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## NUTSHELL

### JMG Dentistry celebrates 5th

Local area residents will join the Dr. Justin Geller and his staff at JMG Dentistry in a re-grand opening celebration on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Guests can help themselves to appetizers, as well as cider and donuts, while they visit with the staff and take a tour of JMG Dentistry's state-of-the-art office. For the little ones, there will be balloons and face painting, and goodie bags will be given to all attendees.

JMG also will hold a raffle, with a grand prize of a \$250 gift certificate to Twelve Oaks Mall, a second prize of an electric toothbrush and five third place prizes of a take home whitening kit.

JMG is located at 31202 Novi Road.

### Lotus goes Hollywood

Lotus Bank recently became the first Michigan-based bank to participate in and finance the State of Michigan's Film Production Incentive, which is designed to attract movie producers to produce their feature films and television programs in Michigan in order to create jobs and generate business for Michigan companies.

The first project that Lotus Bank is funding is "The Wannabes," a television comedy aimed at tween and teens currently being produced by Savvy Productions in Howell, Michigan. In the first phase of filming the production is spending millions of dollars in Michigan, including the hiring of 10 Michiganders serving as both cast and crew members.

The Novi-based community bank's officers spent months researching the Film Incentive Credit, meeting with tax and accounting professionals, film industry professionals, officials in the State's Department of Treasury and the Film Office.

Satish Jasti, president and CEO of Lotus Bank, said, "As a community bank dedicated to growing the state economy, we're proud to be the first Michigan-based bank to take advantage of this outstanding program that not only helps bring jobs to Michigan, but creates much needed income for the state as well."

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## Novi police unit to address frequent crimes

Officers will work in plain clothes, unmarked cars

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Police Department will soon have a new way to find suspects and slow down the occurrence of select crimes in the area.

Through the creation of the Directed Patrol Unit, a three-person team of officers that will be dressed in plain clothes and drive unmarked vehicles, areas that have seen a bump in crime will have more saturated patrol. The goal is to address the problem and identify the individuals involved.

"It's a progressive tactic we can utilize that will have a great long-term impact on the community," said Novi Police Chief David Molloy. "The bottom line is it helps reduce crime."

Three officers, Mike Bender, Rachel Jones and Keith Sampsell, volunteered to be part of the unit, which was the result of a recommendation from a city organized consulting firm, ICMA. Molloy said the department has instituted a similar unit in the past that "turned out to be an effective group."

The officers started training Tuesday and will meet on a regular basis with the detective sergeant for assignments, strategy and intelligence sharing. The crimes that will be the primary focus will change depending on what is occurring in Novi and the effectiveness of the unit in combating those crimes. The main focus right now is larcenies from autos, followed by larcenies of wheels/rims and breaking and enterings.

Performance benchmarks have been put in place, including reducing those aforementioned crimes by 5 percent each.

The unit has a net zero effect on the police budget and the officers can be called off the unit to help other officers.

"In the event of an emergency they are working on the street and could still respond if the need arises," Molloy said.

### DEPARTMENT LOOKS FOR ASSISTANT

Also included in the ICMA report was a recommendation to reorganize the department and create a second deputy police chief position and an additional lieutenant in the uniform division.

Molloy altered that plan by instead

### DPU OFFICERS

- Mike Bender
- Rachel Jones
- Keith Sampsell

choosing to create an assistant chief position. The assistant chief would be responsible for all police operations, both uniform patrol and investigation, and report to the deputy police chief.

"This will allow us to have one individual in charge of all police operations," Molloy said.

The promotion was made available to department members ranked sergeant and above, and will not increase the number of full-time positions in the department. Once a successful candidate is selected there will be back-fill promotions to fill the slot.

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## New fitness club preaches welcoming atmosphere

Class-centered facility has workouts in less than an hour

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

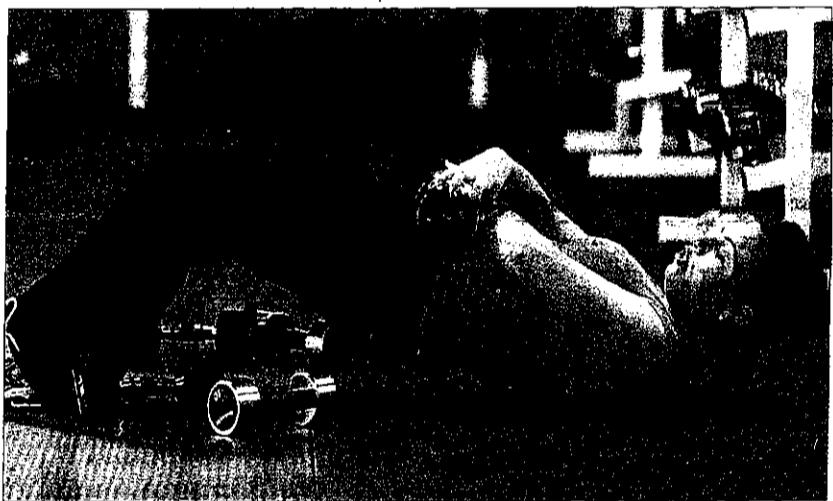
Abbey Ewald was in need of "an extra kick" to get her workout plan going. And since July when she was introduced to Seung-ni Fit Club, she has been hooked.

The new fitness club is a class-oriented facility with three specific classes that provide full-body workouts. When Ewald joined she also started the body challenge, which is an eight-week course focused on helping people lose weight by working out and eating healthy, and she is already reaping the benefits.

"Within two days I could see changes in my body, and muscles I thought I couldn't work I was working," she said. "They are really good at motivating you."

Owner Meghan Lawler said the classes are for anyone, regardless of fitness level, and the goal is to give people the best workout they can get.

The current classes are body sculpt, which intended to strengthen, tone and define muscles, kick boxing and plyo-pump, a combination of plyometric and body sculpt exercises in a circuit training format.



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Owner and fitness instructor Meghan Lawler runs a noon-time "Lunch-Crunch" workout session at Novi's Seung-ni Fit Club on Grand River Avenue.

Each class is less than an hour.

There also is a lunch crunch class, which is 30 minutes long, for people looking for a mid-day workout.

"We don't want people to be slaves to the gym," Lawler said. "People are in and out in an hour and they know they have gotten a good workout."

The club is part of a franchise that has five other locations in Michigan. Lawler used to work at the club in Midland before opening the facility in Novi, and

### DETAILS

Seung-ni Fit Club is located at 41430 Grand River Avenue. For more information or to sign up for a membership, visit [www.seungni.com/fitness](http://www.seungni.com/fitness) or call (248) 305-9002.

her biggest goal is making the club a place where everyone can feel comfortable working out.

The other instructors on staff range in age from 18 to 61 years old, and Lawler herself also heads some classes.



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## School district decides against broadcasting Obama's speech

Message will be reviewed, possibly shown later

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Citing late notice and a busy first day of school, the Novi Community Schools district did not show President Barack Obama's speech to students on Tuesday.

"Today, President Obama addressed the students of the United States giving a message of welcoming students back to school, of working hard in school, of staying in school to achieve their present and future goals, and, of taking personal responsibility," said Peter Dion, superintendent. "This speech has been copied for teacher preparation and taped for



Dion

classroom viewing. Our staff has access to it through our technology department and will air the speech within the next few days in their classrooms. Staff will use their professional judgment as to when and how to incorporate this brief video into their classroom instruction notifying parents of that date and time. Using this process will allow the most students to view it and to enter into

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# Road construction projects continue throughout Novi

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The month of September is a busy time for road construction in Novi.

Construction was expected to begin in Novi Road between Grand River Avenue and Twelve Mile Road on Sept. 8, while several other projects are expected to be completed by the end of the month.

The Novi Road project is being handled by the Road Commission for Oakland County, and will close the road down to one lane of traffic in either direction. Motorist should expect major delays in that area. The Michigan Department of Transportation Projects still ongoing include lane reduction to two lanes on westbound I-96 between I-275 and Novi Road, as well as the anticipated

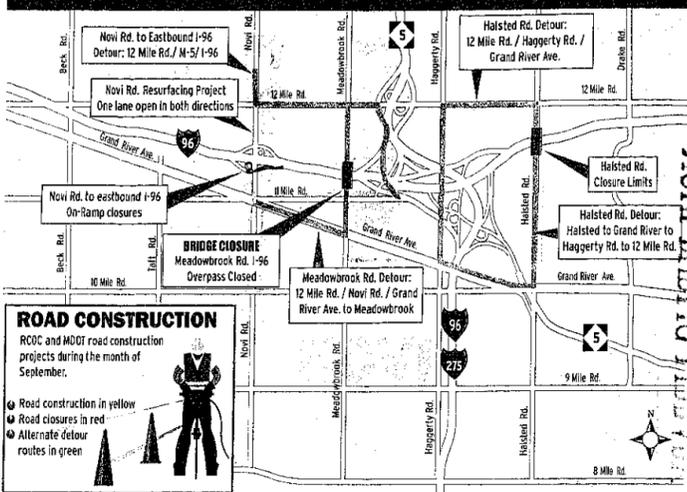
Sept. 19 reopening of the Meadowbrook Road bridge between Grand River Avenue and Twelve Mile Road.

Ramp work in the area also is ongoing as the northbound Novi Road ramp to westbound I-96 will be closed on Sept. 12. However, two ramps will be open sometime this month as the northbound Novi Road entrance ramp to eastbound I-96 is expected to reopen Sept. 12 and the southbound Novi Road entrance ramp to eastbound I-96 is slated for a Sept. 30 reopening.

Also coming this fall is road rehabilitation projects on Nine Mile Road from Haggerty to Meadowbrook Road and on Meadowbrook Road from Eight Mile to Nine Mile Road. Both projects are due to start this month.

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## NAVIGATING AROUND THE ORANGE



### ROAD CONSTRUCTION

ROAD AND MDOT road construction projects during the month of September.

- Road construction in yellow
- Road closures in red
- Alternate detour routes in green

# Relational Church calls library home

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Michael Zerlich has always pictured being part of a church that is extremely dedicated to improving the lives of the people in the community.

And after a vision he had through prayer, he was directed to take on such a venture out of his Novi home.

The Relational Church, of which Zerlich is the ordained pastor, started last September with one family besides his own, and has grown now to about 25 to 30 members.

Starting Sept. 13, the church also will be leaving his home and moving into the conference rooms at the Novi Library.

"Our focus is taking care of the needs of the people in Novi and the surrounding areas," Zerlich said. "We want to demonstrate our Christian walk by serving the community in a meaningful way."



The nondenominational Relational Church is small in size, but the member's activity level in the community is anything but small. The church helped out with a job fair in March, and is working with the Novi Chamber of Commerce and city and school officials to find places to help.

Zerlich does not take a salary to be the pastor, choosing to work for free so that all the money goes toward

"ministry and mission."  
"I get paid in many other ways," he said.

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John Dechart and his wife, Marilee, met Zerlich a couple months ago when he stopped at Community Christ Church, home of Marilee's new Christian preschool. The two talked for a while and Zerlich invited the family to his home for a church service.

John said they were attracted to Zerlich and the church because the atmosphere is not "pretentious" and they shared a common ground with the other members.

"There is a unique connection with the people," he said. "A lot of times you go to a church with hundreds of people and you don't know anyone."

### DETAILS

The Relational Church will meet every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and then break into small groups to have discussions on a variety of topics. For more information, visit [www.TheRelationalChurch.org](http://www.TheRelationalChurch.org) or call (248) 468-4555.

Here there is much more connectivity because of the smaller number of people."

Zerlich said while some churches are into how much money they make or how many people are in the congregation, the Relational Church is into how much they can do for the community.

"We want to motivate people and want them to reflect on what they learn and apply it in their lives," he said.

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# Celebrate fall at annual fair

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The annual Fall Fair at the Michigan State University Tollgate Education Center is a day jam-packed with events the entire family will enjoy.

The fair-goers are not the only ones taking in the atmosphere the 160-acre farm off Meadowbrook Road provides. About 50 volunteers have spent the past several months preparing for the event, and their reward is seeing the smiles and hearing people gush over the beauty of the property.

"It's a gorgeous place and a great institution that is not utilized enough," said Dennis Rogers, co-chair of the fair. "What I have learned over the years is there is a genuine appreciation from people who attend and that is the thrill for me."

The free fair, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 19, has been run at Tollgate for at least 10 years, growing in size each year. There are activities for everyone, young and old, and Roy Prentice, farm manager, said many people end up spending two-to-three hours at the center because there is so much to do.

Some of the activities include butterfly making, rock painting, hay rides, self-guided garden tours, fishing, live animals and appearances by the Novi police and fire departments.

There also will be several presentations from nearby educational groups. The Howell Nature Center is bringing its birds of prey exhibit, the bat conservancy at Cranbrook Institute of Science is doing a bat show and another presenter has a reptile exhibit among other presentations.

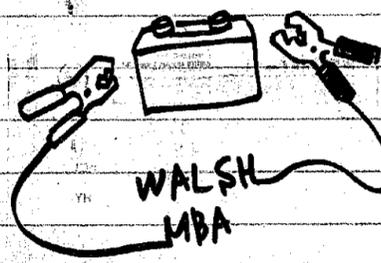
Prentice said he hopes events like the Fall Fair raise awareness about the center, which is open free to the public six days a week. He also likes showing off the work of the volunteers.

"I get a lot of joy out of sharing the property with the community," he said. "The fair is something we do as a garden volunteer community to give something back to the local community and celebrate fall."

The MSU Tollgate Education Center is located at 28115 Meadowbrook Road. For more information, call (248) 347-3860 ext. 251.

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**FALL FAIR**  
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appropriate dialogue with their teacher. If you have any questions about this viewing please talk with your child's teacher or the building principal.

Monique Beels, assistant superintendent of academic services said the president's speech is "a good message" and part of one the district gives to students every day.

"Basically it is just the timing of it. Teachers already (and) their plans for Tuesday set and the first day of school is typically a busy day."

Beels said the school district received calls "both good and bad" in regards to showing the speech.

Novi Board of Education President Ann Glubzinski also pointed to poor timing as a reason why the speech was not shown, and said she believes the parents should have a say in what their child views.

"We want to give the public the choice whether or not they want to share it with their children," she said.

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# 'The Greatest Grandparents'

## Novi author celebrates Grandparents Day, Sept. 13

I love my childhood—my life—to my grandparents. Pietro and Domenica Burzio never imagined adopting the role of parents in their mid-forties. The responsibility was thrust upon them by their daughter Vivina's unexpected pregnancy. As farmers living in a small village at the foot of the Italian Alps, Pietro and Domenica had invested hard earned capital to assure a successful career for their daughter. She had been sent to a Catholic convent boarding school, followed by a teacher's college. As expected, my grandparents were shocked and disappointed at their 21-year-old unwed daughter's predicament.

### DETAILS

Novi native Pierette Simpson is an authority on the Andrea Doria-Stockholm collision of 1956. Simpson has been interviewed and written about in several dozen media outlets for her personal account as a survivor of one of the worst shipwrecks in history. Her experience is recorded in her award-winning/best-selling book "Alive on the Andrea Doria! The Greatest Sea Rescue in History."

In the following story, she recalls her childhood, growing up in Italy with her grandparents as caregivers, illustrating the significance and ultimate sacrifice of her grandparents in order to benefit her future. According to recent statistics, 25 million grandparents in this country are responsible for the basic needs of their grandchildren.

