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Ford plant's future at risk

■ Cancellation of LS could cost 300 Wixom jobs

By Phil Foley
SPECIAL TO THE NOVI NEWS

The mood at Ford's sprawling assembly complex here is not good. Sept. 2 hourly employees at the plant got written notice that pro-

duction on the Lincoln LS will end in May 2006, and the plant's union bargaining committee has no reason to believe the plant's long-term prospects are good. A month ago Wixom City Manager Michael Dornan was saying his contacts at Ford had assured him the company was looking for replacement products for the half-century old plant. This week Dornan's assistant, Tony Nowicki, said the city's heard nothing new. Mark Mitchell, a member of

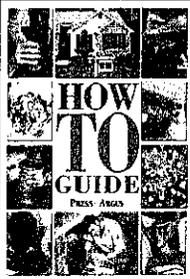
UAW Local 36's Bargaining Committee, said a retiring Ford vice president all but told him at Ford's annual joint conference with the UAW in Pittsburgh late last month that the plant is slated for closure. "Roman Krygier told me,

"Wixom didn't do anything wrong; you're just tooled for the wrong platform, and you're out of the game," said Mitchell. Krygier is Ford's group vice president for Global Manufacturing. In June Ford ended production of the Thunderbird with the loss of 150 jobs at the plant. Cancellation of the LS could cost nearly 300 more jobs at the plant, though UAW Local 36 President Dave Berry said no official word has come from the company, and

the final cuts will depend on production and line speed for the main plant's last product, the Lincoln Town Car. Ford's supercar, the Ford GT, is built in a separate building on the 320-acre complex by a relative handful of workers. The end of the LS came as no surprise to anyone. Introduced midway through 1999 as a 2000 model, last year's full year's sales were actually lower than its introductory year.

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How To Guide

This special section offers tips and advice on everything from buying a car to choosing the right carpet and from selecting the right college to selling crafts on eBay.

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SPORTS

Singing for his supper

Novi standout John Favorite may not sing his own praises, but that doesn't stop him from belting out a tune or two. Beyond his athletic endeavors, Favorite sings for his church and even does a solo for the annual musical, which is hosted at Novi High School.



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'Cats top Howell

The Novi Wildcats football team used two huge special teams plays to earn a 16-15 victory over the Howell Highlanders last Friday.

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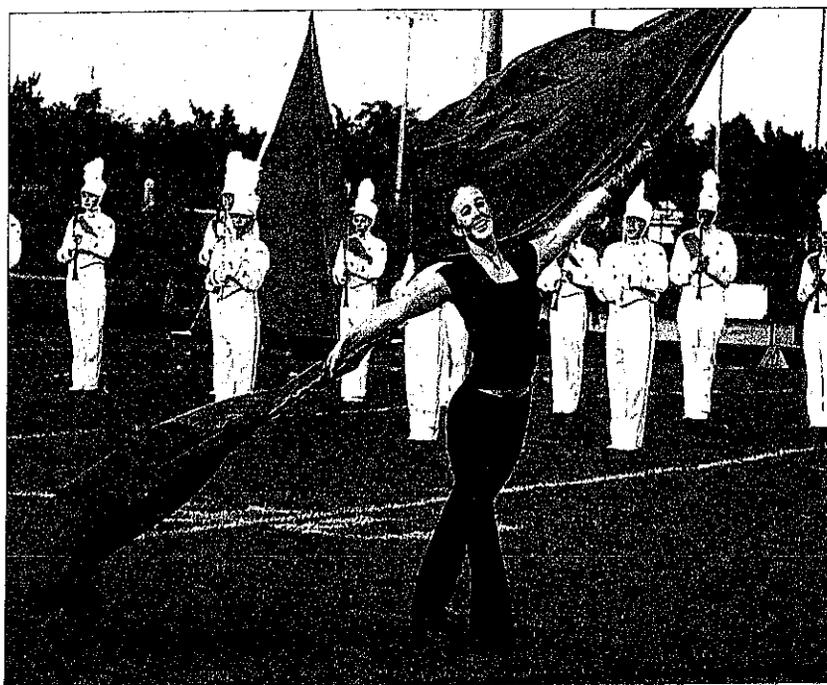
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Fanfare

Color guardist Sara Snyder strikes a colorful pose during the Novi marchers' production of their competition show "Prisms" Saturday at the home stadium. See the full story on Fanfare on page 11A.

Novi to get \$175 more per pupil

■ Governor and legislators agree to state budget

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

Jim Koster received some good news Friday. No, he didn't save any money by switching car insurance companies. The assistant superintendent of business and finance for Novi schools did, however, learn that the budget Gov. Jennifer Granholm and legislative leaders came to an agreement on is going to help public school districts throughout Michigan by allowing them to receive \$175 more per pupil this school year. Koster originally budgeted \$150 per student. With the increase, it means additional money to the district this school year totaling

\$152,000. "This is going to help us," Koster said. "It maintains all our existing programs in this district for the 2005-06 school year. In 2006-07, hopefully the economy will be such where we can get a similar or like increase and get things back to normal so we can continually plan for the future."

The Novi Community School District's 2005-06 budget total amount, which was finalized July 1, is \$62,650,000. The district received \$33.4 million from the state last year and is going to receive \$34.6 million this year. 51 percent of its revenue comes from the state. Koster budgeted for 6,250 students in the district this year, but it appears as though there will be more. Greg Bird, director of communications for the state budget office, explained that the minimum foundation allowance for school districts is currently \$5,700. That number will increase by \$175 per pupil, and

"It maintains all our existing programs in this district for the 2005-06 school year."

Jim Koster
Assistant Superintendent of
Business and Finance, Novi
Community Schools

higher education will receive an overall increase as well. In addition, no college or university will receive a cut.

"This is a very good budget for the future of education in Michigan," Bird said. "We recently found out at the latest revenue esti-

mating conference there was some additional money that would be available to Michigan in the next fiscal year. Also, the budget makes a number of assumptions in terms of revenue for the coming year from the sale of state property to additional tax enforcement that the state will undertake."

Bird said that there will be some cuts in the budget as well as state departments across the board will be making reductions. Human and health care services for families and children are also going to be protected under the budget agreement.

"Despite the difficult economic times that Michigan has faced, we've been able to put a budget like this together that gives additional money to education, protects human services and does all of that without raising taxes," Bird said.

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Cassis drops out of race

■ She'll run instead for state senate

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Nancy Cassis labored over a big decision over the Labor Day Weekend. Novi's state senator has dropped out of the Michigan governor's race.

Her energies will now go toward running for re-election as a state senator in 2006.

She'll support Dick DeVos, a wealthy businessman from Grand Rapids, as the Republican candidate for governor this year.

DeVos is former president of Amway/Alicore, based in Ada, Mich.

"I made the decision when I was in Connecticut with my daughter's family and my new little granddaughter, Ellie," she said Monday. Cassis said she was overwhelmed and inspired by the people she met across the state during her brief run for the Republican nomination to the top government spot in the state.

"This has been an incredible journey over the last seven months," she said. "I will continue to speak up, and out on the issues and principles so important to our citizens regarding bringing and restoring economic health to Michigan."

She said she learned a lot during her bid for the Republican nomination.

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Nancy Cassis

20 years and still loving it

■ Receptionist is a jack-of-all-trades at CC

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

She's there from 6:30 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. Monday through Friday and is busy that whole time.

She takes attendance, she greets the public, sorts the mail, helps visitors out, keeps track of health records for every student, and, oh yeah, answers the

phones. With a job like that, one would think the 73 year-old Donna Redford, receptionist/secretary at Catholic Central High School, would be slowing down. But hey, would they be wrong. Redford started her job in 1986. She originally said she would do it for five years, but almost 20 years later, she still loves it.

"I was called in on an emergency," she said. "The secretary at the time came in on Easter Sunday and said she was leav-

ing in two days. I received a call and was asked if I would come in until they found somebody."

That was in April. In May, Redford approached the principal at the time and asked if she could have the job, to which he

replied, "yes." The school just celebrated its grand opening at its new campus in Novi on Sunday.

"In all the years I have been here, I don't think I've missed

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Detroit Central Catholic's main receptionist Donna Redford greets a visitor to the school's new Novi campus.

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City council earmarks more forfeiture monies

■ Debt, range to be funded

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

The late Novi Police Chief Doug Shoemaker must have been smiling down from heaven during Monday night's city council meeting.

He would have most likely approved council members' decision on the use of federal forfeiture funds to the police department.

Council members agreed in a 5-2 vote to earmark \$1.2 million of federal forfeiture funds to help pay off the department's building fund debt and another \$1 million for a firearms range.

The council approved the expenditures in its second round of discussions on how to spend about \$7 million the department will receive from the Department of Justice's Drug Enforcement Agency.

The money comes to the department following a non-prosecution investigation of a large drug cartel.

The investigation began after Novi and Northville police found \$4.8 million in drug-related money at the Strada Plus hotel in Novi and a rented home in Northville in March 2004.

Council agreed earlier to purchase equipment to facilitate the

implementation of an 800 MHz radio system at a cost of \$203,000. These funds will be used to purchase additional equipment for the police dispatch center.

The new radio system is being installed countywide. The creation of the new 800 MHz radio system stemmed from major deficiencies of the current patchwork radio systems operated on 150 MHz, 420 MHz and 800 MHz frequencies by public safety agencies throughout the county.

Novi will receive free of charge three 800 MHz dispatchable radios and 58 mobile vehicle radios for Novi police and fire departments to use. The system should be implemented within the next six months.

The city must also remove the old radios and buy and install a new strobe/flashlight light control head that will operate independently of the radio system. This will cost an additional \$31,530, which the council approved.

Council also approved first-year costs for two new police officers. The two additional uniformed patrol officers will cost the department \$172,000 for one year.

Funding was also approved for laptop enhancements in patrol cars at a cost of \$17,411.

The payoff of the police department building debt bonds will result in about \$300,000 in annual benefit to the city's general fund for 11

ROAD WORK UPDATE

The following projects may cause traffic delays on Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) roads. This partial list includes both Road Commission projects and projects conducted by others, under permit, on roads under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission.

ROAD: 12 Mile Road, Orchard Lake Road to Middlebelt Road
Project: RCOC is widening this section of 12 Mile from four lanes to five. Expect increased congestion in the area.
Community: Farmington Hills
Completion Date: End of September

ROAD: Elizabeth Lake Road, Union Lake Road to Oxbow Lake Road
Project: RCOC will close this section of Elizabeth Lake Road on approximately Sept. 12 so it can replace the Elizabeth Lake Road bridge over a cove in Oxbow Lake. During the closure, the detour route will be Cedar Island to Round Lake to Farmsworth to Union Lake and back to Elizabeth Lake and vice versa.
Community: Southfield
Completion Date: Early November

ROAD: Middlebelt Road, 8 Mile Road to Grand River Ave.
Project: This section of Middlebelt is closed while RCOC reconstructs the Middlebelt Road bridge over the Rouge River. The detour route is 8 Mile and Grand River.
Community: Farmington Hills
Completion Date: Oct. 3

ROAD: 9 Mile Road, Napier Road to Chubb's Road
Project: This section of 9 Mile is closed to through traffic while the developer of the Kirkway Estates subdivision paves the gravel road (at no cost to RCOC or residents). The detour route is Clubb to 8 Mile and Napier and vice versa.
Community: Lyon Twp.
Completion Date: Sept. 15

ROAD: Lahser Road, Civic Center Drive to 10 Mile Road
Project: The city of Southfield is widening this section of Lahser

Showplace gets tasty

■ Tickets on sale for NFL's Feb. 4 event

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Still reeling from the well-attended grand opening of the Rock Financial Showplace, Blair Bowman has another big event on the horizon.

