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Capello's onward journey, open seat



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"Team Capello" joins Kim Capello, far left, in celebrating his primary victory. Capello advanced to the Nov. 4 election, which he also won. The current Mayor Pro Tem will take over Hugh Crawford's County Commissioner seat in January, leaving a vacant city council seat.

Councilman: It's time for me to go

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

As Novi City Councilman Kim Capello prepares for his journey to Pontiac, the Novi resident and business owner is leaving behind an empty seat at the council table.

"It's time for me to go," said Capello, who has served a combined 15 years on the council and Planning Commission. "I'm leaving Novi in great hands."

According to unofficial election results, the current mayor pro tem won 13,936 votes in Tuesday's election for Oakland County commissioner of the 9th District, which includes most of Novi and the Oakland County portion of Northville.

Election results are unofficial. "Personally, I'm just looking to learn about a different level of government," Capello said. "But it's definitely going to be hard. I've worked so hard and we've worked as a team." After seven years on the council, Capello is terminating his position one year shy of its tenure.

"When there is an open seat on council, the rest of council will vote for who will fill in for the remainder of Kim's term," said Novi Mayor David Landry. "Whoever is appointed to his seat, will have to run next fall."

Landry said anybody who lives in the City of Novi, and is of voting age, can apply for the interim position. Members of council will hold public interviews of the candidates.

"It's totally a majority rule of City Council," he said, meaning a candidate must receive four votes to be appointed.

Landry anticipates Capello will be involved in the interviewing process, but said council will probably not vote on a replacement until January, when Capello is officially sworn in as Oakland County commissioner.

"We will not vote on his replacement while he's here," Landry said.

As mayor, Landry will have the sole responsibility to appoint a new mayor pro tem.

Although Capello said his departure is bittersweet, he hopes his replacement will be compatible with the current



PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER/NOVI NEWS

Oakland County Commissioner candidate, Kim Cappello greets a voter as he enters the Novi Civic Center on Tuesday afternoon.

city council and courteous and polite at the council table.

Vying for an open seat

Although there is no prerequisite to serve on Novi's

City Council, past and present members have a history of serving on various boards and commissions, such as the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Landry, Capello and Councilman Andrew Mutch all served on Planning Commission, and Councilman

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NOVI ELECTION RESULTS

The following vote totals are unofficial totals for how residents of Novi voted. Overall winners are denoted with a ☑

U.S. PRESIDENT
John McCain (R) 13,263
☑ Barack Obama (D) 14,394

U.S. SENATE
☑ Carl Levin (D) (I) 15,260
Jack Hoagwood's (R) 10,952

U.S. HOUSE 11TH DISTRICT
Joseph W. Latta (R) 10,862
☑ Phaedra McCotter (D) (I) 14,473

STATE HOUSE 38TH DISTRICT
Chuck Tiedahl (R) 10,904
☑ Hugh Crawford (R) 14,694

STATE PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 65-1
A legislative initiative to permit the use and cultivation of marijuana for specified medical conditions
☑ Yes 17,227
No 9,665

PROPOSAL 65-2
A proposal to amend the state constitution to address human embryo and human embryonic stem cell research in Michigan
☑ Yes 16,474
No 10,489

52ND DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
☑ Brian MacKoske 14,270

COUNTY COMMISSION

Kim Capello (R) 12,775
Karen Zyckowski (D) 8,871

OAKLAND COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Brenda Lawrence (D) 9,373
☑ L. Brooks Patterson (R) (I) 14,835

OAKLAND COUNTY PROSECUTOR
☑ Jessica Cooper (D) 11,358
David Lam (R) 13,324

OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF
Jane Bondreau (D) 8,856
☑ Michael Bouchard (R) (I) 17,114

OAKLAND COUNTY CLERK
Sheila Smith (D) 10,573
☑ Ruth Johnson (R) (I) 13,479

OAKLAND COUNTY TREASURER
☑ Andy Weiser (D) 10,558
Paul Bohay (R) 13,468

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Brett Nicholson (D) 10,919
☑ John P. McCulloch (R) (I) 13,575

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☑ Dennis O'Connor 7,866
Karl Winkler 5,677

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Novi residents elect local Republicans, Democratic president

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

Of the 36,320 registered voters in the City of Novi, unofficial election results revealed 28,139 residents voted in Tuesday's highly anticipated presidential election.

Although historically, Novi is a primarily Republican community, 51 percent of voters elected Democratic Party candidate Barack Obama as president of the United States.

"I was surprised by it," said Hugh Crawford, Republican Party candidate for state representative. "I just think a number of people were upset with the president and Republicans in

general, and they wanted something different."

Still, local Republican Party candidates were victorious in the City of Novi with Crawford receiving 14,694 votes for state representative of the 38th District, which includes Novi, the Oakland County-portion of Northville, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Wixom and Walled Lake.

Kim Capello captured 12,775 votes in the race for Oakland County Commissioner of the 9th District, which includes most of Novi and the Oakland County-portion of Northville.

"We did keep a majority of Republican seats at the county level," Crawford said. "But I'm



PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER/NOVI NEWS

Two residents of Novi's Fox Run Village cast their ballots at the community's Belmont Manor Clubhouse Tuesday morning.

going to be in the minority (at the state level). I'll have to learn a different way to approach things and get things done, but I'm

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The message is clear: Residents support Novi Community Schools district

Bagdady, O'Connor victorious

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL
STAFF WRITER



Bagdady O'Connor

The message voters were spreading at the polls Tuesday was clear: We care about our school district.

Voters of school-age children, college graduates and no children at all said they were voting in the Novi Community Schools district Board of Education race.

"I'm going to buy a house in Novi, so it is very important,"

community like Novi. Novi resident Rhonda McDougal agrees maintaining a successful school district is paramount.

"I just think it helps with the property values and services provided by the community," she said. McDougal said she did her research before heading to the polls, including the school district Board of Education race, and went through the entire ballot.

Some voters admitted they skipped the school board question, but most polled

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Husband-father left country following triple murder

BY KELLY MURAD
 STAFF WRITER

Investigators confirmed the husband and father of the three victims found murdered in their Novi home Oct. 27 fled the country shortly after the crimes were committed.

The exact whereabouts of Lakshminivasa Rao Nerusu, 42, remain unknown, but the Novi Police Department is working with several national and international law enforcement agencies to locate him, reports said.

"We believe he has fled back to India," Novi Police Chief David Molloy said of the Indian native.

Nerusu is wanted for the murder of his 37-year-old wife, Jayalakshmi Nerusu, 14-year-old daughter, Tejasvi Nerusu, and 12-year-old son, Siva Kumar Nerusu.

The Novi Police Department received a three-count arrest warrant for Nerusu, who was originally identified as a person of interest in the investigation, from the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office for murder in the first degree. A charge of murder in the first degree includes premeditation and deliberation. If convicted, Nerusu faces life in prison with no possibility of parole.

Nerusu's brother contacted police the morning of Oct. 27 when he had not heard from the family in several days. Officers went to the home, located in the Westford Townhomes at 13 Mile and Novi roads, and discovered the bodies in multiple areas throughout the home, Molloy said.

According to police, edged weapons such as knives were used in the triple homicide and the cause of death was extensive head and neck trauma, determined by the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office.

Police have determined when the homicides occurred, but are not releasing the information pending the ongoing investigation.

"We believe it is someone who knew the victims," he said in a press conference Oct. 28, noting there was no sign of forced entry and the home was locked when officers arrived.

Although Molloy said Nerusu has no documented criminal history of domestic abuse, police believe he has been unemployed and said the family vehicle was recently repossessed.

Neighbors of the family said the Nerusis moved into the townhouse on Wharton Court three or four months ago, but kept to themselves.

According to a source in India, Nerusu came to the United States 16 years ago. Molloy said there is evidence the family lived in Texas and Illinois, prior to coming to Novi, and is unsure of what brought them to Michigan.

Anyone with information regarding Nerusu's whereabouts is asked to contact the Novi Police Department at (248) 348-7100. This is the first homicide in the City of Novi since 2003.

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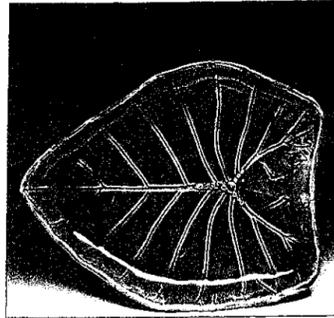
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First Friday Art, Fashion Walk to feature holiday market, sculpture and tie-dye

Shops to stay open until 9 p.m.

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

With the holidays just around the corner, what better time to start shopping than during tomorrow's First Friday Art & Fashion Walk? Sponsored by the Northville Central Business Association, the 6-9 p.m. event will feature sculpture, a Holiday Art Market, tie-dyed clothing and more. At the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St., the 4th Annual Northville Holiday Art Market kicks off and runs through Dec. 21. Featured items include hand-crafted works in glass, pottery, fiber and jewelry as well as paintings by some of the area's most-talented artists, including Jan Robb, Paula and Charlie Shoulders, Kathleen Porter, Jan Sadowski, Mike Mulren and Christine Lagness. These local artists have been asked



Elephant Ear Platter by Jan Robb.

to supply unique items priced for holiday gift giving. Refreshments will be provided from 6-9 p.m. during tomorrow's opening reception. Regular Art House hours are from 1-5 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. For more information, call (248) 344-0497. The Art House is one block south of Main Street, two blocks west

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A native of Cleveland, she has always excelled in art, especially drawing. After winning several awards for artwork in high school, Latour decided to study fine art at Eastern Michigan University, where she learned various drawing and painting techniques, with an emphasis on the human figure. She earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts and an art education teaching certification in 2000. She received her master's degree in the art of teaching from Marygrove College in 2003. Latour has also taught art to elementary school students at Willow Run Community Schools in Ypsilanti since 2000.

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At the Dancing Eye Gallery, 101 N. Center St., owners of the Brightly Twisted company in Commerce Township have brought their fun and funky clothing. Created by artists Greg Stemas and Tammy Bourque, Brightly Twisted is a unique line specializing in hand-dyed garments, commonly referred to as "tie-dye." Using fiber-reactive dye on trend-conscious garments, they personally design every piece, result-



Sunflower Girl by Black Cat Pottery.



Square Girigo Plate by Jan Robb.

OTHER VENUES TO EXPLORE

Several of Northville's stores will stay open until 9 p.m. during the First Friday event. Participating shops include Northville Gallery, 123 E. Main St.; The Tom James Gallery of Fine Art, 117 E. Main St.; Brian Blues, 114 W. Main St.; Penderton, 117 N. Center St.; Lori's Shoes & Accessories, 142 N. Center St.; Old Press Chic, 114 E. Cady St.; Orin Jewellers, 101 E. Main St.; Fine Threads, 105 E. Main St.; Yan Dan's Boutique, 111 E. Main St.; Fleck on Main Clothing Company, 134 E. Main St.; and As the Page Turns Bookstore, 149 N. Center St. Other businesses that support the event are Broughton Music/Northville Center for Music & Art, 103 N. Center St.; Painter's Place, 140 N. Center St.; People's Farm, 157 E. Main St.; People's Farm, 103 E. Main St.; Swearingen Fine Portraits, 120 W. Main St.; The Bee's Knees, 141 E. Main St.; and Utopia Salon & Spa, 182 E. Main St.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Vehicles targeted at Twelve Oaks Mall

Three vehicles were broken into while parked in various lots at Twelve Oaks Mall between Oct. 25-30, reports said.

• Between 5-5:35 p.m. Oct. 30, the rear, driver-side window of a Volkswagen Jetta was broken and removed from the vehicle, which was parked in the lot near the upper level of JCFenney, reports said. Mall security noticed the missing window, but very little glass or debris was present, reports said. The window was found beneath the vehicle, shattered, but held together in one piece by the window tint film. According to police, placing the broken window beneath the vehicle is consistent with similar complaints experienced at Twelve Oaks Mall. According to the victim, two bags located behind the driver's seat were stolen from the vehicle. One contained about \$2,500 worth of items including a laptop computer, wireless mouse, iPod Touch and Oakley sunglasses; and the other bag was from Express worth \$300 worth of clothing.

• Between 1:50-4:25 p.m. Oct. 25, the driver-side rear window was smashed out of a vehicle. The vehicle was parked in a lot near the food court, reports said. According to the victim, the window was smashed, but both doors were still locked. The victim suspects the unknown subject(s) was unable to reach inside to unlock the driver-side door and therefore never got inside the vehicle, reports said.

• Between 3-4:25 p.m. Oct. 25, the passenger-side window of a vehicle was smashed out, while parked in the upper level Macy's lot, reports said. According to the report, an unknown object was used to

break the window, which cost about \$200. A global positioning system, which was attached to the windshield, was stolen, reports said. According to the victim, nothing else was taken, including the bags that were on the floor and passenger seat at the time of the incident.

Fill and flee

According to recent police reports, at about 11:30 a.m. Oct. 26 the driver of a beige Ford Taurus left a Grand River Avenue gas station without paying for his gas. The man was last seen heading east-bound on Grand River Avenue, reports said. According to the gas station employee who authorized the pump, there was no credit card transaction and the subject made no attempt to pay for the \$34 worth of gas.

Jacket stolen from Life Time Fitness

A \$300 jacket was reported stolen from the men's locker room at Life Time Fitness on High Point Drive, near Haggerty and Nine Mile roads.

According to the victim, he arrived at the fitness center at about 10 p.m. Oct. 25 and locked some of his personal belongings in a locker, but hung the jacket on a nearby coat rack. When he returned to the locker room at about 11:30 p.m., the jacket was missing.

Striped vehicle

A black line was spray painted along the left side of a vehicle, while parked on Christina Lane, near 10 Mile and Taft roads, between Oct. 26-30, reports said.

According to the victim, the white Chrysler van was parked in front of his residence while he was away on business. There are no suspects at this time, reports said.



Congressional Honors

Novi resident Veronica Kirin is presented the Congressional Silver Medal by Congressman Thaddeus McCotter. The Congressional Award is a program designed to empower young people between the ages of 14-24. In order to receive a certificate or medal, young adults must meet a certain quota of hours in categories concerning personal development and community service. Kirin earned the Silver Medal by leading a trip to Louisiana last December for Katrina relief, as well as working with the Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Grand Rapids. She also held a job while going to school and learned a new musical instrument, which qualified for the personal development area. Recipients also must keep physically fit, which Kirin did by active bicycling and participating in yoga classes.