Established in the New World. This was inconceivable to the three of us who had solidified our own family bonds. With time, the endearing letters crossing the Atlantic became an ultimatum. To keep our bonds intact, my grandparents decided to make the ultimate sacrifice: liquidate their farm and accompany me to America—AND subsequently turn me over to my parents.

On July 17, 1956, my grandparents and I boarded the Andrea Doria. Pietro and Domenica felt much trepidation, while I felt only excitement. What could be better after all? I would be with my nonni and soon with a new family: a step-father, a mother, and a one-year-old sister.

Tragically, what happened on the last night of our voyage nearly drowned my grandparents' past sacrifices and immigrant dreams. At 11:10 p.m., the Swedish liner Stockholm indiscriminately broadsided us at full speed, penetrating one third of our vessel six stories high, then ripping open the starboard side cabins and fuel tanks. The impact took the lives of 43 passengers. Thankfully, our small family unit survived to become a part of history's greatest sea rescue. As we rowed to our rescue ship, we sadly bid goodbye to any remnants of our former life.

If only this could have been the beginning of a great new life. Ironically, the ocean journey that was supposed to unite a family stranded on islands apart, family tribulations continued and resulted in two divorces: that of my grandparents, and later, that of my parents. For decades, I was truly drifting, not only between continents, but also unhappily between fidelities.

As for the uprooting of families from their established gardens, so that they can all be planted together in a new one, the act is full of challenges. The blending of my family, although it admirable concept, caused more strain than could have been foreseen. In fact, the Promised Land promised only disillusionment. But I have learned that life is truly a test of character, and if it is true that obstacles don't change character, they reveal it. I have discovered a character that is able to survive and transcend the obstacles in my life's journey.

Nevertheless, I am not beyond feeling some pain and guilt for having transplanted my grandparents. I focus on the gratitude I feel for their love, upbringing, and sacrifice. Undoubtedly, I was the most fortunate grandchild in the world.

Often, I wonder if I could ever be so grand as to give self-less love, leave my country behind, and start a new life in a strange land for a grandchild. Honestly, I don't know; fortunately, I will never have to know. All that I'm sure of is that Pietro and Domenica Burzio, my nonni, made the ultimate sacrifice for me. I do hope they thought it was worth it; I would like to believe that I returned their love and did what I could to make them proud of me. In fact, my literary work, "Alive on the Andrea Doria," is dedicated to them: "To my grandparents, who raised me with love and sacrificed all their worldly goods and ways to accompany me to America." (Excerpt from "Alive on the Andrea Doria! The Greatest Sea Rescue in History," by Pierette Domenica Simpson, New York, with Morgan James publishing, 2008.)



Pierette Domenica Simpson's mother, Vivina Burzio (right), holding her, and Pierette's godmother, Isa (left).



Pierette Domenica Simpson's passport photo, age 9. Pierette Domenica Simpson's grandfather, Domenico Simpson. Pierette Domenica Simpson's grandmother, Pierette Burzio.

In this country alone, there are over 2 1/2 million fortunate grandchildren who are receiving basic needs and nurturing from their grandparents. Over 6 billion of them share a home with her grandparents. These wonderful souls called grandpa and grandma don't expect anything for their loving support—except perhaps a sincere wish for a Happy Grandparents Day!

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# EDUCATION

## School district boasts straight A's on Michigan report card

### All schools also achieve AYP

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

It was business as usual for the Novi Community Schools district on its annual state report card. All eight schools in the district received an A grade under Michigan's current EducationYes! accreditation system, a letter grade the district has consistently posted over a period of more than five years.

"We are a pretty awesome district," said Monique Beels, assistant superintendent of academic services. "We work hard and the expectations here in Novi are very high for our students."

The EducationYes! report cards are a compilation of student scores on the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) and the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) tests; the MI-Access alternate assessments for students with disabilities. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) designation; and other self-reported, school performance indicators such as family involvement, curriculum, high school graduation rates, student attendance and teacher professional development.

The state tests students in third through fifth, sixth through eighth and 11th grades. Along with posting straight A's, every school in the district met AYP, an indicator of how schools are meeting yearly progress standards established



Novi High School junior Lauren Conrad began the process of registering for fall classes late last month and got help from former teacher Mickey Seiler, right. Seiler taught at Novi High for 30 years until retiring in 2005. School officially started in the district on Tuesday.

by the No Child Left Behind federal legislation. Beels said much of the credit for the district's success falls on the parents.

"It's the mindset of the community," she said. "The mind set has really high expectations for the schools and we have high expectations for the kids and the parents have high expectations for their children. You look at how many of our parents have high level degrees and you can tell education is important and we don't let anyone down."

Department of Education, 86 percent of Michigan public schools and 99 percent of K-12 school districts in Michigan made AYP last school year. The number of schools receiving an A grade under Michigan's current EducationYes! accreditation system also increased by about 5 percent statewide.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan said in a press release this year's report reflects increases on many levels for schools, and credits among the key factors, the

student achievement gains in mathematics and writing assessment scores, especially among students who are economically disadvantaged. "It is encouraging to see the progress many Michigan schools and districts are making," Flanagan said. "It is clear that intensive state and local support provided to our most at-risk schools is showing progress."

Staff writer Victoria Mitchell contributed to this report.

### NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### Novi High School Curriculum Night

On Wednesday, Sept. 16, Novi High School will be holding our Curriculum Night/Open House for all parents and guardians wishing to meet the teachers and see the classrooms that their students will be learning and growing in over the course of the second semester. This evening is designed to allow parents to go through the entire class schedule for their child, and to be given brief overviews by the teachers regarding the curriculum taught in each of the classes.

Curriculum Night will provide course information relative to grading, curriculum, attendance and general classroom expectations. You will also have the opportunity to get contact information for individual teachers. Curriculum Night is not for individual parent/teacher conferences, as this sort of specific information regarding your child's progress may be attained through personal contact with the teacher or at Parent/Teacher conferences on October 28, 2009 from 5-8 p.m.

The schedule for Curriculum Night is as follows:  
7:00-7:45, Welcome, Forster Auditorium  
7:45-7:50, 1st Block  
7:50-7:55, Hall Passing  
7:55-7:56, 2nd Block  
7:56-7:56, Hall Passing  
7:56-8:10, 3rd Block  
8:10-8:15, Hall Passing  
8:15-8:30, 4th Block  
8:30-8:35, Hall Passing  
8:35-8:45, Seminar  
8:45, Dismissal

#### Band bottle drive

The Novi High School Marching Band will be conducting their annual Fall Bottle Drive on Saturday, Sept. 19 beginning at 9 a.m. Students will be walking door-to-door to collect clean, returnable cans and bottles to earn money for the band program at Novi High School. The Novi High School Band Boosters and the students greatly appreciate the donations from the Novi community to make this a very successful fund-raiser. Busch's Supermarket located at 10 Mile and Meadowbrook Roads will once again be the site for this event. Donations can be brought to this location until around 2 p.m.

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# Local baton twirlers capture national titles

## It's been a busy summer for Twirl-M's Baton Group

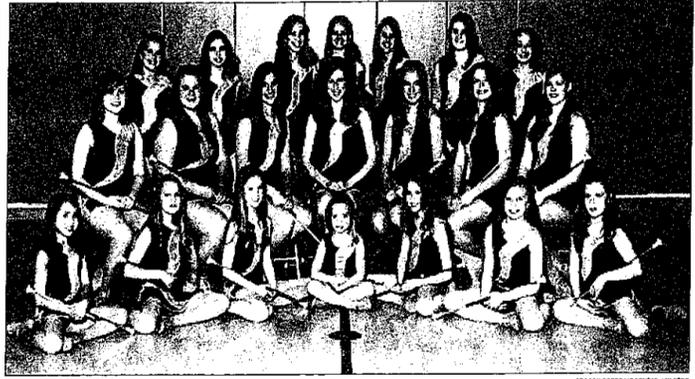
Members of the Twirl-M's Baton Group in Walled Lake have been busy this summer practicing and competing in their sport of baton twirling. Their efforts have netted positive results with a five national team awards, two national individual titles, four finalist awards, and 98 Top 10's.

Twenty-two students in the Twirl-M's baton twirling group attended the National Baton Twirling Association annual America's Youth On Parade contest. Held July 21-24 at the University of Notre Dame, the event draws nearly 5,000 twirlers from around the U.S., Canada, Jamaica, and U.S. Virgin Islands. Under the direction of Twirl-M's Director Rhonda Muscaro, Assistant Directors Rachel Gandy and Holly Minoletti, Assistant Instructor Valerie Gregory, and special corps assistance from Julie Leathers, the students earned dozens of awards.

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The Twirl-M's is a baton twirling group from Walled Lake. Participants reside in Walled Lake, Commerce Township, Witom, South Lyon, West Bloomfield, Novi, and Rochester. The group features baton twirling instruction for all ages starting from age 2, and at all levels including toddler, new, recreation, competitive, and high school/college majorities. The group was formed in 1999 and is under the direction of Rhonda Muscaro.

The Twirl-M's group was sponsored this 2009 competition season by: The Gandy Family as well as Goinick Pediatric Dental Associates of West Bloomfield; South Lyon Senior Care and Rehab Center; Walled Lake Medical Center, PC; Jeffrey L. Escote, DDS of Novi. Weekly classes, camps, enrichment programs, and private instruction are all available through the Twirl-M's. Interested students should consult the web site, [www.twirlm.com](http://www.twirlm.com) for more information. Or enroll in the fall program by contacting Walled Lake Community Education at 248-956-5000; 605 N. Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake. Fall Classes will be held at Clifford Smart Middle School in the Auxiliary Gym beginning Mon., September 21st. All participants will perform in the group's 10th annual recital in early December.



Twirl-M's Team Nationals 2009 includes (l to r, front) Casey Rapacki, Lacie Gladding, Carolyn Gregory, Lexi Yenglin, Taylor Scheffer, Casey Dunigan, Khloe Marshall; (middle) Alice Dodd, Meagan Dulack, Amy Vaillencourt, Moriah Muscaro, Sami Hays, Kelsey Harkins, Lauren Robinson; (back) Alissa Yenglin, Nicole Rapacki, Nicole Harris, Madison Stachowiak, Bailey Wilson, Rylea Wheeler, Nicole Dowdell. Not pictured is Madison Fletcher.



Walled Lake Northern High Majorettes are the 2009 National Baton Twirling Association's Majorette Line Champions. This is the team's second, consecutive year winning the award. Team Members are (l to r) Madison Fletcher, Sami Hays, Moriah Muscaro, Meagan Dulack, Amy Vaillencourt, Team Member Rosie Dodd, not pictured, helped the team win its first championship in 2008 and was with them in spirit for 2009 as she was in Germany for a summer student exchange program. The girls are members of the Walled Lake Northern Knights Marching Band under the direction of Mary Hultberger. They are also members of the Twirl-M's and are taught baton twirling by instructor and director Rhonda Muscaro.

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**SHIRLEY M. ADAMS**  
Age 83, wife of Donald E. Adams, deceased, died September 1, 2009 with family and friends by her side. Surviving are two daughters, Janet Zabawski of Hartland, MI and Gail Wehby of Wheaton, IL, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A private memorial service will be celebrated in Illinois at later date.

**NORMAN C. COLLINS**  
Age 83, wife of Highland passed away peacefully Aug. 27, 2009. Funeral was held last Monday at Elton Black & Sons, Mr. Collins was laid to rest at Highland Cemetery.

**ELLEN H. HUNTER**  
Aug. 31, 2009, age 83. Inurnment at Oakland Hills Cemetery. Memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society. Condolences at [obitviews.funeralhome.com](http://obitviews.funeralhome.com).

**MARGARET E. KINSLER**  
Age 74, passed away August 30, 2009. She was born on December 11, 1934 in Detroit, to the late George and Jean (Patterson) Francis. Margaret is survived by her loving children: Cynthia (Ralph) Petty of Novi, Linda (Mark) Lucas of Besingrove, England, Mark (Sue) Kinsler of Grand Rapids; seven grandchildren: Rafe, Andrea, Julia, Sarah, Alison, Matthew, and William. She was preceded in death by her husband Gilbert Kinsler in 2003. A Funeral Mass was held on September 2, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com).

**MAX BUTLER JOHNSON**  
Passed away Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at his home. He was born August 27, 1932 in Cedarville, Michigan, a son of Edwin & Adda (Butler) Johnson. On September 10, 1955 he was married to Helen Rothgroun in Detroit, Michigan moving to Belleville from Highland in 1987. Mrs. Johnson preceded him in death on June 22, 2003. Mr. Johnson proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Corp as a field cook on board a naval ship during WWII. Mr. Johnson was a member of the Alton Park Masonic Lodge. He serviced on the Van Buren Township Public Safety Committee for 24 years. Mr. Johnson loved his horses and his dogs. He was truly a family man, devoted to his son, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mr. Johnson is survived by his loving son, Mark (Tammy) Johnson, Dear grandfather of Edwin J. Johnson and Sunday Johnson. Ford great grandfather of Tariq, Angelina and John "Richard". He is survived by his loving wife Joan Hewison of 49 years, his son Christopher Hewison (Mary Beth), son Robert Hewison, daughter Carol Smithson (James), grandsons Robert J., Graham, Connor and granddaughter Natalie, his sister-in-law Barbara Hewison and nieces Cheryl Hewison and Beth Hewison (Jason). To all of our dear family, friends and neighbors, thank you for your many years of loving support and prayers. A private family gathering has been arranged. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com).

**BILL C. WOLFE**  
Sept. 5, 2009, Age 82. Funeral Sv held Sept. 9. Memorial contributions may be made to: Detroit Firemen's or Wounded Warrior Project, 7020 AC Skinner Pkwy, Ste 100, Jacksonville, FL 32226. Condolences: [obitviews.funeralhome.com](http://obitviews.funeralhome.com).

**NORMAN E. ZEUNER**  
84, of Venice, FL, formerly of Detroit passed away Wednesday, August 26, 2009. Mr. Zeuner served his country during WW II in the U.S. Army. He is survived by brothers-in-law Donald Charlick of Highland, Kenneth Charlick of Highland, Gerald Charlick of Milford, Gary Charlick of Howell, & Dale Charlick of Fenton, sister-in-law Lorraine McDaniel of Sun City Center, FL and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be private, with inurnment in Bushnell National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. Arrangements under the direction of Lamborn Bay Funeral Home, 1835 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, FL 34293, 941-483-4900.

**GISELA G. BERRY**  
Of Novi was born in Kongsburg, Germany on April 5, 1925 to Alois and Gertrude Otto and died September 3, 2009 at her daughter's home in Milford at the age of 84. She is the beloved wife of Henry Berry. Loving mother of Isabella (Thomas) Rowell and Boris Arakelian, grandmother of Boris Carl Arakelian, Kristen Rowell and Thomas Rowell II. Great grandmother of Haley Whitmore. Sister of Eva Scorschi. Mrs. Berry was a longtime member of the Walled Lake United Methodist Church and enjoyed word and crossword puzzles. She will be missed by her loving family and dear friends. Funeral was held from the Walled Lake United Methodist Church, Tuesday 11 AM. Interment was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi. Visitation was at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Walled Lake, Monday 9-9 PM. Memorials to the Walled Lake United Methodist Church appreciated.

