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**He shoots, he scores!**

Mark Hicks, right, owner of Westside Photographic in Novi, and Rob Verdo, general manager, at the shop in West Market Square on the northwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Beck Road. Hicks, with one of his canvas print family portraits, was the official photographer for the Detroit Red Wings for several years and now shoots the Wings for Sports Illustrated magazine.

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**Agreement reached**

Well, it took a little while, but teachers finally have contracts in place for the new school year, and, Bob Schram, executive director of human resources, couldn't be more happy.

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**SPORTS**

**Agreement reached**

If the Highlanders of Howell had themselves a set of haggipies September 5, there's no doubt the sounds that would have been heard from them would have been remarkably similar to the blues Friday when they squared off against Novi's gridiron squad.

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# Murder charges filed

## ■ Oakland County Prosecutors seek to terminate parental rights

By Phil Foley  
 STAFF WRITER

Nikole Michelle Frederick waited as Judge Robert Bondy flatly read out the charges Sept. 3 in the 52-1 District Court against the woman who lists her residence as Garden City and Novi in con-

nection with the beating death of her 2-year-old stepdaughter. Dressed in a black shirt and white pants, with her hands shackled to a wide brown leather belt, Frederick rocked back and forth and cried out, "Oh, no," as the words (felony murder, first degree murder, second degree

murder and manslaughter spread across the courtroom. Hours later Novi Police described how no one could hear the smiling brown-haired toddler's cries because her mouth had been covered with duct tape while she was beaten and burned. However, Ann Marie Shawley's

4-year-old sister, Linda Rose Shawley, investigators said, saw what happened in the living room of the Ocher Street home. The 23-year-old woman is now facing the possibility of life in prison without parole, and

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Ann Marie Shawley



Photo by John Heider

Norb Leppanen, a volunteer at Novi's Tollgate Farms, gives a buss to Percheron "Tom" last Friday afternoon. Tom and his brother Tim will be hitched up to a wagon this Sunday giving rides at the Fuerst Farm Family Day in Novi.

# Fuerst Farm

## Family Day focuses on Novi's farming heritage

By Phil Foley  
 STAFF WRITER

For most of us, getting to work in the morning means spending long periods of time stuck in slow moving traffic, inhaling vast quantities of exhaust fumes.

For Roy Prentice, the morning commute comes down to stepping out the back door, taking a deep breath of rose-scented air and striding across the yard to the barn.

Prentice and his family live a life that has become all but a dim memory in Southeast Michigan. He's the farm manager for Tollgate Farm, a 160-acre spread at the corner of 12 Mile and Meadowbrook Roads.

Sept. 14 Prentice and his team of Percherons, Tim and Tom, will help Novi residents get a glimpse of farm life as they

give wagon rides from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Sixth Annual Fuerst Farm Family Day at the corner of 10 Mile and Taft Roads.

Like the Tollgate Farm, the Fuerst Farm once covered 160-acres, but all that's left are an arts and crafts bungalow, a barn and a few outbuildings. According to Novi Historical Commission Chairperson Kathy Mutch, some of the doors and windows, as well as part of the foundation for the Fuerst family's 1930s bungalow came from the Greek Revival home the farm's first owner, Cyrenius Simmons, built on the site a century earlier.

Simmons, said Mutch, hosted Novi Township's first township meeting at the farm. In 1986 the newly-formed Novi Historical Commission had the old Novi Township Hall moved from its original site on Novi Road (near where Panera Bread

now stands) to a spot just east of the Fuerst farmstead.

A year later Michigan State University took responsibility for the Tollgate Farm from the Americana Foundation, which had been created by the farm's last owner, Adolf Mayer, who wanted to save the property from development.

These days Tollgate serves mainly as a conference center and demonstration site for MSU extension service agents in the 10-county southeast Michigan region. While agricultural scientists at MSU do crop research at other farms around the state, "This farm is more oriented toward home owner horticulture," said Prentice.

More than 150 volunteers maintain a rose garden, a shade garden, a children's garden,

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## Hospital, city gear up for summer's last hurrah

By Phil Foley  
 STAFF WRITER

Richard Paul, the funny puppet guy, and Rosco the Clown will headline the final event in the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department's Sounds of Summer Concert Series Sept. 25.

The original event, slated for Aug. 14, was put on hold by Blackout 2003. Due to scheduling conflicts, Parks and Rec staff had to come up with a whole new event.

Parks and Rec will be teaming up with the staff at Providence Park at Beck Road and Grand River Avenue to offer a free kids health fair in conjunction with the concert in the courtyard at the hospital.

Tracie Ringle, the city's events and marketing coordinator, said Paul has played from Las Vegas to Tokyo and appeared on *Good Morning America*. Rosco the Clown, she added, is a frequent sight at events throughout Metro Detroit.

The event kicks off with the health fair at 5 p.m. followed by the concert at 6:45 p.m.

Hospital spokesman Lou Martin said local pediatricians will be on hand to offer free vision and hearing screening for kids. Kids will also be able to bring their favorite stuffed animal in for a boo boo clinic.

In addition to health screenings, he said, there will be a moonwalk and a life-size game of Operation.

To help boost attendance, Providence will be offering a wide variety of free fun foods for kids and adults. "We don't want anyone to think they have to go home for dinner before the concert," Martin said.

Ringle noted that staffers from the adjacent Assarian Cancer Center will be on hand to give families an opportunity to participate in the center's Lasting Impressions project. Families will be able to make a tile with a message of hope and inspiration to be added to the walls of the tunnel connecting the center with the main facility at Providence Park.

The Providence event will end Parks and Rec's summer concert series, which will begin again next June after school lets out.

Parks and Rec's next big event will be Pumpkin Palooza, Novi's celebration of all things Halloween, at the Civic Center Oct. 18.

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## Novi Schools' reframing theme no sweat for Village Oaks

### ■ Teachers not afraid of Adequate Yearly Progress

By Ramez Khuri  
 STAFF WRITER

This is the first story of an eight-part series on how each school in the Novi Community School District is dealing with the district's new "Reframing for the

Future" theme. Village Oaks Elementary was chosen this week.

The Federal Government's Adequate Yearly Progress program is nothing new to the staff at Village Oaks Elementary. In fact, Principal Mary Goedert and her crew started working on it last school year, which is why the Novi Community School District's brand new "Reframing for the Future" theme is something that they are not very worried about.

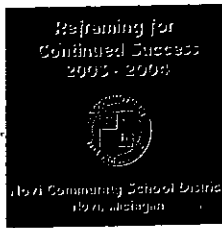
There are two major aspects to

the theme:

- Achieving adequate yearly progress.
- Making sure that what is taught is aligned with what will be assessed by the state of Michigan.

At the same time, teachers can't put all the emphasis on student achievement because they also have to worry about providing a caring, learning environment and climate.

"Last year we talked to the teachers about developing goals and really focusing on this district



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 Novi, Michigan

us because we know what the right thing to do is. We have the skills, we have a caring environment and we're going to do whatever it takes. It's really not about a number; it's about the individual children."

Village Oaks uses the Michigan Curriculum Framework, which is a document that was published several years ago. It covers contents of English and language arts, social studies, math and science. There are stan-

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# Novi's ash borer problem keeps tree trimmers busy

By John Heider  
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

With more than six million ash trees in the metro Detroit area dead or in declining health, local tree trimming companies like Northville's All Season Tree Service are busy. Busy like Lucy in the chocolate factory, busy like a kindergarten teacher with 25 charges, busy like a fox in a hen-house.

"A day hasn't gone by that we haven't cut one," crew leader Jeremy Stubhart said of the deceased ash trees.

With the thousands of dying ash trees in the Northville and Novi areas alone, tree trimmers have about all the work they can handle. All Season's crew was busy on a recent Wednesday afternoon in Novi's Dumbarton Pines subdivision taking out a stand of four dead ash trees in a backyard.

Stubhart, All Season's chainsaw wielder and stump grinder, has been working for the Northville-based service for seven years and said he likes the day-to-day aspect of the job. "I like doing this. It's always a challenge when you get to the job and you've got to figure out how to do it (drop a tree) without busting up the place."

Some of the factors that Stubhart had to consider at this Novi job were how big the trees were, where they were located, how to keep dropped limbs from damaging the surroundings, and how to allow for the most efficient cleanup.

In 20 minutes, Stubhart, with the assistance of climbing spurs strapped to his ankles, had

ascended a 40-foot ash tree with a roaring 15-pound chainsaw dangling from his waist and cut it down piece by large piece and then reduced the trunk to four neat little packages.

Taking a quick break in the Monday sun, with sweat dripping off his sunburnt skin and taking swigs from a water bottle, Stubhart talked about their current gig.

"For us, this is a small job," he said. The four, relatively small ash trees in this homeowner's backyard didn't require any major strategy, but sometimes they do.

"The size of the trees and how they're placed goes into how I do it. If limbs were hanging over the house, I'd have rope them down," Stubhart said, referring to a more complicated method of bringing large limbs down slowly with ropes.

"It is nice," he added "when you can just drop 'em, but sometimes you can't."