The Showplace has been selected as the site of the Super Bowl Taste of the NFL on Feb. 4, 2006. The NFL-sanctioned event is a strolling food and wine extravaganza.

"We're very excited that we were able to provide a location for this event that I think is going to be the best for them and a great event for us," said Bowman, owner of the Showplace.

"It's a huge event and all for a great cause. It should be a very cool thing for the community along with the Super Bowl, and it will give us a chance to introduce our new facility to the local community as well as the nation."

James B. Little, event director for Taste of the NFL, said the event is called "The Party with a Purpose."

"We're a destination event, and the brand new facility was perfect with the 120,000 square feet that we need for the event," Little said.

The event should draw about 3,000 people, according to Little.

"We expect an exciting and fun-filled event this year," he added.

The sole mission of the Taste of the NFL is to address the needs of



Local celebrity Chef Brian Polcyn, of the Five Lakes Grill in Milford, pictured with his wife, Julia, left, and Miss America 2005 Deirdre Downs at last year's Taste of the NFL event in Jacksonville, Fla. Polcyn will head up the Detroit Lions food station at the Feb. 4 Taste of the NFL at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

the hungry and the homeless by raising awareness and dollars through events and programs.

The Taste of the NFL started in 1992 in Minneapolis. "We're celebrating our 15th anniversary in Novi this year," Little said.

"We've been able to donate in that time period more than \$6 million, primarily to the American Second Harvest Food Bank affiliates across the nation."

Tickets available now

Patrons have a choice of three different ticket purchases. These include a \$400 ticket, which offers a 7 p.m. entry; this provides a strolling dinner with 34 different food stations representing each NFL city and conversation with an NFL alumni or current player. A

\$600 VIP ticket provides a 6 p.m. entry into the event for an hour more of food, football and fun.

A \$6,000 corporate table seating 10 also offers a 6 p.m. entry time as well as some additional amenities, such as a restaurant guide. The guide is actually a cookbook featuring all of the different dishes to be served at the event. The guide can be purchased individually for \$19.95 per copy.

Local celebrity Chef Brian Polcyn, of the Five Lakes Grill in Milford, will represent the Detroit Lions at his food station. James Hunter, former defensive back for the Lions and number one draft choice in 1976, will be the player representing the local team at the event.

In addition to the 32 NFL teams, the Pro Bowl and the Hall

of Fame will have food stations. The food festivities end at 9:45 p.m., which will be followed by nationally-known entertainers, which will be announced soon.

Local beneficiaries of the event are the Gleaners' Community Food Bank serving southeast Michigan and Ruggles Harvest. Little said the event will sell out before the middle of January 2006. Tickets are available now.

For more information, visit www.tasteofthenfl.com or call (952) 835-7621. A portion of ticket purchases to Taste of the NFL events are tax deductible.

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Tri-county funds will help Novi

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

High Crawford said Oakland County officials are taking steps to help Novi residents in its proposed budget.

"We put in some additional tri-county funds, which will help Novi," said county commissioner Crawford of Novi.

Tri-county funds include monies from the Road Commission for Oakland County, Oakland County and individual cities each contribute money to a community project.

"We've also earmarked some funds for West Nile virus prevention if any communities need county employees will start enjoying their raises in October."

The commissioner said despite the low salary increase, the financial outlook for the county looks bright.

"We do a two-year rolling budget, so we're looking at expenditures for the next fiscal year in 2007, too," Crawford said.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson submitted Oakland County's Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Biennial Budget Recommendation July 1.

The county is Michigan's most economically dynamic county and the second largest in the state by population.

The two-year projection is now subject to an annual approval process. Patterson's Budget Task Force and the Departments of Management and Budget and Human Resources were instrumental in developing his recommendation.

The final budget must be approved by the end of September. The next fiscal year starts Oct. 1.

"Everybody in the county got a 2-percent raise, including commissioners," Crawford said.

"That doesn't cover the cost of living, so there may be a couple of commissioners who won't vote to approve the budget because of the 2-percent raise. The 2 percent is probably eaten up with the increase in gas prices."

Crawford added that commissioners' raises won't take effect until January, although other county employees will start enjoying their raises in October.

"The commissioner said despite the low salary increase, the financial outlook for the county looks bright."

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Illustration by Steve Fritz

This illustration shows the proposed Brooktown development proposed on the south side of Grand River Avenue just west of Meadowbrook Road. The development will include retail, restaurants and 225 condominiums as well as walking trails.

Council approves Brooktown development

ADCO Group plan to include live-work units

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Novi developer Adorno Pecunia must have slept like a baby after Monday night's city council meeting.

Pecunia, owner of ADCO Group LLC in Novi, probably had sweet dreams after learning that city council gave their blessing to his Brooktown development.

The ADCO Group requested approval of a Special Development Option Concept Plan in the Gateway East District along Grand River Avenue. The property consists of seven parcels totaling 26.54 acres on the south side of Grand River Avenue just west of Meadowbrook Road. The proposed \$55 million development would be across from the Gateway Village development between Fountain Walk Apartments and the O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home. The plan includes a total of 225 condominiums, 24,771 square

feet of retail, 4,965 square feet for restaurants and 40,692 square feet of office space. The time-unit live-work townhomes will include a work/retail area on the main floor with residential space on the top two floors. Although a variety of uses are proposed, the development does not qualify as a "mixed use" development. This is because each proposed use, such as retail, office and residential, does not occupy a minimum of 10 percent of the total floor space or lot area of the development.

Brooktown at a glance

- 15 stacked ranch-style multiple family buildings
- two office/retail buildings
- one restaurant/retail building
- two nine-unit live-work townhouse buildings

The most pressing concern raised at Monday night's meeting involved the developer's plans for about a half-acre of city-regulated wetlands on the site.

The developer agreed to perform on-site wetlands mitigation instead of off-site mitigation. The 225 condominiums with two-car garages would cost about \$200,000 each, according to Matt Quinn, attorney for the ADCO Group. He said the nine live-work units represent a concept that many communities, such as Royal Oak, are adopting. "This development will have a significant impact on the city's tax base," Quinn added.

feature walking trails, a clubhouse and swimming pool. Parking is planned along Grand River for patrons frequently retail and restaurant establishments. A gazebo and water feature with a sitting area would be open to the public, as would the walking trails. "This development will have a significant impact on the city's tax base," Quinn added. Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 103, or by e-mail at pfleming@gannett.com.

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A hole-in-one for Katrina donations

Golfers help hurricane victims

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER

Todd Gerhart is giving golfers a chance to get some bang for their buck.

As part of the Hurricane Katrina disaster fund, Gerhart, owner of Maples Country Club in Novi, decided it was time to help out. Every Friday, for the entire month of September, Gerhart will be donating all of the course greens fees and 10 percent of the gross revenue from the country club's restaurant to the American Red Cross.

"This is a chance for people to get out and enjoy their donation on the golf course," Gerhart said. "They're not just throwing their money into a jar, but getting out and golfing while doing something good for others."

Gerhart is hoping to raise between \$10,000 and \$20,000 and is encouraging everyone play a round of golf.

Maples, a primarily private club, has over 400 members. However, during September and October, the course is open to the public at \$8 for 9-holes.

Other local fund-raisers

- Maples Country Club**
Location: 31260 Wakefield Dr. Between Novi Road and M-5 on 14 Mile Road.
Golf hours: 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Restaurant hours: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Price: \$8 for 9-holes, \$5 for a cart.
- Michigan Humane Society**
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- Web site: www.michiganhumane.org
- Phone: (866) MI-HUMANE from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Where: Michigan Humane Society, Hurricane Katrina Animal Relief Fund, 26711 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 175, Southfield 48034
- Holy Family Catholic Church**
• Where: 24605 Meadowbrook Road
• When: Sunday, Sept. 18
• Time: 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- What: Families collecting items for Hurricane victims and loading them into a semi truck to deliver to Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Blix, Miss.
- Greatest demand: Socks, underwear, clothes, toiletries, diapers, sheets, pillows, blankets, water, canned goods and other non-perishables.
- Novi High School Band**
• When: Saturday, Sept. 17
• Time: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Where: Farmer Jack Supermarket, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads.
- What: Students will be collecting bottles and cans at single residences in the Novi School District. Residents can also bring their cans and bottles to Farmer Jack.
- Contact: Sharon Hoving (248) 349-4461
- Novi Firefighters**
• When: through Oct. 13
• Time: 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Where: Fire Station One, on Grand River Avenue and Market Street
- What: The fire fighters from unit one and two are collecting cans and bottles with the proceeds going to help the relief efforts of the victims of Katrina.

"When I got up here, I told my fiancé that we needed to donate to the Red Cross," Chulick said. "And my fiancé said 'Honey, we are the Red Cross.'"

Chulick didn't know how long her family would be in Michigan, but she said she was definitely going to eat at the country club to contribute. "Anything we can do to help," she said. "We just want to go home."

Foster Farmhouse needs funds

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Were she alive today, Dr. Sarah Banks would be happy to know her childhood home is in such good hands.

The late physician and early women's rights activist grew up in the Commerce Township/Walled Lake area. Her childhood home, which was moved to Walled Lake, is known as the Foster Farmhouse.

The home will be the beneficiary of a fund-raising event from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at the Walled Lake Brent Field, 1499 E. West Maple.

Proceeds from a community-wide rummage sale organized by the Friends of the Foster Farmhouse, a nonprofit organization committed to restoring and maintaining the house as a local museum, will go toward restoration of the house.

"At this point, we're not turning anything away," said Darlene Williams of Walled Lake, a member of the Friends of the Foster Farmhouse.

Any items not sold Saturday will be donated to the Salvation Army, according to Williams. A tax receipt is available upon request.

Area residents are encouraged to look through their basements, garages and attics to see if they have any items they would like to

donate to the event. Citizens can drop items by the event field from 7-9 a.m. Saturday. A "Members' Preview" of rummage sale items will take place from 9-10 a.m. Those who drop off items are welcome to purchase items at that time.

Laura Hartlep, president, Friends of the Foster Farmhouse, said the house needs \$200,000-\$250,000 in renovations. Once the update is completed, the house, located on Common Street at Riley Park in Walled Lake, will be turned into a museum honoring Banks and a public gathering place.

Banks also has a middle school named after her on Charnes Street in Walled Lake.

