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Sen. Bullard sweeps primary in district, Novi

By JAN JEFFRES
and WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Voter turnout was just under 16 percent Tuesday in Novi, when local Republicans joined the districtwide trend by backing incumbent State Sen. Willis Bullard, R-Milford in the GOP primary for that seat.

Bullard was challenged by outgoing State Rep. Barbara Dobb, R-Highland Township, but he'll square off with Democrat S. Ruth Fuller in the November election.

For the primary, voters had to select either the Democratic or Republican parties. In Novi, 2,471, or 52 percent voted Republican and 2,198 or 46 percent voted for Democrat candidates.

In Novi, Bullard, who was backed by six of the seven members of the Novi City Council, grabbed 69 percent of the Republican vote, while Dobb won the support of just under 31 percent.

In the 15th District as a whole, it was much closer. Bullard was in the lead by 55 percent – 13,513 votes. Dobb trailed with 45 percent of the GOP votes cast – 11,074.

Dobb and Bullard were not available for comment by presstime.

Fuller, the lone Democrat candidate for the 15th District state senator's job, took home 15,034 votes.

Tuesday afternoon, workers at the 15th Precinct n the Novi Civic

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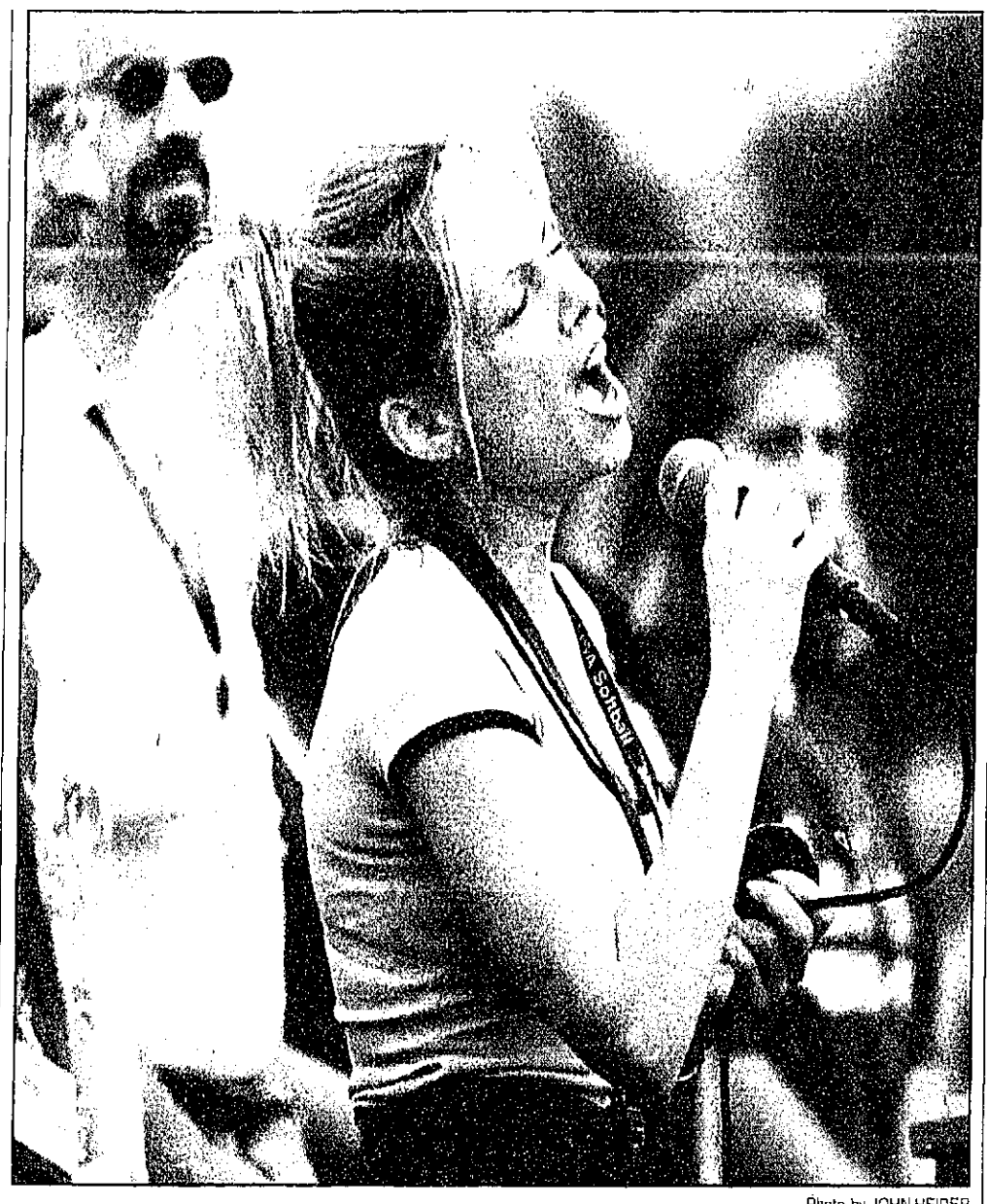

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Tourney gets underway

She doesn't just sing for the Red Wings. Karen Newman crooned the national anthem Monday at opening ceremonies of the Amateur Softball Association Girls 16 & Under fast pitch national championships going on in Novi' Power Park and Farmington Hills through Sunday. More coverage appears on page B7 of today's edition.

Novi, Northville residents join to oppose grocery

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi and Northville residents are uniting in opposition to a Kroger-anchored shopping center proposed for the northwest corner of Beck and Eight Mile Road.

Petitions protesting the rezoning needed for the project are now circulating in both communities.

Representatives from nine subdivisions met at the Northville home of Lindsey Scheinberg last week to organize their campaign. They're concerned about what they describe as the increase in traffic, the loss of the rural feel of the area and the near proximity of a commercial development to their homes and Maybury State Park, if the Kroger opens its doors at the corner.

Scheinberg and her husband, David, are both runners who already find the area increasingly treacherous due to traffic.

"Everytime he's going to the park to run, I say, 'be careful when you cross Beck,'" Scheinberg said Monday.

Currently, the 24 acres at the corner, now occupied by J.J. Zayti Inc. Sand and Gravel, are zoned for residential-agricultural, permitting 15 homes. The Stuart Frankel Development Company seeks a rezoning to the B-2 business-commercial category to make way for a 141,000 square foot strip shopping center, two restaurants and 793 parking spaces.

On Aug. 19, the rezoning will come before the Novi Planning Commission.

This week, the developer has been meeting informally with members of the planning commission and city council. Novi Planning Commission Chair Eda Weddington spoke with Frankel on Tuesday morning and said afterwards she wasn't convinced by his position.

"I wasn't in favor of the proposed grocery store at Ten and Beck. I'm not very positively predisposed to the one at Eight and Beck," Weddington said.

"It's inconsistent with our master plan. I believe that the people who have done their homework and purchased in an area that was masterplanned for residential have a right to expect it will be developed as residential."

Weddington explained that her concern is that if the rezoning is approved, anything permitted under the business category could be built, including a gas station.

In early 1997, Frankel appeared before the Novi Planning Commission to discuss building a conve-

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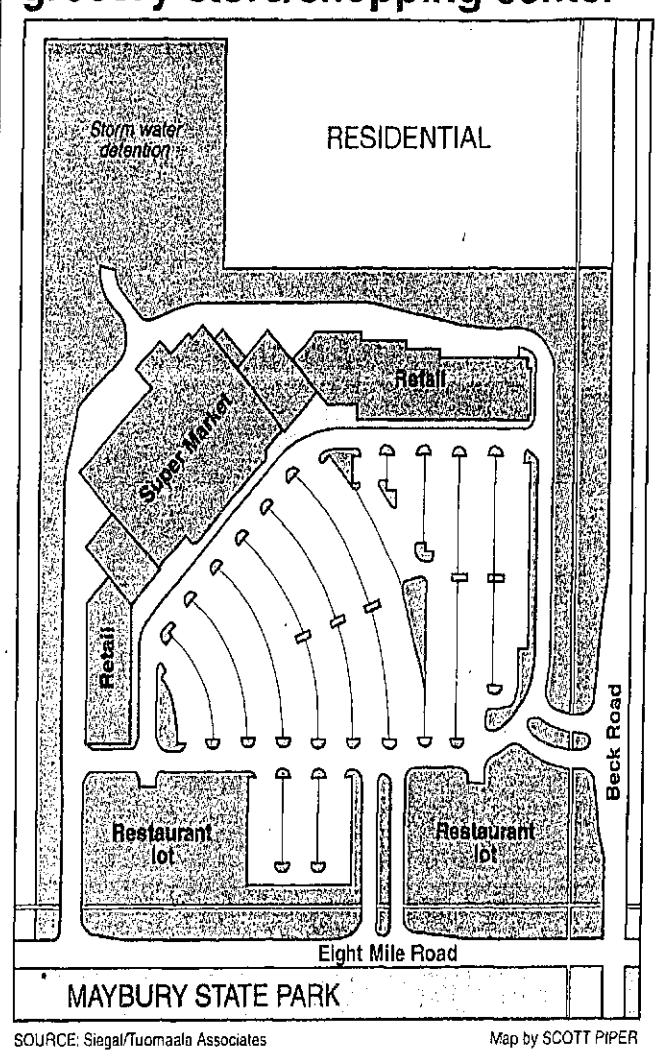
Frankel Development Company proposes neighborhood grocery store/shopping center



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Stanley Cup makes trip to Novi bank

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

If you thought Red Wing fever had subsided, you were wrong.

Fans of the Detroit hockey team clogged the NBD parking lot on Eight Mile Road in Novi Tuesday morning as the coveted Stanley Cup cruised through the parking lot in a Dodge Viper.

"We're giddy," said Ron Zimmerman, from St. Clair Shores.

Red Wings Assistant Coach Dave Lewis, toured the lot with the trophy along with his son and the man appointed "Keeper of the Cup."

"It was phenomenal," said Rick Owens, also from St. Clair Shores. "I got to kiss the cup."

The eastsiders were joined by Kim Waggy of Redford. All three, as well as many other bank employees and fans sported team jerseys.

He's just a really nice guy. We were blessed with a visit," said Kim Simmons, senior assistant manager at NBD.

Her employees were "pretty geaked" she said.

Simmons said Lewis planned to take the Viper and trophy around town.

Before he did that, Lewis took the cup over to Rainbow Rascals Learning Center next door to show the cup to preschoolers there.

"I was touched. I though that was so sweet," said bank employee and big fan Kim Withers of South Lyon.

"It was a big surprise," said Rainbow Rascalsemployee Ronda Kane, of Northville. "The kids were screaming 'Stanley Cup champions!'"

Her fellow employee Deanna Smith said the kids loved the visit.

"They were excited to tell their parents they touched the Stanley Cup," she said.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Jessica Cole displays some memorabilia collected on her trip to England.

Novi students overcome illness to make Europe trip

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Thirty-eight high schoolers from America piled into a bus July 2 to begin their three-week tour of the United Kingdom and Ireland. Then one got sick, then another and another.

Soon, the majority of the young men and women were stricken with the virus that caused sore throats and achy feelings. Many of them made their first-ever visit for a foreign doctor for relief.

Novi teens Jessica Cole, Jennifer Davies and David Bliss were among the group, all of whom decided to stick it out.

"It seemed ridiculous to come home and not do anything, so nobody went home," said Jennifer, who will be a sophomore at Novi High School in the fall.

Instead, the young Americans toured medieval castles and famous monuments, explored old mine shafts, danced Irish jigs and Scottish steps and stayed with native families in their homes.

The students are part of the People to People Ambassador program, which sends students from the United States to foreign countries as a way to unite the world and improve global relations.

The three Novi teens discovered space and hot water are luxuries overseas. Many of the families slept in the same rooms and bath water was sometimes shared. Hot water was used sparingly. Some families hosted several foreign students in their homes at once.

Jennifer's mother, Diane, went to England when she was a teen on her senior trip.

"It's nice because they speak the same language but it's definitely a whole different culture," Diane said.

"They have different customs," Jessica, also a sophomore, agreed. "They do a lot of things differently. Driving on the other side of the road was an experience."

The native cuisine took some getting used to, said the girls. All soups were creamy, the

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Memory lives on

Parents launch fundraiser in Jacob's name

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

It's been a year free of chemotherapy, hospital visits and bad news for Jim and Michelle Dinkins.

It's also been a year without their first born son Jacob.

After a lifetime of tests a treatment for a rare blood disease called Histiocytosis, 19-month-old Jacob passed away in June of last year.

"When we left the hospital we didn't know where to go that day," Jim said.

Since then, the Wixom couple have given birth to Alyssa, now 5-months-old, but they haven't and will never forget Jacob. The Jacob Open – Golf For Life Tournament Aug. 28 is co-chaired by the couple in memory of their son. In it's second year, it will help raise money for research of the potentially fatal disease that strikes 1,000 new individuals, primarily children, every year. Last year, the benefit raised $17,000 making it the second largest fundraiser for the disease.

"The nice thing about the Jacob Open is it keeps the family talking about him keep his memory alive every day, not just in our minds but in our discussions," Jim explained. "It allows me to keep telling people about him."

The Dinkins first noticed something was wrong with their son only months after his birth. What they hoped was only a rash was diagnosed as a rare disease where cells overproduce and attzack the

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Jacob Dinkins

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Community Calendar

To have your organization's activities, regular meetings or special events listed in the Community Calendar, send information to Community Calendar, The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

Thursday, August 6

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Limbright at 380-6500.

Sounds of Summer

The Sounds of Summer Concert Series continues at the Novi Civic Center at 7 p.m. on the lawn. The Novi Concert Band will be featured.

Monday, August 10

City Council

The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Library Board

The Novi Library Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi library building.

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly for all ages meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Meadows Clubhouse on Napier Road. For more information, call after 6 p.m. (248) 344-2167.

Tuesday, August 11

Business Network International

The Novi chapter of The Business Network International, meets from 7-8:30 a.m. at Kerby's Koney Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

Civil Air Patrol

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2669.

Beautification Commission

The Novi Beautification Commission meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Audience participation is welcome. For additional information contact Ernie Aruffo at 348-9136.

Chess Club

The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

Optimist Club

The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant on Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center.

Wednesday, August 12

Seniors potluck

The Novi Senior Social Club will gather at noon in the Novi Civic Center for their monthly potluck luncheon.

Lions Club

The Novi Lions Club will meet at Kim's Gardens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed by a meeting.

Business Network International

The Greater Novi Chapter of The Business Network International, meets from 7-8:30 a.m. at at the Novi Hilton, 21111 Haggerty Rd. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

SPARK

The Society for the Preservation of American Racing Knowledge, the all-volunteer support organization for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. The meeting is open to anyone interested in supporting the Hall of Fame and Museum.

Youth baseball

The board of directors of Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.

F.E.M.A.L.E.

The Novi area Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge Chapter meets at 7 p.m. at the Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. The purpose of the organization is to offer support for mothers who have chosen to interrupt their careers to care for their children. For more information call Janet at (248)476-5934.

Thursday, August 13

Parks meeting

The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Historical Commission

The Novi Historical Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

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Monday, August 17

ABWA

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, at 42100 Cresent Blvd. Social hour is set at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to all working women. For reservations, call Carol Emsley at (313) 462-0588. For membership info, call Bettie Johnson at (248) 960-9559.

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Going to the dogs

Greyhounds find homes with a little help from friends

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Greyhound lovers Therese Boulware, left, and Wendy Stout pause for a moment with "Rocket" in their informational greyhound adoption booth in the Novi Expo Center during the Michigan 50s Festival. At right, Lenka Perron's Greyhound gets attention from a young 50s Festival attendee. The dog was frightened by the large festival but took to the youngster.

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The delicate features of the tan Greyhound peered out from underneath the table where she hid from the crowds. Shaking, the once abused racing dog looked to owner Lenka Perron for reassurance.

A balloon from a nearby booth just popped, Perron explained, sending Sierra and her other Greyhound, Nevada, quivering.

Lenka brought the dogs to the Michigan 50s Festival, July 24, to attract attention to her booth, Retired Greyhounds as Pets, and her cause - to do away with Greyhound racing.

"Our express purpose is to educate the public that Greyhounds are destroyed after they are done racing," she explained.

Greyhounds begin racing as early as 18 months and retire by age five. Some are put down as soon as they are found to be less than adept racers, she said. REGAP estimates 50,000 have been killed or sold to research, although racing promoters publicly disagree and say the industry has changed.

"We never admit it was that bad in the past, but certainly there's been many changes where the industry has made the care of the Greyhounds the top priority," said Gary Guccione, with the National Greyhound Association.

Therese Boulware, of Novi, also works with the organization and coordinated the booth at the festival. It was at the Ann Arbor Art Fair two years ago she and her husband Dale heard about the group and adopted a two year old Greyhound named Fergus.

> "Emotionally they are very affectionate and bond immediately."
>
> Lenka Perron, REGAP

She's never been to a dog racing track, but her heart instantly went out to the breed.

"They are real sweet and gentle dogs and they don't bark," she said.

"We had (Fergus) for one day and he was running around the house to all the things he knew were his – his bed, his dish. He finally figured out what was just his," Boulware recalled.

Trainers and breeders call Perron and others in the National REGAP Network when they have Greyhounds to retire. Guccione said whereas 3,500 racing Greyhounds were adopted in 1990, last year 18,000 found homes.

The volunteers at REGAP are regulars at heading south to pick up the dogs and then to try to find them homes.

"Still, you can only take so many Greyhounds," Perron said. "We place about 100 a year in the state of Michigan."

Perron says the dogs make great companions and become a "second shadow." Fostered by REGAP volunteers, the dogs are ready for a family environment when they are adopted. They are not vicious and high-strung, the organization insists.

"Emotionally they are very affectionate and bond immediately," she said.

Physically, some of them come to her in poor health. She said it's due to poor diets, injuries from racing and being kept in a cage up to 22 hours a day.

Still, REGAP finds the dogs that can make the transition to a permanent home through adoption. The minimum donation to adopt is $180 which includes spaying and neutering, vaccinations, tests and transportation. Interested dog lovers need to call 1-800-GO HOUND to receive an information packet and application. After that, a formal interview process and home visit take place.

Interested adopters often visit Boulware to meet Fergus. And the Novi woman helps owners complete paperwork and actually meet their new Greyhound for the first time.

"That's really exciting," she said.

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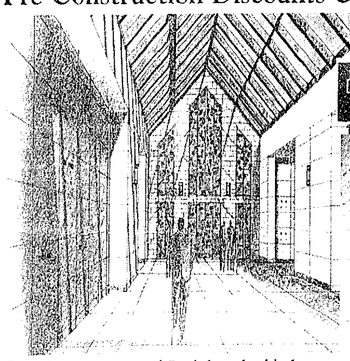

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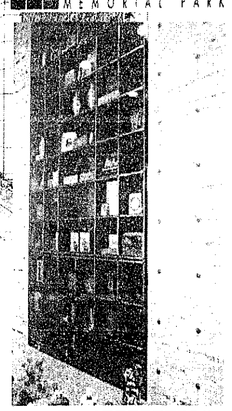

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Robbers hit local pizza parlor

Novi police are investigating an early morning robbery at Dolly's Pizza on Pontiac Trail July 31.

According to police, a man and woman came into the pizza store through the rear door during the very early morning hours. They encountered employees and brandished a gun, demanding an undisclosed amount of cash. The robbers then taped the employees' hands behind their backs and their legs together. They ran back out through the rear door.

Police said the employees were unharmed.

PEER PRESSURE

The owner of the Links of Novi and two of his employees chased away a group of young adults trying to go "carting" at 1 a.m. Aug. 2.

The owner was working on installation of an irrigation system when he spotted shadowy figures near the golf cart corral. The three men ran toward the figures and pursued them, capturing a 23-year-old Livonia man.

He told them he met a group of people at a party in Plymouth and while drunk agreed to go partying on the golf course and joy riding in the carts. He didn't know any of the people he was with, he said. Only their first names. The four other people with him escaped in a green Explorer. He said they didn't intend to steal the carts.

Police questioned him but released him at a nearby Meijer's.

TOOLS TAKEN

A Nine Mile Road resident reported someone stole his toolbox and tools from his workshop Aug. 1.

According to the report, the workshop behind the house was left open during the day.

BIKE STOLEN

Another Nine Mile Road resident told police someone stole a mountain bike from his garage on July 31.

The perpetrator used a side garage door the resident had never used since he moved in.

Police News

SWEET PORCH

Someone poured honey all over the front porch of an Ashbury Street resident during the night July 3.

Police said the resident awoke to find the honey plus cotton balls decorating the porch. The incident may have been a joke on the teenage son in the house.

BREAK-IN

Burglars may have been able to access an unlocked patio door to ransack a Lakeview Apartments residence July 29.

Police said while the residents were out, unknown suspects entered the apartment. Closets, drawers and boxes were opened. Jewelry was strewn about and dumped on floors. Two guitars were moved but not taken. The only items that appear to be taken were a cell phone and camcorder.

PAINT JOB

A house on Broadmoor Park Lane was struck by 16 pink colored paint balls overnight, July 30.

Police said no other homes on the street were targeted.

Two men riding the mountain bike trails in Lakeshore Park July 28 were treated to a car break-in when they arrived back at the parking lot.

Police said one of the Novi resident's Chevy Tahoe was vandalized. The windows were smashed and a car door was dented. A wallet was stolen out of the pants left in the vehicle.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

Novi Briefs

Outstanding work

The City of Novi Development Review Guidebook has been selected for the 1998 Outstanding Planning Project Award by the Michigan Chapter of the American Planning Association and the Michigan Society of Planning Officials. The guidebook, for use by city residents and developers was designed by Novi city consultant Rod Arroyo, vice president of Birchler Arroyo Associates. City staff and its consultant team assisted.

Help Hospice: Volunteer

Hospice of Washtenaw needs volunteer volunteers who can stay with a patient so the caregiver can take a needed break. They also need volunteers who have an interest in providing bereavement follow-up with family members. Training consists of 18 hours, beginning Tuesday, Aug. 18 at the hospice office, 800 Airport Boulevard, Ann Arbor. Preregistration is necessary. Call Gail Marie at (313) 572-3413.

Police academy starts soon

The Lakes Area Citizens Police Academy begins Sept. 9 but there's still time to register for the nightly course that gives residents a taste of real police work.

Residents of Novi, Walled Lake and Wixom can explore the world of police reality during the 11-week session that explores police procedure and the judicial system. Students meet each Thursday night at 7 p.m. to learn about police training, communications, investigations, crime prevention, the medical examiner's job, weapons training and many other law enforcement related topics during the three hour sessions.

Classes take place at various locations including each of the departments, a shooting range, the Michigan State Police Northville Post and 52-1 Court in Novi.

The sessions are offered at no charge to the residents.

The academy is a joint venture of the Novi, Walled Lake and Wixom police departments. Residents of the three cities or people who work within the city boundaries can sign up. The intent is to promote a better understanding of the departments personnel and policies. Sessions are held in the spring and fall. The program started in 1994.

Applications are now available and can be picked up at the Novi police station. For more information, call 348-7100.

Follow seatbelt safety law police say

The Novi Police Department, along with departments throughout Oakland County, will increase summer traffic enforcement efforts on seatbelt violations.

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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Aug. 2. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, JULY 27

Medical, 47520 Ten Mile Road, 6:45 a.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 50926 Vermont, 9:23 a.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 22090 Cumberland, 1:06 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 28115 Meadowbrook, 5:14 p.m., Squad 2.

TUESDAY, JULY 28

Medical, 27072 Brandon, 3:41 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 45015 Mayo Drive, 9:31 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 45747 Lakeview, 9:45 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 10:01 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 150 North Haven, 10:37 a.m., Squad 2.

Wires down, Nine Mile and Meadowbrook, 12:50 p.m., Engine 3.

Medical, 27550 Novi Road, 4:37 p.m., Squad 1.

Building fire, 30198 Rousseau, 6:02 p.m., Engines 2, Squad 2.

Medical, 20893 Woodland Glen, 6:55 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 7:01 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 24710 Willowbrook, 8:22 p.m., Squad 1.

Trash fire, 21070 Haggerty, 10:12 p.m., Engine 3.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

Investigation, 31060 Westgate, 2:33 a.m., Engine 2.

Fire alarm, 42100 Crescent, 5:33 a.m., Engines 1, 2.

Medical, 42647 Capitol, 8:20 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, Twelve Oaks Arcade 5, 12:24 p.m., Squad 1.

Investigation, 22553 Cranbrooke, 1:53 p.m., Squad 3.

Fire alarm, 30914 Jasper Ridge, 2:56 p.m., Engine 2.

Injury accident, Twelve Mile and Novi Road, 3:15 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 1:21 p.m., Squad 3.

Injury accident, Grand River and Haggerty, 4:42 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 23717 Stonehenge, 9:32 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 30030 Mountmorency, 9:57 p.m., Squad 2.

THURSDAY, JULY 30

Investigation, 24111 Meadowbrook, 5:33 a.m., Engine 3.

Building fire, 41563 Ten Mile Road, 6:20 a.m., Engines 1, 3.

Fire alarm, 47601 Grand River, 7:10 a.m., Engines 1, 4.

Medical, 41935 Twelve Mile Road, 2:11 p.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, South Lake and West Road, 3:53 p.m., Squad 2.

Injury accident, Thirteen Mile and Haggerty, 8:08 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 115 Mandlin, 10:27 p.m., Squad 2.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

Medical, 21111 Haggerty, 1:13 a.m., Squad 3.