**CECIL HEWISON**  
In loving memory of our beloved Cecil Hewison who passed away at his home in South Lyon on August 25th, 2009. Born in Detroit, Michigan on October 20, 1927. He graduated Mackenzie High School, in Detroit, in 1946 and entered the U.S. Army that same year. He served his country towards the end of WWII as Corporal and received the Service and Victory Medals. He was employed by Ford Motor Company as a Tool and Die Maker for 35 years. He had a life long love of planes and went flying every chance he could. He had a gentle spirit and a tremendous amount of inner strength and courage that aided all who knew him. He was preceded in death by his father Cecil and mother Phoebe from England and by his two brothers Frank and John "Richard". He is survived by his loving wife Joan Hewison of 49 years, his son Christopher Hewison (Mary Beth), son Robert Hewison, daughter Carol Smithson (James), grandsons Robert J., Graham, Connor and granddaughter Natalie, his sister-in-law Barbara Hewison and nieces Cheryl Hewison and Beth Hewison (Jason). To all of our dear family, friends and neighbors, thank you for your many years of loving support and prayers. A private family gathering has been arranged. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com).

**MAX BUTLER JOHNSON**  
Passed away Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at his home. He was born August 27, 1932 in Cedarville, Michigan, a son of Edwin & Adda (Butler) Johnson. On September 10, 1955 he was married to Helen Rothgroun in Detroit, Michigan moving to Belleville from Highland in 1987. Mrs. Johnson preceded him in death on June 22, 2003. Mr. Johnson proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Corp as a field cook on board a naval ship during WWII. Mr. Johnson was a member of the Alton Park Masonic Lodge. He serviced on the Van Buren Township Public Safety Committee for 24 years. Mr. Johnson loved his horses and his dogs. He was truly a family man, devoted to his son, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mr. Johnson is survived by his loving son, Mark (Tammy) Johnson, Dear grandfather of Edwin J. Johnson and Sunday Johnson. Ford great grandfather of Tariq, Angelina and John "Richard". He is survived by his loving wife Joan Hewison of 49 years, his son Christopher Hewison (Mary Beth), son Robert Hewison, daughter Carol Smithson (James), grandsons Robert J., Graham, Connor and granddaughter Natalie, his sister-in-law Barbara Hewison and nieces Cheryl Hewison and Beth Hewison (Jason). To all of our dear family, friends and neighbors, thank you for your many years of loving support and prayers. A private family gathering has been arranged. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com).

**MARGARET E. KINSLER**  
Age 74, passed away August 30, 2009. She was born on December 11, 1934 in Detroit, to the late George and Jean (Patterson) Francis. Margaret is survived by her loving children: Cynthia (Ralph) Petty of Novi, Linda (Mark) Lucas of Besingrove, England, Mark (Sue) Kinsler of Grand Rapids; seven grandchildren: Rafe, Andrea, Julia, Sarah, Alison, Matthew, and William. She was preceded in death by her husband Gilbert Kinsler in 2003. A Funeral Mass was held on September 2, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: [www.phillipsfuneral.com](http://www.phillipsfuneral.com).

**CECIL HEWISON**  
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**BILL C. WOLFE**  
Sept. 5, 2009, Age 82. Funeral Sv held Sept. 9. Memorial contributions may be made to: Detroit Firemen's or Wounded Warrior Project, 7020 AC Skinner Pkwy, Ste 100, Jacksonville, FL 32226. Condolences: [obitviews.funeralhome.com](http://obitviews.funeralhome.com).

**NORMAN E. ZEUNER**  
84, of Venice, FL, formerly of Detroit passed away Wednesday, August 26, 2009. Mr. Zeuner served his country during WW II in the U.S. Army. He is survived by brothers-in-law Donald Charlick of Highland, Kenneth Charlick of Highland, Gerald Charlick of Milford, Gary Charlick of Howell, & Dale Charlick of Fenton, sister-in-law Lorraine McDaniel of Sun City Center, FL and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be private, with inurnment in Bushnell National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. Arrangements under the direction of Lamborn Bay Funeral Home, 1835 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, FL 34293, 941-483-4900.

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## May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

**OTHER CONTEST NOTABLES**

Two students captured individual national titles: Moriah Muscaro, 2009 NBTA Corps Member of the Year, and Carolyn Gregory, 2009 Beginner 2 Baton, age 10, Winner. Muscaro is a junior at Walled Lake Northern High, a member of the Walled Lake Northern High Majorette Line. Gregory is a sixth grader at Clifford Smart Middle School and a member of the Twirl-M's Junior Team.

Two students made the coveted advance finals. The best twirlers from across the country twirl and strut for a spot in the finals. Twirl-M's Moriah Muscaro and Nicole Dowdell made two finals each.

Qualifying for the Teenage Miss Majorette of America Pageant was Sami Hays who is the Teenage Miss Majorette of the Great Lakes Pageant Royale. She won this coveted spot in late June allowing her to participate in the July contest.

Nicole Harris, who is the 2009 Pre-Teen Miss Majorette of Michigan Royale, participated in her first advance national pageant.

Twirl-M's also had two beginner national pageant representatives - Amanda Hunter, 2009 Teenage Beginner Michigan Pageant Winner, and Lauren Robinson 2009 Junior Beginner Michigan Pageant Winner. Amanda placed ninth overall in the national pageant winning fourth in modeling and tied for eighth in solo.

To register, call (248) 449-1206 or visit us online at [www.novi.k12.mi.us/district/communityeducation](http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/district/communityeducation)

**German Intro - Level I**  
DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 22 - Nov. 24 (omit Oct. 27, Nov. 3)  
TIME: 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Middle School  
DETAILS: An introductory German class for those who have never had German before and would like to start to learn this language and culture at any age and any speed! Learn basic expressions and topics to get you around in Germany for travel, fun, and social communication. Understand the culture and its differences in social and business settings. This class will focus on speaking the language, but you will also learn grammar, reading, and writing to help provide for well-

**German - Level II**  
DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 22 - Nov. 24 (omit Oct. 27, Nov. 3)  
TIME: 7:30-9:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Middle School  
DETAILS: A continuation of German I for students who have completed at least one introductory course in German.  
FEE: \$ 79 (information about book purchase will be given at first class)

**Elementary Italian**  
DATE: Monday, Sept. 14 - Nov. 2  
TIME: 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Middle School  
DETAILS: This class will introduce students to the Italian language and culture. Students will learn basic Italian grammar and sentence structure, while acquiring useful vocabulary for travel and conversation. No previous Italian experience required. Please bring a 3-ring binder.  
FEE: \$ 110

**Intermediate Italian**  
DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 15 - Nov. 17 (omit Oct. 27, Nov. 3)  
TIME: 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Middle School  
DETAILS: Do you have some experience with the Italian language and want to learn more? Students who have taken Elementary Italian will continue to expand their vocabulary and conversational skills, while focusing on correct Italian grammar and sentence structure. Some review of basic grammatical concepts will be included.  
FEE: \$ 110

**Beginning Japanese**  
DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 29 - Dec. 1 (omit Oct. 27, Nov. 3)  
LOCATION: Novi Middle School  
DETAILS: This is a great introductory class for those who want to learn basic Japanese vocabulary and sentence structure. The class is designed to provide a foundation for those who wish to continue the study of the Japanese language either in a classroom or on their own. We will also work on pronunciation, reading and writing, while learning about the culture and people of Japan.  
FEE: \$ 79 (information about book purchase will be given at first class)

**Spanish I**  
DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 15 - Oct. 20  
TIME: 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Middle School  
DETAILS: This class will focus on helping students learn how to pronounce words, exchange greetings and names, ask questions, thus practicing vocabulary and sentence structure. Cultural information will also be part of the curriculum. No prior knowledge of the language is necessary.  
FEE: \$ 84 (information about book purchase will be given at first class)

**Dutch I**  
DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 22 - Nov. 24 (omit Oct. 27, Nov. 3)  
TIME: 7:30-9:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Middle School  
DETAILS: The perfect introduction to the Dutch language and culture! A great class for travelers or for business.  
FEE: \$ 79 (information about book purchase will be given at first class)

**French I**  
DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 22 - Nov. 24 (omit Oct. 27, Nov. 3)  
TIME: 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Middle School  
DETAILS: Bonjour! Join us for an introductory lesson in the French language and culture. Ideal for travel or business!  
FEE: \$ 79 (information about book purchase will be given at first class)

# Your Invitation to Worship

<b>Brighton</b> <b>LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 2051 Pleasant Valley Road • Brighton, MI 48114 Church office: (248) 884-2955 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School Rev. Dale Hochstadt, Pastor <a href="http://www.lordoflifechurch.org">www.lordoflifechurch.org</a>	<b>Milford</b> <b>CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> PRESCHOOL & KIDZ - Mo. Synod 620 General Motors Rd., Milford Church office: (248) 884-2955 Regular Sunday Service: 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School: 8:45 a.m. Jan-Aug. Communion Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School Monday Evening 7:00 p.m. Rev. Phil Richard E. Pace, Pastor	<b>Novi</b> <b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 9 Mile & Meadowbrook Westchase Ex. Lutheran Synod Sunday School & Adult Bible Class will resume September 13 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m., Monday 7:00 p.m. Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor - 348-9566	<b>NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 4187 W. Beech Road • Novi, MI 48375 Sunday Worship 8:45 a.m., Rev. W. Scott Factor 348-3453	<b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b> 2455 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375 Weekend Hours Saturday 9 a.m. (Eucharist & 6:30 a.m. Spanish) Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. Fr. Timothy Program, Pastor Rev. Henry Gonzalez, Associate Pastor Parish Office: 348-8847 • <a href="http://www.holyfamilynovi.org">www.holyfamilynovi.org</a>	<b>ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 4625 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Reverend George Chazy, Pastor Parish Office: 347-7778	<b>FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 4440 W. 10 Mile, Novi, 248-249-2345 12 mile west of Novi Rd. www.fairfaithcommunitynovi.org WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM "Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"	<b>HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL</b> 10 Mile between Meadowbrook & Highway, Novi • Phone: 421-1172 Sundays 7:45 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist • Sunday School & Nursery 10 a.m. Rev. Dr. Ray Babin, Interim Rector <a href="http://www.churchoftheholycross.com">www.churchoftheholycross.com</a>	<b>OAK PONTE CHURCH</b> 2620 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi Saturday Worship 8:15 a.m. Sunday 8:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Casual, contemporary service Phone (248) 212-0043 <a href="http://www.oakponte.org">www.oakponte.org</a>													
<b>Farmington Hills</b> <b>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, ELCA</b> Farmington Hills 12220 Elm St. 248-4256 Between Grand River & Freedom Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m. Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Sunday School - All ages 10:15 a.m.	<b>WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 11166 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48300 348-987-1211 Sunday Worship 8:50 a.m. Bible Ministries 11:00 a.m. Wednesday All Ages 7:00 p.m.	<b>MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 238 N. Main Street, Milford (248) 864-2905 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Sunday School 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Nursery care available 10:00 a.m. Fr. John Harris, Pastor A heritage of area worship since 1838	<b>NEW HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 6670 Grand River Rev. Gerry Hunter Worship 10:30 a.m. 248-437-8212 <a href="http://www.newhudsonunitedmethodist.org">www.newhudsonunitedmethodist.org</a>	<b>NEW HOPE - A Unitarian Universalist Congregation</b> 2755 Grand River Ave., New Hope, MI 48155 Phone: 248-474-6100 Sunday 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Youth Night - Wed. 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. 24 Young Adults, Services, Open 4 Kids, Open 4 Teens	<b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 3700 Harvey Lake Rd., Highland (248) 887-3364 Rev. Lois T. Laska, Pastor Mass Schedule: Saturday 8 a.m., Sunday 8 a.m. & 11 a.m., Holy Eucharist 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist 12:15 p.m., Holy Eucharist 4:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist 8:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist 9:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist 10:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist 11:30 p.m.	<b>NEW HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 6670 Grand River Rev. Gerry Hunter Worship 10:30 a.m. 248-437-8212 <a href="http://www.newhudsonunitedmethodist.org">www.newhudsonunitedmethodist.org</a>	<b>Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church</b> 2280 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, Michigan Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. St. High Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Mid High Wednesday at 7 p.m. Rev. David Greig, Pastor 248-437-2222 • <a href="http://www.fellowshippe.org">www.fellowshippe.org</a>	<b>CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN</b> (Missouri Synod) Pastor Terry Nelson 437-8810 • 486-4335 • Greenwood Rd. at 10 Mile Worship 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.	<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON</b> 2885 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, Michigan 48178 Phone: 248-437-2283 Sally Schaefer, Pastor • Holy Eucharist 11:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Senior Pastor: Rev. Pastor / Assoc. Pastor: Rev. Pastor Rev. Pastor: Rev. Pastor / Assoc. Pastor: Rev. Pastor Rev. Pastor: Rev. Pastor / Assoc. Pastor: Rev. Pastor	<b>GROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> 2998 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, Michigan 48178 Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. Family Service 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Relevant, Bible Based Messages 486-6410 • <a href="http://www.grossroads.org">www.grossroads.org</a>	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 540 S. Lafayette (248) 437-0760 Sunday Worship 8:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Nursery Provided Reverend Sonja Willeboe <a href="http://southlyonumc.org">southlyonumc.org</a>	<b>FAMILY LIFE CHURCH A/G</b> 6245 W. 10 Mile Road (248) 437-1477 • <a href="http://www.familylifecn.org">www.familylifecn.org</a> St. Pastor: Joseph P. Talar Sunday Christian Education 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Christian Education and Family Nite 7:00 p.m.	<b>SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH</b> 2218 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, Michigan 48178 10 a.m. Sunday Celebration Pastor: Tall and 6 Mile Church's Support Group Office: 248-426-4400 <a href="http://www.solidrockchurch.org">www.solidrockchurch.org</a>	<b>CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Services held at Kent Lake Recreation Center 30181 Kent Lake Rd., S. Lyon Sunday Service Times 8:30 a.m. - Meet & Greet 10:30 a.m. - Morning Service Rev. Kenneth Warren-248-331-2071							
<b>Highland</b> <b>HIGHLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> 2550 Harvey Lake Rd. (248) 887-4566 Contemporary Service 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sunday Sunday Night Service 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study & Breakfast 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 8:15 a.m. 3rd-6th Grade Youth Tuesdays 7-8 p.m. Pastor: Vic Guller	<b>NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP</b> 120 Bishop St., Highland off Milford Rd., 2-7/8 miles N of M-59 • Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. • Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m. Pastor: Danny Miller 889-7253 or 887-4866	<b>HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 5801 Livingston Rd., Highland, MI 48337 248-887-3111 • <a href="http://www.myumc.com">www.myumc.com</a> Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Kids Church 9:45 & 10:30 a.m. Youth Night - Wed. 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. 24 Young Adults, Services, Open 4 Kids, Open 4 Teens	<b>NEW HUDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 6670 Grand River Rev. 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# NEIGHBORS

## Harwell's spirit strong despite cancer diagnosis

His voice was clear, his spirit strong, his words tinged with humor.

But legendary broadcaster Ernie Harwell had bracing news to deliver last Thursday: He has a tumor in the area of the bile duct. It is inoperable. Yet Harwell said he feels calm and prepared for what comes next.

"We don't know how long this lasts," Harwell said in a phone interview. "It could be a year, it could be much less than a year, much less than a half a year. Who knows?"

"Whatever's in store, I'm ready for a new adventure. That's the way I look at it."