The official name of the home is the Banks-Dubois-Bradley-Foster Farmhouse. The Banks family built the house, but is known today by its last owner, Ruth Bradley Foster.

"The house was once a stopping point on the Underground Railroad, which helped slaves escape from southern states to the north during the Civil War."

Joe Novitsky, president and architect of JSN Design Inc., an architectural firm in Bingham Farms, is in charge of the renovation project on the house.

"It's a typewritten structure, which is primarily a wooden frame structure," Novitsky said. "But it has a

balloon frame, which is very unusual. This means that the walls are built continuously from the foundation to the roof in the two-story building."

Novitsky's plan is to renovate the house to a degree that it's historically correct on a federal level and yet economically achieved within the fair market value.

"It's very difficult to do a historically correct renovation on a budget," he said. "But, that's what we'll do."

"There are very few buildings that are that old around here. The house dates from the 1830s," he said.

Novitsky said that besides organizing various fund-raisers for the project, the Friends of the Foster Farmhouse are applying for federal grants to help pay for the renovation.

To learn more about the event, the history of Banks, volunteer opportunities and the restoration progress, call (248) 624-5727 or visit www.walledlake.com and click on "Related Links."

Although the house can't be on the National Register of Historic Places because it was moved from its original site about a quarter of a mile away in Walled Lake, it does have national recognition.

"This is worth saving. There's nothing else like it," Novitsky said.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

New momentum in Detroit

Patrick H. Brennan was recently hired by Montclair, a New York-based global marketing, sponsorship, retail and promotional firm with 42 offices in 45 countries and more than 2,000 employees.

The company's Detroit office creates advertising and marketing programs for Black Motor Division, General Motors Corporation, Chevrolet, Oldsmobile and the Detroit Medical Center along with a variety of other clients.

Hickman will take lead of the Detroit office and is responsible for the company's current clients and future business.

Novi business gets award in metal

Cynthia Fiech, general manager of Koble Metal Products Sales Division in Novi, received the "Distinguished Service to Powder Metallurgy" award from the Metal Powder Industries Federation for her outstanding career achievements.

Established in 1968, the award was presented to Fiech at the annual international conference in Montreal, Canada.

The award recognizes professionals who have devoted their careers to one or more segments of the powder metallurgy industry, which is an automated metalworking process that forms metal powders into components and shapes.

Laounge opens in Novi Bowl

Novi Bowl is bringing in some new fun with the opening of Laounge.

The Laounge is scheduled for a grand opening in early October and plans for the lounge include entertainment of some form every day of the week. Entertainment includes football tailgate parties, live bands and disc jockeys, karaoke and a comedy club night. Along with weekly happy hours, drink specials and a brand new menu, Laounge 41 will offer Novi area residents a 70-inch high definition television, along with six additional TVs for game nights.

"Any seat in the lounge will be a great seat to watch a game," said Jerry Harris, general manager. The lounge will also have a

State-of-the-art sound system and access to the lounge's dance floor and pool tables.

Novi Bowl is located on Novi Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads.

Health care practice moves in

Brian Stov, president of RBS Companies, Inc., announced the company has leased space in its General Professional Building off of Grand River on Genoa Business Park Drive in Novi to facilitate a new company. Associated Retail Consultants for five years. The company, an ophthalmology practice specializing in diseases of the retina and vitreous, currently located in Livonia, plans to take over the 6,500-square-foot office space in November.

Kids performer comes to Borders

Performer Ralph Covert of Ralph's World will be performing in at the Novi Borders Sept. 20 at 10 a.m. Families are invited to a free-in-store concert, and kids can enjoy dancing and singing along to Ralph's sixth Mini Fresh release "Green Girlie, Monster and Me."

DaimlerChrysler aids Katrina victims with cars

Employees from the Chrysler Group in Auburn Hills and Warren Truck Assembly, along with other United Auto Workers began a 1,000-mile journey Sunday to deliver 100 Dodge Dakotas, Rams and Durangs to support the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

Web cast of TRW conference

TRW Automotive Holdings Corporation in Livonia will simultaneously web cast its upcoming presentation at the 2005 IAA Automotive Conference in Frankfurt, Germany today.

The presentation will begin at approximately 2:30 p.m. local Frankfurt time (8:30 EDT) and

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BD's Mongolian Barbecue makes home in name sake

■ Invasion sweeping Asian nation

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER

Jenny Phan will never forget her trip to Mongolia.

"It was an amazing experience," said the 25-year-old Novi resident and manager of BD's Mongolian Barbecue. "To see a country so different than ours - it really opens your eyes to see what just a little bit can do to help, such as opening a restaurant."

Mongolian facts

Capital: Ulaanbaatar
Population: 2,791,272
Located in: Asia, between Russia and China
Independence: gained from China on July 11, 1921
Average wage: \$80 per month

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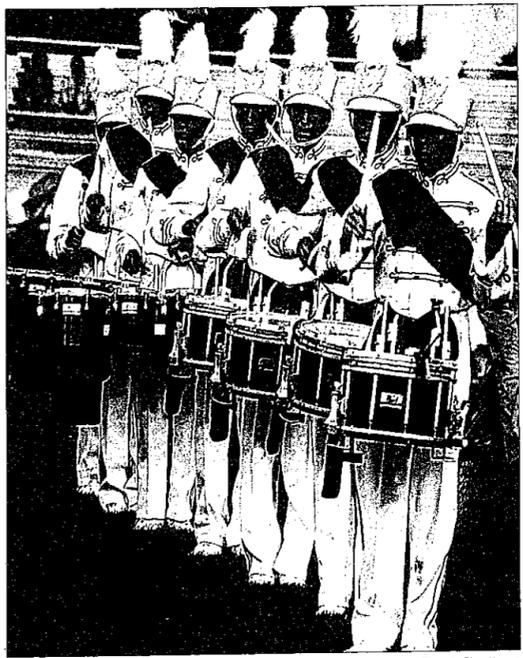
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Fanfare 2005

■ Novi marchers showcase new production on their home turf

By Diane Hanson
CORRESPONDENT



Photos by Diane Hanson
Sporting the color purple, drummers (from front) Dan Hawley, Elaine Shoppe, John Webber, Chris Edwards, Adam Burkhardt, Scott Hokett and Jon Clarkson keep the beat during their competition production "Prisms" at Saturday's Fanfare.

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EDUCATION

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Novi High does not make adequate yearly progress

■ Assessments underway to determine how to raise special education MEAP scores

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

All students at Novi High School are encouraged to achieve the highest grade they possibly can at all times.

That's nothing new, but the special education group of students may have been a little over-encouraged, as a majority of them took the regular MEAP test and not an alternative test called "My Access."

Novi High School did not make adequate yearly progress this year because of special education students' achievement levels on the MEAP test.

During the district's Sept. 8 school board meeting, Nancy Davis, assistant superintendent of instructional services, explained that the staff at the high school is going to become more familiar with the alternative test. That is an area that the district hopes to more carefully align the special education population with. If it is determined to be the more appropriate test to take, there will be more students taking it this year.

Davis also said that in order to achieve adequate yearly progress by the federal government, there are 130 indicators at the district level that need to be met and at the school building level there are 50 indicators that need to be met. For more information on the indicators, visit www.michigan.gov/ale.

Two years ago, Novi High School was in jeopardy of not meeting AYP, and that was due to the number of students who did not take the MEAP test in 11th grade. The board of education acted on that immediately by amending a policy that said all students must

take the high school required assessment program in order to graduate. That ensured that the school made AYP.

"We've had two instances of criteria not being met at the high school that caused the B grade and to not achieving AYP status," Davis said. "We are working very carefully with the high school staff, and (Novi High School principal) John Lawrence has already announced to his department chairs, and made it clear that we will be pursuing aggressively all indicators."

The high school staff is to become familiar with those indicators, understand what they are and how they will be corrected this year.

Donna Tinberg, director of student services, has already met with the special education leaders at the high school to begin analysis on who did well on the assessment from last year and who did not.

"We're going to develop a list of factors that we want to look at," Tinberg said. "We want to determine what these students have in common. Is it something about the kind of instruction that they have been exposed to, or the kinds of classes that they've taken?"

"We're looking for something that can give us a predictor of students who are likely to do well and to do well."

A deadline has been set to have that data analyzed by the end of October. Then, this year's juniors will be looked at to determine who fits the profile of a student who is likely not to do well and what interventions can be put in place to ensure that they will do better on this year's test.

"We are aggressively pursuing adequate yearly progress in all areas of AYP, and we are confident that we will achieve AYP and boost that grade up to an A next time," Davis said.

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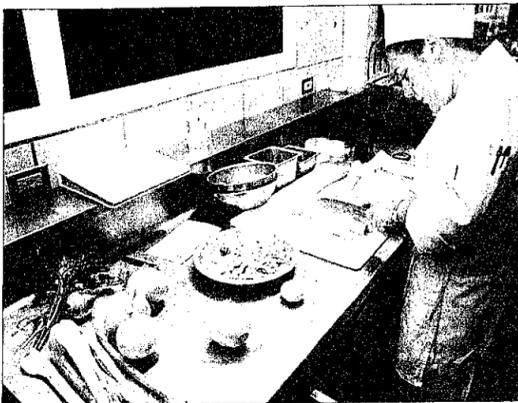


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Schoolcraft Community College Culinary Arts Program student Ashley Walters chops up some vegetables to begin making a soup on a recent Tuesday afternoon. The school will host its annual fundraising Culinary Extravaganza on Sept. 25.

Schoolcraft expanding Culinary Extravaganza

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

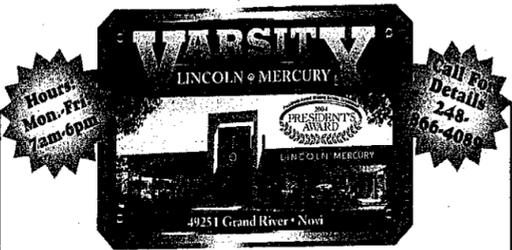
John Walsh said guests will have a little more elbow room at this year's Schoolcraft College's Culinary Extravaganza. This year, the largest fund-raising event for the Schoolcraft Foundation will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 25, in the VistaTech Center. Walsh, executive director of development, said more floor space will be provided throughout the entire building for this year's festivities.

Raffle includes driving, dinners
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Second prize—dinner for six at the American Harvest Restaurant prepared by the chefs of the Brigade Program.
Third prize—a wine tasting party for 12 with Lee Hershey, Continuing Education and Professional Development instructor. Raffle tickets may also be redeemed for savings at the American Harvest Restaurant, Bank Home Bakery in Canton, L. Mawby Vineyards in Suttons Bay or Vinliner's Cellar in Canton. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10.

Extravaganza 2005 participants
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Community members can donate items to the silent auction until the end of the business day on Sept. 22. Those who would like to donate an item can call Marge Lynch at (734) 462-4400. Last-minute donors may not be able to be listed in the program booklet, but they will be recognized through signage.