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District dials down, projects nearly \$1 million in savings

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL
STAFF WRITER

The results are in, and Novi Community Schools officials project nearly \$1 million in energy savings for the district. "That is a wonderful number," said William Main, school district energy manager. The district completed 21 months in an Energy Education Inc. conservation program in June, and reports indicate the district saved more than 11 million kilowatt hours of energy, amounting to a calculated savings of \$754,879. According to district documents, Novi Community Schools was expected to see \$3.86 million in energy costs during the period of October 2006 through June 2008. Actual costs amounted to \$2.11 million.



Peter Dion

The amount the district would have spent is calculated considering base year usage adjusted for changes in weather, energy loads and prices. The actual cost includes energy spending for electricity, water, sewer and gas.

The savings comes at a time when natural gas prices are projected to increase 21 percent.

Mike Bitar, president of the mid-Atlantic division of Energy Education Inc., awarded the district the Energy Stewardship Award for its above-average results.

The Award for Energy Stewardship recognizes school districts' efforts to implement

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that every kilowatt hour not used prevents the emission of 1.5 pounds of carbon dioxide, 5.8 grams of sulfur dioxide and 2.5 grams of nitrogen oxides. In the first 22 months of an Energy

Education Inc. conservation program, Novi Community Schools district saved 11.41 million kilowatt hours, the equivalent of 6,216 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions being prevented, 116 cars removed from the road or 158,999 pine trees grown for 10 years.

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Energy Education, Inc. supplies districts with intensive training for school personnel. The company has worked with more than 900 educational organizations across the nation, impacting the educational environment of more than 12 million children and helping clients save more than

\$1.5 billion in 22 years. Energy Education Inc. officials said the Novi district exceeded goals set and credits the participation of operations, maintenance and staff.

Superintendent Peter Dion credits the success to the teamwork of all district personnel, data analysis by the energy educators and manager, on-site training and expertise given by Energy Education, Inc. and

comprehensive facility audits where cost-savings opportunities were identified throughout district buildings.

Main conducts energy audits to ensure students and teachers are comfortable during class times and scheduled activities, and that energy is used only as necessary. Dion said he works hard to motivate everyone in the district to use energy wisely, keep classrooms comfortable and practice smart energy strategies.

Main said the district is on target to exceed expectations again. The district projects it will save \$8.06 million by October 2010.

"I'm really enjoying being a part of this program," he said.

School officials said money saved would be retained for educational purposes. They

said conservation activities generate savings that pay for the program.

"It's been a great partnership," said Novi Board of Education President Jeff Nielson.

Dion said in addition to the savings, Novi schools is developing a culture that encourages all to be energy-conscious energy savers.

"This energy program is an excellent vehicle to assist our district personnel in practicing good stewardship of our resources," he said. "The willing participation of virtually every staff person — teachers, administrators, food service, maintenance and custodial people — adds to our success."

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NOVI CLASS NOTES

Construction completion open house

The Novi Community School District will host multiple open houses 5-8 p.m. Dec. 4 and 9 at Orchard Hills, Parkview and Village Oaks to view the completed renovations and construction projects. The schools now have designated music and art rooms and gymnasiums. Renovations in other areas of the buildings are also complete. Tours will be provided.

Oakland Schools Technical Campus

The southwest campus of the Oakland Schools Technical Campus will be open to area families 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the newly renovated facility located at 1000 Beek Road in Wixom. The open house will provide Novi families the opportunity to see programs such as Culinary Arts/Hospitality; Visual Imagining Technology; Agriculture and Natural Resources; and Business, Management and Marketing Technology. More than 30 students attend programs such as these to supplement their high school academic program. The two-year programs are offered to juniors and seniors.

Novi High School Athletics Web site

The Novi Athletic Boosters' new Web site is www.novithleticboosters.com. The site is the source for upcoming Novi Athletic Boosters events, fund-raising events and Wildcat game schedules. The Novi Athletic Boosters raise money to support Novi Wildcat student athletes at Novi high and middle schools. Proceeds are used to purchase uniforms, equipment, training and so more students can participate at a higher level.

On-site college admissions

The following schools have agreed to send an admission counselor to Novi High School this fall. Representatives will sit down with students to review applications, transcripts and test scores to provide an immediate admissions decision.

To sign up for on-site admissions, see Michael Zelinski in the Student Services Center.

Students must sign up at least one week prior to scheduled on-site meetings. On-site admission appointments are

limited and available on a first come, first served basis.

Once an appointment is scheduled, students are responsible for turning in their completed paper application and fee (if applicable) to their counselor a minimum of three school days prior to their appointment time. Additional applications should not be submitted to the university.

Nov. 11 - Saginaw Valley State University

Nov. 11 - Northern Michigan University

Nov. 13 - Davenport University

TBD - University of Michigan-Dearborn

Dwyer, Taylor selected for U.S. Army All-American Marching Band

The 2009 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band Selection Tour visited Walled Lake Central High School recently to select marching band percussionists, Joey Dwyer and Ross Taylor for the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band. The band will play during the U.S. Army All-American Bowl noon Jan. 3 live from the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

Representatives from the Army All-American Marching Band and the National Association for Music Education; Dave Rogers, band director; and Dave Barry, principal honored Dwyer and Taylor during an official presentation in the school's auditorium that was simulcast throughout the country.

St. Catherine of Siena Academy

St. Catherine of Siena Academy, a new, all-girls Catholic high school in Wixom, will open in the fall of 2010.

The original financing plan was to close bonds in early November, but the current conditions in the credit markets has made the sale of the bonds impossible, officials said. Although officials said they are disappointed the school will not open in 2009, they said there are several benefits to a 2010 opening, one of which is having a completed facility to move into prior to opening. Construction is slated to begin on the school in the spring of 2009. In the first year, the school plans to accept a full freshmen class and those sophomores who wish to transfer. Those interested may visit www.saintcatherineacademy.org for updates.



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Patriotic preamble

The Novi High School sideline cheerleaders stand during the playing of the National Anthem. The Wildcats football season is now over, as they lost in first-round playoff action.



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Team spirit

The Novi Bobcats Junior Varsity Cheer team performs a cheer at half time during an October game against the Walled Lake Gators.

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 TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday
 LOCATION: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads)
 DETAILS: Group meets for lunch afterwards.
 CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0016
Single Place Ministries
 TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.
 DETAILS: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.
Labyrinth Walking Prayer Workshop and Mini-Retreat
 TIME/DATE: 9:15-11 a.m. Wednesday
 DETAILS: The Labyrinth walk will include special prayers for our troubled times.
 CONTACT: Norma Peltz, (248) 349-5712

Oak Pointe Church
 LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
Worship Services
 TIME: 9:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday
Believe Life Ministries

TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday
 DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective.
 CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0943 or visit oakpointe.org.
Charm's Influence
 TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday
 DETAILS: Studying the book "Surviving a Spiritual Betrayal in Marriage."
 CONTACT: Joy Ruby at joy@oakpointe.org or call the church.

First United Methodist of Northville & Stephen Ministry Church
 LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or fumcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.
 Election Day Nov. 4
 DETAILS: The Sanctuary will be open from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. for all who wish to offer their personal and private prayers for our nation and its leadership. All are welcome to visit the church before or after they vote.
Healing Service
 TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month
Radical Day
 TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month.

Legos Youth Club
 TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday, through May
 DETAILS: For children in grades 4-12. Every week, this four part program includes Bible study, dinner, choir/worship and activities. Registration begins Aug. 24 between the Sunday morning services.
Forty-Five and Holding
 TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21
 DETAILS: Community event for singles aged 45 and holding. Holiday Light Parade followed by refreshments at Genelli's. Free tickets in church office.
Healing Service and Labyrinth Walking Prayer
 TIME/DATE: 4-5 p.m. Monday
 DETAILS: Everyone is welcome to this guided Labyrinth walk and prayer service.
 CONTACT: Norma Peltz, (248) 349-5712 or Sharon Harper, (248) 349-1144

St. John Lutheran
 LOCATION: 23225 6th Road, Farmington Hills
 CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com

Saturday Worship
 TIME: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 9, 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School
 TIME: 10:15 a.m.
"Two Weddings, One Ring and a Lock"
 TIME/DATE: Sunday, Nov. 16
 DETAILS: Selection of classical music for voice, cello and piano. Features Novi resident Dorothy Duensing, soprano, Troy Nelson, tenor, David Levine, cello and Wesley Fishwick, piano. Free will offering will be taken. Refreshments served during intermission.

Novi United Methodist
 LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit unmcnovi.com
Regular Sunday Worship
 TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
 TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. First Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
 TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month
 LOCATION: In front of the church
 DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
14th Annual Auction
 TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Saturday
 DETAILS: Silent and live auction. Tickets are \$25 and includes buffet dinner and must be purchased in advance.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
 LOCATION: 40600 Six Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 a.m. Contemporary, Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.
Service Broadcast
 DETAILS: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560, The WNUZ Word Station.
Single Point Ministries
 DETAILS: For single adults 35 years and older. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, Fellowship, Friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information.
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Michigan needs to kick-start change to create jobs

The election is over. Regardless of your candidate at the local, state or national level, it is imperative that we all come together now as Michigan citizens to address the vexing problems confronting us. There is a need for a shared vision and common agenda, a new covenant for Michigan that has our leaders — political, governmental, civic, academic, business, labor, republican, democratic and independents — all rowing in the same direction to help jump start our economy and put our people back to work.



Tom Watkins

transformational, hyper-competitive, technologically driven, global, knowledge economy. Yesterday's success is no guarantee for a better tomorrow. What we once had is now gone. We are confronting a new reality. Claiming we were the Arsenal of Democracy, or the state that put the world on wheels, is wonderful from a nostalgic perspective but it does not pay the mortgage, make the Visa payment or educate our children.

Conceptually, we need to make job creation the hub of the wheel and identify all the strong spokes we can connect to develop a comprehensive action plan to drive this state forward. While there are currently multiple "spokes," they are not tightly connected in a strategic way. In fact, it seems that there are players who are more than willing to jam a stick in the spokes to derail progress for some perceived political advantage. Enough!

We need to use the economic storm that is swirling about us to stiffen our resolve, drop the political bickering and develop short-, medium- and long-term action plans to do what is in our control to address this crisis. Clearly, there are problems that are

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Leaders from the private sector should call on the governor and legislative leaders to host a "Shared Vision/Common Agenda" economic summit before the end of the year to develop a comprehensive Michigan Jobs Action Plan. Leaders from the Legislature and private sector, along

with the governor, would jointly select the group of thinkers and doers to participate. This group would be charged for setting and implementing a "change agenda" to get our state working again.

I believe the foundation and business community would gladly step up to fund the facilitators and recorders needed to orchestrate the egos and ideas that would come to the table as long as there was commitment to change and action, and clearly identified outcomes that create measurable goals and strategies for next steps.

ACTION
There are many ways the action report could be structured. As an example:

■ What Executive Orders could the governor make that would help?

■ What legislation could be prioritized to knock down job creation barriers?

■ What immediate steps could be implemented to bring Michigan's spending in line with our new realities and redirect existing resources to new job creating priorities?

■ What pertinent ideas generated in previously commissioned reports, such as the Governor's Emergency Financial Commission, The Detroit Renaissance, Michigan's Futures, The Center for Michigan and the Mackinac Center, could be enacted

now? ■ What is the agenda that we want our Congressional delegation to pursue as a "Michigan caucus" (not the Republican or Democratic caucus) to help our families, communities and state?

■ Is there an international export and tourism plan to take advantage of emerging markets in the Golden BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India, China) and other hot rising economic markets around the globe?

Proverbs 29:18 tells us, "That without a vision — the people will perish." We need a vision and the collective bipartisan public and private, collaborative, service leadership to develop an action plan that casts off ideological bickering and finds a way to get the job done for the citizens of this state that are hurting and losing hope.

The crisis facing our state should be the glue to bind us together and develop sensible actions to address the harsh realities at hand.

If anyone tells you such a plan already exists — ask to see the results.

Tom Watkins is an education and business consultant. He served the state as Superintendent of Schools, 2001-2005; Mental Health Director, 1986-1990 and a member of the Wayne County Charter Commission, 1980-1982. He can be reached at: twatkins@aol.com.

'God bless you' — Baghdad chaplain gives words of encouragement to U.S. soldiers

BY SPC. BENJAMIN CRANE
MULTI-NATIONAL DIVISION — BAGHDAD

Military chaplains are a vital part of a Soldier's everyday life. They look after service members' spiritual wellbeing as well as their morale. The chaplain is the one person Soldiers can open up to without worry of consequence.

On any given day, Soldiers working on Camp Liberty are likely to walk past a grey-mustached Army captain who, with a salute, will render a friendly "God Bless You" to them as he walks by.

Capt. Timothy Meier is a chaplain, a scholar and a wise man.

For Meier, a Catholic priest who serves with 142nd Chaplains Detachment, California Army National Guard, currently attached to the chaplain's office, 4th Infantry Division, Multi-National Division — Baghdad, he said, he felt it was his calling to serve this role to the Soldier.

"In the summer of 2005, I made a 30-day silent retreat called the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola," said Meier, a Northville native. "In the course of the retreat, it became clear to me that I was being asked to join the Army, which was not at all what I had ever seen myself doing. And so, it was a big surprise and something of a concern for me since I was never a big fan of war. But I could see that the need for Catholic chaplaincy was very great, and if I could be of service, then that's what I felt I needed to do."

For Meier, joining the Army at the age of 50 was a far cry from what he had been spending the majority of his years doing. He had been through what he called the "37th grade" in school. He earned a bachelor's degree in biology and music from Kalamazoo College, followed by a master's degree in philosophy from Loyola University in Chicago. At Georgetown he received a Bachelor of Science in biology (immunology) as well as master's degrees in Divinity and Theology from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology. He also holds a doctorate in biological science (molecular neurobiology) from Stanford with post-doctorate work in molecular virology at Stanford and Yale.

Even with a life dedicated to higher education and being the devout believer he is, he said he couldn't change what he felt God wanted him to do.

Once Meier signed the papers to join the military, the consummate researcher in him took over and he researched Army Knowledge Online and did the online courses to become familiar with the skill sets that anyone who has attended basic training would learn.

He went to Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Jackson, S.C., where he found out that the Army was one institution he had very little knowledge about. He also discovered that he would be facing a bigger challenge than even a lack of knowledge: Age.