Harwell, who gained an enormous following during 55 years as a major league baseball broadcaster -- 42 of them with the Tigers -- spent about a week in the hospital in mid-August with an obstructed bile duct, and tests revealed the tumor.

He is 91. Harwell, his family and doctors have decided against surgery or other treatment. Asked what he wanted to be written about him, Harwell spoke about his fans and his faith.

**GOOD WISHES FOR ERNIE**  
Cards or letters can be sent to: Ernie Harwell, c/o S. Gary Spicer Sr., Attorney at Law, 16845 Kercheval Ave., Suite 5, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

"I don't want to make it too sweet because I don't want to get diabetes as well as this cancer," he said, chuckling.

Speaking of his many admirers across North America, Harwell added: "I'd like to thank them for their loyalty and support over the years. And their affection, which I don't know whether I deserve or not, but I accept it."

"And also, I think that when I heard the news, that I had this cancer, that I had a feeling of security and serenity ... but I had a feeling of acceptance because of my belief in Jesus and the Lord."

Harwell praised his family, his longtime adviser Gary Spicer, and his doctors and the medical staff in the Henry Ford Hospital system.

In a statement, Michael Workings, team physician for the Detroit Tigers and a Henry Ford Hospital family medicine physician who is part of Harwell's care team, said: "Mr. Harwell is a beloved and iconic figure who has touched so many lives across Michigan through his Hall of Fame broadcasting career and support in the community."

Since retiring in 2002, Harwell has remained busy, writing three books that have been published by the Free Press, releasing an audio scrapbook of his interviews and famous broadcast moments, and working as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

"Ernie has literally changed people's lives through his efforts to communicate about the benefits of healthy behavior, and we are grateful to him for that," said Blues President and Chief Executive Officer Daniel Loepp. "He has been an inspiration to all of us at the Blues who have the honor of knowing him."

Harwell said he plans to

retire from his job with the Blues after he records two commercials next week. He plans to complete a fourth book of his columns, which have run for years in the Free Press sports section. The final column is scheduled to appear at the end of the month.

Harwell said he feels good but has been forced to cut back on his daily exercise routine.

"I don't have any pain at the moment," he said. "Because I've lost weight, I can eat almost everything I wanted to. I've come back to my childhood with ice cream and all those good things."

Harwell said his wife, Lulu, remains strong and shares his belief in God. They celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary last Sunday.

"We walk hand in hand wherever we go," Harwell said. "We still love each other. She's the best thing that ever happened to me."

For the first time, his voice wavered, slightly.

By Bill McGraw | Detroit Free Press

• Tyler A. Vincent has entered Basic Cadet Training at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in preparation to enter the first academic year at the academy. The six-week, two-phased orientation program must be successfully completed by the cadets prior to entering their freshman year. The training prepares men and women to meet the rigorous mental and physical challenges experienced by new cadets.

Phase one involves personal in-processing, orientation, and training in the fundamentals of being a cadet. Cadet trainees are prepared to adjust from civilian to military life and disciplines, and learn proper wear of the uniform, saluting policies and procedures, drill and ceremony, marching, and living quarters standards.

During phase two, cadets train outdoors living in tents while learning to function in field conditions. Cadets apply and practice team work, cohesion and learn to deal with physically and mentally demanding situations. They complete the obstacle, confidence, assault, and leadership reaction courses, and participate in a rescue mission termed Operation Warrior.

• Marine Corps Pvt. Corey T. Bergin, son of Marianne and stepson of George Phillips of Novi, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Bergin and fellow recruits began their training at 6 a.m., by running three miles and performing physical conditioning program. Bergin spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Bergin and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 51-hour, team evaluation culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

### NOVI IN THE SERVICE

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Teen arraigned in Wixom beating death

A man police believe bludgeoned another man with a golf club is to face charges in the incident.

Robert Lloyd Lowry, 18, of White Lake Township, was arraigned last week in 92-1 District Court in Novi on charges of second degree with an alternative of involuntary manslaughter in the death of Justin Hussin, 18, of Wixom.

If convicted, Lowry faces life in prison.

He was to be back in court Sept. 9 for a pre-examination conference.

Hussin died Sept. 1 during a brawl between teens from Wixom and White Lake.

Police have said Lowry hit Hussin in the back of the head with a golf club in a Wixom neighborhood. The two were among as many as 10 - from two groups - who police said showed up to settle a dispute. Most were ages 17 and 18.

Police have said that a texting spat between two of the guys - one from each group - started before the brawl. One text, Det. Sgt. Gary Hamlin said during the hearing, said: "I will smash you."

Someone from the Wixom group texted to someone from the White Lake crew that they meet in front of an address on Bell Cone, off of Potter, Hamlin said. He said the White Lake group indicated that they had a gun, so the teens from Wixom showed up with golf clubs and at least one baseball bat, which Hamlin said witnesses said Hussin was carrying.

Here's what Hamlin said happened next: As the teens converged on the neighborhood at about 3 a.m., a resident heard arguing and the scuffle and called 911.



Lowry

Two teens - neither Hussin nor Lowry - started pushing each other. One dropped his golf club and Lowry picked it up.

"Now I've got a club," witnesses reported Lowry said.

Lowry swung and hit Hussin above his left ear. Some told police Hussin had the baseball bat at his side, others said he had dropped it before being struck.

The man making the 911 call told dispatchers he heard a loud thud, "like something was hit with an object."

The White Lake teens left the scene in a vehicle.

Police arrived and found Hussin lying on the ground, "bleeding profusely." He died at the scene. Lowry was later arrested in White Lake.

In court today, before Judge Dennis Powers, Lowry stood mute as a plea of not guilty was entered on his behalf.

"Sir, do you want to retain your own attorney or do you want a court appointed attorney?" Powers asked.

Lowry looked at his mother, sitting in the front row of the courtroom. She mouthed, "court appointed."

"Court appointed," Lowry said to Powers.

Lowry is being held in the Oakland County Jail on a \$250,000 cash surety bond.

If he is released, Powers said Lowry must be put on a GPS tether.

Lowry's mother and others there to support him declined to comment after the hearing.

By Gina Damron | Detroit Free Press

### Drunk driver caught with marijuana

A 20-year-old man was arrested around 2 a.m. on Sept. 2 for operating while intoxicated and possession of marijuana after being pulled over on M-5 south of Fourteen Mile Road.

According to the police report, a Novi police officer saw the driver on a red motorcycle pass him at a high rate of speed. The radar detector showed a reading of 107 miles per hour in an area where the posted speed limit is 55 mph.

The initial officer, along with another officer, caught up to the driver and when they approached him could smell a strong odor of intoxicants.

The driver failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .12 percent. The limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

Also during the stop, the second officer asked if there was anything illegal in the backpack the man was wearing and he told police he had marijuana in it.

The man was issued a citation for both crimes and transported to the Novi Police Department.

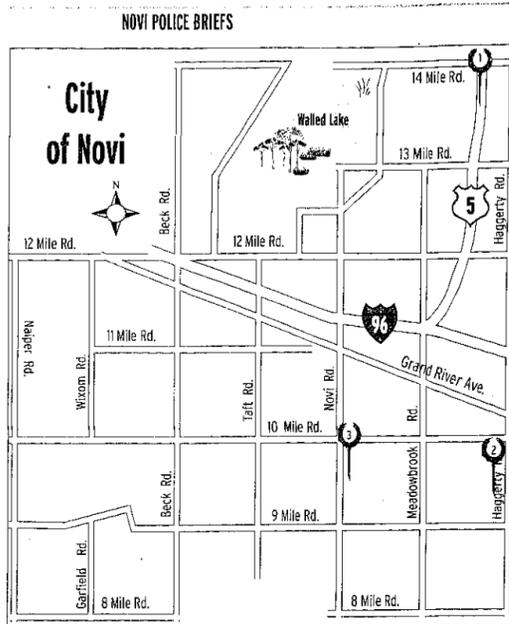
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**Cadillac found on stones**  
Four wheels and tires were stolen off a Cadillac CTS between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. on Sept. 6 while parked at a residence on Country Lane.

The unknown suspects put landscape stones under the vehicle and left it that way once the wheels were removed. There were no fingerprints or other evidence on the scene that could be collected.

All residents in the area were advised to report any suspicious activity or vehicles, and there will be extra patrol in the area.

Compiled by staff writer Naiman Mueller



NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

### Car broken into at Sports Club

A white GMC Yukon was broken into and items were stolen from it between the hours of 7:55 p.m. and 10:20 p.m. on Sept. 3 while it was parked in the parking lot at the Sports Club of Novi.

The vehicle was broken into a parking spot on the east side of the building and the rear driver's side window was broken out to give access to the vehicle.

Stolen from the SUV were a pair of sunglasses and the in-dash navigational system. Police have no suspects at this time.

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### NOVI NEWSMAKERS

#### Schultz honored

Secret Wardle has been ranked as having the No. 1 Municipal Law Department in the State of Michigan by Best Lawyers in America, a resource for locating outstanding attorneys who specialize in specific practice areas. Four Secret Wardle Partners have been notified of their inclusion in the 2010 edition. Those named best in the category of Municipal Law included Thomas R. Schultz, attorney for the cities of Novi and Farmington.



Schultz

### ENGAGEMENT

#### Kozma & Chandler

Novi residents Rachel Marie Kozma and Chase Douglas Chandler are engaged to be married. The bride-to-be is the daughter of John and Wendy Kozma of Novi. She is a 2007 graduate of Michigan State University, earning a bachelor of science degree from the School of Nursing. She is a registered nurse at Henry Ford Hospital.

The groom-elect is the son of Carl and Sally Chandler of Novi. He received his bachelor's degree from Albion College in 2006, attended Oakland University and earned his master's degree in accounting in 2009. He is a certified public accountant with Ernst and Young.

The couple are planning a Sept. 19 wedding at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with a reception at the Inn at St. Johns.



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### How to Protect Your Business with Agreements Not to Compete

A client calls, frantic. He is an automotive supplier specializing in plastic injection molded parts, and his top salesman quit in a dispute over his pay. The client is worried the salesman may try to take his customers.

The salesman signed an agreement not to compete which prohibits him from working as a salesman for another automotive supplier anywhere in the U.S. for a period of five years. The client wants to make sure it will be enforceable.

While it is true that covenants not to compete are enforceable in Michigan, they are enforceable only to protect reasonable competitive business interests, and only if they are reasonable in duration, geographical area and the type of employment or line of business.

An agreement that prohibits the salesman from working for any automotive supplier is probably too broad. If the company's primary business is plastic injection molded parts, its reasonable competitive business interests would likely be similarly limited to that business. The covenant may be found to be unreasonable and unenforceable as to other types of automotive

suppliers, such as suppliers of metal stamped parts.

Whether the entire United States is a reasonable geographic scope would depend largely upon where business is actually conducted and where the customers are located. If the business and customers are limited to Michigan, it may be unreasonable to impose a covenant not to compete throughout the entire United States.

A term of five years is probably excessive and unenforceable. A reasonable term for prohibiting an employee from competing would be one sufficient for the company to take reasonable efforts to solidify its relationships with its customers and suppliers. One or two years may be enforceable, but five years is probably not.

There are no hard and fast rules for any of these factors. Reasonableness will depend upon the facts and circumstances of each case, and ultimately will be up to a court to decide.

What about using the company's customer lists, contact information, sales data, cost data and other strategic information? This type of information, if properly treated as confidential, is proprietary information that belongs to the company. Like any other asset, an employee has no right to take such information, whether to use it to compete with the company, or for any other purpose. A court would readily issue an order to protect this type of proprietary information.

While covenants not to compete are some times used inappropriately, and therefore are held to be unenforceable, a properly drafted covenant is a valuable instrument to protect a company from unreasonable competition.

Bruce W. Haffey is a business and tax lawyer, has represented small businesses for nearly 30 years, and has negotiated and drafted countless agreements not to compete. Mr. Haffey is resident of Novi, and is a shareholder and member of the Board of Directors of Giamarco, Mullins & Horton, P.C. in Troy. If you have a legal question, feel free to contact him at (248) 457-7073 or mailto:bruce@bwhlaw.com

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Time: Doors open at 6:00 p.m., the event begins at 6:30 p.m.  
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Deli Unique gets a jump start

The Matt Prentice Restaurant Group (MPRG) will soon welcome another "Unique" addition to Metro Detroit's deli scene. Deli Unique of Novi is still under construction in the Crown Plaza Novi Hotel, but their community outreach is well under way.

Uled to open inside the Crown Plaza Novi Hotel in early October.

The euchre tournament will have cash prizes. The payouts will be determined by the number of entries. The tournament has a limit of 125 participants so it's sure to be a hot ticket.

Two haz waste days scheduled

Two remaining fall Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Days will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center located at 45175 West 10 Mile in Novi, and on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Recycling Authority headquarters located at 2000 West Eight Mile, one block east of Evergreen, in Southfield.

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Local events

LIVE BLUES & JAZZ @ THE GRAPEVINE TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursdays; 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. LOCATION: The Grapevine of Novi, 43155 Market Street. DETAILS: Live music on the patio on Thursdays, inside on weekends, no cover. Schedule includes Thursday, Trio Organic; Friday, Paul Carey Trio; Saturday, Bouq Deming & The Jeebies.

ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE

LOCATION: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi. CONTACT: (248) 348-5600. Michigan Antique Arms Show DATE: Sept. 12-13. DETAILS: Antique and modern arms and accoutrements, part and accessories, as well as other related merchandise. The show also features historical displays and presentations.

Summer's fading

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NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT TSLUP 09-031

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for Paradise Park is requesting a Temporary Special Land Use Permit for weekly tent events to be located at 45759 Grand River Avenue, west of 10th and south of Grand River Avenue from September 26, 2009 through September 25, 2010.

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 special land use permit.

This request will be considered at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 25, 2009 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West 10 Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Malinda Martin and must be received prior to September 24, 2009.

Malinda Martin Senior Customer Service Rep. (248) 347-0459

FLORINE MARK'S 10th ANNUAL REMARKABLE WOMEN LUNCHEON. A proud sponsor of the Remarkable Women Luncheon. Tickets: \$60 Individual, \$600 Table of 10. Thursday, September 17, 2009. Seating & Exhibitor Area begins at 11:15 am. Lunch & Program: Noon - 2:15 pm.

DEBENE MILLNER. Inspiring, engaging and wickedly funny are characteristics that describe Debene Miller to a T. Recently, the book she has co-authored with Steve Harvey, 'Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man', topped off at #1 on the New York Times Best Seller list. Debene is excited to engage with all the remarkable women in Michigan as she talks about real life and real people.

LINDA KAPLAN THALER. Linda Kaplan Thaler, ad guru and best-selling author, returns to "Remarkable Women Live" by popular demand. Besides her involvement with the book, she is also the author of the award-winning book, "The Power of One: Why Little Things Make All the Difference."

Celebrity Guest Panel: Laura Berman-Detroit News columnist, Diana Lewis-WXYZ-TV 7 news anchor, Sherry Margolis-WJBK-TV 4 news anchor, Rhonda Walker-WDVR-TV 4 news anchor. Register Online: FlorineOnline.com. Register by Phone: 1-888-3-FLORINE, ext. 1377.