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Working hard, still going

Seniors continue to work, even after retirement

The Senior Community Service Employment Program provides job training and placement for people with limited financial resources.

Tanya Kurtz, older-worker employment coordinator for the Area Agency on Aging 1-B in Oakland County, said the Older Worker program is good for those with financial troubles.

As part of the Senior Community Services Employment Program, the Area Agency on Aging 1-B works with seniors, providing services for them in their homes and in the work force.

"To be in the program, older adults must be at least 55 years-old and have an annual income no higher than \$11,638 a year."

"More and more older adults are having to go back day," Kurtz said. "It all depends on how I feel."

Financial reasons drive Kurtz's motivation to keep working.

"Your dollar only goes so far, and I've worked all my life," he said. "I enjoy working, but I think for me to carry on the lifestyle I've had all my life, I have to work."

This is the case for many seniors, said Sue Koivula, senior adult services coordinator for the Northville Senior Community Center.

"A lot of seniors look for jobs for financial reasons, and others to keep busy," Koivula said. "They can learn different skills, and I think seniors in the future will work a lot longer than they have in the past."

The Senior Alliance, American Association of Retired Persons and the Senior Community Service Employment Program serve as resources to help the elderly find jobs.

Northville resident is driving the senior bus at the Northville Senior Community Center and loving every minute.

"I went back to work after retiring the first time because I wanted to continue health insurance for my family," Morley said. "I was a bus driver for the Northville School District. It was good, because I got my summers off."

"After six years driving a school bus, I decided it was time to give back to the community."

Morley works as a part-time driver for the center, and he said he would continue to work as long as his health lasts.

"It keeps me active and gets me out of the house," Morley said. "I drive the bus once or twice a week, and the rest of the time I travel with my wife. I enjoy meeting the seniors. I like where I'm at. I love it."

Hard-working seniors

Rachel Zagoroli, seniors services manager for the Novi Senior Center, said she loves to work with seniors.

"Seniors work hard at most any position they're in," Zagoroli said. "Their standards are very high, and when they go to work, they do their job. They are more than capable of doing most jobs because of their lifetime experiences. I really makes them dedicated workers."

Zagoroli said generations to come will be much different.

"Our biggest population will soon be seniors," she said. "They are going to keep working, and for the most part, many enjoy it and wouldn't have it any other way."

"Seniors don't just sit in the rocking chair anymore and rock."

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SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Friday 9/16	8:45 a.m. Panera Bread	12:30 p.m. Bingo
9 a.m. Stretch and Strength	2:30 p.m. Massage/Healing Touch	
10 a.m. Body Recall		
10-11 a.m. Jack Main, Medicare noon		
11 a.m. Lunch		
12:30 p.m. "Kicks on Route 66" Senior Show		
12:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge cancelled		
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Monday 9/19	9 a.m. Stretch and Strength	12:30 p.m. Bingo
10 a.m. Body Recall	2:30 p.m. Estate Planning by Appointment	
11:30 a.m. Goodie Lady noon		
12:30 p.m. Lunch		
2:30 p.m. Tea-\$1 at door, Historic Homes in Detroit		
2:30 p.m. Pinochle		
2:30 p.m. Massage/Healing Touch		
2:30 p.m. Cloging		
Tuesday 9/20	9 a.m. Panera Bread	12:30 p.m. Line dance
9 a.m. Line Dance	12:15 Bridge	
10 a.m. Asian Pacific	1:2 p.m. Line dance	
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Seniors earn green thumbs at Fox Run

Residents garden to keep themselves busy

By Tracy Mishler
STAFF WRITER

Faye Burton and several residents at Fox Run are earning their green thumbs in the community gardens.

"This is a nice feature that Fox Run gave to us," said the 80-year-old resident.

Fox Run has been open for two years, and residents took it upon themselves to keep a little bit of the at-home feel to their community.

Started in 2004, residents pay \$5 a season for gardening supplies and are given the opportunity to garden their own 5-foot plots to their liking.

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Alternating between the Novi Civic Center and the Northville Public Library, gardeners in both cities can earn their green thumbs as members of the Michigan Garden Club. Future events include, Monday, Oct. 10, "Finishing off the garden" featuring Mary Ann Fare and Dan Brighton of Bordine Nursery, and Saturday, Nov. 19 Holiday Fresh Greens centerpiece workshop and decorating presentation.

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Shown (l to r) are members of the Garden Club at Fox Run Roy Birmingham, Eve Boicourt, Conrad Ganzhorn and his wife, Phyllis, LuLu Harwell and Faye Burton

Keeping active

Many of the gardeners at Fox Run have taken up gardening to keep active.

Lu Lu Harwell and her husband, Ernie, former voice of the Detroit Tigers, come to the gardens two or three times a week.

"My husband goes up and waters my flowers, and I'm up there maintaining them," said Harwell, 86. "I have a variety of roses. Roses are my favorite."

Harwell said being able to garden gives her exercise and enjoyment.

"I can't live without being able to grow a garden," she said.

Fox Run also has a third garden, planted by both residents and students from the neighboring Franklin Road Christian School.

The "Friendship Garden" was dedicated to the residents with a plaque in the spring, and Kathy Shaffer, public relations manager for Fox Run, said the "Friendship Garden" is a lovely garden.

"They are just a great aspect to have here for the residents," Shaffer said.

Resident gardeners are expected to keep their gardens up each season and to keep track of and return all supplies when they're done.

"It's pretty laid back," Boicourt said. "But it's like we're all at home again."

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Manor of Novi staff honors retiring nurse

She's enjoyed 40 years in field

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Eighty-three-year-old nurse Ina Kilbourne would like to have gone to New Orleans to help the victims of the recent Hurricane Katrina.

"But, I would have just been in the way," she said. "That's the type of selfless attitude that has led staff and residents to admire and respect Kilbourne, who recently retired as a nurse at Manor of Novi health care center."

Kilbourne was recognized for her more than 40 years in nursing with a special luncheon at Manor of Novi on Sept. 8.

She also received a cake, a dozen red roses, a framed "Employee Spotlight" write-up and a marble-and-glass service award for her 17 years of service to Manor of Novi.

"Her ability has taken her all over the world, and she has touched many people in the span of her lifetime," read the tribute. "Ina attributes her devotion to the relationships she has with the residents and staff. Ina describes herself as a people person not a machine person and believes rela-

tionships and human interaction is essential to the success of a nurse."

Kilbourne is leaving the area to live in San Diego near her son, Gary, who lives in Huntington Beach, Calif. She's looking forward to setting up some hummingbird feeders and teaching Bible study.

Kilbourne lived in a log cabin in Missouri until her family moved to Michigan when she was 9. She graduated from high school in 1939 and became a nurse in 1944. Her grandmother's interest in nursing led her to the career.

"My mother's mother wanted to be a nurse, but her husband died when their children were little, and she had to take care of her children," Kilbourne said.

"Even when I was a little girl, I liked to play 'hospital,'" she said. "But, I got tired of it, because I wanted the real thing. I liked my dolls, but I wanted to take care of real people."

Kilbourne received her training at Hurley Hospital in Flint. Shortly after becoming a nurse, she married John Kilbourne and had four sons. Kilbourne traveled to England, France and Germany serving her country for two years as a nurse in the United States Army during World War II.

She has given money, clothing, eyeglasses, Bibles and teaching material to the poor in Nigeria.

Kilbourne has also given the majority of her salary to a Nigerian church.

Kilbourne, who has nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, taught a Bible study class at Manor of Novi and at her local church.

"I hope to be able to start another Bible study group when I get out to California," she said.

She worked mostly as a medical-surgical nurse in her career. But, she also worked as an emergency department nurse at Saginaw General Hospital.

"I like nursing because I like being able to talk to people...to know them personally," she said. "I like getting to know people — who they are on the inside."

She believes a caring nurse can even enhance the healing process. "I know that hearing doesn't come just from pills," she said. "It comes through relationships," she said.

Kilbourne said she's looking forward to doing some good things with her life when she moves to San Diego.

"I don't think I'm going to sit in a rocking chair. The Lord opened the door, and I walked through it."

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Retiring Manor of Novi employee Ina Kilbourne, R.N., left, receives a dozen red roses from Vateria Paige, director, Human Resources, at her retirement party on Sept. 8. Kilbourne is moving to San Diego to live near one of her sons, Gary, who lives in Huntington Beach, Calif.

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Prostate Cancer Awareness Month: Men, don't wait to be checked

It is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among American men, yet many will continue to ignore this fact and will not be screened for prostate cancer.

And even though thousands of males will be diagnosed with the disease — and many will die from it — most could survive if they receive proper treatment.

In fact, according to the National Prostate Cancer Coalition, there is a 99-percent survival rate if caught early enough.

Regardless of that statistic, only about half of men over age 50 will get screened.

Two tests are commonly used to detect prostate cancer: a blood test, the Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) test and a physical exam, the Digital Rectal Exam (DRE). They are usually administered by your regular doctor. Men should get a PSA test at age 40 and 45, and start yearly testing at 50. Men with one or more high risk factors should start yearly testing at 45 or earlier.

If prostate cancer is detected, many options are available — surgery, radiation, hormone therapy, a combination of these methods, or waiting for signs of the disease's progression.

Over \$400 million will be invested in this country in prostate cancer research this year as scientists work on ways to prevent the disease as well as ways to detect it earlier.

We encourage men to discuss with their doctors the risk of prostate cancer and begin regular screenings. It can be beat.

Didn't ask? Don't complain

Just about every week, you can pick up this paper and there will be a letter to the editor from a reader harping on city council and/or the mayor. That's fine — the letters offer a perfect forum for residents to voice their opinions.

But I hope those same individuals who take the time to gripe are also taking the time to look at the candidates who will be on the November 8 election ballot.

Three of the six seats on city council will be open as will the mayoral seat.

Incumbent councilman Kim Capello is seeking re-election for a four-year term, and he will be facing Justin Fischer, Terry Margolis, Andrew Mutch, Lowell Sprague and David Staudt.

Councilman David Landry is running for mayor against Keith Kain for the two-year seat.

On Tuesday, Oct. 1, the Novi News and SWOCC (SouthWest Oakland Civic Commission) will present a live candidates forum on Channel 13. The council debate will be from 6-7:30 p.m. followed by the mayoral debate from 8-9 p.m. SWOCC will rebroadcast the event periodically prior to the election.

Now everyone has plenty of time to take those questions they've been dying to ask the candidates and submit them for consideration. I already have a fair list going, but you may know of an issue that would offer valuable insight to the candidates.

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Proposed institute sounds like a win-win for hospital and city

Rob Caslou is looking forward to a new neighbor possibly moving in next door to Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

The hospital president, as well as city planners and council, supports the development of a religious institute that wants to make its new home on property next to the hospital.

The Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions won approval Monday night from council for an "Unlisted Use Determination" under a newly approved zoning ordinance section.

The section allows city council, after recommendation from the planning commission, to determine the appropriate zoning district when a proposed use is not mentioned in the ordinance.

