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Closing in on foreclosure costs

By **Chris Jackett**
NEWS STAFF WRITER

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

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

"The first two quarters are up substantially. There's been about a 50-60 percent increase," Hieber said. The city accounts for about 1.9

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

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

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

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

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

Community Development Director Steve Rumble doesn't

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

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

Of the 440 notices, 200 were

County Foreclosures (7/20)

Berwyn Hills	12	Millard	11	Walled Lake	22
Birmingham	37	Novi	65	West Bloomfield	160
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SOURCE: Oakland County Equalization Department

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Local Heroes

Novi resident and police rescue victim from cardiac emergency

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

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

By **Kelly Murad**
NEWS STAFF WRITER

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

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Free wireless boosts business

By **Chris Jackett**
NEWS STAFF WRITER

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

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

Oakland County Executive L.

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

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

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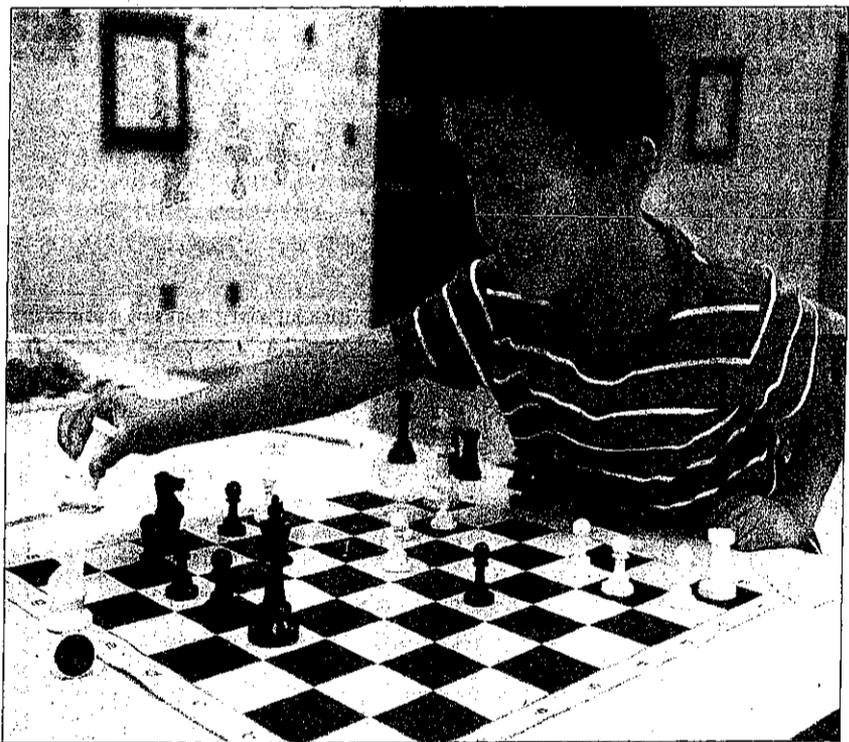


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Check Mate

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

NOVI WEEKEND PLANNER

FRIDAY

Enjoy literature and laughs at noon during "Let's get Silly!" and "A Fairy Extravaganza" at Borders Books & Music, 43075 Crescent Blvd. Show up with a belief in flower fairies and a love for underpant-stealing aliens for these readings. Call (248) 347-0780 for more information.



SATURDAY

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

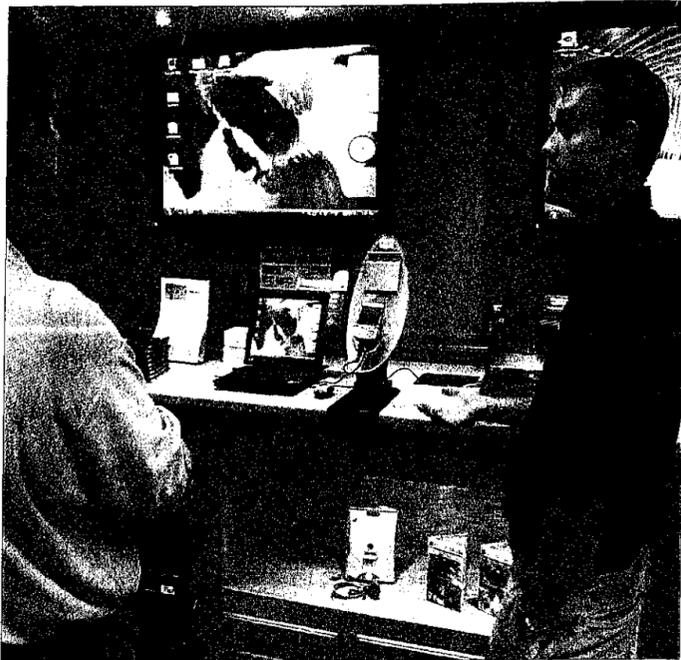
"We're excited to be in Novi. The climate and area are a lot different," said David King, founder and president of Red Level Networks.

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

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

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

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

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Novi resident and police rescue victim from cardiac emergency

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should be there." While practicing his golf swing, Snider heard a 62-year-old man, who was getting nearby with his wife, collapse behind him.

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

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

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

Even though he had not practiced cardiopulmonary resuscitation since he was a scout leader 19-15 years ago, Snider immediately began administering chest compressions on the victim until further assistance arrived.

Novi Police Officer Paul Stulgross was patrolling nearby and arrived at the scene within three minutes of being dispatched. Stulgross immediately attached an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), which is a portable device used to restore normal rhythm to a patient's heart, to the man's chest.

Although Stulgross had never administered an AED, he said knowing what to do came naturally.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Closing in on foreclosure costs

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

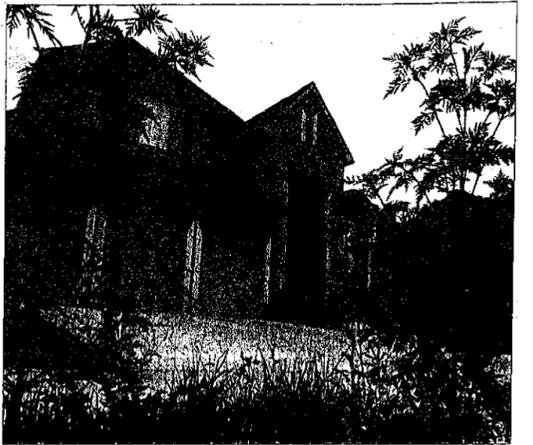
"If you took out the foreclosures, the numbers could be similar to what they were last year," Ruple said. "Some were existing lots. Others were approved buildings and were just not developed yet."

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

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

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

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



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

David Landry
Mayor City of Novi

"Foreclosures are up based on the facts of a double whammy of the variable interest rates ending and jobs changing."



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

explination of the associated lot closures.

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

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A sample taste of the Mediterranean

By Kelly Murad
NEWS STAFF WRITER

By The Bottle and Mezza Mediterranean Grille have joined forces to introduce fine wines and Mediterranean cuisine to the Novi community. Together, the two businesses are hosting the Midsummer Night's Flights series at Mezza, from 6-8 p.m. every Wednesday night through Aug. 22.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

When Gettel and his wife Joy

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Normally, a light white wine goes well with fish, but the smokiness from the grill makes different options.

California Chardonnay or a Pinot Noir from Oregon

DESSERT

For dessert, a glass of

Suggestions of Eric Gettel, By the Bottle

Midsummer Night's Flights

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mostly, for the bulk of my wine I look for a wine that is well-balanced and well-priced at the same time," Gettel said.

Once the Midsummer Night's Flights series is over, Gettel and Beatty will continue to work with Ryan Quinn, general manager of Mezza, to promote their fall event, Big Red Review, which will provide wine connoisseurs with a unique chance to try 50 high-end red wines.