Building fire, 43300 Twelve Mile Road, 8:52 a.m., Engines 1, 2.

Oil spill, 26401 Novi Road, 9:24 a.m., Engine 1.

Building fire, 41409 Moreau, 10:21 a.m., Engines 1, 2.

Gas leak, 22847 Heslip, 6:06 p.m., Engine 3.

Medical, 39455 Ten Mile Road, 7:50 p.m., Squad 3.

SATURDAY, AUG. 1

Medical, 26200 Wyoming, 12:23 a.m., Squad 4.

Investigation, 24690 Bashian, 1:37 a.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 1479 Nardeen, 2:37 a.m., Squad 4.

Boat fire, 1339 East Lake, 11:53 a.m., Engine 2.

Detail, 2430 Karim, 1:48 p.m., Engine 1.

SUNDAY, AUG. 2

Medical, 47233 Glamorgan, 3:43 a.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 43700 Gen-Mar, 10:12 a.m., Squad 1.

Detail, Station 4 District, 12:17 p.m., Engine 4.

Fuel spill, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 5:33 p.m., Engine 3.

Novi Community schools hire new administrators

Novi Community School District hired four administrators to replace those who retired or left at the end of last year.

Charles Hughes is the new assistant principal for Novi High school. Prior to his position with Novi, he was assistant principal at Mayde Creek High School in Katy, Texas. Hughes received his master's degree at the University of Houston-Clear Lake in Houston and his bachelor's degree in education from Central Michigan University. He taught for over six years and participated in several educational improvement, mentoring and leadership programs. Hughes replaces Tom Evans.

Daniel Tooman is the new director of Transportation. He comes to Novi from Ann Arbor Public Schools where he held the position of team leader for eight years. As a team leader, Tooman coordinated transportation services, bus rider safety and dispatch. Prior to that position, he was a bus driver for Ann Arbor Schools and a firefighter/EMT for over ten years with the Ypsilanti City Fire Department. He replaces Virginia Burnham.

Robert Steeh is Novi's new director of Communication Education. Steeh brings with him over 21 years of professional experience in community education. Prior to becoming director for Novi, he was executive director of the Southeastern Livingston County recreation Authority and assistant director of community education/recreation for Bright Area Schools. He received a master's degree in educational leadership from Eastern Michigan University and a bachelor's degree in parks and recreation administration from Central Michigan University. Steeh is involved in several professional assortations and is active in the community. He replaces Clara Porter.

Todd Pennycuff is the new administrative services assistant at Novi High School. He is no stranger to the district. Prior to this position, he taught in an emotionally impaired classroom for two years at Novi High School.

His impressive credentials include an educational specialist degree from Wayne State University, a master's in special education from Eastern Michigan University, a master's in education from Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo., where he also received a bachelor's in secondary education.

Foreign students need homes in USA

Plymouth resident Gideon Levenbach, a representative of PAX-Program of Academic Exchange, is currently seeking host families for two young soccer players, Celine from France and Eduardo from Brazil.

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To arrange for an interview and to review student applications, call Gideon Levenbach at (734) 453-8562 or Peggy Jackson, PAX national office, at 1-800-555-6211.

OCC offers massage therapy training

Some 26 percent of the $11.7 billion spent on health care each year goes to massage therapy, according to Janine McKay, coordinator of Oakland Community College's new Massage Therapy Program.

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The Highland Lakes Campus, at Union Lake, houses the Massage Therapy Program, which offers one-year certificate and two-year associate degrees. Classroom and laboratory work covers anatomy, physiology, massage modalities, stress reduction, ethical and safety practices.

The program prepares graduates for the exams of the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork.

An information session for prospective students is scheduled Aug. 11 at the Highland Lakes Campus.

For details and a package of materials on the program, call Lynette Curtis at 248/3660-3021.

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Sweet sounds of summer

Leading his family in a dance to the music of Novi Parks and Recreation outdoor concert band "Counter Play" is 5-year-old Sam Palmer. Joining in with Sam's efforts are his parents Martha and Bob, and Sam's sister Alex, 7. Many residents plunked down blankets or chairs out on the lawn at the Novi Civic Center At right, the band Counter Play adds its music to the Sounds of Summer outdoor concert series. The band played popular rock and roll hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s.

What are health problems of urban sprawl?

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Regional leaders are wrestling with the question: What's the difference between a "health problem" requiring governmental capital and "urban sprawl" which is a no-no?

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments tossed that problem into the lap of its Environmental Policy Advisory Council. Specifically, EPAC will recommend whether to amend the seven-county region's water and sewer service map to expand in three outlying areas.

EPAC is chaired by Marysville Mayor Deem Boldyreff, and vice chairs are Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy and Professor Orin Gelderloos of the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

"We will not support policies which subsidize growth," said SEMCOG executive director Paul Tait at the July 31 executive committee meeting, restating SEMCOG's policy against "urban sprawl."

"There are legitimate health problems," Tait added, underlining the other side of the problem.

Under consideration are applications for federal and state aid for 1) sewers in the southern Huron Township in Wayne County and a neighboring part of Monroe County; 2) water extension for Oxford Township in northern Oakland County; and 3) water extension in East China Township in St. Clair County.

"There's definitely a need," said Elaine Kirchgatter, SEMCOG executive committee member from Canton Township. "We probably made a few people rich (in deciding for extensions)."

James Murray, Wayne County's director of the Department of Environment, said the line between two policies was gray.

"South Huron is under (sewer-age) capacity. They have to comply with federal and state standards," Murray said. But when they comply, they allow expansion.

"Oakland County has 200,000 septic systems. Wayne County as 30,000 to 40,000," Murray added.

SEMCOG's executive committee voted $25,000 for a staff report on "sustainable development" in the region to resolve the question. "That would give us an inventory of best practices," said Tait. The study would be published and sent to SEMCOG's 140 governmental unit members.

SEMCOG chair Douglas Woolley, supervisor of Pittsfield Township in Washtenaw County, said "sustainable development" will be his "signature project" for the region.

In other business July 31, the SEMCOG executive committee endorsed:

• "A Proposed State Policy for the Reuse of Obsolete Buildings." If enacted into state law, the policy would allow local governments to eliminate property taxes for 12 years on improvements made to buildings officially declared obsolete, in order to bring them back into use at reduced tax cost.

• A similar policy for "blighting buildings." Local units could condemn property, relocate residents, and adopt redevelopment plans.

Currently, the owner of a blighting building could donate it to the local unit, to a local economic development corporation, or a nonprofit organization. The new policy, if enacted into law, would allow local units to give owners incentives to donate a blighted building – such as forgiveness of fines and fees.

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Obituaries

JOHN R. MARTIN SR.

John R. (Timmy) Martin Sr., 80, of Northville died July 26 in Providence Park Hospital, Novi. He was born Nov. 11, 1917.

Mr. Martin was a graduate of the University of Detroit and an avid golfer and fisherman. He was employed for 44 years with Melnerney/Miller Bros. of Detroit until his retirement in 1989.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; sons, John Jr. (Eiko) and Leo (Sandra); daughters, Penny (Edward) Nowakowski and Margaret (Mike) Chapdelaine; and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Martin was preceded in death by daughter Mary.

Services were held on Thursday, July 30 at our Lady of Victory Church in Northville. Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Memorials to the University of Detroit-Mercy, 4001 W. McNichols, P.O. Box 19900, Detroit, MI 48219-0900 would be appreciated.

RICHARD G. WIMMER SR.

Richard G. Wimmer Sr., 77, died July 29 at his residence in Brighton. He was born July 4, 1920.

Mr. Wimmer was former president of Michigan Boiler and Engineering Inc. in Detroit. He was the third generation in the family business, where he worked as a young man in the shop and field until 1965, when he became president. Under his leadership, the business flourished until it was the largest steel plate fabricator and largest specialized contractor in Michigan until the business was sold in 1984. He was a Master Mason of St. Nicholas Lodge No. 568, where there are four generations of Wimmers as well as four generations of their membership in Moslem Shrine Temple. Mr. Wimmer was honored to become a 33rd degree Mason in 1979. He was very active in all clubs associated with the Masonic lodge and worked to raise money for Moslem Shrine hospitals.

Surviving Mr. Wimmer are: wife, Jane; son, Richard Jr. (Mary Ann); daughter, Margaret (Gary) Mitter; brothers, Frank and Cliff; eight grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Services were held on Saturday, Aug. 1 at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Interment was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Memorials to the Moslem Shrine Children's Hospitals and Livingston County Hospice would be appreciated.

Novi students must register for 1998-99 school year

Novi Community School District Registration Dates

Parents registering new students for the 1998-99 school year need to provide the following information: birth certificate, immunization records, emergency phone numbers, and verification of Novi Community School District residency. Each school must have this information on file.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (K-4)

All new students should register at school beginning Monday, Aug. 10. School offices are open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parents may pick up registration packets at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, before Aug. 10.

NOVI MEADOWS (5-6)

All new students should register at school beginning Monday, Aug. 10.

The school office is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parents may pick up registration packets at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft road, before Aug. 10.

NOVI MIDDLE SCHOOL (7-8)

New students may schedule registration appointments for: Tuesday, Aug. 18 (A-L); Wednesday, Aug. 19 (M-Z).

Please telephone (248) 449-1250 after Wednesday, Aug. 12 to schedule an appointments. Pick up registration packets at the Educational Services Building on Taft Road before Aug. 18.

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL

Novi High School mailed 1998-99 registration packets to all high school students in early August.

• Seniors register on Friday, Aug. 14, from 8 to 11 a.m.

• Juniors register on Friday, Aug. 14, from noon to 3 p.m.

• Sophomores register on Monday, Aug. 17, from 8 to 11 a.m.

• Freshmen registration A-R is 8 to 11 a.m.; L-Z is noon to 3 p.m.

Novi High School will hold registration for all new students and a make-up registration session on Wednesday, Aug. 19, from 8 to 11 a.m.

Novi teachers spend summer in school

A number of Novi teachers spent a portion of their summer vacation training on programs that allow students to learn and gain experience on technology that is used in everyday business and industry.

Four teachers spent two weeks in front of the computer learning the Geographic Information System, or GIS.

This technology uses computers to generate information about places on our planet through the use of maps, charts and tables. gis is used by business to plan school bus routes based on student residences, map out newspaper delivery routes, research changing wildlife habitat in a national park, and analyze patterns of toxic wastes in area soils.

Novi Meadows teachers, Barb Brunett, Jeanne May, and Gary Hurst continued participation in "Making Connections," another program that incorporates real life experiences into lesson plans. This summer Gary Hurst prepared a presentation on the Fifth Grade Curriculum Integration Project for the state Board of Education. For this assignment, Novi Meadows fifth grade students designed a plan on how to build a middle school and develop residential land using assignments in science, social studies, math and language arts.

Students researched all steps involved including: land purchase, floor plan and landscape design, hiring building contractors, environmental impact, effect on transportation, setting up utilities, and hiring staff.

This experience taught students about teamwork, technology, roles in the community, communication and career awareness.

Teachers this year will participate in the externship program of "Making Connections," where they work for one week in a business facility learning about the work site, career field and culture of business.

They will then use this knowledge to plan, prepare and teach students about career paths or fields.

Classic cars win awards at 50s festival

Some 1,280 cars were entered in the 1998 50s Festival Car Show July 26 during the Michigan 50s Festival at the Novi Expo Center.

Awards were given to 68 owners in various entry classes.

The winners were:

BEST OF SHOW
First Place, 1957 Chevy, Charles Ackers, Dearborn
Second Place, 1933 Ford Sedan Delivery, Gary Bedard
Third Place, 1933 Plymouth, Doug Mily, Plymouth

MAYOR'S CHOICE
1954 Mercury, Jack Siotica, Garden City

LADIES CHOICE
1970 Pontiac GTO, Stu Light, Farmington Hills

ORIGINAL/RESTORED, CLASS A
First, 1953 Buick, Mark Barker, Plymouth
Second, 1930 Ford Roadster, Steve Harvilla, Northville
Third, 1953 Cadillac, Mark Barker, Plymouth

ORIGINAL/RESTORED, CLASS B
First, 1957 Chevy, Charles Ackers, Dearborn
Second, 1957 Corvette, Jerry Haney, Lakeland
Third, 1957 Ford Thunderbird, Bob Breslin, Northville

ORIGINAL/RESTORED, CLASS C
First, 1958 Pontiac Bonneville, Dave Maguire, Grand Blanc
Second, 1961 Ford Thunderbird, Tony Maisano, Troy
Third, 1960 Buick, Bob Horejsi, Southfield

ORIGINAL/RESTORED, CLASS D
First, 1965 Ford Thunderbird, John R. Stevens, Troy
Second, 1965 Ford Thunderbird, Steve and Karen Nelson, Farmington Hills
Third, 1966 Chevy, James Cleveland, Livonia

ORIGINAL/RESTORED, CLASS E
First, 1972 Chevy Nova, Stan and Connie Allen, Ypsilanti
Second, 1973 Cadillac, Jim Pappas, Troy
Third, 1973 Chevy Camaro, Ron Roy, Novi

MUSCLE CAR ORIG/RESTORED, CLASS F
First, 1968 Mustang Shelby GT, John Kachigian, Canton
Second, 1968 Chevy Camaro, Bill and Christopher Perry, Shelby Township
Third, 1968 Plymouth Roadrunner, George Minassian, Farmington Hills

MUSCLE CAR ORIG/RESTORED, CLASS G
First, 1970 Plymouth Baracuda, Gary Jones, Canton
Second, 1970 Dodge Challenger, Joe Zeigler, Milford
Third, 1971 Dodge Challenger, Donna Dancik, South Lyon

CLASSIC CHEVY MODIFIED
First, 1957 Chevrolet, Jeff Matauch, New Hudson
Second, 1955 Chevy Bel-Air, Paul G. Moran, Northville
Third, 1956 Chevy Bel-Air, Rich Gadwell, Newport

STREET RODS OPEN
First, 1932 Ford Roadster, Roger Fitch, South Rockwood
Second, 1915 Ford, Bill Bowman, Livonia
Third, 1923 Ford T-Bucket, Wynn Robinson, Hazel Park

STREET RODS CLOSED
First, 1933 Ford, Gary Bedard, Howell
Second, 1939 Ford, Brian Lavan, Brighton
Third, 1937 Ford, Paul Sucoe, Not Available

STREET MACHINE MODIFIED, CLASS L
First, 1964 Ford Fairlane, Bill Bowman, Garden City
Second, 1959 Dodge, Mike Caruso, Westland
Third, 1963 Ford Falcon, Don Catlett, Farmington Hills

STREET MACHINE MODIFIED, CLASS M
First, 1966 Oldsmobile 442, Anthony Dominick, New Hudson
Second, 1965 Chevy Corvair, Don Carter, Madison Heights
Third, 1966 Ford Mustang, Woody Seymour, Canton

STREET MACHINE MODIFIED, CLASS N
First, 1967 Chevy Camaro, Mike Dginsky, Warren
Second, 1967 Chevy Nova, Darrell Brackenridge, Redford
Third, 1968 Chevy, Ron and Wendy Valko, Milford

STREET MACHINE MODIFIED, CLASS P
First, 1970 Dodge, Woody Wadsworth, Warren
Second, 1970 Chevy, James Sutton, Ortonville
Third, 1969 Chevrolet Nova, Richard Milkiewicz, Livonia

STREET MACHINE MODIFIED, CLASS Q
First, 1971 Chevy Monte Carlo, Bill Caruso, Redford
Second, 1987 Buick Grand National, Rich Hunter, Redford
Third, 1971 Plymouth, Mike Radin, Auburn Hills

CUSTOMER RADICAL
First, 1950 Mercury Custom, Gary Bedard, Howell
Second, 1948 Chevy two-door, Mike Serge, Livonia
Third, 1948 Chevy, Art Ames, Westland

PRO STREET AND RACE
First, 1968 Chevy, Jerry and Denise Swing, Walled Lake
Second, 1968 Ford Shelby Mustang, Al Marani, Southgate
Third, 1941 Willy's, Phil Nigg, Commerce Township

CORVETTE ORIGINAL/RESTORED
First, 1961 Chevy Corvette, Dan and Judy West, Brighton
Second, 1962 Chevy Corvette, Bill Marlett, Farmington Hills
Third, 1963 Chevy Corvette, Alex Kozarian, South Lyon

TRUCKS ORIGINAL/RESTORED
First, 1950 Ford Truck, Julius Passerl, Northville
Second, 1945 Ford Fire Truck, Richard Cray, Farmington Hills
Third, 1955 Ford F-250, Randall Lively, Westland

TRUCK MODIFIED
First, 1954 Ford F-100, Randy Baston, Canton
Second, 1957 Chevy Truck, Keith and Michelle Whitt, Ypsilanti
Third, 1957 Chevy Pick-Up, James Sucoe, Redford

SPORTS CAR/SPECIAL INTEREST
First, 1953 Chevy Corvette, Lenny Chmaj, Woodhaven
Second, 1978 Excalibur Phaeton, Linda Champagne, Taylor
Third, 1970 Jaguar XKE, Sal Vacca, Farmington Hills

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Feathered friend

Bird flits through neighborhood

By WENSDY WHITE
Staff Writer

A wild Starling nicknamed Fluffy has tamed the neighbors in the Hills of Crestwood subdivision in Northville Township, which is located off Beck Road near Six Mile.

As he flits through various garages, touches down on people's heads and bathes with children in a neighborhood pool, some residents are growing to love him while others think Fluffy the Bird is just a pest.

"People started getting a little scared because they see a black dot coming at them. He tends to land on your head. It can be a little unnerving," said resident Glen Kruse.

"One of the neighbors called me screaming about a bird in her garage," said neighbor Lori Stapp. "I'm part of the whole neighborhood Fluffy watch. I protect this one woman who's afraid of Fluffy. Now I have to walk her to her car."

Lori's son Brandon, 8, has also noticed some hard feelings cropping up against the brown speckled bird with the pointy black beak who's been known to chirp in people's ears.

"He loves everyone in the neighborhood but some people are beginning to hate Fluffy because he comes into their garage and attacks them. That's his way of begging for food. He's just so cute you have to feed him," Brandon said.

But Fluffy's charming doesn't end there.

Lately he's taken to perching atop cars and hitching rides out to Beck Road. Then he flies right back to his community.

"We almost missed the Fourth of July parade. We didn't know it was a game and we kept driving up and down the street trying to shake him off," Glen Kruse said.

It all began when the Kruse family found the bird in their driveway as they pulled out in their mini-van this spring.

"My dad thought it was a rock but he got out just to check," said Stephen Kruse, 8, a fourth-grader at Silver Springs Elementary School.

"When we found him, his eyes were closed. He fell out of the nest and the mom was nowhere around," said Rebecca Kruse, who just months ago moved to Northville Township from Chicago with her husband Glen and sons Stephen, 8 and Bobby, 6.

The family found an abandoned nest in a nearby tree and set it in a shoe box for Fluffy. They fed the scraway, bald bird with worms that they found in hay bales leftover from recent yard work.

Fluffy has since lived in a Pop Tart box, a garbage can and in various garages.

"We built him a bird house but he wants nothing to do with it," Rebecca Kruse said.

Bobby Kruse, a first-grader at Silver Springs, decided on the bird's name.

"Cause he was fluffy. Well, he wasn't, but I just thought it was a good name. Stephen wanted to call him Bernard," Bobby said.

Now, to a group of neighbors whose homes ring a cul-de-sac at the end of Tall Pines Court, Fluffy is a household name.

The bird recently greeted each guest the Simintan family reunion.

"All the adults fed him, he was there for lawn darts. It was just hilarious," Rebecca Kruse said.

Fluffy often sleeps in a wreath on the Geresh family's front door and frequents the Tucker's swimming pool.

"I was in the pool and Fluffy landed on my head and the only way I could get him off was to go under water," said Brandon Stapp, a third-grader at Our Lady of Victory. "One time my dad was mowing the lawn and Fluffy was sitting between his hands getting a free ride all around the yard. He's just one crazy bird."

Lori Stapp said Fluffy also loves to perch on windowsills.

"He'll watch you through the glass as you move from room to room. He just wants to be petted. I think he thinks the neighbors are his true family."

But other neighbors don't think Fluffy's motives are so innocent.

Glen Kruse, for one, said he may be out for food alone.

The Kruse's have been feeding him moistened bread supplemented lately with corn, peas and bugs. A new favorite of Fluffy's are country mashed potatoes.

"He eats anything except, like, a brick," said Bobby.

"Once he ate my finger," Brandon added.

Although Fluffy doesn't seem to recognize his name, he'll come to the sound of clapping hands. No one really knows what he does all day but every evening, if you stand outside, he'll coast in for a visit.

Since he lost his mother, the Kruse's had to teach him how to fly, by tossing him into the air and shouting encouragement. Still, they sometimes feel like they've failed because he prefers to walk whenever he can.

That might just be because he's a tad overweight from all the attention.

"We just started talking to each other, 'Oh you feed him too? And you feed him too?'" Lori Stapp said. "We've come to find out he's very well fed."

The neighbors don't anticipate that Fluffy will move out of the subdivision anytime soon.

And it's just as well. He's done wonders to foster a community spirit in the subdivision of newly built homes.

"It's a nice story. Neighbors talk to each other because of a bird. He's our first real pet who's not really a pet," Rebecca Kruse said.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

With a plate of bread in one hand, Stephen Kruse, 8, gently handles Fluffy the Birdy at his home.

Novi offers low budget fun night of music and movie

Novi Parks and Recreation has recreated the drive-in movie experience for Thursday, Aug. 6, at the Novi Civic Center. The family movie "Angels in the Outfield" will hit the big screen set up on the north lawn at 9:30 p.m., rain or shine.

The movie stars Danny Glover and Tony Danza and is about a losing baseball team called the Angels which, thanks to a young boy, begin to rise to the occasion and see success.

You may not want to wear your pajama's but blankets, lawn chairs, coolers and food are more than welcome. The cost is $3 per person, children 3 and under are free.

Lemonade, popcorn and other concession items will be for sale. Please, say organizers, no alcohol.

The night actually begins at 7 p.m. with a free concert performed by the Novi Concert Band and sponsored by the Novi Arts Council. Kids activities begin at 7:30 p.m. including a Moonbounce, sidewalk chalk art, frisbee games, a skatemobile and basketball hoop hustle. The Moonbounce is sponsored by the Novi Community Credit Union.

There will also be a climbing wall which one turn at the exercise is included along with the $3 admission price. Also included is a turn at the skatemobile. A second turn or more is 50 cents.

Tickets can be purchased in advance from Novi Parks and Recreation offices in the Civic Center though or at the gate.

Guests should use the adjacent Novi High School parking lot. Other lots around the Civic Center are likely to be congested due to the National Softball Tournament.

Rogue dogs slay sheep at Maybury State Park

By WENSDY WHITE
Staff Writer

Three sheep at Maybury State Park were victimized overnight July 31 in the second animal attack to occur in the area in just more than a month and one of several this year.

A large beagle and a black shepherd have been blamed in the latest incident.

"They struck again last night," park manager Gary Fischer said.

At 3:40 a.m., Northville Township police were called to the Maybury State Park farm, located off Eight Mile near Beck Road, by resident farmer John Beemer.

Beemer told police he woke up to the sound of his dog barking.

"It raised his curiosity. He got up to investigate and saw one of the injured lambs," said Sergeant Mike Panagiotides, who responded to the call. "One of the dogs ran past him. As he walked farther he scared the other dog away from the sheep who died."

Aside from that sheep, another was seriously wounded and may have to be destroyed, Panagiotides said. A third suffered minor injuries in the attack.

All had their throats ripped open.

"John recognized them as being the dogs of a resident," Panagiotides said.

Although police would not release his name, Panagiotides said they are investigating a Novi man as the owner of the dogs.

The owner could be charged with misdemeanors for letting his dogs run loose and at large and harboring vicious animals.

A woman who answered the door of his home after the incident denied that the dogs were his.

"The animals weren't there and haven't been there since," Panagiotides said.

Northville Township police also said the man claimed he put another dog to sleep after it chased a bicyclist at Maybury State Park and ducks and geese were found dead in the park.

"The people aren't living up to their responsibility for dog ownership," Panagiotides said. "Once a dog has begun doing something like that it's difficult to get them to stop."

Under township ordinances, dogs must be contained on their owner's property or confined to a leash at all times. They also must be licensed each year.

"This is not the first time we've had problems with domestic animals allowed to run at large," Panagiotides said. "Some people are of the opinion that their dogs shouldn't be chained up or confined but they have no idea what domestic dogs can do to livestock. I'm sure if they saw this they'd be quite sickened."

At Maybury State Park, three pregnant ewes, three lambs, a goat, ducks and geese were among livestock killed by animals in three incidents over the past year.

Although there has been some question as to whether coyotes may have been responsible for the killings, Fischer said sightings have proved that theory false.

"There's no way in heck it's a coyote. We're 100 percent convinced it's dogs," Fischer said. "We've seen them about four times."

The beagle and shepherd have been spotted by other residents near the Maybury farm, which is located off of Beck Road between Seven and Eight Mile Roads.

Among them is Barb Lucas, a resident on Westview Road near Maybury.

After hearing about other animal deaths, she took precautions to protect her family's livestock.

Still, she woke up one morning last month to find four of the family's black and white pet sheep killed.

Police reports from that incident said the sheep's throats suffered rips the size of a man's fist, but no paw prints or evidence were found in the area leaving police no clue as to what kind of animal was responsible.