Looking towards a growing pile of ash tree bits that were being spit into a dumptruck by a powerful chipper, Stubhart added, "It's good for business but it's terrible to see all these trees dying."

All Season Tree's Marlene Jezewski (co-owner and husband, Ed, was home nursing a broken ankle) stopped for a moment amid the diesel fumes, smell of chainsaw oil and fresh-cut trees to talk about their 14-year-old business. The recent ash tree die-off has noticeably affected the business and the speed with which they can get to customers.

"We're backed up four to five weeks, and it used to be eight weeks," Jezewski said about how

soon All Season can get to local jobs. "It's devastating, it's overwhelming," Jezewski said of all the ash trees dying. "Earlier this summer I've had to say to customers 'I can't trim. I'm too busy to trim.'"

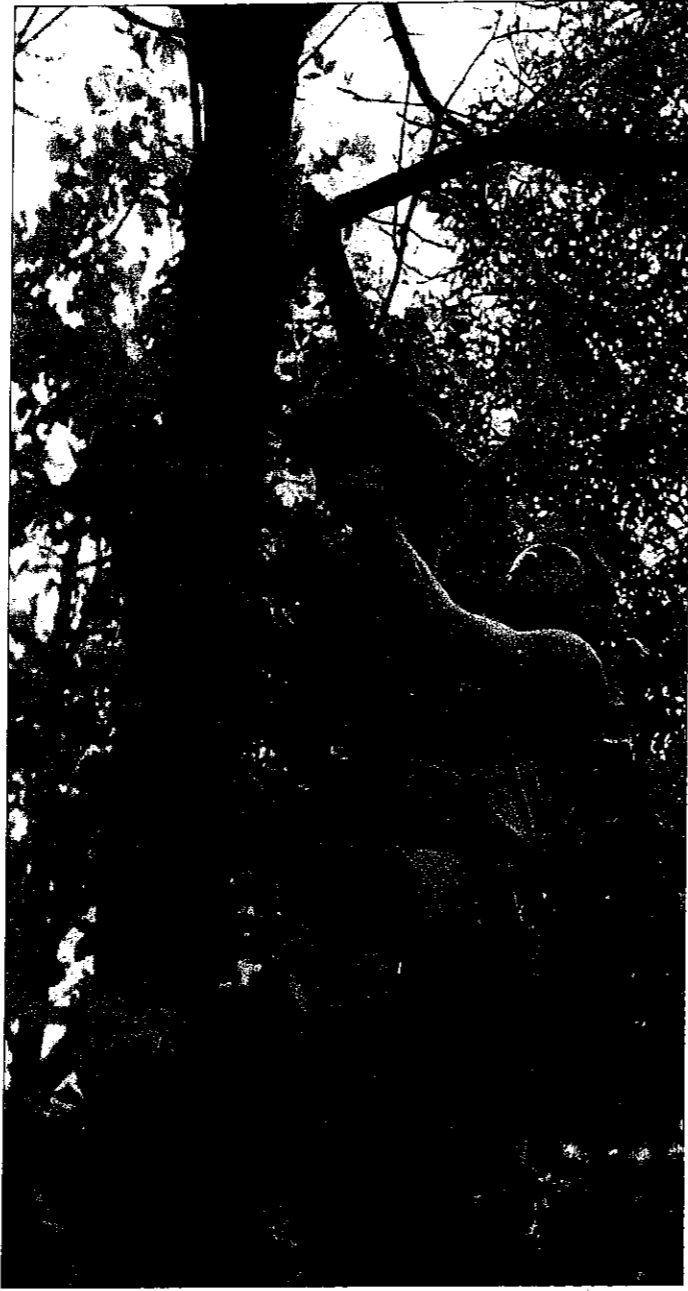
Jezewski works herself and her crew hard, but not too hard. They put in a regular eight hour day. "I want my crew to come back tomorrow," she said.

Ed and Marlene Jezewski usually spend a day on the weekend doing estimates for jobs and then join their crews in the field while completing them on the weekdays. Seventy-five percent of All Season's work recently has been devoted to the removal of dead ash trees.

The four-tree job Marlene and her crew of four were tackling that day in the Novi neighborhood was estimated to cost its homeowner \$600. Jezewski noted as she picked up another 40-pound log to carry to the chipper, "People can only afford so much at a time. They've got to pick and choose what to cut and when."

Business for local tree trimmers should remain funeral-march steady in the coming years, unless a cure for the ash borer infestation is found.

Looking at a nearby neighbor's set of ash trees Jezewski notes, "I'll probably be coming back here next summer for their trees."



While hanging about twenty feet in the air, Jeremy Stubhart, a tree cutter with Northville's All Season Tree Service, works on dropping a limb from a 40 foot tall ash tree at a Novi customer's home.

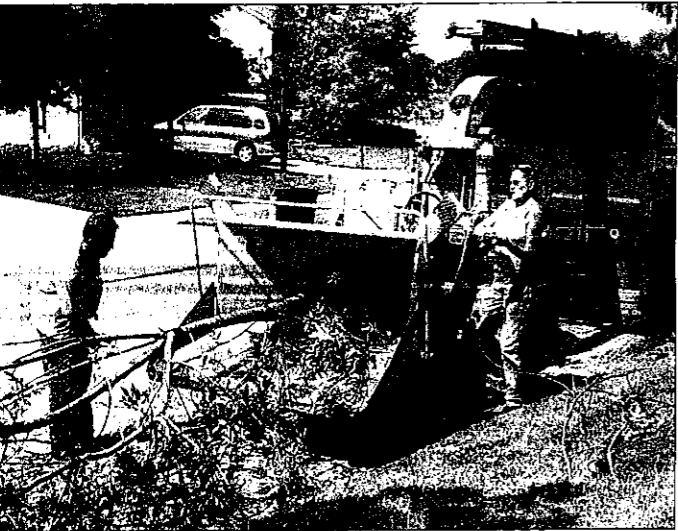


Photo by John Heider

With the help of crew member Jeff Sewruk, left, All Season Tree Service co-owner Marlene Jezewski, right, starts a wood chipper to grind up a 20 foot section of ash tree at a Novi home last Wednesday afternoon. It took the crew of five about three hours to cut down and remove four ash trees that had been killed by the emerald ash borer insect.

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### ENGAGEMENT



**Jones & Stark**

Ronald and Fay Jones of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Bradley Jones, to Marissa Stark, daughter of Drs. Richard and Mary Ann Stark of Kalamazoo.

The groom-elect is a 1990 graduate of Novi High School, a 1994 graduate of Olivet Nazarene University and a 1998 graduate of Wayne State University. He currently resides in Wynnewood, Pa., and is employed by Ford Motor Company in Mt. Laurel, N.J.

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Kalamazoo Christian High School and a 2000 graduate of Wheaton College. She taught high school Spanish in Brenwood, Tenn.

A November wedding is planned.



**Millgard-Dicken**

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Millgard of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Millgard, to Chad M. Dicken, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dicken of Novi and Mr. and Mrs. Al Dicken of West Bloomfield.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Northville High School and earned a bachelor of science degree in health education from Western Michigan University and is currently attending Madonna University where she is working on a master of science degree in health services.

The groom-elect is a 1996 graduate of Novi High School and earned a bachelor of arts degree in English education from Albion College and is currently working on his master of arts degree in education.

Both currently teach and coach at Northville High School. A December 2003 wedding is planned.

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### SENIOR CALENDAR

<b>Thursday 9/11</b>	9-11 a.m. Computer-Intro to Windows	12:30 p.m. Lunch
	9-11 a.m. Massage Therapy	1 p.m.-3 p.m. Pinochle*
	9:30 a.m. Line Dance	2 p.m.-3 p.m. Healing Touch
	11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sundry Shop Open	6:30 p.m. Trivia
	noon GIRLS, GIRLS, GIRLS	6:30 p.m. Clogging*
	noon Senior Variety Show	
<b>Tuesday 9/16</b>	12-15 Bridge*	9 a.m.-12 p.m. Massage Therapy
	12:30 p.m. Book Discussion at Novi Library	9 a.m. Panera bread
	1 p.m. Beginners/2 p.m. Adv. Line Dance	9:30 a.m. Line Dance*
		10 a.m. Asian Pacific
<b>Friday 9/12</b>	9 a.m. Stretch & Strength	noon Bookmobile
	10 a.m. Body Recall	12:30 p.m. Bingo
	11 a.m. "Laugh/Sing Be Merry"	
	11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sundry Shop Open	<b>Wednesday 9/17</b>
	noon GIRLS, GIRLS, GIRLS	9 a.m. Stretch & Strength
	noon Lunch	10 a.m. Body Recall
	12:30 p.m. Bingo	11:00 a.m. Blood Pressure
	noon Clogging #	11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sundry Shop Open
	12:30 p.m. Dupl. Bridge	11 a.m. TOPS Class
	1 p.m.-2 p.m. computer Class	12:30 p.m. Lunch
	Acorn Dinner Theatre Trip	2 p.m.-4 p.m. Clogging*
		2 p.m.-4 p.m. Estates planning by appt.
<b>Monday 9/15</b>	9 a.m. Stretch & Strength	Double Mystery Trip
	9 a.m.-11 a.m. Computer/Windows	
	10 a.m. Body Recall	*Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Phone (248) 347-0414.
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### BIRTH



**Makayla Jones**

Curtis and Amy Jones of Wixom, formerly of Novi, announce the birth of their daughter, Makayla Christine, born May 5, 2003 at Sinai Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches at birth. Makayla is the sister of Makenzie and Andrew. Grandparents are Ron and Fay Jones of Novi, and George and Sue Pryor of Fairgrove, Mich. Great-grandparents are Arthur Wickstrom of Laurium, Mich. and Glenna Pryor of Caro, Mich.