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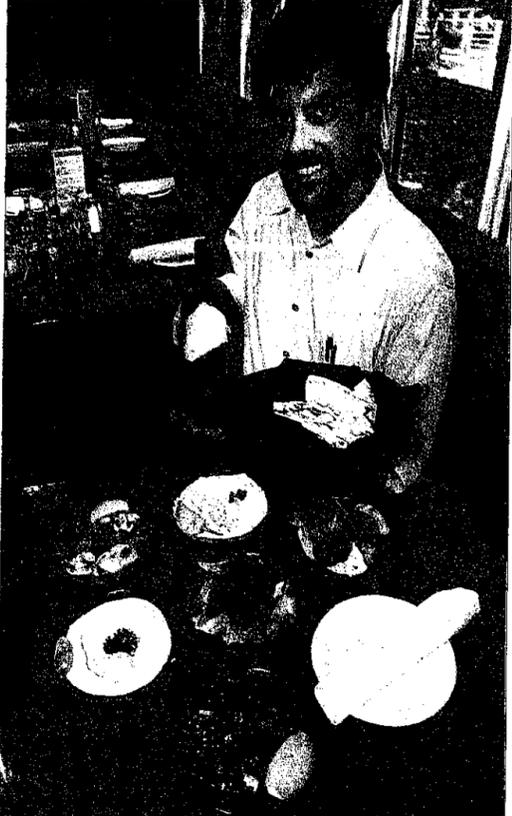


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Ryan Quinn, general manager of Novi's Mezza restaurant, shows a "Mezza Taster" - a tapas style collection of dishes from the middle eastern themed eatery. Mezza will be taking part in the upcoming Midsummer Night's Flights food and wine tastings.

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Eric Gettel
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MY BUSINESS

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dSPACE Inc. moves to expanded facility

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

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

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

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

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

The new offices are located near the intersection of Wixom Road and Pontiac Trail in the City of Wixom, north of Interstate 96 and about two miles from the recently closed Ford Wixom Assembly Plant.

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

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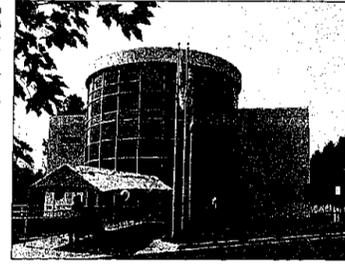


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dSpace provides support for automotive firms' designs in small motors and electronics.

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

Cerberus grows, Tower restructures

By Chris Jackett
NEWS STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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By Tracy Mishler
SPECIAL NEWS WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

According to the Lions Club, there are about 45,000 clubs in 200 countries and more than 1.3 million members, help in the crusade against blindness and offers assistance in helping others to see the world.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Why join?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Source: Lions Club International, www.lionsclubs.org

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

Ticketmaster opens in mall

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

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

Ticketmaster Ticket Centers are currently operating at Taubman Mall locations including Twelve Oaks Mall.

Twelve Oaks Mall joins Ticketmaster's network of more than 6,500 retail ticket centers worldwide and plans for additional Taubman Ticketmaster Ticket Centers are currently underway.

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Taubman Centers, Inc., a real estate investment trust, owns and/or manages 23 urban and suburban regional and super regional shopping centers in 11 states. Taubman Centers' headquarters is in Bloomfield Hills.

Library launches online book club

Finding a great book to read just got easier.

You can sign up for the service at the library or on the Web site: www.novi.lib.mi.us and look for the Online Book Club icon.

24-Hour movie marathon

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

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

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

Pick up a brochure at Imagine Theatre, register on-line at www.leukemiamichigan.org or call Children's Leukemia Foundation at (800) 825-2536. You must collect a minimum of \$105.10 in pledges to participate. Individuals 13-17 can participate until 10 p.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Deal Pals Pennsylvania products in Detroit Area Stores

Grab your spoons ice cream lovers, the selection at your local grocery store just got larger. Deal Pals Pennsylvania products are now available at select Michigan stores.

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

New Waste Disposal Agreement Announced

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

Philosophy to Support PBS

Just in time for the back to school season, Philosophy created The Tree House, a unique philanthropic kit containing hand products, to raise awareness of the mission of public broadcasting. Designed for dreamers of all ages, The Tree House is adorned with images of characters from PBS Kids. It has perforated doors and windows to inspire the imagination and encourage play.

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Names in the News

Central Michigan University Board of Trustees

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

Novi resident named Walsh College professor

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

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

Promotions at Fox Run

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

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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Anyone seen a 20-foot trampoline?

According to recent police reports, a 20-foot trampoline was stolen from a residence on Scarborough Lane, near Meadowbrook and 10 Mile roads.

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

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

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

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Property stolen from vehicle

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

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

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

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

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

Helping Hand

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

Who stole my bike?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sign up begins for Citizens Police Academy

By Kelly Murad
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The police department and the community.

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The 10-week program, which begins September 6, consists of hands-on training, demonstrations and presentations designed to teach participants the ins and outs of law enforcement. Each individual will be given the opportunity to ride-along with a police officer, view a K-9 demonstration and use the official Firearms Training System (FATS).

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Court correct to uphold requiring photo ID

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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LETTERS

Fountain Walk?

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

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

In the recent article in the Novi News regarding this change, Fountain Walk general manager Greg Ashton stated "In the winter, it will give the public the opportunity to walk right into the store instead of walking 50 yards."

First of all, since when was 50 yards a distance we were simply unable to travel? I'm no epitome of physical fitness, but I consider 50 yards a perfectly conceivable distance for anyone. You know that old phrase, "a walk in the park?" That's literally what it is. Secondly, we live in Michigan; we should be perfectly used to the winter weather. Shoveling your driveway is almost infinitely more work than walking 50 yards through the snow, which I believe does get plowed, to Hooters.

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

Service not Part of Big Deal

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

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

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

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

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

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What happens in Detroit impacts us all

In a recent interview with newsmen Chris Wallace on "Fox News Sunday," Gingrich, a rumored Republican presidential candidate and former Speaker of the US House said, "The Detroit public school system currently graduates 22 percent of its entering freshmen on time and fails to serve 78 percent of the young people in Detroit. We should basically, fundamentally replace the Detroit school system with a series of experiments to see if they'll work."

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our children deserve better
This problem is not

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COMMENTARY

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ERIC WILSON: RCOC is committed

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

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

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

Our Highway Maintenance Department oversees the largest county road system in the state. The maintenance of these roads has been diligently kept up in spite of revenues being flat for more than eight years. Even with the state's significant road funding challenges, we continue to get the job done and will continue to look for ways to improve the condition and quality of our county's roads.

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

RCOC is also a national leader when it comes to innovation. Consider that RCOC:

- Maintains the largest system of "smart" adaptive traffic signals in the country (the FAST-TRAC system continually adjusts signal timing to best meet actual traffic demands in real time).
- Through our FAST-TRAC system, we employ more than 2,000 video cameras for automated vehicle

detection — the largest such deployment in the world.

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

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

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

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

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

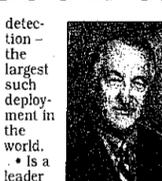
On behalf of the RCOC, I would like the

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

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

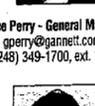
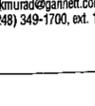
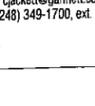
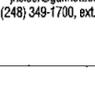
It is an honor to serve the county as a board member for this exemplary organization, and I warmly thank the Oakland County Board of Commissioners for allowing me to serve the residents of Oakland County in this manner.