A four-foot fence around the pasture was untouched, Northville Township police said.

Lucas said she is concerned for children in the area.

"These were big sheep," she said. "What's next?"

Novi schools begin building playgrounds and sports fields

Novi Community School District takes steps to begin construction on playing fields and playgrounds.

The first bids for earth work on these grounds went out June 25. Only one bid was received, it was too high and the board of education recommended that administration send out for second bids. Rebids were received on July 24. These bids were lower and the board approved them.

Please note: Although the playground structures and playing fields are expected to be complete by said construction date, the areas need time for grass and vegetation to grow. Therefore, some areas may need to be "off limits" as indicated. There is a distinction between "construction completed" and "playable."

• Novi High School east playing fields irrigated. Start construction on Aug. 13; fields not playable until fall 1999. The Novi High School football field will be used for the entire season.

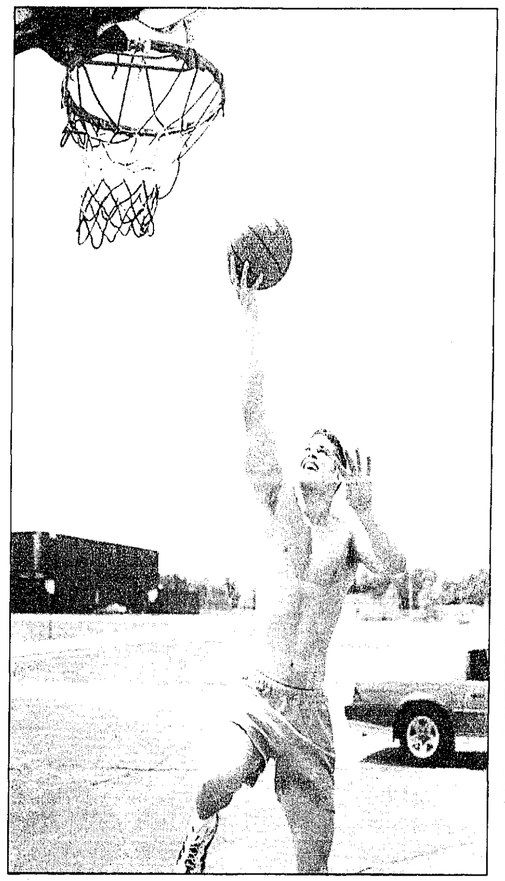
• Novi Meadows athletic activity field irrigated. Start construction week of Aug. 3; fields not playable until fall 1999.

• Village Oaks playground and fields begin construction Aug. 12. Structures playable Oct. 29; seeded areas not playable until fall 1999.

• Orchard Hills playground and fields begin construction week of Aug. 3. Structures playable Oct. 16; seeded areas not playable until fall 1999.

• Parkview playground construction begins Aug. 24. Structures are playable Sept. 9.

• Novi Meadows playground construction begins Sept. 9. Structures playable Nov. 4; seeded areas not playable until fall 1999.



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Aaron Kark, of Columbus, Ohio, shoots some hoops at a playground near Novi Meadows Elementary School. Kark was in Novi to visit a friend.

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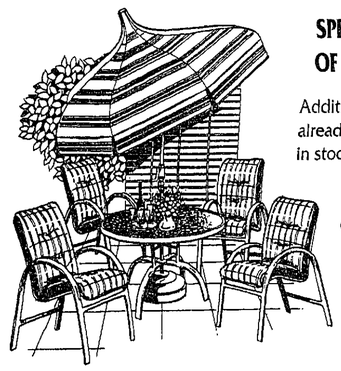

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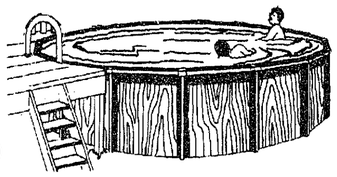

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10:00 a.m. — Options for a Balanced Life: Discipline
10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor: Epcot International
11:00 a.m. — Christian Singles Today: Where is Your Faith?
11:30 a.m. — Cosby and Company: Dr. Charles Inniss
12:00 p.m. — Creature Feature: Science Alive
12:30 p.m. — (con't)
1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. — Yoga Relaxation and You
2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Gaming
2:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: The Whitney Bakery
3:00 p.m. - Detroit Radio Reunion
3:30 p.m. — (con't)
4:00 p.m. — (con't)
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. — Up Close Today
6:00 p.m. — Grip: Kick It In
6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
7:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
7:30 p.m. — Aviation Journal
8:00 p.m. — Speakout
8:30 p.m. — Community Comments: Ben Marks
9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
9:30 p.m. — Groove Session: Reggie Braxton

TUESDAY, AUG. 11
10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m. — Specs Profile: Artist
11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Richard White
11:30 a.m. — (con't)
12:00 p.m. — Summit University: Gospel of Thomas No. 10
12:30 p.m. — (con't)
1:00 p.m. — Sampler Pioneer Women: Their Lives Through Song
1:30 p.m. — (con't)
2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
2:30 p.m. — Center for New Thinking: Biology of Ethics
3:00 p.m. — (con't)
3:30 p.m. — (con't)
4:00 p.m. — Reading with Tatiana
4:30 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and The Life
5:00 p.m. — The Great Adventure
5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: Michael Zandr, Doron
6:00 p.m. — Multicultural/Multiracial: Fair Housing Practices
6:30 p.m. — (con't)
7:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators: Body Toning
7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Gaming
8:00 p.m. — Welcome to the New Millennium
8:30 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: The Whitney Bakery
9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12
10:00 a.m. — Just for the Health of It: Lower Back Pain
10:30 a.m. — MDOT Today
11:00 a.m. — Huntington's Disease Update
11:30 a.m. — The Elegant Life: The Button Lady
12:00 p.m. — Who Do You Look Like
12:30 p.m. — (con't)
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. — AMVETs
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8:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat
8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
9:00 p.m. — Out in the Open III: Wild Boys
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

THURSDAY, AUG. 13
10:00 a.m. — Fitness Motivators: Body Toning
10:30 a.m. — The Happiest People Alive
11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life Arabic Ministries
11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
12:30 p.m. — Madonna Magazine: High Tech Dentistry
1:00 p.m. — Praise, Praise, Praise
1:30 p.m. — That's Italian
2:00 p.m. — Detroit Skates
2:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
3:00 p.m. — The Secret Place
3:30 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Richard White
4:30 p.m. — (con't)
5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek
5:30 p.m. — (con't)
6:00 p.m. — Founders Festival Parade
6:30 p.m. — (con't)
7:00 p.m. — (con't)
7:30 p.m. — The Great Adventure
8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
8:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today: Where is Your Faith?
9:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Richard White
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

FRIDAY, AUG. 14
10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. — To Be Announced
4:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators
4:30 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks
5:00 p.m. — (con't)
5:30 p.m. — Cosby and company
6:00 p.m. — To Be Announced
6:30 p.m. — Groove Session
7:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies
7:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
8:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
8:30 p.m. — To Be Announced
9:00 p.m. — Law Talk
9:30 p.m. — (con't)

Livonia man dies in freeway crash

A 45-year-old Livonia man was killed and two family members were seriously injured when the driver of another car allegedly fell asleep at the wheel Sunday morning on Interstate 96 in Lyon Township.

Kristopher Kramer, 22, was traveling west in his 1997 Honda when he apparently nodded off at 8:10 a.m. near South Hill Road, said Michigan State Police Trooper Jean Figgins. Kramer's car rear-ended a 1992 Ford Tempo driven by Jo Ann Sergott.

Sergott's vehicle was sent careening to a right embankment, where it rolled over. Sergott, a Livonia resident, was wearing a seat belt but sustained head injuries.

Her son, Michael Sergott, 45, was not wearing a seat belt and was partially ejected from the vehicle, which rolled over on him. He died as a result of his injuries, Figgins said.

Jo Ann Sergott's nephew Gregory Zweng, 33, was also not wearing a seat belt and was thrown from the car. Two helicopters were dispatched to the scene for Zweng and Michael Sergott, but Sergott went into cardiac arrest and had to be sent by ambulance, Figgins said.

Zweng, also a Livonia resident, was transported by air to University of Michigan Health Care System in Ann Arbor. Figgins said Monday he underwent surgery for a ruptured aorta and internal injuries.

Kramer, who was wearing a seat belt, was not injured, Figgins said. His car's air bag also activated.

A spokesperson for the hospital said Tuesday that Zweng was in critical condition. Jo Ann Sergott is in fair condition there.

Charges are pending, while the case remains under investigation, Figgins said.

A resident of Highland Township, Kramer was tested for drugs and alcohol; results are expected in within the next ten days, the trooper added.

Traffic was backed up on the freeway for about an hour because of the accident.

Man bond over for Novi robbery

The Farmington man who was shot and wounded by South Lyon Police officers during an April 23 robbery attempt at Showerman's IGA was bound over to circuit court last week for a similar robbery in Novi.

Kevin Alexander waived a preliminary examination July 30 in Oakland County District Court 52-1 before Judge Dennis Powers on four counts of armed robbery. Alexander is suspected in a chain of 10 similar robberies at food and department stores in southeast Michigan beginning in September of last year and allegedly ending with the shootout at the South Lyon Showerman's in April.

Alexander was wounded in the shootout with South Lyon Police, and appeared on crutches in court last week.

In all cases, Alexander allegedly hid in the stores after closing and confronted store employees wearing a mask and demanding cash at gunpoint. Alexander currently faces four counts of armed robbery stemming from the April 6 robbery at the West Oaks Kmart in Novi, and he faces arraigonment Aug. 13 before Circuit Court Judge David Breck where he will enter a plea on the charges facing him.

Durant II heard in supreme court

By WENSDY WHITE
Staff Writer

Following in the footsteps of it's big brother, the Durant II lawsuit was heard in the Michigan Supreme Court on Tuesday after being dismissed from the Michigan Court of Appeals.

The lawsuit alleges the state underfunded programs that it mandated, including special education and driver's training.

The original Durant suit alleged the same thing, and after a 17-year court battle, Northville was among more than 80 state school districts that received monetary damages.

On April 15, the state of Michigan cut a check for the Novi Public School District in the amount of $1.7 million.

But after the checks went out, the state allegedly continued to underfund the same programs.

Now, Novi is among 125 school districts that sued the state again.

The case was led by Bloomfield Hills attorney Dennis Pollard, who spent the last 17 years of his life on Durant I.

He said he doesn't expect it to take as long for the courts to come to a conclusion this time around.

"The Supreme Court said in the future they don't want these cases to be delayed and they were going to work with us to make sure that wouldn't happen," Pollard said.

"We showed, based on the state's own data, they have underfunded schools statewide to the amount of $350 million for the 1997-98 fiscal year alone."

The 1998-99 fiscal year the underfunding will amount to $375-380 million.

But Pollard said the districts aren't seeking financial damages yet. They just want to force the state to budget the money to cover the special programs next year.

"What we're trying to do is get a declaratory ruling so that the legislature can react appropriately to either apply another $350 million in the next year or eliminate the mandate," Pollard said.

"The local schools today have no choice. They have to provide these services."

But he said if the case ends up lasting a long time, the districts will try to recover lost funding.

"If this case becomes protracted we will seek damages," Pollard said. "We tried throughout the seventeen-eighteen years to try to end the case so the damages wouldn't keep accruing but the attorney general waltzed it around, and the courts as well."

Durant I went in front of the Michigan Supreme Court four times before it was decided.

"It's obscene that a case could take 17 years. We did everything we could to move it and we couldn't get the thing brought to fruition," Pollard said.

He said he expects it will be at least a month before the supreme court justices offer an opinion after hearing the Durant II case July 21.

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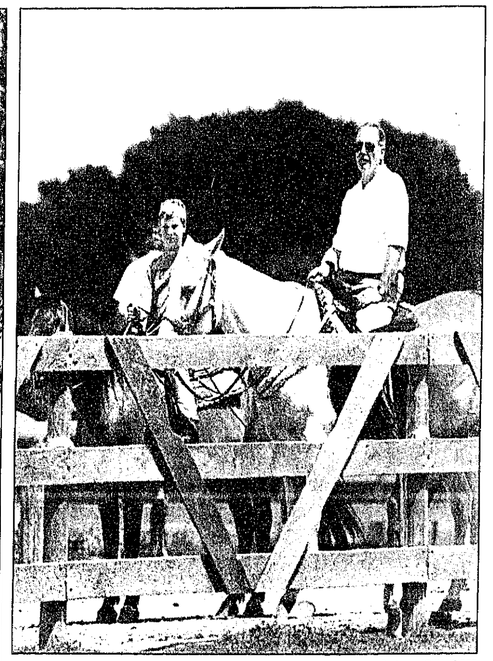

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Happy trails

Above and at left, mounted on their horses, Bobby and Bob McClowry of Dearborn prepare to hit the dusty trails of Maybury State Park for a guided, one-hour trailride through the park's woods and fields.

SEMCOG fights municipal business 'pirates'

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Cities in southeastern Michigan are putting the heat on Gov. John Engler to veto a bill they say grants too much power to "pirate" communities to lure away business.

An Engler spokesman said the governor will sign Senate Bill 733 by the end of the week.

"There are 60 communities with local enterprise zones," said Paul L. Tait, executive director of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) as he spread word of the veto effort.

The target bill began life as an effort to ease taxes on charitable trusts but was amended in the House.

As Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi put it in a letter to Engler: "The measure can lead to the pirating of businesses from one community to another without the safeguards that the benefits will go to communities with need."

He likened lawmakers' tactics to a "sneak attack" because they bypassed the normal committee process.

Vagnozzi quoted from the House Republican search staff which said, "This bill does not require an exit visa like other legislation offering tax breaks for locating in distressed areas ... This bill does not allow local government units to exert such influence when businesses leave their area ...

"Any of these municipalities (those seeking to lure businesses by exempting 100 percent of newly acquired personal property) can establish a new industrial development district by resolution. In addition, it is not that difficult to declare an area distressed, so more local government units may follow ...

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>
> Aldo Vagnozzi,
> Farmington Hills mayor

"This bill does not restrict the exemption to new personal property ... So personal property exempt under PA 198 (the industrial facilities tax), for example, could be moved into a new exempt district when its current exemption expires and maintain the property's exempt status."

Rochester Hills Mayor Kenneth Snell had a similar complaint.

"Under current laws," he said, "when a company wishes to relocate jobs in order to receive a tax abatement from another community, the 'host' community must review and approve the relocation. Rochester Hills has been the recipient and giver of such company moves ... In fact, we've never refused such an employment transfer...

"SB 733 would allow communities to lure companies without this approval step. This bill will create unfair results and long-term liabilities for all communities," he said, urging Engler to veto it.

SB 733 passed the Senate Feb. 25 on a 37-0 vote.

On May 27 it was reported out of the House Tax Policy Committee, headed by Rep. Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti.

But on July 3, it was amended several times on the House floor and passed 61-20.

On the same day, the Senate concurred in House amendments on a 31-2 vote with four absent.

The bill allows the governing body of a local assessing unit (city or township) to exempt "all new personal property of an eligible business located in an eligible district."

It says the state treasurer, "with the written concurrence of the Department of Michigan Jobs Commission, shall advise the State Tax Commission as to whether exempting the new personal property of the eligible business is necessary to reduce unemployment, promote economic growth and increase capital investment in the state."

Eligible districts to receive such investments include industrial development districts under PA 198 of 1974, "renaissance zones" under a 1996 law, "enterprise zones" under a 1985 law, "brownfield development zones" under a 1996 law, "empowerment zones" under the 1986 federal Internal Revenue Code "tax increment finance authority" zones under a 1980 law, an authority district under the Local Development Financing Act of 1986, and a "downtown development district" under the 1975 law.

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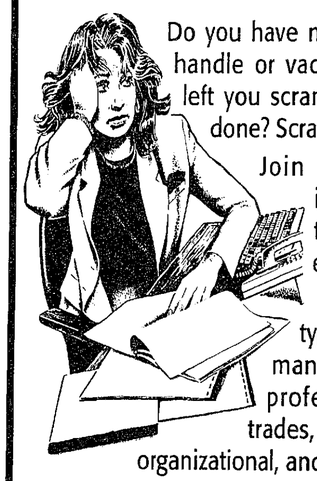

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Fire log

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending July 26. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the Engine and Squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, JULY 20

Fire Alarm, 44580 Mansfield, 1:19 p.m., Engine 1.

Injury accident, Thirteen Mile and Novi Road, 4:42 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 43455 Ten Mile Road, 5:30 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, Twelve Oaks-Upper Level, 8:18 p.m., Squad 1.

TUESDAY, JULY 21

Investigation, 31016 Beachwalk, 5:01 a.m., Engine 2.

Fire alarm, 25875 Novi Road, 9:12 a.m., Engines 1, 4.

Medical, 45410 Grand River, 11:18 a.m., Squad 1.

Injury accident, Ten Mile and Novi Road, 1:30 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 39705 Village Wood, 5:38 p.m., Squad 3.

Electrical fire, 43700 Expo Center, 6:01 p.m., Engine 1.

Wires down, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, 6:24 p.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 601 South Lake, 6:45 p.m., Squad 2.

House fire, 1523 East Lake, 7:26 p.m., Engines 1, 2.

Medical, 24243 Jamestown, 7:43 p.m., Squad 1.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

Medical, 500 Eckshtay, 12:28 a.m., Squad 4.

Medical, 24463 Old Orchard, 1:21 a.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 45241 Byrne, 7:55 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 45182 West Road, 9:26 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 11:26 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 41577 Sleepy Hollow, 11:59 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 22859 Cranbrooke, 12:51 p.m., Squad 3.

Assist Police, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 12:54 p.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 41211 Vincente, 2:16 p.m., Squad 1.

Fuel spill, Twelve Oaks-Blue Lot, 3:21 p.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 1127 South Lake, 9:10 p.m., Squad 2.

Wires down, Ten Mile and Bethany, 10:42 p.m., Engine 1.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

Fuel spill, Thirteen Mile and Novi Road, 12:27 p.m., Engine 2.

Medical, 26425 Novi Road, 1:40 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 24896 Fairway Hills, 5:03 p.m., Squad 4.

Dumpster fire, 41900 Quince, 5:51 p.m., Engine 3.

Gas leak, Beck and Cider Mill, 5:57 p.m., Engine 4.

Fire alarm, 47200 Stratford, 8:20 p.m., Engines 3, 4.

House fire, 24703 Venice, 8:25 p.m., Engine 1.

Car fire, 21090 Haggerty, 11:31 p.m., Engine 3.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

Fire alarm, 45825 Eleven Mile Road, 5:54 a.m., Engines 1, 4.

Gas main leak, Sixth Gate and Main Street, 10:49 a.m., Engine 1.

Car fire, Twelve Oaks-Yellow Lot, 12:02 p.m., Engine 1.

Fire alarm, 39500 Orchard Hill, 3:05 p.m., Engines 1, 3.

Medical, 20770 Woodland Glen, 10:33 p.m., Squad 3.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

Medical, 22848 Talford, 9:47 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 39867 Village Wood, 11:46 a.m., Squad 3.

Brush fire, 1436 Nardeer, 2:12 p.m., Engine 4.

Medical, 40991 Malott, 8:27 p.m., Squad 3.

Medical, Expo Parking, 10:01 p.m., Squad 1.

Fire alarm, 42100 Crescent, 10:50 p.m., Squad 1.

SUNDAY, JULY 26

Medical, 20830 W. Glen Haven, 1:04 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, 40253 Washington, 9:45 a.m., Squad 4.

Injury accident, Twelve Oaks-Blue Lot, 2:25 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 135 Maudlin, 2:58 p.m., Squad 2.

Wires down, 41400 Ten Mile Road, 3:29 p.m., Engine 1.

Medical, 29525 LeGrand, 3:49 p.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 39581 Twelve Mile Road, 4:37 p.m., Squad 1.

Detail, Fire Station No. 1, 4:30 p.m., Engines 1, Squad 1.

Medical, 24841 Joseph, 7:43 p.m., Squad 1.

Nominations sought for beauty awards

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

It's time to thank the businesses, subdivisions and other developments in Novi which take the time to make the city more beautiful.

The Novi Beautification Commission is taking nominations for the city's annual Beautification Awards. Awards will be given out October 1.

The committee is changing this year, taking overall nominations, not for specific categories.

And while committee members used to also go out and nominate businesses or subdivisions, this year they will only review the nominations sent to them, said Lou Martin, public information director.

Part of the reason is the dwindling number of members on the committee.

"It will be hard for them to judge what they get but at the same time they still want to do this for people," Martin explained.

Everyone nominated will be recognized.

Some special awards will be given from that group.

"We want to acknowledge the growth and improvement of the area as a whole," said commission member Julie Johnson.

Eligible are schools, multi-family developments, single-family subdivisions, industrial buildings, offices, places of worship, shopping centers and individual businesses.

Anyone can nominate themselves or others.

Said Martin, "It's always a neat event some places really go nuts."

Last year, Glenda's Market, Saddle Creek Apartments and Novi Town Center were among the winners.

Among the winners in the 1996 were Sonny's Catering, Novi Woods Elementary School and Chase Farms subdivision.

Mail nomination forms to: Maureen Rush, Public Information Director, City of Novi, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan, 48375-3024.

Mega-theater set for Seven/Haggerty

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

Move over, Southfield. The new king of the motion picture mountain has set up camp at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

That's because AMC is in the home stretch of building a new 20-screen multiplex theater just inside Livonia city limits.

And according to AMC's facilities manager Jim Wilkie, when the mega-theater development is opened Oct. 9, it could very well be the most well-attended movie house in the northeast United States.

"This is going to be something spectacular — I can guarantee you of that," Wilkie said. "This is going to be a theater people will have to come out and see."

The AMC Livonia 20 is the prototype for a new breed of AMC theaters which will be constructed across the country, he said.

"It's only a matter of time before you won't see an AMC theater with less than 10 screens," he said. "This is just the way of the future."

The Livonia complex, as its name implies, has 20 theaters, all with stadium seating and an ultra-modern Sony digital sound system, Wilkie said. The theaters will range in size from rooms which seat 55 people all the way up to the 440-seat monster for first-runs and blockbuster titles.

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>
> Jim Wilkie,
> AMC facilities manager

Stadium seating, unlike traditional movie theaters, is set up with a much steeper slope, preventing the problem of people one row in front blocking a view of the screen.

Wilkie said the seats will be set into wider aisles and also have arm rests which fold back to allow patrons — who so wish — to get closer to each other.

As for motif, AMC spokesperson Tina Voccia said the AMC Livonia 20 would have a classic but more subdued feel to itself than the Star Southfield, which made headlines last summer for its flashy Hollywood decor.

"We're describe this as the sort of look you'd have in a nice hotel or a casino," she said.

The walls of the theater's main lobby and hallways will be a dark shade of dusty pink, while the carpeting will carry a blue, green and burgundy swirl pattern.

Ten ticket windows will sell passes to the theater, but if a patron would rather just pay for the ticket and go, an automated ticket purchase booth will be installed, allowing patrons to pay for tickets with their debit or credit cards and pick them up at a will-call booth, Wilkie said.

Getting refreshments won't be a problem, either, as nearly 40 locations will be set up throughout the theater to

As for AMC's other theater in Livonia — the AMC Laurel Park — Voccia said plans are underway to renovate that location to have six screens versus the existing 10. The Laurel Park location may carry limited engagement films or children's movies, she said.

The two venues may appear in movie listings under the name AMC Livonia 26, she said.

Voccia also said AMC is hoping to establish packages or discounts through other businesses in the area. A 128-room AmeriSuites hotel is also under construction at the Seven / Haggerty location, just to the south of the AMC site.

Though it's anticipated the AMC Laurel 20 will be the hot spot for moviegoers, Wilkie said ticket prices will be the same as the Laurel Park location: $6.50 for adult evening admission, $4.50 for senior citizens, children under 12 or students with student ID, $4.50 for matinees, and $3.50 for twilight shows.

"It's definitely one of the best values for your dollar in theaters," Wilkie said. "I think people will be pleasantly surprised."

More information on the theater can be obtained by calling (734) 462-, or by checking out the Livonia 20 Website at www.amclivonia20.com.

Cycles gives cops another tool

By WENDY WHITE
Staff Writer

Some ride Harley Davidsons for recreation, others for thrills.

But for a team of Northville Township police officers, the motorcycles are tools for law enforcement.

"What they offer us is an opportunity for selective traffic enforcement. They allow us to get into areas of difficulty that would prevent automobiles. We can get back in there quickly and get out quickly," said Lieutenant John Sherman, who is in charge of the township's five-member police motorcycle team.

Sherman said he once used a motorcycle to access a 10-year-old child who was injured on a bike path in the Northville Commons subdivision.

"The patrol vehicle couldn't get back there but I was able to move off the roadway and begin rendering aid to the youth," he said.

The Electra Glide Classic police bikes are equipped with flashing lights, radios and cargo saddlebags and every officer trained to ride them is issued knee-high leather boots, helmets and leather jackets.

In the third year of a five year agreement with the manufacturer, Northville Township leases the Harleys for a yearly fee of $300 apiece. Each year, the department trades the bikes in for the latest models at the Town & Country Sport Center dealership outside of Jackson, Michigan.

"We've received a great deal of public support for the vehicles," Sherman said. "People tend to relate to us more as we drive through the subdivisions. Quite honestly, if I pull up to you in the street, we don't have a door or window between us. We can form a much more personal relationship with the people we're talking to."

You can see the Harleys on patrol whenever the pavement is dry.