The new section also allows council to make a determination if the planning department questions the appropriateness of a use.

In the case of the PIME, the planning department feels the proposed facility should be treated similar to the way the ordinance treats churches.

The PIME facility would have a chapel, plus temporary and permanent residences for priests as well as a large office component.

Planning commission members, gave their unanimous support of the proposed facility to city council at their Aug. 10 meeting.

The facility, which would have to be deemed a Special Land Use in the district, and would still have to go through that process and the normal site plan review process.

PIME is a Roman Catholic missionary group with missions in third world countries. The new facility would be the Institute's North American headquarters.

The institute is currently in Detroit, but institute officials are looking to relocate. The chapel could accommodate 60-70 people. There would also be church meeting rooms, residential quarters for priests and other required rooms. It would not have a regular weekly congregation.

The institute's impact on the roads would be a lot less than a typical church, as there would be daily services attended only by priests

and workers, according to John Burns, the Detroit attorney for PIME.

Occasionally, there would be special services, such as weddings, baptisms, funerals and a monthly prayer group with 20-25 people.

The building would be located on 20 acres west of Beck Road on the north side of 11 Mile Road next to the International Transmission power lines that cross 11 Mile Road.

Providence Park Hospital is to the north of the property. The northerly acres of the PIME parcel would not be developed, according to Burns. "Providence is developing a cancer program and hospice, which will utilize a holistic approach to treatment," Caslou said. "PIME, a Catholic missionary organization, will make available spiritual counseling and pastoral ministry, which

are an important part of this program."

He noted that these resources will be available at no cost to the hospital or the community.

Caslou also said that since the Institute does not need all the land described in its application to the city, this will give Providence Hospital an option to purchase about 10 acres. This will add to the permanent buffer the hospital wants around its campus.

PIME officials have also agreed to maintain this land in its current natural state until the hospital exercises this option. "We expect that the PIME parcel will be incorporated into the nature trails project rather than developed," Caslou said. Planner Timothy Schmit said

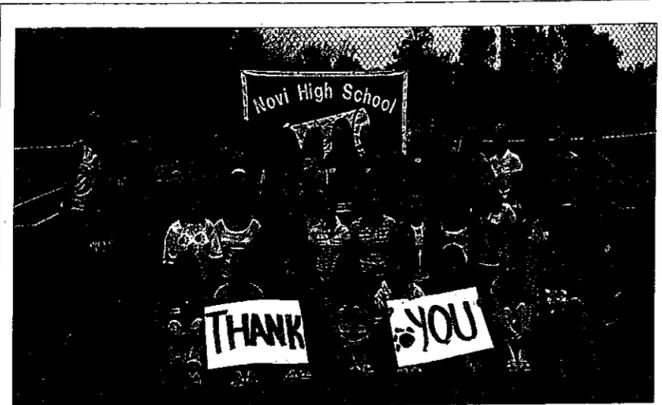
that the proposed project is unique in that it's not a church, it's not a residential facility.

"It's actually a little bit of each. That's what the new section in the zoning ordinance was designed for — when there are questions about where a unique use would fit in the city," Schmit said.

This proposed Institute sounds like a win-win for both Providence Hospital and the city.

The facility is closely compatible with the hospital's plans, and it could be a resource for both Providence Park Hospital and the community. Ramez Khuri is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105 or at rkhuri@gannett.com.

LETTERS



Cheerful thanks for picnic

On behalf of the entire Novi High School Cheerleading tennis, coaches and parents we wish to gratefully acknowledge the numerous businesses and individuals that generously contributed to making this a wonderful event. We want to publicly THANK the following companies, and individuals, that sponsored our 5th Annual Family Cheer Picnic that was held on Sunday, August 14th. Thanks to donations, we had plenty of food, fun and raffle prizes for all.

Thank you to: Exceptional Bay Fine Jewelry Auctions, Lyons Den (South Lyon), Novi Jewelers, Larson Jewelry (Novi), Gjasos Spa and Salon (Novi), Slice of Heaven Cheesecakes (Novi), Great Harvest Bread Company (Northville), One-Hour Martinizing (Novi), Manhattan Club (Novi), Novi Town Center Cinema, BBC Distribution (Farmington Hills), Tangles Hair Salon (Novi), Belland Photography (Berkley), Imperial Car Wash

(Farmington Hills), Salon Head West (Novi), A&M Collision (Farmington Hills), JDE Equipment (New Hudson), Border Canine (Novi), Joe's Produce (Livonia), Reelsound Audio (Novi), Greek Isles (Novi), Vintage Wine Shop (Novi), L-Georges (Farmington Hills), Novi Pizza Company, Varsity Lincoln/Mercury (Novi), McDonalds, Pat Holt (10 Mile), Suburban Chrysler/Jeep (Southfield) and to the following families for their generous gifts, gift cards, gift certificates, gift baskets: Johnson, Corwin, Gurizzian, Hammill, Collins, Mason, Norris, Anolick, Copley, Howell, Schott, Tollis, Vento, Piasencia, Zeglen, Torossian, Harold, Zbrachnick, Koszrwa, Furdham-Johns.

Again, we give a heartfelt THANK YOU to all these businesses/individuals that continue to support our Novi High School Cheer Teams.

Emily Parker

Novi High School Head Cheerleading Coach

Ring road needed

It has come to my attention that there is some debate going on with the Novi City Council over whether to build the ring road in the north-west quadrant of Grand River and Novi Road. The Mayor of Novi has recently been quoted in the Detroit Free Press as to the necessity of same.

I owned a business on Grand River for several years and have been following this matter for years. I find this incredulous that anyone would doubt the necessity of this road. The voters and residents of Novi have supported this project in prior bond issues and this road was always part of an overall traffic master plan. The engineering has been on the shelf and the city has invested over \$1,000,000 on this project. I believe that same grant could easily be obtained. The City of Novi already has most of the right-of-way and with the recent Supreme Court ruling the troublesome piece is now attainable.

We either do this project now or the residents of the future will pay the price. The opening of the new Rock Financial Showplace has moved the traffic impact south of the Big Boy to the Grand River/Novi Road intersection. The new signs tell you where to go. Wouldn't it be nice if the Novi City Council could use basic logic and figure out the traffic dynamics. Wouldn't it be nice if we could turn right at the Big Boy on your way home from work and take advantage of the new 5 lane Grand River? Wouldn't it be nice if all the additional traffic now headed to the Rock Financial Showplace could bypass the Novi Road/Grand River intersection so Novi residents could deal with less traffic? Wouldn't it be nice to get a grant for this project? Wouldn't it be nice if this city council had enough vision to understand the impact and importance of this project? Wouldn't it be nice if our Mayor could lead this project in the obvious direction it needs to take? Wouldn't it be nice?

Paul E. Badman

Novi

Candidate clues

City elections are only a few months away and the candidates are working hard to get their names out. When I consider who I will vote for, I look for the candidates that can manage the growth that is taking place in the city, to make sure that quality of life issues are not overlooked. I look for the candidates who do not see it as an either-or situation. We can and should have growth in Novi, however, we do need to keep a balance and respect the citizens in Novi who speak up for the quality of life issues. It is fun to take part in the events the candidates put on, and to see how they are promoting their campaigns. However, when it comes time to actually vote, the hype and the campaigns mean nothing to me. It's the decisions they will make when in office that count.

Angela Bruder

Novi

Interchange option

I just read in last week's paper about the interchange/bridge over I-96 at Beck Road. It's called a "single point intersection" and "benefits" include that one set of traffic lights can control all the traffic. Well, I drive through there daily, and at my count there are 30 lights hanging and at least seven more on poles. I heard another one of the benefits was that this would have much less impact on the land surrounding the interchange. I still think the state could have saved \$14 million and just put in one more ramp ... and it would have been done by now.

Kathy Kennedy

Weston

Less talk, more action

Dear Mr. President: Please, please, please, do not ever tell me again you're my pain.

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FAITH

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Katrina relief is on the way

United Methodist diverting health kits to Louisiana

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

The United Methodist Church of Novi is stepping up to the plate to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. Now the church is asking for help from the Novi community.

"For the next two weeks we're going to be collecting health kits from the United Methodist Committee on Relief," said Tom Darling, relief coordinator at the church. "I'm hoping to collect enough to send a container or two."

Every spring, the Detroit Conference of the United Methodist Church, which consists of 425 churches, needs to send kits to Haiti and Liberia. The dif-

ferent kits consist of supplies for school, health, and sewing, among others.

"We've been sending these to Haiti and Liberia, and now all of a sudden we need them right here in our own country," Darling said. "The containers are 40 feet long, eight feet high and eight feet wide, and they're filled right up with kits. We will take them down to Mississippi and Louisiana instead this year."

The deadline to turn in items or kits to the United Methodist Church is Sunday, Sept. 25. There is always somebody at the church between 9 a.m. and noon to take items. Other times can be worked out by calling (248) 349-2652. The church is located at 41671 W. 10 Mile Road.

"Everyone would like to do something to help with this disaster, and this is an avenue where the public can do that," Darling said. "People can bring in hand-

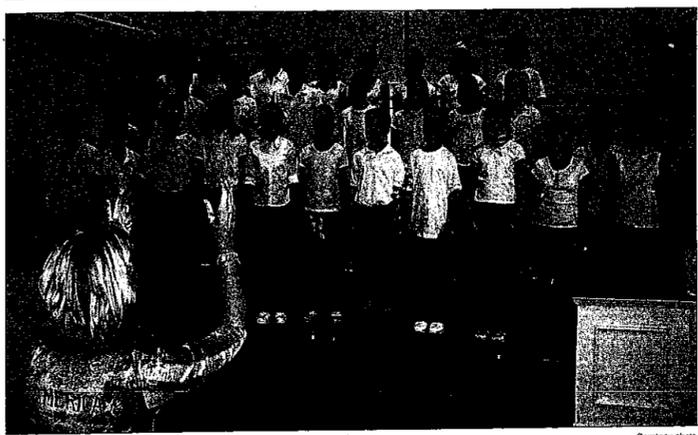
Health Kit Details:

Kits should be placed inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag. No money, notes, religious or political literature, or other items should be placed in the kits. The kits should consist of:

- One hand towel (15"x25" up to 17"x27")
- One wash cloth
- One comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- One nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- One bath-size bar of soap (three ounces and up)
- One toothbrush (single brush only in original wrapper, no child-sized brushes)
- One large tube of toothpaste (4.5 ounces or larger, expiration date must be six months or longer in advance of the date of shipment)
- Six adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

towels, wash cloths, combs, toothbrushes or whatever to our church, and we'll put them in kit form. If people want to put a kit together, that's fine too."