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



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10:00am to Noon 3:30pm to 9:00pm
Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday August 20, 21, 22nd
10:00am to Noon 3:30pm to 9:00pm

248-473-1160
Classes start Monday August 27th

Novi Commerce Center
40500 Grand River
Novi

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Presented by Michael S. Rowe, M.D., F.A.C.P., C.P.I.

AN ASTHMA SNAPSHOTS

Asthma is the most common, costliest illness in the country. An estimated 17 million Americans have asthma. It is the most common chronic childhood disease, affecting more than 5% of all U.S. children. It is the leading cause of school absence from chronic illness. Since the 1980s, asthma rates have been on the rise. Resides AIDS and tuberculosis, asthma is the only chronic disease with an increasing death rate. Fourteen Americans die each day from asthma-related complications. More children than adults suffer from asthma, and more African Americans than Caucasians die from it. Nationwide, yearly indirect costs of asthma have reached billions of dollars.

This timely topic of interest is presented as a public service. If you, or any member of your family, has continued difficulty breathing, it is time to be tested for asthma or allergies. Call the ALLERGY & ASTHMA CENTER to arrange for an initial appointment with Dr. Rowe. Our office has worked with and helped many people over the years and we can help you find the relief you need. We are located at 2412 Meadowbrook Road, STE. 201, Novi. Contact us at: (248) 473-6480. Look forward to helping you.

P.S. Year-round or seasonal allergies? Visit our website for further information.

ALLERGY & ASTHMA CENTER
www.allergyinfo.org

LANSING CONNECTION

Bill to expand drug-comparisons Web site approved by Senate

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

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

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

Currently, the Web site does not list generic equivalents. Until recently the DCH Web site listed only 30 prescription drugs. SB 525 also guarantees the site includes:

- A minimum of five links to other useful Web sites that can provide assistance to consumers.
- The MDCH's toll-free number that Michigan residents can call to find out what prescription drug programs they may be eligible for, including free and discounted prescription drug programs; and
- An advisory statement alerting consumers of the need to tell their health professional and pharmacist about all the medications they are taking so that they know how to avoid harmful interactions between medications.

About Nancy Cassis

State Senator Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) represents the 15th Senate District, which includes the townships of Commerce, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake, as well as the villages of Holly, Milford and Wolverine Lake and the cities of Novi, Northville (the Oakland County portion), Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom.

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

The legislation now heads to the House for consideration. Bill protecting consumers at the pump introduced in Senate. Senate Republicans introduced a bill that will protect consumers by holding gas gougers accountable. Senate Bill 631 will add a fine of up to \$1,500 for a first violation for gas gouging and not more than \$3,000 for a second offense. If an individual persistently and know-

ingly violates the measure, the court may assess a civil fine of up to \$25,000. In addition to the added fines, the legislation, dubbed the Consumer Bounty on Gas Gougers Act, rewards individuals with up to 50 percent of an assessed fine if they provide information that leads to a gas gouging conviction. The bill also empowers the attorney

general to issue an injunction blocking an individual from selling gas if there is an indication that person engaged in gas gouging. SB 631 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

Currently, if you have a concern on price fixing or gas gouging, you can file a complaint with Attorney General Mike Cox at (877) 765-

8388. To report excessively high gas prices contact the U.S. Department of Energy at the following website: <http://gaswatch.energy.gov>.

As always, I look forward to your comments. You can contact me by e-mail at senatencassis@senate.michigan.gov or toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.

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

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EVENTS

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

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

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

Midsummer Night's Flight
TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. each
Wednesday through Aug. 22
LOCATION: Mezza
Mediterranean Grill, 42050
Grand River
DETAILS: Sample a set of 5
wines with hors d'oeuvres; new
selection each week; \$20 per person-
see list at www.tythebot-
tenovi.com.
CONTACT: By the Bottle (248)
344-8992

Gardeners of Novi and Northville
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. second
Monday of each month, Sept.-
May
LOCATION: Rotale between
Novi Civic Center and Northville
Library
DETAILS: Visitors welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or
www.gardenersnorthville-
novi.org

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

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

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

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce
The Greater Novi Chamber is
a nonprofit business associa-
tion. We provide enjoyable net-
working opportunities for our
members; act as a bridge
between local business and
government; help businesses
stay aware of other members' services and products and the
activities of their community.
For more information, contact:
Whitney McCellan, executive
director (248) 347-4622 or
wmcnc@yaho.com. For event
listings: www.greaternovitcham-
ber.com.
Sales Leads Group 1
TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m.,
second and fourth Thursday of
the month
LOCATION: Hooter's of Novi
DETAILS: Serious network-
ing; no fee.
CONTACT: Michelle Winn at
(248) 835-3754

Arts at Andiamo
TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Friday
LOCATION: Andiamo, on the
Patio, 42705 Grand River
DETAILS: This event is open
to the community and will fea-
ture the work of four local artists
on exhibit and available for sale;
raffles, hors d'oeuvres.
GNCC Office After Hours
TIME/DATE: 4-6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 23
LOCATION: Eaton Center
Complex, 43390 W. Ten Mile
Road
DETAILS: Financial Planning
and Investments hosted by Novi
Family Dental, The Diederich
Agency and GNCC; outdoor bar-
becue, refreshments and raffle.
Novi Chamber of Commerce
The chamber is celebrating 40
years of business, representing
over 500 members. Our mission
is to be a responsible, proactive
advocate of business interests in
the greater Novi area. We are
business and professional people
working together to enhance the
life of our community and the
businesses in it. For more infor-
mation, visit
www.novitchamber.com or con-
tact the chamber office at (248)
349-3743
**Summer School Series "The
ABCs to Achieving Business"**
DETAILS: Co-hosted with the
Lakes Area Chamber of
Commerce. See below.

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

DETAILS: Crafts, food, enter-
tainment and music; rain or
shine.
**Summer School Series "The
ABCs to Achieving Business"**
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1:30
p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28
LOCATION: Walled Lake
Educational Center, 850 Ladd
Road, Building D; enter from
Maple Road
DETAILS: Grow your business
with the author of "Networking
Your Way to \$100,000 and
Beyond": August 28 "Five Keys to
Retaining Clients and Getting
Referrals" presented by Mark
Raymond; \$30 per class or \$60
for entire series.
CONTACT: Register at Lakes
Chamber (248) 624-2826 or Novi
Chamber (248) 349-3743
Kelley-Fisk Farm Festival
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 8-9
DETAILS: Fun for everyone,
entertainment, crafts (booths
open 9 a.m.), corn roast, bake
sale, rummage sale, pony rides,
antique cars, and more; \$1 dona-
tion includes door prize ticket,
five and under fee.
LACC Fall Golf Outing
DATE: Friday, September 14
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
daily or by appointment

Line Dancing
DATE: Monday and Friday
TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. begin-
ners; 7:30-9:30 p.m. intermedi-
ate
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center,
45175 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: No partner needed
for lessons; pay-as-you-go pro-
gram; Novi residents \$5; non-
residents \$6.
Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks
Independent Living Residence,
Licensed Assisted Living,
Licensed Memory Care
LOCATION: 27475 Huron
Circle (adjacent to Twelve Oaks
Mall)
CONTACT: (248) 735-1500
Open House
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
daily or by appointment

Book Discussion Group
TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third
Tuesday of each month
DETAILS: Drop in for informal
discussion; bring a bag lunch;
check with library for current
book selection.
Wixom Public Library
LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac
Trail, Wixom
HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5
p.m. Friday-Saturday, Closed
Sunday.
CONTACT: (248) 624-2512
ESL Cafe
TIME/DATE: 3:30 p.m.
Thursdays
DETAILS: Coffee and conver-
sation-Improve your English
speaking skills by speaking with
people from other countries, try-
ing to improve their English; no
tests; free. An instructor will
help the group.
CONTACT: Karin at the
Information Desk.
Informal Book Discussions
TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
tonight
DETAILS: Read "The River of
Doubt" by Candice Millard; come
prepared for a stimulating dis-
cussion; for questions call Sheila
or stop by the information desk.
**"Get A Clue" Children's
Summer Reading Clubs**
DETAILS: Children ages 2-10;
everyone enrolled in the Read-10-
Me and Summer Reading Clubs
who reads (or is read to) eight or
more books by August 11 is
invited to the Closing Celebration
on August 14; prizes for reading
one, five and eight books.
Fantastic Fridays
TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m.
Fridays
DETAILS: For ages 2-6, with
an adult; 30 minutes of stories,
songs, crafts and fun; please
register; Friday "Cookies and
Cake".