The bikes' speedometers register up to 120 miles per hour, but officers are forbidden to use them for high speed pursuit because of safety reasons.

If a motorcycle officer makes an arrest, they must call for a patrol unit to transport the suspects, but the bikes are used for back-up, traffic stops and especially public relations.

"You'd be surprised how many Harley owners are in the township who enjoy talking to officers about bikes and end up talking about community issues. I think it's certainly a plus to the agency and I certainly think the citizens support the presence of the bikes. It's a very good tool," he said.

Special ed bus hit by driver allegedly drunk in early morning

Minutes after a group of special education students had arrived and entered Old Village School, their school bus was rear-ended by a drunk driver.

According to Northville police, it was 8:30 a.m. when a Ford Ranger pick-up drove left of center on Main Street in Northville and collided with the bus on July 20.

The 42-year-old driver from Sterling Heights told police he had been run off the road. He also said the bus had cut him off, although it had been parked in front of Old Village the entire time.

"We were lucky that the bus had already been deboarded and there weren't kids in the area. During the school year there could have been a lot more serious consequences," said Sergeant Jim Marks of the Northville City Police Department.

"This type of driver is out there during the day as well as night."

Although the driver told police he hadn't been drinking, his blood alcohol registered .33 percent, three times the legal limit. A land surveyor for McNeely & Lincoln of Livonia, he was driving a company car.

"We're currently investigating the accident," said company spokesperson Mike Dwyer.

The driver was charged with a misdemeanor that carries 90 days in jail or up to a $500 fine. His license may be suspended up to two years. He was arrested for and OUIL in 1993, and for driving while impaired in 1990.

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Students of all types seek help from OCC counselors

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Counselors have new tools at Oakland Community College. They also have new responsibilities. And they've always had the fun/challenge of "meeting people at the crossroads of their lives," in the words of Ruth Grass.

"The job is unique at a community college," said 20-year veteran Grass, who works at the Highland Lakes Campus, "because the counselor handles such a wide variety of people –

"People from 18 to 80. The kid from high school. The divorced mom. The senior citizen. The laid-off worker seeking retraining. People who want to re-career.

"How do you help people get unstuck? I love that work! When a light bulb comes on," she said, using the comic strip analogy, "that's pretty powerful stuff.

"People bring in their lives: work schedules, families, (lack of) support at home, test anxiety. Some I refer to the financial aid office. Ours is right across the hall," she said, nodding across a corridor in the campus' Highland Hall.

UNLIKE UNIVERSITIES

That makes counseling at a two-year, open-admissions college far different from counseling at a university.

"Such support is not commonly available in higher education," said OCC Chancellor Richard T. Thompson, himself a former counselor. Community colleges are "opportunity institutions" so "transitions are a large part of our students' lives," he said.

Grass elaborated: "At a university, a counselor is a faculty advisor, and it's organized around an academic curriculum. Here it's on a more personal level – social development, academic advising, career planning.

"We have so many partnerships with business and industry (retraining and upgrading existing workforces). It's not an easy job."

She uses another analogy: A counselor is like a naval navigator who is supposed to know the waters, the reefs, the shoals, the passages. "Everything is goal-centered and student-centered. We (counselors) are not here to fill classes. Students' goals vary – and change."

NEW TOOLS

"Counselors see themselves as high-touch, but in the last five years we've become high-tech," she said, patting the keyboard of her computer with its VCR program. VCR stands for verified counseling record.

Grass records every interview with a student, the advice she gives and gives the student a printout.

"They (students) leave with a printed plan of work. They love it. They have something tangible. And I'm accountable." Grass added that a later counselor also can look up the advice she gave that student.

"It's the most exciting thing in counseling in a long time," she said – "once you learn the system."

Most counselors are generalists, but a few are specialists, such as Dr. Roger Zaplaski, who knows the computer information system curriculum, and Dr. Larry Gage, who helps the impaired. Foreign student advisors, who know the immigration rules, are in a separate office.

Computers also help counselors look up the programs and requirements of universities to which students might transfer.

"More students are university-bound," said Grass. "That percentage has increased. Some of our students are university students who come here for the summer.

"A student may come in and say, 'I want to transfer to Michigan State, and I want to know exactly what courses will transfer.'

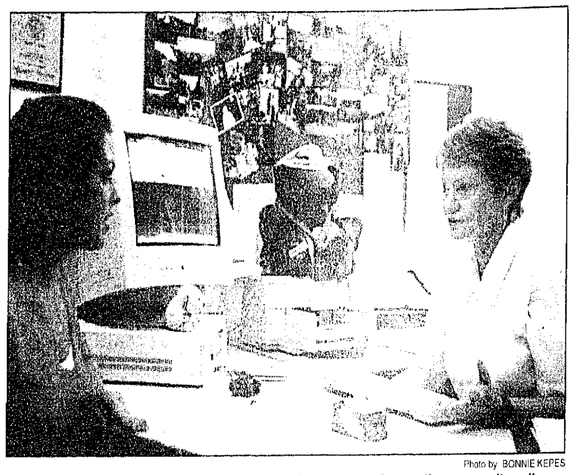
"We also have a lot of undecided students. My question to them usually is, 'What do you want OCC to do for you?'

"We have career planning classes. We have career centers on every campus that give assessment tests, do a personality and interests inventory, look for patterns."

NEW EMPHASIS

OCC has put greater emphasis on counseling, in part because it guides students away from failure, in part because it helps student retention.

Take the literacy program. Previously, a student who finished at Level 1 on the ASSET test in English and needs developmental a English course must see a counselor. Now, anyone finishing at Levels 1 and 2 must see a counselor.



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OCC counselor Ruth Grass advises student Heidi Gadoua on options at the community college.

"That's a whole 'nother group we've been asked to see," Grass said.

Also, students registering in the same course for the fourth time must see a counselor. "The student may have dropped out. There may have been a job change, or he may have been ill. He needs to articulate his recommitment," Grass said.

She said 95 percent of students are receptive, open and motivated. "They said, 'I need you.' Some are frustrated because they're on a hold."

MA REQUIRED

OCC has about three dozen counselors, who rank with faculty. A few teach, too. Counselors tend to come from the ranks of teachers and social workers or psychologists.

"All possess master's degrees," said Chancellor Thompson.

"I taught eighth grade English for two years while my husband was in the seminary," said Grass, a Walled Lake resident.

"It was the hardest work I ever did. I had the leader of a women's gang in my class" in a town near Dayton, O hio.

"When my husband got his first church, I decided to get my MA in guidance and counseling (from Ohio State)." At OCC she won an "outstanding faculty" award in 1991.

Grass also has been tapped for other work in the college. She was an interim academic dean, and recently she retired as president of the Academic Senate, which decides on new courses, new programs and the grading system.

Said George Cartsonis, OCC's director of college communications and himself a former counselor: "You can't have administrators doing that."

Each of OCC's five campuses has a counseling office.

Phone numbers, all in the 248 area code, are: Auburn Hills, 340-6574; Highland Lakes, 360-3069; Orchard Ridge, 471-7569; Royal Oak, 544-5574; and Southfield, 552-2650.

New OCC program teaches general contracting skills

A partnership between Oakland Community College and Eastern Michigan University now enables OCC students to acquire the technical and management skills to qualify for employment in the field of general contracting.

The new Construction Management Option of OCC's Management Development program leads to an associate degree in applied science. It was developed by the two schools in cooperation with industry experts, and follows guidelines established by major construction associations. Graduates will qualify to work in such entry- and middle-level management jobs as scheduling, planning, surveying, construction safety and assisting project managers.

Students will be able to take the OCC supportive courses at any of the college's five campuses. Twenty credit hours of major requirements in construction are taken through EMU, but the EMU classes are all offered at OCC's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills. Two EMU classes will be presented at Orchard Ridge this fall - CNST 125 (Introduction to Construction) and CNST 201 (Construction systems). The two courses may be taken concurrently.

The associate degree in Construction Management is conferred by OCC, but students who wish to continue their education may be able to apply up to 100 OCC credits toward a bachelor's of science degree in construction from EMU. All necessary classes to complete the EMU bachelor's degree may also be taken at OCC's Orchard Ridge campus.

Students who declare a major in construction management are also eligible to apply for the recently-announced Governor's Scholarship program which covers one half the cost of books, fees and tuition for two years of full time study, or four-years of part-time study.

For further information contact the counseling department at any OCC campus, or Construction Management Program Coordinator Pam Jackson at (248) 471-7646.

Self Defense Workshop

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus presents a Women's Self Defense Workshop on Saturday, Aug. 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 303 of J Building. Admission is $40, and preregistration is encouraged.

The workshop is conducted by self defense expert Jaye Spiro who holds a fourth degree black belt in karate and a second degree black belt in modern arnis. Effective fight and escape techniques from assault will also be covered.

Women of all ages, sizes and fitness abilities are encouraged to attend. Mothers and daughters (15 years of age and older) are welcome, as are young women preparing to leave for college. Attendees should wear comfortable clothing and bring a bag lunch.

To register or for further information on this and other Womencenter programs, call (248) 471-7602.

Career Scholarships

Approximately $1.6 million to underwrite 1,800 full and part-time scholarships is available through Oakland Community College this fall for students seeking "gold collar jobs" – well paid employment in careers that require a high level of training and skills, but not a four-year degree. The scholarships cover one-half the cost of books, fees and tuition for two years of full-time study, or four years of part-time study.

Known as the "Governor's Scholarship Program," the project was recently unveiled by Gov. John Engler. More than $20 million has been allocated statewide for the program. Governor's Career Scholarships at OCC are made available through the Michigan Jobs Commission and the Oakland County Workforce Development Board.

Designed to attract students into occupations where critical labor shortages threaten the state's economic growth, the scholarships are concentrated in the manufacturing, health care and information technology fields. Examples of the 22 eligible courses of study offered through OCC are two-year associate degrees programs in aviation management, nursing, dental hygiene, medical assistant, pre-engineering, computer aided design, construction management and computer information systems.

Scholarships leading to one-year certificates in such fields as practical nursing and business information systems are also available, as are non-credit programs in machine tool technology, productivity software, skilled trades/pre-apprenticeship, Microsoft certification and more.

To become eligible recipients must be Michigan residents and must enroll at Oakland Community College.

Selections will be made on the basis of academic merit, with consideration given to female and minority students, as well as financial need.

Current community college students are also eligible, but may not have declared majors in the field for which they apply.

Applicants should apply immediately for both admission to OCC and their scholarships.

Awards begin with the Fall semester which starts Sept. 3. There is no charge to apply at OCC, or to apply for a scholarship.

Forms are available at each of OCC's five campus admissions offices, and at the college's district office.

Candidates who have completed applications must make an appointment with a academic advisor at any of OCC's five locations as quickly as possible.

For more information, call Kristin Erickson at the OCC Governor's Scholarship Hotline, (248) 540-1543.

Camp aids stroke survivors, families

As a Botsford rehab nurse, Sandy Smigielski devotes her professional life to reducing disability due to stroke.

Smigielski will be a volunteer at the American Heart Association-Michigan Stroke Connection Retreat. The annual event at a barrier-free YWCA facility on the shores of Lake Huron offers a chance for stroke survivors, caregivers and family members of all ages to get away from their routines and sample the pleasures of camp.

Planned activities are available for both the stroke survivors and caregivers allowing everyone to have both private and group time. Volunteers take charge of the transporting, transfering, bathing activities and give the primary caregivers a welcome respite.

Stroke survivors attending the retreat have ranged in age from 10 years to 89.

Smigielski and her husband have participated in Stroke Connection every year since the camp's first session in 1995..

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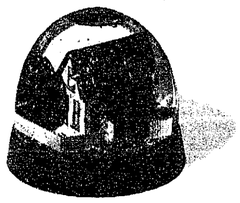

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During his short lifetime, Jacob suffered bone and vertebrae fractures, cardiac arrests and a distended abdomen. The disease attacked his liver, lungs and spleen. He spent most of his life in under hospital care. Treatment included chemotherapy, blood transfusions and morphine for the pain. In the end, Jacob underwent every known treatment for the disease.

"It doesn't affect their mind," Jim explained. Choking back tears, he imagined what it must have been like for his son. "He was still a kid who wanted to play but his body wasn't able to keep up with him."

But Jacob surprised doctors who thought the worst, recovering from each episode against the odds. He

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continued to do so each and every time with a smile, until June 19 when he passed away while at the hospital. It was a shock even to the doctors.

"If I could have made a deal with the devil and sacrificed my life, I would have," Jim said.

Not long after Jacob's death, the couple found out they were pregnant. The baby is doing just fine.

"It's actually kind of scary," he said. "Although the disease is not hereditary you know one of your kids have had it and living in a hospital for six months you see a lot of diseases ... It opens your eyes to the possibilities."

Throughout the months and during the last year, the couple became involved in the Histiocytosis Association of America and met others like them.

"You feel so isolated because you keep hearing it's "rare, rare, rare," explained Jim. Now their work enables them to help others possibly avoid the trauma they and their son went through.

"You have to do something because you don't want anybody's child to go through what your child went through," he explained.

Because the disease is so rare, government dollars don't support any research. Instead it's all contributions. And the Dinkins believe if enough money can be found, so can a cure.

"This isn't a disease we're going to have to spend years and years researching," Jim said. "This is something I'm confident I'll see one day a cure for."

Jim, who was transferred from California to his home state of Michigan when Jacob was first diagnosed, credits the Blue Care Network for helping the family get the infant proper treatment.

Jim and Michelle moved to Michigan in 1996 from California. Both grew up in Walled Lake.

Despite the unfortunate timing of the move, Jim said worries about transporting Jacob by medical helicopter to the University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital were eased when Blue Care agreed to pay the cost.

"As I asked the question I truly felt stupid," he explained. "Why would an HMO pay thousands of dollars to move Jacob to Michigan. After all, isn't the bottom line with an HMO about cutting costs?"

But in disbelief and exhilaration he heard the company representative tell him, "We think it's in Jacob's best interest to get him home to Michigan so he can be with his family."

Little known about rase disease

Histiocytosis is a mysterious and sometimes fatal disease that affects about 1,000 new children and adults each year in the United States.

Although the cause and best treatment of this disease are unknown, scientists do know that patients with Histiocytosis have too many histiocytes, a form of white blood cell, in their systems.

These cells multiply wildly and can attack any part of the body, including bones, spleen, liver, lungs, skin and lymph nodes.

This disease is similar to cancer in some ways and historically has been treated by oncologists with radiation and chemotherapy. Unlike cancer, it sometimes goes into remission without treatment.

Histiocytosis is so rare that there is little research into its cause and treatment. Unfortunately, the pain and suffering associated with this disease are just as severe as that with diseases which are well known and receive major research funding.

(Source: The Histiocytosis Association of America)

Illness won't stop Novi youngsters from trip

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food lacked spice. The portions were small, making the American students' stomachs growl.

"A lot of the girls gained weight because we would be so hungry we'd be like, 'Let's go get some candy bars,'" Jennifer explained.

Misunderstanding were common cause for comic relief.

"The first night we were going out somebody said, 'You're going to have some really good crack tonight,'" Jennifer said.

"Crack" in the U.K. means "fun."

And since the students were out of the United States during the Fourth of July, many of the families the students stayed with cooked them a special Independence Day dinner - roasted turkey.

They thought that's what American's ate for the holidays, Jennifer explained.

The students said perspectives on alcohol are different as compared to the U.S. where it's taboo for kids.

"There's alcohol everywhere," said Jennifer. "You knew you couldn't have it but you couldn't not go where it was."

"On the trip you learn a lot about other cultures as well as yourself," said David. "You're away from your parents which is kind of good because it gives you a sense of independence. Gives you a sense of the real world."

Jessica's mom, Jan, said she's seen her daughter mature since the trip.

"The independence," she explained. "I've seen a big change in Jessica. She grew."

"What's really neat for them is the U.S. is only 200 years old and they went to countries that are hundreds and hundreds of years old. We don't have that history here," Jan added.

David said the trip does help foster better foreign relations, even at a young age.

"I was in Ireland when they had the fire bombing that killed a couple kids," he explained. "If I'd heard about it in the U.S. it wouldn't have (had such an impact.) But it was everywhere. It was like the Oklahoma City bombing. You were right there. You could experience what everyone thought and felt. I wouldn't have gotten that here."

The students agreed that the countries they visited weren't anything like they expected. Many of them are looking forward to going on other trips with People to People, although the thousands of dollars it cost may be tough to raise again. The girls both babysat throughout the last year to offset the cost.

The students said although they enjoyed themselves, it was time to come home.

What was the first thing the students did when they returned to the states?

"I got Taco Bell," Jessica laughed. "Artificial food. They didn't have anything like that over there."

Jennifer, on the other hand, sat in once place for a while.

"I can sit here and know I don't have to be anywhere in an hour," she explained.

In 1996, People to People celebrated its 40th year of service and cultural exchange begun by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in July 1955. Intent on reducing East-West tensions of the Cold War he convened a conference to discuss programs to increase American visitations to other countries. For more information call (509) 534-0430.

Residents join hands to oppose new grocery story

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nience shopping center with supermarket at Ten Mile and Beck roads. At that time, 100 residents turned out in opposition.

At least 12 petitions opposed to the latest concept are now circulating and Scheinberg said she's already gathered 130 signatures on hers.

Subdivisions represented in the petition drive include North Beacon Woods, Northville Estates, Abby Knoll, Pheasant Hills, Lexington Commons, Barclay Estates, Autumn Park, Beckingham and Edinborough.

In Novi's Barclay Estates, Dan Dembicki said the relatively new subdivision's board of directors acquired experience in organizing homeowners when they battled the site plan for the neighboring Dunnabeck Estates.

"A strip mall across from Maybury Park is so incongruous. It just really defiles the area," Dembicki said.

"This just gets so frustrating. Everyone wants to build another strip mall on another corner. There's tons of corners where it's commercial that they should be looking at."

The residents say they don't mind driving to other grocery stores in the area, including two Meijer's, two Farmer Jacks, two Hiller's Shopping Center Markets and one Busch's.

As Barbara Lucas of Northville's Westview Drive sees it, not only is there no need for retail in the Eight Mile/Beck Road area, but a shopping center would damage a rural neighborhood.

She said she's happy to drive ten or twenty minutes to do her grocery shopping.

"Telling us we could keep Maybury a park area and build around it, hurts the animals that live there. They won't have anywhere to roam to look for food and to find mates," Lucas said.

"This issue is going to come up again and again on the west side of Eight Mile as the people sell. If they have to sell to developers, i would like to see developers come in that would be more appropriate to the area."

Scheinberg said she didn't agree with what she termed "the mind set that says it's not convenient if it's not one-half mile from your house."

However, Weddington said she agrees with Frankel that there may be a need for some convenience shopping opportunities somewhere in western Novi.

She serves on a committee that aims to have Novi's master plan updated by next July.

In the western side of Novi, plans are underway for another grocery. Providence Hospital, in partnership with the Jonna company, has discussed with the city a possible 200,000 square foot commercial complex, to potentially include a hotel, a grocery store and other uses, across from the Grand River Avenue medical center.

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that per Section 380.1272 of the School Code, as amended in December 1993, Novi Community School District will conduct a public hearing to seek input on the feasibility and need of implementing a breakfast program. This public hearing will be held on August 13, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48374-2423.
(8-6-98 NN 843499)

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Michigan Heritage Bank of Novi, Michigan intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to establish a branch, 1917 E. Big Beaver, Troy, MI. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application including the record of performance of banks we own in helping to meet local credit needs.

You are invited to submit comments in writing, on this application, to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, P.O. Box 834, Chicago, IL 60690.

The comment period will not end before September 5, 1998 and may be somewhat longer. The Boards' procedures for processing applications may be found in 12 C.F.R. Part 262. Procedures for processing protested applications may be found in 12 C.F.R., Part 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Boards' procedures or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the application, contact Alicia Williams, Community Affairs Office, (312) 322-5910. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application if they are received by the Reserve Bank on or before the last date of the comment period.

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As We See It

Grocery store doesn't belong at intersection

Development

Does the west side of Novi need a grocery store? And if so, where should it go?

That's the question facing the Novi Planning Commission Aug. 19, and it may eventually head up to the City Council. The Stuart Frankel Development Company is seeking a rezoning for 24 acres at Beck and Eight Mile roads to a B-2 business-commercial designation. That would allow for development of a 141,000-square-foot shopping center, two restaurants and 793 parking spaces. It's expected a grocery will be a part of the mix.

The land is presently owned by J.J. Zayti Inc. Sand and Gravel, and is zoned for residential-agricultural, which would eventually allow for the construction of 15 homes.

In the meantime, plans are being made for another grocery on the west side. The Jonna Company, has discussed with the city a possible 200,000-square-foot commercial complex, to potentially include a hotel, a grocery store and other uses at Grand River Avenue and Beck.

Mind you, there is already a brand new Kroger two miles to the north, just outside the city limits at Beck and Pontiac Trail. They sell groceries to Novi residents there too. And then there is the Meijer store at Grand River and Wixom. Again, that Wixom location will sell to non-residents of that city too.

Needless to say, the Frankel plan is running into opposition. Residents of both Northville and Novi say they'll protest the plan before the commission. Their reasons simply are that the land was master planned for a less intense use, homes. That was what they expected when they bought their own houses. Changing the plan now to include a grocery at Beck and Eight would significantly alter the area.

Many fear it would open the entire Eight Mile corridor up to commercial use. And they have a point. Once an intensive commercial use is put on that corner, other developers could argue their plans for shopping spots fit in with the nature of the area. The city would have a hard time defending the master plan to defeat further plans.

But it could also open up Beck to more intense commercial development pressure. City officials have noted for some time that Beck will soon be prime real estate, if it isn't already, for commercial developers because it counts as a potential corridor for traffic flowing to and from Ann Arbor, Beck, for many travelers is a much shorter trip than having to go back east to I-275 and down.

The local residents are right. A shopping center at Eight and Beck would change the nature of the area, now primarily a residential and recreational area. The plan would clearly be a departure.

Considering that residents did their research before moving into the area, we can certainly appreciate their angst.

Furthermore, the potential for opening not one but two major corridors for more commerical development pressure would seem unwise in the extreme.

Certainly, if western Novi does indeed need a grocery, it ought to be in the vicinity of Grand River Avenue, which is already a commercial corridor. Placement of a store there, yes, would have an impact but would hardly count as a significant change to the nature of the area.

Still, with two grocery stores in the vicinity just outside the city limits, we have trouble seeing the need at all.

Novi residents, including those on the west side, already are able to keep themselves fed, even if they have to stray outside the city limits to do it.

Embrace city signs

If you've taken a walk past the Cady-Centre building anytime in the last two weeks, you've probably noticed the signs hanging from the west wall. We've made two observations: a) the businesses listed aren't necessarily moving into the building, and b) the signs look sharp.

People are clearly taking notice of the signs because of their prominence and appearance. That, and the fact that very few bracket signs are located downtown. Their rarity makes them special.

Technically speaking, bracket signs are permitted in Northville. However, they require the seal of approval from city leaders before going up, and the city council has historically shyed away from letting those sorts of signs be posted.

The reasons may be well-founded. Northville has a certain "feel" which the council wishes to preserve. The council may be concerned about visibility and safety issues. Having said all that, we're convinced that with good planning and quality craftsmanship, many of those worries could be alleviated.

Assuming ample safeguards are put in place, we believe the posting of bracket signs in Northville would not only be a help for business, but also add a sense of liveliness to the the central business district. Many communities similar to Northville have permitted bracket signs for a long time. Northville has the advantage of being able to start fresh and learn from the successes — and failures — of other towns.

But don't take our word for it. Ask the owners of businesses on Main Street, Center Street and Mary Alexander Court. They'll tell you they feel the heat from retail developments in other communities. It's tough and getting tougher to compete in the northwest Wayne / southeast Oakland County area.

If downtown Northville businesses are to continue to thrive in an ever-growing competitive market, city leaders need to give them the tools they need to stay afloat. In our estimation, loosening up and allowing bracket signs to be posted is a fairly simple and inexpensive way to let that happen.

A sign may not seem like much of a weapon in a business war, but we believe every advantage we can give our businesses is one more dollar that stays close to home.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This newspaper welcomes letters to the editor. We ask, however, that they be issue-oriented, confined to 400 words and that they contain the signature, address, and telephone number of the writer. The writer's name may be withheld from publication if the writer fears bodily harm, severe persecution, or the loss of his or her job. The writer requesting anonymity must explain his or her circumstances. Submit letters for consideration by 4 pm Monday for that Thursday's paper. We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity, libel, taste and relevance. The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not accept letters to the editor that open up new issues. Only responses to already published issues will be accepted, with this newspaper being the final arbiter. This policy is an attempt to be fair to all concerned.

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Trip sparks ethics debate

Michael Malott

Let's talk a little ethics.

On July 15, eight city officials — including the mayor and several members of City Council — jumped on a corporate jet and flew off to Toronto for the day. From there, they traveled to Bolton, Ontario and toured a plastics plant. They ate lunch. Then they got back in the jet and flew home.

One of this newspaper's reporters, Wendy Pierman Mitzel, went along for the ride.

And the tab for all this was picked up by Husky Injection Molding Systems, the company that wants to put a facility on 25 acres on Twelve Mile Road between Novi and Beck roads. It wants approval fast so it can break ground next April, because Chrysler (Husky's plant here would serve as an equipment supplier) wants it in operation that quick.

