand near the Eight Mile entrance.

A way station is an intermediate station between principle stations on a line of travel for the butterflies.

Walkers and bicyclists often pause to enjoy the lovely garden, known as the Monarch Project.

In November 2007, the club started to prepare the way station with the help of Tom Bissett, Maybury Park manager. The Friends of Maybury Park and volunteers from Oakland Technical Center in Witom also assisted with the project.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Novi resident Gina Van Horn, left, and others with the Gardeners of Northville & Novi work on their butterfly garden at Maybury State Park.

The road to a way station

At the Gardeners of Northville & Novi November meeting, members learned the monarch's habitat is endangered because farmland is diminishing, decreasing the amount of milkweed — the monarch's host plant.

Brenda Dziezic, president of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, was the guest speaker that month.

"She's raised more than 400 monarchs at her home and garden in Westland," said Gina Van Horn of Novi, a member of the club. "She explained what types of flowers would be beneficial to monarchs and even donated some swamp milkweed."

Dziezic showed a video about the monarch migration, shared her expertise about butterfly gardening and passed around handouts.

On April 12, a design meeting took place, where the garden club members decided to use native plants and, in particular, host plants and nectar plants, to make the garden a certified Monarch way station.

"You have to have a sunning rock, a puddler and a way to protect them from the wind," Van Horn said.

Butterflies don't drink from standing water. They prefer to absorb moisture from sand and mud, a process called puddling. To make a puddler, mix sand, peat moss and a dash of salt in a clay saucer, then moisten it with water. "And, they love purple," Van Horn said.

Monarch Watch sent the group an application for the way station, members filled in all the requirements they would comply with,

and the organization sent the club an official plaque for its certified Monarch way station.

"It's open to all butterflies, however," Van Horn said with a smile. Van Horn gives special kudos to Karin Kennitz, who participates in a lot of summer programs at the park with her sons.

"She's the one who said, 'Maybury Park would be a perfect place to have a Monarch way station,'" Van Horn said.

Earth Day celebration

On April 26, Maybury State Park had an Earth Day event, and the Gardeners of Northville & Novi arranged some children's activities to inform them about butterflies in general as well as the beautiful monarch.

"We gave them seedlings to

Betty Seach came out with paper plates to mark where specific plants would go in the way station. Next, they planted seedlings. Some plants came from the gardeners' yards. Others were purchased from local nurseries, such as Barson's in Westland.

Watering schedule

The garden club members established a schedule so the way station would be watered every other day.

Van Horn swears that visitors can almost set their watches to the butterflies' arrivals.

"If you're out here at 1 o'clock or 5 o'clock in the afternoon, for some reason those seem to be pretty prime times," she said. "They like the heat."

What is it about them?

So, what is it about the butterfly that fascinates humans, giving it an almost mystical quality?

"They're beautiful, delicate, graceful, colorful, and they represent freedom, joy, rebirth and transformation," Van Horn said. "The butterfly is very symbolic and it has a lot of spiritual aspects to it."

Monarchs winter in Via de Bravo, Mexico, then migrate in

the spring and fall. Some veer off to California, with others flying eastward to Canada.

"A lot of them come from Point Pelee in Canada through Michigan and make their way to Mexico," Van Horn said.

Mexicans celebrate the Day of the Dead on Nov. 2.

"They believe Monarchs are the souls of children returning home," Van Horn said.

"But without milkweed along the entire route north, monarchs would not be able to produce the successive generations that culminate in the migration each fall."

Milkweed and nectar sources are declining because of urban sprawl and the widespread use of herbicides in croplands, pastures and roadsides.

"Ninety percent of all milkweed occurs within the agricultural landscape," Van Horn said. "And farm and ranch land is disappearing at a rate of nearly 3,000 acres per day."

Also, widespread adoption of herbicide-resistant corn and soybeans in the last five years has resulted in the loss of at least 80 million acres of monarch habitat.

Van Horn recently received certification for a Monarch way station in her own backyard.

plant," Van Horn said. At the beginning of May, Van Horn and her "partner in crime,"

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Novi offense explodes for 30-point second Qtr.