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

Novi Public Library
LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten
Mile Road
HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5
p.m. Friday and Saturday; closed
Sunday during the summer.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0720
Unless noted below, all pro-
grams take place at the library.
Novi Knitters
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m.
Monday
DETAILS: Drop-in knitters
group, informal, all levels wel-
come; Youth Area.
**"Trim Kids: Helping
Overweight Children"**
TIME/DATE: 7-7:45 p.m.
Tuesday
DETAILS: Please call to regis-
ter for this discussion with Dr.
Lynn Vaughn regarding child-
hood obesity; topics include
nutrition, exercise and the psy-
chological perspective of this
issue. Program is free; for ages
8-14 with parent or caregiver.
Library Board Meeting
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m.
Wednesday
DETAILS: Community mem-
bers welcome and meetings are
broadcast live on cable channel
13.
Walled Lake City Library
LOCATION: 1499 E. West
Maple Road, Walled Lake
CONTACT: (248) 624-3772
**Friends of the Library
Meeting**
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second
Tuesday of each month
Evening Story Hour
TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Thursdays
DETAILS: Drop-in story time
for children ages 3-5.
Classical Music Series
TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first
Tuesday of each month
DETAILS: Enjoy recorded clas-
sics, discussions and refresh-
ments; lasts about 90 minutes.

CLASSES

Previdence Center for the Healing Arts
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer
Center, 47601 Grand River
Avenue, Novi
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455
**Wanted: One-Time Art
Workshop Instructors**
DETAILS: We are looking for
people who have an art or
craft that they would like to
share in our series of one-time
workshops; call (248) 465-
5455 if interested.
Colorful Pencil Workshop
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., sec-
ond Tuesday of every month
DETAILS: The cost is \$2;
beginners welcome.
Ceramics Class
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; 1-5
p.m. Wednesday
DETAILS: There is a \$10
materials fee.
Knit'n' Yarns
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m.
Wednesday
DETAILS: Join others and
create hats and shawls for
those in need.
Tai Chi Class
TIME/DATE: 10:15-11 a.m.
Thursday
DETAILS: Ancient Chinese
exercise used to improve flexi-
bility, balance, strength; no
experience necessary; cost \$5.
Meditation
TIME/DATE: 11:15 a.m.-
12:15 p.m., Thursday
DETAILS: Learn proper
breathing techniques that can
be used at home or on the job
to help reduce stress; class
held in reflection space,
Cancer Center.
Yoga Classes
TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:15 p.m.
Monday (for backs); 5:30-6:30
p.m. Tuesday (strength &
endurance); 11:15 a.m.-12:15
p.m. Wednesday (for backs);
12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday (for
backs)
DETAILS: The cost is \$10
for walk-in; \$80 for 10-class
card; \$70 for seven-week
evening session; registration
required.
Message
TIME/DATE: Various times,
Monday and Thursday
DETAILS: Therapeutic mas-

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

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

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

SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT

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

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

LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library
LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten
Mile Road
HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5
p.m. Friday and Saturday; closed
Sunday during the summer.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0720
Unless noted below, all pro-
grams take place at the library.
Novi Knitters
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m.
Monday
DETAILS: Drop-in knitters
group, informal, all levels wel-
come; Youth Area.
**"Trim Kids: Helping
Overweight Children"**
TIME/DATE: 7-7:45 p.m.
Tuesday
DETAILS: Please call to regis-
ter for this discussion with Dr.
Lynn Vaughn regarding child-
hood obesity; topics include
nutrition, exercise and the psy-
chological perspective of this
issue. Program is free; for ages
8-14 with parent or caregiver.
Library Board Meeting
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m.
Wednesday
DETAILS: Community mem-
bers welcome and meetings are
broadcast live on cable channel
13.
Walled Lake City Library
LOCATION: 1499 E. West
Maple Road, Walled Lake
CONTACT: (248) 624-3772
**Friends of the Library
Meeting**
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second
Tuesday of each month
Evening Story Hour
TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Thursdays
DETAILS: Drop-in story time
for children ages 3-5.
Classical Music Series
TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first
Tuesday of each month
DETAILS: Enjoy recorded clas-
sics, discussions and refresh-
ments; lasts about 90 minutes.

List your event in our calendar!

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

Book Discussion Group
TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third
Tuesday of each month
DETAILS: Drop in for informal
discussion; bring a bag lunch;
check with library for current
book selection.
Wixom Public Library
LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac
Trail, Wixom
HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5
p.m. Friday-Saturday, Closed
Sunday.
CONTACT: (248) 624-2512
ESL Cafe
TIME/DATE: 3:30 p.m.
Thursdays
DETAILS: Coffee and conver-
sation-Improve your English
speaking skills by speaking with
people from other countries, try-
ing to improve their English; no
tests; free. An instructor will
help the group.
CONTACT: Karin at the
Information Desk.
Informal Book Discussions
TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
tonight
DETAILS: Read "The River of
Doubt" by Candice Millard; come
prepared for a stimulating dis-
cussion; for questions call Sheila
or stop by the information desk.
**"Get A Clue" Children's
Summer Reading Clubs**
DETAILS: Children ages 2-10;
everyone enrolled in the Read-10-
Me and Summer Reading Clubs
who reads (or is read to) eight or
more books by August 11 is
invited to the Closing Celebration
on August 14; prizes for reading
one, five and eight books.
Fantastic Fridays
TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m.
Fridays
DETAILS: For ages 2-6, with
an adult; 30 minutes of stories,
songs, crafts and fun; please
register; Friday "Cookies and
Cake".

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

NOVI SENIOR CENTER

Located in the Meadowbrook
Commons Senior Complex,
25075 Meadowbrook Road.
Message offered daily, call for
appointment.
Thursday
9 a.m.: Mixed Golf League
9-11 a.m.: Line Dance-Int.
10-10:45 a.m.: Meditation
Class
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: Line
Dancing-Beg.
noon: Lunch
12-12:15 p.m.: Contract Bridge
1:30-3:30 p.m.: Book
Discussion, "The Poisonwood
Bible," Barbara Kingsolver
1-3 p.m.: Computer Lab
2:30-3:30 p.m.: Line Dance
cancelled
Friday
9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength
10 a.m.: Body Recall
noon: Lunch
12:30 p.m.: Dupl. Bridge can-
celled
1 p.m.: Bingo
Monday
8:45 a.m.: Men's Golf
9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength
10 a.m.: Body Recall
11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Computer Lab
noon: Lunch
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
1 p.m.: "Opening New Doors",
Dr. Michael Meyer
Tuesday
8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread
9-11 a.m.: Line Dance
Intermediate
10 a.m.: Asian Pacific
11 a.m.-noon: Computer Lab
noon: Lunch
12:30-3 p.m.: Focus Hope
1 p.m.: Bingo
1-3 p.m.: "Ask The Lawyer" by
appointment



■ Deadline: Must be
received by noon on Monday
to be published in the
Thursday edition
Call (248) 349-1700 for
additional information.