Now, I've heard some criticism of the trip. Internally, there has been some disagreement about whether a reporter should have gone along.

Mayor Kathy McLallen stopped me at the 50s Festival to thank me for approving the reporter's trip. She mentioned this paper has been critical of trips in the past. She didn't say it, but I think she expected the paper would print a critical editorial about the fact city officials went.

Do you have a problem with it?

I don't. I approved the reporter's trip. And from the reports I received back, I didn't have a problem with the council's excursion either.

Why? I see it as an informational gathering trip, a working excursion. I'd feel much differently about it if the travel had been combined with some form of entertainment or freebie — an evening out on the town afterward, being put up in a hotel for the night, a stop at the golf course on the way, or whatever. There was none of that.

Yes, we have in the past been critical of trips. When trips were combined with niceties unnecessary to the informational purposes of the travel. We reacted negatively when one developer wanted to give officials theater tickets that had nothing to do with the plans proposed here. We criticised it when government officials wanted to fly off to sunny spots on the public tab, then after completing their work, combine it with their own vacations, even though they were paying for their own vacations. They were at least going to get their airfare out of the taxpayers, and we thought that wrong.

But travel for business purposes is legitimate, is it not? In this case, city officials wanted to see if the claims Husky is making about how it keeps its facilities and how it runs its operations were true. How better to find out than going there?

Some would argue that if the business travel was legit, then the city should have paid for it. Why? We demand that when a developer submits plans to the city that he or she pays for compiling and preparing all the information the city needs to make an appropriate decision. We demand that developers pay fees to cover the cost of the decision making.

And as far as our own reporter goes, the same holds true. The trip not only allowed us to have an independent view of Husky's Bolton plant, she was able to keep an eye on city officials during the excursion to make sure it really was a working trip.

We all have to travel in our business from time to time. We all have to go somewhere to get the job done now and again. And frankly some business travel just isn't a lot of fun. As long as the Husky trip was really a working trip, I saw — and still see — no problem with it, either for city officials or a staff writer from this publication.

But what do you think? Do you see this as a junket? Should council have avoided it? Should this newspaper have avoided it? I'm curious about whether people would see the trip as appropriate or not, and why.

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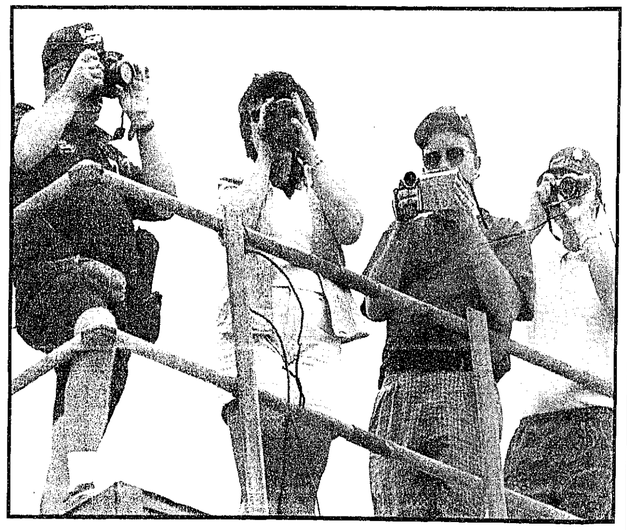
In Focus

By John Heider



Press pool?

Nope. Parents at the opening ceremonies Monday of the American Fast Pitch Softball World Series held at Novi High School.

Casino memories live on

Barbara Louie

It was shortly after the end of World War I when two Walled Lake residents, Jake and Ernest Taylor, came up with an idea that was to change the look of the Walled Lake section of Novi for decades.

Along with their father, Judd, the Taylors opened the Walled Lake Bath House in 1919.

The bath house proved so successful that it inspired competition in the area. Next door neighbor, Herman Czenkusch, was not to be outdone and he built a subdivision called Cenaqua Shores.

Along with a bath house, Czenkusch also added the attraction of a huge water slide. The Cenaqua Shores water slide proved immensely popular and drew great crowds to the lake. However, the huge slides eventually became dangerous. After a fatal accident in the early 1930s, the slides were closed and soon dismantled.

The popularity of the bath houses, though, failed to deter the crowds, and Czenkusch and the Taylors became avid rivals. Trying to outdo each other, they both added dance halls and Czenkusch even included the newfangled motion pictures to his park.

The 1920s saw a few changes in the rival camps. In November 1921, the Cenaqua Shores bath house burned to the ground.

In 1923, the Taylors sold their bath house and dance hall to Louis B. Tolettene. Tolettene, a Detroit grocer, purchased the Taylors' dance hall, remodeled it and named it Casino Shores Pavilion.

In 1925, a new building was constructed, creating a ballroom measuring 120 by 140 feet. It was named the New Casino, and it opened in April 1925.

With a polished maple dance floor and intricate latticework decorations, the New Casino dance hall was a welcome spot for dance lovers in the "Roaring Twenties."

The ballroom featured a stage where a variety of performers entertained over the years.

Meanwhile, at Cenaqua Shores, Herman Czenkusch's health was failing and he leased his casino to Novi resident Howard S. Staman.

Staman was unable to make a go of the business and in 1927, Louis Tolettene leased the Cenaqua Shores dance hall. In order to draw bigger crowds, Tolettene hired the nationally-known band, the Broadway Collegians, to headline the 1928 season. The band was a hit, and Walled Lake became known as the place to go for fun.

Dancing and bathing, however, were not enough to satisfy the fun-seekers and in 1929, a roller coaster was installed at Walled Lake by Fred W. Pearce.

Pearce leased Czenkusch's original property in order to build his amusement park. The "Flying Dragon" at Walled Lake was considered to be the best roller coaster Pearce ever built, and the crowds poured in.

The grand opening for the Walled Lake amusement park was held on Memorial Day 1929.

Herman Czenkusch died just three months later, but his creation of an entertainment center around Walled Lake continued. Though the park was closed during the years of World War II, it opened in 1946 with the sounds of big bands and bigger crowds, making the name "Walled Lake" synonymous with fun.

By the 1950s, however, things began to change. Dwindling attendance in the late 1950s forced the closing of the Walled Lake Casino and the amusement park followed in 1968. An era had ended for Novi and its lake, but the memories of the Walled Lake Casino live on.

Barbara Louie is a local historian and author of the book, "No. VI on the Trail."

Project is example of collaboration

Phil Power

The language was dry as dust. The typography and graphics weren't much better. But the content was significant, even exciting.

It's a publication entitled, "Award Winning Joint Projects," a little booklet put out jointly by SEMCOG (the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) and MAC (the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition). It describes a variety of award-winning joint projects undertaken at the local level in communities around Southeastern Michigan.

Ho hum, you say. How come this stuff is "significant, event exciting?"

Here's why. The historic problem of all governments — whether local, state or even federal — is that they are very good at doing more when they get more revenue. But over the years, governments have proven mostly clueless at figuring how to do more with less revenue.

Hence the term (thanks to Tim Richard, who covers state and regional government for this newspaper) "Entrepreneurial Government," the idea that governmental bodies ought to think and act like entrepreneurs. Be innovative. Experiment. Try to redeploy existing resources and revenues so as to get a better return. Even take risks.

The "Award Winning Joint Project" publication offers up a whole slew of wonderful examples. As we approach the August primary, they should be at the top of the mind of every candidate for public office and every voter.

A good example comes from the little town of South Lyon, happily perched just off I-96 in southwestern Oakland County.

Turns out that both the City of South Lyon and the South Lyon Community Schools needed new administration buildings. Now the usual relationship in Michigan between local government and local schools is like a dysfunctional family — they occupy the same space at the same time, but nobody's talking back and forth.

They decided to do things differently in South Lyon. In August 1996 the city and the schools agreed to share development costs and use of the same administration building. The school district provided the site for the building, while the city's Building Authority financed the construction with municipal bonds. The $2,656,105 project cost was divided — 42 percent by the city and 58 percent by the schools.

The taxpayers of South Lyon got a good deal. They paid no site acquisition costs, because the site was on school district property. Financing was by low interest, 15-year municipal bonds. Both city and school groups share use of conference rooms, parking lots and lobbies, while overhead costs such as maintenance and repair are reduced.

Moreover, folks living in South Lyon gain the convenience of going to a single building to transact their business with both the city and the school district.

Jeff Potter, the mayor of South Lyon, is bubbling with enthusiasm about the award-winning project. "It's bizarre that someone has to give local govberments an award to do something like this," he says.

For years, turfing between cities and schools or between differing departments within one governmental structure has been the bane of cost-effective government. Sometimes turfing is disguised as a commitment to local autonomy, going it alone regardless of how cost-inefficient that may be.

Potter provides this example: "You have a joint emergency medical service program and some guy has a heart attack. The team goes to his house and finds him gasping for breath. The guy with the heart attack will never say, 'No; go away. Local authonomy.'"

The joint project in South Lyon is a perfect example to how collaborationn between governmental units makes everybody — city, schools, taxpayers — better off. No wonder both South Lyon and Potter won their awards. They deserve them.

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Opposed to Kroger at Eight/Beck

To the Editor:

We are members of a group of Novi and Northville residents united against the proposed rezoning of Eight Mile and Beck. We feel that Novi should stick to its "Master Plan" and keep Eight Mile and Beck residential.

The Stuart Frankel Development Co. is requesting a zoning change so it can put a 23-acre mega-strip mall at the northwest corner of Eight Mile and Beck, currently Zayti's Trucking. The complex includes 800 parking spaces and would be the size of Wixom's new Meijer's, or 1.5 times the size of the new Busch's at Six Mile and Sheldon.

The 24-hour operation would increase noise, crime, pollution and traffic.

The City of Novi did a traffic study which concluded that the mall would attract an additional 8,000 cars a day.

There are three elementary schools within one and one-half miles, with many children walking and riding bikes to and from school.

Many joggers and bicyclists use Eight Mile and Beck because of Maybury State Park. Pedestrian fatalities have already occurred.

More retail is not needed in this area. Seven large grocery stores and countless strip malls are within an easy drive of Eight Mile and Beck. Many of these complexes are way underutilized.

The site has wetlands and woodlands and borders more of the same on three sides. Keeping the current residential zoning would complement the beauty of Maybury State Park and the surrounding natural areas.

In order to build the mega-strip mall, Novi must first go against its "Master Plan" and change the current zoning from residential to commercial. This would be putting the financial gain of a few over the needs of the community.

What can we do to stop this from happening?

• Attend the Novi Planning and Zoning Commission meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 19, at the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Road between Taft and Novi roads.

This meeting is open to the public regardless of where you live. We need as many people to attend as possible. Public comments from Novi residents will be especially effective.

• Sign the petition against the proposed zoning change.

• Especially if you are a Novi resident, write to:

City of Novi Planning and Zoning Commission, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375. (Letters must be received before the Aug. 19 meeting.)

The Maybury area is one of the jewels of our community – let's keep it that way.

Barbara and David Lucas

Letters

An alternative mode of transit

To the Editor:

Neither the road commission for Oakland County or the Oakland County Board of Commissioners has a transportation policy to guide the planning, development and maintenance of our street, highway and road system. The new federal transportation bill, TEA-21, just signed into law by President Clinton and it predecessor, ISTEA, has significant planning provisions to ensure local residents have the opportunity for input and review of the transportation system plans in their local communities which affects their daily lives.

The USDOT, Michigan DOT and SEMCOG have policies supporting the inclusion of non-motorized (pedestrian and bicycling) modes in our transportation system plans. Walking and bicycling offers an alternative mode of transportation which reduces air pollution, saves fuel, relives traffic congestion and reduces wear/tear on the road, contributes to personal health and fitness, and improves our overall quality of life.

Non-motorized transportation facilities can be funded by the Transportation Enhancements program of TEA-21, as administered by Michigan DOT. The singular most important element of obtaining funding is comprehensive local planning and support. That local planning and support can best be accomplished if the locally elected Oakland County Board of Commissioners and appointed road commissioners have a definitive publicly debated transportation policy to guide their fine professional staff of highway engineers and managers.

Fred Dore

If
you've heard that a hysterectomy is the only treatment for your heavy periods, then you haven't heard about this.
If hormonal therapy hasn't helped your excessive menstrual bleeding (menorrhagia) or if you've been told that your only option is a hysterectomy, you should know about a new investigational procedure. Our medical practice can provide expert information about all your options. And, you may be able to participate in a clinical trial and receive your medical care at no cost. For more information, please call Southfield Obstetrical Services at 248-348-2402.
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Bullard wins primary

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Center said turnout was "sparse," but they hoped to meet a ten percent target for voter turnout

"I'd say we're about halfway there already," said Chuck Simpson at 2:30 p.m.

David King said the election drew more younger voters than in the past.

"We're seeing an increase in younger people coming in and we're encouraging that," King said.

"It's always encouraging when you see kids in their 20s and 30s in here... It's a place to start."

In the governor's race, 92 percent of local Republicans supported incumbent John Engler, while seven percent chose Gary Artinian as their candidate. For local Democrats, the gubernatorial candidate of their choice was in line with voters throughout the state. They chose Geoffrey Fieger, who won 40 percent of the Novi vote. His opponent, Larry Owen took 32 percent of the Novi Democratic votes, while Doug Ross took 26 percent.

In the race for an Oakland County Circuit Court judgeship, the local choice was also the county's choice, Colleen O'Brien, who nabbed 48 percent of the votes in Novi. Overall, O'Brien won 35 percent of the votes, narrowly beating out Steven Kaplan and Richard Kuhn.

Novi delegates to the Oakland County Republican Convention will be: Nancy Janik, Eleanor Rzepecki, Rosemarie Denton, Charles Staab, Colleen Gorman-Klann, Pete Hoadley, William Drum, Asa Smith, Hugh Crawford, Melissa O'Rear, Warren Jocz, Richard Clark, Victor Cassis, Douglas Shaeffer and Pamela Sass.

Novi delegates to the Oakland County Democratic Convention will be: Joan Best, James Kuptz, Arthur Valenti, Gwen Leapheart, Michael Breckenridge, Paul Policicchio and Karen Zyczynski.

In tiny Novi Township, a 29 percent voter turnout meant that 27 of the 93 registered voters had their say in the election.

Bill Bullard

Fieger overcomes union vote

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

One spring day, Democratic gubernatorial hopeful Doug Ross shouted "hello" across a Lansing street to this newsman. He was running a close second to Larry Owen in the polls, but Owen had the endorsements of Big Labor's leaders.

Not a serious problem, said Ross, because other labor-endorsed candidates had lost primaries, for example to Sen. Don Riegle. And Big Labor isn't as strong as it used to be.

Ross was right, but it wasn't he who turned the tables on union leaders Aug. 4. Geoffrey Fieger, the 47-year-old governmental neophyte, won the Democratic nomination for governor, and Fieger could boast at next morning's unity breakfast: "The rank and file union members voted for me. Teachers voted for me."

"He has a lot of labor friends, rank and file support," said Sen. Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township. "I picked that up in the union halls. This party is diverse."

At state conventions, AFL-CIO President Frank Garrison has been fond of saying that whomever the Labor Caucus endorsed would be the party's choice. But Fieger has done what no Democratic gubernatorial nominee has done for more than a generation – win a primary over labor leaders' opposition.

The unity breakfast, in the Ponchartrain Hotel in Detroit, featured former or retiring officeholders such as Jim Blanchard, Don Riegle and Frank Kelley. But missing were:

• Frank Garrison.

• UAW president Steve Yokich.

• Ross, who finished third and wasn't expected to make peace with the man who branded him a "sniveling weasel."

• Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer.

Several members of the Michigan congressional delegation attended, led by John Dingell of Trenton, but not Sander Levin of Southfield or Lynn Rivers of Ann Arbor.

Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, who had backed Owen, sent regrets because a younger sister died the day before. But he also sent chief of staff Charlie Williams to promise "enthusiastic support ... We will deliver Wayne County in an unprecedented way in November."

Fieger did make peace, apparently, with party chair Mark Brewer, whom he once promised to fire, even though Brewer is picked by party delegates for a term that runs until January. "Since this is a unity breakfast, Mark, you can have your job back," Fieger laughed. It set a good mood.

Some Democrats who weren't shunning Fieger, however, were candidates for attorney general.

Macomb Prosecutor Carl Marlinga said he would "converse with Fieger and see how he plans to run his campaign. We agree 99 percent on issues. The difference is his personal style. If he shows he has a good, solid side, all right. If not, I would prefer not to be on the ticket."

Wayne County Sheriff Bob Ficano affirmed that "we feel we have the qualifications to be there. The party leaders have to pick a consensus candidate. Jennifer (Granholm, Wayne County corporation counsel and resident of Northville), would be an attractive candidate."

Also there were Sen. Chris Dingell of Trenton, Rep. Nick Ciaramitaro of Roseville, Rep. Laura Baird of Okemos, Rep. John Freeman of Madison Heights – a long list of potential successors to Frank Kelley.

A prominent Ross supporter, who asked not to be quoted by name, was unhappy at Big Labor's heretofore iron grip on party nominations. "Mark Brewer (state chair) is a smart man and a good lawyer. I don't see how he can climb in Steve Yokich's lap every morning to get his orders," she said.

"I'm troubled," said former Oakland Democratic chair Don Tucker, an Owen supporter. "Larry Owen is a responsible, intelligent, visionary candidate. Geoffrey Fieger, on the other hand, is there because of a) name recognition (through representing Jack Kevorkian) and b) his facile quotes that fit into a sound bite, but he's not well versed on policy."

But he'll support Fieger over incumbent Republican John Engler.

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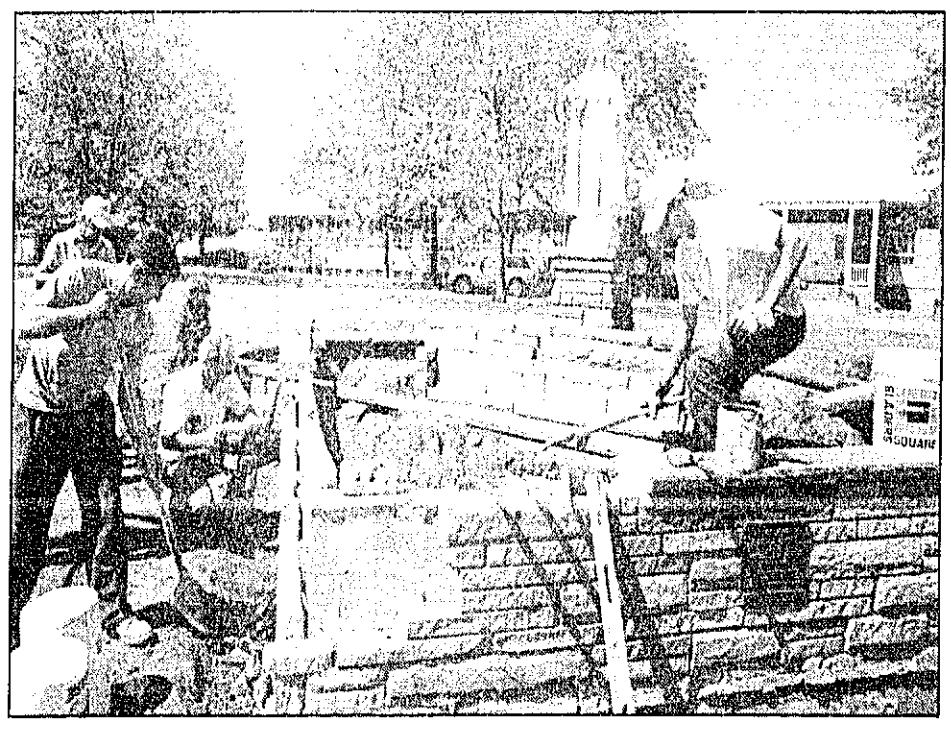
A work in progress

Volunteers pitch in to give home for the developmentally disabled a well-deserved new look — but the work's not finished yet



Masonry volunteers (from left) Wesley Nutt, Arnold Henry, Daniel Zechmeister, Mariano DiGiovanni, and Brian Mlynarek repair the retaining wall of the raised flower bed around the Blessed Virgin statue at Our Lady of Providence Center in Northville.

Sr. Linda Willette can get Adriana Williams, 24, in and out of the administration building at Our Lady of Providence Center much easier now that the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters built the accessibility ramp.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Turning an institutional-looking setting into a more home-like environment takes a lot of manpower.

With the help of masonry volunteers and carpenters, garden clubs and retired special education teachers, Our Lady of Providence Center in Northville is beginning to sport a new look and completing some of the projects on its "wish list."

"After 41 years of being here people are finally beginning to figure out we are here," said Sr. Linda Willette, OLP administrator.

OLP provides both residential and day programs for the developmentally disabled in a home-like atmosphere. It currently cares for 87 females ages 10 to 45 in six different settings.

"We're a well kept secret," said Cynthia Grzelak who is a Development Council board member who volunteers her expertise in public relations and fund raising.

"We are always looking for new members for that voluntary board which helps with a variety of projects and public awareness," said Sr. Willette. The board meets once a month.

One of the projects on the "wish list" was restoring the Blessed Virgin Shrine in front of the building on Beck Road.

The shrine was built on Oct. 7, 1962 with funds from friends of OLP and had been deteriorating for some time.

The concrete walk round the shrine was cracked. The retaining walls of the bed were in disrepair. There was also a leak in the water system.

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A Working Wish List

- Repair the Blessed Virgin statue which is missing fingers.
- ✓ *(done)* Repair the stone/brick retaining walls of the raised flower bed, which are loose and cracked.
- Investigate adding a fountain to some portion of the Shrine area.
- ✓ *(done)* Replace the cracked concrete sidewalk in front of the Shrine.
- ✓ *(done)* Transplant overgrown shrubs to other sites on OLP property.
- *(in progress)* Install new plantings: low maintenance shrubs, perennials and annuals that would provide four seasons of spectacular color and boom.
- ✓ *(done)* Install a sprinkler system around the Shrine.
- ✓ *(done)* Install a new roof on one of the residences.
- ✓ *(done)* Install new gutters on the main office building.
- Purchase new furniture for three of the residences.
- ✓ *(done)* Establish a Horticultural Therapy Program.

How OLP came to be

Our Lady of Providence Center in Northville is run by the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence, a Catholic order founded in Northern Italy by Blessed Aloyius Guanella.

OLP was established in 1957 at the request of Cardinal Edward Mooney and does not receive any financial support from the Archdiocese. Its funding sources include Supplementary Security Income, Social Security Benefits, Department of Social Services, and the Department of Mental Health. Only one third of the residents receive even close to the $105 per day actual costs for their care. One third receive about $89 per day while two-thirds receive supplementary security and/or social security benefits which is $600 per month.

The main contributors to OLP are the Knights of Columbus Councils, the annual parents' fund raiser called Susie's Dance, grants and other donations.

OLP provides both residential and day programs for the developmentally disabled in a home-like atmosphere. It currently cares for 87 females ages 10 to 45 in six different settings. A children's building houses 16 girls, an adult foster care building has room for 64 women. A small group home in Northville and an apartment at OLP as facilities for six women each. A supportive independent program houses three women and an apartment in Plymouth where two women live.

OLP also enrolls boys and men from Chelsea's St. Louis Center in its workshop program.

Scout's project enhances playscape

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

At first Karl Stockhausen was just following in the footsteps set by generations of family members before him.

"Over time it became something I really liked and more a part of me than a part of what my parents were," said Karl. "They gave me the opportunity and I took up on it. It was always up to me."

The 17-year-old son of William and Carole Jean Stockhausen of Northville was presented with the Eagle Scout Award at a Court of Honor held on June 13 at Maybury State Park.

For his Eagle project, Karl, a member of Troop 755, chose an erosion control project at the Fort Griswold Playscape.

Karl supervised fellow scouts and family members over a 10-day period in the fall.

Karl's crew, which ranged from five volunteers on a cold, rainy day to as many as 30 on a bright sunny day, removed railroad ties from the steep embankment on the south side of the playscape so that they could install chain-link fencing and plant myrtle groundcover to prevent surface erosion. The railroad ties were secured with rerod at the base of the embankment to not only help with erosion but to serve as a seat for parents.

"That way they can stay out of their children's way and still be there to watch them," Karl said.

Flower beds were created with the remaining railroad ties in three separate areas around the playscape.

"It all still looks really, really good," said Karl of the project which was completed in November.

"You can never really have enough help and enough work to do," Karl said of the lesson he learned most from the project along with general leadership skills. "I would think I'd have a lot of work then I would run out and I'd have to call it a day."

Karl joined the Cub Scouts in 1992 and has enjoyed the high adventure programs the most.

One recent trip was a two-week backpacking adventure in north eastern New Mexico where he went on an 80 mile trek through the mountains. Last Christmas Karl camped on an island off the Florida Keys.

"Both of those were wonderful," he said. "It is beyond words how wonderful they were."

A senior at University of Detroit Jesuit High School and a member of Our Lady of Victory Parish, Karl's maternal grandfather Harry James Walker became the second Eagle Scout in Whiting, Ind. in 1925.