### IN THE SERVICE



Novi resident Wally Bishop has enlisted in the U.S. Army for five years. He left July 2, 2003 for boot camp and MP training at Fort Leonardwood, Mo. When he has completed his training he will be stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky. where he will be a military policeman on base. Bishop is a 2003 Novi High School graduate and is the son of Wally and Cindy Bishop of Novi. He enlisted in the Army in 2002 in the delayed entry program.

Aminda Geiger bought these sunglasses to wear on spring break. She wore them only once before she was killed by a drunk driver.

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Westside Photographic

Novi resident Mark Hicks turns his hobby into a career

By PAM FLEMING Staff Writer

Novi resident Mark Hicks' claim to fame used to be that he was the official photographer of the Detroit Red Wings.

This fall, he celebrates his two-year anniversary as owner of Westside Photographic in Novi, Mich. and recently observed his one-year anniversary shooting the Red Wings for Sports Illustrated magazine.

Born in Saginaw, the 46-year-old Hicks' career in photography actually began by accident. While a student at Central Michigan University in the 1970s, he used to take pictures of his friends on motorcycles on the weekends.

"I basically raced for beer money," he said. "I was fast, but I broke a lot," he said, meaning he suffered more than a few injuries on the track.

"I started taking pictures at the motorsports events. Then, at a race in Atlanta, something happened that changed his life. It started raining, and some people asked me if they could sit in my truck for a few minutes. They took a look at my photos and asked me if they could publish a few in their racing magazine. The next thing I know I got a check in the mail for \$1,200. That was the first time I'd ever earned money from my photography," Hicks said.

After graduating with a business degree, Hicks started working for Computare, which at that time was only about a 100-person company, and continued his photography on the side. Then another life-changing event took place. "I met Karimans, owner of Computare, sponsored a youth hockey program. I met John Hartman, the official Red Wings photographer at that time, at a party in 1984. I started filing in for him at some of the Red Wings games, and he took some of my jobs at the Michigan International Speedway.

At that time, my photography was more of a volunteer job," Hicks said. By 1986, Hartman was gone, and Hicks started taking pictures at the Red Wings games. "I was just the guy who kept coming to games. I thought it was a great marketing opportunity for my work," he said.

"I loved hockey, and I had access to the locker room, got to attend team meetings and travel with the team," he said.

Eventually, Red Wings management placed Hicks under contract, with trademark and licensing issues now in writing. "It called independent properties, and you have to show by a junior lawyer in what's a sports photography world. For example, I can only use the shot I take for Sports Illustrated for Sports Illustrated," he said.

After 18 years with the Red Wings, however, Hicks lost three years contract with the team expired at the end of the 2001-2002 regular season. He also took pictures of the Detroit Tigers for four to five years during this time. "All this time I was still making a full-time job as a field," Hicks said. He worked for the automaker for nine years. "I had a hobby that was out of control," he said.

It was obvious that his reputation precedes him, because as soon as he left the Red Wings, he started receiving offers from other sources who were interested in his photographic talent.

"The phone was ringing off the hook," Hicks said. He has worked freelance for the Detroit Free Press and the Detroit News, and has a studio where some work to his credit. "I've done some work for the Detroit Free Press."

A year ago, Hicks quit his job at the Detroit Free Press to become a full-time professional photographer. He opened his photo shop in West Market Square on the northwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Beck Road the week of Sept. 11, 2001, which obviously wasn't great timing.

"We canceled our grand opening after the terrorist attacks," Hicks said. With the downturn in the economy following the tragic events, competition from other photo shops and the ongoing construction on Grand River Avenue, Hicks said it's been a struggle to make a profit.

So, he's trying to bring more area residents into the store by offering a photography class for students this fall. "I do know these people for 15 years," Hicks said. "So, it was an easy transition."

"We're trying to cover all the bases, and we also offer free camera cleaning," Hicks said. "We provide high-end, salon-professional service."

Hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; with family portraits done on Sunday. "We do on-site outdoor photography behind Home Depot," Hicks added.

Rob Verdo, who grew up in Novi and now lives in Redford, serves as general manager of Westside Photographic. Besides commercial photography, staff members at the 3,600-square-foot shop provide such services as a portrait studio, full-service photo lab, black-and-white film processing, a custom darkroom, weddings and event photography, digital photography and canvas prints.

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Mark Hicks, right, owner of Westside Photographic in Novi, and Rob Verdo, general manager, at the shop in West Market Square on the northwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Beck Road, Hicks, with one of his canvas print family portraits, was his official photographer for the Detroit Red Wings for several years and now shoots the Wings for Sports Illustrated magazine.

Below: a sample of Hicks' sports photography - a recent Northville High School soccer game.



Courtesy photo of Westside Photographic

Westside Photographic is located at 1100 West Market Square, Novi, Michigan 48242. Phone: (248) 349-1700. Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-7pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 11am-5pm.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Supplier conference slated

INCAT will sponsor and host 'Supplier Compliance Conference 2003' for automotive industry suppliers from noon to 3 p.m. Sept. 23 at Walsh College.

The event, subtitled 'Learn to Comply with OEM Standards and Secure Your Future Business,' will review OEM supplier technology standards and requirements. The conference will also give suppliers guidance on how to meet these standards and requirements.

The conference will provide an overview of the state of the automotive manufacturing and supplier communities, an insider look at supplier relations from an automotive OEM perspective and a presentation on OEM interactivity as it relates to supplier operations.

Current Harris, INCAT president, will give attendees a look at the current state of the automotive industry. Robert MacKool, manager, DaimlerChrysler Supplier Integration, will be the guest speaker.

For more information or to register, visit www.incat.com. Chamber events planned: The Novi Chamber of Commerce will have its next luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 16 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi located on the west side of Haggerty Road just north of Eight Mile Road.

This is the annual Chamber membership luncheon. Brent Bair, director of the Oakland County Road Commission, will include 142 moderately-priced condominiums and 50 houses.

The condos will cost from about \$160,000 to \$200,000 each, with the homes in the \$200,000 to \$250,000 range, according to Kriewall. "The development will probably be called Bonner Hills or something like that," he said, reflecting the name of the former Bonner Farm.

Kriewall said Bon-Tec 1 learned about the vacant property by reading an advertisement about the land in the Oakland Press. Kriewall said, "We've been working with the city for three years on this," he said. The city had owned the property since 1991.

Kriewall said that Tecumseh, which is south of Ann Arbor and west of Dundee, is still a rural environment but is rapidly changing with the influx of people due to the popularity of the massive hunting store Cabela's.

"That [store] has become a regular industry, bringing hotels and restaurants to the area," Kriewall said. "The whole area around Dundee is taking off," he added. A new DaimlerChrysler engine plant is also on schedule to be completed in Dundee next year, which will bring even more residents to the area.

Kriewall estimated that the deal won't be finalized for about 60 days and that construction on the condos and homes won't be completed for at least a year to 18 months or longer.

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Local developer to build subdivision in Tecumseh

By PAM FLEMING Staff Writer

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Lean Learning classes set: The Lean Learning Center in Novi, a leading provider of lean curriculum to a variety of industries, announces its fourth quarter schedule. "The Lean Experience," a five-day session that provides the foundation for lean transformation, will be offered the weeks of Oct. 13 or Dec. 1.

Taubman sells park in Phoenix: Taubman Centers, Inc., the Bloomfield Hills company that owns Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, has announced a definitive agreement to sell its Biltmore Fashion Park in Phoenix to The Macerich Company of Santa Monica, Calif.

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# Novi Schools' reframing theme no sweat for V.O. Elementary

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math and science. There are standards and benchmarks as well. According to Goedert, there are two aspects to curriculum: The Novi curriculum and the Michigan Curriculum Framework.

"The Michigan Curriculum Framework is something that all schools in Michigan are looking at," Goedert said. "It has been around for a really long time. It's all part of reframing, but this part is not new. Teachers in this building have been paying attention to this for a long time. In addition, school districts have been looking at the Michigan Curriculum Framework when they redesign the curriculum. Curriculum design is really fluid, we continually look at it to make it better and to make sure it goes along with the Michigan Framework."

In addition to the content standards, there are four standards for teaching and learning which have to be done with higher order thinking. Substance of conversation is when children have a chance to discuss, have dialogue with each other, work in groups and talk to each other about an issue. Through that they learn from each other through discussion and connections to the outside world.