Wednesdays
9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength
moved to Civic Center
8:15 a.m.: Women's Golf
League
10 a.m.: Body Recall canceled
11 a.m.: Take Off Pounds
Sensibly: Blood Pressure can-
celled; Computer Lab until 2 p.m.
11:30 a.m.: Beginning
Clogging
noon: Lunch
noon: "Old Fashion Summer
Time Picnic" advance tickets
required
12:30 p.m.: Club Clogging
6:30 p.m.: Clogging
Beg/Esasy/Int
7:30 p.m.: Club Clogging

SUPPORT GROUPS

**Neighborhood Baby-sitting
Co-op**
DETAILS: Using the co-op,
you and your children can make
friends and get what you need
accomplished without the little
ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's
right out and other special
events.
CONTACT: Sue Tracz (248)
390-0998

Friendship Circle
DATE: Second Thursday of
each month
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: St. James
Catholic Church, 46325 N. 10 Mile
Road, between Taft and Beck
Road
DETAILS: Social group for all
widows and widowers.
CONTACT: Norbert Monson
(248) 851-6730; Florence
Voight (248) 477-3032; Joy
Iovadi (248) 348-9138 or joyi-
valdi@earthlink.net

ANGELA HOSPICE GROUPS

DETAILS: Grief support
groups include general grief,
loss of a spouse, women's grief,
parents who have lost a child
and a grief support quilters
group. All groups are led by
bereavement professionals and
trained volunteers.
LOCATION: Angela Hospice
Care Center, 14100 Newburgh
Road, Livonia
CONTACT: Joan Lee (734)
953-6012
**General Grief Support
Groups**
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30
p.m. second and fourth Tuesday
of month
DETAILS: Open to all losses.
**Loss of Spouse/Significant
Other Support Group**
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. first
Tuesday of month
Men in Grief
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m.
fourth Monday of month
**Suicide Loss Support
Services**
DETAILS: Individual and family
services offered free for those
who have lost a loved one
through suicide; call (734) 484-
7810 for more information.
**Heartstrings: Parents Who
Have Lost a Child**
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first
Thursday of month
Grief Support Quilters' Group
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and
third Wednesday of month
DETAILS: Register by calling
(734) 953-6012

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

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

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

FAITH

**Meadowbrook
Congregational**
LOCATION: 21355
Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: Rev. Ed
Williamham, Interim Minister
(248) 348-7757 or visit
www.mbcc.org or
gmcc@arondetroit.biz
Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.
**Interested in the Catholic
Church?**
CONTACT: Maria at (248) 349-
8847 or
spiritwalker001@aol.com

First Baptist Church of Novi

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

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

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

St. James Catholic

LOCATION: 46325 N. 10 Mile
Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778
Mass Schedule
TIME/DATE: 8, 9:30 and 11:30
a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-
Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5
p.m. Saturday
Novi United Methodist
LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652
Sunday Worship

St. Paul Lutheran

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

Novi Toastmasters
DATE: First and third Tuesday
of each month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
Activities Room, 45175 W. 10
Mile Road
TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.
DETAILS: Toastmasters will
help you improve your commu-
nication skills, voice your opin-
ion, polish your presentations and
practice leadership.
CONTACT: Colleen (248) 685-
9228

**Kensington Valley Mothers
of Multiples**
DATES: Second Thursday of
each month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Witch's Hat
Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South
Lyons
DETAILS: This group provides
information, support and social
activities for mothers of multiple
birth children and their families.
Mothers of multiples living in
and around the Kensington
Valley school conference are all
welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 437-5496
for more information.

Breast Cancer Support Group

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

Crohn's & Colitis Support Group

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

Heartland Hospice Volunteers Needed

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

MOMS CLUB OF NOVI

DATE: First Thursday of each
month

Alzheimer's

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

The Baba'l Faith

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last Saturday of every month
LOCATION: 23803 Ripple Creek St., Novi
 DETAILS: This Devotional Gathering is focused on prayers for peace. People of all faiths welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 473-0555 or visit www.usbaha.org

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Single Place Ministries
 DETAILS: Thursday evenings, 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program; \$5
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Walking Group

TIME: 11:30 a.m. Saturdays
LOCATION: First, second and fourth Saturday, Big Apple Bagel Shop, 2334 Farmington Road, Farmington; Third Saturday, Panera Bread Co., 34635 Grand River Ave., Farmington
 DETAILS: This is a walking/social group. Everyone is invited.

St. John Lutheran

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

Faith Community Presbyterian

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

Gracepointe Presbyterian

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

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

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

HEALTH

Exercises and Techniques in Stress Reduction

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

ONGOING

SWOCC Studio Tours

LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington
 DETAILS: Come in for an up-close look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studios local community television studio.
CONTACT: Melissa Cohn (248) 473-2840

Gardeners of Northville and Novi

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

ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE

46100 Grand River Ave. Call (248) 348-5900 or visit <http://rockfinancialshowplace.com> for more information.
My Favorite Bead Show
TIME/DATE: noon-6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2
 DETAILS: \$6 admission, \$5 parking, children under 16 free with paid adult, no strollers.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

And The Winner Is ...

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

CLASS REUNIONS

Novi High School Reunion Class of 1987

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

Roseville High School Class of 1972

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 15
DETAILS: Visit www.roseville72.com for more information.
CONTACT: Gail Williams-Straughen, (586) 247-8087 or

Detroit Cody High School Class of 1957

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

Roseville72-Reunion@yahoo.com

Walled Lake High School Classes of 1967, 68 and 69

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

Detroit Mackenzie High School Class of 1957

DATE: Friday, Oct. 19
TIME: 6:30 p.m. to midnight
LOCATION: Radisson, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia
DETAILS: The cost is \$75 per person. Mail M. vonGlinn, 20997 Cass Road, Novi, MI 48375 for tickets. The deadline is Sept. 30. Note: The reunion committee is looking for classmates from the class of 1957.
CONTACT: June Class-Marj

\$90 per person; includes dinner, open bar, memory book, champagne toast and more; register early as seating is limited.
CONTACT: Loretta Neswick at (800) 859-9502 or foret@wideopenwest.com

Storch at marj.storch@stglobe.com; Mary Middleton at rmwonglaln@aol.com; Susan (Simon) Geraci (248) 697-9429 or vinzgeraci1@yahoo.com; January Class: Eleanor Locke at elocke@aol.com or Dick Bobbington at rbobb@roseville72.com.

GOLF OUTINGS

Brighton Hospital Annual Golf Classic

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

LET'S TALK WITH **GARY S. WEINSTEIN** JEWELRY GEMOLOGIST

THE FINISHED PRODUCT
 One of the best ways for the average consumer to judge the quality of a piece of jewelry is to look at the back of the piece. If it is nicely finished on the back and sides, there is every chance that the piece is well constructed. On the other hand, if there are signs of roughness, porosity, excess solder, or poorly soldered joints, it is likely that the piece is not worthy of consideration. High quality pieces have a smooth, polished finish throughout, even the areas behind the gemstones. When evaluating jewelry, consumers should not automatically assume that high price is indicative of high quality. Ask the jeweler how the workmanship and inherent value of the materials justify the price.
 It's not hard to find the best jewelry. You'll always find the quality, design, fairness, and integrity you expect and deserve in a jeweler when you shop with us at WEINSTEIN JEWELERS. We know these qualities are as important to you as they are to us. They are the reasons we continue to answer the jewelry needs of our community here in Novi. You'll find a magnificent array of fine jewelry at 41900 Grand River Ave., something for everyone. Ph. (248) 347-0363.
 All customers bring in your original appraisal from Western Jewelers and receive a FREE Appraisal Update!
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 P.S. The karat value of the gold is not necessarily an indication of the quality of a piece of jewelry.