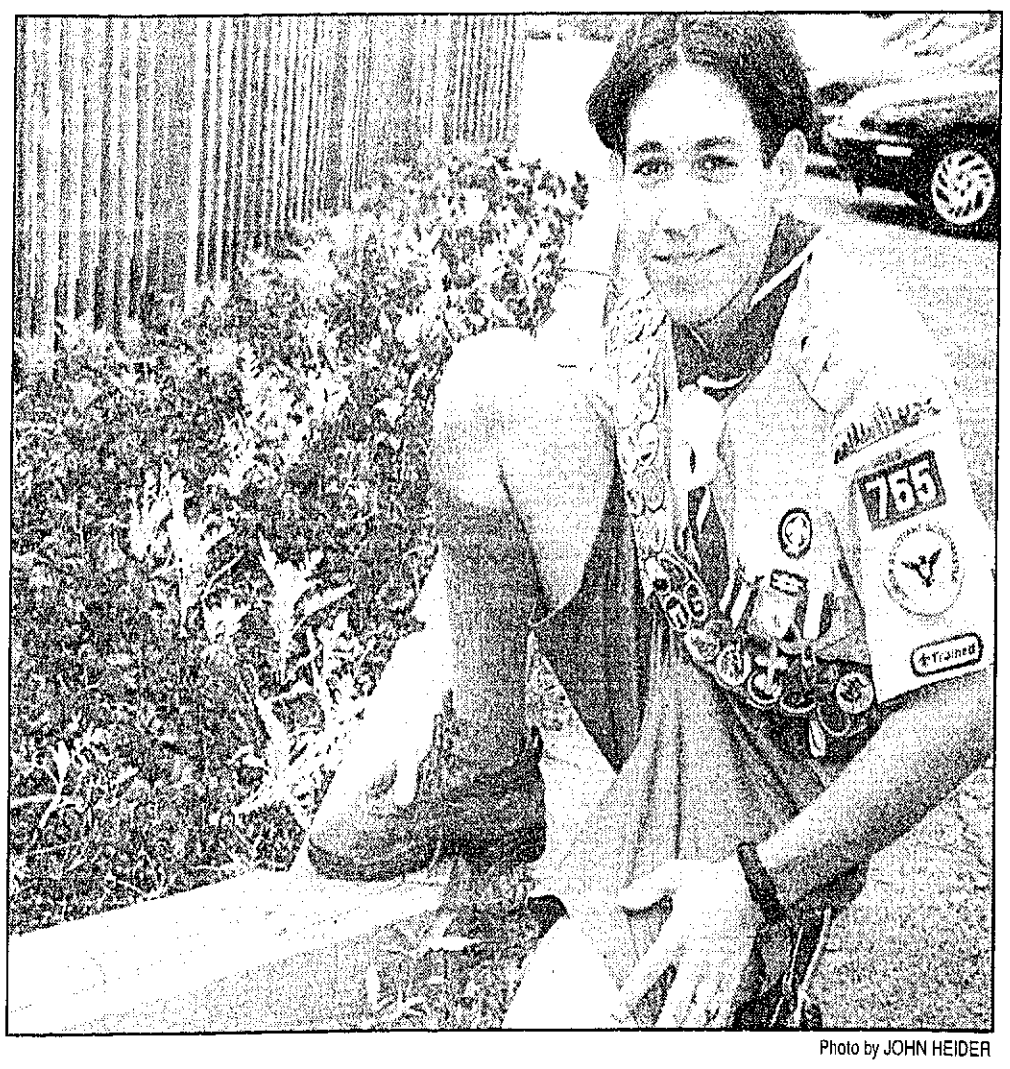
Karl's sister, Juliet, designed and sketched her brother's Court of Honor program cover based on the sash Walker wore which contained the 65 merit badges and ribbons he had earned. Only 69 badges were possible in the mid 1920s. There are about 100 today, of which Karl earned 44. A scout is required to earn 21 merit badges to achieve his Eagle rank today.

Karl's older brother Luke, and his father both earned their Eagle Scout Awards.

Julie and her sister, Rachel, have both earned the Girl Scout equivalent of the Eagle, the Gold Award.

William received Distinguished Eagle in 1994 and his father Frank, held several positions in Scouting and received the St. George Award for being the Ad Altare Dei Catholic religious counselor.

Karl's mother, Carole Jean, was a den leader for both Karl and Luke.



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Karl Stockhausen built flower beds at Fort Griswold as part of his Eagle Scout project.

Parks and Rec offers movie in the park, concerts

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

A very busy summer has been planned by the staff of Novi Parks and Recreation and it's still continuing.

The free Thursday night concerts have been very popular with families, senior citizens and everyone who loves music. Appearing tonight at 7 p.m. will be Novi's own concert band, which has been bringing music to the community since 1982. Conducting will be Jack Kopnick, who will present a program of show tunes, marches, Dixieland, etc. The concert will end at 8:30 p.m., with gate and concessions opening for the 9:30 p.m. drive-in movie, "Angels In the Outfield" at Ella Mae Power Park on the big projection screen. This will be a new experience to many young children and adults who have never attended a drive-in movie.

Included in the evening will be activities for children: Moonwalk, laser tag, Frisbee fun, hoop hustle, rock climbing wall and more. Those attending are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs.

Admission for the movie is $3; free to children 3 years and under. Lemonade and popcorn will also be sold at 50 cents each.

Parks and Recreation also offers discount tickets to the following activities: Canada's Wonderland, Cedar Point, Cranbrook Institute of Science, Crossroads Village, Detroit Zoo, Four Bears Waterpark, Geuga Lake, Greenfield Village, King's Island, Michigan Adventure in Muskegon, Michigan Renaissance, Sea World, Six Flags Great America, and the Beach Waterpark in Cincinnati.

Many amusement parks will be closing Sept. 7, however, some are open through September, October, and December. Please call 347-0400 for more information.

THE NOVI QUEST CLUB

Sponsor Judy Williams comments that this year was most successful with 1,800 hours logged in by student volunteers.

This year, the "Peers Helping Peers" program was special, with 26 seventh and eighth grade students from Novi Middle School volunteering two hours on Thursdays. Each Thursday, from 2:30-4:30 p.m., they tutored 26 fifth and sixth grade students at Novi Meadows.

In addition to tutoring, the volunteers helped at the Novi Charter House, where they assisted with a number of projects including friendly visits, delivering mail, reading letters to those with eyesight problems, helped with the bowling league, Bingo games, hospitality cart from room to room, assisted at the birthday parties, tea parties, games, helped residents to and from activities, and some were active in the "Adopt a Grandparent" program.

Additional volunteer hours were given to the preparation of the Red Ribbon campaign. At the end of the year, there was a social time at their school, complete with ice cream and the receiving of certificates. This community service will be included in each student's education portfolio. At the social, Dr. Tim Falls, principal of Meadows, and Milan O'Brenovich, principal of Middle School, were present and complimented the students on their accomplishments from the past year.

THE GRAND COURT NOVI

Residents at Grand Court were busy during July. Activities Director Marilyn Crenshaw had many special events, one of which was a visit from Georgia Grovesteen of the Novi Public Library. For July's presentation, she discussed the "special events" scheduled four times a year for the residents.

Also appearing in July were entertainers Stan Skylar and Clyde Debourge; Skylar is a one-man band and Debourge played the piano. There was also a "Karaoke Time" with Star and Gene. Residents were encouraged to sing and show their talent. The "Tollgate Cloggers" performed and finishing out the month was Pam Ellison, who sang a variety of songs from the hit band era, the '30s and '40s, and some country music. The group "Grace Notes" hadn't been there in some time but were most welcome.

Scheduled for Friday, Aug. 7 at 2 p.m. will be the annual Hawaiian Luau, complete with a Polynesian dancer who will also share in the history of the islands. Family members of resident Lockie King live in Hawaii and always send an original Luau and special flowers to her for this occasion.

"Current Events" led by Sue Nigoff has been so well received that there are plans to have her come twice a month. She currently visits once a month.

Joe Sharpy entertained with his banjo playing on Saturday, Aug. 1 and later in the evening, residents went for a ride in the van out to Kensington.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Novi Highlights

The Christian Service office is preparing the Holy Family Clothes Closet for families with children who are returning to school and are in need of clothing. For those interested in volunteering with this project, call Carol Ann Donnelly at 349-8553. The Clothes Closet is open every Monday from 9 a.m.-noon and 6:30-8:30 p.m. The evening hours are equally important for volunteers to help. The Closet is also open on the first and second Thursday of the month, from 9 a.m.-noon; and from 9 a.m.-noon on the last two Saturdays of the month.

Also sponsored by the Christian Service office is the program, "Back to School," from Aug. 9 to 23. If you are unable to volunteer, perhaps you might consider sponsoring a child: providing a new outfit; underwear and shoes; tote bags and school supplies; or even furnish a shoe gift certificate. The usual school supplies needed are: lunch boxes, crayons, pencils, pens, alarm clocks, drawing compasses, calculators, just to mention a few.

This coming weekend is the major food drive for St. Vincent De Paul Food Depots." Food barrels are available in the church for food donations and/or if preferred, checks can be made out payable to St. Vincent De Paul. Summer time is the most difficult for children who are in need and depend on the breakfast and hot lunch program during the school year.

If you have any questions regarding this or other programs, call 349-8553, leave a message, and Carol Ann Donnelly will return your call.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, call 624-0173.

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Residents benefit from help

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Dan Zechmeister, P.E., Civil Engineer and Executive Director of the Masonry Institute of Michigan gathered a crew to help with rebuilding the retaining wall and laying brick pavers.

"We contacted them for a referral with the full intention of paying for that work and they just got together and volunteered the labor and materials," said Sr. Willette. "So it was better than a $5,000 project they just took on and did themselves."

Jack Ford at T & M Asphalt of Milford ripped up the concrete walk in front of the statue to make way for the brick pavers donated by Lafarge Corporation of Wixom and Lansing.

Ken Pollack of Clark Block & Supply in Canton delivered the brick pavers.

Zechmeister, along with Wesley Knitt, of Leidal and Hart Mason Contracting of Livonia; Arnold Henry, of J & J Construction in Brighton; Mariano (Skip) DiGiovanni, of Central Masonry, Inc. of Rochester Hills; and Brian Mlynarek, of Masonpro, Inc. of Northville, put in the man hours to accomplish the job working about 20 hours over a two day period at the end of May.

"The wonderful thing about this is Dan Zechmeister's immediate commitment to this project because so often when you work with an organization who has access to membership if the leader isn't fully committed it takes so much longer to get something going," Grzelak said. "He was the linchpin in all of this. They just did a wonderful job."

The crew removed all the dirt from around the immediate wall area and dug down a couple of feet. In some areas the brick facing had to be removed entirely and rebuilt because it was so bad. Tar was applied to the inside of the wall and the outside bricks were acid washed.

The capstones were removed, cleaned underneath and remortared back in place.

The sidewalk by the shrine was graded and slag was added so the brick pavers could be laid.

When they were all done laying the brick pavers the crew noticed there was a gap between the brick and the grass so they went out and bought sod so that it would look finished.

"I have never been party to a transaction like this where there was such extreme generosity and such heart-felt emotion about what they were doing," said Grzelak, who has been involved in some very large projects since she began working in fund raising in 1980. "The money was smaller, but the generosity was bigger and the emotion was greater too. The commitment was just superb."

OLP received a major donation from Ann Arbor residents Ann and Joe Edwards in memory of there daughter Susan who was a former resident which will be used for the remainder of the project.

Employees of Ford Motor Company involved in the Vision 2000 training program began volunteering at OLP.

Every Monday afternoon since March 35 to 70 volunteers have meet at OLP and taken care of all of the grounds keeping this summer, completed major painting jobs, washed windows and helped with spring cleaning.

"They have done an invaluable service," said Sr. Willette. "We couldn't have done what we have this summer without them."

Vision 2000 is a three-day training program for Ford employees in plants and offices state-wide which includes a half day dedicated to community service.

Through the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters' Project RAMP, OLP received a wheelchair ramp for the disabled residents.

The Carpenters' Project RAMP donated the labor and skill necessary to build the ramp.<B>

<B>OLP has received a personal donation of $1,000 and a $500 donation from the Northville Rotary Foundation towards the materials cost of $3,270.

The ramp benefits not only the girls but even visitors that needed to get into this administration building," said Sr. Willette. "They had to go to quite extremes to get up to the office area. Those with wheelchairs or motorized vehicles can come in much more easily now."

For over 10 years, the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters has been building ramps without charge wherever needed.

The Plymouth Farm and Garden Association has donated money which will be used to purchase shrubs and perennials.

Another project is coming to fruition thanks to a $7,500 donation for permanent landscaping plants from the Ann Arbor Farm and Garden Association for a horticultural therapy program.

Two retired special education teachers, Erika Gans of Northville and June Brown of Livonia began working with the residents one morning a week in March planting seeds and transplanting the plants in the courtyard.

The girls participating in the horticultural therapy program are normally working in the sheltered workshop program.

"I have been told by supervisors in that program that they love this and are beginning to understand and to take pride in what they're doing," Grzelak said.

"If the therapy program is to continue and grow as time goes on we do need volunteers to come in to help because when you are working outside and you've got 10 girls and only two special education teachers and the girls scattered doing things. They're at all different skill levels. So they need help and supervision."

Another organization which made a significant donation to OLP this year was the International Order of Alhambra, Maureen Caravan of Northville.

The $8,000 donation was used for campships for 25 women to attend St. Francis Camp in Jerome, Mich.

The women attended the camp for persons with developmental disability the week of July 5.

"They were talking about it months before and they are still talking about it now that they are back," said Sr. Willette. "Most of these are women who don't have any family involvement, so this is sort of their summer vacation."

Volunteers need only be patient, friendly people willing to give one or two hours a week on Wednesday morning during the course of the program.

"It is just wonderful the persons who have come forward to help us," said Sr. Willette. "This year we have really blossomed in that area."

For more information about volunteer possibilities or to make a monetary donation, call Our Lady of Providence Center at (734) 453-1300.

Santino's schedules pasta eating contest

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Seven pounds of pasta is the record to beat this year at the Pasta Eating Contest which is held annually at Santino's Place for Pasta in Novi on Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 5 p.m.

"So far 10 able bodies are entered in the contest," said Santino's owner Scott Longas.

Mike Stutzman, last year's champ lost 40 pounds and will be back, according to Longas.

Stutzman, an account manager with Johnson Press in Novi, became the reigning champ when he ate the equivalent of three-and-a-half dinner plates covered with about two-and-a-half inches of pasta.

Steven Spiegel, who held the record of six pounds of pasta in 1996, will also be returning, according to Longas.

"There's still room for more people," said Longas.

Contestants are allowed to put anything they want on the pasta to make it palatable for the 30-minute contest. The pasta will be cooked with a little olive oil and butter substitute.

The Pasta Eating Contest is a fund raiser for the Make A Wish Foundation. Employees will donate that day's wages, along with 100 percent of the restaurant sales, to the fund-raising event.

Last year's pasta contest raised $1,200.

This charity was chosen because 83 percent of the monies it receives goes to the cause, according to Longas.

This year's celebs include Bob Rouse of the San Jose Sharks, Michigan State University hockey star Mike Donnelly who is with the New York Islanders, and Terry Foster, a sports columnist with the Detroit News.

For more information, interested contestants can call Longas at 380-3232.

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CHURCH OF TODAY, WEST which has a service at 10 a.m. on Sundays, meets at Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road in Walled Lake.

On Sunday, Aug. 9, the lesson will be "What's so Amazing about Grace" with Barbara Clevenger, minister.

Clevenger continues to lead a Thursday night Study Group from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. through Aug. 20 at the Novi Library on Ten Mile Road just east of Taft Road.

David Roth will be at Service on Membership Sunday, Sept. 27, with a concert to follow.

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Blues weekend planned at Hennessey's

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Submitted photo

The City Limits Blues Band is scheduled to play at Bluestock '98 on Sunday, Aug. 16.

Blues bands are booked to belt out a few tunes at Bluestock '98 on Aug. 15 and 16 at Hennessey's Pub in Wixom.

It's the first big bash for Nick Yaksick, and his brother Zachary, who purchased the pub at Grand River and Wixom Road about a year ago.

Yaksick is expecting between 1,500 and 2,000 people at Bluestock '98.

Entertainers performing in the large tent which will be set up include Johnny Bassett and the Blues Insurgents, Blind Tiger Band, Booglemen, Bugs Beddow Band, James Cloyd Group, John Cook Blues Band, The Dogs w/Harmonica Shah, Motor City Josh, Robert Noll, Steve Somers Band with Valerie Barrymore with M.C. Dan McNall on Saturday.

On Sunday, the M.C. will be Mike Shannon. Taking to the stage will be Alligators, Catfish Hodge, City Limits Blues Band, Curtis Sumter Project with Ms. Cathy Davis, Glen Eddy Band, Tim Flaharty Trio with Nancy, Bobby Murray Band, Mystery Train with Jim McCarty, Mojo Rattle and Val Ventro Band.

Apparel and food vendors including Beale Street Barbecue from Pontiac, Buddy's Barbecue as well as Hennessey's Pub will be in smaller tents.

A major sponsor is Coca-Cola.

Individuals under 21 are welcome, said Yaksick, but they will be given a wristband designating they are under age.

Yaksick decided to put together the event as a way to get Hennessey's Pub on the map as a "nice play to hang out."

The Yaksicks, who live in West Bloomfield, have owned Zax Car Wash next door at the corner of Wixom Road and Grand River for eight years.

"On snowy and rainy days I figured we could make money," Yaksick said. "I always wanted a bar restaurant. Basically my brother said if you want to do it let's do it."

Yaksick kept after the previous owners Frank Cleary and Bill O'Shea for eight years.

"They wanted to pass it on to two people who would take care of," Yaksick said.

O'Shea's was a rock and roll type bar, according to Yaksick. The brothers like a variety of music but settled on blues for the pub.

"My brother and I decided to change the image and get a different crowd," he said.

"A lot of people asked for it when we bought the bar. It's not heavy blues but a little oldies and blues. That's the way it's sort of leaning right now.

Bluestock '98 hours on Saturday will be noon until 2 a.m. and on Sunday from noon until 1 a.m. Tickets are $10 if purchased at Hennessey's, $12.50 through Ticketmaster, and $15 at the gate.

For information on Bluestock '98, call (248) 348-4404.

Entertainment listing

Submit items for the entertainment listings to The Northville Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167; or fax to 349-1050.

AUDITIONS

THE NOVI THEATRE: The little people players, actors ages seven to 10, will hold auditions for "Sleeping Beauty" on Aug. 24 and 26 at 4 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center Theatre, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. Performances for "Sleeping Beauty" will be Oct. 23, 24, and 25.

The Ensemble Theatre Company, an adult acting group, will hold auditions for "You Can't Take it with You" on Aug. 25 and 27 at 7:30 p.m. also at the Novi Civic Center Theatre with performances on Nov. 13, 14, and 15.

Actors must pay a participation fee of $125.

Call (248) 347-0400.

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Auditions for "A Tuna Christmas" by Joe Sears, Ed Howard and Jaston Williams will be held on Aug. 10 at 7 p.m. There are roles for two men who will each portray 11 characters both male and female.

The Farmington Players Barn is located at 32332 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

For information call Margaret Gilkes, director, at (248) 476-3781.

SPECIAL EVENTS

BORDERS BOOKS: Ongoing events include the Toddler Time stories for children 3 and younger on Mondays at 10 a.m.; Children's Hour for children three and younger on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; and Toddler Time for children three and younger on Wednesdays t 10 a.m.

Borders Books and Music is located in the Novi Town Center.

On Wednesday, Aug. 19, from 7 to 8:15 p.m., there will be a Photographer's Reception for Judith G. Yaker's exhibit "Inspirations Thru the Lens."

Call (248) 347-0780.

BARNES & NOBLE: Children's special storytimes during the summer will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. for children to three years; Tuesday at 1:30 for ages 5 to 8; and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for children ages 4 to 7.

Call (248) 348-0609.

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: The public is invited to attend the Performer's Showcase performances held prior to select Novi City Council meetings in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. On occasion, performances may be taped by Time Warner and cablecast to residents.

Musicians, actors, poets and dancers are invited to submit application forms and audition tapes, if available, to the Novi Arts Council.

For details, contact the arts council at 347-0400.

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THEATER

MARQUIS THEATRE: The Marquis Theatre Children will be presenting the musical "Raggedy Ann and Andy" by Patricia Thackray through Sept. 27.

America's most beloved folk dolls come to life in this fun-filled story. Babette, a French porcelain doll, has been kidnapped from the playroom by the Loonies. Babette is Marcella's surprise birthday present and she must be returned. To search for her, Raggedy Ann and Andy venture bravely into Looneyland.

Performance dates and times are Tuesdays through Fridays, Aug. 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21 at 10:30 a.m.; Saturdays, Aug. 8, 15, 22, Sept. 12, 19 and 26 at 2:30 p.m. and Sundays, Sept. 13, 20, and 27 at 2:30 p.m.

For general information and groups rates, call (248) 349-8110.

No children under age three will be permitted.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in Northville.

GENITTI'S: The interactive comedy dinner theater at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall is "I Do ... I Think" which runs through October.

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Genitti's is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville.

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MR. B'S FARM: Mr. B's Farm is located at Novi Road north of Ten Mile.

Call 349-7038.

OXFORD INN: The Oxford Inn is located at 43317 Grand River in Novi.

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LIBRARY SPORTS PUB AND GRILL: The Library Sports Pub and Grill is located at 42100 Grand River Avenue in Novi.

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TUSCAN CAFE: Tuscan Cafe presents a variety of entertainment acts nightly except Sundays.

Weekday performances are from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 9 until 11 p.m.

Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville. Call 305-8629.

BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS: Live entertainment is offered from 7:30 until 11 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

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NEARBY

MURDER, MYSTERY & MAYHEM: Alison Gordon, author of the Kate Henry Mystery series, and Lev Raphael, author of "Dancing on Tisha B'Av" and "Winter Eyes" will be reading, talking and signing copies of their books Thursday, Aug. 20 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Murder, Mystery & Mayhem is located at 35167 Grand River in Farmington. Call (248) 471-7210.

BLUESTOCK '98: Hennessey's at 49110 Grand River Avenue in Wixom will hold Bluestock '98 on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 15 and 16.

Among the blues bands performing under the big tent are Johnny Bassett and The Blues Insurgents, Blind Tiger Band, Booglemen, Bugs Beddow Band, James Cloyd Group, Alligators, Catfish Hodge, and City Limits Blues Band.

Tickets are available at Ticketmaster Ticket Centers and Hennessey's Pub.

Call (248) 348-4404.

FLEA MARKET: The Canton Historical Society will hold their annual Flea Market Sale on Aug. 8 at Cherry Hill School located at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. Spaces are available for rent for $15 each for a 10 x 10 space. Bring your own table(s) and chairs(s). No resale clothing please, but antiques, crafts, collectibles, garage sale items, etc. are welcome. Don't have enough treasures to have a table of your own? Your donation of items to the Historical Society are needed and very welcome.

Contact Ronni Curtis at (734) 981-1475.

SUMMER LAWN CONCERTS: Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus summer concert series concludes with Blackthorn on Aug. 13.

Each concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at the pavilion located on the campus's front lawn at 7350 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford and is free and open to the public.

Call (248) 360-3186.

HISTORICAL PLYMOUTH MUSEUM: "Lincoln Comes to Plymouth" will be on exhibit through December 1998. Highlights of the collection include a lock of Lincoln's hair cut from his wound the night of the assassination by then Surgeon General Barnes, one of the bronze copies of the Volk Life Mask and Hands of Lincoln made in 1860, Sandurg's works on Lincoln; signed First Editions and printer's dummies, campaign items, Civil War items and much more.

The museum is open to the public Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 1 until 4 p.m. and Sunday from 2 until 5 p.m. Admission is $2 for adults, $.50 for students. The family rate is $5.

Call (734) 455-8940.

TOYS: The Plymouth Historical Museum has a special exhibit relating to the history of toys and other childhood memories, including antique dolls, teddy bears, push and pull toys, trains and rocking horses.

The museum is located at 155 South Main Street in Plymouth. Hours are Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. and Sunday from 2-5 p.m.

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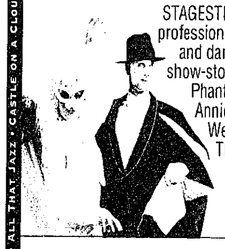

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Steed and Emma return in 'The Avengers'

London, the 1960s—the epicenter of a cultural revolution shakes the world with mod clothes, the Beatles, pop art and "The Avengers."

Thirty-some years later, London is once again a hotbed of activity, signaling the coming millennium. Fin-de-siecle nihilism runs alongside revisionist spiritualism, old-guard capitalism clashes with global-concern idealism, a nostalgia for the past returns to serve the present.

It's time once again for heroes with style to burn. Enter John Steed and Emma Peel.

In The Avengers, legendary producer Jerry Weintraub and director Jeremiah Chechik reinvent the inimitably British Steed and his deadly smart partner, Mrs. Peel, pitting them against the devilishly clever and completely evil Sir August De Wynter. The Avengers teams Academy Award nominees Ralph Fiennes and Uma Thurman as Steed and Peel opposite Oscar-winner Sean Connery as De Wynter.

The Ministry, Britain's top-secret agency, has summoned John Steed (Fiennes) to investigate some strange goings-on in Her Majesty's Kingdom. The weather seems out of control. Freak snowstorms, hail of epic proportions, and temperatures that fluctuate wildly from arctic to blast furnace plague normally temperate England. Someone is out to control the weather and bring the country and the world to its knees. Who could master such a brilliant and demonic attempt to extort the riches of nations in return for a temperate day? All bets are on Sir August De Wynter (Connery), former Ministry man, who is very rich, very odd, and entirely too intelligent.

Preparing to fight fire for snow or hail with fire, Steed teams up with the unflappable Mrs. Emma Peel (Thurman), a master of jujitsu and doctor in meteorological science in a body made for haute couture.