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

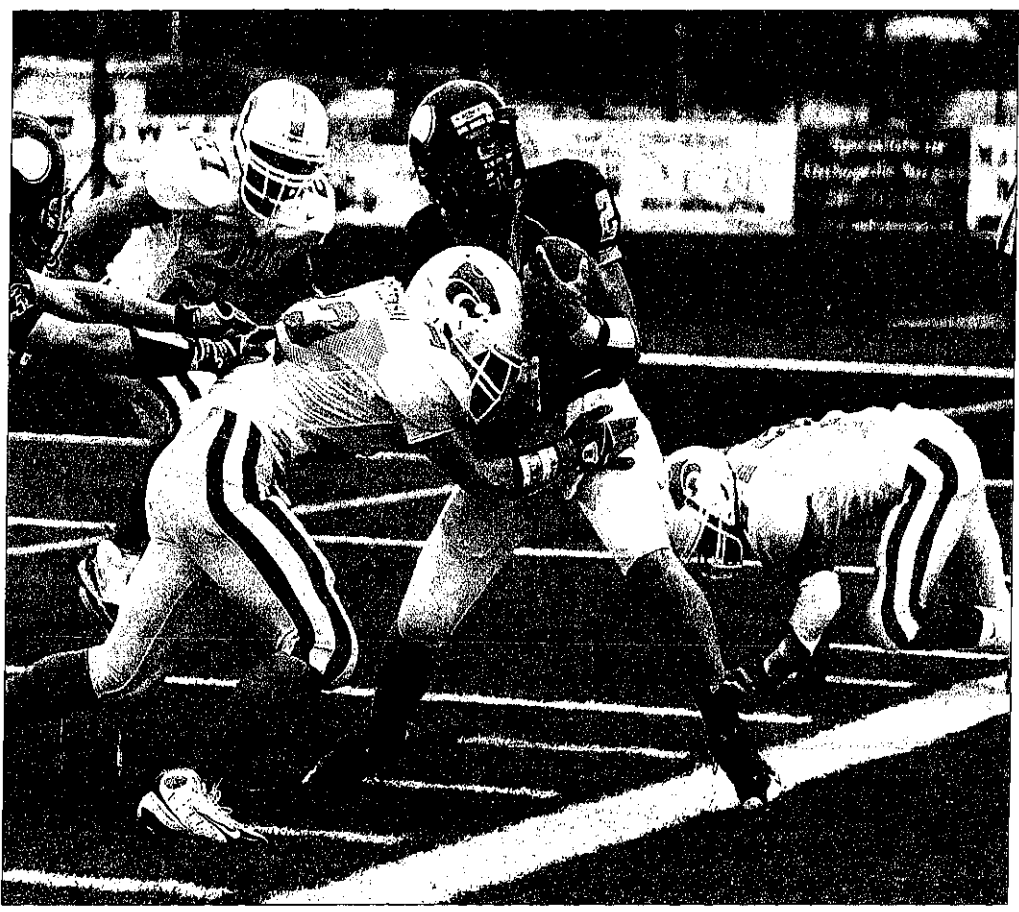
Novi showed it has offensive firepower, and lots of it.

After scoring just seven points through the first five quarters of the season, the Wildcats went nuts and scored 30 in the second quarter.

Novi rolled past Walled Lake Central 33-7 to get its first win this year, evening the record to 1-1.

"In the spread type of offense, it goes hand in hand. If you get one going the other begins to open up as well," said Novi head coach Tab Kellepporey, referring to the running and passing games complimenting each other.

"It just spreads the field out quite a bit, and you have very good athletes in space. It's easier



Photos submitted by Lori Schwanz

Top: Novi's Brandon Rydzewski drive a Walled Lake Central player out of bounds.

Far left: Dan Kilger attempts one of his two successful field goals.

Left: Paul Favorite churns up the yardage during Friday's 33-7 road victory.

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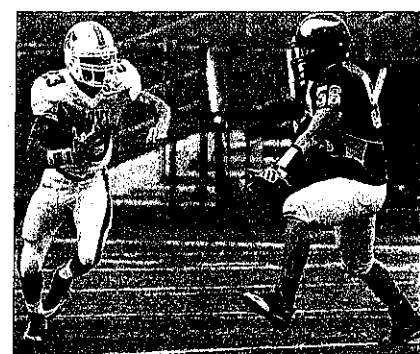
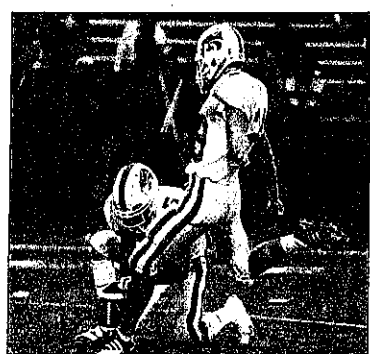
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Novi	0	30	3	0	33

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First Downs	2	12
Rushes-yards	100	136
Comp-Air-Int	0-4-2	8-12-0
Passing yards	0	118
Points-Avg	7-34.7	5-36.8
Fumbles-lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-yards	4-37	5-48

Rushing - WLC: J. Diamond 5-49, C. Davis 7-20, D. Kiri 5-9, B. Buckner 4-9, K. Clark 4-7, S. Pearlstein 1-5, J. Smith 1-4, D. Schultz 1-2, R. Gregory 1-(-5). **Novi:** C. Bellamy 7-60, P. Favorite 13-58, B. Bradford 3-16, R. Enright 3-10, A. White 2-10, G. Green 1-4, J. Hopton 1-2, T. Hartland 2-2, B. Kotlyo 1-(-2), M. Nopam 5-(-1).