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OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

STRESS FRACTURES

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

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

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

www.northvillephysicalrehab.com

Midsummer Night's Flights

Wednesday nights from 6:00 - 8:00pm at Mezza Mediterranean Grille in Novi From July 18 through August 22

- Sample a set of wines (~5) with hors d'oeuvres
- Learn about interesting wines from BTE representatives
- A new selection every week
- Enjoy summer evenings on Mezza's deck
- Featured wines can be ordered at special pricing that night

Price: \$20 per person plus tax & gratuity

No reservations or advance tickets required.
 Mezza: 42050 Grand River, Novi, between Novi & Meadowbrook roads

For details on this week's wines... call: **By the Bottle** 248-344-8992 visit: www.bythebottle.com

BY THE BOTTLE Mezza MEDITERRANEAN GRILLE

visit www.northvillemustangs.com

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16th Annual Fall Golf Scramble

DATE: Friday, Sept. 14
TIME: 9 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. shotgun start
LOCATION: Brentwood Golf Club, 2450 Havenwood, White Lake
DETAILS: 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch at turn, prime rib dinner, contest, awards, hole-in-one contest, and prizes. \$95 per golfer paid by Sept. 7. \$105 after Sept. 7. Hosted by Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce.

Old Village & Cooke Schools Golf Fundraiser

DATE: Saturday, September 29
LOCATION: St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth
DETAILS: All proceeds benefit handicapped students from 17 districts in Wayne County, supporting music therapy and art programs, leisure and recreation program, special events, student equipment needs. Hole sponsorships and donations needed. Golf and dinner \$100 per person; dinner only \$30; hole sponsor \$100, contest sponsor \$50; raffle/door prize donors needed, any value. Make checks payable to Old Village School, deadline Sept. 12.
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TIME/DATE: 6 p.m.-midnight, Friday
LOCATION: Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia
DETAILS: Evening includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dessert, dancing, live performance by Ultra Violet, 21 and over, open bar, silent auction, raffle for a \$2,000 necklace and a jersey, \$75 per person; please register by Aug. 1; information and forms available at www.northvillemustangs.com; proceeds benefit the Northville High School Football Program.
CONTACT: Barb Eckhout or

Northville Book Club

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24
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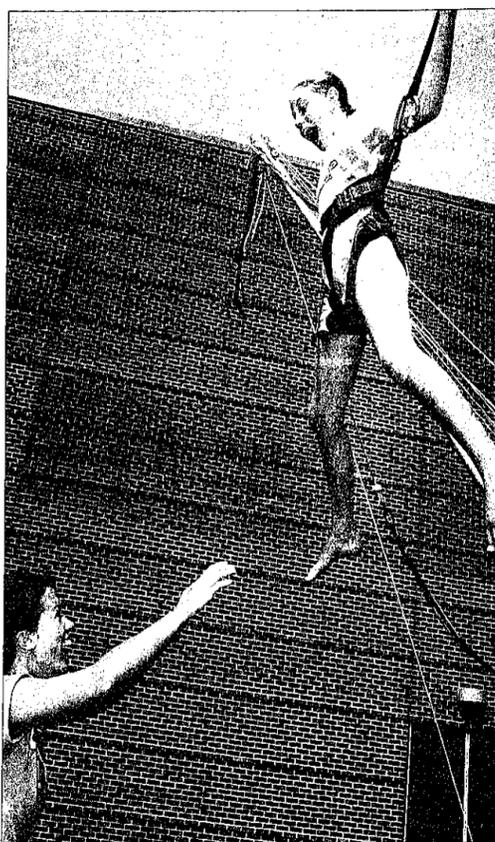


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Hi Flying!

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

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TAKE THE FIELD

Football practice begins for Michigan high school teams

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Football is flying all over the state of Michigan.

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

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

Wildcats

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

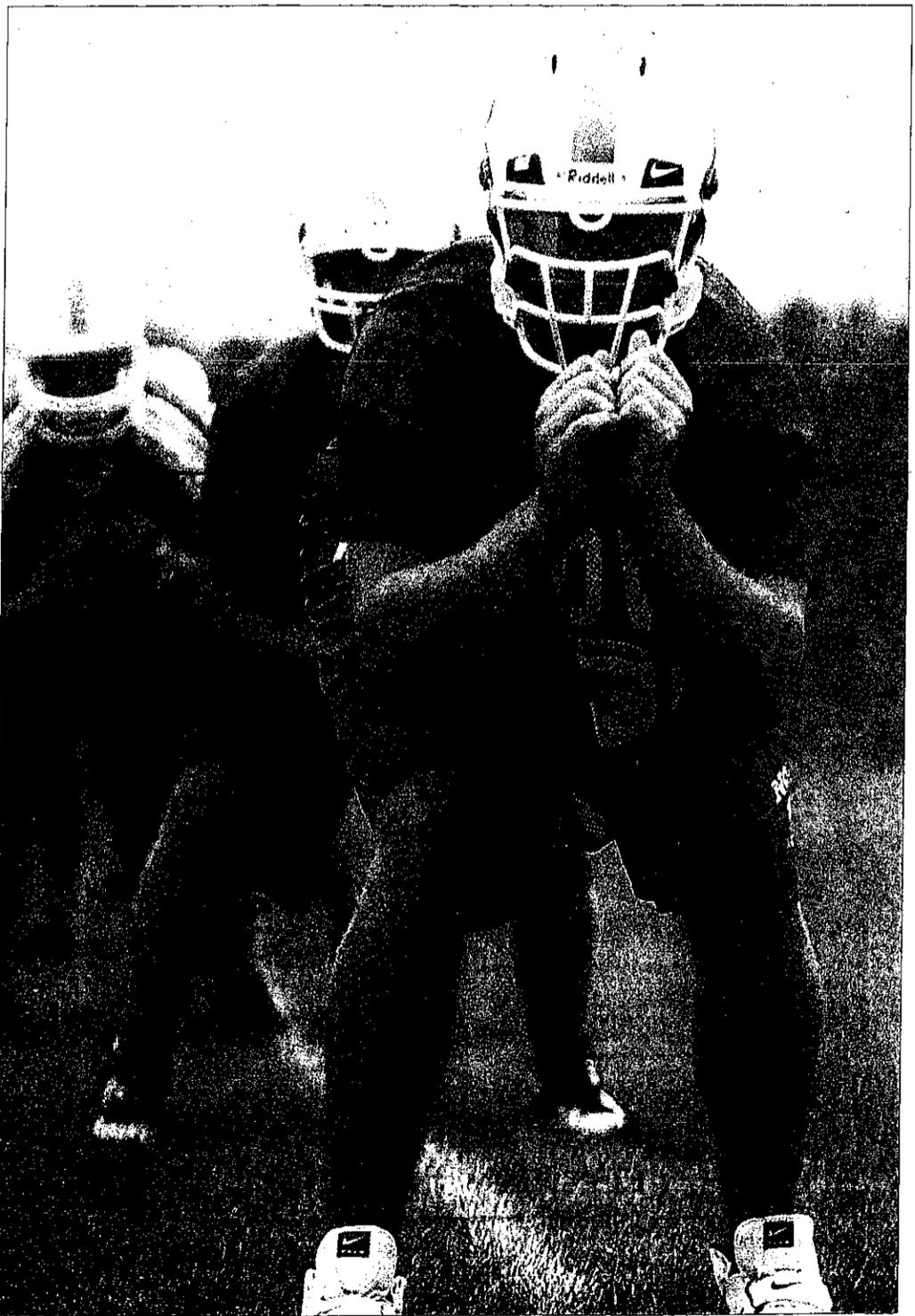
Shamrocks

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

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

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

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



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

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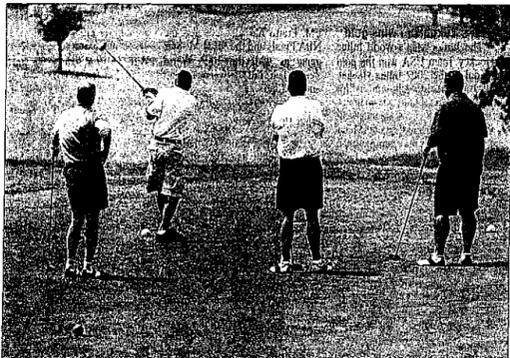
Jon deAngelis tees off at the Links of Novi while playing with a team from Novi's Gus O'Connor's.