"We have the content standards about the particular things you are going to learn and when and how you are going to learn them," Goedert said. "Assessment, which is how we are going to test children, is also important. They are not just going to be answering true and false and multiple choice

questions anymore. Kids will be doing more writing."

According to Goedert, the MEAP is not going to change, but as a part of reframing, Village Oaks will look at its assessment standards and change some of the ways that tests are given.

"If you give kids a true-or-false question, they don't have to know much to get a 50 percent," Goedert said. "Now we can say, we learned about weather and we learned about government, and now what we have to do is to write a pretend letter to the mayor and say why they shouldn't skate-board in public parks for instance. That way they have to take the information, and they have to know something on the subject. With this assessment, as part of this reframing, we are going to be setting the assessment standards and making sure that our assessment of students meet these standards."

Students aren't the only ones who will have new standards set for them. Village Oaks is also making sure that its teachers are getting the training they need in order to teach the content standards, assess to the standards and the students are learning the standards.

A major part of reframing is making sure the school achieves adequate yearly progress. Goedert explained that if the students who attend her school do not make adequate yearly progress, money can be lost, and teachers and principals can be moved around to different schools.

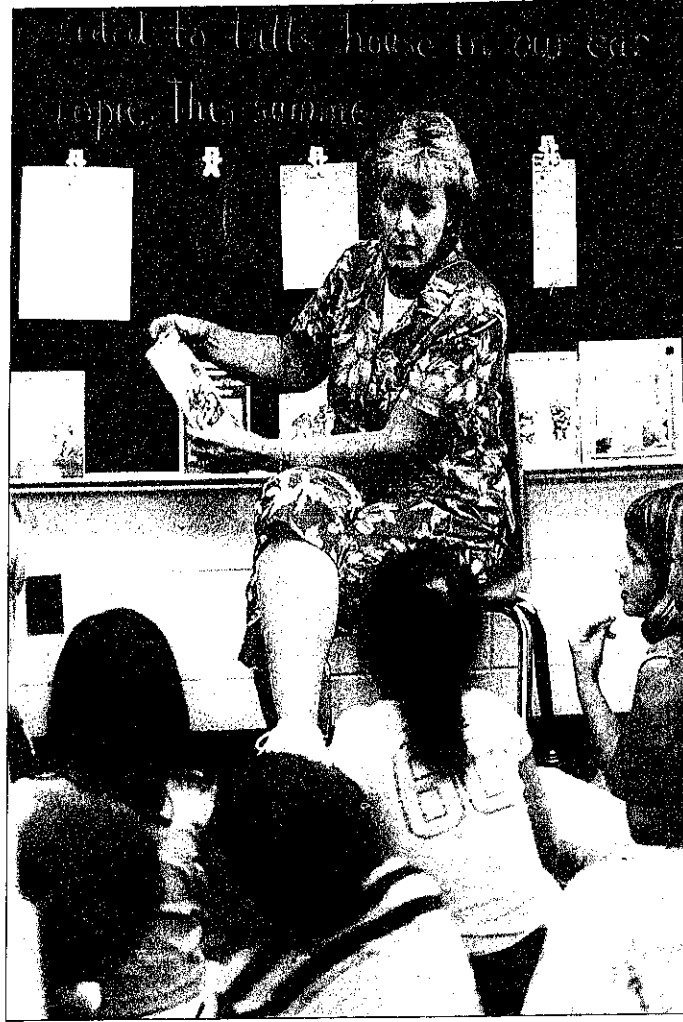
"I don't see that happening here," Goedert said. "I think we are going to make adequate year-

ly progress, but we are making sure children in all groups make AYP. The largest group of children is Caucasian children, but we need to make sure that all of the sub-groups, like Caucasian boys, Hispanic boys, limited English speakers, special education students, etc. all qualify as well. They all have to be making the same growth as that highest group. That's what we mean by adequate yearly progress, we're having to pay attention to particular groups of children and really focusing on all those students."

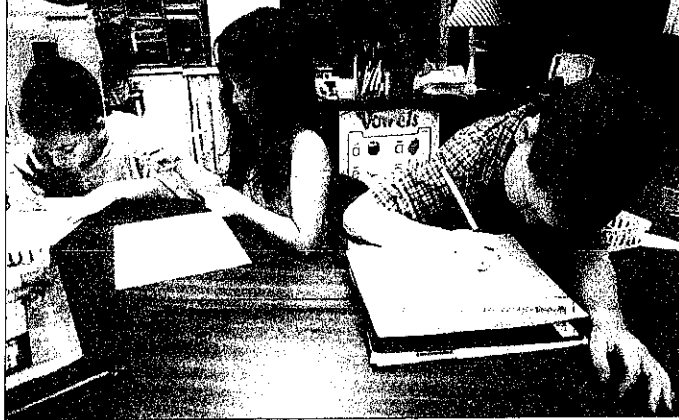
Goedert recently gave her teachers a scenario on how to deal with the whole issue of Adequate Yearly Progress. She told them to pretend that MEAP test results from the last couple years were received from the state.

"Let's say we look at our group and we see that our Hispanic boys are at a certain level on the MEAP test and we know that our Caucasian girls were lower than that," she said. "What are we going to do about that? We would have to design strategies to address those issues. That's part of adequate yearly progress and No Child Left Behind. We don't want to leave a child behind and we also don't want to leave groups of children behind. It all comes down to numbers. They're going to be looking at populations of numbers."

This is called desegregating students according to a particular type. "It is called No Child Left Behind and it is called Adequate Yearly Progress, but we're looking at groups of kids really to make sure there's no pocket of the population that's not making the



Novi Village Oaks Elementary School teacher Ellen Zatolokin reads to her second grade students during their first week of classes in August 2003. The Novi School District is implementing its reframing curriculum for their teachers and students that attempts to make sure that each child understands all material taught and that the kids are learning in a comfortable environment.



same gains as the rest," Goedert said.

Goedert made it clear that Village Oaks teachers are not afraid of the changes going on starting this school year. "It's not a threat at all," she said. "They look at it in terms of giving students direction and giving them support and giving them information. Teachers love to learn new things."

One aspect of adequate yearly progress that teachers know least about right now is the Michigan Assessment Standards, but Goedert is relying on her teachers love for learning to solve that problem.

"Teachers are the epitome of life-long learners, so I don't see anybody afraid of it," she said. "I see them being invigorated by it and welcoming the direction. We have way more teachers this year teaming and working together. They're trying to work smarter together and really combining efforts as a working team and setting strategies. I think we will also see them paying a whole lot of attention to the results of all of these assessments. Those who didn't know how to use Excel before now have a reason to learn it because we can sort by different types of children and check them to make sure they're learning."

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Students of Ellen Zatolokin's second grade classroom work independently on projects during the first week of school. From left are Ian Osborne, Emily Rubida, and Brian Stewart. These students of Village Oaks Elementary and other Novi pupils will be introduced to the district's reframing efforts to make sure that all students are learning the materials that are presented.

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## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### No Breakfast program at Novi Schools

At the Novi Community School District Board of Education meeting on Sept. 4, a public hearing took place so citizens can voice their opinion on whether or not they wanted the district to adopt a breakfast program. Since nobody showed up, however, the board decided not to offer the program for the 2003-04 school year.

According to Superintendent Emmett Lippe, the public hearing was held because the school district claimed less than 20 percent of its lunches free or reduced prices in 2003-04. "We have not offered a breakfast program in Novi schools in the past," he said. "The statute states that if you have less than a certain percentage of students who have free or reduced hot lunch, you have the right not to offer a breakfast, but you must have a public hearing as to whether the public or the students would like to see a breakfast program. So every year we have this hearing and the board decides whether or not to have the breakfast."

To determine if a student receives free or reduced hot lunch, the federal government has a system, in terms of income and the number of youngsters in the family, as to whether a family qualifies for free or reduced hot lunch.

"In Novi we had less than 20 percent," Lippe said. "The total we had was 1.85 percent, which is considerably less than the 20 percent. Therefore, we decided not to have a breakfast."

### Mass exodus

It was only about 11:15 a.m., but it looked like 1:55 p.m. as students poured out of every exit of Novi High School on Tuesday. Construction crews around the school had struck a cable outside the pool area and it didn't take long for the whole building to lose power. The result was the cancellation of the rest of the school day.

"I don't know exactly what time it was, but I was at a meeting at the central office when I got a call from my secretary that we were losing power in just phases of the building," Principal Joan Lawrence said. "So, I talked to my Assistant Principal Randy Gavel and that a cable outside the pool area was hit. I don't know if it was marked, or it wasn't marked. I don't know the details, but I talked to Chris Becker from Skanska briefly and he said it would take them probably an hour to make the determination where the problem was, but he couldn't tell how long it would take to fix it."

At that point the decision was made to cancel school for the rest of the day. "We don't have power and from what I understand, we'll probably have a lot of these and that is not an uncommon occurrence when you have so much construction going on," Lawrence said. "Everything went very smooth though. When I returned to the school all the staff and students were in the hallways with their books and everyone was very calm. I really commend the staff and students for how they handled the situation."