Steed and Peel, with martini-dry wit and icy sizzle, have returned from sixties Britain for a new age of cool.

In the late 1960s, American television aired a show that had been running in its native Great Britain since 1961. The show featured a wry English gentleman named John Steed, played by Patrick Macnee, who possessed a sense of humor as dry as his champagne. Steed effortlessly battled villains that appeared ordinary at first glance—nannies, members of Parliament, apothecaries, country vicars. Somewhere in the first half of the program, however, these foes revealed maniacal plans to take over Westminster Abbey using an army of hypnotized soldiers or to kidnap a visiting dignitary by pumping nerve gas into his train compartment.

Aiding Steed in his battle against the bizarre in normal clothes, was a female sidekick of a different sort. Mrs. Emma Peel, as played by Diana Rigg, was an icy combination of smarts, beauty, and girl power. While Steed used his trademark bowler hat and bumpershoot to combat his adversaries, Mrs. Peel utilized her well-placed jujitsu kick or karate flip to fell her foe. With the bad guys neatly dispatched, Steed and Peel would trade smirks and quips over a cocktail and part ways. That is, until evil reared its ugly head in London the following week and Steed would announce, "Mrs. Peel, we're needed."

The Avengers suitably enamored American viewers. Thirty seven years after its initial run on British television, the show remains that country's most popular exported serial, sold to 120 countries to date.

Producer Jerry Weintraub (Karate Kid, Nashville) was one of the show's original aficionados who eagerly awaited "The Avengers" each week. He remembers, "I was working in the music business in London in the '60s. I was one of those millions of guys around the world who was in love with Emma Peel."

Weintraub's infatuation with the show and with Emma Peel never faded, he eventually purchased the rights to the series in 1985 and made a commitment to bring Steed and Peel to the big screen.

From the beginning, he intended to retain the British flavor of the series in his film. "I wanted to do it right," he said. "When you're making a big action-adventure movie, your natural tendency us to Americanize it. I didn't want to. I knew John Steed and Emma Peel had a worldwide audience."

The producer added, "This script is character led. It's an adventure and a romance, very British, very funny, and a little surreal. I think it's a new formula, a great blend of character and action." Weintraub worked closely with British screen writer Don Macpherson to retain the crisp style of the original series.

Uma Thurman is cast as Emma Peel in Warner Bros.' stylish action-adventure, "The Avengers."

Costume designer combined looks of pinstripes and leather

Almost as memorable as the stark design of the original "The Avengers" show was the look of the avenging duo — Steed in his traditional to-the-extreme tailored suit and Emma (some of the time anyway) in a leather catsuit.

Costume designer Anthony Powell, a three-time Academy Award winner, admits. "Since it's a classic, you have to start from what everybody knows. Steed was dressed in a way that was already anachronistic in the '60s. It's interesting that today, apart from the bowler hat, a beautifully-cut Saville Row suit is the height of fashion again. Given that Steed is a veritable poster image of tradition, it seemed to me to have everything connected with him made in Saveille Row."

Powell used tailers from the shops along the world-famous district in London, many of the historic establishments dating back to Queen Victoria's early days on the throne, to create Steed's pinstripe suits, shirts, shoes, umbrellas and signature bowler hats.

Powell's job was a bit less cut and dried when it came to creating Emma Peel's wardrobe.

Powell turned to the decades that surrounded the original television icons, studying back issues of Vogue from the period. "I was astonished by the quality of innocence and freshness of the clothes then," he said. "But the look was sort of a dolly bird, Lolita look — Twiggy and Jean Shrimpton — and that simply isn't Uma.

"In film you can't impose an impage on any actor, you have to work with what is there. Uma is tall with her own personal sense of style. So we started over with the clothes that were right for Uma, right for the '90s and with a flavor of the '60s."

And for the famous leather catsuit? "At my first meeting with Uma, she asked where the catsuit would hang in Emma's wardrobe," said Powell. "That's a very good question. For costumes to be successful, they have to look inevitable, as though they are part of an actor's body. So, to resolve it, I made sure that everything else leads up up to the famous catsuit, that everything has an echo of it — either it's something formfitting or made of suede or leather. That way, the suit at the end becomes almost inevitable."

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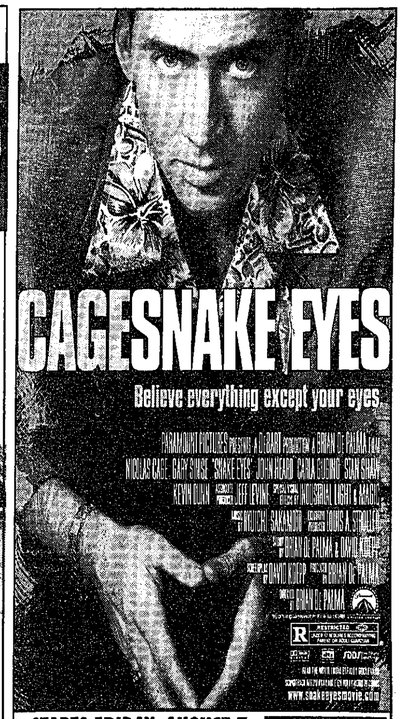

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Outgoing and friendly DWF, 33, 5'8", enjoys reading, animals, the outdoors, sports, and dining out. She is hoping to meet a humorous, intelligent, spontaneous SWM, under 45. If that's you, call me. Ad#.4117

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Family-oriented, fun-loving DWF, 56, 5'2", 120lbs., who enjoys dancing, dining out, quiet evenings at home and more, is seeking a DWM, 50-60, for a meaningful relationship. Ad#.2514

FINE CHOICE
DWF, 51, 5'7", who enjoys the outdoors, movies and dining out, seeks a DWM, 50-58, with similar interests. Ad#.6127

SWEET & SINCERE
This employed SWF, 49, 5'5", enjoys music, movies, reading, theater, long walks, dining out and more. She's seeking a SWM, 45-57, for friendship first. Ad#.8844

POSSIBLE MATCH
Employed SW mom of one, 37, 5'7", full-figured, is in search of an employed, honest, caring SWCM, 35-45, who loves laughter, sports, the outdoors and children. Ad#.5878

WIN ME OVER
She's an outgoing, petite SWF, 50, 5'2", looking for a N/S, financially secure SWCM, 45-56, who enjoys life. Ad#.1947

FRIENDS TO START
Get to know this outgoing and friendly DWC mom of one, 36, 6', blonde/blue eyes, enjoys music, movies and quiet times. She seeks a similar SWCM, 29-45, for friendship, maybe more. Ad#.6244

BUILD A FRIENDSHIP
This affectionate, playful, and loyal DWCF, 55, 5'2" and petite, has diverse interests including dancing, travel, classical music, the arts, and playing cards. She's looking for her best friend: a SWM, over 50, who shares her interests. Ad#.3045

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Athletic SWF, 23, 5'8", with long brown hair and blue eyes, is looking for a handsome SWM, 24-31, with a good sense of humor. Ad#.1275

BROAD-MINDED
Into youth ministry and Bible study, I'm a Catholic DWF, 60, 5'2", pretty and fit, who enjoys walks, conversation, movies, dancing, dining out and more. It would be a pleasure to hear from a similar SWCM, 70 or under. Ad#.1932

WISH COME TRUE
Thinking about a shy DWCF, 48, who likes the outdoors, country music, cooking and dancing? If you're a sincere SWM, 48 plus, your call will be answered. Ad#.1950

YOU NEVER KNOW
Call this cute, friendly, outgoing, athletic DWF, 56, 5'6", with red hair and blue eyes, who enjoys ballroom dancing and playing golf. She is in search of an athletic SWM, 54-59, to share her interests with. Ad#.4392

CALL & TALK MORE
About similar interests. I'm a DW mom, 29, 5'10", who enjoys NASCAR, camping, hiking, animals and car shows. I'm looking for a SWM, 30-35, who would be interested in friendship first. Ad#.5514

FRIENDS FIRST
Meet this outgoing SWF, 20, 5'11", 140lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who loves music, reading, movies and more. She'd like to hear from a SWCM, 19-25, with similar interests. Ad#.7585

DUAL TRUST
She's an outgoing, educated SWF, 61, 5'3", who enjoys the outdoors, dining out, music and is in search of a humorous SWM, 50-72, who enjoys life. Ad#.1217

IT'S UP TO YOU
Interesting SW mom of two, 37, looking for a SWM, 35-45, to share interests, activities and a mutually rewarding relationship. Ad#.1212

GIVE HER A CALL
She's a Catholic SWF, 28, 5'7", who is employed and is looking for friendship with SWM, 23-38, who can make her smile and keep her happy. Ad#.3818

TAKE THE TIME
To get to know this DWF, 46, 5'2", who enjoys bowling, dancing, concerts and the beach. She's seeking a SWM, 42-50, for possible relationship. Ad#.4431

GENUINE INTENTIONS
Professional SWF, 37, 5'8", seeks a SWM, 30-45, who enjoys outdoor activities, dining out, music and more. Ad#.4884

BRIGHT FUTURE
DW mom of two, 28, 5'3", an outgoing professional, seeks a SWCM, 30-40, to share family-oriented interests and good times. Ad#.1342

INTRODUCE YOURSELF
Attractive DWC mom of two, 42, 5'5", 122lbs., long brown hair, blue eyes, a professional, in search of an ambitious, successful and intelligent SWM, 32-42, N/S. Ad#.2256

FOUND AT LAST
Get to know this outgoing SWF, 24, 5'9", who enjoys music, movies and dining out. She is looking for a tall SWM, 24-33, to spend time with. Ad#.1116

DO YOU FIT THE BILL?
Professional SWF, 25, 5'4", looking to share mutual interests, activities and friendship with a caring, sincere, honest SWM, 23-35, who enjoys movies, dining out and outdoor activities. Ad#.6964

WELL-ROUNDED
She's a SWF, 25, 5'3", whose interests are movies, camping, photography in search of a SWM, 23-30, to get to know. Ad#.6463

LOVE ABOUNDING
Outgoing DF, 48, with auburn hair, likes country drives, movies, watching sports, going for walks and barbecues, in search of a DWCM, to develop a relationship with. Ad#.9300

SOMETHING BETTER
She's a full-figured SWF, 30, 5', with brown hair, hazel eyes, who enjoys music, movies and quiet evenings at home, in search of an employed, humorous SWM, 26-36, Ad#.1667

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I'm a SWF, 21, 5'3", with short brown hair and blue eyes. I am easygoing, laid-back, humorous and am searching for a SWM, 21-26 to spend quality time with. Ad#.3210

ARE YOU THE ONE?
She's a DWCF, 43, 5'7", with blonde hair and green eyes who enjoys sports, NASCAR, cuddling and would like to find that special SWCM, who wants to be in a relationship. Ad#.1972

NEW BEGINNINGS
Here we have a WWWF, 67, 5'6", who enjoys dining out and movies. She is looking for a humorous SWCM, 55-72, for companionship. Ad#.8629

LET'S MEET
This SW mom of two, 33, 4'10", full-figured, seeks a SWM, 30-45, to share mutual interests, activities and friendship. Ad#.9420

LOOK NO FURTHER
I'm a SWC mom, 34, 5'6" who is new to the area. I enjoy outdoors, bowling, movies, and am looking for a nice, outgoing SWCM, 34+. Ad#.5560

A PEOPLE PERSON
I'm a 42 year old professional SWF, who loves the outdoors. I am outgoing, friendly and am waiting for you, a SWM, to come into my life. Don't keep me waiting. Ad#.1749

READY FOR CRITERIA TEST?
If you are, call this Catholic DW mother, 41, 5'5", blue-eyed blonde, who is a N/S, social drinker. She is looking for a professional, sincere, honest SWCM, 40-53, who is emotionally secure, animal loving, and has family values, kids at home okay. Ad#.1345

CALL ME
SWF, 19, 5'4", 118lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys church activities, playing violin, horseback riding and swimming, is looking forward to meeting a SWCM, 19-26, N/S, who enjoys animals. Ad#.2222

ARE YOU CARING?
DWF, 40, 5'6", with blonde hair. I'm an honest, caring, in search of a SWM, 35-40, with similar interests, who enjoys yoga, music and movies. Ad#.3232

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
DWCF, 65, 5'6", likes bowling, travel, dining out, playing cards, country and big band music, seeks SWCM, 60-70, with similar interests. Ad#.1223

CHANGE OF PACE
Friendly SWF, 70, 5'8", N/S, enjoys meeting new people, playing cards, dining out, gardening, Big Band music and more, seeks an honest SWM, 65-78, to spend quality time with. Ad#.1949

A MIRROR IMAGE
Attractive SWF, 50, 5'9", brown hair, reserved, a professional, seeks a SWM, 53-70, to share friendship and laughter. Ad#.4847

INTRODUCE YOURSELF
DWCF, 60, 5'6', 120lbs., physically fit, N/S, friendly, self-employed, enjoys working out, dining out, the theatre, the outdoors and more, seeks an intelligent SWCM, 50-62, N/S, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad#.1739

EARN MY TRUST
Attractive SWF, 65, 5'2", outgoing, humorous, enjoys good conversation, cuddling and more, seeks an honest, loyal SWM, 64-70, to share life with. Ad#.1533

GET TO KNOW ME
Outgoing SWF, 73, 5'2", N/S, enjoys dancing, bowling, dining out and playing cards, seeks an honest, humorous, SWM, 65-80, with similar interests. Ad#.6037

SHARE MY TIME
Shy and reserved SWCF, 53, 5'2", brown hair/eyes, enjoys movies, country music, fishing, reading, concerts and art fairs, seeking a SWCM, 50-60, N/S. Ad#.4269

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Shy DWF, 40, 4'11", blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys movies, golfing, gardening, cooking and the outdoors, seeks a SWM, 40+, who has a kind heart. Ad#.1261

DYNAMIC PERSONALITY
Fun-loving DW mom, 43, a self-employed professional, enjoys the theatre, concerts, dining out, cooking, reading and traveling, seeks a SWM, 40+. Ad#.2543

AN ANGEL
Catholic DWF, 50, 5', N/S, enjoys family activities, movies, music and dancing, dining out and comedy, looking for a SWM, 45-57, to share friendship, laughter, maybe more. Ad#.6007

YOUNG AT HEART
WWWF, 60, 5'8", dark hair, enjoys fishing, camping, speed boats, outdoors, enjoys looking for a SWM, 58-68, who shares similar interests. Ad#.7411

BE SERIOUS
SW mom, 35, 5'1', blondish-brown hair, green eyes, N/S, social drinker, employed, enjoys cooking and all outdoor activities, seeking a N/S, marriage-minded, honest SWM, 35-40, for a long-lasting relationship. Ad#.1142

GREAT QUALITIES
SWF, 19, 5'4", blonde hair, blue eyes, outgoing, enjoys going out with friends, the outdoors and more, seeks a SWM, 18-28, for friendship first, possible relationship. Ad#.4914

A RARE GEM
Professional DWCF, 46, 5'3", dark hair/eyes, likes stimulating conversation, dining out and fun times, seeking a SWCM, 41-56, with similar interests, for friendship first. Ad#.3865

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CALL IF INTERESTED
Fun-loving DWCM, 35, 6'3", 170lbs., with dark brown hair, enjoys camping, cooking out, boating, and is looking for a SCF, over 25, who is serious about a relationship. Ad#.1030

OPPORTUNITY
Catholic DW dad, 49, 5'10", with curly black hair and brown eyes, is a professional, seeking acaring, considerate SWF, 30-45. Ad#.7778

SHARE MY INTERESTS
DWM, 48, 5'7", 160lbs., N/S, non-drinker, enjoys country life, dining out, motorcycles and antiques, seeks a height and weight proportionate SWF, 38-48. Ad#.6147

WISHFUL
I'm a easygoing SWM, 34, 5'10". I enjoy boating, fishing and camping. I'm seeking a SF, under 40. Ad#.1258

PLEASE CALL
He's an outgoing SWM, 20, 6', with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys movies, the outdoors, sports and is in search of a SF, 18-23, who is fun and caring. Ad#.9876

GENUINE INTENTIONS
Bible study, bowling, bicycling, badminton, music and church are among his interests. A SWCM, 47, he hopes to hear from similar SWCF, 32-48, to enjoy these activities and more. Ad#.6431

THE RIGHT TRACK
Here's a nice SWM, 29, 5'10", who seeks a petite/medium-built SWF, 22-33, who enjoys animals, hiking, the outdoors, aquariums and more. Ad#.1969

BE MINE FOREVER
Active DWCM, 42, professional, blond hair, blue eyes, 6'2", 220lbs., very attractive, enjoys dancing, travel, dining out, movies, camping and boating, seeks similar, compassionate, kind, caring SCF, 36-45. Ad#.2424

HERE HE IS
This friendly SWCM, 36, 5'11", 180lbs., who enjoys cooking, hiking, working around the house and walking in the woods, seeks a SWF, 27-40, who enjoys life. Ad#.7907

GET IN STEP
Self-employed SWM, 36, 6'1", 170lbs., with sandy blond hair and hazel eyes, is looking to share friendship with a sincere, outgoing SWF, 26-37, whose interests include rollerblading, biking, fishing and camping. Ad#.2173

DEFINED LOVE
He's a professional SWM, 41, 6', 200lbs., who enjoys going to automobile events, flying and is seeking a SWF, 25-43, for friendship first. Ad#.9381

FOLLOW YOUR HEART
This quiet, Protestant DWM, 26, 6'3", likes outdoor activities and easygoing good times. He is seeking a SWCF, 18-32, who wants a serious relationship. Ad#.4757

WHAT YOU WANT
Professional DWM, 54, 5'6", 150lbs., would like to meet a sincere SWF, 38-58. He's personable, enjoys scuba diving, traveling, automobiles, biking and cozy evenings. Ad#.6337

YOUR OPPORTUNITY
This mellow SWM, 21, 5'8", is seeking a SWF, 18-23, who enjoys hockey, boating and walking. Ad#.5048

CAN YOU RELATE?
This DW dad of two, 35, 5'7", is educated and employed, enjoys the stock market, sports, dining out and more. He is in search of a humorous, honest SWF, under 38. Ad#.9786

THOUGHTFUL
Athletic, friendly SWM, 25, 6'6", would like to meet an intelligent SWCF, 19-30, who enjoys Bible study, sports and more. Ad#.1234

KEEP IT REAL
A kind, humorous and intelligent SWCF, 30+, is welcome to call this attractive, romantic DCW dad, 39, 6', athletic, football-type build with brown hair/eyes, n/s, non-drinker, who values honesty. Ad#.1958

SOLID VALUES
Just a phone call away is this personable, SWCM, 29, 6'2", heavyset, with brown hair/eyes, who regularly attends church. He enjoys the beach, car trips and seeks a pleasant, sincere SWCF, age unimportant, to share interests and friendship. Ad#.3333

A TRUE GEM
I'm an outgoing WWWM, 53, 5'10", hoping to get to know a SF, 44-53, who shares my interests and would enjoy movies, dinner and conversation. I have a street-rod and RV, and I enjoy camping, boating, fishing, walking, bowling and more. Ad#.3661

TWENTY QUESTIONS
This friendly DW dad of two, 35, 5'7", 160lbs., seeks an intelligent, humorous SWF, under 38, who enjoys children and all the gifts that life has to offer. Ad#.1169

THE KEY TO MY HEART
I'm an outgoing SWM, 32, 6'2", with dark hair and blue eyes, never-married, who enjoys sports, music, concerts and is in search of a SF, 18-43, with an athletic build. Ad#.5605

THE TIME IS RIGHT
This outgoing, physically fit WWWCM, 65, 6'1", 165lbs., N/S, who enjoys outdoors, shopping and dining out, is in search of an attractive SWF, under 60, to get to know. Ad#.3347

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST
Professional DWCM, romantic, youthful 46, 6', athletic, enjoys dinner and dancing, theatre, music, the outdoors, seeks SWCF, 35-46, to share adventures with. Ad#.6433

MEANINGFUL
DWCM, 41, 6', 185lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys working out, dining out and more, and is looking for a SWCF, 25-40, for friendship first, possible relationship. Ad#.2957

EXACT AND PRECISE....
Retired, 70 years young, WWM, 5'9", 170lbs., is a daily runner, enjoys skiing, mountain biking, ballroom dancing, traveling, interested in sharing a mutually rewarding relationship with a SWF, 60-70. Ad#.1918

IS ANYBODY OUT THERE?
Here's an outgoing and agreeable Catholic DWM, 59, 5'10", 183lbs.. He enjoys bowling, fishing, cooking and walking. He's seeking an honest, sincere, slender SWCF, under 57, without kids at home, for a long-term relationship. Ad#.7514

THE TIME IS RIGHT
I'm a college student SWM, 19, 6'2", who enjoys movies, concerts and the outdoors, in search of a down-to-earth SWF, 18-22, with similar interests. Ad#.5432

CALL ME
Sincere SWC dad of one, 39, 5'8", enjoys movies, picnics, boating, dining out and dancing wishes to share activities and friendship with a positive-thinking SWCF. Ad#.1276

VERY PLEASING
Fun-loving, hardworking SWM, 44, 5'5", who loves the outdoors, movies, music and traveling, seeks a SWF, under 42. Ad#.9970

SHY AT FIRST
DWCM, 47, 5'7', enjoys playing golf, country, card games and fishing. He's seeking a serious DWCF, with a good sense of humor, who is searching for peace and happiness. Ad#.2151

SEARCHED HIGH & LOW
Shy, Catholic WWWM, 57, 5'6", 155lbs., is looking for a Catholic SWF, 45-57, with similar interests. He's romantic and loves to go dancing. Ad#.4242

CALL AND WE CAN TALK!
Catholic DW dad, 31, 5'11", is employed and would like to meet a Protestant SF, for dating, possible future relationship. He enjoys the outdoors, cooking, dining out, children and more. Ad#.1866

SO, HOW ARE YOU?
Let me be your friend, perhaps more. I'm a SM, 29, and I love the outdoors with a passion. I'm 5'7, outgoing and friendly. If you are a SF and want to share life, call me. Ad#.1012

MANY OPTIONS
This honest and professional SWCM, 45, 6', with black hair and brown eyes is looking for an adventurous, fit, attractive SCF, 18-36, to be his best friend and companion. He's college educated and enjoys traveling, sports, boating, skiing and more. Ad#.3636

LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU
Catholic DW dad, 37, 5'10", N/S, non-drinker, enjoys outdoors, looking to meet a friendly, sincere, monogamous SWF, 22-42, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad#.2057

BE KIND TO MY HEART
Outgoing SWM, 33, 6'2", dark hair, blue eyes, never-married, enjoys sports, concerts, movies and music, seeks a tall SF, 18-40, for a possible relationship. Ad#.1126

EARN MY TRUST
SWM, 25, 5'9", reserved, educated, enjoys working out, outdoor activities and more, seeks a SWF, 22-26. Ad#.3335

COUNTRY LIFE
Friendly WWWCM, 60, 5'10", enjoys traveling, boating, fishing, hunting, gardening, dining out, dancing and the outdoors, looking for SWCF, 50-55, to share life with. Ad#.7590

FRIENDS TO START
SWM, 19, 5'11", enjoys sports, movies, concerts and spending time with friends, seeks a SWF, 18-20, for possible relationship. Ad#.1919

FIND OUT TODAY
SWM, 35, 6', enjoys working out, movies, picnics in the park, dining out and more, seeks a SWF, 18-26, who enjoys life. Ad#.2325

JUST FRIENDS
SWM, 20, 5'10", enjoys reading and writing, looking to meet a laid-back SWF, 18-21, to spend time with. Ad#.7734

SAVED THE BEST FOR LAST
Good-natured, Catholic DW dad, 57, 5'8", enjoys dining out, the outdoors and quiet evenings, in search of a SCF, moms okay. Ad#.5926

MOMS WELCOME
SWM, 57, 6', 175lbs., smoker, enjoys boating, water skiing, classic car shows, movies, dining out and traveling, seeks a slender SWF, 21-33, for friendship first. Ad#.3664

GIVE ME THE CHANCE
Caring, sincere SWM, 26, 6', enjoys movies, camping, dining out and romantic evenings, searching for a loving SWF, 21-30. Ad#.4444

TRY ME
Shy, reserved, Catholic SW dad, 31, 6'1", enjoys hunting, fishing and nights out on the town, looking for sincere, honest DWF, under 31. Ad#.9151

GET TO KNOW ME
Spiritual SWM, 37, 6'1", athletic, employed, loves the outdoors and being with children, looking forward to meeting a SF. Ad#.2341

UNTIL NOW
Reserved DW dad, 30, 6', employed, enjoys fishing, hunting, camping, picnics, long walks and the outdoors, in search of compatible SWF, 25-32. Ad#.9743

ALL OUR TOMORROWS?
Appealing DWCM, 34, 5'10", enjoys hockey and football, camping, family times, dancing and long walks, seeks an attractive, fun-loving SWCF, under 36, for a nice life. Ad#.7152

GIVE ME THE CHANCE
DWM, 30, 6', outgoing, enjoys hunting, fishing, quiet evenings, seeks SWF, over25, who loves children, with similar interests. Ad#.8413

IN YOUR DREAMS
Personable SW dad of two, 39, 6'1", brown hair, green eyes, enjoys coaching sports, long walks, romantic evenings, seeks SWF, 21-48, for sharing of interests and friendship. Ad#.3121

CARING & ROMANTIC
DWCM, 52, 6'1", medium build, a sports fan, enjoys summer outdoor activities, dancing, movies and music, seeking a SWCF, 40+, for possible relationship. Ad#.9255

OH, THE POSSIBILITIES!
Shy, sensitive SWM, 23, 5'7", interests include movies, camping, concerts and playing guitar, in search of an intelligent SWF, 18-25, for friendship first. Ad#.1946

NEW HEIGHTS
SWM, 60, 5'5", 160lbs., likes long walks, movies, the theatre, flea markets, art fairs, sports and more, seeking a special, petite SWF, 55-62. Ad#.2526

VERY ACTIVE
SWM, 53, 6'3", enjoys classic cars, camping, quiet evenings in front of the fireplace, seeking an honest, loving SWF, 45-58, to spend time with. Ad#.5143

MANY OPTIONS
SWM, 33, 5'8", blond hair, enjoys playing golf, water skiing, baseball, hockey, camping and traveling, seeks a physically fit SWF, 25-35, who is goal-oriented. Ad#.1509

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ASA tourney brings 81 teams to Novi

Novi's Motor City Madness hopes to make waves at national tournament

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

For Novi softball phenoms Katie Cameron and Joelle Frantz the message is clear.