A golfer tees off at the first hole of the Links west course during the third annual Tom Holzer Ford/Novi Parks Foundation golf outing.



Jerry Jewel, left, and David Paul get ready to tee off at the Links of Novi during the Novi Parks Foundation golf outing.



A group tees off in the afternoon at last week's Novi Parks Foundation golf outing at the Links of Novi.



Novi Wildcat ballcarriers jump through an obstacle course during Monday morning's season-opening practice session.

■ PRACTICE: High school teams take to the fields

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coaches are teaching to about 65 players, a number much more manageable.

"We put a little more emphasis in the offense with making your workouts," Mach said. "It's kind of worked out better (less guys). It's a much more manageable group."

Mach doesn't waste any time getting things rolling. Despite the no-contact conditions, he's already working on drills, basic techniques and working in plays.

"You want them to be able to do it before they actually get hit doing it," said Mach with a laugh. "We're trying to get as many reps in to as many people as we can, take a look at them and see who has the potential to play their positions."

Mustangs

Northville head coach Ryan Hockman returns a workload of appreciation from last year's

team that struggled to hang with senior-laden opponents.

The team isn't necessarily the biggest on the block, but the experience and knowledge of the program are sure to help Hockman and his assistants get things rolling quickly.

"The best thing in our case is we've got so many more seniors that we've had," Hockman said. "There's a big difference between juniors and seniors. Having more seniors is a big difference."

Having the players out allows the coaches to finally know exactly who they have to work with, but they won't know everything until the pads come out.

"It's dancing until you put the pads on," Hockman said. "We can find out who the players really are (in pads)."

Hockman said the offense is a little further along than the defense with a full load of receivers, three starting offensive linemen and a quarterback that sees significant playing time — all returning.

The beginning of the day is a bunch of clerical work, dispensing equipment, getting the names down and taking care of the physical cards, but getting on the field was the best part for Hockman.

"I told the players, 'I was driving in this morning, and I was thinking I have to do this, this and this,'" Hockman said. "But then I thought, shoot, this is football. This is great."

First game

The learning curve has to go pretty quick for all high school teams. After today, teams have two weeks of practice before taking the field for their first game.

The Northville Mustangs open up at home against South Lyon. The Novi Wildcats start on the road at Farmington High. Catholic Central starts at home against Detroit Southeast.

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Champs!

On Saturday, July 21st, 12 members of the fifth grade Novi CATS Travel Basketball Teams participated in a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament in Hartland. In all, 10 teams consisting of four boys each from the Tri-County Travel Basketball League participated. The three Novi Teams were made up of the following boys:

The Blue Team: Austin Beyer, Alex Warner, Sam Li and Nicky Cox. The Green Team: Nick Zugaro, Grant Cox, Jay Kim and Jonathan Bain. The White Team: Mark Ghamnam, Tomo Hotta, Tyler Whitehead and Charlie Ryan. Pictured are the Green Team with their tournament medals — front row, from left, Grant Cox, Jonathan Bain, Nick Zugaro and Jay Kim. Second row: Coach Jim Cox, coach Michael Zugaro and coach Todd Beyer.



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Runner-up!

The 14U Novi Inferno Baseball Team took the runner-up trophy at The Charlotte Invitational this weekend to cap off a tremendous ending of the 2007 season. They beat Bath Michigan and Michigan Crush to get to the final where they fell to a very competitive Livonia Travel Team. The team was led by Coaches Tim Rush, Rob Reilly, Dean Massab, Wayne Probst and Terry Neyens. Bottom row, from left: Justin Rush, Alec Latin, Alex Davis, Jake Rosenberg and Ryan Probst. Top row: Coach Rob Reilly, coach Tim Rush, Zack Masserant, Josh Massab, Matt Neyens, Dakota Budde, Steve Ratkowiak, Austin Werthelmer, Jon Fields and coach Dean Massab. Not Pictured: Masahiro Mizuno, Tommy Goers, coaches Wayne Probst and Terry Neyens.

Sport Shorts

Novi's Yokubson wins gold

The Junior Men's World Inline Hockey Team USA won the gold medal in the 2007 Inline Hockey Junior World Championships played in Dusseldorf, Germany on July 29. Team USA defeated Czech Republic in the Gold Medal game. Three of the team members are from the Detroit area: Jason Yokubson (Novi); Colin Sipperly (Walled Lake); and Jon Tavoglia (Macomb Township).

Remaining team members are from throughout the United States. All team members are 23 years old and younger and had to attend tryouts held at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO, last November.

FM, Fratto has also covered the NBA Finals and the MLB All-Star game as well the 2006 World Series last fall between Detroit and St. Louis.

Novi Heat

The Novi Heat travel baseball team is holding tryouts for the 2008 team. Kids 9-14 can tryout 9-11 a.m. Aug. 18 at Community Sports Park (Eight Mile and Napier). In case of bad weather, the tryouts will be moved to Sunday. For more information, go to www.noviyouthbaseball.org or tomc@palmermoving.com.

Novi Tastefest

The Novi athletic boosters invite everyone for the "ultimate tailgate" at the Sept. 21 home football game. Several restaurants will offer their specialties from 3 p.m. to halftime. All proceeds will benefit Novi High School. Tickets will be available for purchase for use with the food vendors of choice. For more information, contact Marianne Mikkelson at (248) 921-9163.

Youth Baseball Camp

The Northville baseball coaches, along with former players in the minors or Division I, will hold

a camp for kids entering the sixth grade and younger, 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 18-19 at the varsity fields. To Pre register, contact coach Bill Flohr at pflohr1@aiglobal.net or (248) 761-9694.

Northville Alumni Race

The Northville cross country teams will host an Alumni Cross Country Race 9 a.m. Aug. 18 at Cass Benton. This is an opportunity for all alumni cross country runners and Northville High School alumni to come back and race at the home course. Contact girls coach Nancy Smith at nsmith@northville.k12.mi.us for more info.

Novi's Fratto returns to Lions postgame shows

Novi's Bernie Fratto will once again be a part of the Detroit Lions broadcast team, co-hosting the postgame shows following Lions games on 97.1 FM. In addition, he will assist on pre-game shows, coaches shows and file reports from Lion's Headquarters in Allen Park.

"It is a privilege to be back in this role," Fratto states, "working with some of the best talent in the business and being part of a first class organization is a responsibility that I hold in high regard." During his tenure with 97.1

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Add FLAIR to Your BBQ With Vegetarian Fare

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

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

Celebrity chef and cookbook author Curtis Aikens uses a variety of vegetables, like peas, peppers, portobello, corn and zucchini, to create delicious vegetarian fare. He also uses mushrooms in addition to beef on his menu.