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Courtesy photo

The Northville Novi Youth Chorus consists of 30 girls and boys from the area. Pictured are (top, left to right) Hillary Agoston, Haley Goldberg, Leah Hastett, Gabby Seltz, Lauren O'Brien, Catherine Hawkford, Hannah Craik and Mary Favre; (middle) Matt Trumbore, Joey Leppke, Tom Mueller; Alex Hayek, Mackenzie Powers, Erin Dowd and Rachel Ferree; (bottom) Christopher Jones, Lauren Lonsway, Taylor Papp, Brianna Blossfeld, Andrew Lonsway, Greg Putman and Haley Binford; (three on the floor at the left) Erin Cooper, Kara Weber and Tim Markham (behind); and (three on the floor at the right) Danielle Reynolds, Emma Doyle and Ali Hawkford (behind).

Student singers pay tribute to America

Youth Chorus performs inaugural concert

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

The Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi was the hot spot on Sunday night as the Northville Novi Youth Chorus performed its inaugural concert, "Salute to America."

A select chorus, made up of eight boys and 22 girls in fifth through eighth grade from mostly

Northville and Novi, took the stage to present patriotic songs with narration on backgrounds and origin.

According to Sue Hoenschmeyer, choir director, the songs acknowledged God's presence and direction in the founding of our country and our gratitude for his continual presence in our lives.

"I was the music director at the Northville Methodist Church for seven years, and I was at a church in Livonia before that, so I know a lot of kids already," Hoenschmeyer said. "I invited more than 100 kids to audition. They came over in August, auditioned, and I put together this group of kids."

"Hearing children sing about our country in harmony is awesome," she said. "People should bring Klennert."

With a logo that sports Northville's and Novi's skyline, the

NYNC will further try to put its name on the map when it auditions to perform before the Rockettes at the FOX Theater in Detroit.

"They invite choirs to audition, and we're using a couple of our patriotic songs to audition for that," Hoenschmeyer said. "I've accompanied other choirs that have made the audition, and I think these kids are better. It's going to be awesome."

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Novi pastor heads Katrina relief effort

Truck-load of supplies to leave Monday

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

A message to Louisiana and Mississippi: Help is on the way! One of Novi's own pastors, Rev. Karen Henry of the Church of the Holy Cross, has just been appointed coordinator of the Michigan Katrina relief efforts for the Michigan Episcopal Diocese.

As such, she is in the process of setting up several different task force groups to tend to specific needs. The goal is to have a truck-load of supplies ready to head south by Monday.

"I'm counting on many hands and much generosity to make this work," Henry said. "The Diocese down there are providing us with their needs list. Right now we're trying to get a truck filled with cleaning supplies, which is most dire need they have right now besides baby food and canned food."

The Diocese from Louisiana has asked for notes for people who have been displaced, with phrases like, "You're in our thoughts and prayers."

"It doesn't sound like much, but for somebody who has lost every-

thing, it certainly can make a big difference," Henry said.

The group is also working on sending down construction teams once the areas report that they're ready to start rebuilding. Also several volunteers, who are affiliated with other relief agencies like Red Cross, or other larger companies have already gone down.

Henry explained that the best way for anyone to help out would be to send an e-mail to khuri@hotmail.com, expressing their interests.

Volunteers are needed to do just about everything imaginable, such as collecting items that are on the supplies needs list, helping load trucks, helping construction groups, writing notes, sending books bags with school supplies to over 10,000 students and helping relocation and resettlement of evacuees.

"I know that there are over 100 evacuees at the Ramada Inn in Southfield, but that's short-term," Henry said. "We need more long-term goals if they're going to resettle their communities."

Though there is only one location taking items to be sent down right now, the Christ Church in Dearborn, at least three more are in the process of being established in Lansing, Ann Arbor and Novi. But Henry advised that none of the locations will be collecting clothing at this time because of the over abundance that has been

donated already.

For more information, call the Church of the Holy Cross at (248) 427-1175 or visit www.churchoftheholycross.com.

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CALENDAR

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EVENTS

Cub Scouting Night

DATE: Thursday, Sept. 15
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Woods Elementary School, 25195 Taft Road, Novi
DETAILS: Pack 54 will be hosting this event for boys and their parents to find out more about Cub Scouting. Bring a buddy and his parents too. If you can't attend, join Pack 54 for Pack Family Night on Thursday, Sept. 22 - same time, same place - when a trained naturalist from the Howell Nature Center will present an informative program on wild animals for all ages.
CONTACT: www.pack54.us

Novi Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority Event

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 17
TIME: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45715 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: Open to all Novi, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Walled Lake, Wixom, South Lyon and Lyon Township residents. For a complete list of acceptable items, visit www.RRRASOC.org.
CONTACT: RRRASOC, (248) 208-2270 or visit www.rrrasoc.org

Novi Concert Band Rehearsals

TIME/DATE: 7:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays, ongoing
LOCATION: Novi High School, Taft Road
DETAILS: Open to all wind and percussion players.
CONTACT: Dhran Kochijan, (248) 348-5135

Novi Theaters Productions

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45715 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-6432
Senior Variety Series: Kicks on Route 66
TIME/DATE: noon, Friday, Sept. 16 and 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 18

Tollgate Gardens Annual Fall Fair

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 17
TIME: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
LOCATION: 26115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
DETAILS: Admission is free. The event will include hayrides, line dancing, children's activities, garden items for sale and free refreshments.
CONTACT: (248) 347-3868, extension 212

Northville Home Tour

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 17
TIME: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45715 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: The cost is \$15. Tickets are limited and are available at Northville Chamber of Commerce, 195 S. Main St., or Gardenville, 202 W. Main St., Northville.
CONTACT: Joyce Murdoch, (734) 207-1942 for information and tickets by mail.

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Maybury Farm's Second Annual Corn Maze

TIME/DATE: 5-9 p.m., Fridays, 1-9 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays
LOCATION: Maybury Farm, 50615 Eight Mile, east of Napier Road in Northville. Use the farm entrance on Eight Mile and follow around to the Maze parking lot - there is no fee if you use the Maybury Farm parking lot. Follow the signs to the Corn Maze entrance at the Maybury Farm Welcome Center.
DETAILS: The Corn Maze, sponsored by Metro Detroit Farmer Jack stores, will open to the public beginning Friday, September 16-October 30.

Autumn Perennial Exchange

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 17
TIME: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45715 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: Bring extra perennials to exchange and trade, free of charge, for a different plant. Everyone welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 347-6400

Foster Farmhouse Restoration

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 17

TIME: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
LOCATION: Walled Lake Event Field, 1499 E. West Maple in Walled Lake.
DETAILS: The Friends of the Foster Farmhouse are a group of volunteers that are committed to restoring and maintaining the Farmhouse as a local history museum. Attic, garage and basement items are needed. All proceeds will benefit the restoration of The Foster Farmhouse. Items can be dropped off on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 1-3 p.m., at the Foster Farmhouse located at Riley Park on Common Street in Walled Lake.
CONTACT: (248) 624-5727, or visit www.walledlake.com "Related Links."

Novi Chorales Auditions

DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 20
TIME: 7:30-8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Middle School, 11 Mile and Wixom Road
DETAILS: The Novi Chorales is a community chorus with members from Novi, Northville and the surrounding area. The group rehearses September through May with Christmas concerts in December, a spring concert in May and performances at other local events.
CONTACT: Noel Brown, President (248) 348-0439 or Janet Wassilak, Director (734) 449-2579

Novi Chorales Auditions

DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 21
TIME: 6 p.m., social hour, 7-8:30 p.m., meeting
LOCATION: Souvlaki Covey Island Restaurant, 31150 Novi Road, Novi; corner Novi and 14 Mile roads.
DETAILS: Robert Seiler, Constitutional Law Professor, Wayne State University will speak on "Parallels-Vietnam and Iraq". Public is invited.
CONTACT: (248) 624-7228

Barbers Express-Twelve Oaks Mall

Book Signings
DATE: Saturday, Oct. 1
TIME: noon-2 p.m.
DETAILS: Author Mark Steel will be signing his book, "Grosse Pointe Inferno".
DATE: Saturday, Oct. 22
TIME: 1-3 p.m.
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America's Walk for Diabetes

DATES: Saturday, Sept. 24, and Sunday, Sept. 25
TIME: Check-in time is 8 a.m. Start time for the walk is 9 a.m.
LOCATION: Belle Isle, Stony Creek Metropark on Sept. 24; Kensington and Lake Erie metroparks on Sept. 25.
DETAILS: Help the ADA take an important step in beating diabetes as part of America's Walk for Diabetes. America's Walk is the premier event of the American Diabetes Association. The Kensington Metropark event will feature either a 4-mile or an 8.5-mile walk. Funds raised are used

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A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 500 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.
This request will be considered at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 23, 2005 at the Novi Civic Center, 45715 W. Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Department and must be received prior to September 23, 2005.

GAIL U. BACKUS
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY
(9-15-05 NN 239178) (248) 347-0415

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The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for HVAC Renovation - Fire Station #1 according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.
Sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M. prevailing Eastern Time, Wednesday, September 28, 2005 at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

CITY OF NOVI
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Sixth Gate Cloggers Beginners Class

DATE: Sept. 21-Oct. 26, ongoing Wednesdays
TIME: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 10 Mile, west of Novi Road
DETAILS: The fee is \$24 for Novi residents; \$36 for non-residents; 12:30-3 p.m., drop-in class with a \$4 fee.
CONTACT: (248) 669-2253

Democrats of West Oakland County Meeting

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Assarian

DATE: Every Tuesday night
TIME: 5-8 p.m.
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi.
DETAILS: Variety of activities for the adult community to come and enjoy a unique mix of classes sponsored by the Providence Center for the Healing Arts. Some activities may include a supplies fee (no more than \$10).
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

Sixth Gate Cloggers Beginners Class

DATE: Sept. 21-Oct. 26, ongoing Wednesdays
TIME: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 10 Mile, west of Novi Road
DETAILS: The fee is \$24 for Novi residents; \$36 for non-residents; 12:30-3 p.m., drop-in class with a \$4 fee.
CONTACT: (248) 669-2253

Democrats of West Oakland County Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 21
TIME: 6 p.m., social hour, 7-8:30 p.m., meeting
LOCATION: Souvlaki Covey Island Restaurant, 31150 Novi Road, Novi; corner Novi and 14 Mile roads.
DETAILS: Robert Seiler, Constitutional Law Professor, Wayne State University will speak on "Parallels-Vietnam and Iraq". Public is invited.
CONTACT: (248) 624-7228

Barbers Express-Twelve Oaks Mall

Book Signings
DATE: Saturday, Oct. 1
TIME: noon-2 p.m.
DETAILS: Author Mark Steel will be signing his book, "Grosse Pointe Inferno".
DATE: Saturday, Oct. 22
TIME: 1-3 p.m.
DETAILS: Author Colleen Hauser will be signing her book "You Know You're in Michigan When..."