"I'm old," Meier stated, "and my body is falling apart." He had both shoulders operated on shortly after he joined the Army and, 90 days after his surgery, he had to take an Army Physical Fitness Test. He passed despite his recovering shoulders, bad knees, bad feet and arthritis.

"Another challenge was just learning another language," he said. "The Army has a language unto itself as well as the culture, which was different from anything I had been associated with up to that point."

After the Power Point presentations, "stress tests," and road marches and hours of classes of his initial training, Meier is now in Iraq, still learning the ropes but with help from his assistant and from those he works alongside.

"I find myself doing a lot of training," said Sgt. 1st Class Matthew McGee, chaplain's assistant to Meier, who also serves with 142nd Chaplains Det. McGee said he and Meier are always going over what to do in certain situations and discussing details on how to go through a firing maneuver together since Meier doesn't carry a weapon. McGee is a perfect fit to assist Meier, having served 15 years in the Army on active duty and almost another 15 years as a part of the reserve component.

"What makes [Meier] a good chaplain is that he relates well with Soldiers," said McGee. "He is pretty versatile at talking to people at their level, and as a leader, I appreciate that he asks my opinions on issues and he is humble enough to ask the opinion of other officers."

Most Soldiers don't know Meier by name but recognize him by his "God Bless You" greeting as they salute in passing. Meier sees his trademark greeting as more than simply an encouraging word.

"I look on that as a way of doing something that I can do for somebody else, which is praying," he said. "I believe even

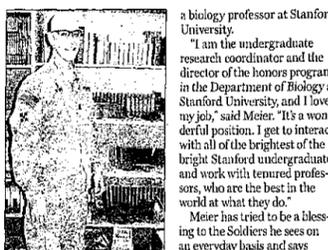


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Capt. Timothy Meier, a native of Northville, who serves as a chaplain with 142nd Chaplains Detachment, California Army National Guard, currently attached to the chaplain's office, 4th Infantry Division, Multi-National Division 54821, Baghdad, gets prepared to record a "shout-out" to his family back in the States with the help of Sgt. Kyle Pflieger, a broadcast journalist with the public affairs office, 4th Inf. Div., MND-B, at the media operations center, Oct. 28, 2008. Meier is a Catholic priest, who was commissioned an officer at the age of 50.

if that other person doesn't have faith, my God can still bless the person, and I like to make that known."

"A member from my religious community, whom I really respect a lot, greeted people that way and I thought, 'Wow, that is a really neat way to interact with people.' We are over



a biology professor at Stanford University.

"I am the undergraduate research coordinator and the director of the honors program in the Department of Biology at Stanford University, and I love my job," said Meier. "It's a wonderful position. I get to interact with all of the brightest of the bright Stanford undergraduates and work with tenured professors, who are the best in the world at what they do."

Meier has tried to be a blessing to the Soldiers he sees on an everyday basis and says that it is he who gets the most blessing out of supporting the troops, who he considers the real heroes.

"I find myself ever more humbled because I find myself with an awful lot of women and men who are very, very courageous and very honorable, whose sacrifices, and whose family sacrifices, just continually blow me away."

At one time or another, every deployed service member is in need of a kind word of encouragement. Chaplain Meier's mission, his personal calling here in Baghdad, is to give that encouragement to every Soldier he passes in the form of a friendly "God Bless You," which in reality is also Meier's personal prayer.

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Local artist creates Italian motif in Novi cafe

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

To go with the new concept of a cafe-style restaurant, the Mantone family wanted to incorporate their Italian roots into the design of Benito's Cafe, at 10 Mile and Novi roads.

"We were looking for a Tuscan-Italian atmosphere," said Jason Mantone, vice president of the Benito's Pizza franchise. "We had ideas of what we were looking for in a broad sense, but we needed a designer."

Designer Patricia McDonald introduced the family to Novi resident and artist Dianna Moses. "I knew Patricia wanted stecco finish and old-world Italy, but it's hard to find anyone who's doing (stecco finish) this far north," said Moses, noting the material is more commonly used in homes in Florida. "It's a special product of my own creation."

Moses, whose experience is mostly with murals and wall finishes, said she spent the entire summer perfecting her work at the upscale cafe.

"There are two beautiful murals, one of a cafe street scene upon entering and one of an old metal fountain, all straight from the theme of Italy," she said. "The wall finish is hand-crafted stucco



Artist Dianna Moses takes a look at her Venetian-themed mural covering the walls of Benito's Cafe in Novi.

along with hand sculpted brick painted to match the brick below.

"All of our other units are carry-out and delivery, but we've always wanted to do

something more than a pizzeria," said Mantone, noting the sit-down, friendly environment offers homemade pastas,

panini sandwiches and soups, along with their regular and gourmet pizzas. "It's a bigger concept than what we're used

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to, but the most important thing is the product. You're going to get a small Italian restaurant feel in here."

The 1,800-square-foot establishment, which opened at the beginning of October, is located in the same complex as other new businesses, Penn Station East Coast Subs and Novi Cleaners.

"The designs we did at this location far exceed what we've done at any other establishment," Mantone said. "We love to use people that are local. Dianna has an amazing talent, she won't do anything unless it's quality."

Moses, who has been painting for 12 years, learned from her sister and through hands-on training, but has never taken an art class.

"It's really word of mouth. Once you do a good job, people speak of your work," she said. "I'm really proud of it. I look back at it like, 'I did that myself!'"

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(248) 349-0700, ext. 103

NOVI BRIEFLY

Partnership in Excellence

The Novi Fire Department partnered with Providence Park Hospital and Novi High School to provide students an opportunity to learn about various medical professions in the Partnership in Excellence program. The program, which is for high school seniors, usually allows students to learn about the medical profession inside the hospital, but Novi Fire Department Training Officer Lt. John B. Martin taught a seminar on the role of pre-hospital providers. The 26 students saw vehicles and equipment the Novi Fire Department uses in a medical emergency.

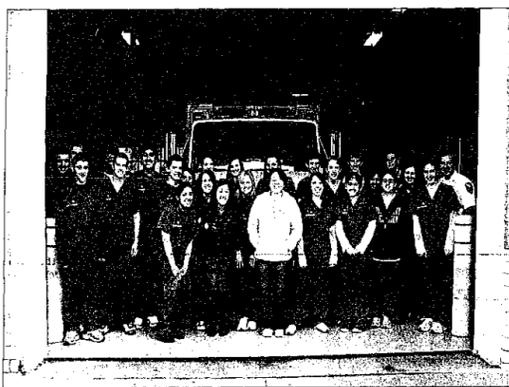
Novi Chorales annual Christmas concert

The Novi Chorales are held at work perfecting their 2008 Christmas Concert Series, "Christmas Ornaments." The concerts, which are Dec. 5-7, will feature

Christmas favorites, along with special guests, the TALACODA Handbell Quartet. Under the direction of Janet Wassilak, and accompanied by Trena DeGraw, the Chorales are a chorus of men and women from Novi and the surrounding areas. The performances are 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5 at First United Methodist Church of Farmington; 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6 at Novi United Methodist Church; and 4 p.m. Dec. 7 at Church of the Holy Family. Tickets are \$12 each, or \$10 for groups of 10 or more, and are sold at the Novi Civic Center, Parks Office, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, the Novi Senior Center, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, and at the door. For more information call (248) 347-0400 or visit novichorales.org.

Free admission at county parks

Six Oakland County Parks will offer free entry Veterans' Day Nov. 11 and during the Thanksgiving holiday, Nov.



Novi High School students enrolled with the Partnership in Excellence program stop for a photo with members of the Novi Fire Department. The fire department partnered with Providence Park Hospital and Novi High School for a session on medical emergencies.

27-28, for guest appreciation days. The six participating locations are Addison Oaks near Oxford; Highland Oaks in Highland; Independence Oaks in Clarkston; Lyon Oaks in Wixom; Orion Oaks in Orion Township; and Rose Oaks in Rose Township. Visit www.oakgov.com/parkarea for park offerings and maps.

America Recycles Day

Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southern Oakland County (RRROSOC) will have a television and computer recycling event on America Recycles Day, Saturday Nov. 15 at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills. The event is only for

TVs, DVD players, VHS players, computers and computer peripherals. The event is from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and is open to the public. The Costick Center is located at 29500 11 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. Go For The Gold The 2008 Novi Parks Foundation gala and awards

presentation is 7 p.m.-midnight Saturday at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue. The annual event includes live entertainment, a strolling buffet, live entertainment, silent and live auctions, casino games and more. Black tie is optional, but preferred. Tickets for the event are \$125 per person or \$200 per couple. For more information call (248) 255-2608.

Digging in

The Novi Public Library Groundbreaking Ceremony will be 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Novi Public Library, 45245 W. 10 Mile Road.

The new Novi Public Library will feature larger collections for more books, multimedia and resource materials; a computer lab for instruction, teen reading and social space; quiet study rooms; small and large meeting room spaces; a full-service cafe; youth reading and activity rooms; and an outdoor reading and programming patio.

Autumn leaves

The City of Novi does not have curb side leaf pick up, and it is against city ordinance to deposit your leaves into the street or anywhere within city right-of-ways. Residents who violate the ordinance will be ticketed and required to remove the leaves as soon as possible.

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Citation leader receives nomination for Data Center Executive of the Year Award



Citation Corp. announced that Koke Veljasevic, its vice president and chief information officer, was nominated for the 2008 Data Center Executive of the Year National Awards.

Veljasevic is based at the company's Novi facility. The award recognizes data center executives and project teams for their outstanding achievement, leadership, innovation and contributions to private and public organizations in the data center industry.

Citation is a privately held corporation headquartered in Novi. Citation employs 2,000 employees in Alabama, Texas, Indiana, Michigan, North Carolina and Wisconsin. The company designs, develops and manufactures high-quality cast, machined and assembled components for the industrial and transportation markets.

Community EMS completes national search for COO

After conducting a national search of the emergency medical service industry's highest achievers, Community Emergency Medical Service (CEMS) announced the addition of a new vice president and chief operating officer to its executive management team. Conrad "Chuck" Kearns, MBA, joined CEMS last month, acclimating him-

self with the company and its joint venture entities in Michigan, Ohio and Texas. Still a licensed paramedic, Kearns earned an MBA from the University of South Florida; trained in several process improvement disciplines, such as Six Sigma; and holds numerous advanced certifications in emergency medical services.

Community EMS is Southeast Michigan's largest and longest operating private, not-for-profit provider of emergency medical services, including Novi.

Novi correspondent joins Street Beat team

Every Sunday at 11:30 a.m., CW 50 Detroit (WKBD-TV) airs a community affairs show called Street Beat. One of the community correspondents appearing on the show is Nipa Shah of Novi who represents the Asian-Indian community.

Street Beat's mission is to go behind the headlines of events, issues and stories of interest to Metro Detroit. Hosted by Tim Lawlis, the show presents an upbeat mix of in-studio interviews, pre-produced packages and special "Community Correspondent" segments by a crew of local people dedicated to improving our city.

Local chiropractor attends seminar

Local chiropractor, Dr. Nicholas S. Doindis recently attended a seminar in Kalamazoo given by the Michigan Association of Chiropractors. The topic was "Extremity Adjusting Protocols" taught by Dr. Mark Charette, well known lecturer throughout the United States and abroad, who has spoken on spinal and extrem-



Dr. Nicholas Doindis

ity adjusting, for more than 15 years. Topics included the biomechanics of the upper and lower extremities (including the foot and ankle, lower leg, knee, hip, shoulder, elbow, and wrist), examination procedures, stabilization procedures and serial distortion of the lower extremities. Chiropractic adjustment of the knee, foot, hip, shoulder, elbow and wrist were also on the agenda.

Dr. Doindis has his office in Novi at 24037 Meadowbrook Road in the Peachtree Center. For more information, call (248) 348-7530.

City of Novi assistant city manager leads film roundtable

City of Novi Assistant City Manager Pamela Antil took part in the Oakland County on Film seminar hosted by the Oakland County Department of Economic Development and Community Affairs department Oct. 28 at the Somerset Inn in Troy, Mich about 100



Pamela Antil

attendees, the seminar focused on the current Michigan film incentive industry, and how municipalities can prepare for and encourage filming in their community. Antil led two of the discussions: what you can ask from the film industry and the economic benefits to the City of Novi. Antil also announced the launch of the Novi Film Office to the group.

Transition to retirement: What 'first wave' boomers should know

If you're a senior member of the baby boom generation - generally defined as those born between 1946 and 1964 - you've seen a lot in your life: the Cold War, the first moon landing, the birth of the Internet and much more. But in just a few years, you may face something you probably never thought you'd see: your retirement. To make a smooth transition to this stage of your life, you'll need to become familiar with a few key financial topics.

Consider the following:

- Retirement plan income - For the past few decades, you may have been building financial resources for retirement through an employer-sponsored plan - such as a 401(k) or a traditional pension - and possibly an IRA. Now, however, it's time to determine just how much retirement income these vehicles will produce. A traditional pension will provide you regular payments based on your years of service and salary, but you have much more flexibility and latitude when it comes to taking withdrawals from a 401(k) or IRA. How much you withdraw directly affects how long your money will last, so you may want to consult with a professional financial advisor to determine the appropriate withdrawal rates for these accounts, based on your projected retirement lifestyle, life expectancy, risk tolerance and other factors.
- Health insurance - Well before you retire, consult with your employer's benefits office to learn if you can receive some type of health insurance as a retiree. Many large employers extend health care coverage to retired workers, but as health care costs have risen, some companies have cut back or eliminated this benefit. Generally speaking, you won't be eligible for Medicare until you are 65. If you retire before that age and your former employer doesn't cover you, you'll need to find some health insurance to fill the gap.
- Social Security - You can begin collecting Social Security benefits at age 62, but you'll get larger monthly checks if you wait until you reach "normal" retirement age, which, if you are in the first wave of baby boomers, will be about age 66. When should you start taking payments? It depends on a variety of factors, including your health, family history of longevity and other sources of income.
- Further employment - If you decide to do some type of work after retirement, whether for financial or personal reasons, you'll need to factor this income into your overall retirement income strategies. For instance, if you're earning a reasonable amount from a post-retirement job, you may want to delay taking money from your 401(k) or traditional IRA (though you'll have to start taking distributions when you reach age 70-1/2). Also, according to the Social Security Administration, if you start collecting Social Security when you're younger than your full retirement age, you will lose 81¢ of benefits for every \$2 you earn above a certain annual amount (\$13,560 in 2008). Once you reach full retirement age, you can keep all your benefits, no matter how much you earn.

So, there you have them - just a few of the financial issues you'll need to explore as you lead the baby boom cohort into retirement. By taking your time and exploring all your options, you can make the transition pleasant - and rewarding.

This article was provided by Mark Whifford, financial adviser, 43290 11 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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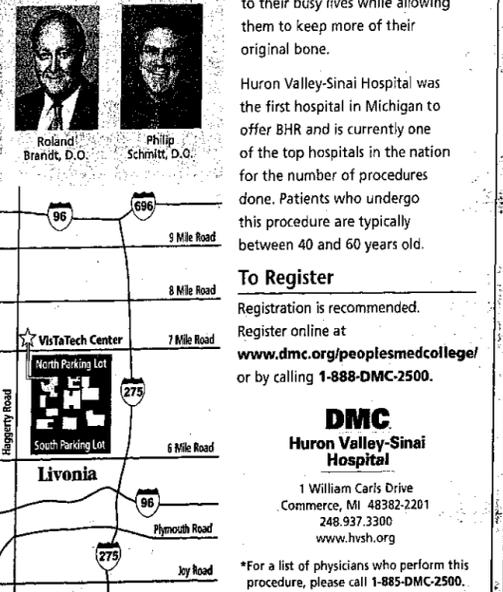
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SEN. NANCY CASSIS LANSING CONNECTION

Lame-duck session offers opportunities to spur economy, entrepreneurship and education

The general election is right around the corner. After the election the Legislature will be in a "lame-duck" session until the end of December, which means that in a very short time we will try to finish our legislative agenda. One of the ramifications of this session is that after the new year, any bills that weren't passed or defeated will have to be reintroduced. With that in mind, I will be focusing my energy on passing several proposals currently in the Senate or House before the end of the year, while others I will reintroduce in January.

My focus will be on the three "E's": economy, entrepreneurship and education.

Therefore, I will continue to work to address serious problems with the Michigan Business Tax (MBT). Senate Bill 1038, which I sponsored, will correct a structural problem in the MBT by eliminating double taxation with the collection of sales tax imbedded in the base of gross receipts as well as eliminate bad debt from being taxed. The measure will provide tax relief to an estimated 50,000 Michigan job providers.

SB 1242 addresses the onerous 22 percent MBT surcharge, gradually eliminating it over three years. This past spring, a subcommittee I created held hearings across the state. Everywhere we went, the elimination of the surcharge was the number-one priority.

Another significant piece of legislation is SB 1535, which will place a \$50 million yearly limit on Michigan's film credits available under the MBT. I was the only Michigan policy maker to vote against the refundable tax credit. The law's refundability means that if a company's credits are more than its tax liability, the state will send the company a refund check. The nonpartisan Senate Fiscal Agency analyzes that this will cost the general fund \$122 million this year on up to \$200-\$300 million in subsequent years. This year alone the film tax "handout" is closely equivalent to increases in K-12 education and Medicaid. SB 1535 currently caps the film credits at \$50 million and will save the state millions of dollars that could be used to lower the tax burden across the board, invest in schools, reduce tuition at our public universities and support transportation improvements. In my opinion, we can't afford an unlimited "giveaway" to one industry.

Importantly, another bill (SB 1199) would increase the number of small businesses that are able to take advantage of the lower 1.8 percent MBT alternative tax rate. Specifically, owner compensation would increase to \$250,000 from \$180,000 and the Adjusted Business Income would increase from \$1.3 million to \$1.5 million. Passage of this bill would mean an additional 15,000 companies would qualify for relief.

Finally, focusing on helping young people become successful learners able to compete in a global economy depends on early intervention of learning difficulties before children begin to struggle and fail. Waiting until high school to intervene is too late. My initiative known as SAVE the Children (SB 1039) is a recognized process to give students the best opportunities for academic success.

All these bills now await action and my goal is to see them through to conclusion.

For more information, visit my Web site at www.SenatorNancyCassis.com. Or contact me toll free at (888) 38-NANCY.

State Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, represents the 15th Senate District, which includes the townships of Commerce, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford, Novi, 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.

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OUR VIEWS

Novi election produces some interesting results

During a time when 2008 general election voter turnout was reported at a national high, it is very interesting to see that the City of Novi voter turnout was lower than the 2004 election turnout.

Of the 36,320 registered voters in the City of Novi, unofficial election results revealed 28,139 residents voted in Tuesday's highly anticipated presidential election.

The 77 percent voter turnout fell short of the 79 percent of City of Novi voters who voted in 2004.

Another interesting voting observation is that Novi voters held steadfast in tradition with the election of Republican Party candidates in local races, but favored president-elect Barack Obama, the Democratic Party candidate.

Fifty-nine percent of City of Novi voters supported Obama, compared

for a change. This theory could also be applied to the Novi board of education.

Although some things do remain the same, Republican Party candidates Hugh Crawford and Kim Capello were victorious at the polls.

Capello captured 12,775 votes in the race for Oakland County Commissioner of the 9th District, which includes most of Novi and the Oakland County-portion of Northville.

Crawford received 14,694 votes for state representative of the 38th District, which includes Novi, the Oakland County-portion of Northville, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Wixom and Walled Lake.

Congratulations go out to all the winners, volunteers and City of Novi Clerk's office for a job well done.

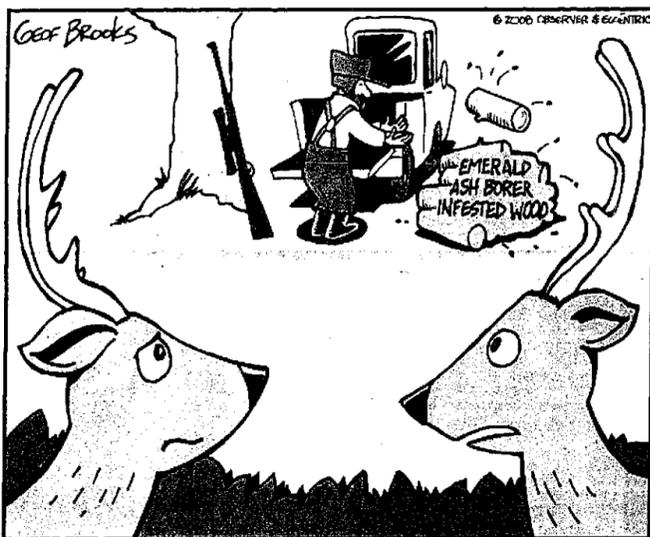
to 47 percent of city voters who supported Sen. John McCain.

In the Novi School District Board of Education election, a challenger beat an incumbent for the top spot by 200 votes.

All-buck traditional City of Novi voting patterns.

So what does it all mean? We know one thing it means - elections are not always predictable.

For a Democratic Party candidate to take Oakland County and Novi, signifies community members are ready



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Here is what you had to say online after reading the Novi News:

SPORTSPICE WROTE IN RESPONSE TO "TAVERN TAGGED FOR \$4.5 MILLION IN CRASH THAT KILLED NOVI MAN."

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JOKEBNTB WROTE IN RESPONSE TO "TAVERN TAGGED FOR \$4.5 MILLION IN CRASH THAT KILLED NOVI MAN."

I'd like to hear about what's going

to happen to Chris Bohn, the guy who killed his sister and friend. Is he being charged with murder? Or, just a pat on the bottom ... and a tick tick, don't do that again? Seems Chris should also have a 4.5 million dollar judgment against him ... fair is fair.

THELASTCYLON WROTE IN RESPONSE TO "KNOW THE PROPOSALS."

Folks, here is the real choice with Proposal 2: we can either continue to throw out extra, unused stem cells for no good reason, or we can allow couples the choice to donate those cells to develop treatments for diseases and injuries. If you vote no on 2 those extra cells will still be thrown out. You

will not keep a single cell from going to the dumpster by voting no. All you will do is guarantee that Michigan couples have no say in the matter; the extras must be thrown out. If you vote yes on 2, you will allow people to make their own decision as to whether they want to donate those never to be used cells for research. The possibilities of stem cell research are endless. No one knows how many diseases we could cure with this research because the research has been fought with pitch forks and torches at every step of the way by fundamentalists. Please tell your friends and family to vote yes on Proposal 2.

NOVI LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you to the students and families of Novi Meadows School

Bridgepointe is a non-profit organization that has helped to develop partnerships between Novi Schools and four Detroit Public Elementary Schools. Neinas Elementary, located in southwest Detroit, asked Bridgepointe for some gently used clothing for two Neinas families. We put out a call to Novi Meadows School and within two weeks the Meadows community collected enough clothes to completely fill seven vehicles. On Oct. 31, the clothes were delivered to Neinas, where the clothes were sorted and laid out in the gym. It was heart-warming to see these two excited families filling up multiple bags of clothing. Not only was there enough clothing for these two

families but many Neinas families were able to enjoy the generosity of Novi Meadows. As an extra bonus, within the bags of clothing were two Halloween costumes. These costumes perfectly fit two Neinas students who did not have a costume. The faces on these children lit up when they were given the costumes to wear.

Our deepest gratitude goes out to the students and families of Novi Meadows School. We also would like to thank the principals at Meadows, Lisa Fenchel and David Asher. Their continued support for the families living in southwest Detroit is admirable. Our appreciation also goes to Kelle Vela for her time and organizational skills with this clothing drive.

Diane Powers and Sue Sincor
Bridgepointe

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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Charlotte Cavanaugh, right, assists Fox Run resident George Butcher in filling out his voting registration card on Tuesday. For the first time, the 1,000 residents of Fox Run had their own precinct in the retirement center's Belmont Manor clubhouse.

SEAT

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Bob Gatt is a former Zoning Board of Appeals member. Former Planning Commission member Lowell Sprague, and Zoning Board of Appeals member Justin Fischer were candidates in the last contested race for Novi's City Council in November

2005, while Zoning Board of Appeals member May Sanghvi and Planning Commission member Victor Cassis served interim council positions in years past.

But the question remains, who's throwing their hat in the race?

"I'm just waiting to see what happens with Kim, but it would be an honor to be considered," Fischer said Tuesday.

Although Planning

Commission member Brian Burke has been named a potential candidate, nothing has been confirmed.

Landry said he personally will be looking for someone who is aware of issues in the city, is a forward thinker, analyzes issues, blends well with the rest of the council and is a good listener.

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VOTERS

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excited.

The 77 percent voter turnout fell short of the 79 percent of City of Novi voters who voted during the last presidential election in 2004.

In other firsts, the August primary election was the first time residents of Fox Run retirement community at 13 Mile and Meadowbrook roads became their own precinct.

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In the past, Shaffer said Fox Run provided transportation for the less mobile residents who opted not to vote by absentee.

"I thought it was great," said Fox Run resident June Hammond, of the ease of voting in her own residence. "I might have had a hard time if I had to go somewhere else. I don't drive, but go church and to get groceries."

Overall there were 8,455 residents in the City of Novi who voted by absentee ballot.

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Hugh Crawford looks at his state representative race party on Tuesday night at Novi's Central Park Estates.

SCHOOLS

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Tuesday afternoon voted for either incumbent Bruce Bagdady, Dennis O'Connor or Karl Witzinsky.

Novi resident Tom Herc said he voted for Bagdady because he thinks he is doing a good job.

Bagdady, 49, was victorious Tuesday, receiving 6,856 City of Novi votes. He has served on the Board of Education for 10 years.

But coming in at the top

of the polls was newcomer Dennis O'Connor, 51, receiving 35.5 percent of voters' approval, tallying 7,056 votes.

"I'm very humbled and honored the voters would support me, not only to serve the school district, but to also choose me first," O'Connor said. "I'm honored. I was surprised."

O'Connor said he is appreciative of his great group of volunteers and feels very good about his message.

"I would like to think the details of what I stand for ... is why I finished first," he

said.

Karl Witzinsky, 58, gave a respectable showing with 5,877 city votes on election night.

All totals are unofficial. Former Novi resident Champ Carruthers voted Tuesday at Orchard Hills. He moved two weeks ago, but returned to the city to cast his ballot, including Novi Community Schools district school board.

"As long as you vote, is the bottom line," he said.

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Voters arrive at the Novi Civic Center on Tuesday afternoon to cast their ballots.

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LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace, 4600 Grand River Ave.

St. Mary's Holy Family Church
TIME: 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7
LOCATION: 3600 Grand River Ave.

Novi Chamber of Commerce
TIME: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Main Street

Novi Rotary Club
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Election proves we can't just continue doing business as usual

The election is over at last. And though we are still digesting the results, it is possible to make sense of some of Michigan's fundamental problems — with one big exception.

This much is certain: In itself, this election is unlikely to change any of Michigan's fundamental problems — with one big exception.

Restricting? The foundation for which party controls power is determined by who draws the boundaries for legislative districts.

Michigan's current framework was set in 1998, when John Engler's huge third-term victory led a Republican sweep of both houses of the legislature, meaning the GOP would have the upper hand when district lines were redrawing the 2000 census.

The process resulted in a durable Republican tilt to the state senate that today is 24-17 — despite 54 percent of the vote being cast for the Democrats two years ago.

House districts were supposed to be gerrymandered Republican, but the designers didn't do as well.

Over the years Democrats steadily chipped away and, going into this election, held control of the lower chamber, 55-42.

Fast forward to this Tuesday. A combination of Barack Obama's coastal and Kalamazoo philanthropist John Styrsky's \$8.5 million have resulted in sweeping Democratic gains in the next House. These are likely to endure without major changes through the election of 2010 and have a big impact on the redistricting process that will begin in earnest next year, after the new census results.

That year, regardless of which party controls the governor's office, Democrats are unlikely to be steamrollered again. But sadly, when it comes to the rest of our problems, as the French say, "The more things change, the more they stay the same."

Included among those problems: Our Chronic Structural Deficit. We will continue to face a chronic structural deficit in the state's General Fund. The respected Citizens Research Council estimates that this deficit, left unaddressed, will balloon to nearly \$10 billion by 2017.

That's a little more than this year's entire general fund. This estimate doesn't take account of what's likely to be a long and severe national recession — one that will look a lot like the one we experienced in the early 1980s, when Michigan's unemployment rate peaked at 13.9 percent in July 1980. And it doesn't project what might happen if General Motors buys Chrysler, shuts a lot of plants and fires thousands of workers. The Lansing-based Anderson Economic Group last week estimated total first-round job loss at around 30,000, with more than half those in Michigan.

Given the fact that increasing taxes is neither economically or politically possible, some candidates for the Michigan House of Representatives and other Lansing insiders have been talk-

ing about ways to save a hundred million here, a hundred million there.

Nice sentiment — but it won't even begin to scratch the surface of the deeper budget deficit problem.

Fundamental Redesign of the Economy. For decades, when people thought about Michigan's economy, they started and ended with manufacturing in general and the auto industry in particular.

Today, it is a not-very-brave new world. Michigan has lost around 400,000 manufacturing jobs over the past decade, the majority of them in the auto industry.

A state accustomed to the auto companies providing low-skilled, high-wage jobs has had difficulty in adjusting to the idea that these jobs are gone forever.

Sure, likely there will be a domestic auto company or two left after the carnage. But those companies will continue to shed jobs by the thousands as they downsize to meet new market realities.

And increasingly, some people are wondering if it makes any sense to base a strategy for our economic future on autos.

Autos will continue to play a big role in our economy. After all, there are more skilled automotive engineers in Michigan than anywhere else in the world. They will be adding value to product design, technology innovations, and manufacturing know-how for years.

Yet on balance, the auto industry is likely to be a net job loser in the years to come. We need to think beyond the ending of an era.

The Path to Prosperity: Diversification, Entrepreneurship. Even gross economic statistics suggest that communities in Michigan that have succeeded in diversifying their economies are doing better than those still hopelessly dependent on the auto

sector.

Indeed, for nearly a century, autos have dominated southeastern Michigan's economy. But according to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, August unemployment in auto-dominated counties was 10.5 percent and Flint was 10.5 percent. By contrast, more diversified areas were better off: Ann Arbor at 6.4 percent, Kalamazoo at 7.1 percent, and Grand Rapids at 7.4 percent.

So how do economies diversify? One sure route is through new business start-ups. Whether it's high-tech companies fueled by discoveries coming out of university labs or ordinary run-of-the-mill startups, experts agree the great majority of new jobs will come from small and new businesses, not our aging behemoths.

An economic development strategy aimed at chasing big money makes may get the headlines, but it is not likely to be successful over the long run as one focused on helping new companies get started and attracting entrepreneurs to start them.

We've just had a dramatic game-changing election, and in Michigan, especially, this year merely serves to prove the rule: We cannot continue to be, or do business as usual.

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Autumn splendor
Maple leaves shimmer in the afternoon light at Maybury.



The woods of Northville's Maybury State Park are alive with color as trees drop their freight of red, yellow and green leaves.



A dog walker rounds the boardwalk of Maybury's east pond on a recent colorful fall afternoon.

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Grace is a 17-year-old who I saw in consultation for birth control. In the midst of our conversation I started talking to her and her mother about HPV, the potential risks of the infection and the vaccine.

"Why bother," Grace asked me. "It's a shot and it hurts!"

"Is one of those things to do to keep healthy?" I explained.

HPV stands for Human Papilloma Virus. This virus can infect the genital area of sexually active men and women. Most HPV types cause no symptoms and go away on their own. However some

MEDICAL ADVICE

types of HPV can cause cervical cancer.

According to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), worldwide an estimated 493,000 new cases of cervical cancer occur each year, and of those 274,000 women die annually from cervical cancer. It is very important to get tested for cervical cancer (pap smear) because 6 of 10 cases occur in women who have never received a Pap test or have not been tested in

the previous five years.

The first vaccine, Gardasil, is shown to target the high risk subtypes of HPV offers protection against cervical cancer. The vaccine also protects against genital dysplasia and genital warts associated with low-risk subtypes of the virus. It is a 3-dose vaccine approved for use in girls/women aged 9-26 years at 0, 2 and 6 month schedule. It is not known yet whether booster doses will be required in the future.

Since the vaccine only covers some high-risk types of HPV, about 30 percent of cervical

cancers will not be prevented by the vaccine. So I recommend that regular annual pap smears be continued even after vaccination. The Pap test can detect cell changes in the cervix before they turn into cancer. It is unclear how much protection girls/women would get from receiving only one or two doses of the vaccine. For this reason, it is very important to get all the three doses of the vaccine. Many states have introduced legislation to require, fund or educate the public about the vaccine and some of them have enacted them in some form or other. Michigan was the first to introduce the legislation to require the HPV vaccine for girls entering sixth grade, but the bill is still pending.

Use of condoms at all times and in the right way offers protection against HPV, but does not completely eliminate transmission. Condoms

also prevent transmission of other HPV related infections of the genital tract. The only sure way to prevent HPV is to abstain from all sexual activity. Mutually monogamous sexual relationships lessen the risk of acquiring the infection.

Despite widespread efforts at educating populations about the vaccine, many people are unaware of the link between cervical cancer and the virus. Other hurdles faced are the high cost and inconvenience of the required three shots, the low number of regular physician visits and reluctance among the younger age group, and parents' success at immunizing their children against a disease acquired by sexual activity. According to the American National Cancer Institute, "widespread vaccination has the potential to reduce cervical cancer deaths around the world by as much as two-thirds, if all women

were to take the vaccine and if protection turns out to be long-term. In addition, the vaccines can reduce the need for medical care, biopsies and invasive procedures associated with the follow-up from abnormal Pap tests, thus reducing health care costs and anxieties related to abnormal Pap smears and follow-up procedures."

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Flu fighters

R.N. Linda Collier gives a flu shot to Ruth Jacobs during the Oct. 29 health fair at the Northville Senior Community Center. Many local residents lined up for the shots which were covered for free by Medicare or cost \$25 for those without.

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Riffle's opens on Main Street in Helen's former locale

Dishes just like mamma used to make

BY PAUL FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Bill Riffle, restaurateur extraordinaire, has brought his homestyle cookin' to Northville.

The electrician-turned-restaurant took over the former Helen's Uptown Cafe space at 160 E. Main St. with a "soft opening" on Oct. 22, and the family-owned restaurant is already getting rave reviews.

"Bob and I have already eaten there several times," said Margene Buckhaver, local business owner and owner of Northville Square. "It's really good."

Riffle's Homestyle Restaurant is under the director of Riffle, whose brother, Bob, owned the original restaurant by the same name where Deadwood Restaurant now sits on Northville Road.

Bill Riffle was a cook at the restaurant. He left in 1992 to open Riffle's American Cafe in South Lyon. He sold that restaurant last year, and when the Helen's location came on the market, "I took advantage of the situation," Bill Riffle said. His brother, Bob, now lives in Florida.

GREW UP IN DETROIT

Bill Riffle grew up in Detroit and now lives in Westland. His wife, Heidi, serves as prep cook and bookkeeper; daughter, Rachael, is the floor manager; and teenage son, Jason, works as a dishwasher on the weekends. Janell Jones, his business partner, a native of Brighton who also now lives in Westland, is an experienced baker who makes all the pastries and desserts at the new restaurant.

He describes the fare as "homestyle, homestyle, homestyle."

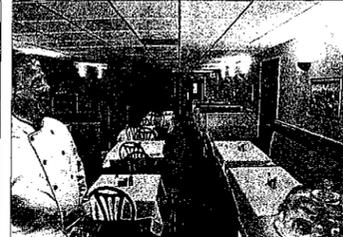


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Northville's Riffle's restaurant chef and owner Bill Riffle is joined by his wife, Heidi, daughter Rachael, right, and chef Janell Jones. The restaurant, located at 160 E. Main St. (formerly Helen's Uptown Cafe), opened for business last week and features a new menu and new interior look.

RIFFLE'S HOMESTYLE RESTAURANT

The new Riffle's Homestyle Restaurant is not open at 160 E. Main St. The American-style menu includes soups, salads, sandwiches, burgers and sliders, wraps, fish specials, and homemade pastries and desserts. Hours are 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Sundays, with breakfast served until 2 p.m. daily. For more information, call (248) 924-3007.



Bill Riffle looks at the new interior color scheme of his Main Street restaurant.

"We specialize in unique comfort food," he said, with such American favorites as pot roast, meatloaf, turkey dinners and Northern Michigan chicken stew with homemade biscuits served.

"Our best-seller for lunch is the Thanksgiving sandwich," he said, which is an open-faced turkey sandwich with smashed potatoes, homemade stuffing, turkey

gravy and cranberry sauce. "One customer called it a turkey syndae."

A house specialty, Pretzel Chicken, created by his sister, Joan, at the former South Lyon restaurant, features chicken dredged in pretzel crumbs, baked, and topped with maple Dijon mustard cream sauce and dried cherries.

"We use the best ingredients we can find and make

dishes the old-fashioned way."

A CHANGE IN CAREERS
An electrician by trade, Bill Riffle was laid off in the 1980s. "There wasn't much work, and I loved cooking," he said. He first went to work for chef Roy England, the first chef at his brother, Bob's, restaurant on Northville Road. "I will say having a mechanical back-



Bill Riffle and chef Janell Jones display a pumpkin cheesecake and apple pie some of the homemade desserts available at Bill's downtown restaurant, Riffle's.

ground has helped me in the restaurant industry," he said. In other words, if the oven malfunctions, he's on it.

He's a hands-on restaurateur who may be seen actually serving. "One of my pet peeves is cold food," he said. "My goal is to have piping-hot dishes."

The complete menu is available for carry-out, and he will soon branch off into catering. The menu is also moderately-priced, with only one item, the haddock, priced over \$10.

Artwork has been provided by Northville Gallery across the street and can be purchased by diners.

"Customers will really notice a difference in the decor," he said.

The restaurant has wireless Internet access, and Riffle plans to serve diners on the Town Square next spring and offer food at special downtown events.

"My goal is to have everyone leave this restaurant happy," he said.

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The colorguard of the Novi High School marching band prepares to go on the field during halftime of last week's football game against Catholic Central.

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10 a.m.: Body Recall
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CC ends Novi's season with 15-12 win

Special teams play major role for both teams

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central survived a 15-12, hard-hitting contest at Novi on Friday to stay alive in the playoffs.

The district opener featured a pair of schools just a little more than four miles apart. They proved to be separated by much less than that on the field.

"This was a very hard-fought game by both teams," CC head coach Tom Mach said. "I compliment them on a great effort. Their kids played hard, as well as ours did."

"It was a great high school game right to the very end."

Special teams proved to be the difference. The Wildcats were attempting to tie the game in the second quarter when the snap to holder Garrett Green went awry, causing an incompletion on a desperation pass attempt that left Novi down 7-6.

The Wildcats took the lead in the third, but failed to convert a two-point play and only led 12-7.

CC went back in front in the fourth, and added a two-point conversion following a score for the final points in an unusual way of getting to the final score of 15-12.

"It's a district game and that's the kind of football you are going to see," Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey said. "We were physical and so was Catholic Central, obviously."

It didn't take long for the Shamrocks to get on the board after taking the opening kick-

HIGHLIGHTS

Rushing: Novi - Favorite 31-136; CC - Palazeti 16-78, Capatina 12-66, Herzog 2-65

Passing: Bellamy - 7-12-178; CC - Landry 0-4-0-0

Receiving: Donalto - 3-40

Defense: Pitcher eight tackles, Green six tackles, forced fumble; CC - Herzog 10 tackles, D'Agostino nine tackles, int.

off. On the fifth play from scrimmage, Butch Herzog hit the edge on a reverse and raced 64 yards for the score.

"The line did great. It was wide open," Herzog said. "The end did a great job of kicking the guy out, so I just cut it up and went straight to the end zone."

"Hats off to Novi. They played their hearts out. But we came to play and we have come to play every week."

Novi responded with a drive that went for 17 plays before a fumble turned it over deep in CC territory.

But CC running back Niko Palazeti was stripped on the next play, and Novi had the ball back at the CC 7, following Jack Petroskey's recovery.

On the first play of the second quarter, quarterback Chris Bellamy rolled to his right before finding Tyler Wenson open back across the middle for a 7-yard score. But the point after failed, leaving Novi trailing 7-6.

The Wildcats took their first lead of the game with a 10-play drive to start the second half,

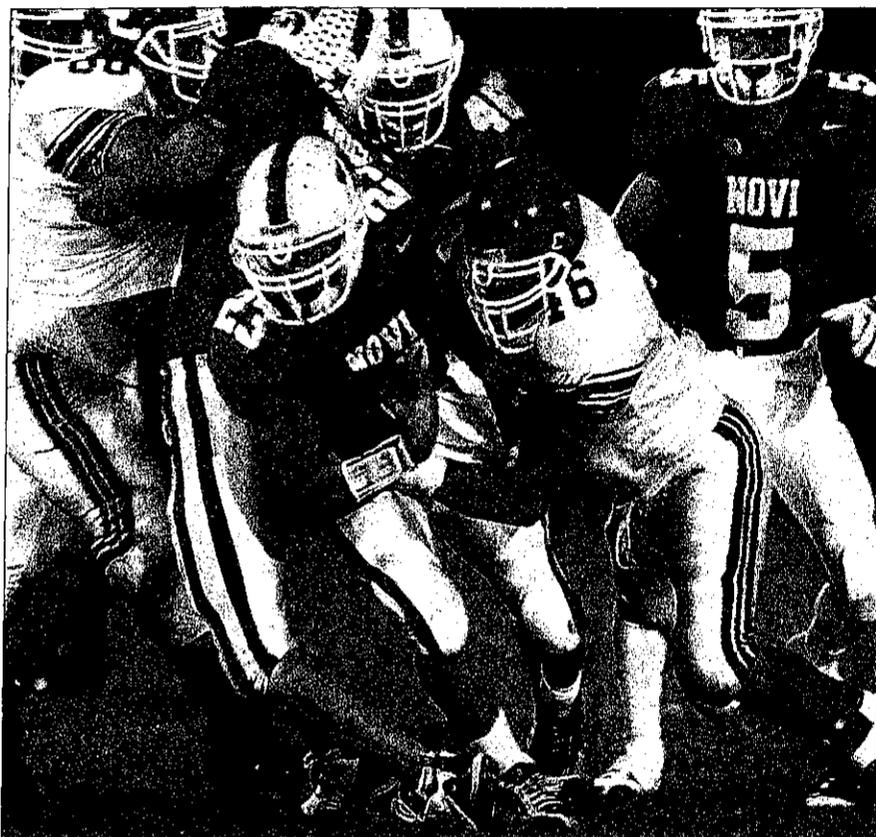


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Novi's Paul Favorite tries to slip past some Catholic Central defenders.

nine of which were runs. Paul Favorite capped off the drive with a leap into the end zone that resulted in a perfect flip as he landed back on his feet.

Favorite took the snap for the two-point pass attempt, but

some confusion resulted in a pass where no Wildcat receiver was in the area. Favorite ended with 136 yards on 31 carries with a score, playing both a quarterback taking direct snaps and a conventional run-

ning back.

"He's an exceptional player," Kellepourey said. "We made a move to put him at quarterback this game. We felt we needed that edge, to just put the football in his hands as

much as we can. Paul did a great job."

The winning drive came off a fumble recovery by Herzog at the Novi 34. The Shamrocks

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PHOTOS BY JEFF THEISEN/NOVI NEWS

Novi's Brooke McMahan finishes Saturday's state final race at Michigan International Speedway.

Novi girls 10th at state XC meet

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

If it was closer, Novi senior Elle Robinson would've run to Dairy Queen after her All-State performance Saturday at the Michigan International Speedway.

After giving up desserts during her cross country season, Robinson wanted to celebrate her 19th-place finish in 18:29.1 with a frosty treat.

"This is the best feeling in the world," Robinson said. "I was so ready for this race. This is my best time ever. I wanted it more than anything."

Her finish helped push Novi into a 10th-place finish. Traverse City Central won the title with 129 points, followed by Grand Haven (148), East Kentwood (189), Rockford (195) and Brighton finished out the top five with 220. Novi finished tied with



Novi's Elle Robinson kicks through the final stages of her All-State performance Saturday at the state finals.

Rochester Adams with 249, but placed 10th by tie-breaker. Robinson ran over to head coach Marsha Reid after the race.

"Elle was phenomenal," Reid said. "She's All-State."

Please see RUNNERS, B4

CC 6th at XC State; Novi 13th

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central and Novi proved to be two very good teams at Saturday's state meet at Michigan International Speedway.

The Shamrocks placed sixth, while the Wildcats finished 13th.

Ann Arbor Pioneer took home the title with 82 points, followed by Saginaw Heritage (145), Bay City Western (185), Lake Orion (186), Ann Arbor Huron (228) and CC (243). Novi had 349 points.

Novi's Mike Blaszczyk finished 19th in 15:45.1 to capture All-State status.

"All-State is amazing," he said. "It's what I've been working for all year. I stayed fast all race."

As just a junior, Blaszczyk is already looking forward to his senior season.

"It taught me a lot for next year," he said. "This was a dress rehearsal."

Novi head coach Robert Smith knew what it meant to Blaszczyk to crack the top 30.

"He was not to be denied All-State," Smith said. "He made his move early. He lost a couple of places, but it was nice to have a couple of places to lose."

Rounding out the scoring for Novi were TJ Butler in 62nd (16:29.3), Dan Egner in 68th (16:32.9), Geoffrey Giese in 100th (16:48.2) and Joe Schubring in 104th (16:50.4).

Also running for Novi were Jacob Carless (115th) and Alex Minghine (126).

With just two seniors in the seven runners that ran at state, Smith is fired up for next year.

"The future looks really bright for Novi," he said. "Our junior class is very strong and the sophomores are progressing."

CATHOLIC CENTRAL

CC's Ricardo Galindo also



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CC's Andrew Garcia-Garrison runs the final stretch at Saturday's state finals at Michigan International Speedway.



Novi's Alex Minghine runs the final few meters of the state finals Saturday at Michigan International Speedway.

ran to All-State honors by finishing 26th in 15:52.8.

"He ran a super race," CC head coach Tony Magni said. "He ran a smart race. You've got over 300 runners. To make top-30 is pretty special."

Catholic Central placed four runners in the top 60. Following Galindo were Alex Toloff in 44th (16:19.1), Viktor Puskorius in 45th (16:20.6), Austin Zebrowski in 60th (16:28.0) and John Paul Zebrowski in 72nd (16:34.9).

"We were a little disappointed," Magni said. "I knew Pioneer was the team to beat.

Obviously, a lot of teams would like to be in the top 10, but the final was a little letdown for us.

"They sort of broke up at the two-mile mark. The pace got to some of our younger runners at the end. The pace was very fast."

CC only had one senior in its top six finishers.

"We'll be in the top 10 again as far as preseason goes," Magni said. "What we do in the offseason will dictate what we can do to get closer to Pioneer."

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Shamrocks head to Stevenson

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

CC will have to go through the playoff run on the road, and this week's game takes the Shamrocks to Livonia. Stevenson for a Friday night tilt.

The game features two of the final four teams from last year's playoffs. Stevenson finished runner-up as both teams lost to Moundsville. Dakota White is the big playmaker with speed to burn. Stahl is no slouch himself. The two form

PLAYOFFS ROUND 2

Who: Catholic Central (6-3) vs. Livonia Stevenson (8-2)
Where: Stevenson
When: 7 p.m. Friday

quite a duo that Mach is fully aware of.

"They're both very good," Mach said. "White is their premier back, but Stahl is equally good. White has that extra little burst."

Spartan quarterback Jacob Gudeman is yet another threat to run, but he is also a quality passer.

Mach hopes his offense helps out his defense in keeping keep-away.

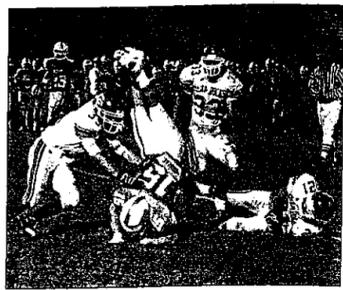
"We'd like to keep possession of the ball if possible and keep it away from those good backs,"

he said.

Stevenson's two losses were 35-21 in week two to Howell, and 28-27 in week six to Novi. Howell is still alive in the playoffs, and CC just knocked off Novi.

"We're looking forward to a hard game," Mach said. "We don't expect anything easy in the playoffs. You're going to get the best of the best that's left. Every game is going to be a battle right to the end."

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Novi's Andy Donatto is tackled just shy of a first down, turning the ball over late against Catholic Central.

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JV Bobcats make Super Bowl

STORY SUBMITTED

The Junior Varsity Novi Bobcats earned their second consecutive trip to the Super Bowl by defeating the Walled Lake Braves in playoff action. This was the Bobcats second meeting with the Braves this year, and both contests ended with a Novi victory.

It became apparent from the first Bobcat possession that coach Ull and his staff had the Cats well prepared for the game on both sides of the ball and on special teams.

The Braves first offensive effort ended in a blocked punt by Jeffrey Baker, and from that point onward, the Bobcats flexed their formidable offensive muscle to the tune of three consecutive touchdowns.

The first TD came courtesy of running back Jack Pinkerton, who chewed up big chunks of yardage on his way to a fourth-and-goal TD from inside the 1-yard line. Pinkerton then added the exclamation point to the drive by reeling in a Billy Ull pass for the extra point and a 7-0 lead.

After a failed fake punt on the ensuing Braves possession, Ull hooked up with Baker

and Pinkerton on big passes to broaden the Bobcats lead to 14-0 by the end of the first quarter.

Another successful defensive series by the Bobcats resulted in a fourth-and-18 punt by the Braves. Then, on the Bobcats first play from scrimmage, Baker busted loose from several would-be tacklers and chugged downfield 37 yards for another Novi touchdown.

A successful fake punt finally put Walled Lake on the board, only to see Baker once again string together some long runs and a 20-yard score, giving the Bobcats a comfortable halftime lead.

The beginning of the third quarter played out much like the beginning of the first quarter, with the Bobcats scoring on their first possession by way of another Baker touchdown run. Michael Ninkovich converted the extra point.

By the time the scoreboard finally ticked away to zero, the Bobcats had handily disposed of the Braves, 42-21, thus earning the privilege of representing Novi in the Western Lakes Junior Football League Junior Varsity Superbowl.

Other notable Novi performances included tackle leaders Ryan Moore, Michael Ninkovich, and Christian Durban, as well as offensive leaders Baker with 170 yards and three touchdowns, Pinkerton with 87 yards and three touchdowns, Joey Shurmer with 10 carries for 24 yards, and quarterback Billy Ull, who went 3-for-4 passing for 20 yards and two points.

Meanwhile, across town, the only team to defeat the Bobcats this season, the Livonia Falcons, were handily disposing of another League powerhouse, the Northville Colts, 41-21, thus setting up a rematch of the league's two top teams for the Super Bowl Championship.

The title game will be held Sunday at Livonia Stevenson High School. Kickoff is tentatively scheduled for 1 p.m. Check in at WJFL.com, novibobcats.com, or falconfootball.com for confirmation of the place and time for the Super Bowl.

FRESHMAN BEAT BRAVES
The Freshman Novi Bobcats team fought to avenge their single loss of the season to the Walled Lake Braves, and win they did, 14-0.

Alex Champagne started the defensive battle with a huge hit resulting in lost yards for the Braves. Michael Ull (known for his prowess as the Bobcats Quarterback), Lincoln Cleary, Cameron Hankerson, Mitchell McSweeney, and Michael Leone all participated in assisting the Braves in their loss of yards throughout the game with some great defensive hitting. The Braves suffered numerous flags resulting in additional lost yards.

Michael Leone made an interception in the third quarter to again rattle the Braves' defense.

Anthony D'Annibale ran the ball in for both Bobcat touchdowns and point after. And he wasn't done. Well into the fourth quarter, D'Annibale recovered a fumble to return the ball to the Bobcats. With little time left in the fourth quarter, the Braves worked their way down the field to attempt scoring, but Leone made a defining tackle resulting in lost yards again for the Braves.

The Novi Freshman Bobcats try to defend their 2007 Superbowl title Sunday at Livonia Stevenson High School against the undefeated Livonia Orioles.

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powered their way home with seven straight runs. Palazeti bulldozed his way in off the right side of the line with 1:11 to play.

CC went for two and converted with a Sam Landry to John Jakubik pass in the left flat for a 15-12 lead.

"I got the ball and basically just put my head down and ran," Palazeti said. "It wasn't pretty. I didn't want to cut or anything. I was just concentrating on holding onto the ball, lowering my head, and I got in there."

Novi crossed midfield on both of its final two possessions, but couldn't get close enough to attempt a field goal.

The final play saw Novi just miss converting a first down on fourth-and-11. Bellamy hit Andy Donatto on a short crossing route. Donatto headed

upfield before plowing into a pair of tacklers, very close to a first down. The officials brought out the chains, and Novi's season came to a close less than a half-yard shy of the marker.

Kellepourey was obviously upset for his team's season to end, but he knows his seniors helped lead a team that finished as the first-over champion of the KLAFA Central Division and runner-up in the conference game.

"We can't be any more proud," Kellepourey said. "The fact that our kids were able to overcome a lot of obstacles throughout the season... This is a team effort. These kids have worked into a team."

The Shamrocks (6-3) advance to face Livonia Stevenson (8-2) on Friday. The Wildcats (7-3) beat the Spartans 28-27, oddly enough, on a two-point conversion in week six.

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RUNNERS
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Bronkie McMahon, only a sophomore, just missed out on cracking the top 30 for All-State honors, finishing 34th in 19:07.3. Freshman Abby Chandler was three spots back in 19:10.4. Rounding out the scoring were sophomore Kelsey Hodge (57th - 19:31.1) and senior Laura Sheeran (108 - 20:20.7). Sophomores Molly Suttker (131

-20:39.9) and Alyssa Murray (158 - 21:25.4) also ran for Novi. Reid was happy to crack the top 10 as a team, but she knows the future is bright at Novi. "Five of our seven runners (at the state level) are freshmen and sophomores," she said. "It's a building block. This was our first time as a team (at state). The girls worked hard. We had great leadership and everyone committed as a team. It's a beautiful day."

All that said, underwater weighing is considered the gold standard. However, not many

Getting a true body fat measurement

I hear so much about body fat loss, what kind of body fat reading is most accurate? The only true accurate measurement would be the direct method or cadaver analysis (i.e. when you are dead, but then you couldn't do much with the information!). All that said, underwater weighing is considered the gold standard. However, not many

people wish to be dunked in cold water in their bathing suits, making the test impractical and expensive. Additionally, this test is not easy for the technician and leaves room for many errors such as the subject's hydration status, and protein and mineral content at the time of measurement.

Therefore, most fitness professionals end up using the tried and true skin fold assessment technique (pinching the skin with calipers) when working with fat loss because it is portable, inexpensive and less invasive and gives you a "very close to the same reading" under all conditions. This makes skin-fold calipers an ideal assessment tool for determining body fat in any population (other than the very obese in which it's better to use circumference measurements).

Bottom line: when dealing with measuring body fat for monitoring your progress, one-time pin-point accuracy is not nearly as important as the consistency of the measurement device because when it comes to altering body composition, at the end of the day, no one cares how accurate the initial number is (although it will always be very close under any circumstance with the skin fold). One only cares that the body fat measurement is moving in the direction you are working toward.

This column was written by fitness expert Chris Wieba. Chris owns and operates Planet Fitness in Northville and Waterford, and is a regular columnist and public speaker. For more information call 248-449-7634 or go to www.planetfitness.com.

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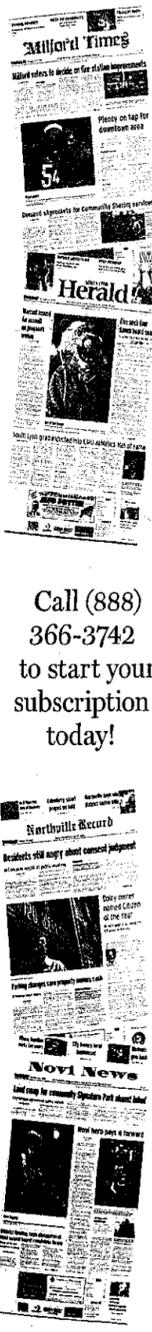
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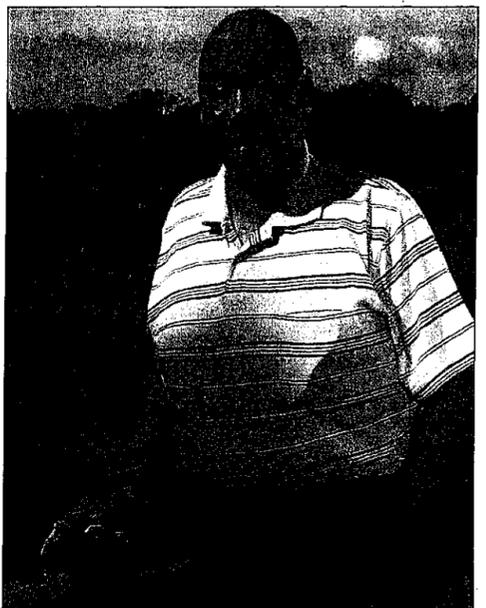
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DMC Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan's Novi Center helped Richard Browder take back his life after a stroke.



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a matter of time," he said. Richard spent a lifetime building the tool and die and engineering business his father started. His children have taken over daily operations, but they still question, "Is dad really retired or maybe just semi-retired?" One thing is for sure, less time at work means more time on the links. As soon as doctors gave the OK, Richard was back on the course playing golf. Richard is just one of the many success stories that unfold everyday at Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan's Novi Center. A proud member of the Detroit Medical Center, RIM Novi is celebrating 10 years of caring for patients in our community. RIM Novi is located at 42005 W. 12 Mile Road. The Center specializes in treating patients who have suffered a stroke, brain injury or spinal cord injury. Their highly trained and specialized staff of rehabilitation professionals is also experienced in treating less complex cases including back pain, sports injuries or recovery from hip or knee replacement surgery. In partnership with Children's Hospital of Michigan, the Center also provides pediatric rehabilitation services. However, if you ask any of the patients what RIM Novi specializes in, they'll tell you, "It's helping people reclaim their lives." Another patient, Richard Browder, is taking back his life after suffering a stroke that left his left side so weak he had difficulty walking and couldn't use his left hand. He was transferred to a rehabilitation facility and started therapy. "I was getting better, but not to my satisfaction," Richard said. "That's when Richard looked to RIM Novi Center for help. "All I can say is when they took me to the parallel bars and told me I could stand up I never thought I could do it. But, I'm doing a lot of things now that I never thought I could do," he said. The therapists at RIM encouraged Richard to attempt new things. "My physical therapist took me to Twelve Oaks Mall and helped me get used to walking around," Richard said. "My occupational therapist worked with me and taught me how to use Saehofex, a device that helped me use my hand again." Today, Richard goes to the gym near his home three times a week to work out. He spends time on his computer, works in the yard with his wife and hangs out with his grandchildren. On Nov. 12, RIM Novi Center is hosting a Community Open House from 4-6:30 p.m. If you are a patient who has been helped by RIM Novi or if you are currently seeking help for a disabling injury or illness, please join us. Meet our staff and tour our facility, who knows it just might end up changing your life.

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Once the most convenient route from Detroit to Ann Arbor, Plymouth Road bustled with horse-drawn traffic and out-of-town travelers.

Along the route was Dixboro General Store, built in 1840, a popular pit stop for buying and trading general merchandise. As cars began to replace horse-drawn transportation, the store added a gas pump, where fashionable Model T's fueled up before hitting the road.

Still standing 168 years later, the store and its adjoining buildings are now a historic landmark just outside of Ann Arbor - now one of the busiest gift and furniture stores in Michigan.

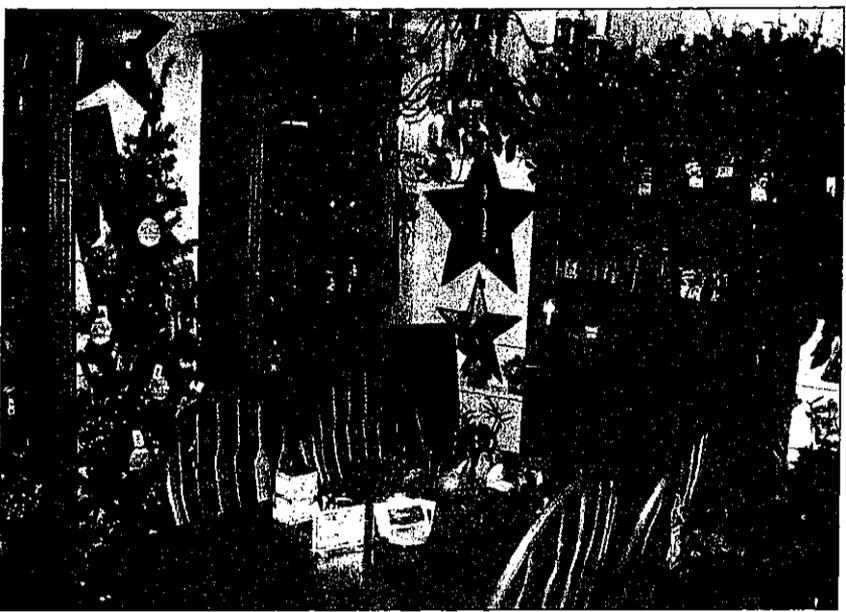
"It's had the same name since the day it opened," said Steve Dani, who operates the store with his wife, Brenda. "It's so much more than a general store. The name is a little misleading. Visitors are often surprised when they come in and discover that we sell furniture and a large assortment of home decor."

To kick off the holiday season, Steve and Brenda will host the 18th annual Holiday Open House at the store the week of Nov. 11-16, welcoming the public and travelers of all ages to join them for horse-drawn carriage rides and refreshments.

"We're excited to debut our holiday merchandise during the Open House, which will all be 20 percent off throughout the week," Steve said.

The event will also include a special book reading with children's author Mark Moulton and illustrator Karen Good.

On Nov. 12, Moulton and Good will be signing all of their books, as well as treat-



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Visit Dixboro General Store in Ann Arbor for home speciality gifts for the holidays, from upholstered furniture and dinnerware to specialty ornaments and collectables.

ing youngsters to a book-reading of their latest title, "Reindeer Christmas," at the historic Dixboro Schoolhouse directly across from the store.

"Mark has been here several times," Steve said. "He really likes coming out and talking with the people that visit our store, as does Karen. They have a great chemistry together, and it makes for a fun day."

Visitors of all ages are likely to find something unique at Dixboro General Store, whether it's a private label jelly or jam, delicious fudge or hand-crafted piece of solid wood furniture.

During the holiday season, Dixboro staff members stock the store with festive trimmings, trees, ornaments, wreaths, table top items and

more, with nearly everything in store available for purchase.

Old-fashioned candy, toys and carriage rides will keep children busy for hours while parents and grandparents explore holiday merchandise on display from floor to ceiling.

"It's a fun, fantastic time," Steve said. "We look forward to the Holiday Open House every year. We're wishing for an inch or so of snow the night before to add a wintery feel to our event."

OLD-TIME FEEL, MODERN DAY SETTING

Dixboro General Store has evolved over the years with its customers, many of whom now make up a mailing list of nearly 40,000 people.

The store's upstairs, once a

Saturday night dance hall for many years in the early 20th century, is now another level for shoppers to explore.

Today, it's home to specialty gifts for the holidays including a wide range of candles, folk art, upholstered furniture, dinnerware and collectables.

One such collectable, Williraye Studios figures, will be part of a special event on Sunday, Nov. 16.

The popular Williraye figures, collected by enthusiasts around the world, are the combined talents of Jeff and Bobbe Punzel-Schuknecht, who hand-craft the whimsical pieces uniquely with oversized feet and small heads.

On November 16, visitors can purchase pieces from the collection for 20 percent off during the store's first ever "Williraye Event Day" from noon to 5 p.m. A Williraye representative will be on-hand from 1-4 p.m. for assistance to answer questions and to share stories. There will also be a raffle for a signed piece, as well as giveaways.

Dixboro General Store is currently celebrating its second year as Best Gift Shop in Metro Detroit, awarded by WDIV, Channel 4.

Visit www.dixboro.com to take a virtual tour of the store or to join the store's exclusive mailing list, featuring a seasonal newsletter with store happenings and coupons.

Dixboro General Store

5206 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor
Phone: (734) 663-5558

Store hours:

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Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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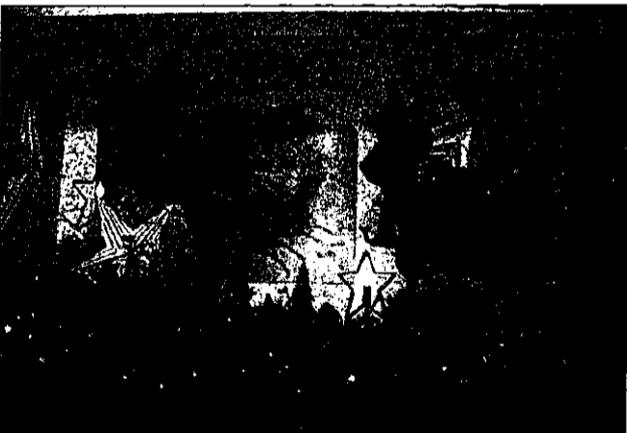
Holiday Open House Schedule

M-Nov. 10	Closed
T-Nov. 11	10-7
W-Nov. 12	10-7
Th-Nov. 13	10-7
F-Nov. 14	10-8
Sa-Nov. 15	10-6
Su-Nov. 16	10-5

• Author Mark Moulton and Illustrator Karen Good will read their newest book, "Reindeer Christmas," 4:30 p.m. Nov. 12 in the old school house across from the store.

• Williraye Event Day is Nov. 16 from noon to 5 p.m, featuring 20 percent off all Williraye Studios figures, crafted by Jeff and Bobbe Punzel-Schuknecht.

• Free carriage rides Nov. 11-16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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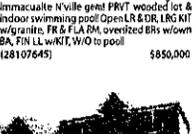
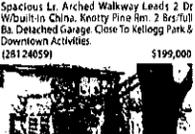
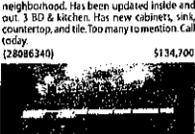
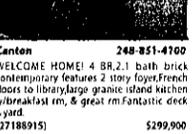
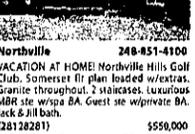
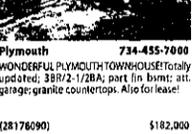
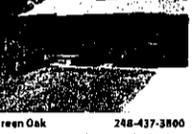
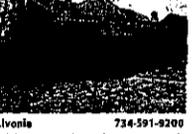
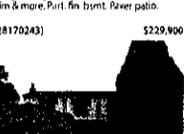
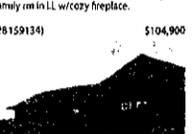
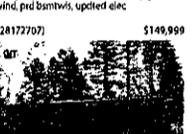
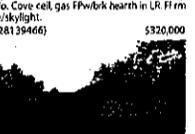
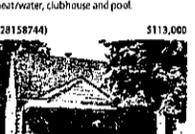
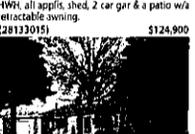
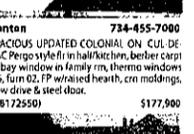
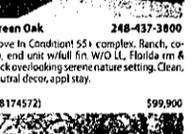
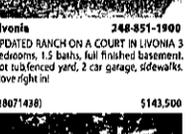
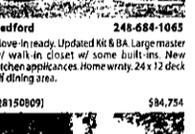
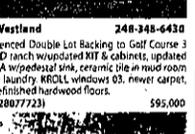
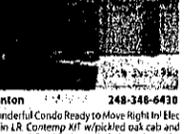
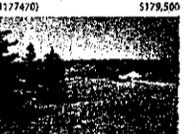
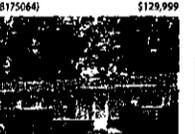
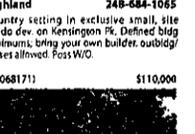
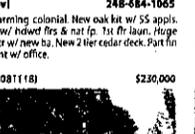
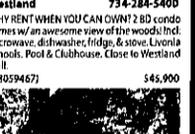
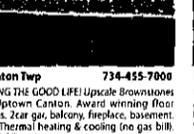
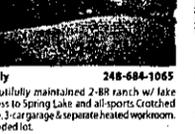
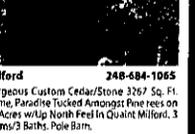
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 <p>Brighton 248-437-3800 Fabulous Home With Style This well maintained home is a designers delight. Open floor plan, great rm w/replace. 1st floor w/french doors, and convenient 1st fl laundry rm. Fin LL.</p> <p>(281216701) \$219,900</p>	 <p>Dexter 248-348-6430 Spacious Ranch Style On Cul-de-Sac A beautiful home w/4 acres. 4BRs, 2.5BA. KIT w/quartz counter & all appls. MSTR w/BA. Skylights thruout. Natural Gas generator. Minutes to Ann Arbor & freeway.</p> <p>(28129590) \$450,000</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-348-6430 Wonderful Neighborhood 4 BDRM Colonial has updates galore including vinyl siding, roof, furnace & AC, windows, carpeting, driveway, garage floor & remodeled KIT. Swim club in sub (membership req.).</p> <p>(28177528) \$199,900</p>	 <p>Northville 248-348-6430 One Of A Kind-Year Round Pool! Gorgeous immaculate N/Ville great PRIV wooded lot & indoor swimming pool. Open LR & DR, LRG KIT w/ granite, FR & FLA DM, oversized BRs w/own BA, FR LL, w/KIT, W/O to pool.</p> <p>(28170745) \$850,000</p>	 <p>Plymouth 248-348-6430 HISTORIC Home W/ Great Walk To Town! Spacious Lt. Arched Walkway Leads 2 Dr W/ built in China. Knotty Pine Bm. 2 Bst Full BA. Detached Garage. Close To Kellogg Park & Downtown Activities.</p> <p>(281240591) \$199,000</p>	 <p>Wayne LIKE HOME IN WAYNE Established neighborhood. Has been updated inside and out. 3 BD & kitchen. Has new cabinets, sink, countertop, and tile. Too many to mention. Call today.</p> <p>(28086340) \$134,700</p>
 <p>Canton 248-851-4700 WELCOME HOME! 4 BR, 2.1 bath brick contemporary features 2 story foyer, french doors to library, large granite island kitchen w/ breakfast rm, & great rm. Fantastic deck & yard.</p> <p>(27188915) \$299,900</p>	 <p>Farmington Hills 248-437-3800 Just Listed Great opportunity in excellent Farmington Hills neighborhood. Features over 2700 sq ft, 4 bedrooms, 2.1 baths. Located on beautiful large lot backing to commons.</p> <p>(28176376) \$199,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-851-4700 METICULOUSLY LANDSCAPED YARD. Enjoy next summer by the pool! Open floor plan w/ vaulted ceilings. Floor to ceiling windows. New carpet, ceramic tile, copper plumb, windows, roof & 200 amp elec.</p> <p>(28101766) \$187,000</p>	 <p>Northville 248-851-4700 VACATION AT HOME! Northville Hills Golf Club. 5000 sq ft plan loaded w/ extras. Granite throughout, 2 staircases. Luxurious MBR w/ fireplace BA. Guest st w/ private BA. Jack & Jill bath.</p> <p>(28128281) \$550,000</p>	 <p>Plymouth 734-455-7000 WONDERFUL PLYMOUTH TOWNHOUSE! Totally updated. 3BR/2-1/2BA, part fin bsm; att; garage; granite countertops. Also for lease!</p> <p>(28176090) \$182,000</p>	 <p>Westland 248-348-6430 WHERE'S THE PARTY? RIGHT HERE! Great home w/ wraparound pool & beautifully maintained yard! 3 BD, 1 BA, new roof, water heater & appliances. Close to schools, shopping & freeways! 10 min to airport.</p> <p>(28121774) \$129,900</p>
 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 FEELS LIKE HOME! Great home w/ living in foyer, kit, nook. Lg family rm w/ FP. Den & formal living/dining rms. New windows, shutters, ext trim & more. Part. Fin bsm. Paver patio.</p> <p>(28170243) \$229,900</p>	 <p>Green Oak 248-437-3800 For folk 55+ Located deep in this complex w/ trees & nature as the backdrop. Very nice cond w/ finished W/O LL & 3 season sunporch. Family rm in LL w/ cozy fireplace.</p> <p>(28159134) \$104,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 734-591-9200 Solid Brk mch. Spacious ready to move in. Rain hardwoods thruout w/ lam m add. Corner lot w/ yd spechific tractor use entry gas. New window blinds, updated elec.</p> <p>(28177207) \$149,999</p>	 <p>Northville 248-348-6430 Charming and Immaculate Walk to downtown Northville! Cozy, yet bright & cheery home! Updates: wind, roof, furn, HWY, Lt new carpet. Core cell, gas FP w/ brick hearth in LR. Fr m w/ light.</p> <p>(28139466) \$920,000</p>	 <p>Plymouth 734-455-7000 CAREFREE CONDO LIVING! 55+ COMMUNITY! This lovely end unit faces a common area and is neutrally decorated. Assoc. fee includes hot/water, clubhouse and pool.</p> <p>(28158744) \$113,000</p>	 <p>Westland 248-348-6430 Totally Updated! Maintenance Free Home. New roof, updated BA, new w/w, carpet, 5 panel doors, steel DRs, ceramic tile in foyer. HWY, all appls, shed, 2 car gar & patio w/ retractable awning.</p> <p>(28133015) \$124,900</p>
 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 SPACIOUS UPDATED COLONIAL ON CUL DE SAC! Porgo style fr in hall/kitchen, berber carpet & bay window in family rm, thermo windows, 05, furn 02, FP w/ raised hearth, cfm moldings, new door & steel door.</p> <p>(28172550) \$177,900</p>	 <p>Green Oak 248-437-3800 Move In Condition! 55+ complex. Ranch, cop, end unit w/ full fin W/O LL, Florida rm & deck overlooking serene nature setting. Clean, neutral decor, appl stay.</p> <p>(28174572) \$99,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-851-1900 UPDATED RANCH ON A COURT IN LIVONIA! 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, full finished basement. Not subtended yard, 2 car garage, sidewalks. Move right in!</p> <p>(28071438) \$143,500</p>	 <p>Northville 248-348-6430 Loads Of Living Space Offers 2 Kitchens! Many options, 4 BD, 2.5 BA & shower, FR, FP, all appl, furnace, HWY windows, 03, roof 99. Walk to town, schools. CT location, neutral decor, close to wavy.</p> <p>(28172161) \$232,500</p>	 <p>Redford 248-684-1065 Move in ready, updated kit & BA. Large master w/ walk in closet w/ some built ins. New kitchen appliances, home w/ wavy, 24 x 12 deck off dining area.</p> <p>(28150809) \$94,754</p>	 <p>Westland 248-348-6430 Fenced Double Lot Backing to Golf Course! 3 BR ranch w/ updated KIT & cabinets, updated BA w/ pedestal sink, ceramic tile in mud room & laundry. W/O LL, windows 03, newer carpet, refinished hardwood floors.</p> <p>(28077223) \$95,000</p>
 <p>Canton 248-437-3800 Wonderful Condo Ready to Move Right In! The FP in LR. Contemp KIT w/ pickled oak cabinets and lamin wood flrs. BRs have WIC. Great built in for ent, finishing, storming. Att'd garage. Close to Summit and 4 ways.</p> <p>(27219336) \$119,900</p>	 <p>Grosse Ile 734-591-9200 LOTS OF UPDATES, NEW FURNACE, NEWER A/C. Newer windows, roof/gutters w/ leaf guards, some new porgo flrs, lots of refinished hardwood flrs. Fenced yard, lg FR w/ brick wall FP & beamed ceiling. 1 yr h/w warranty.</p> <p>(28174740) \$179,500</p>	 <p>Livonia 734-591-9200 Orig Owners, Newer Roof! Updated flooring New Windows, Updated Kit, Newer Furn/AC, Fresh painted Inter, Updated Elec, Grt curb appeal. Part fin bsm w/ wic rm & bar, lg deck & well manicured yard. Sep din area & more.</p> <p>(28175064) \$129,999</p>	 <p>New 248-437-3800 Totally Redone Neo-Classical Colors very appealing for today's look. Shows like a 2008 home, elaborate master bath with extensive use of limestone. Wide plank hardwood in most of 1st floor.</p> <p>(28152434) \$287,700</p>	 <p>Redford 248-348-6430 Lots of Potential! 3 BR. Located just steps from the park! Wet bar & built-in cabinets in BSM! Beautiful fenced yard & screened in back porch! Newer windows. Bring your offer!</p> <p>(28153434) \$72,500</p>	 <p>Westland 734-591-9200 PRICE REDUCED - Affordable home just under 1500\$! Nice size BR/1.5 BA, kit w/ dining area & DW to brick paver patio. 2 car gar, motion light, tint & side, a Cng Fans. Newer Roof & driveway HW Flr 07.</p> <p>(28077416) \$69,900</p>
 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 BETTER THAN NEW! 2 bedrooms/2 full baths, cathedral ceiling, lots of windows, all appliances; neutral decor; attached garage; close to pool.</p> <p>(28110431) \$138,900</p>	 <p>Highland 248-684-1065 Country setting in exclusive small, site cond dev. on Kensington PK. Defined bldg minimums, bring your own builder, outbdg/ horses allowed. Poss W/O.</p> <p>(28068171) \$110,000</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-851-1900 POTTERY BARN PERFECT! LOADS OF UPDATES. LR w/HWY & vaulted ceiling. Huge FR w/ picnic Doorwall to brick paver patio. Newer main bath w/ granite sink, maple vanity. Newer vinyl windows. Walk to elementary school.</p> <p>(28150851) \$159,900</p>	 <p>New 248-684-1065 Charming colonial. New oak kit w/ SS appls. FR w/ hardwood flrs & nat fp. 1st fl laun. Huge mstr w/ new ba. New 2 tier cedar deck. Part fin bsm w/ office.</p> <p>(28081118) \$230,000</p>	 <p>Romulus 734-591-9200 Wow! An Absolute Must See! Newly built home backs to nat preserve, 4 BRs, loft, 2nd fl. In, prent lot, brick paves, lg kit w/ island, bsmnt plumb for BA & Shower, lg MBR & WIC, home warranty, lg FR w/FP.</p> <p>(28169419) \$244,900</p>	 <p>Westland 734-284-5400 WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN OWN? 2 BD condo comes w/ an awesome view of the woods! Incl microwave, dishwasher, fridge, & stove. Livonla Schools. Pool & Clubhouse. Close to Westland Mall.</p> <p>(28059672) \$45,900</p>
 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 LIVING THE GOOD LIFE! Update Brownstones in Uptown Canton. Award winning floor plans. 2 car gar, balcony, fireplace, basement. Geo thermal heating & cooling (no gas bill). Model Open!</p> <p>(28161419) \$189,900</p>	 <p>Holly 248-684-1065 Beautifully maintained 2-Br ranch w/ lake access to Spring Lake and all sports. Cratched Lake. 3 car garage & separate heated workroom. Wooded lot.</p> <p>(28132165) \$125,000</p>	 <p>Lyon 248-437-3800 Come Enjoy Mill River Ranch style lives 2 BR, 2 BA condo with convenient access to tennis, basketball courts and swimming pool. Features 1 car attached garage and has extra parking.</p> <p>(28163971) \$139,900</p>	 <p>New 734-455-7000 WOW! AMAZING PRICE! Priced to sell! Clean & well-kept ranch w/ full finished basement, 2.1 baths and great lot. Award winning schools! Hurry on this beauty!</p> <p>(28174944) \$208,000</p>	 <p>South Lyon 248-437-3800 Charming Bungalow in quiet downtown South Lyon. Hardwood flrs, completely updated dining rm, living rm & sunroom, nice size yard w/ deck. Newer high efficiency furnace, appls, h/d.</p> <p>(28173042) \$185,000</p>	 <p>Milford 248-684-1065 Gorgeous Custom Cedar/Stone 3267 Sq. Ft. Home. Paradise Tucked Amongst Pine trees on 3+ Acres w/ Up North Feel in Quiet Milford. 3 Bdrms/3 Baths. Pole Barn.</p> <p>(28116984) \$439,000</p>
 <p>Commerce 248-684-1065 Enjoy all sports LL! Sherwood Boat/lock priv & Ingrid. pool. Priv. treed yard. Remodeled brick w/o Ranch. Open flr pin, granite kit, 3 gas FP & more!</p> <p>(28093056) \$275,000</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-348-6430 Spacious colonial! New first floor master suite, 25 bath. Spacious lot with fenced backyard and Inground pool. Second one car garage for storage.</p> <p>(27206812) \$259,900</p>	 <p>Milford 248-684-1065 Port & Beam house with 5265 Sq Ft plus 1300 Sq Ft Bsm, 5 bds, 5.1ba, 5.76 acres on Kensington Park, 3 car gar. One bd & ba in separate apartment.</p> <p>(28004548) \$1,390,000</p>	 <p>Oceola 248-437-3800 Charming Farm House On beautiful 1.5 acres w/ mature evergreens. Updated interior w/ oak theme, ceramic foyer & kitchen w/ oak cabinets. Main: free view siding & windows.</p> <p>(28170032) \$200,000</p>	 <p>South Lyon 248-437-3800 Location! Location! Location! Three BR ranch on 5 acres. Home in needs a little TLC but offers great potential. 30x41 pole barn. Easy commute to Ann Arbor, Novi, Plymouth, Great Opportunity.</p> <p>(28172851) \$177,000</p>	 <p>White Lake 248-684-1065 High dry site overlooking Grass Lake. 3 parcels to choose from. Bring your builder or use mine.</p> <p>(28068311) \$64,754</p>
 <p>Commerce 248-348-6430 Sports Commerce Lake! 265 Acres LA Commerce. 2 full kit & ba's on separate flrs. New kit w/ ceramic island, brand new furnace, Anderson win 06, c/c staircase, dock & seawall, bluff!</p> <p>(27137133) \$195,000</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-348-6430 Buildlers Own Custom Home. Many Amenities! Overlooks pond w/ fountain & nature preserve on serene court. Exceptional home MSTR suite, LR, family room & great rm. Fin W/O BSM, trek deck, gas heat/pt \$117m.</p> <p>(28129890) \$499,900</p>	 <p>Milford 248-684-1065 Close to the village of Milford with Highland tares! Bring the horses and enjoy the country life. Split from a 20 acre farm.</p> <p>(28033993) \$139,900</p>	 <p>Plymouth 734-455-7000 AN ADVENTURE INTO ELEGANCE! Most Admired Historic Cape Cod in the City of Plymouth! Designed by GM Bldg architect. 1st time marketred in 45 years! 5 bdrms/5 baths. Spectacular w/wooded avel.</p> <p>(28172722) \$920,000</p>	 <p>Redford 248-684-1065 Move-in condition! 30x21 full fin bsm. HDWD flrs, all appl, included including washer & dryer. 2 1/2 car garage w/wrk bench. Home warranty offered.</p> <p>(28170969) \$115,000</p>	 <p>White Lake 248-684-1065 Sharp 1994 3 BR w/pos. 4th BR or office in approx. 400 sq. ft. fin. bsm. Open flr plan w/ beautiful wrap around deck. Heated 2 car garage. Lake Privileges.</p> <p>(28130628) \$169,900</p>
 <p>Detroit 248-348-6430 2 Story Brick Tudor! Traditional 3 way brick tudor. LR, DR, KIT, BRK nook, FP, HWY, appl. Being sold as is. Buyer to assume any & all municipal requirements pertaining to occupancy.</p> <p>(28144941) \$57,857</p>	 <p>Livonia 734-591-9200 UNIQUE PERFECTION BACK YARD LOWER 1 FULL. Btm on each flr, new wndws upstrs, new ext dcs, new furn-a/c/hwh, new carpet & porgo flrs, updated bthrms, huge fin bsmnt, farm rm leads to deck w/ hot tub, pond.</p> <p>(28169416) \$129,900</p>	 <p>Milford 248-437-3800 Perfect Starter Home Real hardw flrs thruout, will be refinished after seller moves out & before closing for a crisp fresh look. Priced to sell. Close to shopping, downtown & GAO.</p> <p>(28175458) \$124,900</p>	 <p>Plymouth 734-435-7000 EXTRAORDINARY DESIGN - CUSTOM HOME! Unique & impressive! 5 BRs, 5 full baths. Backs to pond. Private view! Dramatic features with no expense spared. 3 car & 2 car art gar. In-law suite w/ walk out.</p> <p>(28173612) \$524,900</p>	 <p>Waterford 248-684-1065 Partly wooded lot on canal to Pleasant Lake. Five lots to choose from. Use your builder or mine. Paved streets-all utilities.</p> <p>(28069007) \$69,754</p>	 <p>Wolverine Lake 248-348-6430 OUTSTANDING WATER VERNE LAKE PRIVILEGES Well Located W/ig Fenced Yard its Time For Updating And Re-decorating! But It Does Have The Fr Addition, Siding And Roof. Good Value In A Popular Area!</p> <p>(28145139) \$139,000</p>

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