### Teaching Schedule Change

The Novi Community School Board of Education released Novi Education Association President Teri Moblo from her part-time teaching assignment for a period of up to two years in order to coordinate a pilot program for the Michigan Education Association.

"The Michigan Education Association received a grant from the National Education Association to pay me and my job now, for the next two years, in addition to being the Union President in Novi, will be to increase political activity in our state," Moblo said. "My job will be to increase political involvement

### Student Handbooks for all

The Novi Community School District has developed a student handbook which will be distributed to every family in Novi with one or more students enrolled in the school system. Each school in the district develops its own handbook every year, and this year is no different, but this is the first time Novi has put out a district-wide handbook to complement each one.

According to Lippe, the handbook will cover issues that each

individual school handbook will not, such as rules, regulations and policies.

"There are certain things that legally we have to notify people of and we really want the individual school handbooks to get away from things like sexual harassment and all of those legal issues," Executive Director of Human Resources Bob Schram said. "It was recommended a couple years ago to come up with a student handbook."

School board members, administrators and attorneys compiled information for the handbook over the summer. It was finally approved on Sept. 4 and the next step is to get it printed and distributed.

Each individual school will come up with its own handbook, but they just won't deal with some of the issues that this one will.

"The legal notices are ones which we must tell students about," Schram said. "Those policies affect all grade levels. It talks about accidents and illnesses and it gives a notification on asbestos and sexual harassment, detentions and suspensions and weapons in the schools, among many other issues. In addition to all of that, we added some things that we thought would be helpful, such as information on No Child Left Behind, information on homework, information on fund raising, information on field trips and dress codes. Things that aren't necessarily legal notices, but would help."

### Compiled by Ramez Khuri



### Novi Fanfare this Saturday

The Novi High School Band Boosters will hold its 13th Annual Fanfare Marching Band Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 13 in the Novi High School Stadium. The competition is a sanctioned Michigan Competing Band Association event and will play host to 11 bands from as far away as Mt. Pleasant and as close as Novi. Other bands competing will be Walled Lake Central, Plymouth Canton, Westland John Glenn, Lake Orion, Lakeland, Linden, Flushing and Wyandotte Roosevelt. Garden City High will be playing in exhibition and the Novi Wildcat Marching Band will be playing in judged exhibition, which means that while the judges will score the performance, the band is not eligible for placement in the competition. Usually a host band plays only in exhibition.

The band students are excited to get their competition season under way and look forward to playing before a home crowd. This year the band will be performing "Into the Woods" by Stephen Sondheim. Under the direction of Mark Hourigan and Matt

Owby with assistance from Drill Instructor Lee Bonner and Color Guard instructor Sara Gray, the band has been working hard since Memorial Day on its performance. The show is progressing nicely with this weekend seeing the addition of a 10-foot story-book to the field. This prep will help set the scenes of the different fairy tales that will be presented.

Fanfare will begin at 4 p.m. with the Novi Wildcats taking the field at 7:30 p.m. Awards will be given for first, second and third place in addition to captions for best music, marching, and general effect. The Boosters will also present the third annual David Langham Spirit award to the band that represents the spirit of camaraderie that is so necessary in marching band performance. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and seniors. Concession food will be available for purchase. The Boosters look forward to seeing everyone share the spirit of marching band.

Submitted by Patti and Charlie Hokett, vice presidents of publicity for the Novi High School Band Boosters.

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Novi School District not charging parents for extracurricular activities

Pay-to-play not an option at this time

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Would you dish out \$50 for your child to play football? How about \$20 to be in band? Or \$35 to participate on the debate team? Recent reports in the media about some school districts in the metro Detroit area charging all high school parents money so their kids can participate in extracurricular activities have brought up questions in the Novi Community School District.

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budget which is broken down into non-athletic activities (\$256,306) and athletic activities (\$704,610). The general fund also subsidizes athletics by contributing \$659,610 to it.
"Most people think of only athletics when the subject of extracurricular activities comes up, but you have a quarter of a million dollars that go to extracurricular that have nothing to do with athletics," Koster said.

At first, Yapa worked for me at that school," she said. "I had to get up at 5:30 in the morning and get ready to go early before the traffic came. So, I thought I would start my own business because I have enough room. I live alone in my house."

Arena offers adult hockey class

OK, so you've noticed that even with a bun knee Steve Yermian is picking up \$6 million this year. It may not be too late, the Beginner Adult Developmental Hockey League is coming to the Novi Ice Arena Sept. 21.

camp for the first eight weeks. Players will be divided into teams after six weeks and will have two team practices prior to the beginning of games. Teams will then have three games and one practice per month through April 5.



Swing time
Laury Love, 3, pushes her mom Kim on the swings at Parkview Elementary School last Tuesday evening. Kim was at the school to watch her son Trey play varsity soccer for Novi High.

New Montessori school offers parents yet another option

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Just in case parents in Novi were running out of options as to where they should send their youngsters to school, they now have a new one. Soma Yapa, a native of Sri Lanka, India has just started her own Montessori school in her home and is looking for students to teach.

Yapa first started teaching the Montessori method in her native land, which is in the southern tip of India. She then moved to Minnesota as a Montessori teacher, but when her husband, who was a psychiatrist, couldn't find a place to work, the two moved again to Wisconsin.

"I have been doing this for 40 years now," Yapa said. "I went to Minnesota because I knew somebody who referred me to the principal. When my kids were small I didn't teach for a while, but then they went to college and I started all over again. I'm licensed by the state of Wisconsin and I received my diploma from the Montessori Education and I'm proud to say that my certificate has been signed by Dr. Montessori's son."

"It was too hard for me at that school," she said. "I had to get up at 5:30 in the morning and get ready to go early before the traffic came. So, I thought I would start my own business because I have enough room. I live alone in my house."

"I wasn't looking to put him anywhere really, but I saw an ad that Soma left at one of the stores and I just came by because I was curious," she said. "I prefer to put Sandeep in an environment where he can learn instead of just a day care place, so I came here with my husband and checked it out. I liked it

the child to learn.
"Montessori schools, but on the other hand, day cares don't teach at all," Yapa said. "It's more of a play time. We teach all areas, math, language, geography, history, music, painting, drama. All of those things are subjects that the children learn while they are here. Montessori also teaches them to be independent. They learn to pour water from one container to another without spilling. As much as the kids enjoy doing these activities, they also learn to be independent. My Montessori school creates a home environment where children can be very comfortable and they have freedom."

Yapa runs the school and she has one teacher who helps her out. She currently has two children enrolled at the school, but she says that she can have up to 12 children at one time.
Rema Menon, a Farmington Hills resident who brings Sandeep, her two-year-old son, to Yapa's Montessori school is very pleased with the results so far.



Soma Yapadi, left, and Vivian Wang work with children Amy Wang, 2, and Sandeep Menon, 2, in the basement of Yapadi's Novi home. Yapadi, assisted by Wang, will soon be opening a Montessori school in her home.

because it was more like a home environment, so it appealed to us. My son really gelled into his environment and he is learning the alphabet right now, so I thought that would be more useful for him instead of just play time at a day care."

Price of enrollment to the school is \$40 and \$130 per week after that. Drop in is also available. School hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Day care is available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Half day is also available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Yapa's Montessori school is located at 47326 Butler Lane in Novi.

Contact Soma Yapa at (248) 349-8798 for more information.
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Student safety is number one priority in high school parking lots

Minor accident prompts Principal Lawrence to ask for cooperation from parents and students

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Increased parking space around Novi High School, combined with a whole lot of construction, has forced Principal John Lawrence and his staff to increase safety precautions around the school.
Lawrence says that accidents are bound to happen, however. In fact, one minor one already has.

Lawrence regrets. But with the size of the school growing to potentially 2,400 students in the not-so-distant future, more parking space is needed to accommodate the demand.
"Right now we are in good shape," Lawrence said. "I don't feel that students are in jeopardy, but it's going to take a lot of cooperation from students and parents who are entering school property before school starts to drop the kids off as well as at the end of the day. We always tell the kids about safety. We always watch the parking lots very closely, and when we see that students are driving recklessly we will stop them and talk to them about that. If students continue to drive recklessly they will run the risk of losing their parking privileges."