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BID PROPOSAL CUSTODIAL SERVICES. Novi Community Schools is accepting sealed bids for district-wide Custodial Services. Four (4) copies of the sealed bid opening along with one (1) original and (1) electronic copy should be submitted to: Gail Credit, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, 25345 Tenth Road, Novi, Michigan 48374 by 2:00 p.m., Local Time, Thursday, October 1, 2009.

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, September 30, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CODE AT ARTICLES V, WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSE PROTECTION OF CHAPTER 12, DRAINAGE AND FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION, AMENDMENT NUMBER 09-126-29, TO AMEND THE CITY CODE TO MODIFY THE REGULATIONS CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR WETLAND AND WATERCOURSE PROTECTION WITHIN AND THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY AND REVISED REGULATED WETLAND AND WATERCOURSE MAP.

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 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 30, 2009. Novi Planning Commission David Green, Secretary

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For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com. Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@annnet.com, by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

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AUTHOR MARIA DISMONDY BOOK SIGNINGS TIME/DATE: Sept. 15. LOCATION: Border's Bookstore, 43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi. TIME/DATE: 9-11 a.m. Oct. 11. LOCATION: Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 17111 Hagerly Rd., Northville. TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 10. LOCATION: Walled Lake Public Library, 1499 E. West Maple Rd., Walled Lake.

Yoga Workshop: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; anyone touched by cancer is welcome. The instructor can modify movements for varying physical capabilities. For additional information about the Gilda's Club support programs at the Botsford Cancer Center, please contact Gilda's Club at (248) 442-0482 or Gilda's Club at (248) 577-0800.

Lions golf outing. The Novi Lions Club is holding its Family Fun Golf Outing on Saturday, Sept. 12. Cost is \$50 per person; \$30 per golfer 15 years or younger accompanied by an adult. For registration and additional information call (248) 960-3092.

Boys' Bowl. The 65th Annual Boys' Bowl game between Detroit Catholic Central and St. Mary's Prep will be at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4. Anyone interested in advertising in the program, with a circulation of more than 2,000 copies, should contact Susan Larsen-Heise at (313) 350-9153 or Mary Nagrocki at (248) 719-1700. The program is distributed at the game, during November Open House and is used as a promotional vehicle for future CC students.

ZINA KRAMER SIGNING TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. LOCATION: Borders, Novi Town Center. DETAILS: Zina Kramer, author of "Hugging Grandma: Loving Those with Memory Disorders," will be holding a book signing and discussion in celebration of Grandparents Day.



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Summer's fading. Great Lakes Art Fair DATE: Oct. 16-18. DETAILS: Artists from across the region will offer works in the mediums of oil, watercolor, glass, photography, jewelry, fiber, sculpture and mixed media, along with select epicurean items; www.greatlakesartfair.com. Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet DATE: Nov. 1. DETAILS: The largest Swap Meet in the Midwest is the Detroit Area...

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Snowmobile Show and Sale DATE: Nov. 6-8. DETAILS: This show offers all the latest in sleds, gear, clothing, accessories, performance products, trailers and equipment for the new season; www.snowmobileusa.com.

Michigan Gun and Knife Show DATE: Nov. 14-16. DETAILS: One of the best and largest Gun & Knife Shows in Michigan! Shotgun, Rifles, Handguns, Scopes, Knives, Shooting Supplies, Gun Cases, Pistol & Rifle Magazines, Military Surplus, Collector Items, Archery, Fishing Supplies, Safes, Custom made gun cabinets, Wild Game Jerky, and much more; www.mjgunshows.com.

Michigan Family Pet Expo DATE: Nov. 20-22. DETAILS: The Michigan Family Pet Expo will showcase more than 150 exhibits of pet-related products and services; www.petmichigan.com.

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North American Horse Fest DATE: Dec. 4-6. DETAILS: Everything Equestrian! Horses, tack, training, breed clubs, trailers, stables, riding exhibitions, nutrition and much more; www.northamericanhorsefest.com.

Great American Train Show DATE: Dec. 12-13. DETAILS: America's favorite traveling train show serving more states than any other show. Show features operating model railroads, train dealers, collectors, hands-on exhibits, demonstrations, workshops, and much more; www.greattrain-expo.com.

Business. NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, education and networking opportunities. Please see CALENDAR, A15.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Motorists: Be observant around schools, bus stops

The kids are back at school this week. And that means there will be a lot of pedestrian activity around schools, in neighborhoods and at bus stops.

It also means that all motorists in the area need to show some extra caution during school hours. Drivers need to remember that children are not always observant of what is happening around them. It is a driver's responsibility to avoid an accident.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, about one-fifth of all children 14 years of age and younger who die in motor vehicle crashes are pedestrians. That is way too high a percentage. Recent studies have also shown that more than one-third of motorists in school zones or neighborhoods just "roll through" intersections with a stop sign. Be sure to come to a complete stop at all intersections.

A couple tips for drivers are to always obey reduced speed limits in school zones during school hours (speeding fines are doubled), always stop for school buses until the signal has been withdrawn, and remember that all school buses make stops at railroad crossings.

Parents also need to remind their children to follow general safety tips when they are at bus stops or walking to school. Here are some tips they should follow:

- Walk safely to the bus stop and stay three giant steps away from the street.
  - While waiting for the school bus, stay away from the street and private property.
  - When your school bus arrives, never move toward the bus until the doors open.
  - Stay in your seat until the bus stops and the driver opens the door.
  - Be quiet, especially at railroad crossings and follow the driver's directions.
  - Avoid strangers while waiting for the bus and never go anywhere with them.
- If both drivers and students follow these general tips, it will insure a safe school year for all. Remember, the children are this community's future. Let's help them get there safely.



Drivers need to be on the lookout for children near bus stops. Slow down in school and residential areas, and be sure to come to a complete stop at all intersections.

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think the Detroit Tigers will make the playoffs this season?



"Yes, they're gonna do it."  
Bob Dancer



"Absolutely, they're in the weakest division of baseball and their pitching is pretty good."  
Chris Nader



"Yes, because of their pitching and defense."  
Brandon Scott



"Yes, I think they will."  
Melissa Bastamonte

## LETTERS

### Show president's speech

I am writing to express my extreme dissatisfaction with the district's decision not to air our president's national address to students of America. It is very unfortunate and disappointing that... a few calls from parents who are concerned about the district showing the president's speech in our classrooms... would speak for our entire district and prevent our country's president from speaking to our kids... about persisting and succeeding in school. The president will challenge students to work hard, set educational goals, and take responsibility for their learning... (2) God forbid we would want our kids to hear such a message from such a powerful and historic figure; someone who worked hard all his life and reached the highest office.

Another reason cited for the decision states, "Given the late notice of this speech and the fact that it is the first day back in the classroom for students, teachers have already developed lesson plans and activities." According to the U.S. Department of Education Web site, the notification was sent on Aug. 25. Two weeks has certainly proven to be ample time for classrooms to plan parties and many other non-educational related activities in the past. It seems reasonable that if the president can make time to give this message, our schools should be able to accommodate it.

The notice on the district Web site further indicates "...our instructional staff will review the speech for grade level appropriateness." Give me a break. Are there kids at any level of our district that shouldn't work hard and strive to achieve? I firmly believe students at every level could certainly use all the help and encouragement they can get to work hard and succeed in school, considering students in our country clearly lag behind many other countries.

This was clearly not a political speech. After all, most of the students won't be of voting age for many years to come. I also think that parents have much more of an influence on their children's political leanings than one speech from the president could ever make. However, it is clear that politics, a fear of difference, and an increasing effort to censor information has driven this decision. I find it appalling and very disappointing for a district that is rated so high and claims to "A Commitment to Excellence" to reach this decision. Regardless of one's political beliefs, isn't it far more important to teach our kids to be informed and learn how to make their own decisions than attempt to suppress information and thought?

We will certainly be showing the president's speech to our kids at home. It's unfortunate not all the kids will have the same opportunity.

Sources:  
(1) <http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/default.aspx>  
(2) <http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/academic/bts.html>

Lee Johnson  
mother of kids at Deerfield and Meadows

### Boutique's tradition continues

In her Sept. 3 letter to this editor titled "Triumph and tragedy," Joan M. Farrell expressed concern over the closing of the Women's Boutique at Schoolcraft College.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats:  
Web: [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com)  
Mail: Letters to the Editor, Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI 48176. Fax: (248) 437-3366.  
E-mail: [cstone@gannett.com](mailto:cstone@gannett.com)  
Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).  
Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

She labels the closing a "tragedy" and asks the question, "Should we not be reaching out and extending a second hand rather than closing up shop completely?"

The fact is, Schoolcraft College is continuing this outreach, using an approach that upholds the Boutique's tradition of caring while offering the potential to serve even more people.

Over the years, many women have turned to Schoolcraft College to receive the education they need to begin a new career. For some of them, paying for school and taking care of their families meant that there was little money left over for purchasing that much-needed new outfit to wear to job interviews. The Boutique offered them quality used and donated clothing, as well as caring volunteers to help them with selection. The idea was to send the women into the job market looking great and knowing that the college cares about them.

The Boutique required a large time commitment among volunteers and staff to receive, sort and organize the clothing, and it required women to come to the Radcliff Center at specified times. The new approach takes the college out of the business of managing an inventory of clothing but retains the most important benefits of the program: Access to free clothing and personal attention from caring volunteers.

Under the new approach, \$50 Kohl's or other store gift cards are being purchased with funds raised from Women's Giving Circles, our annual Spaghetti Dinner and other fund-raisers. Criteria are being established for determining which students can benefit from the program. The \$50 amount was chosen because it is enough to purchase clothing suitable for the workplace. Volunteers also will be available to serve as professional shoppers.

The previous model served approximately 60 women per year during selected months when the Boutique could be staffed by volunteers. The new model will make the benefits of the Boutique available to both men and women year-round. Meanwhile, the clothing that had been in the Boutique has been donated to Jackets for Jobs, Lighthouse and The Women's Center of Southeastern Michigan, charities that maintain active inventories of professional attire for individuals entering the job market.

We are proud to be able to retain the noble focus of the Boutique in a manner that focuses on helping students in an efficient and effective manner.

Stacey Stover  
director of the Transitions Center, Schoolcraft College

### Tindall responds

On the health care issue: To Mr. Sheaheen, in my letter [Aug. 20] I wrote "the debate is being stifled." I am all for debate and airing of the facts and proposals; however, it is the naysayers and extremists getting all the attention with little if any correction by the media of the misinformation they are repeating. As to the cost, the president has consistently stated that a reform bill must be fiscally responsible and deficit neutral. This means, to me, to not put us any further into the hole we are already in. Remember, the last time we had a Democrat president we had a budget surplus. Also, there were those who said Social Security and Medicare would never work.

To the bloggers: goatsfarm — End-of-life counseling would not be in the hands of politicians and not mandatory; that's just another one of the lies. It would still be a personal decision and a choice with your doctor paid for by Medicare. As for the name calling, the only one I have heard referred to as Nazis are Obama and other Democrats.

perfect7 — The president has always stated the goal is to fix the system we have. Since you also feel that way, please call our Republican Congressman and tell him. I did read the Free Press about Canadians coming here from Windsor [right across the border] by choice, paid for by their government and come to keep cost down. Maybe we should look into that, but good luck getting your insurance to pay for it. Did you never hear of an American going to another country for health care? Offhand, I know of two — a young girl in Livonia who went to China and a woman in Novi who went to Germany. Both received treatment they could not get here and at their own expense. Both success stories, still alive to tell about it.

novi99 — I would have no problem with our government redistributing wealth from the big health insurance companies. In fact, the best way to reduce health care cost would be to take out the middleman [the insurance companies] — the ones who take the money and decide who they will pay, what they will pay for and how much they will pay. You know, the ones between you and your doctor.

whatappenednovi — Wow, I know President Obama promised to work fast, but millions of union jobs in just months? I would be interested to know what bill he signed into law or executive order that produced that result. On choice, perhaps you missed all the town hall conferences and town hall style meetings when the president said, "If you like what you have you can keep it." With the public option (like Medicare), you would have more choice.

Hey, this is kinda like a debate. Too bad 11th District Congressman McCotter isn't holding public meetings somewhere to answer question and get the facts straight.

Chuck Tindall  
Novi

## NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
LOCATION: 4145 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
CONTACT: (248) 349-0565  
Sunday Schedule  
TIME: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study, 10 a.m. Worship  
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or [turnnorthville.org](http://turnnorthville.org)

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.  
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit [firstpresville.org](http://firstpresville.org)  
Sunday Worship  
TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m.  
Walking In The Park  
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 after-wards.  
CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0016

**WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978  
Sunday Worship  
TIME: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
Traditional: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Contemporary: Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.  
Service Broadcast  
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560, The WMU2 World Station.  
Details: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation.  
Crafters and Vendors are needed  
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24  
DETAILS: The annual Community Bazaar Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at First United Methodist Church Northville. This is a great opportunity to showcase talent or business to hundreds of local customers. As cost is nominal, booth space is filling up fast.  
CONTACT: For details and reserve a space e-mail Pat Breslin at [Bazaar@care2.com](mailto:Bazaar@care2.com). For more information regarding Village Banking, [www.villagebanking.org](http://www.villagebanking.org).

**DAK POINTE CHURCH**  
LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit [oakpointe.org](http://oakpointe.org)  
Worship Services  
TIME: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday  
ReNew 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) 912-0043 or visit [oakpointe.org](http://oakpointe.org).  
Or call the church.

**NOVI UNITED METHODIST**  
LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit [umcnovi.com](http://umcnovi.com)  
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.  
Advent Service  
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday  
Randy and Marli in Concert  
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20  
DETAILS: Join us for a musical program of light contemporary inspirational music performed by South Lyon based husband and wife duo who live in their motor home with their two children, Kennedy and Kadison.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST OF NORTHVILLE**  
A Stephen Ministry church  
LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or [turnnorthville.org](http://turnnorthville.org)  
Sunday Worship  
TIME: 8:30 and 10 a.m. through Labor Day  
DETAILS: Rev. Dr. Steve Buck  
Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m.  
Healing Service  
TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month  
Radical Joy  
TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month  
DETAILS: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation.  
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As a family they travel the country calling home wherever they park and perform to glorify God.

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**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road  
CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit [holymassnovi.org](http://holymassnovi.org)  
Sunday Schedule  
TIME/DATE: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 7 p.m. Tuesday, 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday  
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment  
Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting  
TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month  
DETAILS: Free, informational meeting open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.

**DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 349-7600 or visit [dca-nazarene.org](http://dca-nazarene.org)  
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship, 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments, 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship, 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service  
Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study  
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast  
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do  
Women of the Word  
TIME/DATE: 9:25-11:15 a.m. beginning Sept. 15  
DETAILS: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of Exodus. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

**ST. JAMES CATHOLIC**  
LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi  
CONTACT: (248) 348-0115 or visit our website [www.nwhepoecenter.net](http://www.nwhepoecenter.net).

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
LOCATION: 217 N. Wingo  
CONTACT: (248) 349-8620  
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays  
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

**Faith Community Presbyterian**  
LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit [faithcommunity-novi.org](http://faithcommunity-novi.org)  
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville  
CONTACT: (248) 349-3140  
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
Sermon: Biblical Romance  
Church School: 10-11 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.  
Youth/Fit Classes  
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. every Monday  
DETAILS: Eight weeks, \$55 continuous or \$8 per drop in session.