America's Walk for Diabetes

DATES: Saturday, Sept. 24, and Sunday, Sept. 25
TIME: Check-in time is 8 a.m. Start time for the walk is 9 a.m.
LOCATION: Belle Isle, Stony Creek Metropark on Sept. 24; Kensington and Lake Erie metroparks on Sept. 25.
DETAILS: Help the ADA take an important step in beating diabetes as part of America's Walk for Diabetes. America's Walk is the premier event of the American Diabetes Association. The Kensington Metropark event will feature either a 4-mile or an 8.5-mile walk. Funds raised are used

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instructs. Class will include drawing, pastels, watercolor and mixed media. There is a \$5 materials fee. Drop-in or register.
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

BUSINESS

Oakland County Business Workshops

LOCATION: Oakland County complex, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac
CONTACT: (248) 858-0883

Business Referrals

DATE: every Wednesday
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45715 W. 10 Mile Road
TIME: 7-8:30 a.m.
DETAILS: Meeting of local professionals and business looking to increase word-of-mouth referral business. Various classifications open and eager to bring you qualified business leads.
CONTACT: (734) 462-6450

LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library Hours

LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road
HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, closed during the summer. Sunday hours resume September 11.
DETAILS: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0270

Providence Center for the Healing Arts - Artist in Residence

ONGOING: Thursdays
TIME: 12-30 p.m.
LOCATION: Creative Arts Studio, Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave.
DETAILS: Artist May Treavans

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Help Match the Walker Million Online

DETAILS: You now can make a donation online to help the library match the \$1 million Walker challenge grant. Just go to our website (http://novi.lib.mi.us), and select the "Make a Donation" button on the homepage.

Reading Buddies

DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 20
TIME: 4:30-5:40 p.m.
DETAILS: Our drop-in Reading Buddy Program pairs older children (grades 5-12) with younger children (kindergarten-grade 4) to improve the younger child's reading skills and encourage a love of reading. Contact a Youth & Teen Services Librarian for details.

Kids' Movie Night

DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 20
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Join us for a PG-rated movie. Bring your own pillow or blanket, and we'll supply the popcorn. For kids in elementary school; no registration.

Benefit for NPL Capital Campaign

DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 21
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Double Tree Hotel, Novi
DETAILS: The Novi Newcomers and Neighbors are holding a dinner, raffle and fashion show, with proceeds to benefit the library's capital campaign. Registration forms are available at the library.

All About E-Mail

DATE: Thursday, Sept. 22
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: This hands-on class covers the details of setting up and using an e-mail account on Yahoo. Previous experience using a mouse necessary. Call the library to register.

Reading Maniacs

DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 21
TIME: 4:30-5:15 p.m.
DETAILS: Join us for popcorn and a short movie, and tell us about the best books you read this summer. For kids in grades 3-4.

Library Board Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 21
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: City Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: Community members are welcome to attend. Meetings are also broadcast live on

Novi City Council Meeting

DATE: Monday, Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and 24; Nov. 14 and 28

Celebrate Motor City muscle

■ 1965 and 2005 GTOs to be raffled

By Ramez Khuri
STAFF WRITER

The Woodward Dream Cruise may be over, but that doesn't mean folks in Novi have to wait until next year to see some classic cars.

94.7 WCSX, Detroit's Classic Rock Station, will be bringing its Classic Rock Cruiser Show & Shine to Novi on Sunday and Monday, Sept. 18 and 19. Sunday's event will be held at Twelve Oaks Mall from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., while Monday's show will be at Community Financial from 6-8 p.m.

The events are open to the public and according to Jennifer Williams, the radio station's marketing director, they're very casual.

"We give away fun trophies, and it's more about getting people together with common interests and passion for classic rock and classic cars," Williams said. "It's to show your car off and enjoy some classic rock."

The radio station has a group of listeners who call themselves "The Classic Rock Cruisers." Each member pays a one time fee of \$9.47, which goes to the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. When they bring their rebuilt cars to the events, they can be judged and win prizes. However, one doesn't have to be a club member to participate.

"Anyone can show their car, but only club members get to be judged and potentially win trophies," Williams said. "Our whole

goal here is just to have fun and raise money for charity. There is no administrative cost involved."

Those interested in the club can sign up at the shows, or they can download a club entry form and mail it in from www.WCSX.com. Club members also get dash plaques at every show.

The big attraction at the Novi shows, however, will be the raffling off of two Pontiac GTO cars. It's the station's third year doing it, where listeners rebuild classic cars to raffle off.

The first year, one lucky winner received a rebuilt 1965 Ford Mustang. Last year it was a 1970 Plymouth Road Runner with a Hemi engine, and this year it will be a 1965 convertible Pontiac GTO, which will be on display at Monday's event.

Thanks to General Motors, this year's raffle winner will receive a 2005 GTO as well, because the company thought it would be pretty tough to drive the 1965 model during the winter.

"They gave us a 2005 GTO for

when the weather is not good," Williams said. "So, now the winner is going to get two cars. It's something that can only be done in the Motor City. And the unique thing is, it's 100 percent donated by the listeners because they build everything from the ground up, and it takes about eight months to do. It all ends up with a raffling off of the car to benefit Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan."

Raffle tickets will be on sale during both Novi shows and are \$25 each. The drawing will be held on Thursday, Sept. 22 at the JJ & Lynne Stone Soup event at the Wintergarden inside the Renaissance Center in Detroit.

For more information, visit www.wcsx.com or call the station's front desk at (248) 398-9470.

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Courtesy photo

The public caught an eyefull of what's under the hood of some classic rebuilt cars during the Show & Shine held at Thayer Automotive in Livonia recently.

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Cheer for victory
The Novi Wildcats cheerleading team is about more than just pom poms and pony-tails. The team puts in plenty of hard work, both in practice and out of it. — Page 3B



Nicely done!
The Novi Wildcats girls cross country team earned a tough win over the Pinckney Pirates to start their season off on the right foot. — Page 2B



Regional Marketplace

The Adelson Eye & Laser Center recently expanded its staff and equipment at its office in downtown Northville to offer its patients world-class eye care. Dr. Howard Adelson and his staff moved his practice from Novi in 2004. — Page 4B

SPORTS

Thursday, September 15, 2005

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Quick Hits

There's a new sport in town

The Novi Wildcats are always looking to expand their horizons in the world of sports. Most recently, the athletics department announced roller hockey as the newest member of the sports family. Tryouts will be announced soon.



Next Level Athletes

Deep thinker

Ryan Pritchard is trying to earn his stripes at Princeton and it looks like he's on the right track. If all goes well then Pritchard is looking to be the team's "DS" for their games — including on the road. College terms are always fancy, so "DS" is deep snapper, or long snapper as we like to call them at the prep level.

Scoring frenzy

Can't find the score you're looking for? Check page 2B. This fall the Novi News is introducing a feature that ran in both the winter and spring seasons last year: The scoreboard. Every week it will most likely run on page 2B and will feature game highlights from nearly all the sports. Scores, stats and quotes will usually be found there while feature stories on athletes will be the mainstay of the sports section from here on out.



Any story ideas that would make a good feature? E-mail sports writer Sam Eggleston at seggleston@gannett.com with your ideas.

Correction

Who is this Brandon Cocke fellow that keeps getting mentioned in the Novi News? Sports writer Sam Eggleston just has to remember that B. Cocke on the stat sheet isn't Brandon, who graduated from Novi High School already — it's Brett. So, it isn't Brandon who is expected to make an impact this year or who caught a touchdown against Pinckney, but rather Brett.

Fun stuff

It's all about fun, right? Then the Novi Wildcats fans should have a great time tomorrow night at 7 p.m. when their football team takes on the Lakeland Eagles. Not only is Tab Kellepourey and his team 3-0 on the year, they are in the hunt for their third-straight KVC title.

Singing for his supper

Favorite feasts on big hits and big plays

Novi standout John Favorite may not sing his own praises, but that doesn't stop him from belting out a tune or two. Beyond his athletic endeavors, Favorite sings for his church and even does a solo for the annual musical, which is hosted at Novi High School.

The Wildcats senior won't be singing the National Anthem any time soon, though — he's too busy participating in three sports.

"I'm going to let them sing the National Anthem, and I'm going to play," he said with a laugh.

Couches in football, wrestling and lacrosse are happy he's decided to take to the field of play. In football he's an All-Conference and All-Area player, and in wrestling he took second place in the state. As a lacrosse player, he's one of the best in the state.

It's hard to believe he hasn't decided to specialize in one sport.

"I feel all three sports complement each other in a way," he said. "Each one is physical, and each works different body parts and strengthens them. It all complements each other."

Though Favorite is known as a tough player in all three of his sports, he's got a softer side.

Beyond the singing he makes a part of his life, Favorite also likes to sit down and get lost in a good book.

Currently, his favorite author is Dan Brown, of "The DaVinci Code" fame.

"I just can't put a book down once I start," he said. "On the way out to Howell I started reading a book. It was lame."

Favorite may have thought the book to be lame, but it's hardly a word people use when describing his playing ability.

The hard-hitting senior has drawn some college attention and said he'd like to weigh his options before deciding what his collegiate future holds.

"I'm definitely looking at academics first, and then I'll find out if they have a team," he said. "I'm not sure what I want to do yet, but I'm thinking I might want to play lacrosse."

The Novi Wildcats have benefited from the ability and the intelligence of Favorite over the past four years. The senior, who has had only one B on his report card throughout all of high school, almost missed out on being a Wildcat.

His father, John, was hired by Enron and was expecting to move his family to Chicago in Favorite's eighth grade year.

"We were right about to sell our house and were just days away from moving," he said. "Then my dad was laid off just before the huge scandal."

Moving wouldn't have been new for Favorite. He was born in Houston, moved to Pennsylvania and then to Indiana. Just 10 years ago, the family moved to Novi.

"There are so many things I've learned here and friendships I've made," Favorite said. "It's weird thinking about (almost) moving. One little thing could have changed my entire life. I don't even know if they have a lacrosse team out there."

And lacrosse and Favorite have been fast friends since the first time he played the game in sixth grade. Even a ruptured spleen couldn't keep him away.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER
John Favorite is a three-sport athlete at Novi High School and will be considering athletics in college.

He played with seventh and eighth grade students, and at the end of one game he met his match with a rather large eighth grader.

"The kids just crushed me," he said. "He was huge and there was only a couple seconds left when he landed on me."

The injury took a long time to heal, but it helped Favorite forge ahead in his athletic career. He works hard on technique and strength training to keep himself off the injured-reserve list.

"I've been extremely lucky," he said. "I don't go out and worry about it, but I know it would really suck to get an injury my senior season."

"I'm not scared or worried. I'm just going to keep going out and playing as hard as I can."

Now that's something to sing about.

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Wildcats edge Howell in KVC action

By Sam Eggleston
SPORTS WRITER

No wonder they call it "special teams."

The Novi Wildcats football team used two huge special teams plays to boost themselves to a 16-15 victory over the Howell Highlanders last Friday in a Kensington Valley Conference showdown.

"Special teams definitely came through for us," Tab Kellepourey said after the game. "That (extra point) block by Bobby Duquette was great. It really helped boost this team."

And that's not taking anything away from another solid point-after block by Eric Zhao.

The Novi Wildcats' special teams plays were enough to shake up the Howell kicker for the final Highlander play of the game with just 11 seconds left in the game.