"We have this wonderful transportation system in place already," he said. "We have an exemplary bus transportation system that students ride, but yet it could be used in a different way. Many students also hitch rides to school with friends, which is also fine with Lawrence, because the schools parking situation is such that it is able to accommodate every student who wants to park. In the past and most recently last year, administrators had to limit the number of students who could park and there was even a lottery. Now, however, the parking has come back full force.

in very good shape as far as parking," Lawrence said. "We don't have to do the buddy system like last year either. Any student who wants to drive, seniors and juniors, can drive cars now."
One major concern is security during nighttime events at the high school. School administrators have been working closely with contractors and the Skanska Construction Company to have lighting up in the parking lots. The 10-Mile lot wasn't scheduled to be finished until next year, but it's well ahead of schedule and it was also able to be accommodated with lighting. According to Lawrence, by the time daylight savings comes around, 95 percent

of the parking lots will have lighting up and working.
Lawrence also explained that whenever a student is injured on school property - any kind of injury, not just outside or inside - there is an accident report form filled out, there is a follow-up with the parents and there is even a follow-up beyond that so administrators are able to make sure that the students are fine and it has been taken care of.
"Let's say you're walking and how they're adding to the parking situation."

our staff out to see if there is anything we can do to help out. That is something we will watch as our 10 Mile rush increases. Of course, not having the Grand River bridge doesn't help, so after November when they're telling us the bridge will be back functioning, I anticipate the situation on 10 Mile will be a lot better. It takes cooperation from the students that they continue to act safely and watch where they're walking and how they're adding to the parking situation."
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OPINION

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Got milk? A pair of Hereford cattle lie in the fields of Novi's Tollgate Farms last week. The MSU educational facility with its gardens, orchards, and various livestock is open to the public Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

LETTERS

Forgot to thank

We apologize for inadvertently leaving off Outlook Steak House (Novi) and their donation to the Annual Family Cheer Picnic.

Any Denys & Emily Parker, Head Cheerleading Coaches Novi High School

Why we're parkland poor

Thank you, Angie Bruder, for pointing out the connection between the new Community Recreation Plan's recommendation to acquire more parkland and the city's very recent sale of parkland.

mitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in order to apply for grants from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

LuAnne Kozma Novi

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Manhattan Club remembers tragic event

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Michigan needs quick attention

Hot news flashes! President George W. Bush wants to name a new Undersecretary of Commerce for Manufacturing, an idea attributed to Michigan U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia.



Phil Power

Donald Evans will speak on manufacturing at the Detroit Economic Club next Monday, while U.S. Sen. John Kerry is to talk about — guess what? — September 22.

Phil Power is the Chairman of the Board of the company that owns the newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.

The day that changed us

September 11, 2001 — the day that changed our world.



Pam Fleming

News, kept saying as he worked on putting the paper together, "I'm really having a hard time concentrating."

My oldest sister, Joan, and her husband, Gunther, happened to be flying back from Paris and were over the Atlantic Ocean when the terrorists struck.

I remember hearing just a day or two before on the radio about a small plane that had crashed into a hangar somewhere in another state.

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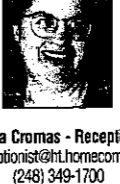
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## Northville native pens latest thriller

By Jennifer Norris  
STAFF WRITER

Tom Grace will literally travel to the ends of the Earth to get his story right.

A tenacious spirit for accuracy coupled with a flair for keeping suspense helped pave the way for "Twisted Web," Grace's newest book. The third in a series, "Twisted Web" is preceded by "Quantum Web" and "Spyder Web."

The former Northville resident is ready to share the adventure of his narrative — and even an autograph — with local readers Thursday, Oct. 23. A book signing for Grace's newest release is slated to take place at 7 p.m. at Borders in the Novi Town Center. The public is invited to attend.

"All my books are classified as science thrillers," said Grace, who added that his book pivots on current events unfolding in biotechnology and other scientific breakthroughs.

"I'm fascinated by the things we're doing," he said. "Science impacts society because it changes the way we do things."

Grace also said his books



Courtesy photo

Tom atop the two-mile thick glacier covering most of Greenland. The plane in the background is an LC-130, which is identical to the planes featured in Tom's latest novel, Twisted Web. The author will be signing books at Borders in Novi at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23.

explore how scientific discoveries are affecting people today.

And his latest work may just keep readers on the edge of their seats.

"It's an exciting, fast-paced action thriller that goes all over the world from Antarctica to France," he said.

In order to accurately describe the climate and conditions of Antarctica, Grace ventured off to a similar setting with a geophysicist from the University of Michigan. Together, they visited the Arctic regions.

"I got within 700 miles of the North Pole," said Grace. "The

sun was going around in a circle and never setting."

"I will literally go to the ends of the Earth to get things right."

"Twisted Web," which features more than 400 pages of suspenseful drama, is available for \$6.99.

Grace, a resident of Dexter, is married to Kathy Hopps and has five children.

His fourth book, "Bird of Prey," is due next spring.

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## Citizens to honor soldiers lost in war

By PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Prisoner of War Committee of Michigan, in cooperation with Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi, invite the public to a special ceremony honoring Michigan soldiers who are still Prisoners of War or Missing in Action next week.

The 25th National POW-MIA Recognition Ceremony will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 19 at Oakland Hills located at 43300 W. Twelve Mile Road at Novi Road.

The invitation is extended to POW-MIA families, veterans and concerned Americans.

The ceremony will not only pay tribute to Michigan Prisoners of War and Missing in Action soldiers but it will also honor three Michigan soldiers who have not yet been accounted for following their capture or disappearance during a tour of duty. To date, there are 57 soldiers from the state whose whereabouts are unknown.

Community residents are asked to come honor the men whose remains were finally found as well as support members of some of the 57 Michigan families who still stand united and wait for information about their missing loved ones.

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 154 of Mt. Clemens will also have its 18th 24-hour vigil for soldiers who are Prisoners of War or Missing in Action beginning at 5 p.m. Sept. 20.

Mark Dowdy, manager of Oakland Hills, said an eternal flame is on site at the cemetery, and veterans will take turns standing on guard throughout the day-long vigil.

Debbie Pineau McClain of Redford, vice president of the

men's remains were returned to U.S. soil. They were three of nine people on board an aircraft that crashed during the Vietnam War.

"They were on a Navy OP-2E Neptune aircraft during a mission over Laos on January 11, 1968," McClain said.

Attendees are encouraged to bring flowers, wreaths and veterans post-chapter/committee colors.

Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

The Prisoner of War Committee of Michigan keeps track of all Michigan soldiers who have not yet been accounted for following their capture or disappearance during a tour of duty. To date, there are 57 soldiers from the state whose whereabouts are unknown.

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Prisoner of War Committee of Michigan, has an uncle, Roland Robert Pineau, her father's brother, who is Missing in Action. He served in the Navy in Vietnam and has been missing for 36 years, according to McClain.

McClain will serve as mistress of ceremonies at the Sept. 19 event.

"The main reason we, as the next generation, have this ceremony every year are to remember and honor all prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action. Every passing day is one that is gone forever. Make sure it is one in which you have done something for others, especially those who cannot do for themselves. We still have 57 men from Michigan just in the Vietnam War who are still missing. We, as Americans, are the ones who must do something for them, because they can't," she said.

McClain said there are 1,883 men still missing from the Vietnam War, and the search continues.

"It's an ongoing effort that won't end until the fullest possible accounting has been achieved," she said.

For more information about the Sept. 19 ceremony, Sept. 20 vigil or current POW-MIA activities, contact McClain at (734) 395-4697 or at mcclainpowmia@yahoo.com.

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# SPORTS

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## Buck says no to KVC scoring

Somebody mentioned to me that being in the Game of the Week is almost as bad as the Sports Illustrated curse, but I have a hard time believing that.

As many of the football fans out there know, it was I who picked the Wildcats to beat the Chelsea Bulldogs, and that was just this year. Last season, I picked them to beat both Milford (twice) and Lake Orion.

Yeah, I picked them to beat Catholic Central too, but I guess I can't win them all, right?

Well, this year the 'Cats football team has started off on the right paw with two wins and a 1-0 standing in the Kensington Valley Conference. And, under the guidance of coach Tab Kellepourey, they are looking to make that a pretty little 2-0 after they take on, and hopefully beat, Lakeland when they host the Eagles tomorrow at 6:55 p.m.

With Mike Hart notching up the yards in the passing game and the ground game getting a boost from the buzz-saw cutting and speed of the Woods trio, this game could be one for the home fans to lose their voices at.

Though, each and every one of us, including the football team, has to remember that the Lakeland Eagles are not the team they were in the past. My first time covering this team was a totally shocking experience. Novi did what they wanted to do, when they wanted to do it. When I wrote the story for the *Milford Times*, they even said that my story "ragged" on the Eagles too much. The truth is, I am pretty sure I just told the story as I witnessed it.

Lakeland comes to town with a fairly new coaching staff and something else that makes all the difference in the world — confidence. This team knows what their ancestors didn't, and that is they are capable of winning. Lakeland, quite possibly, is going to be the dark horse of the league this year, and could play a factor in who comes out on top when all things are said and done.

I don't think that will be the case against the Wildcats. The Novi gridiron squad is more than just a little pumped up this year and they will be looking to get some points on the board early. They had their fair share of mental mistakes at Howell, but still managed to win. Kellepourey and the gang are well aware that the team can't play those same cards again, and I have a gut feeling that even as I am typing this, the backfield is working on carrying the ball just a little more securely.

With a defense that is holding tough as well as holding true to senior linebacker Josh Buck's goal of no touchdowns in conference play this year, the Wildcats will be looking to shut down the Eagles in a game that may have its fair share of exciting moments.

Though my mom and sister are coming in for my daughter's birthday (Sept. 14) I am going to be securely planted on the sidelines at the Wildcat Den come Friday night — and I hope you are too. These 'Cats are going to show that there isn't a single thing to worry about when it comes to being spotlighted in the Game of the Week!