**Meadowbrook Congregational**  
LOCATION: 20355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads  
CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 349-7157; visit [mcc.org](http://mcc.org) or e-mail to [office@mbcc.org](mailto:office@mbcc.org)  
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
Sermon: Biblical Romance  
Church School: 10-11 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.  
Youth/Fit Classes  
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. every Monday  
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## Auto aids that can help senior drivers

Dear Savvy Senior, I've heard that there are different gadgets or devices you can buy for your car that can help older drivers. I've lost a lot of flexibility over the years and have a hard time getting in and out of my car, and my wife struggles with arthritis in her hands which causes her some problems too. What's available that can help keep us mobile?

**Stiff Driver**

Dear Stiff, There are lots of gadgets and devices on the market today that can help make driving easier and safer for seniors. Here's a breakdown of some popular budget-friendly products that can help with a variety of needs.

**MOBILITY AND FLEXIBILITY**

Each year in the U.S., an estimated 37,000 people age 65 and older are injured by simply entering or exiting their vehicle. If mobility problems or limited range of motion is hampering your ability to get in and out of your car, look over your shoulder to back-up or merge into traffic, or even reach for your seatbelt, here are some items that can help:

- **Handybar:** This is a portable support handle that inserts into the U-shaped striker plate on the door frame that helps with getting into and out of the vehicle.
- **Car Caddie:** This is another type of portable handle that hooks around the top of your door window frame giving you something to hold onto while getting out of the car.
- **Swivel seat cushion:** A round portable cushion that

**SAVVY SENIOR**

turns 360 degrees to help older drivers and passengers rotate their body into the car.

- **Panoramic (or wide-view) rear view mirror:** These attach to your existing rear view mirror to widen your rear visibility and eliminate blind spots so you can see traffic without significant neck or body rotation. It also helps during parking.
- **Convex (or wide-angle) side view mirrors:** These attach to the existing side view mirrors to improve side and rear vision.
- **Easy Reach Seat Belt Handle:** This is a six-inch extension handle that attaches to your seat belt to make it easier to reach.

**ARTHRITIC HANDS**

Drivers who have arthritic or weak hands may find the tasks of turning the ignition key to start the car, or twisting open the gas cap to fill up, difficult and painful. Items that can help include an "easy-to-grasp key holder," which is a small handle device that attaches to your car keys to provide additional leverage making it easier to turn the key in the ignition or door. And for help at the pump, a "gas cap turner" makes removing the gas cap a breeze. Another comfy add-on is a "steering wheel cover" that fits over your existing steering wheel to make it larger in size and easier to grip.

**SENSITIVITY TO GLARE**

Aging eyes almost always become more sensitive to glare. A fantastic item that

can help is the "Sun Zapper Glare Shield" - a device that clips right on to your existing sun visor to remove sun glare without obstructing vision. It also comes with a special sliding shield that lets you block extra-bright glare spots.

**SMALL DRIVERS**

Most seniors shrink a little as they get older (due to gravity and osteoporosis) and for those who were small to start with, it can be difficult seeing over the steering wheel, or reaching the pedals without being too close to the airbag. Solutions include getting an orthopedic (wedge-shaped) seat cushion that supports the back and elevates you a few extra inches to help you see. Or foot pedal extensions that allow you to reach the gas and brake pedals while keeping you 10-12 inches from the steering wheel. These cost around \$200 and need to be installed by a professional.

**Shopping Tips:** All of these items (except the foot pedal extensions) cost under \$40, and can be found online at a variety of locations.

Some good shopping points include Amazon.com, Dynamic Living (888-940-0605; dynamic-living.com), ActiveForever (800-377-8033; activeforever.com) and AutoSport (800-953-0814; autosportcatalog.com).

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**LOCATION:** 41875 N. Mile Road, #201, Novi

**CONTACT:** For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novi-chamber.com

**Business to Business Breakfast**

**TIME/DATE:** 8:9 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 15

**LOCATION:** Dale Carnegie Training, 41650 Gardenbrook, Ste. 190, Novi

**DETAILS:** Join us for a light breakfast and networking; \$5 payable at door.

**NOVI ROTARY CLUB**

**TIME/DATE:** Noon every Thursday

**LOCATION:** Novi Methodist Church, 4671 W. 10 Mile Road

**DETAILS:** Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information; novirotary.org.

**ABWA**

**99 Ways to Shop "Hi You Drop**

**TIME/DATE:** 5-9 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 9

**LOCATION:** DoubleTree Hotel, Novi

**DETAILS:** The Novi Oaks charter chapter of ABWA (American Business Women's Association) is hosting this event with many different vendors on site for an evening of shopping, networking and fun. Admission is 99 cents and includes light appetizers, while they last. A cash bar will also be available. **CONTACT:** www.abwa-novi.org

**Library Lines**

**NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY LINES**

**LOCATION:** 45245 W. Ten Mile Road

**Library Hours**

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**HOURS:** Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 a.m.-5 p.m. (September-May)

**DETAILS:** Unless noted below, all programs take place at the Library. **CONTACT:** (248) 349-0720

**WEBSITE:** www.novipubliclibrary.org

**Story Times:** Please see the Library website or story time brochure for DETAILS.

**Welcome Back to School Bash for Grades 9-12**

**DATE:** Friday, Sept. 11

**TIME:** 3-4:30 p.m.

**DETAILS:** Stop by after school and celebrate the beginning of a new year. We will have video games, board games, and snacks! Also, learn about the chance to serve on the Teen Advisory Board.

**Kiddie Crafts**

**DATE:** Saturday, Sept. 12

**TIME:** 10:30-11 a.m.

**DETAILS:** Toddlers and preschoolers will have the opportunity to create a work of art using their imaginations and the supplies that we will provide. Each child must be accompanied by an adult helper. Registration is required.

**Dining Etiquette for 8-14 yrs**

**DATE:** Saturday, Sept. 12

**TIME:** 12:30 p.m.

**DETAILS:** Get a refresher on your table manners before the holidays arrive. Dessert will be served, please let us know if there are any food allergies when registering.

**Monday Evening Book Discussion**

**DATE:** Monday, Sept. 14

**TIME:** 7-8:30 p.m.

**DETAILS:** Join your Novi neighbors in a great discussion of *The Boy on the Bus* by Deborah Schupack. Please register. Limited to 20 participants.

**How to Write Your Life Story**

**DATE:** Tuesday, Sept. 15

**TIME:** 6:30-8 p.m.

**DETAILS:** This is the beginning of a 6-session workshop with writing coach, G. Rose Tully, for those who desire to write & reflect on their life, & put on paper (scrapbook or journal) their favorite memories and lessons learned in life. See our website for more DETAILS.

**English Conversation Group**

**DATE:** Wednesdays, Sept. 16 and 23

**TIME:** 12 p.m.

**DETAILS:** Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills.

**Library Board Meeting**

**DATE:** Wednesday, Sept. 16

**TIME:** 7-9 p.m.

**DETAILS:** General meetings of the entire Library Board are usually held the third Wednesday of each month in the City Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center. The public is welcome.

**New World for Children and Adults with Dyslexia**

**DATE:** Thursday, Sept. 17

**TIME:** 7-8 p.m.

**DETAILS:** Michigan Dyslexia Foundation will answer your questions and inform you of all the latest news about Dyslexia. Registration required.

**Theatrical Make-Up Demonstration**

**DATE:** Saturday, Sept. 19

**TIME:** 1-3 p.m.

**DETAILS:** In recognition of receiving the James C. Dance award, NPL will sponsor a theatrical makeup demonstration. Amber Marisa Cook from the Department of Theatre, Michigan State University, demonstrates techniques used to help "Tlesh out" different character types. Registration required.

**Eastern Market Program**

**DATE:** Tuesday, Sept. 22

**TIME:** 7-8:30 p.m.

**DETAILS:** Join authors Lois Johnson and Margaret Thomas as they present a virtual tour of the country's largest, and Detroit's oldest, open air market sharing anecdotal stories and advice about produce selection and food preparation. Registration required.

**All About E-Mail for Seniors**

**DATE:** Wednesday, Sept. 23

**TIME:** 1-3 p.m.

**DETAILS:** Learn the basics of sending and receiving e-mail, and sign up for a free e-mail account. This class includes interactive discussion and hands-on practice. Register online, by calling 248-349-0720 or stop by our welcome desk.

**Managing Unplanned Job Transitions**

**DATE:** Wednesday, Sept. 23

**TIME:** 7-8:30 p.m.

**DETAILS:** Ronald E. Braugh and Thom Folino, Financial Advisors, will discuss ways of dealing with unexpected employment changes. Registration Required.

**WIXOM PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**LOCATION:** 49015 Pontiac Trail,

**Wixom HOURS:** 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

**CONTACT:** (248) 624-2512 or visit wixomlibrary.org

**Museum Adventure Pass**

**DETAILS:** Card holders can check out free passes, for two to four people, to many area museums, cultural centers and historical sites. See detroitadventurepass.org for more information.

**ESL Cafe**

**TIME/DATE:** 3:30 p.m. every Thursday

**DETAILS:** Coffee and conversation. Improve your English speaking skills by speaking with people from other countries trying to improve their English. No tests; instructor help; free.

**CONTACT:** Karin at the Information Desk.

**Seniors**

**NOVI SENIOR ACTIVITIES CENTER**

**LOCATION:** Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook Road.

**CONTACT:** (248) 347-0414

**Wii Games**

**TIME/DATES:** 1-3 p.m. Thursdays

**DETAILS:** Nintendo Wii is here! Using special motion-sensitive controllers your team can drive a race car, bowl a strike, hit a home run or serve up an ace in tennis with a flick of the wrist. What a great way to spend time with friends and have lots of good conversation while being active. No charge.

**Blood Pressure Checks**

**TIME/DATES:** 11-11:45 a.m. Wednesdays

**DETAILS:** Every Wednesday blood pressure checks are offered. Check yourself regularly and stay healthy. Your blood pressure record will be on file at the Senior Center so you can track your health. No charge.

**Panera Bread**

**TIME/DATES:** 8:15-9:30 a.m. Tuesdays

**DETAILS:** With thanks to Panera for a great partnership, every Tuesday is Panera Bread Day! Enjoy bagels, rolls, bread, sweets, coffee and conversation! No charge.

**Bingo**

**TIME/DATES:** 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays

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**Book Discussion - "The Infielder", Ayaan Hirsi Ali**

**TIME/DATES:** 130-3 p.m. Thur, Sep 10

**DETAILS:** Increase cultural unity and enjoy the company of others, while reading and discussing a wide variety of titles from different authors. Group meets once a month at the Senior Center.

**Estate Planning with Karen Stewart**

**TIME/DATES:** 2-4 p.m. Mon, Sep 14

**DETAILS:** Karen Stewart, Estate Planning Attorney and Counselor offers free consultations that help to insure a sense of safety and security for you while planning for the future. Free 30 minute, no obligation consultations will allow you to ask questions about probate, wills, trust, etc. Call 248.347.0414 to make an appointment.

**Bookmobile**

**TIME/DATES:** 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tue, Sep 15

**DETAILS:** Stimulate your brain! Great selections of literature are brought to the center for your convenience. Large print books are also available. A great way to continue learning!

**"ParKinson's" - Harry and Nancy Knitter & Susan Thorpe**

**TIME/DATES:** 1-2 p.m. Wed, Sep 16

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**School & Government**

**Novi City Council Meeting**

**TIME/DATE:** 7 p.m. first and third Monday of month

**LOCATION:** Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

**CONTACT:** (248) 347-0470

**Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting**

**TIME/DATE:** 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each month

**LOCATION:** Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

**CONTACT:** (248) 347-0410

**Ongoing**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 19 MONTHLY MEETING**

**TIME/DATE:** 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday every month

**LOCATION:** Rock Financial Center, East Entrance, 46100 Grand River Avenue

**DETAILS:** Comrades and fellow veterans, join our monthly meetings. Attendance is needed to grow our Post. If you are not a member, consider joining.

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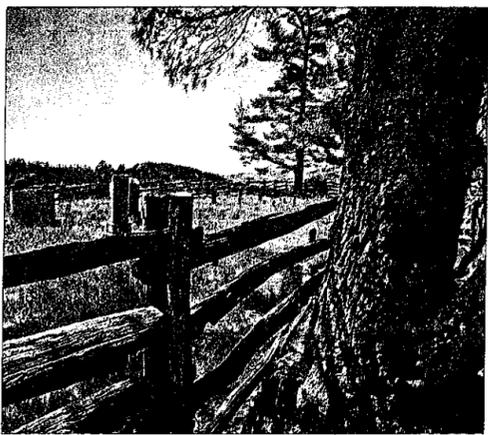
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## The 'referral' networks

A question I get asked frequently is "do you know someone who does?" Similar to physicians referring patients to specialists, most other professionals work within an established network of specialists, in and out of their fields of practice. A popular business network these days is LinkedIn.com - an Internet social network for business people to connect and provide referrals to other professionals. It is important for professionals to know who they can trust to refer matters to and from whom to accept referrals. A professional without a good network of individuals that he or she has the highest level of confidence is at a major disadvantage in practicing their trade. This is the entire basis of these business referral networks, both on-line and with professional networking groups.

For the most part, referrals from professionals (attorneys to accountants, financial advisors to attorneys) are absolutely necessary to maintain a professional practice. Most quality clients do not find professionals in the phone book. They are referred to the professional

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attest to this person's skills for the particular matter? 3. Was the referral by a formal introduction or simply a "mention my name"? 4. If any problems should arise with the referred professional, will you be able to call the referring professional to discuss those problems immediately? 5. If there is a serious problem with the matter, will the referring professional assist you or "cover for the referred professional"? If the relationship between the professionals is purely personal, it is advisable to seek other names in the event the relationship runs sour. In many instances, it is highly recommended that a professional provide clients with the names of two to three professionals and allow the client to "interview" the candidate so they may hire the person with whom they feel most comfortable. (This is also advisable for the professional to avoid or limit any claims that could be made if the referral commits malpractice and the professional is sued for making a negligent referral).

Finally, something that my father often discussed with us regarding referrals. If the referral does a lousy job and doesn't realize and rectify it, they need to understand that they're cut off the list. The reason being, any referral is a reflection of the professional making the referral. If the referral does a poor job, the person introducing the client to the professional has likewise done a poor job. Without trust in others, you can't have trust in yourself.