Football
The ball was snapped, set up perfectly by the holder and the kick sailed just left of the uprights, securing the one-point victory and 3-0 record for the Novi Wildcats.

It was a completely different scene just a minute and a half earlier when it was Novi kicker Pat Sijan in the same

position. His eyes glanced up at the uprights, then down the holder. The ball sailed through for the victory with 1:49 left in the game.

"It was great beating Howell at Howell," said senior John Favorite. "That's never an easy game. We're glad we won it!"

The Wildcats ended the contest by taking a knee to run the remainder of the clock out. The game was definitely one for the kickers. In the end, it was Howell's who just couldn't split the uprights for the win.

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By the numbers

245

Novi football's total yards gained against Howell last Friday

249

Total yards gained by the Howell Highlanders in the one-point loss

10

Points scored by kicker Pat Sijan with three field goals and an extra point

30:39

Time, in minutes and seconds, the Highlanders controlled the football

2

Extra points blocked by Novi last Friday — one by Bobby Duquette and one by Eric Zhao

194

Yards gained by Novi's Steve Hart through the team's passing game

103

Yards gained by Brandon Carnegie while receiving Hart's passes

REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

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Thursday, September 15, 2005

Helping small business lift America

Once again, America is shaken by disaster. As the devastation from Hurricane Katrina is revealed, we grieve for our fellow citizens and their immeasurable loss. And at the same time, we reach deep into our national resolve and instinctively calculate the ways to assist those in need.

Small-business owners, whose irrepressible optimism and entrepreneurial spirit have made this nation the economic powerhouse that it is today, will once again step to the forefront of relief efforts to aid others who are unable to help themselves in the face of widespread destruction.

As Congress returns to work after a summer recess, the debates that have already begun to emerge in the news will take center stage on Capitol Hill. While it is the role of lawmakers to address grave issues that have arisen from this disaster, let us hope that the political atmosphere will not be further poisoned by the "blame games" that appear all too often following events of this nature.

Small-business owners expect congressional leaders to view the damage this storm has inflicted on our national economy in a constructive light. Now is the time to link arms and help restore the livelihoods and homes of those affected, but it should also be a time to avoid enacting measures that will harm one of the key sectors of the economy—small business—that has the potential to stabilize that economy more quickly than any government mandate can.

Hurricane Katrina has robbed the nation of hundreds of thousands of jobs. It will take a long time to make those places of employment viable again. Unfortunately there are some members of Congress who, historically, have ignored the fragile nature of our economy and insist on pushing ill-conceived ideas. Hiking the minimum wage is an example.

A proposal to raise the federally mandated minimum wage to \$7.25 an hour was a bad idea even before the storm ravaged the Gulf Coast of the United States. Enactment of a higher minimum wage at a time when so many are suffering the loss of employment can only ensure that their plight will worsen and the survivability of millions of small businesses will be threatened.

When terrorists struck on Sept. 11, 2001, a labor union leader observed that the attack was about more than the financial loss suffered by businesses; it was also that countless jobs had been destroyed. The union members he represented needed jobs, not higher wages; to raise the minimum wage would make their re-employment even more difficult. History has proven that government manipulation of the starting wage has failed to help those who are in the direst need of employment.

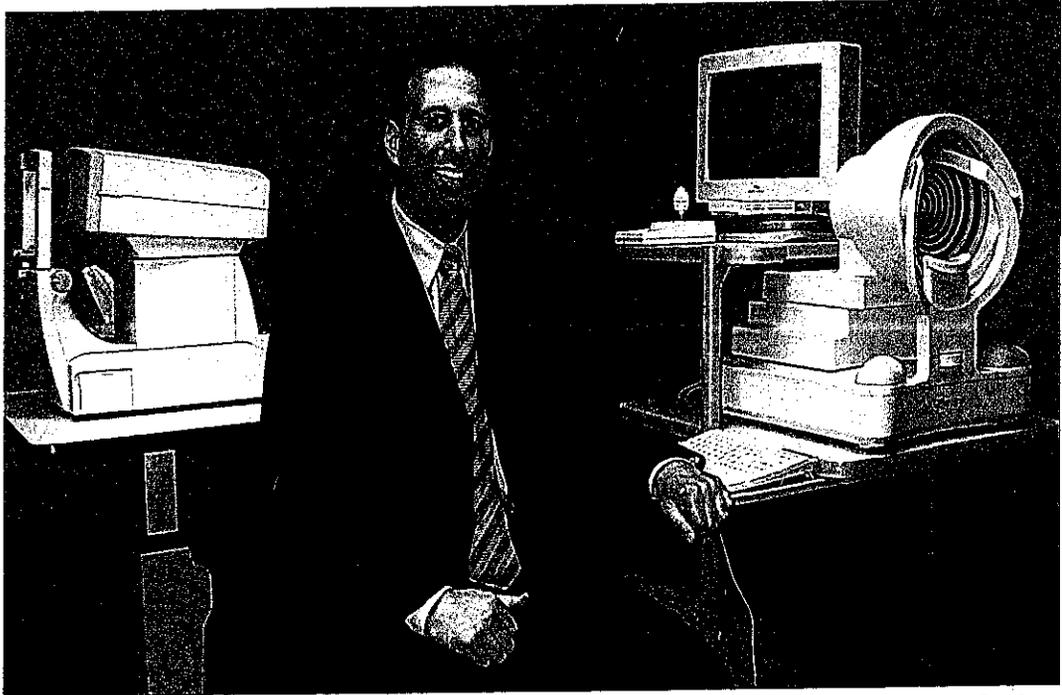
In dealing with the aftermath brought by Hurricane Katrina, America will, once again, help its people rebuild their lives. The greatest contribution Congress can make is to ensure that the laws it passes address the long-term needs of citizens. Helping small businesses continue to create jobs is one of the best ways to accomplish that goal.

Jack Faris is the president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A nonprofit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitols. More information is available online at NFIB.com.

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Dr. Howard Adelson explains how the latest AcrySof ReSTOR Intraocular lens will allow them to see clearly at all distances without glasses.

Adelson Eye & Laser Center

Expands practice to offer patients world-class care

The Adelson Eye & Laser Center recently expanded its staff and equipment at its office in downtown Northville to offer its patients world-class eye care. Dr. Howard Adelson and his staff moved his practice from Novi in 2004.

"We expanded our staff and office to better serve our patients and the community," said Dr. Adelson. "We strive to provide our patients with the best medical and surgical eye care available today."

And from the looks of things, Dr. Adelson is doing just that. The Adelson Eye & Laser Center offers services and procedures available from very few ophthalmologists in the state. Most of his abilities can be attributed to his unique training in advanced cataract and vision correction surgery.

Dr. Adelson possesses a broad educational background from the University of Michigan, Des Moines University, Stanford University and Michigan State University. Dr. Adelson is actively involved in training other doctors in the art of eye surgery and has been a national lecturer on many different subjects involving ophthalmology. He also has been featured live on Fox News regarding eye surgery.

Dr. Adelson specializes in the latest techniques for cataract, glaucoma and laser eye surgery. His practice also accepts new patients for general eye exams and treatment of eye diseases as well as emergency eye care.

"It's important for patients to understand all of their vision correction options thoroughly," Dr. Adelson said. "We make sure our patients understand all the options available to them and are com-

pletely comfortable with the procedure of their choice."

Dr. Adelson is one of the first doctors in Michigan to implant the new AcrySof ReSTOR intraocular lens. This technology is designed to allow patients to see clearly at all distances without bifocals or reading glasses.

Many people have to wear bifocals or reading glasses to compensate for the natural aging of the eyes, a condition called presbyopia. It eventually affects everyone including people who are nearsighted, farsighted, have cataracts or had perfect vision most of their lives.

The AcrySof lens is the most commonly used intraocular lens in the world with more than 21 million implanted in the past 10 years. The new ReSTOR lens provides a full range of vision without glasses. Research shows that 80 percent of patients receiving ReSTOR lenses reported that they no longer needed to wear glasses.

"Not everyone is a candidate for vision correction surgery and a thorough screening is important to determine which patients qualify," said Dr. Adelson.

He provides the examination and tests required to determine if a patient is a candidate and for which surgery. Spending an abundant amount of time with each patient before and after any surgery, he makes sure they get satisfactory results.

"Our main concern is that we get perfect results for our patients," Dr. Adelson said.

One procedure, CustomVue LASIK, tailors a distinct correction treatment for each patient determined by the unique characteristics of their eyes, Dr. Adelson explained. He has performed thousands of laser correction procedures during his career.

The CustomVue system uses WaveScan, a new technology that captures unique imperfections in each person's vision. This new level of measurement provides 25 times more precision than measurements used in standard methods for reading glasses and con-



Dr. Adelson welcomes new patients to offices in downtown Northville.

tact lenses.

He also can treat farsightedness without using a laser or scalpel with a noninvasive technique, Conductive Keratoplasty (known as CK). It can eliminate or greatly reduce the need for glasses, bifocals or contacts without invasive surgery.

The entire CK procedure takes less than five minutes per eye and often can be performed in the doctor's office. The procedure is painless and provides almost immediate results. Most people can resume their normal activities, such as driving and working, within 24 hours after having the CK procedure.

What separates Dr. Adelson from other ophthalmologists in the area is that he had an additional year of training with a fellowship focusing on the intricacies of laser vision correction. Dr.

Adelson is more likely to identify poor candidates and exclude them from surgery before they ever have it.

In fact, at Adelson Eye & Laser Center, "we often see patients after they have had evaluations at those \$299 an eye places and help educate them on the truth about laser eye surgery," Dr. Adelson explained. "There is no such thing as high definition laser vision correction for \$299 per eye."

Indeed, Dr. Adelson warns patients about many of the low-cost offers for laser vision correction surgery. Such offers often include obsolete lasers and minimal correction only where patients are charged more for the upgraded lasers, astigmatism and touch up or other services.

"Good medicine should never allow slick and unethical bait and switch games such as this" says

DETAILS

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Weekends by appointment

Dr. Adelson. At his office, he employs only the most up to date technology and equipment available.

Dr. Adelson is a leader in laser vision correction surgery. All procedures are performed in surgical facilities or local hospitals where he is on staff. He also is actively involved in training other physicians in the art of eye surgery.

Not all patients require vision correction surgery. Dr. Adelson diagnoses each patient and provides the appropriate treatment for their eye health.

The practice also offers new treatment options for people suffering from dry eyes, a condition where not enough tears or insufficient quality of tears are produced to keep the eye healthy and comfortable. As an ophthalmologist, Dr. Adelson, can diagnose dry eyes utilizing special techniques and can then prescribe the best treatment for it.

Dr. Adelson believes that continuing his medical education in the vision field is crucial to offering his patients the best care and treatment available. He is one of a few ophthalmologists in the state to complete a prestigious one-year fellowship in cataract and laser surgery techniques through the Grand Rapids Eye Institute and Michigan State University.

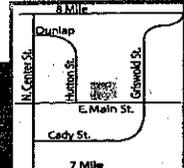
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