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

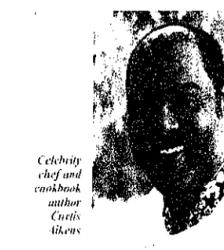
Chef Aikens suggests a large combination of fresh baby spinach, tomatoes, cheese, garlic, basil and olive oil to dress up grilled vegetables. Think in Parmesan sandwiches. Bring some paella to the party with his colorful vegetarian dish that uses vegetable stock as a flavorful base. Looking for a refreshing twist on a traditional wrap?

Chef Aikens recommends creating a zesty marinade of marinated vegetables with other steps of *Morningstar Farms* Spicy Black Bean Veggie Burgers or Garden Veggie Patties and wrapping them in a flour tortilla.

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



Chef Aikens' Party Paella



Celebrity chef and cookbook author Curtis Aikens

Chef Aikens' Party Paella

- Prep Time: 15 minutes
Time to Table: 35 minutes
Makes: 12 cups, 8 servings
- 2 cups finely chopped fresh green beans
 - 1 1/2 cups chopped onion
 - 4 cloves garlic, minced
 - 4 teaspoons olive oil or vegetable oil
 - 4 cups vegetable broth or reduced-sodium chicken broth
 - 2 cups chopped tomatoes
 - 2 cups long grain rice
 - 1 teaspoon paprika
 - 1 teaspoon ground turmeric
 - 1 8-ounce package *Morningstar Farms Meal Starters Chik'n Strips*

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

Grilled Rustic Roll-Up

- Prep Time: 15 minutes
Time to Table: 30 minutes
Makes: 8 servings
- 2 small yellow summer squash (3 to 4 ounces each)
 - 1 medium eggplant (about 12 ounces)
 - 3 1/2-inch-thick onion slices
 - 1/2 cup reduced-sodium soy sauce
 - 1/2 cup orange juice
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil or vegetable oil
 - 4 *Morningstar Farms Garden Veggie Patties* (with more veggies) or *Morningstar Farms Spicy Black Bean Veggie Burgers* (with roasted corn)
 - 8 9-inch flour tortillas, warmed
 - 2 cups chopped romaine lettuce
 - 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese with peppers (2 ounces)

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

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

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

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

Pollo Pomodoro Panini

- Prep Time: 15 minutes
Time to Table: 25 minutes
Makes: 4 servings
- 2 tablespoons finely shredded or grated Parmesan cheese
 - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
 - 1 1/4-inch-thick slices firm-textured tomato
 - 1 8- to 9-inch focaccia, cut into fourths and split horizontally
 - 2 teaspoons olive oil
 - 4 *Morningstar Farms Chik Patties Original*
 - 4 slices mozzarella cheese (about 1 ounce each) (optional)
 - 1 cup baby spinach leaves

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

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

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Dancin' the night away

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

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

If there were ever a model for a one-stop dance and fitness facility, it would probably look a lot like the Mid American Studio of Farmington Hills. Located inconspicuously at 24425 Indoplex Circle, among the many industrial and manufacturing buildings, Mid American Studio stands out from its competitors both by the services it offers and the convenience it brings to children, adults, and families who are interested in learning various dance disciplines, fitness workouts, and a healthier lifestyle.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

—Danielle Adam
Director and Instructor

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

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

There are many factors that affect a window's energy efficiency. Whether they are single- or double-paned, gas filled, Low-Emitance (Low-E) coated, and even the material of the window frame all contribute to a window's performance. Online resources such as www.efficientwindows.org provide detailed information on these specifications and how to select windows appropriate for various climates. An experienced window contractor can also be a good source of information and recommendations.



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Homeowners should check with their local utility to find out about possible rebates and other incentives for the purchase of new, energy-efficient windows. Of course, replacing windows is not always a viable option. There are steps homeowners can take to improve their energy savings without replacing windows. Making sure windows are properly caulked, keeping weather stripping in good repair, and using storm windows will help. Window coverings are another good way to reduce heat loss in winter and avoid overheating in summer.

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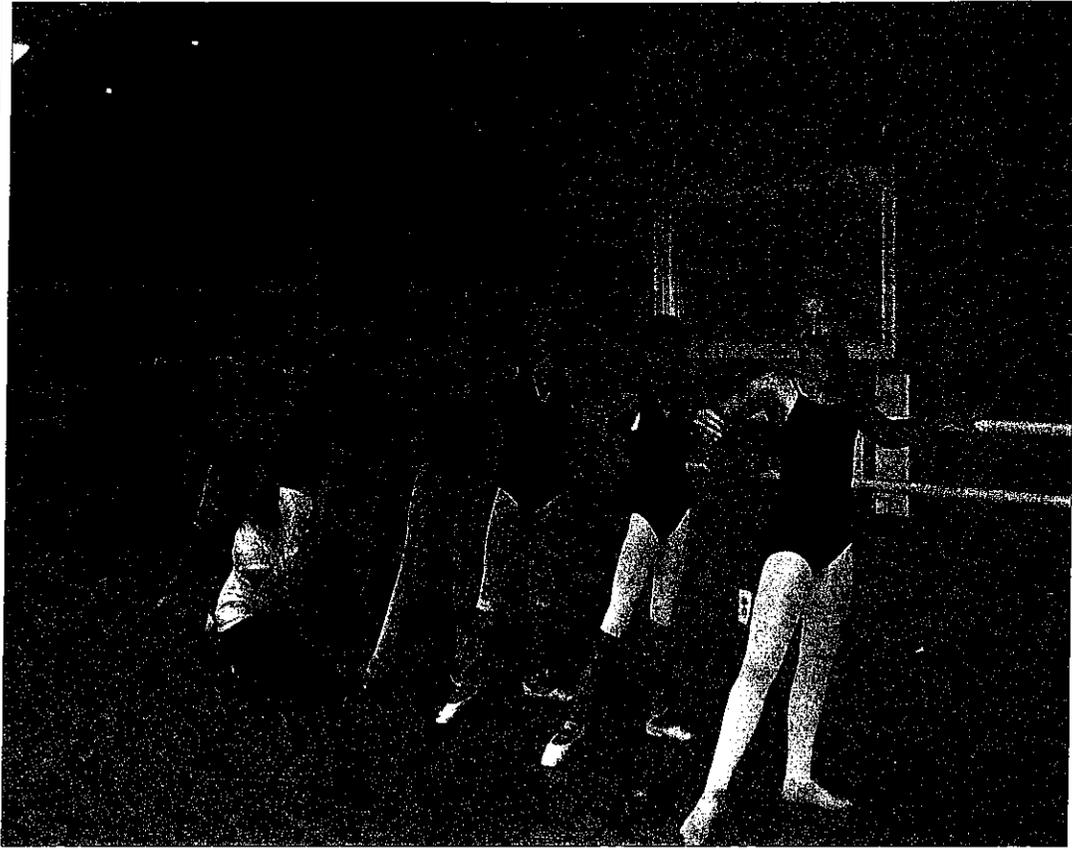


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Young ballet students receive instruction in one of four themed studios at Karen's School of Dance in Highland.

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

By Sally Rummel
SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

Maureen "Moe" Hoyer and receptionist is Nancy Moffitt.

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

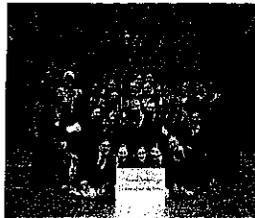
Her love of dancing, which began when she was only 2½ years old, was what turned this passion into her lifelong career.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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