Passing - WLC: C. Davis 0-2-1-0, J. Diamond 0-2-1-0, Novi: C. Bellamy 7-10, 0-45, A. Donatto 1-1-0-73, R. Enright 0-1-0-0.

Receiving - WLC: none. **Novi:** B. Bradford 4-78, A. Donatto 2-20, W. Mikkelsen 2-12, P. Favorite 1-8.



CC football back on field Friday

Soccer ties DeLaSalle

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central football will be back on the field this week, playing out the international portion of the schedule.

London St. Thomas Aquinas will make the trek to Novi, a Canadian team that will be playing its season opener.

The Shamrocks (1-0) had an unusual week off after U-D Jesuit wiggled off the schedule, leaving CC hard-pressed to find a game.



Photo submitted

See SHAMROCKS, 3B Shamrock Blake Miglio controls the ball.

Novi V-ball off to 12-3 start

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi volleyball team swept a home quad against Milford, Lakeland and Fowlerville Aug. 26 and went 3-2 at the Tournament of Champions this past weekend at Grosse Pointe South.

At the quad, Novi beat Milford 22-25, 25-21, 15-12; Lakeland 18-25, 25-16, 15-13 and Fowlerville 18-25, 25-17, 15-10.

The tournament in Grosse Pointe featured teams that won their divisions, districts or regionals.

Novi beat Midland 20-25, 25-21, 15-11 and Mercy 16-25, 25-19, 15-13 before losing to North Branch 25-22, 25-17.

The Wildcats rebounded with a win against Cadillac 25-22, 25-23 before falling 25-21, 22-25, 15-13 to Grosse Pointe South.

Highlights from the tourna-

ment include Kim Hildreth with 24 kills, 34 assists and four blocks, Sarah Robb with 18 kills and 12 blocks, Julia Thomas with 18 kills, Erica Robb with 20 kills and Laura Subject with seven aces and 45 assists.

The Wildcats (12-3) are off until league play starts Sept. 20.

Soccer

The first baseline war with Northville and Novi in the same division of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association happened Thursday on the soccer field.

Northville traveled to rival Novi and left with a 1-0 victory.

The Mustangs were awarded a penalty kick following a hand ball in the box called against Novi.

Latif Alashe stepped to the ball and delivered the game's lone goal less than 10 minutes into the

second half.

Both teams had multiple quality chances the rest of the game, but both goalies stood tall the rest of the way.

Swim and Dive

The Novi girls hit the pool against two of the top-10 teams in the state last Thursday.

Novi faced a couple of teams from the former KVC, beating South Lyon 106-80, but fell to Brighton 99-87.

The teams combined to achieve 18 state-cut times, with Novi accounting for five individual cuts and two relays.

State cuts were achieved by Kerry Abel in the 100 and 200 freestyle, Lauren Kalinosky in the 100 backstroke and 200 individual medley and Rebecca