**Novi 24, Lakeland 0**

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# Those bagpipes are playin' the blues

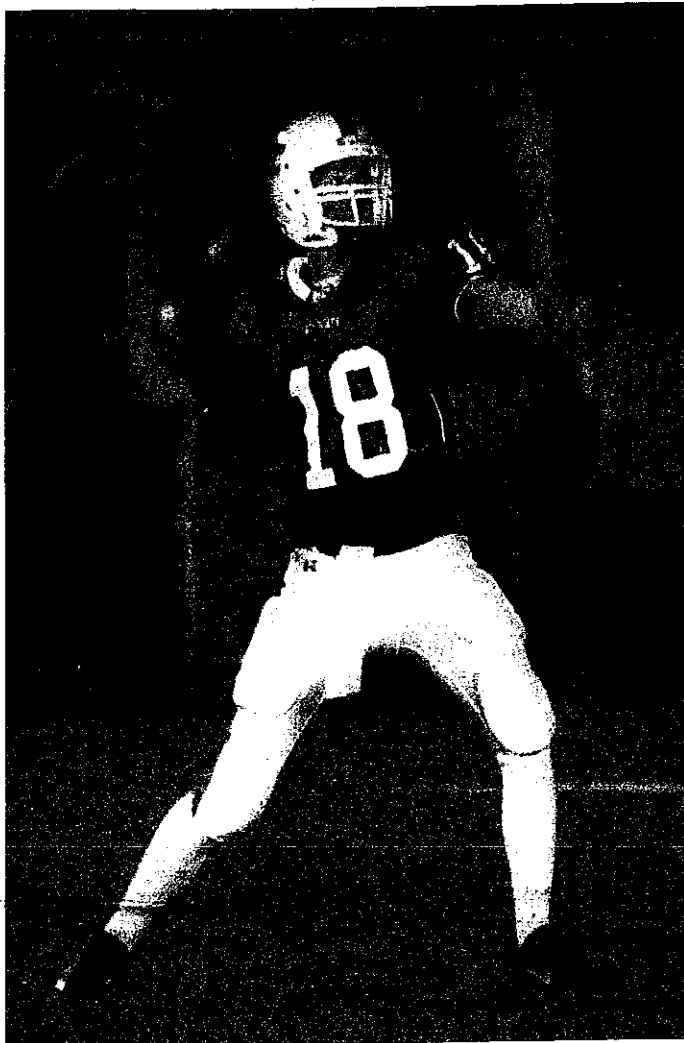


Photo by John Heider

Novi quarterback Mike Hart throws against Chelsea last week in the Wildcats' first game of 2003. Novi won that game, then went on to beat Howell 17-0 in week two.

## Novi tops Howell Highlanders, 17-0

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

For anyone who has ever heard the moan of a bagpipe, it should be very clear that some of the most lonely and blue sounds are capable of being produced by it.

If the Highlanders of Howell had themselves a set of bagpipes September 5, there's no doubt the sounds from them would have been remarkably similar to the blues.

The Novi Wildcats football team took a long bus ride to Howell and then scampered away with a 17-0 victory over their Kensington Valley Conference rivals.

"We're off to a good start," Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said. "Our schedule progressively gets stronger and stronger each week, and beating Howell was a good step towards what we want to accomplish this year."

The Wildcats' offense, which was controlled by none other than senior quarterback Mike Hart, put up a total of 308 yards — 133 of which came through their passing attack.

"We ran a lot of offensive plays," Kellepourey said of clock control. "Our offense was on the field for much of the game, and we ran control-style plays that allowed us to get the lead and keep it."

The Wildcats set the tempo for the game on their opening drive as they took the kickoff and pounded their way down to the 11-yard line. After the Highlander defense held strong, the Novi coaches turned to kicker Mark Angelecci, who notched a 3-0

lead on a 31-yard field goal that split the uprights.

The drive, which was a good mix of passing plays and runs, found the Wildcats putting 10 plays together before getting the score. That kind of strategy, which was replayed over and over again throughout the contest, kept the Highlanders' defensive corps on the field for most of the game.

The second Novi score came as Hart settled into the pocket, checked off his receivers and found senior wide receiver Trevor Hoover, a transfer from Pinckney, open for a 30-yard scoring strike.

In the second quarter, the locomotive known as fullback Josh Buck blasted his way over the goal line on a one-yard punch that capped the scoring for Novi and gave them a 17-0 lead after Angelecci nailed both point-after kicks.

"We came out strong and played hard," Kellepourey said. "We knew Howell wasn't going to be an easy team to beat, and I'm proud of the way our guys played."

Fumbles proved to be the name of the game for both sides — though Novi ended up dominating the statistic. After an 11-play drive by the Howell platoon was halted on a lost fumble, the 'Cats drove down to the 1-yard line and then lost the center-quarterback exchange before losing the ball to a quick-handed Howell defender. A fumble later in the third quarter found Novi once again dropping the ball inside the 5-yard line on their way to a touchdown.

When the smoke cleared,

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## 'Cats outrun Howell

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

These girls aren't going to complain about the start of their season, that's for sure.

The Novi Wildcats girls' cross country team came out strong and made a quick impression on the Kensington Valley Conference as they topped Howell 26-33 September 4. The dual meet marked the first official meet of the year for the squad, and it came just two days before the 'Cats competed in the University of Detroit Invitational — which was an open run.

In the Invitational, the Wildcats found themselves not only competing against their fellow high-school athletes, but

also against some college runners, leisure runners and even some familiar faces.

"We even had some moms running in our race and some dads running in the men's race," girls' harrier coach Norm Norgren said. "The girls loved it, and so did the parents. This is a fun race to participate in."

The Wildcats didn't have had showings against all of that competition either — but it didn't hurt that they were running at Cass Benton, which is their home course.

"Cass Benton is beautiful," Norgren said. "You can't get bored running there. There are interesting elements throughout

the course, and it's nice the way the spectators are right on you like they are at Cass."

Pattie Ramos led the way for the Wildcats as she paced out an impressive 20:28 run, which was good for an overall seventh-place finish. Following her was Laine Williams, who finished the course in 21:22 and in 20th place.

Laura Brunner ran a 21:37 to finish in 22nd place overall, while Meghan Bannatz recorded a 21:53 for 26th. Lauren Kava had a nice day as well, finishing in 28th with a time of 21:59.

Finishing in 22:13 and in 33rd place was Katie Koss, while Julie Johnston ran a 22:26, which was good for 35th

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### Girls' Cross Country

## Two in a row!

### Wildcat cager girls win Novi Invitational tourney

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

There was no holding this squad back.

After losing their first game of the season, the Novi Wildcats girls' basketball team, with first-year coach Bill Kelp at the helm, topped both Plymouth Salem and Ann Arbor Huron to win the Novi Invitational Basketball Tournament September 4 and 6.

Against Salem, one of the strongest teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association, the Wildcats escaped with a 36-28 victory after topping the River Rats of Huron 37-36.

"Our defense, knock on wood, is our strength right now," Kelp said. "The catalyst by far is Becky

Gasiorek. She has been playing some tremendous defense."

The Wildcats took their strength and used it to their advantage as they managed to hold the Salem Rocks under 30 points and Ann Arbor Huron to under 40.

"That's pretty good defense," Kelp noted.

In their opening contest against Huron, the Wildcats looked to Kim Zarczynski to lead their offensive production. She put up 14 points while hauling in six rebounds in the victory.

"She played well," Kelp said. "She was down in the post and we were just feeding it to her."

Alison Greulich scored eight points to help the Novi cagers on to their first victory of the year, while Rachel Folino gathered seven

rebounds and Gasiorek had eight boards.

The game wasn't all Novi though. After fighting with the River Rats throughout the contest, the 'Cats took the lead with about 35 seconds remaining in the game. The defensive pressure Novi applied was just enough to stop the ball movement up the court without getting a penalty for their efforts.

"It was a very exciting game," Kelp said. "Everyone was pumped."

And they were even more so after topping the Salem Rocks in the tournament championship game.

"It was a good, solid game for us," Kelp said. "I told the girls that

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Photo by John Heider

Novi Wildcat forward Marc Checcobelli boots a ball towards the goal during a home game against Canton in late summer.

## Novi not slowing

### Soccer team still undefeated

By Sam Eggleston  
SPORTS WRITER

For a season that was marked with a lot of questions before the first game, the Novi Wildcats soccer team has sure come out of the gates with a vengeance.

Coached by Brian O'Leary, the Novi Wildcats soccer team has roared into the season and managed to remain undefeated

to this point. The most recent victory came against a much-improved Lakeland Eagles team as Novi notched a 4-0 win.

"Lakeland played well and put up quite a fight," O'Leary commented.

A fight it was, especially through the first-half of play. Though the Wildcats had a 7-2

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**GAME OF THE WEEK**

**Novi Wildcats Football**

**vs**  
**Lakeland**

*Friday, September 12*  
*6:55 p.m. at Novi*



Photo by John Heiler

Novi's Anna Switzer uses her backhand to return a shot to her Northville opponent Chelsea Johnston in their late-August match.

# Wildcats take second

By Sam Eggleston

Wildcats girls' tennis team, coached by Jim Hanson, captured the always-competitive Holly Powers Invitational Tennis Tournament September 6 and walked away with a second-place finish behind Michigan's second-ranked tennis team, Troy. The Wildcats were able to put together a 20-point day, while Troy collected 25.

Troy is one of the toughest teams in the state, and it shows when they play. You're at the mercy of your opponent... Overall, it was an excellent tournament for us... The team played well from top to bottom... The team was, however, without senior Laura Vaughn, who was suffering from an illness throughout the week... Lauren Carosio, a senior this year, is some of that talent... The four doubles team of Ayana Nakamura and Pratyusha Devarakonda took second behind a strong Troy squad...

# NOVI-NORTHVILLE COLTS FOOTBALL

By Dana Hammer

On a beautiful Saturday afternoon the Northville-Novice Colts junior varsity football team was victorious 8-7 over the Walled Lake Braves in the game played at Walled Lake Middle School... Westley Baber made a key tackle to force the Braves to fourth down, which was an incomplete pass... The Colts turned the ball over on downs and the Braves drove to the 15 yard line where the Colts defense held on fourth-and-four with 2:33 remaining in the game...

With a drive that was sparked by a 20 yard run by Sterling Knolton and a nine yard run by Jonathan Alandi... The Colts received the second half kickoff and started at their own 30 yard line... The Colts fumble was recovered by the Braves at the Colts three yard line and the Braves marched down and scored a touchdown with 1:37 remaining and successfully ran for an extra point but the Colts retained the lead 8-7... Dana Hammer is a special writer for the Northville Record and the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

# Novi playing their best

### Wildcat linksters not hiding from challenges

By Sam Eggleston

The Novi boys' golf team can do one of two things this season - play to the best of their abilities and try to relive the glory of their state championship season, or just let it all slide by them without a care in the world... The Wildcats, led by coach Brad Huss, aren't shying away from tough competition. In fact, they are embracing it... We had a match against Detroit Catholic Central, Milford and Walled Lake Western... The Wildcats found themselves in good company. Not only is the squad ranked 10th in the state by a coaches poll, but

carried a 39... "It's nice when the five and six layers are shooting this well," Huss said... "I really was a heck of a meet," Smith said... "We're not going to let this happen again," Smith said.

# Peanuts and crackerjacks

### Minor league baseball eyeing Lyon Township

By James Mitchell

Is Lyon Township ready for some professional baseball? A meeting held last week at Brighton's Genoa Woods conference center posed that very question... Existing franchises in comparable-sized communities include that Lyon Township is a suitable match for the league, Robertson said... We're at a point where investors and local government are at the table to bring something to the table, he said... More than just baseball was on the table, though, as communities around the league seek to expand to include other amenities... The colateral economic benefits could be substantial, Doyle said.

700,000 fans, more than 10 times the number of ticket-buyers that attended games during the league's first season... By 2005, the Frontier League hopes to expand further, and Lyon Township is among the leading candidates for a ball club... Local business leaders were impressed by the Frontier League, which in turn left with a favorable impression of the area.

# Shocked by Howell

## For the first time since 1997, Novi boys harrier team loses to an opponent other than rival Milford Mavericks

By Sam Eggleston

It's strange to say, but coach Bob Smith thinks this could be the best thing to happen to his squad this year... What is it he's talking about? A loss, actually... The Novi Wildcats boys cross country team took their first regular-season loss to a team other than Milford for the first time since 1997... "It was definitely a wake-up call for us. It shows us that we're vulnerable, and that we can't survive on history, memory or wishes. It all has to come back to hard work."

"It was a good frame of mind," Smith, on the other hand, does react... "I don't take losing very well," Smith said... "We're not going to let this happen again," Smith said... "We're not going to let this happen again," Smith said... "We're not going to let this happen again," Smith said.

# SPORTS SHORTS

**Softball Tryouts for U10**  
The U10 Northville Broncos girls travel softball team will be holding tryouts September 20 at Meads Middle School... **Northville Broncos Fastpitch Softball**  
The Northville Broncos fastpitch softball team will be holding tryouts Sept. 11 and Sept. 14 at Hillside Field in Northville... **Motor City Madness Tryouts**  
The 2004 Motor City Madness girls' travel fast pitch softball team will be holding tryouts September 14 at Powers Park 1 and 2...

# WILDCAT CALENDAR

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	Walled Lake Western 4:30					NORTHVILLE 7:30	
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	LAKELAND 3:30					Brighton 3:30	
	SOUTH LYON 7:00					Hartland 7:00	
			Laker Swim 8:00 a.m.			Fenton 6:00	
					LAKELAND @ MID. SCHOOL 4:00		Brighton 4:00

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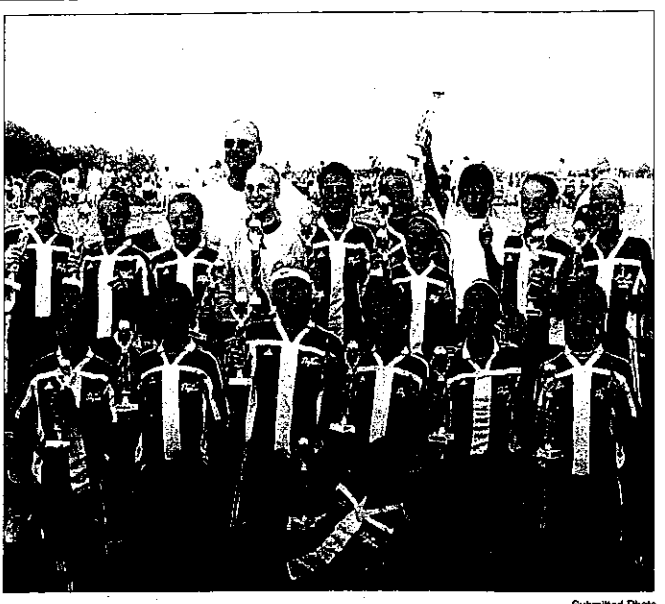
In accordance with Section 380.1272 of The School Code, the Novi Board of Education conducted a Public Hearing on September 4, 2003 to ascertain the need to implement a breakfast program. No member of the public spoke at this hearing. Based upon no public support, the Novi Board of Education will not offer a breakfast program in 2003-04.

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**Novi Jaguars take first place**  
The Novi Jaguars U13 girls' soccer team took first place at the Star Soccer 2003 Invitational in Muncie, Indiana. The team, which is coached by Piotr Westwalewicz, consists of Emily Nee, Elise Schubring, Lou Burns, Shannon Matari, Ellen Palczynski, Hayley Miller, Kelly Markatos, Megan Moran, Julie Blaszczak, Katelyn David, Brittany Elcock, Karan Plasacki, Lisa Pierce, Katie Caruso, Taylor Comiskey, Lindsey Marlow and Megan Walters.









# REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

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## MONEY MATTERS

### In October, bad drivers will feel a sting in their wallets

Do you remember when you got your driver's license? The sense of pride and independence you felt when you placed it in your billfold or wallet for the first time?

I remember the morning I got my license in the mail. To celebrate my newly acquired motoring freedom, I drove my older brother up to the grocery store. Perhaps I was basking a little too much in the glow of my accomplishment because I pulled out of the grocery store parking lot in front of an oncoming motorcycle. By the grace of God and some skillful maneuvering by the motorcycle driver, we didn't collide. But my brother didn't get in the car with me again for nearly 10 years.

Poor or high-risk drivers—defined for this purpose as those who have accumulated several points on their license—pay higher insurance rates. And the State of Michigan has just increased the incentive to mind the rules of the road.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm recently signed a bill (Senate Bill 509) that will impose stiff penalties on irresponsible drivers. Beginning Oct. 1, driving without a license or proof of insurance could result in a \$150 fine. Drivers who accumulate seven or more points on their driving records in a two-year period will be fined a \$100 driver responsibility fee annually. Each point beyond seven will carry an additional \$50 fine. The secretary of state will collect the fees each year that the point total on an individual driving record is seven or more points. Drivers will have two months to pay the fine or have their license suspended.

Bad drivers won't find it difficult to rack up seven points on their license. Drive 11 to 15 mph over the speed limit: three points; make an illegal turn on red (blow through a yellow arrow): three points; drive five to 10 miles over the speed limit: two points. Voila—seven points.

Drivers found guilty of driving drunk, eluding the police, leaving the scene of an accident, injuring or killing a construction worker, or vehicular homicide or manslaughter will be have to pay a \$1,000 fine for two years.

State officials expect to raise \$65 to \$75 million from the new penalties, money they say, will help Michigan's financial crisis.

### Auto Safety Programs

The federal government has a variety of programs aimed at making the country's drivers, roads and vehicles safer. Here is a snapshot of some of the federal agencies and programs drivers should be aware of. All of the programs listed here are administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The NHTSA is responsible for regulating the motor vehicle industry, investigating auto safety defects, and promoting the use of seat belts, child safety seats and air bags. