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SCHOOLS TAKE \$.5M HIT

Low student counts may mean potential budget cuts

By Renee Saunders
STAFF WRITER

Student count day results revealed a potentially massive financial loss for the Novi Community School District. Last Wednesday, each school

district across the state counted students to determine how much money in per-pupil funding they would get in their formulation allowance, a combination of local taxes and state aid. Districts develop their budgets based on how many students they anticipate in their classrooms. In Novi classes, each young mind represents \$8,710 in funding for the district. District officials estimated 93 new students this year. The unannounced student count day only 92 students this year.

That's 61 students, or 5531,310 less than anticipated, said Jim Koster, assistant superintendent for finance. "This is a reflection of our economy... of our state of affairs in Michigan," Koster said. Bob Schram, assistant superintendent for human resources for the Novi School District, said this year's slight dip in student population is the lowest he's seen in 15 years. He said the district is used to seeing student population increas-

Student Head Count

	BUDGETED	COUNTED
Novi High School	1959	1941
Novi Middle School	1049	1048
Novi Meadows	1049	1026
Deerfield	478	480
Parkview	566	518
Novi Woods	441	442
Orchard Hills	454	470
Village Oaks	380	379
Early Childhood Center	14	15

SOURCE: Novi School District

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"To me, the small structures are much more indicative of the history of America. Even though they look humble, I think it's important that we preserve them."



Michael Kirk
Historic preservation architect

Michael Kirk, a Dearborn-based architect, checks out the foundation of the Wixom-Wire House. Kirk believes the house's foundation can be restored at its current location at Wixom and Maple roads.

Preserving Wixom-Wire House

City officials plan to fund restoration job

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Resembling actor Harrison Ford's character "Indiana Jones," Michael Kirk carefully surveyed the historic Wixom-Wire House last Monday afternoon. Kirk, a local historic preservation architect, will present a report to Wixom City Council on Tuesday recommending that the home at 687 N. Wixom Road at West Maple Road be restored at its current site.

Wixom city officials decided at their last meeting on Sept. 26 to make a decision on the next step concerning the home after Kirk's review. The tiny house, which has been named a historic site by the State Historic Preservation Office, is the headquarters of the Wixom Historical Society and serves as a historical museum. Tours are often given to scout troops and elementary students. **House dates from 1855** In 1855, Lucy Wixom, wife of Abijah Wixom, one of the area's first settlers, had this home built for the Rev. Samuel Wire and his wife, also named Lucy.

The Gothic-Revival style home was used for both church and funeral services. The alcove in the parlor was even built to hold a coffin. The present dining room was added sometime between 1860 and 1870. The kitchen wasn't added until the early 1900s, and the porch shortly thereafter. Mc and Mrs. William Tiffin bought the house in 1897 from the estate of Mrs. Eliza Burch, who had purchased the home from Lucy Wixom in 1872 after Rev. Wire and his wife died. In 1975, the city of Wixom bought the home from the Tiffin's sons, Bill and Charles, who died in 1973. The city then leased it to the historical Society.

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New fire chief named

City selects Bloomfield official with 30 years of fire experience

By Greg Migliore
STAFF WRITER

Novi selected a veteran Bloomfield Township firefighter to be the city's next chief. On Monday, Novi said Frank A. Smith, a captain with the Bloomfield Township Fire Department, will be sworn in at 6 p.m. Oct. 16 at Fire Station No. 4. Smith was chosen from a field of six finalists that included Novi's acting fire chief Jeff Johnson. City Manager Clay Pearson, who made the final selection, said Johnson will remain with the department as deputy chief. Smith has more than 30 years of experience in firefighting and has



Frank Smith

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Doc prescribes profit-making

Local portfolio manager gives advice to some folks for free

By Renee Saunders
STAFF WRITER

Bernie Schinkel of Novi is available and on the market. Stock market, that is, and he's available to answer questions and help folks manage their portfolios for free. "This is not a sales pitch," said

Schinkel, vice president and senior portfolio manager at Huntington National Bank in Birmingham. Schinkel's job includes managing mutual funds, corporate accounts, pension funds and foundations. He is the guy who can answer financial questions, and he can be reached at work at (248) 433-0271 or via e-mail at bernie.schinkel@huntington.com. He earned a doctorate of philosophy degree in management from Purdue University in 1976, a master's of science in taxation from Walsh College in 1985, a master of

science management from Purdue University in 1971 and a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from the General Motors Institute, (now Kettering University) in 1970. He was a graduate instructor for finance at Purdue University from 1972-1975, an assistant professor of finance and business economics for Wayne State University from 1975-1984 and associate professor of finance at the University of Detroit from 1984-1989.

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Bernie Schinkel

vice president and senior portfolio manager at Huntington Bank, doesn't mind advising people on their finances at no cost.

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Detroit Public Television plans Wixom Oktoberfest fund-raiser

■ Food, games, music featured

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Alex Greene wants to get the bugs out — "My Bed Bugs," that is. Greene, creator of the "Bugs, whose studio is in Clinton Township, will bring the live-action characters for pre-schoolers to the Detroit Public Television's Oktoberfest fund-raiser in Wixom on Saturday, Oct. 14.

Members of the public TV station's President's Council are organizing the family-oriented event from 2-7 p.m. inside the Riley Broadcast Center at Clover Court in Wixom, off the north side of Grand River Avenue and Napier Road, one mile west of Wixom Road.

All proceeds from the event will benefit Detroit Public Television. This is the second year for the fund-raiser. It will feature an afternoon of fun and games for the whole family, highlighted by Tommy Schaefer and the Sound of Sogerbroeder, an authentic four-piece German band which will offer opportunities to dance and sing along.

"My Bed Bugs" will present a live performance and greet fans throughout the afternoon. DPTV's "Get Up! Get Out!" hosts Fred Nahhat and Kalley Hamilton will also be on hand.

Older children and adults can test their skills with 21 carnival games, a moonwalk and a 70-foot obstacle course — all available at



Fred Nahhat and Kalley Hamilton, hosts of "Get Up! Get Out!"

DPTV's Oktoberfest details

Admission to Detroit Public Television's Oktoberfest fund-raiser at the new Riley Broadcast Center in Wixom on Saturday, Oct. 14, is free except for a \$5 parking fee. The center is located at 1 Clover Court off the north side of Grand River Avenue west of Wixom Road.

For more information about the event or to become a member of Detroit Public Television President's Council, call (313) 875-8375 or go to detroitpublic.org.

"This year's event is going to be bigger and better," said Peter Fazzinetti of St. Clair Shores, chairman of the event, who added that the obstacle course is new this year.

Last year's event attracted about 800 people, according to Diles. "With the arrival of the new station in Wixom, I think we can generate a lot of interest for the city," she said. "This is a great opportunity for people to see the new station, and it's really an exciting family event."

Although the station has not fully moved to Wixom yet, with the broadcast studio still in downtown Detroit, offices have been moved to Wixom. The event will actually take place in the future studio.

The station is in the midst of a capital campaign, with officials hoping enough money can be raised to complete the move next year.

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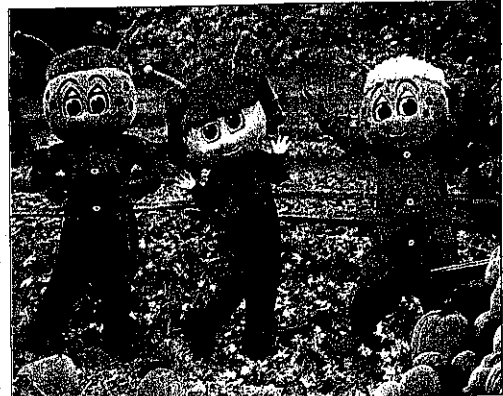


Photo courtesy Greenstreet, Inc.

Characters from the popular children's show "My Bed Bugs" that airs on Detroit Public Television's WTWS Channel 56 will perform and mingle with attendees at the station's Oktoberfest fund-raiser from 2-7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14, at the new Riley Broadcast Center in Wixom. Pictured, from left, are Gooby, Woozy and Tooty.

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To register, citizens need their driver's license number and current citizenship. All they have to do is fill out a form.

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FOSTER FARMHOUSE

Wolverine Lake resident riding monocycle to aid historic home

Trip to take him across Michigan

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Those traveling Michigan Avenue this Saturday will be doing a lot of pointing and staring when they see Kerry McLean. McLean, of Wolverine Lake, is embarking on a unique journey that day. He will travel about 35 miles per hour for about 10 hours on U.S. 12 on his monocycle, with the hope of raising more than \$20,000 for the historic Foster Farmhouse in Walled Lake.

Contribute to the cause

Contributions to the Friends of the Foster Farmhouse can be made by cash or check or by PayPal on the organization's Web site at www.walledlake.com, or by calling (248) 624-5272. To learn more about Walled Lake resident Kerry McLean's "Wheel for Restoration" ride on his motorcycle on Saturday, go to www.kerryonm.com. Sunday has been designated as the rain date for the fund-raiser.

Other Underground Railroad locations in Portage, Battle Creek, Coldwater, Marshall and Eaton Rapids along McLean's route will be clearing him on.

The Friends of the Foster Farmhouse are a dedicated group of citizens whose vision is to see that the stately house again serves a vital purpose in the Lakes area. Once restored, the farmhouse will be used as a historical museum and cultural center.

"I'm really excited that the city is going to help us by funding the restoration of the foundation," Collier said. "We've been patching it over the years, but we know it needs major work." Council will have to pass a budget amendment to earmark funds for the foundation renovation.



Photo courtesy of Kerry McLean

Kerry McLean of Wolverine Lake will be taking his monocycle to the streets on Saturday, when he drives across the state on Michigan Avenue on his "Wheel for Restoration" fund-raiser for Walled Lake's Foster Farmhouse. He hopes to raise \$20,000 to help restore the historic home, which is used as a museum and community gathering place.

Wixom to fund renovation effort

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Initially, the house was going to be refurbished with Community Development Block Grant funds. But the city decided to fund repairs instead. But correct details instead to use the block grant money to pay for the Grand River Avenue safety path. Jackie Collier, historical society president, said three options were being considered on the house: renovating it in its current site, moving the house to a concrete foundation; or moving the house to a poured basement foundation.

Kirk said after his survey that he would recommend that the house be kept at its current site because it affects its historical value. City officials had some concerns that the home might be struck by a car someday since it's so close to the intersection. Kirk has worked on restoration projects from farmhouses to courthouses and open houses, believes the Wixom-Wire House should remain where it stands. "To me, the small structures are much more indicative of the history of America," Kirk said. "Even though they look humble, I think it's important that we preserve them."

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New fire chief selected

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been a captain for the last 13 years. His duties included command of a fire station and its 21 firefighters, training and oversight of West Bloomfield's emergency vehicles. He has been with the township since 1976. He also has experience as a paid, on-call firefighter for Farmington Hills. "I'm really excited about giving a fresh look to a working system," Smith said. Smith has bachelor's degrees in emergency medical services and fire science from Madonna University. He is also a hazardous materials specialist and an adjunct instructor at Michigan State University. He has lived mostly in Farmington Hills, although he rented a house for two years in Novi in the 1970s.

Another mistake investors make is that they don't set goals for themselves in terms of retirement or college funds, and even if they do, they don't know how to implement them, Schinkiel said. Schinkiel said some folks aren't aware of the costs of investment, and some people take too much of a risk on the market while others risk too little. "It gets complex," he said.

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Turn over Sandstone documents, judge says

Novi couples want info about 2002 deal

By Greg Migliore
STAFF WRITER

An Oakland County judge ordered the city to turn over documents with information about land owned by two Novi families. Anni and Leo Coblentz and John and Deborah Lewandowski were suing letters between the city and Sandstone Associates Limited Partnership, as well as documents they say were intentionally deleted by the city.

The papers were related to a multi-million dollar settlement that turned over 15 acres of city land to Sandstone after a court ruled in 1999 the city impeded a project by the developer. Before the agreement, a court awarded Sandstone about \$33 million plus interest, one of the largest verdicts ever against a Michigan municipality. The couples' property is next to the land. As part of the deal, Novi agreed to remove deed restrictions on the property given Sandstone, as well as the couples' land. Novi has said some of the docu-

Portfolio manager gives advice to folks for free

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Schinkiel said giving financial advice isn't something that he's done very often though he has helped members of his parish at Church of the Holy Family in Novi at the request of a former pastor. Schinkiel said everyone is susceptible to a bad advisor but elderly people are typically the people who end up getting bad advice from someone lacking integrity. "It doesn't happen that often, but the number one thing is to get a second opinion," he said. "If the plan sounds too good to be true, then it probably is."

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Steal American: Novi thieves favor wheels from Chevrolets

Recent thefts result in more bike patrols

By Greg Migliore
STAFF WRITER

Chevrolet is the bestselling brand in America, and thieves in Novi are acquiring a taste for it. Specifically, handoffs like Chevy wheels. In recent weeks, at least three incidences of tires and rims being stolen have been reported to Novi police. It's hardly an epidemic and two of the crimes appear related, but officials are talking notice.

Lt. Victor Lauria, general services division commander for the Novi police, said the department has increased bicycle patrols in

high-risk areas like apartment complex parking lots, which are often dimly lit and offer thieves a better selection of vehicles.

Two of the incidents took place in an early-morning caper Sept. 14, when thieves made off with the rims and wheels from two rented Chevrolet Impalas parked at Novi hotels. In both cases, the cars were found testing on old rims, and the lugnuts were left behind. Police estimated the damage to be about \$1,700 to \$2,000 for each car.

Tires and rims were also stolen off a Chevrolet late Aug. 31 or early Sept. 1 from a residence on Glenwood. Police said a possible fingerprint was found at the scene.

The Impala is Chevrolet's highest volume passenger car and one of the top sellers in the United States, which makes its parts valuable in the underworld.

"I think that unfortunately that makes them more marketable on the black market," said Terry Rudington, communications director for Chevrolet. "They can easily move them."

While Chevrolet wheels seem to be the most-hyped item of the fall for local thieves, Lauria noted the black market can change quickly. He said Ford Taurus air bags and Ford F-150 tailgates were popular in the past.

"It's been my experience over my career that this type of thing is kind of cyclical," he said. Lauria said owners can make their cars more secure by parking in garages and well-lit areas and using wheel locks.

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Don't wait until it's time to leave

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Fuller demonstrated that a homemade toilet can be fashioned

with a large bucket, two 2-inch-by-2-inch blocks of wood a few inches wider than the top of the bucket to sit on, some large plastic bags and a bowl of bleach.

The American Red Cross also suggests checking your disaster kit every six months to keep water and food items fresh.

Finally, don't forget a pet carrier and kash in your disaster kit.

"Several people lost their lives after Hurricane Katrina hit because they wouldn't leave their pets," Mikerejowski said.

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Survival kit essentials

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- Cash and coins;
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- Items for infants (if applicable), such as formula, diapers, bottles and pacifiers;
- Tools, pet supplies (if applicable), a map of the local area and other items to meet your and your family's needs.

And when it's cold

If you live in a cold climate, you must be prepared for warmth. Include a set of the following for each person:

- Jacket or coat;
- Long pants and long-sleeve shirt;
- Sturdy shoes;
- Hat, gloves or mittens and scarf; and a sleeping bag or warm blanket.

For more information, visit the American Red Cross Web site at www.redcross.org or the Federal Emergency Management Agency site at www.fema.gov.

Source: American Red Cross and Federal Emergency Management Agency

Oh Deer! It's peak season for crashes in Michigan

Beck Road, Pontiac Trail tops in Novi for deer crashes

By Greg Migliore
STAFF WRITER

For the next couple of months, think deer when you're driving. September through November is the peak time of the year for car-deer crashes. Last year, Novi had 49 such accidents, and about 40 percent of them occurred in the fall, according to the Novi Police Department.

Wooded stretches along Beck Road and West Park Drive are two of the most dangerous areas for deer accidents.

"We still have a lot of wildlife that's on the run, and we try to preserve that as best we can. Just think it is for people to drive safely," Novi Police Chief David Molloy says. He also notes a motorist has not been killed in a deer accident in Novi in at least 15 years.

In total, there were 58,741 deer accidents in Michigan last year.

the lowest since 1995. Nine people were killed and 1,700 injured. More than 17 percent of all crashes in Michigan involve a deer.

Deer crashes also are costly, and they are accountable for at least \$130 million in damages annually in Michigan, averaging \$2,000 per vehicle.

The issue is so pressing to Michigan motorists, Gov. Jennifer Granholm proclaimed October Car-Deer Crash Safety Awareness Month.

What to do

While these numbers seem forboding, the Michigan Deer Crash Coalition (MDCC) says there are a number of safety measures drivers can take. They include: looking for deer around dawn and dusk when they are most active, driving slowly in areas with dense deer populations and being alert for deer crossings. The organization also notes deer usually travel together in single-file lines.

If a crash is unavoidable, the MDCC says drivers should not swerve, brake firmly and try to come to a controlled stop. Statistics show that most

Car-deer facts

- 49 accidents in Novi in 2005
- \$9,741 in Michigan in 2005
- Fall is peak season
- Vehicles sustained about \$130 million in damages

motorist deaths and injuries occur when drivers swerve to avoid hitting the deer and strike a fixed object such as a tree or another vehicle." MDCC Chairman Jack Peet says, who is also manager of community safety services for AAA Michigan. "No one wants to see a deer destroyed, but striking the animal is often the safest action."

Molloy says drivers should call the police after an accident, and authorities will clean up the scene. Motorists have the option of keeping the deer.

Greg Migliore is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107 or gmigliore@gannett.com.

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6:30-10:30 pm	Carnival Rides	Village
6:30-10:30 pm	Kielbasa Kings	Beer Tent
Saturday, October 14 (Noon-11pm)		Location
Throughout the Day	Carnival Rides & Games	Village
	Arts and Crafts Vendors	Village
1:00 - 4:00 pm	Free Horse and Wagon Rides	
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Oktober German Band	Beer Tent
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Melody Magic	Village
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Wawel Folk Ensemble Dancers	Beer Tent
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Oehrlin Bavarian Dancers	Village
6:30-10:30 pm	Dave Silivinski Polka Band	Beer Tent

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PEOPLE

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Novi Hooters girl competes in world swimsuit contest

■ Waitress qualifies twice, but top goal is dental career

By Greg Migliore
STAFF WRITER

Novi Hooters waitress Jennifer Steinman has been in two of the restaurant's international bathing suit contest, but beauty pageants are about the last thing on her mind.

Her top priority: getting into the right dental school and launching a successful practice.

"I've always thought looks aren't going to last a lifetime," she says. "I've always just wanted to be a dentist."

But in a few years when she's drilling cavities and pulling wisdom teeth, she'll have some stories to tell. Steinman placed in the top 10 at the Hooters International Swimsuit Pageant in June 2005 in Miami. She also competed, but didn't place at the contest last July in Las Vegas. She'll be featured in the 2007 Hooters calendar that came out Oct. 1.

"I was blown away that I actu-

ally made this contest," says the 23-year-old, who started the process by winning a regional bikini competition she entered on a whim when she was working at the Kalamazoo Hooters.

She worked at the Novi restaurant for more than a year when she was staying at her boyfriend's family cottage in Brighton. She has since moved back to her hometown of Dowagiac, Mich., although she still occasionally picks up a shift in Novi.

"Definitely it's an honor and (we're) real excited about it," says Yolyn Hollingsworth, general manager of the Novi Hooters.

The contest brought her a flicker of celebrity, as the pageant was on Fox Sports Net. She also got to participate in Super Bowl activities last January in Detroit for *FSN's the Best Damn Sports Show Period*.

Dental school looms

At the moment, Steinman is shadowing a dentist at the office where her mother works as a dental hygienist. She's also looking for dental work to gain practical experience in the field while she applies to dental schools. Two of her top choices are the University of Michigan and the University of Detroit Mercy.



Jennifer Steinman

Steinman says she's looking forward to immersing herself in school.

"For four years, my life is going to be teeth," she says. She graduated early from Central Michigan University in December 2004 with a degree in pre-graduate biology. In high school, she was Miss Dowagiac.

In her spare time, Steinman enjoys outdoor activities like kayaking and camping, characterizing herself as mostly a "torrny."

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NAMES IN NEWS

Nell Francis Cox, 22, the son of Joan Cox and the late Jerome Cox of Novi, has been accepted into the Peace Corps. Cox departed for Tanzania on Sept. 20, to become an education volunteer. Cox's work will include secondary school education and community-based HIV/AIDS awareness and education.

A graduate of Novi High School, he attended the University of Pittsburgh and earned a bachelor's of science degree in neuroscience and psychology and a bachelor's of arts in linguistics degree, graduating summa cum laude in 2006.

During the first three months of his service, Cox will live with a host family in Tanzania to become fully immersed in the country's language and culture. After acquiring the language and cultural skills necessary to assist his community, Cox will serve for two years in his first community, living at the same level as the local people.

The Peace Corps is celebrating a 45-year legacy of service at home and abroad, and a 30-year high for volunteers in the field.

OBITUARY

KENNETH A. LANE

Age 75, died October 2, 2008 at his residence in Northville. Mr. Lane was retired from Ford Motor Car Company having served the company as a supervisor. He served in the United States Air Force. He was also a Past Master of the Hazel Park Masonic Lodge #570 F & AM. Services for Mr. Lane will be 11 A.M., Thursday, October 5, 2008 at the First United Methodist Church, 777 West Eight Mile, Northville. Rev. John Hice and Rev. Eric Hammar will officiate. Interment will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in South Branch, Michigan. Mr. Lane is survived by his wife Darlene; Two children, Kathryn (Kiki) Bannerman and Jeremy Lane; Two grandchildren, Alyson and John; And a sister Shirley A. Bentsen. He was preceded in death by a son Darin. Memorial contributions to the First United Methodist Church would be appreciated. Arrangements by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home.

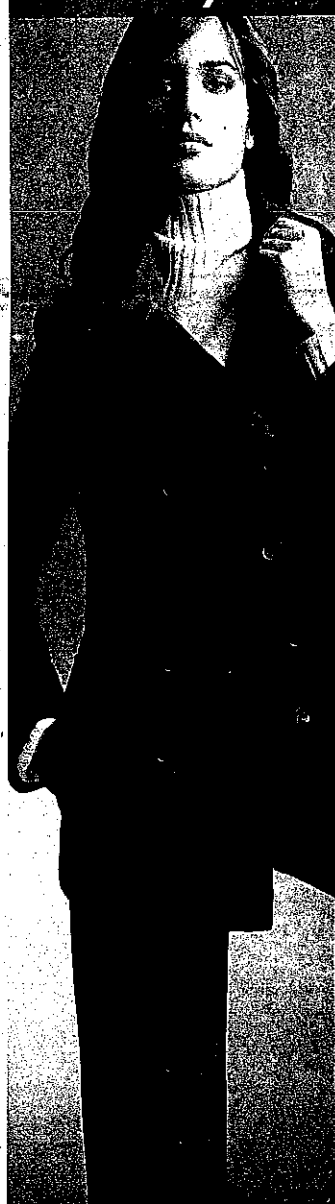
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Above, Thomas Christian of Brighton from Stricker Paint with Heather Barnes of Brighton.



Above, Cynthia and Bradley Casemore of Fowlerville with Larry and Debbie Knurek of Novi.



Right, Michelle and Mary Abro of West Bloomfield and Andy Nofar of Novi from Novi Fine Wine & Liquors.

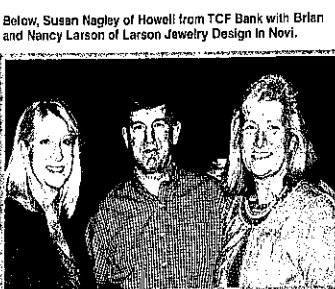
Left, Hope Larson of Ann Arbor and Sharon Nelson of Wolverine Lake.



Jeffrey Meek of Livonia.



Left, Karen Cain of Novi, Ken DeFranco of Northville and Patrice Alexander of Novi.



Below, Susan Nagley of Howell from TCF Bank with Brian and Nancy Larson of Larson Jewelry Design in Novi.



Below, Nancy Modick of Novi.



Below, Bob Pipho, Keith Kaminski and Dan Kotton.



Gina Kozlowski of Livonia with Rich Gurne of Rochester Hills from Lotus Bank.



Steve Wisniski of Novi, Maria Monte, CPA, of Novi, and Tom Goulas, Honeytree Restaurant, of Farmington Hills.



Debbie Mashinske of Livonia; Bob and Pat Webb of Novi; and Andre Eshaki of Auburn Hills from Fifth Third Bank in Novi.



Right, Julie Johnson of Novi and Mariah Davis of Commerce Township.



Left, Kim Foster of Howell with Lisa Yincu of Howell from the Novi News.



Michael and Rochelle Cherniayski of Farmington Hills with Whitney McClellan, center, Greater Novi Chamber.



Clay Fearson, Novi city manager, with Pam Antill, new Novi assistant city manager.



Stella Herrington of Waterford from Katord Colliston in Novi with Blair Bowman of Green Oak Township from Rock Financial Showplace.



Above, Mike and Diane Casanova of Novi.



Brent Tomayko of Canton with Ashley Cilte of Napoleon, Ohio.



Jeff Spencer of Northville and Doug Kelly of Novi.



Escralee Michaelson of Novi.



Joan Schroeder of Howell and Sandy Tarp of Northville.



Below, Pam and Joe Szmazdzinski of Northville; Diane Atiyeh of Novi; Brian and Jane Thomas of Northville.



Cindy Uglow, city of Novi Neighborhood Services, with Farmington Hills attorney Gerald Fisher, former city of Novi attorney.



State Sen. Nancy Cassis with husband, Victor Cassis, of Novi.



Above, Lauren Brodie of Livonia and Chelsea Atiyeh of Novi.



Right, Paulette Alloa of Novi and Bette Widak of Northville.

Grapes & Grooves

About 130 people attended the first-ever Grapes & Grooves Friday night. The event, produced by the Greater Novi Chamber, was held in the MainStreet Atrium in downtown Novi and featured wine-tasting, live jazz from the Keith Kaminski Trio and a silent auction. Sponsors included Telcom Credit Union, the Novi News and the Northville Record. Food was provided by Andiamo, Moe's on Ten, BiBamBab and Oishi; beverages by Busch's and Starbucks; wine courtesy of Novi Fine Wine reps; stage from City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Dept.; and the space provided by MainStreet Merchants. Auction items were donated by Marble Deluxe, EW Kitchens, Gina Agosta, Swearingen Fine Portraits, JR Atiyeh; Agape Salon; Larson Jewelry Design; Holiday Inn Farmington Hills; Andiamo; Novi Fine Wine; Arbonne (Debbie Knurek); Bright House Networks; Heidi Gay and Dancing Eye Gallery.

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TEEN CHAT

Everyone's been burned by life at some point or another. Everyone. No one is exempt from this. Some get burned more than others, but everyone gets burned. We all want to think it won't happen to us, but inevitably we all get a piece of that pie.

Speaking of pie, that reminds me of something as I was growing up in Texas. Every Sunday after church we would go to my grandmother, Nancy's, home for the big, oft-anticipated "Sunday dinner."

Everyone always looked forward to dessert, which was usually the best blackberry cobbler "this side of the Rio Grande." (Sorry, I don't know where THAT phrase came from. Ha ha!) Back when Papa was still alive, they would pick fresh blackberries from the backyard. Mom would say, "You'll have to just trust how good of a memory that is for me. (Smiling...)"

(Back to the regularly scheduled program, or the fun article.) Pie is good, but getting burned by life's not. And sometimes we have the goal to assume that life is fair. We may all understand that life is never fair, but when we go through difficult and trying situations, that's the first thing we say, "Life isn't fair!" And when the universe tells us to remind us, "And when did you start believing that life was ever fair?" To that question, we bump ourselves in the head knowing we should have known better.

Bitterness
When anger is not kept in check, we have a new emotion. It's called bitterness. Simply put, bitterness is anger that is allowed to grow. And fester. And deepen its roots. Bitterness, unchecked, will destroy you. It definitely "will" destroy you, without a doubt. Bitterness has ruined many a person, many a teen, many a big person, small person, friendly person, quiet person, loud person, introvert, extrovert. Bitterness is no respecter of persons. Bitterness, no deal with, WILL destroy you. What then can be done, be destroyed? Or is there a better way?

Forgiveness
Life isn't fair. Life probably has burned you already. Relationships have soured. People around you have sinned. Parents have rejected you. Whatever your lot in life...in some way, life has not been fair to you. You've probably gotten angry, and allowed that anger, in some way, to develop and grow into bitterness. And bitterness, as we've learned, kept unchecked, will begin to destroy you. You may not even realize yet, but it has already begun to destroy your new relationships. It renders you incapable of being the kind of person you need to be in life.

What can you do then? The subtitle above this paragraph tells it all. Forgive. That's all you or anybody can do. But that's what is necessary to resolve your issue of anger and bitterness. In fact, it's ALL you have to do. People use that stupid, stupid phrase - "Forgive and forget." Why do I call it stupid? Have you ever tried to forget? It's impossible to do. So here's better advice than that. Forgive, and if you ever again remember the wrong done to you, remember that it's been forgiven. Before long, it will all be "water under the bridge."

In other words, you'll be able to cope in life again. Forgive, forgive, and forgive some more. Oh yeah, and have an awesome week!

Anger
Bad situations in life. Backstabbing friends. Bad relationships with parents. A bad breakup. Abusive parents. Poor grades when you've given your all. These are just a few of the reasons we give for being angry at life. Hey, newsflash! Anger isn't wrong! Sometimes we go too far in our anger. We carry it farther than we should, but God gave us the emotion called anger for a reason. But it must be controlled. And that's where we sometimes fail. We carry it too far. Being angry is not wrong, but it has to be controlled.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Meadowbrook Congregational
LOCATION: 2155 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: Rev. Ed Willingham, Interim Minister, (248) 348-7757, visit www.mbcoc.org or gncoc@areadetroit.biz
Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.
Hummage Sale
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 13; 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14
DETAILS: Given by composer Tim Smith; \$20. Free Concert 7 p.m.
CONTACT: Pat O'Brien by Oct. 11; (248) 349-8847
Bible Study
DATE: Thursdays
TIME: 10 a.m., and 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Join the group for prayer, sharing, and discussion of the Sunday scripture readings.
CONTACT: Maria, (248) 349-8847, or e-mail at spiritwalk001@aol.com
Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting
DATE: Last Wednesday of each month, ongoing
TIME: 10-11 a.m.
DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Childcare is available. Registration is required.
CONTACT: Lisa Malloy, (248) 334-3595
Oak Pointe
LOCATION: Novi High School, 24062 Taff Road
CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit www.oakpointe.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.
St. James Catholic
LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778
Commerce United Methodist
LOCATION: 1155 North Commerce Road, Commerce Township
CONTACT: (248) 363-3935
First United Methodist of Northville
LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or visit www.fumcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Community Healing Service
DATE: First Monday of every month
DETAILS: This service is open to anyone asking God for healing in their life, or that of someone close to them.
Crosspointe Meadows
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.
St. Paul Lutheran
LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-3140
Kindergarten Registration
DETAILS: Children who will be 5-years-old by Friday, Dec. 1 may register for full-day or half-day kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran School.
The Bahai Faith
LOCATION: (248) 473-0355 or visit www.bahai-usa.org
Devotional Gathering
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last Sunday of every month
LOCATION: 23803 Ripple Creek St., Novi
DETAILS: This is a gathering focusing on prayers for peace. People of all faiths are welcome.
First Presbyterian Church of Northville
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Thursday Program-Ongoing
TIME: 7:30, social; 8 p.m. program
Novi United Methodist
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CONTACT: (248) 349-2652
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Faith Community Presbyterian
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CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Novi United Methodist
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Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18.208

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18.208 to amend the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance, as amended, to modify height and area requirements in Article 224, Planned Office Service Technology District.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, September 25, 2006 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS
CITY CLERK
(10-5-06 NN 314785)

CITY OF NOVI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be meeting to interview applicants for appointment to the Beautification Commission, Board of Review, Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee, Historical Commission, Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission, Public Access Promotion Commission, Stormwater Management and Watershed Stewardship Committee and Zoning Board of Appeals.

If you are a registered voter in the City of Novi and interested in volunteering to serve on a City Board or Commission, applications and booklets containing information about the various Boards and Commissions are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375. Also, you may contact the City Clerk's office by calling (248) 347-0456 to receive an application by mail or fax, or log onto the City Web Site at www.cityofnovi.org to print out an application.

The deadline for filing an application is Wednesday, October 11, 2006 at 4:00 pm to allow time for scheduling interview appointments. Council will be interviewing applicants on Monday, October 16, 2006, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Interviews are scheduled for 10 minutes each and all City Council meetings are televised.

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(8-28 & 10-5-06 NN 318698)

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Novi Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for Digital Video. Bid documents will be available for pickup on or after October 5, 2006 from the District's technology consultant, Innovalia located at 37558 Hills Tech Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331 or via email at info@innovatibid.com. Sealed bids will be received at the Educational Services Building and clearly marked "NCSD DIGITAL VIDEO BID" and received no later than 2:00:00 p.m. local time on October 26, 2006. The NCSD Educational Services Building is located at 25265 Taff Road, Novi, MI 48374. For additional information, phone Jim Koester, Director of Finance & Purchasing at (248) 448-1200. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids and to waive any bid irregularities, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 06-055

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Steve LaBelle of Providence Hospital is requesting a Temporary Use Permit for a temporary office trailer for Providence staff associated with the construction project located at 47601 Grand River Avenue on the southwest corner of Grand River and Beck Road from November 15, 2006 to November 15, 2007. A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 8:30 a.m. on October 11, 2006 at the Novi City Council, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Robin A. Working and must be received prior to October 11, 2006.

ROBINA WORKING
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT SECRETARY
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(10-5-06 NN 314784)

SPOTLIGHT ON ALLERGY & ASTHMA

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

ANATOMY OF A PET ALLERGY ATTACK

Individuals who suffer pet allergies have sensitive immune systems that react to the harmless proteins in pet dander, saliva, or urine. When your dog or cat sheds dead skin cells or sneezes, its substance reacts with your immune system, causing your body to produce antibodies that react to a sensitive person. During a flare-up, the allergic land on the mucous lining the eyes and/or nose of an allergic individual and trigger swelling and itching of the membranes along with congestion and inflamed eyes. If the person inhales the pet allergens, they can reach the lungs and cause wheezing, coughing, and shortness of breath within 15 to 30 minutes of exposure.

Today's column offers excellent information with a Board Certified allergist, a specialist in the field is recommended. If you need to see a specialist, call the ALLERGY & ASTHMA CENTER.

www.allergyinfo.org

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 11, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider HAMPTON WOODS ESTATES PHASE III SITE PLAN NUMBER 18-06-00A, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLAND PERMIT AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 27, WEST OF NOVI ROAD AND SOUTH OF TEN MILE ROAD IN THE 0831 OFFICE BEARING DISTRICT. The applicant is proposing to modify the project, which will combine three previously approved senior housing buildings into one, three story senior housing facility.

LOCATION MAP NO SCALE

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 11, 2006.

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BUSINESS

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Gifts, decorations, food — new store celebrates life

Twelve Oaks gets nation's first All the Hoopla store

By Greg Migliore STAFF WRITER

It's a store that offers decorations and gifts for nearly every holiday and in general celebrates life. Appropriately, it's called All the Hoopla, and the first one in the nation opened in Twelve Oaks Mall in September.



Photo by JOHN HEIDERT/Novi News Barb Kehoe, a manager with Twelve Oaks Mall's 'All the Hoopla,' arranges one of its Halloween decorations displays. The shop, located on the north-west corner of the mall's second floor, features seasonal and mixed home decor offerings.

Twelve Oaks Mall. The store is 6,000 square feet and located next to Macy's on the upper level of the mall.

Hoopla decided to unveil its first store in Twelve Oaks because it was looking for a mall that is a regional attraction in a growing area, spokeswoman Bethany Hurland said.

"It's a great addition to the center," she said.

New managers at Novi Ice Arena

Suburban diversifies staff with unique backgrounds

Suburban Sports Group, LLC of Farmington Hills, has hired Kris Barnes as general manager and Sean McConrack as assistant manager at Novi Ice Arena in Novi.

McConrack, a 2005 graduate of Michigan State with a bachelor of arts degree in communication, served as a hockey operations assistant for the Central Collegiate Hockey Association for the 2005-06 season. He was responsible for video research and development. A resident of Beaville, McConrack also writes for Michigan Hockey and Michigan Lacrosse.

Joe's Produce advertisement featuring various food items like apples, pears, broccoli, cauliflower, and meats with prices and promotional text.

Siding World Homeowners Welcome advertisement listing services like vinyl siding, aluminum coil stock, seamless gutters, and gutter leaf guards with prices and contact information.

Citizens Bank Home Equity Loans advertisement featuring a 7.49% APR rate and promotional text.

GM executive: Business success comes from believing in oneself

Find a vision and stick with it

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

As a young executive, Bo Andersson, now a vice president at General Motors, used to get upset that his mother called him every day at work.

So, one day he told her that it was embarrassing. But, she told him he should look at her calls differently.

"I call you every day because I believe in you," she said. "When I stop calling you, I don't believe in you anymore."

He never complained about her calls again after that. Andersson, vice president of global purchasing and supply chain for GM, addressed more than 700 people at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi last week about the importance of believing in yourself in business.

Introduced by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, he was the keynote speaker of the 6th Michigan Women's Business Conference & Expo.

Andersson came to share his view, his vision and what he thinks is necessary to achieve success. His first belief is that success cannot be achieved alone.

"We need each other, and we need a peer group to talk to, to work with and to deal with," he said.

Andersson said it's much easier to wake up every morning at 5 a.m. and go to work because he believes in what he does.

"I actually like what I do, and every morning that I drive to work, I look forward to each and every challenge I will have that day," he said.

He added that being challenged can be a thing that is rewarding. "Sometimes, I'm so challenged that I go to bed at 9 p.m., and that's not good, because then I miss my favorite show, 'Desperate Housewives,'" he quipped.

Learn something every day. Andersson advised the audience, which included both women and men, to wake up every morning and say, "I'm sure that I can learn something today." He said if people try to stay informed and ask questions, knowledge will come.

He tries to learn one new thing every day and even admitted to learning the waltz, fox trot, salsa and rumba with his wife.

"The only problem I have is that our teacher he likes to dance with me," he joked. Echoing Granholm's message that Michigan has issues, yet opportunities still exist, he said business leaders and owners need to understand their business' needs and customers.

"I think that's the second step toward success — understanding what is your business, who are your customers, what are their needs and how can you fulfill them?" he said.

He believes business owners need data, and if they develop their own methods and processes to analyze issues that they will succeed.

"More importantly, you will not give people any room for opinions that are just opinions," he added.

Be passionate about your work. Having determination and passion in what you do is also needed to achieve success, Andersson said.

"To me, it's very clear that passion creates possibilities and possibilities create passion."

He said it's OK to prioritize challenges but to never let any challenge overwhelm, or in his so-called Swedish translation, "eat you up."

Don't shy away from challenges, he suggested. Embrace them and face them head-on. "If you do that, you will find out how good you actually are."

Andersson also said it's important to surround yourself with people who share your passion, vision and beliefs.

And, the fourth step in achieving success is to change the word "no" to "not a problem."

Finally, he said if you doubt you are the future, you will be the future. "If you believe in your abilities to change what you want to change, you will do it."

And remember, he added, that no success is permanent and no failure is fatal.

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GM's Bo Andersson at a glance

Bo I. Andersson was appointed GM vice president of global purchasing and supply chain in 2001. He oversees the automaker's global purchasing, supplier quality, logistics, order fulfillment and supply operations.

He is a member of GM's Automotive Strategy Board, Automotive Product Board and North America Strategy Board.

Andersson began his career with GM in 1987 as a manager with Saab. After holding various leadership positions, he was appointed vice president of purchasing for Saab in 1990.

In 1993, he moved from Saab to GM as executive director of the worldwide purchasing electrical commodity group. In 1994, he was appointed executive director for the chemical commodity group.

After two senior management assignments, Andersson was promoted to vice president for purchasing for General Motors Europe in 1997. In 1999, he became GM's executive in charge of worldwide purchasing.

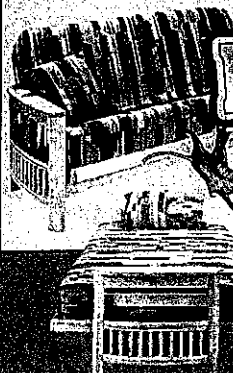
Andersson, who served as an officer in the Swedish Army, has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Stockholm University and completed the senior management program at Harvard University in 1999.

Andersson serves on the advisory board of Focus: HOPE, a nationally recognized civil and human rights organization in Detroit, whose mission is to fight racism, poverty and injustice.

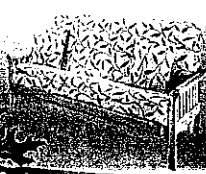
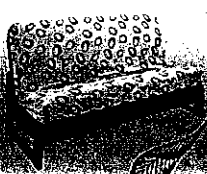
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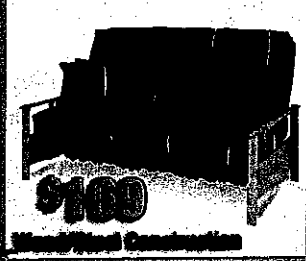
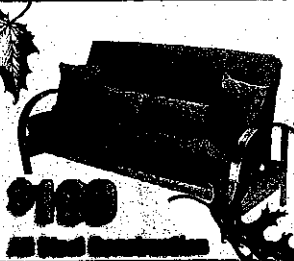
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'Cats swim past 'Stangs

■ Novi beats Northville for first time in five years

By Jeff Theisen
NOVI NEWS

Novi swimming did something it hadn't done in five years — beat Northville.

The Wildcats also topped Howell, improving to 7-0. Novi topped Northville 95-91 on Sept. 26 and Howell 199-67 two days later.

Meredith Cote claimed three wins against the Mustangs. She won the 200 individual medley (2:17.78), the 500 freestyle (5:24.16) and was part of the winning 200 freestyle relay team with Dana Hapanowicz, Kerry Abel and Yalda Dashtmalchi (1:45.60). Abel collected a win in the 100 butterfly (1:01.04) and two second-place finishes in the 200 freestyle and the 400 freestyle relay team with Lauren Paquette, Chelsea Reynolds and Stella Chung.

Glubzinski topped the diving field with a score of 183.40, and Nicole Patton (1:17.02) finished 1-2 in the 100 breaststroke. Julie Schramm (1:04.56) finished first in the 100 backstroke and second in the 200 individual medley and as part of the 200 medley relay team with Tamara, Mary Anolick and Dashtmalchi.

The Wildcats won all but one event against Howell. Stunting off the meet with a win was the 200 medley team of Schramm, Tamara, Anolick and Hapanowicz in 2:02.15.

Cote followed suit in the 200 freestyle, winning in 2:02.18.

Abel won the 200 individual medley in 2:24.79, as did Hapanowicz in the 50 freestyle (26.63).

Glubzinski topped the diving field with a score of 183.40, and Jocelyn Olson was second with 171.55.

Abel collected another win in the 100 butterfly in 1:02.82, and Hapanowicz did the same in the 100 freestyle with a finish of 38.87.

Cote (5:24.36) and Michelle Zerlich (5:47.73) finished 1-2 in the 500 freestyle.

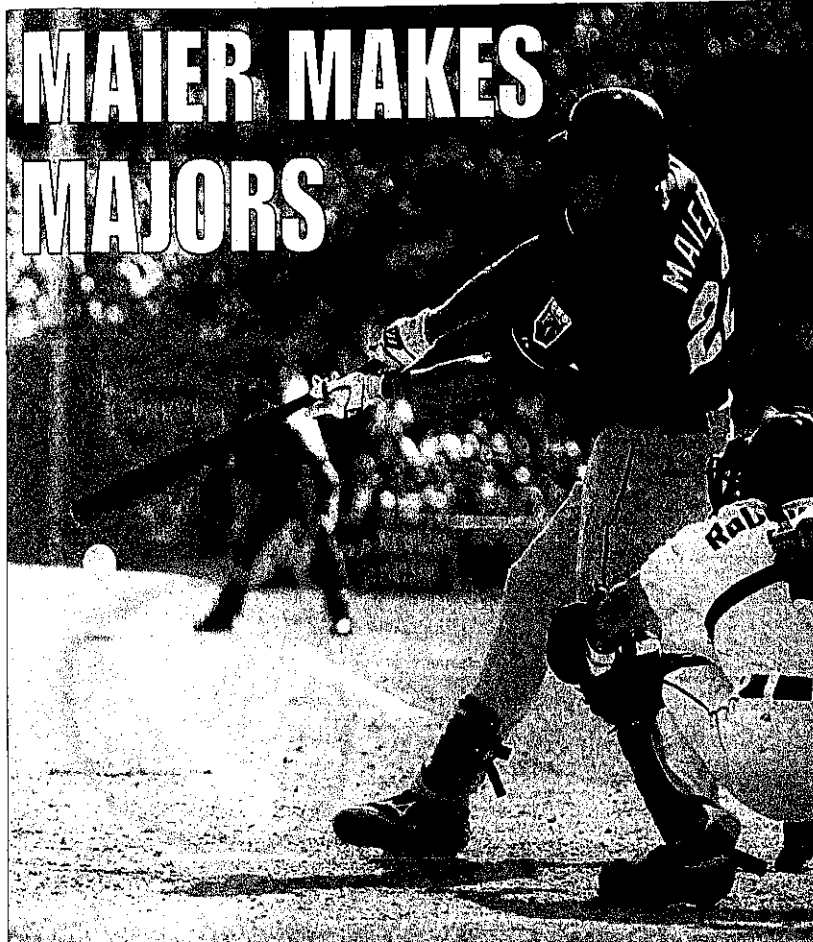
The Highlanders took their first win in the 200 freestyle relay, winning by 0.20 seconds in 1:47.17.

Novi went back to its winning ways with a 1-2-3 finish in the 100 backstroke. Schramm was first in 1:09.59 and Chung at 1:09.92.

Tamura won the 100 breaststroke in 1:15.25, and the 400 freestyle relay team of Abel, Reynolds, Schramm and Cote finished off the meet with a victory in 3:57.02.

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MAIER MAKES MAJORS



JULIAN H. GONZALEZ / (Special) News Service

Kansas City Royals Mitch Maier fouls off a pitch during the fifth inning Sunday against the Detroit Tigers.

Novi's 2000 graduate called up by Royals

By Jeff Theisen
NOVI NEWS

Kids growing up playing baseball love to say they are their favorite Major League Baseball player while on the field.

For Novi High School 2000 grad Mitch Maier, he no longer has to dream about being a big-leaguer.

After posting impressive numbers in Double-A ball in the

Kansas City Royal minor league system, Maier got the call to pack his bags for the majors.

"I was surprised," Maier said. "I got off the phone with (Angel) Sanchez who got called up the same day as me. He called me and told me the good news for him. As soon as I hung up the phone, I got the same call. The next day we flew out to Kansas City.

"I was speechless. I called all

my family and friends." Maier batted .306 with 14 home runs and 92 runs batted in at Wichita in the Texas League.

The former Wildcat catcher has been transformed into an outfielder after being selected in the first round by the Royals. He said getting a taste of big-league play will only motivate him for fall-league play, which starts Oct. 10.

"There's nowhere else to play than here," Maier said. "You

don't want to be in the minor leagues. Once you get a taste, it leaves you wanting more. It will give me something to work for this offseason."

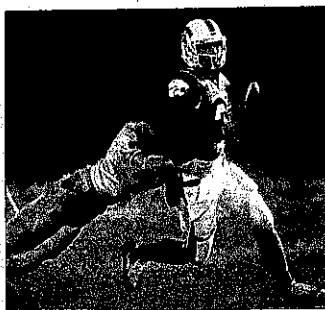
Big step up in big leagues

One of the biggest differences between the minors and the majors is the level of play, Maier said. "I don't have a lot of experi-

ence up here yet ... but guys know how to pitch," Maier said. "Everyone has better stuff. You find guys down in Double A that have the stuff or they have the command, it's just they're not as polished, where everyone up here is. It's definitely a big step."

Some of the perks include: "You get paid better, you travel better. It's less hassle than having

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Wildcat quarterback Adam Chandler is tackled by a Bulldog as he scrambles out of the backfield.

Defense kennels 'Dogs

■ Wildcats hand Brighton 14-7 loss; now at 3-3 overall

By Jeff Theisen
NOVI NEWS

Novi held a 14-7 lead late and needed a defensive stop to get back to .500. The defense did exactly that, pushing Brighton back to its own 1-yard line and facing a fourth-and-30, when Mark Heard stepped in front of a pass to seal a 14-7 win Friday at home.

"I'm very proud again that we're on our field and we worked to establish a win here," Novi head coach Tab Kellejourney said.

Novi quarterback Adam Chandler had his best game of the year, going 9-for-10 for 140 yards and one touchdown.

"We finally got to get out and do a double-threat with passing and running," Chandler said. "Brighton wasn't expecting that. This was a big game. We're still in this playoff race."

Chandler broke a scoreless tie with a 26-yard strike to

Brandon Carnegie, capping off a 74-yard drive in seven plays to open the second half.

"The first drive (of the second half) ... was excellent," Kellejourney said. "Just to come out there and score like that ... that was really huge for our kids and gave us a lot of momentum."

Brighton would tie the game later in the third on a 22-yard pass from T.J. Vandoren to Tony Thomas.

The final score came when Mike Kolts banged his way into the end zone from four yards out with 7:43 to play. The final scoring drive covered 75 yards on nine plays.

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Next up
What: Oakland County Invitational
Where: Lake Orion H.S.
When: Friday prelims meet 9 a.m., Saturday

Inside
Coverage of Saturday's soccer clash with Northville, including a photo page of the Wildcats.
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Novi News Athlete of the Week

Meredith Cote
Novi freshman swimmer

Cote won the 200 Individual medley, the 500 freestyle and was part of the winning 200 freestyle relay team in a 95-91 win against Northville.

Coaches: The Athlete of the Week will now run every week. Please make nominations known by Monday to Jeff Theisen at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or to jtheisen@gannett.com.

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Home Owners... How is Your Attic's Insulation and Ventilation?

During the winter, attic insulation prevents heat from escaping through the ceiling and into the unheated attic space. During the summer, attic insulation reduces outside heat from radiating downward through the attic into the home. All insulation materials work in the principle of trapping. The tiny air pockets in the insulation resist heat from trying to pass through. The value of insulation is expressed in terms of R values. In general, the thicker the insulation the more air pockets it has and the higher the value, which translates into increasing the ability to resist heat transfer. Generally, older homes are under-insulated by today's standards and should be evaluated to determine if it is economically feasible to upgrade the attic insulation and help reduce your utility bills.

• Have a home attic inspection performed. Current knowledge of the home's attic condition, and improving the attic insulation and ventilation, will generally improve the home's utility cost as well as help when placing the home on the market for sale.

TYPES OF ATTIC VENTILATION

The general heat difference between the attic air temperature and the outside air should be approximately 10 to 15 degrees F. This will help in avoiding the reduced lifespan of the roof shingles. Never block soffit vents by placing insulation over them. This will cause condensation

in the attic space and cause problems. In a properly insulated attic space, the ventilation is important and will not lower the temperature of the home living areas. In the Mid-West section of the country, the general rule of thumb for attic ventilation is one to three square feet of attic floor for each 100 - 150 square feet of attic floor.

• Soffit Vents - are provided on the underside of the eave either as gills or the conventional style. Soffit vents work in conjunction with gable, roof, or ridge vents.

• Roof Vents - are cut in the roof near the top of the roof line. The higher the better to allow HOT air to rise and dissipate to the exterior via these vents.

• Gable Vents - are lowered openings at the gable ends of the roof. Generally on the side with at the top of the roof height.

• Ridge Vents - are cut into the ridge along the top of the roof line.

• Power & Gable Ventilators - are equipped with a thermostat that will turn the fan on when the attic temperature reaches a certain point and turns off when the attic temperature is properly reduced.

TYPES OF ATTIC & ROOF CONSTRUCTION

Gable & Hip Roofs - Common roofs that can easily be insulated by placing insulation between the ceiling joists or between chords of trusses. A vapor barrier must be placed under the insulation (towards the warm side of insulation) to reduce any moisture from entering the attic space from the house. It is recommended that soffit vents have baffles installed to help prevent the insulation from covering the vents thus allowing adequate airflow from the soffit vents to the roof, gable, or ridge vents installed in the attic for intended ventilation.

Cathedral Ceiling - Due to the inherent lack of access above cathedral ceilings, it is very important that adequate ventilation be provided in these roof structures. The best ventilation system is one that has continuous ridge and soffit vents by using soffits, refer to it as recommended that 1" air space is provided above the insulation and below the underside of the exterior roof sheathing for proper air flow. This air flow is required to ensure any condensation and avoid build up of heat, which can shorten roof shingles life span.

One & One Half Story Homes - These types of attics have several small sections that must be properly insulated and the lower walls, floors, tapered ceilings, and any flat roof areas. The outer attic is treated as a non-heated area and should be insulated and properly ventilated. This attic is cut through the soffit vents and exit up above the slopping ceiling to the attic space above the 1 - 1/2 story portion of the home. The top portion should have either roof or ridge vents installed.

ONE LAST BIT OF ADVICE - Ensure the bathroom vents are not venting into the attic space which could cause excessive moisture build up and possible mildew/mold development. Vent these to the exterior of home.

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If you're looking for a day of fun, check out Three Cedars Farm, located at 7897 Six Mile Road in Salem Township.

Harvest plentiful at Three Cedars Farm

By Kate Phillips
SPECIAL WRITER

Three Cedars Farm in Salem Township is a place for families to have a good time together.

At Three Cedars, the distractions of everyday life take a back seat to good old-fashioned fun. Time seems to slow down. People have a chance to talk, to laugh and even play a little. Evenings spent sitting around a bonfire or bouncing around on a hayride are precious, the staff remembers are mule.

"This is a great place to be together as a family," said Gary Whittaker, who owns the farm with his wife, Sherry. "Everyone has a lot of fun."

"It is all geared toward family."

Get lost

One of the biggest attractions at Three Cedars is the corn maze. It's a wonder to behold. The corn maze is seven acres of corn fields with winding paths that are carved out by professional maze builders.

It's tough enough that the whole group has to work together to navigate through. But there's emergency exits for those that need to get out in a big hurry.

This year there's a contest to find three cedar trees in the corn maze that look like the mannequins of Three Cedars Farm. All winners will be entered in a drawing for iPods.

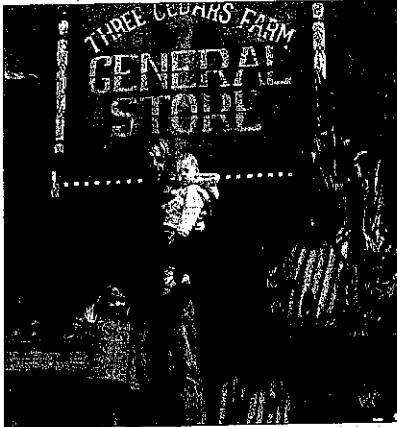
At night-time the maze gets even trickier. On weekends, the truly daring can bring flashlights and try to find their way through the maze in the dark.

These night-time adventures are popular with church groups, scouts and various youth outings. Groups can hang out at their own bonfire after the maze, if a reservation are made in advance. The outings are fun, even on the chilliest evenings.

Autumn fun

Three Cedars is almost bursting with cool-weather fun. There's something for every age group, from kids that run around soccer, to older adults that are moving slowly.

Guests at Three Cedars can take a hayride over to the pick-your-own pumpkin patch. Getting a little hay in your hair



Owner Gary Whittaker stands in front of the Three Cedars Farm general store with his grandchildren Alexis, 3, and Brianna Thomason, 13 months.

or pockets is just part of the fun. And there's nothing like trying to find the perfect pumpkin.

Kids can get up close to furry friends at the goat farm. There's no charge for the quiet petting farm.

This year Three Cedars brings folks out of the cold into a cozy donut hut for fresh apple cider and doughnuts. Sherry Whittaker and her crew fires up the homemade doughnuts, available in cinnamon, sugar and plain. There's also plenty of sticky caramel apples.

The soothing smell of doughnuts and cinnamon makes the donut hut smell like granny's kitchen on pie-baking day. It's a treat to one can resist.

The country store is another popular destination at Three Cedars. The family stocks autumn collectibles, gifts and home decor. Just walking into the store is like taking a trip out to a country wonderland of sights and smells. There's a big selection

of old-fashioned sweets, like striped candy sticks, lemon drops and rock candy.

Plus this year Three Cedars added a porch onto the barn, where folks can sit in rocking chairs and enjoy a cup of coffee, or just rock the night away in peace.

"We're always adding something new," said Whittaker. "Every year there's more to see and do."

The outdoor holiday display offers all-natural decorating materials, like gourds, pumpkins, corn stalks, mums and hay bales. Plenty of visitors just stop by every year for the supplies they need to make an autumn paradise at their own homes.

Country love

The big red barn is the focal point of Three Cedars. The 100-year-old historic structure brings the harvest season back home for modern families.

With a fully-restored loft, the barn is the

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perfect plus for parties and barn dances. Church groups and schools fill the barn with music and laughter during the week, and most every weekend during autumn.

Gary and Sherry Whittaker bought Three Cedars 10 years ago after Gary's best friend, Fred Veran, passed away. Fred's family urged Gary to buy the family farm, though he wasn't a farmer at all. But moving into the historic farmhouse, and bringing the farm alive once more has been like a family homecoming for Gary and Sherry. They've landed on to the slower paced country lifestyle, where there's always time for family.

The couple's three children and five grandchildren all spend time working and playing at the farm. The chores don't feel like work when they're shared with family and friends. Visitors enjoy getting to know the entire clan of Whittaker children - Jamie and her husband Matt, Carrie and her husband Ryan, plus Travis and his wife Jennifer.

Christmas delight

Three Cedars is transformed into a winter wonderland at Christmas time. Families can stop by, beginning the day after Thanksgiving for Christmas trees, wreaths and roping. The country store is filled with the wares of the season, as Christmas accessories and gifts create magical holiday displays.

Santa and Mrs. Claus come out into the country every weekend through Christmas Eve, to visit with girls and boys. Pictures with Santa are available to catch the magical moment. Three Cedars offers its own brand of old-fashioned Christmas fun.

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