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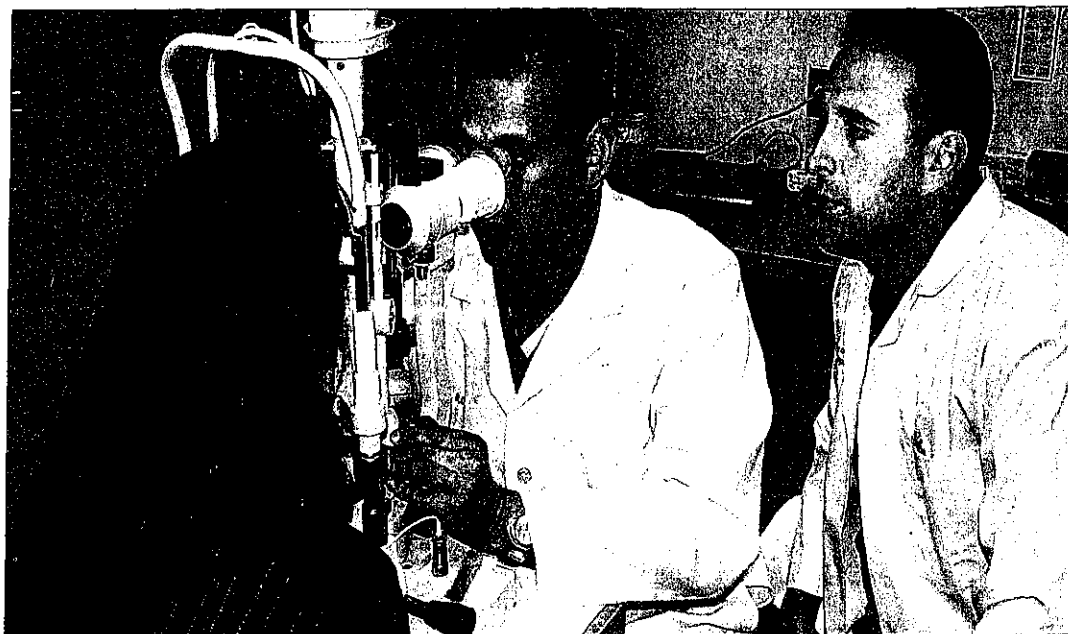
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Teaming up to offer patients many different eye-care and treatment choices at Adelson Eye & Laser Center are, center, Dr. Todd Adelson and, right, Dr. Howard Adelson.

Near And Far

New lens implant accommodates wide range of vision

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

It isn't just the common and recognizable eye care practices and procedures that make Adelson Eye & Laser Center of Northville a preferred choice for many patients seeking solutions to their visual challenges — it is the many choices of practices and procedures, tailored to each individual patient, that sets Adelson Eye & Laser Center apart from other ophthalmologists.

Dr. Howard Adelson, and his brother Dr. Todd Adelson, have spent years bringing a number of different treatments and surgical procedures to patients from Northville and the surrounding areas.

Besides basic services such as eye examinations, LASIK laser vision correction, cataract and eyelid surgeries, glaucoma detection and diagnosis, macular degeneration, and diabetic retinopathy, Adelson Eye & Laser Center has added several new refractive surgery procedures in the past few years as technology has literally exploded in the eye care field.

"We really have seen a lot of changes in the last three-to-four years in refractive surgery procedures," said Howard.

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"A lot of these options just weren't available as little as three years ago," said Howard.

As technology has advanced, the choices for refractive surgery have advanced, too. Both doctors have kept up with these changes and surpassed the standards set for ophthalmologic surgeons. Each has a

prestigious one-year fellowship in laser vision correction and advanced cataract surgery, going beyond the normal requirements of their profession.

And as their education has grown, so has their thirst for new ways to treat ailments of the eye.

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The newest and by far the most technologically advanced procedure was recently introduced at the Adelson Eye and Laser Center — the cystalens™ Accommodating Lens by Bausch & Lomb. The cystalens is the next step in refractive surgery, giving patients even greater ability to see all distances compared to a standard implanted intraocular lens (IOL).

In order to understand what a cystalens is, it is a good idea to learn the history of IOLs. During cataract surgery, a physician will replace a patient's natural lens with one of three main types of IOLs: the standard monofocal (a fixed lens that doesn't move and delivers improved vision at one distance); the multifocal (a fixed lens using multiple vision zones built into the lens to provide vision at various distances); and accommodating (the lens flexes to focus on objects at various distances and moves, being controlled by the ciliary eye muscle).

"Some of the issues from the fixed lenses include glare, distortion, or halos," said Howard. "The cystalens doesn't change shape, it changes position in the eye. It mimics the human lens."

There are some interesting facts associated with cystalens:

- 100 percent of cystalens patients are

able to see their computers, dashboards, and anything else at arm's length without glasses.

- 98.4 percent of cystalens patients are able to read the newspaper or a phone book without glasses.

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"It is phenomenal," said Todd. "Our patients are very happy with the results from the cystalens. Cystalens is an especially good option for people who are not good candidates for LASIK surgery."

Both doctors acknowledge that the cystalens implant surpasses previous eye care surgeries but they are also aware that every person may not be a candidate for cystalens. That is why they continue to offer free refractive consultation in order to determine the best surgical options.

In addition, Adelson Eye & Laser Center offer no-interest laser vision correction plans. In all, the latest surgical procedures customized to each patient, the experience of both doctors, and the ability to fit an important procedure into the budget equate to a positive and rewarding experience.

As one patient said, "Based on my excellent positive experience with both Doctor Adelsons, his eye care assistants, and his office staff, I would highly recommend this group of professionals to anyone considering eye surgery."

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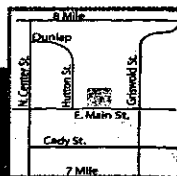
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