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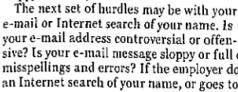
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Facebook or another social networking site, will they find personal information that is controversial, unflattering or contradicts what you've said in your resume or application? If you have a phone conversation with the employer, do you appear to be unprepared, unsure of yourself, you too nervous? Do you talk to loud, too soft, too quickly, too slowly? Do you sound unmotivated, uninterested, arrogant or angry? Are you rude or unprofessional? Are you eating, chewing gum, smoking or drinking or working on the computer during the call? Do you have an inappropriate or controversial voice mail message, or no way to leave a voice mail? At the in-person interview, do you arrive late? Look sloppy, too casual, too dressy or otherwise unprofessional? Does your appearance or personality seem a mismatch with the organization's and does it differ from what they expected based on your resume or previous conversation? Are you discourteous and disrespectful with anyone? Do you fail

to demonstrate interest in and knowledge of the organization and the job? Do you have distracting nervous habits? Do you speak negatively of past employers or coworkers? Are you unable to talk knowledgeably about your past work or the job you are applying for? Do you talk too much or too little during the interview? Do you fail to sell your skills and knowledge confidently and enthusiastically? Finally, when checking your references, are they unable to talk knowledgeably about your recent activities and your ability to do the new job? Do they speak too carefully

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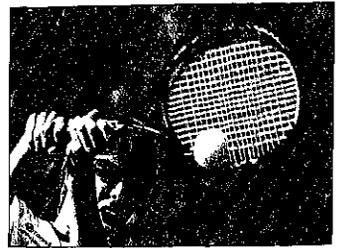
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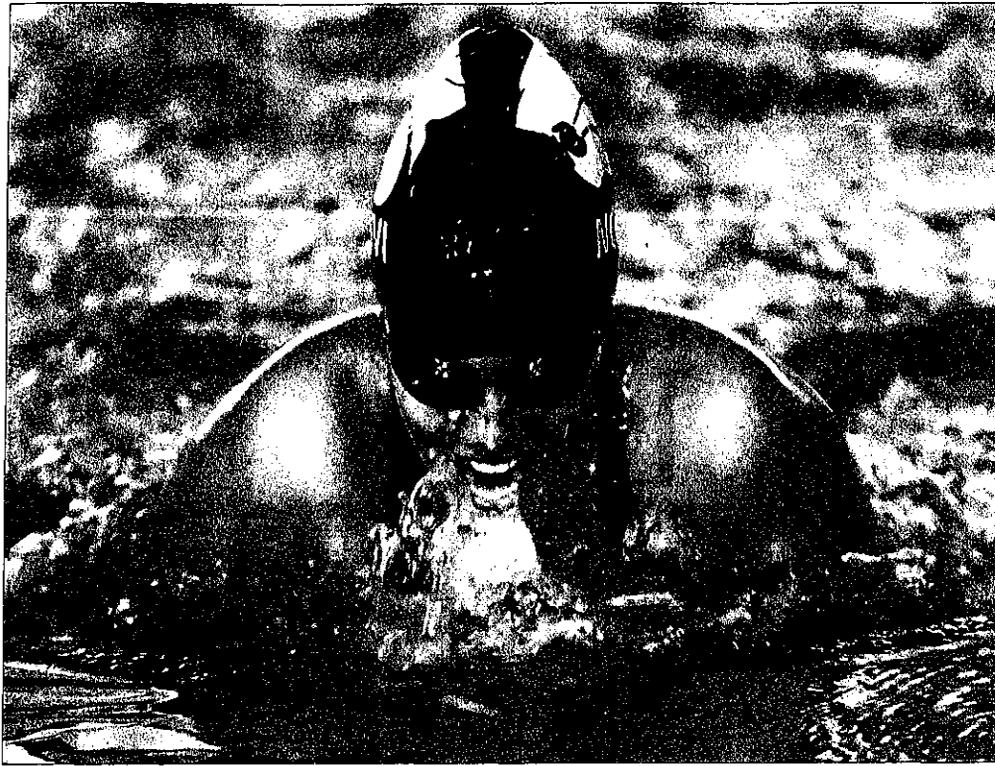
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Novi's Meredith Cote swims the breaststroke.

## Novi tankers' youth shines in loss

■ Marian tops  
Wildcats 115-71

Although the contest was held in the water, it was a contest of inches in several events as Novi's girls' swim and dive team lost to Bloomfield Hills Marian 115-71 last Wednesday.

The point difference may suggest Marian (2-0) was largely in control, but the Wildcats (0-1) gave the two-time defending Division 3 state-champion Mustangs a tough time behind impressive swims from freshmen Andrea VanderMey, Maranda Buha and junior Becca Berman.

Novi took first place in the first event, the 200-yard medley relay Marian was favored to win. VanderMey, senior Meredith Cote, Berman and Buha finished in one minute and 51.89 seconds, edging out Marian's 1:52.62.

"That was the second fastest time we've ever done, behind last year's All-American time (1:49.25)," said coach Scott Teeters.

Although Novi started off on the right note, Marian earned enough points by taking second and third in the race to keep Novi's early lead close at 8-6.

"Marian doesn't race kids that don't swim year round and we don't have that luxury," Teeters said. "It was a tough meet. They were Division 3 state champs and moved up to Division 1 to get better competition."



Wildcat Abby Glenn.

Marian took first, third and fourth in the next race, the 200 freestyle, and never looked back after taking a 17-13 lead. Cote and freshman Kelsey Shurmur nearly took first and fourth though, falling just 0.06 and 0.16 seconds behind Marian's swimmers in those positions.

"We lost what seemed like every close race. We had a lot of kids with lifetime bests," Teeters said. "We lost 10-12 races by touches, by less than 20 (hundredths) of a second. We just need to learn how to close out our races."

Although Novi lost the meet by a similar score to last year's 120.5-65.5 loss, the Wildcats have plenty to be optimistic about.

After losing 12 graduates, Novi relied on several freshmen to fill

in the vacant roles, a task many did with flying colors. The meet score was closer than last season despite the team's youth and - for the first meet of the season, which also served as the first dual meet of many young swimmers' careers - the Wildcats saw their leaders of tomorrow taking the reins early.

VanderMey took first in the 200-yard individual medley in 2:13.63 and second in the 100-yard backstroke in 59.62, just 0.09 seconds behind the winner.

Buha and freshman Kara Berg took second and third in the 500-yard freestyle in 25.59 and 26.04 seconds, respectively. Buha and Berg also took second and fourth, respectively, in the 100-yard freestyle in 55.93 and 57.75 seconds. Novi's 200-yard freestyle relay

### ON TAP

The Wildcats now look ahead to Saturday's Laker Invitational 1 p.m. at West Bloomfield High School, where Novi will defend their 2008 title against West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Farmington, North Farmington and Farmington Hills Harrison.

team consisted of junior Madalyn Buha and freshmen, Shurmur, Berg and Maranda Buha. The quartet took second in the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:45.91.

Although Novi's youngest swimmers showed a lot of promise, some of the most experienced members also did well. Cote took second in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:12.05 and teamed up with VanderMey, Shurmur and Berman to take second in the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:50.02.

Berman also had an excellent individual showing, taking first place in two events, the 100-yard butterfly (59.77 seconds) and 500-yard freestyle (6:11.93).

"Rebecca Berman was excellent. To go 0:59 and 6:11, those are great swims," Teeters said. "(Marian) going one, two, three in diving, that obviously killed us. We have to step up for dual meets."

For full meet results, visit [www.noviswim.com](http://www.noviswim.com).

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## Tough as Diamond

■ Penalties, run game hurt Novi for a 20-6 loss in its 400th varsity game

The Novi Wildcats dropped to 0-2 after a disappointing 20-6 loss to Walled Lake Central (2-0). Unable to contain the Vikings' running game or counter their defensive adjustments, Novi is left on the outside, still looking for their first win of the season going into the third week.

Novi came out of the gate with energy Thursday night, geared up for their home opener, which served as the school's 400th varsity game since 1965 and Tab Kellepourey's 100th as Wildcats head coach since taking the reins in 2000.

The team's energy took a hit immediately as the Wildcats were penalized five yards for illegal procedure before they could complete their first play. One play later, Novi was penalized for a substitution infraction.

A big gain from RB Mike Brant followed, as the junior took a 39-yard run up the right side to the Vikings' 48-yard line.

Later that drive, on fourth and eight, senior QB Brandon Rydzewski completed an 18-yard pass to senior WR Justin Hopton on the left side of the end zone. The touchdown was called back however, as Hopton was called for pass interference as he pushed away from his Viking defender. Without the score, the Wildcats turned the ball over on downs after spending nearly six minutes on a 48-yard, 12-play drive.

"It was a very good call by the officials. That penalty was costly in terms of that. The penalties are the mistakes that can be corrected, that need to be corrected," Kellepourey said. "We have to improve the areas we have control over, which are mistakes and penalties."

The next three offensive series of the games were defensive showcases, as WLC's first two drives and Novi's second

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### ON TAP

Novi will look to get its first victory of the season on the road next week against a young South Lyon East team looking to avenge a 55-6 Week 2 loss at Hartland. The Wildcats travel down 10 Mile Road for a 7 p.m. Sept. 11 kickoff against the Cougars (0-2). Novi needs to go at least 6-1 to close out the season at 6-3 or 7-2. If the Wildcats hope to make the playoffs this season.

"Hartland has a really good team. South Lyon East really has been improved from last season. All their juniors are now seniors with experience," Kellepourey said. "Unfortunately for South Lyon East is they are really about 1,000 kids to our 1,900 kids. They can compete, but if it'll take some greatness to do so." Novi's next home game is the TasteFest blackout game 7 p.m. Sept. 18 against Plymouth Salem. Patrons are encouraged to wear black clothing to the game.

## Wildcats upend Edsel Ford

■ Novi field hockey  
defeats top team from  
higher division

Novi's field hockey program has made some great strides in its second season, a statement showcased as the Wildcats defeated Edsel Ford 2-0 Thursday.

With sun beating down on the girls at Novi's home grass, the top Division 4 team dictated pace for most of the game in defeating the top Division 3 team.

"We knew we needed to step up our game," said senior Amanda Pastoor. "I think the other team underestimated how we were going to do because we're a newer team."

Despite controlling the game's momentum and having several penalty corner hit opportunities, Novi couldn't get on the scoreboard.

After a timeout with about nine minutes remaining, junior Nikki Greenhalgh carried the ball upfield and passed it into the middle for a shot that beat the goalkeeper with a nutmeg, but was cleared away just in front of the goal line by a defender.

Failing to ease up, Novi earned a penalty corner

### ON TAP

After opening Division 4 play at Regina last night, the Wildcats will travel to Ann Arbor today for a real test against Division 1 state champions Ann Arbor Pioneer. Novi then travels to Division 2 Ladywood in Livonia Monday. Both matches start at 4:30 p.m.

hit with about seven minutes left. Senior Trinity Louis received the ball at the top of the goal arc and slapped it in toward the net, but a deflection caused it to skip toward the left of the net where sophomore Natalie Paul waited, hitting it in for the 1-0 lead.

"We played really hard and really as a team. We really just played 'til the end," Louis said. "I think we did really awesome. Even when times got rough, we played it out. We really just went it to win."

Novi's defense held up their end of the deal, keeping the Thunderbirds (0-3) off the board in the closing minutes.

"Right back Katlyn Shelar had an outstanding game," said coach Amy Kilgore. "Katie Safford registered her first shutout of the year."

With Edsel Ford pressuring on offense, Greenhalgh

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Novi's #6 in varsity field hockey.

# Shamrocks smother West Bloomfield

### 6-2 win keeps CC's No. 1 ranking intact

Detroit Catholic Central's tennis team is working hard to prove they earned their No. 1 ranking in the state of Michigan.

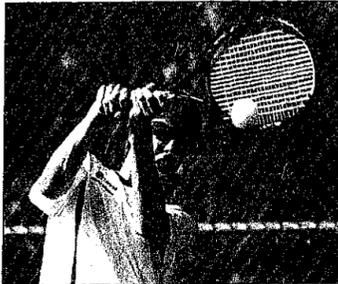
#### ON TAP

The Shamrocks were slated to take on Ann Arbor Huron on Tuesday, which is after the sports pages go to press, and will compete in the Catholic League tournament at Brother Rice at 8 a.m. Saturday. The Catholic Central netters will then be on the road Tuesday, visiting Saline at 4:30 p.m.

"Everyone came to play right from the first point. I see a lot of improvement in our guys of late and our doubles are getting better."

singles as well as second, third and fourth doubles. Joe Dube, Catholic Central's first singles all-star, earned a 6-2, 6-3 victory over West Bloomfield's Peter Rothstein to lead the way for the Shamrocks. Eric Guind, who played a third singles for Catholic Central, swept Jordan Asker in a 6-0, 6-0 showing. At fourth singles, Willy Wilson defeated Jake Singer, 6-1, 6-0.

The doubles squads for the Shamrocks were just as convincing as the second doubles team of Brandon Kosinski and Zach Wisniewski defeated West Bloomfield's Matt Howell and Josh Dean, 6-3, 6-1. The third doubles team of Nick Petrucci and Robbie Guind dominated their foes, sweeping Jacob Sables and Stephan Hutecker, 6-0, 6-0, on their way to victory. The fourth doubles duo of Patrick Bowers and Ryan DeLaacy defeated Daniel Portrey and Zach Lederman, 6-1, 6-0, in a convincing showcase of talent.



Catholic Central's No. 2-ranked player Kevin Hodges fights off a shot in his Sept. 1 tennis match at the Novi campus.

Ben Ellender and Eric Wu in a closely contested match, 6-4, 6-3.

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## WILDCATS

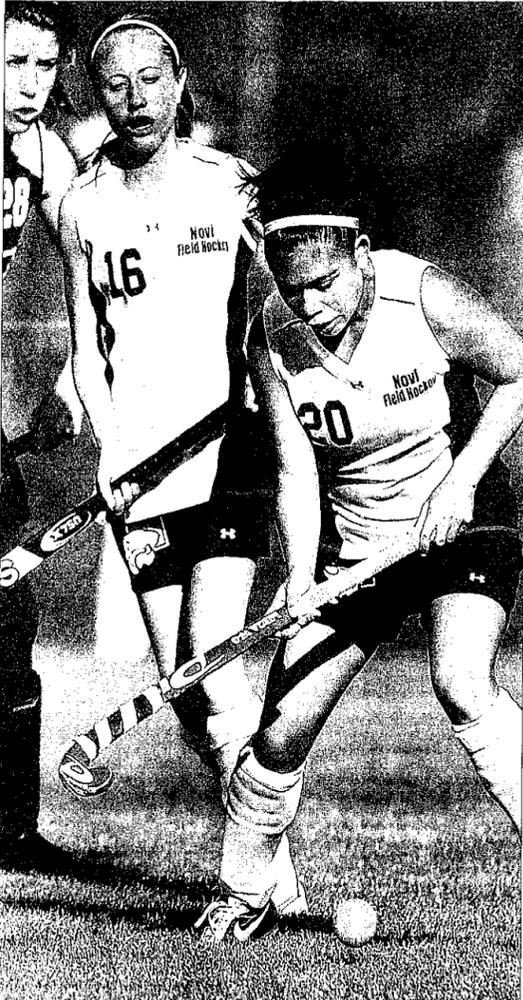
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got the ball with two minutes left and broke away up the right side to the end line before crossing it through the goal mouth to Pastoor on the back left post, who scored on the play.

"After our first goal, we just kept going," Pastoor said. "Nikki hit it to me and I tipped it in."

The victory put the Wildcats' record at 2-1-0, all against Division 3 opponents. "It was very exciting. I feel like they did a great job, they really communicated. They moved the ball quickly and that was a good (accomplished goal of ours)," Kilgore said. "I hope to see the girls continue to try and improve (as a) second-year team."

Chris Jackelt is a freelance writer and former staff writer for the Novi News.



Novi High School varsity field hockey at home on Sept. 4.

# CC soccer boys earn victory, tie

It was a good week of soccer for the Catholic Central Shamrocks as they headed into Labor Day weekend last week.

The squad, coached by Joe Nora, earned a shut-out victory over Notre Dame Prep and a tie against a strong Brother Rice squad.

"As our team improves throughout the season, we'll be able to sustain our style of play for a full game," said Nora. "It's very early still and I'm pleased with how our players are working and growing as a team."