They love the game of softball.

An obsession each started many, many years ago on opposite ends of the country has now made them good friends and brought them to the Amateur Softball Association Girls 16 & Under fast pitch national championships being held in Novi and Farmington Hills this week.

The two are teammates on the Novi-based Motor City Madness softball team, which will be one of two host squads for this mammoth 81-team national tourney. The 12-member team is made up of long-time friends from eight different high schools in metro Detroit.

Cameron and Frantz are two of six original members of the Madness team, which was formed in the summer of 1996. Both also play on the Novi High School varsity team and were HomeTown first team all-area selections this spring.

As 12-year-olds competing for the Highland (Michigan Bandits) in 1994, the Frantz and Cameron families were traveling all over the country during the summer for various tournaments. So in order to maintain a softball-filled summer schedule but cut down on travel expenses and long trips across the country, the two families decided to form a travel softball team.

Both girls sat down and selected girls they knew and after a while, the team was chosen and the Motor City Madness team was formed. Other members of the team include John Glenn players Stephanie and Samantha Crews, Byron teammates Amanda Fitzgerald and Meghhan Honke, Dexter's Kimberly Klever, Whitmore Lake's Laura Burkhart, Farmington Hills Mercy's Erin Carson and Dana Falvo, Kettering's Theresa Flowers and Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes' Jacqueline Ruma.

"We decided that the girls were going to have to play local softball," Car Frantz, Joelle's father and head coach of the Madness said. "The old Bandits team is pretty much back together. A lot of the girls knew each other from that team."

That Bandit team posted a 56-12 record which is in line with this year's Madness mark of 40-8 heading into Tuesday's first game of the tournament. The U-16 Madness has won the ASA state title this season and finished second at the Compuware Tournament out of a field of 24 teams. The lowest finish for the team was at the USSA Tournament in Canton. The team lost to a pair of California-based teams, including the California state champion Red Hawks team 1-0. The Hawks are the pre-tournament favorite to win this year's national title.

According to coach Frantz, the Madness will need to rely on its pitching and defense to make some noise in the tournament. Fitzgerald is the number one starter with Frantz providing a great second option.

"We have a real nice defense too," the coach said. "All of our outfielders can run and we great gloves in the infield."

Cameron leads the team with a .360 average, but the coach does not expect this tournament to sport much offensive firepower.

"Games like these will be low scoring," he said. "When you bring in players like this from all over the country, it's tough to score.

"But this is a neat group of girls. They play like there's no pressure and go out and have fun. If we can get hot, play some good defense and get our sticks going, we could be hard to beat."

The team, which has posted a 136-26 record over the past three seasons, will make a decision after the season as to if it will come back to compete in the under 18 division next year.

"To be honest, the team and their families will get together and see what we want to do," Frantz said. "The kids really call the shots. It's up to them if they want to continue. If they do, they'll play."

The Madness played its first game Tuesday morning against the Missouri Pride (after The Novi News' deadline) and went on to face either a team from California or Quad City in the second round of team positioning.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Teams from all over the country are converging on Novi and Farmington Hills this week for the ASA U-16 fast pitch national championship

Submitted Photo

The Novi-based Motor City Madness U-16 team is hoping for a high finish in 1998.

Rochester course offers Scottish style of play just an hour away

This week's Novi News continues a series of weekly golf reviews. Our goal is to provide you, the reader, useful information and tips on playing favorite courses in the area.

BlackHeath is the subject of this week's review. If you would like to see a particular course reviewed this summer, contact us at (248) 437-2011 or (248) 349-1700.

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

For those who take time out to watch the British Open each year and shake their heads in disgust of the 40 mile per hour winds or the giant mounds and deep rough of the courses, now there's a chance to experience that challenge first hand.

At BlackHeath Golf Club, located four miles north of Rochester, golfers are given the unique experience of golfing a Scottish style course. With hundreds of small and large rolling mounds and tall heather grass lining the fairways, the course challenges players to play it safe and smart.

"This is definitely a players golf course," BlackHeath general manager Bill Jardine said. "The whole theme of this course is out of 1920. You have to play by feel. If you can hit the ball straight, you'll be OK."

The course, which opened in early June, was built on an old farm and contains very few trees. Jardine said that owner Kevin Aldridge, who was heavily involved with the construction of the course, cut down just six trees in building the course. "It took him 20 minutes to clear the trees," Jardine said.

To offset the lack of trees standing in the way of the golfers, Aldridge strategically placed bunkers on every hole and brought in over 750,000 cubic yards of dirt to give the course its rolling topography. The tall fescue grass provides an even greater challenge to hackers and keeps the longer hitters honest.

One of the few holes where trees come into play is the 151-yard par-3 third hole. It may be hard to find the tee boxes, but once you walk up to the elevated tees, a stiff challenge awaits you.

The hole plays through a line of trees and swamp area, leaving little room for error. If the drive is long, to the left or short, the golfer may be in trouble. Depending on the pin placement, this deceptive hole could turn into an instant bogey hole. Women get a break and tee off in front of the marsh 70 yards from the green.

BlackHeath's par threes are very difficult, especially when the wind picks up. With no trees around and the length from the back tees averaging a mammoth 188 yards, golfers must be accurate or pay the price. Several deep sand traps don't help either.

One of the most scenic holes on the course, as well as one of the most difficult, is the par-5 eighth hole. This dog-leg left plays over water from all of the tees.

Big hitters may challenge themselves and play over the water, but the safe play is to hit an accurate drive over the short water. This will cut the chances of getting wet, but will make it tougher to reach the green in two shots. The hole plays 517 yards from the back tees and 399 from the women's tee boxes. Marking down a score of par can be admirable on this hole.

Another tip for the first-time golfers: the greens play extremely fast. The course is set up for bump and run shots. At last check, the greens received a rating of nine on GAM's stimp meter.

BlackHeath plays 6,851 yards from the black tees, 6,078 from the blue, 5,507 from the white tees and 4,646 from the front tees.

"Even though it's only 6,000 yards (from the blue tees), it's the toughest 6,000 yards you'll ever play," Jardine said.

The course is open to the public, but there is talk of making the course private.

"It's a risky thing to do," Jardine said of the conversion. "If you do it, you have to take it all the way. Right now we're talking with people and getting a feel for the number of members we might have."

Currently BlackHeath is using its golf cart barn as its clubhouse. Construction for an 8,000 square foot clubhouse is underway and is set to open possibly next year or the year 2,000.

Although just over a month old, the club was selected to host the US Amateur Sectional Qualifier, which was played Tuesday.

The cost varies with a round of 18 holes and a cart from Monday through Thursday running $50. To walk the course on weekdays is $40. Friday through Sunday and on holidays the cost is $60 and $50, respectively.

Twilight golfing after 4:30 p.m. is $35 for 18 holes and a cart and $25 to walk. Seniors receive a discount price of $25 before 11 a.m. on weekdays only

Photo by JULIE KEMPAINEN

BlackHeath is loaded with deep bunkers and rolling fairways.

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Comeback time

The U-12 Novi Madness girls fastpitch team capped off a successful season by winning the 1998 Birmingham Invitational softball tournament. The team had a record of 5-1, rallying from four down to win in the finals 9-6. The team finished the regular season 8-3-1.

The team is made up of Lesley Cameron, Lauren Carosio, Emily DeNeen, Rachel Good, Dana Frantz, Jessica Haggerty, Kim Herbst, Erica Lawler, Jill Johnston, Julie Johnston, Becky Reichel, Melissa Shively, Sara Thelen and Jeannette Tiso.

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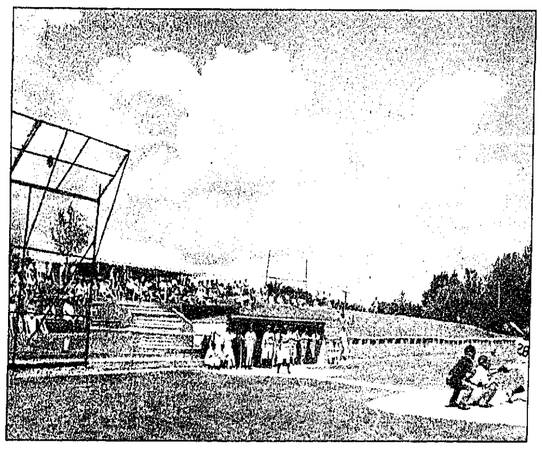

The Northville Broncos take on the Indiana Bulls Friday afternoon at Northville High School baseball field in the second round of the NABF World Series. Beautiful weather and top-quality competition helped draw crowds of up to 300 people per game. The Bayside Yankees won their sixth NABF title in a row with a 6-0 win over the Gambrills A's in the championship game Sunday afternoon. Northville finished a very respectable 2-2 and finished in the top five.

Northville Broncos pitcher Robbie Hudson charges off the mound to scoop up a bunted ball during Friday afternoon's game against the Indiana Bulls. Northville lost the game 7-0.

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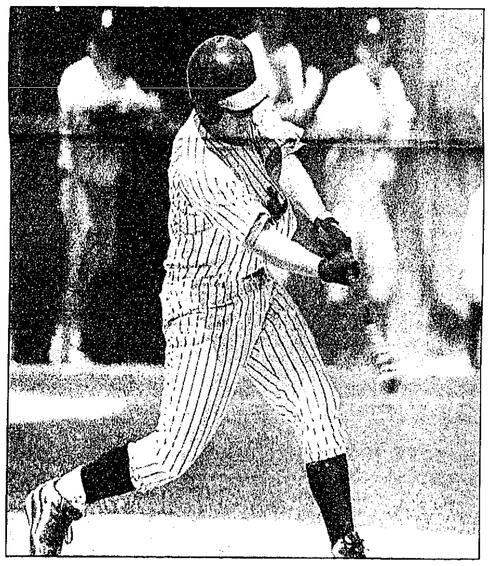
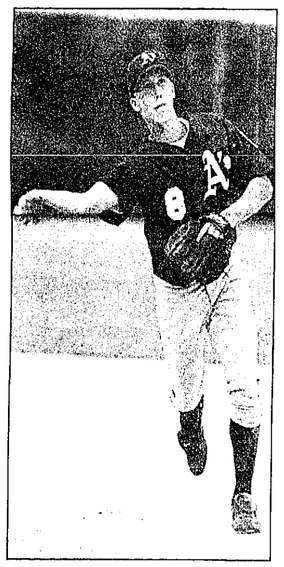
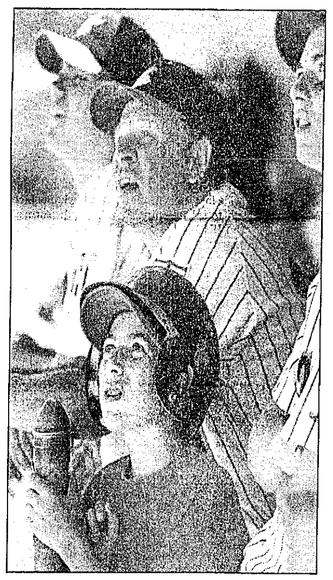




A shortstop with the Gambrill A's of Maryland scoops up a ground ball and throws to first base during Thursday afternoon play.



The Northville Broncos bench, including bat boy Sean Hughes, bottom and coach Stan Szostek, center, watch a fly-ball come off the bat of one of their teammates during Friday afternoon's game.

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ADHD affects many American children

The essential feature of Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is a pattern of inattention, hyperactivity and/or impulsivity that is more frequent and severe than typically observed in individuals at a comparable level of development. The criteria for the disorder are that some symptoms must have been present before age 7, some impairment must be present in at least two settings, and there must be evidence of interference with social, academic or occupational functioning. Also, the disturbances must not occur exclusively with a psychiatric disorder, and the symptoms must be persistent for six months.

The disorder of inattentiveness, impulsivity, and hyperactivity was first described in 1902 and has been given many names. Since the 1980, it has been called Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder or ADHD.

ADHD affects between 3 and 5 percent of all American children. Without early identification and proper treatment it can have serious consequences, including school failure, depression, failed relationships, and even substance abuse. And there is certainly a lack of self-esteem.

It was formerly believed that these symptoms disappear in adolescence, but it is now known that many symptoms continue into adulthood for 30-70 percent of individuals with this disorder. Adults with ADHD may experience difficulties at work and in relationships, as well as other emotional difficulties.

Children with ADHD generally fall into two categories – those who are mainly hyperactive or impulsive and those who are predominantly inattentive. Some have a mixture of both types.

Perhaps 50 percent of children with ADHD are never properly diagnosed. ADHD is not a specific learning disability. These children are not unable to learn, but they do have difficulty performing due to poor organization, impulsivity and inattention. However, some children with ADHD also have a learning disability.

This disorder also involves an impairment in the individual's ability to use rules and instructions to guide his or her behavior. As a result, they seem to always be at the mercy of what is happening at any given moment and are less able to work persistently toward long term goals.

Although such problems can make life quite difficult for these children, there are many effective means of managing the behavioral deficits associated with ADHD.

Between 70-80 percent of children with ADHD respond positively to psychostimulant medications. These medications decrease impulsivity and hyperactivity, increase attention and, in some children, decrease aggression.

However, drug therapy should not be used as the only intervention. Classroom success may require a range of interventions and children may respond to different teachers in a variety of fashions. Usually a structured classroom is best.

Parents, who frequently benefit from a support group such as CHADD, can be trained to provide consistent structure and clearly defined expectations and limits for children with ADHD. They should use charting of behavior, positive reinforcement, and time-out. Parents also should be instructed to help their child with peer relationships.

Above all, parents need to be their child's best advocate. Keep in mind that a child may have certain legal rights. The individuals with Disabilities Education Acts require that special education and related services be made available to any child with a disability that impairs the child's educational performance. Children who have informed, effective parents are better prepared to meet life's challenges.

Children with ADHD do not routinely show signs of serious emotional disturbance. However, if not properly diagnosed and treated, these children can develop significant emotional difficulties.

Adults with ADHD, meanwhile, often experience career difficulties. On the other hand, adults who learn to adjust and to harness their energy and creativity can thrive professionally.

The cause of ADHD is believed to be a slower metabolism of glucose. This is the most evident in the portion of the brain that is important for attention, handwriting, motor control and inhibition of responses. Brain metabolism studies combined with family history studies and drug response studies suggest ADHD's a neurobiological disorder, not a result of a chaotic home environment.

A comprehensive evaluation is necessary to establish a diagnosis, rule out other causes and determine whether conditions are present. Such an evaluation will often include intelligence testing plus the assessment of academic, social and emotional functioning, and developmental abilities. Measures of attention span and impulsivity will also be used, as well as parent and teacher rating scales. A medical exam by a physician is also important.

Ultimately, treating children with ADHD requires a combination of psychological and educational intervention and behavior management techniques.

Dr. Allan Weiner is a medical director at the University of Michigan Middlebelt Pediatrics Center. For more information or to make an appointment, call (810) 477-1122.

Health Notes

Child Health Clinics

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 12 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include: Heights and weights; head-to-toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.

Appointment is required. For more information, call: North Oakland, Pontiac, (248) 858-1311 or 858-4001; South Oakland, Southfield: (248) 424-7066 or 424-7067; West Oakland, Walled Lake: (248) 926-3300; and Holly residents: 1-888-350-0900, extension 8-1311 or 8-4001.

Immunization

The Oakland County Health Division will be offering an immunization clinic for Farmington and surrounding areas at the Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road (south of Eight Mile Road), on Wednesday, Aug. 12, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Immunizations for measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, Haemophilus influenzae Type B (HIB) and Hepatitis B will be available.

A parent or legal guardian must accompany a child under 18 years of age. Please bring any previous records of immunizations, including notices which might have been sent home from the child's school pertaining to immunizations.

Immunizations will be given at the same time and location on the second Wednesday of every month. The next scheduled immunization clinic will be on Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Botsford Calendar

• Aug. 11 — Help for Impotent Men Support Group: "Viagra – How Safe and Effective Is It?"

In this special session, the nation's No. 1 prescription drug for impotency will be examined by a panel of experts, including Botsford urologist Steven Roth D.O. and therapist Ed Czarnecki Ph.D. The program is free and starts at 7 p.m. in Vladimir's Banquet Hall, 28125 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

• Aug. 15 — A Life is in Your Hands: BCLS Classes

Both day and evening classes available at a fee of $25. Community EMS, 25400 Eight Mile Road, Southfield. For more information and to register, call (248) 356-3900, extension 255.

• Aug. 17 — Adults with Insulin Dependent Diabetes: "The Emotional Side of Living with Type II Diabetes." Free. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information or to register, call (248) 477-6100.

• Aug. 18 — Diabetes Support Group: "Questions and Answers About Medicare Coverage"

Free. 7:30 p.m. Botsford General Hospital's East Pavilion, Conference Room 2-B, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Call (248) 477-6100 for more information.

• Aug. 19 — Botsford's Livonia Mall Walking Club: Free August Blood Pressure Screening

"Walk the mall" for enjoyable, low-impact, climate-controlled exercise – and then have your blood pressure checked (available the third Wednesday of every month, 8-10 a.m.). Free. Livonia Mall is opened to walkers 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. Located at 29514 Seven Mile Road (at the corner of Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads). For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

• Aug. 20 — New! Breather's Club: "Transform Breathing."

Presented in conjunction with the American Lung Association, this monthly support group provides educational resources, emotional support and hope for those with lung diseases. Will meet at 1 p.m. Botsford General Hospital's Zieger Center, Classroom 2 East Classroom, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Call (248) 477-6100 for more information.

• Aug. 20 — New. Men's and Women's Cancer Support Group: "Attitudinal Healing"

This monthly support group, which features roundtable discussions and guest speakers, gives cancer patients and their families an opportunity to share strategies for living with cancer. Meets third Thursday each month at 7 p.m. Free. Botsford's Zieger Center, Classroom 2 East A/B, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

• Aug. 20 — A Life is in Your Hands: Basic First Aid

Both day and evening classes available at a $35 fee. Community EMS, 25400 Eight Mile Road, Southfield. For more information and to register, call (248) 356-3900, extension 255.

• Aug. 24 — Botsford's Laurel Park Walking Club: Free August Blood Pressure Screening

"Walk the mall" for enjoyable, low-impact climate-controlled exercise – and then have your blood pressure checked (available the fourth Monday of every month, from 8-10 a.m.). Free. Laurel Park is opened to walkers 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. Located at 37700 Six Mile Road in Livonia (at the corner of Six Mile and Newburgh roads). For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

• Aug. 27 — Healthy Cooking Demos: "Adding Flavor with Sauces and Marinades"

Tired of the same old recipes with the same old taste? Time to add a little "zing" in your menu repertoire. The program will meet at 7 p.m. There is a $6 fee and preregistration is required. Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. For more information or to register, call (248) 477-6100.

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Aerobic Weight Training

A 55-minute workout with emphasis on both cardiovascular fitness and muscle strengthening. Meets for seven weeks. Mondays and Wednesdays 5-6 p.m. $55. Preregistration required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-tracc, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Asthma Education

Individual sessions with a registered nurse provide the tools to better understand and manage asthma. Day and evening sessions available. Families are welcomed. $20 fee and appointment required. Botsford's Health Development on Grand River., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

Breastfeeding Basics

Workshop covers the "how to's" of breastfeeding: How to start and maintain successful breastfeeding as well as the answers to questions and concerns of women who are already breastfeeding. $20. Classes are held at Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi. For information and registration, call (248) 477-6100.

Circuit Training

A multi-stationed exercise and education program designed for the individual with limited experience using fitness equipment. Participants will be instructed on the proper use of weight and cardiovascular machines. Mondays and Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. $70. Preregistration required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-tracc, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For registration and information, call (248) 473-5600.

Diabetes-Cize

A 10-week comprehensive exercise program co-sponsored by Health Development Network and Botsford Cardiovascular Health Center. This program will help people with diabetes better control blood sugar levels and improve cardiovascular fitness. For information, call (248) 477-6100.

Diabetes and You

This six-week class explores all areas of diabetes self-car. Preregistration and fee required; some insurances cover class fee. Classes are held at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, and the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 477-6100.

E-Z Yoga

This six-week class enhances flexibility, strengthens muscles, improves breathing and promotes relaxation. Day and evening classes available, $35-45 fee. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Free Foot Screenings

Every Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Botsford General Hospital, Suite 200, South Professional Building, 28080 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For more information or to make an appointment, call (248) 473-1320, weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Heart Disease Risk Reduction

Risk assessment and reduction programs to help modify risk factors associated with heart disease. Fee is dependent on level of programming. Botsford General Hospital's Botsford Cardiovascular Health Center, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Call (248) 471-8870 for more information.

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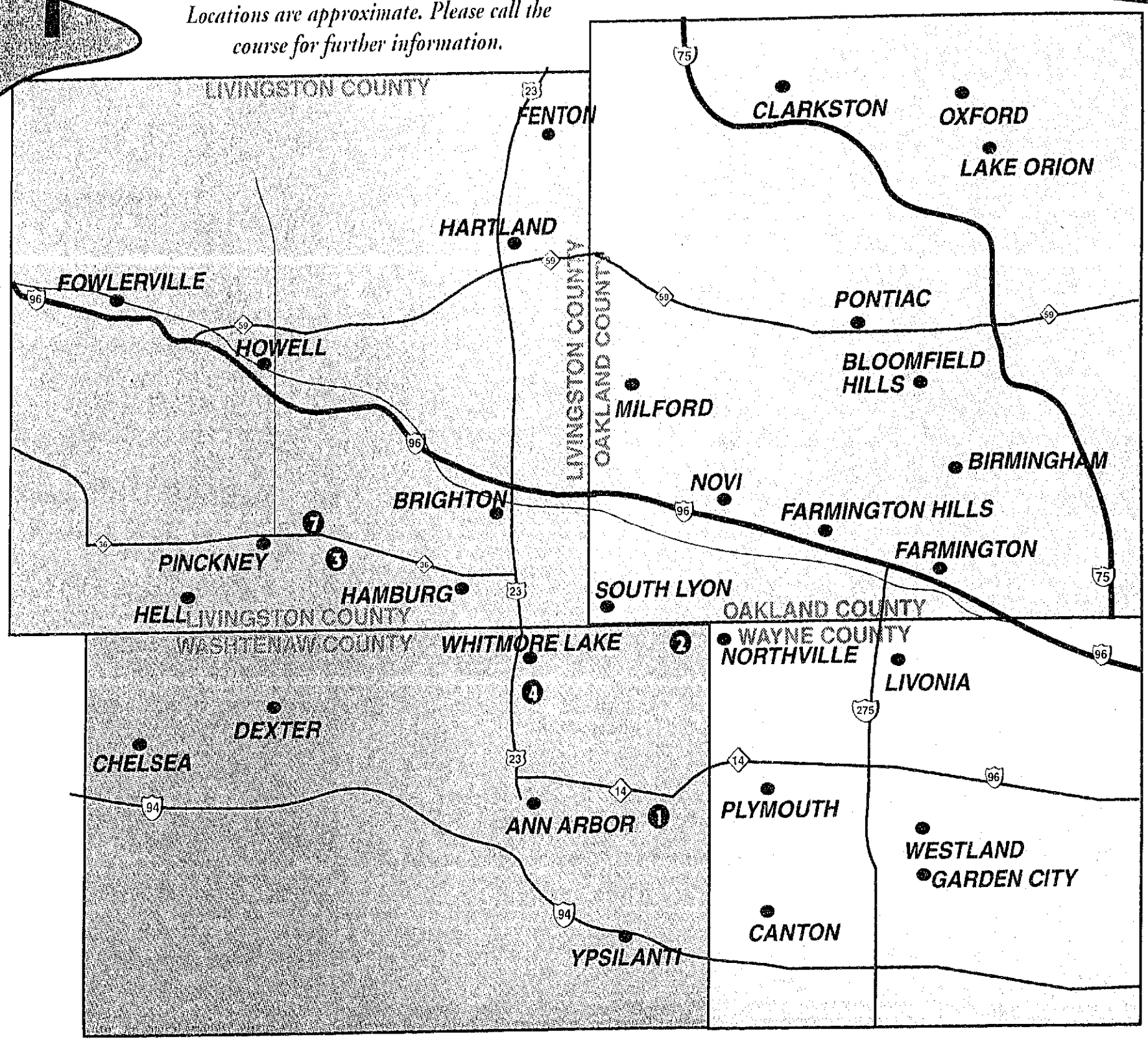

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