#### ON TAP

The Shamrocks will be back on the pitch today at 7 p.m. when they visit the University of Detroit High School before hosting Detroit Country Day at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

saves to keep the game scoreless. "I thought we played pretty well in the first half and created a few great chances," said Nora. "In the second half, they did a good job of preventing us from possessing the ball and creating any flow to our game."

Josh Gatt and Ryan Majak earned two goals each in the victory while Tom Malecki, Brandon Hese, Billy Riga, Wis Harding and Brian Treavor each added one.

# TEE TIME

## Should golfers with a USGA index post a score from an unrated tee?

By Doug Hendershot

With nearly 900 Golf Courses in Michigan, there is certainly a wide range of USGA golf course ratings to select from. The Golf Association of Michigan has the sole responsibility to rate golf courses throughout the entire State, including the Upper Peninsula and parts of Canada. The GAM Staff, working with golf course management, agree on the number of tees to be rated by the course rating team. The rating team will rate tees for both Men and Women players. It is important to note, a tee that measures 3800 yards, will have a different USGA Course Rating and Slope for women vs. men from that same yardage.

Men and women playing from the same set of tees will have different ratings. Because the women's USGA Course Rating usually will be higher, women receive additional strokes equal to the difference between ratings, with 5 or greater rounded up. This is good reason to determine the proper number of tees needing a rate (more details on this matter later.)

At this time I would like to touch upon situations when a course rating may not be available for a set of tees. This could be a case of a newly constructed set of tees, or tees not rated in the past, simply too long or short and were not available to men or women to play from previously.

The USGA has a very specific set of guidelines to cover posting a score from an unrated set of tees on a Rated Golf Course. Authorized golf associations issue a USGA Course Rating and Slope for the most commonly played sets of tees.

If a USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating from a selected set of tees is not available for the appropriate gender, the player may apply the following procedure on a temporary basis.

- Locate the nearest set of tees for the appropriate gender.
- Determine the yardage difference between the set of tees being played and the rated set of tees.
- Using the table found at usga.org, under the Handicapping tab, Section 5, Scores, find the ratings adjustments from unrated tees for Men and Women. Follow the directions found in the Key, next to these tables.

This method may be used if a player plays a combination of tees. The player first determines the total yardage played then applies the above procedure.

If the Committee in charge of a competition has a set of tees for a competition course, this procedure may be used. This procedure is not a substitute for a formal USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating.

So now that we know how to make the proper adjustments to post from unrated tees, let's not forget that this should only be used on a temporary basis. How do we get this new favorite tee rated, on a permanent basis? The answer to that question is really up to players, and local course management, with the help of the GAM.

GAM receives many requests to rate additional sets of tees. These requests generally come from the Pro, or Superintendent, and can be based on the fact that players show an interest in trying a new look at their course. This is provided by playing their course at a new yardage, or even the popular combination of tees, using a blend of tees, that have different yardages. These are called combo tees.

GAM rates courses a minimum of every ten years. This is necessary to keep a golf course current with the licensing standards set by the USGA.

Extra sets of tees can be rated at this time, providing that the GAM has the new tees on their schedule. The GAM can also rate new tees and revamped tees at any time providing the request comes from local golf course management and is properly scheduled.

Doug Hendershot is the Director of Course Rating for the Golf Association of Michigan.

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Catholic Central's Brandon Tammaro, Joe Snyder and Andrew Nelson bring down a Hudsonville player en route to the Shamrocks' 35-0 destruction of the Eagles last week.

# Shamrocks dominate Hudsonville Eagles

## #4 CC earns 35-0 win

If there was any doubt in the minds of the high school football fans that Detroit Catholic Central deserved their fourth-place ranking in Division I, then that doubt should be completely erased. The Shamrocks held onto their undefeated season with a 35-0 domination over the Hudsonville Eagles, who were ranked fourth in Division II by the Detroit Free Press last week prior to the game.

### ON TAP

Catholic Central is slated to visit Monroe High School tomorrow. The Trojans are 0-2 on the season, losing to Adrian, 39-0, in week one before falling to the Chelsea Bulldogs, 41-7, this past week. Monroe is one of the teams the Shamrocks may have to use their passing attack against. The Trojans are typically known to fill the defensive box with players and blitz throughout the game. "We're going to keep it basic," said Mach. "It's hard to do anything fancy against a team when you don't know where the defenses are going to be. It's going to be a challenge for our offensive line, picking up the blitzes and adjusting their blocking assignments." Game time against Monroe will be 7 p.m.

Now he's bigger, faster and stronger. And he's a two-way player at defensive tackle. He's real good. He's a football player." Paluzzi told the Free Press that the Shamrocks came into the contest with a wary eye on the Hudsonville squad after the Eagles came back from a 19-0 deficit against Lake Orion the week prior to earn the victory in the fourth quarter.

## FOOTBALL

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drive all ended quickly. Novi junior DL Daniel Burris had two big stops from during the Vikings' second drive. "Our defense did a great job in preparation and had Walled Lake Central shut down. Their offensive staff did a great job later on," Kelleppourey said, noting the Vikings defense also played impressively. Novi kicked off the second quarter with a drive powered by runs from junior RB Dominic Sabo and shotgun plays by Rydzewski, including a 13-yard pass to senior RB Brett Kuhn on third down that got Novi to WLC's 24-yard line. Following another penalty for illegal procedure on second down, Rydzewski had a pass picked off by Vikings' DB Connor Reznik, who returned it 10 yards to WLC's 25-yard line.

Samuel Pearlstein at Novi's 20-yard line. Pearlstein turned around two Novi defenders and ran up the right side for the 37-yard touchdown play, giving WLC a 13-6 halftime lead 5.5 seconds before the break.

With the Wildcats down seven points, the band played Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'" as both teams lined up to start second half.

Because WLC kicked off to begin, received the kick to begin the half despite scoring in the final six seconds, Novi kicked it deep past the end zone, setting the Vikings up at the 20-yard line.

### FINISHED OFF

Centrals Diamond came out of the break on fire, burning Novi on the ground for 14.55 and, finally, a nine-yard gain for a touchdown just six plays and 2:20 into the quarter, putting the Vikings ahead 20-6 after the kick was good.

From there, the Wildcats never really got back into it, spending just 4:09 and 3:49 on offense in each of the last two quarters as Diamond continued to run around Novi's defense, killing off the clock in the process.

On their final drive with 10:26 remaining in the fourth quarter, Novi saw senior QB Tim Hartland connect on consecutive 13- and 19-yard passes to senior RB Jim Pitcher and senior WR Jim Gurney, respectively.

Kuhn's right leg cramped up on the next play at WLC's 35-yard line, but he was able to limp off the field after spending several minutes on the ground. He did not return to the game.

Junior RB Andre Taylor rushed up the left side for a 10-yard gain and Hartland connected with Gurney for 14 yards, including the Wildcats closer to the end zone. On fourth and three to go on WLC's 13, Hartland rushed right for a two-yard lead, ending Novi's day on offense with 6:37 remaining.

The Vikings ran out the clock with 11 consecutive running plays, garnering 38 yards before taking a knee twice to wrap up the game.

"There will be changes made. (We're) not going to go 0-2 and not make changes. Better not good enough," Kelleppourey said. "We need to shut our opponents out as well. We have to improve the areas we have control over, which are mistakes and penalties."

The Wildcats earned 261 total yards on offense behind a well-divided offensive squad. Novi ran 25 offensive plays in the first quarter, but just 26 for the final three quarters combined.

Junior RB Mike Brant led the Wildcats with 60 rushing yards, while Rydzewski gained 30 on foot and 63 of 6-for-10 passing, including one touchdown and one interception. Hartland gained 49 yards on 4-for-7 passing. Gurney and Hopton caught for 45 and 46 yards, respectively, while Hopton hauled in the lone Novi touchdown and Gurney completed a single 10-yard pass in a quarterback role.

The Vikings' Diamond led WLC with 112 yards on the ground and 76 yards in the air on 7-for-9 passing. Diamond accounted for 188 of WLC's 286 total offensive yards, with Pearlstein collecting 49 all-purpose yards in averaging a 33-7 loss to Novi last season.

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## Strictly Business

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

# Gorman's offers furniture with flair in Novi showroom

1. Tell us about your business, including types of services and/or products you feature.

Our Novi showroom is the largest of our four stores — more than 40,000 square feet. Here shoppers will find a large selection of furniture from all of our different lifestyle collections and more than 100 brands. We have a wide array of products to showcase. This selection gives us the flexibility to choose the latest styles from the best manufacturers in the world. No matter the budget, consumers can rest assured that we have scoured the industry to find the highest quality products for the best price.

Many people shop by style, or what "suits their taste." Consequently, our store is merchandised to make it easier for shoppers, separated into seven distinct lifestyle groupings and 12 specialty shops that focus on a specific product category.

2. How did you first decide to open your business?

I studied design and architecture in college, have always enjoyed helping people find solutions to their interior design dilemmas and do not like to sit still. Going into the retail end of the home furnishings business, seemed a logical extension of my passions. It's challenging, but enjoyable to run an organization like this. From working with customers to generating floor displays and marketing tactics, there is always something new and exciting with which to be involved.

3. Why did you choose Novi?

Novi residents have established themselves as being very discerning when it comes to design and style. They also are very quality conscious. We feel Gorman's is able to meet their high standards for home interior design and furnishing.

4. What makes your business unique?

Gorman's strives to be the style leader at all price points. We offer a vast selection — more than 100 brands, giving us the widest range of price points and styles in Michigan. It may be harder to manage and harder to merchandise, but when you figure out how to do that (and we have) the consumer wins. No cookie-cutter merchandising at Gorman's. The store is designed for customers to get what they want, how they want it, when they want it.

5. How has it changed since you opened?

Gorman's is always changing. We opened as a single-branded shop and have grown to feature more than 100 brands. Our merchandising has also continued to evolve to reflect the way our customers shop. And because of the way we are able to meet their high standards for home interior design and furnishing, we have grown to feature more than 100 brands. Our merchandising has also continued to evolve to reflect the way our customers shop. And because of the way we are able to meet their high standards for home interior design and furnishing, we have grown to feature more than 100 brands. Our merchandising has also continued to evolve to reflect the way our customers shop.

6. Do you have a funny tidbit or story about your experience as a small business owner to share with our readers?

Last winter, Gorman's planned a rare truckload sale and rug event for our Stickleby furniture brand. Leading up to the event, we did everything we could to inform people about this upcoming opportunity. And then it snowed that day and we thought we were doomed and our hard work was lost. The merchandise had arrived, but would the customers? That single snowy day turned out to be our biggest.

7. How has the recent economy affected your business?

Gorman's has weathered the storm well. Our customers respect that we are a Michigan-based business for the extra mile for them. We have gone to many of our vendors and asked for additional discounts. Our customers have responded positively.

8. Any advice for business owners?

My advice is to "pick something and be the best at it." Don't try to be everything to everyone. Our focus is, and will always continue to be, fine home furnishings and interior design. Our people are the best in the business and our customers are people who appreciate good design and style. We don't stray from this focus.

9. What's in store for the future of your business?

Gorman's will continue to aggressively find the best values and styles we can find in the international and national market places. We bring the best names like Stickleby, Henderson, Dresel Heritage to the table and add a combination of moderate prices at one end with extreme quality on the other end. The reason is that we understand our customers have different needs at different times in their lives.

### DETAILS

Business Name: Gorman's Home Furnishings and Interior Design  
Address: 27800 Novi Road, Novi  
Your Name/Title: Tom Lias / president  
Your Hometown: Troy  
Business Opened When: company 1940; store 1994  
Number of Employees: 110  
Hours of Operation: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday  
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Gorman's partners (l to r) Jeff Roberts, Bernie Moray and Tom Lias.

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## Healthy for life

*Fitness Together & Elements Massage offer full spectrum of health, wellness services to West Oakland residents*



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(From left) Trainer Terry Poirier, Trainer Lisa Ryan, Trainer Charles Lacasse and Owner Boo Sadikot. Not pictured: Trainers Ken Jung and Brita Crawford.

BY MIKE HOGAN  
SPECIAL WRITER

How do you measure your level of fitness? Do you measure your weight, your body fat percentage or your blood pressure, by how fast you can run a mile, or simply by how you look or feel? Whatever your definition of fitness, the professionals at Fitness Together and Elements Therapeutic Massage in Novi can help you reach your fitness goals by using a simple formula: one client, one trainer and one goal.

### Fitness Together

Open House Sept. 10!

24276 Novi Road, Novi

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### One-on-one Goals

Fitness Together is the industry's leader in one-on-one personal training. In addition to a personal trainer and a private training suite, clients receive a tailored workout routine and personalized nutritional advice from skilled coaches. Through resistance training, proper nutrition guidelines and a customized cardiovascular routine, clients are given all the tools and motivation needed to reach their fitness goals.

### The Elements Therapeutic Massage Experience

While Fitness Together will motivate you to better yourself through exercise, Elements Therapeutic Massage will heal your body and soul on another level.

Massage therapy can provide relief to people of all ages and from all walks of life. It can address a variety of health conditions. The most prevalent of these conditions is stress-related tension, but massage can help with a number of conditions.

Therapeutic massage has proven beneficial for clients with autism, age-related disorders, eating disorders, sleep disorders, high blood pressure, diabetes, lower back pain, spinal cord injury, depression and more.

### The Benefits of Massage

Elements Therapeutic Massage uses a number of massage techniques that allow the body to heal itself naturally. The approach is non-invasive and completely drug-free.

Massage helps by increasing circulation, which allows the body to pump more oxygen and nutrients into tissues and vital organs. Massage also stimulates the lymph system, which protects the body from toxic invaders.

Massage can also reduce spasms and cramping, increase joint flexibility, and even relieve pain for migraine sufferers.

Right now, potential clients of Elements Therapeutic Massage can receive a special bonus offer by sending the text 'ETM Novi' to 91924.

### Get Results

Between Fitness Together and Elements Therapeutic Massage, Owner Boo Sadikot has been surrounded by great change. He says his customers remained focused on living healthier lives.

"We're so grateful that even through this tough economy, customers have remained so loyal," Sadikot said. "They truly are dedicated to their health and fitness goals."

*"We're going to change how you move, change how you eat, change how you look and change how you feel."*

— Boo Sadikot, Fitness Together & Elements Massage owner

### Real Change

Fitness Together is many things, but it is not a gimmick. Gimmicks offer temporary results, but Owner Boo Sadikot of Fitness Together in Novi promises to change the way you live.

"We're going to change how you move, change how you eat, change how you look and change how you feel," Sadikot said.

For more than 20 years, Fitness Together has helped hundreds of thousands of clients around the world. Within their personal training studios, the Fitness Together staff can help men and women from ages 12 to 95 live a healthier life.

"Fitness Together is the gift I give myself," said client Peggy Shinkel, who was hard at work in the studio after a vacation. "This is not easy, but I feel great."

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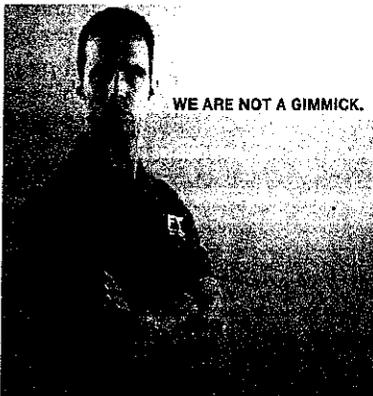
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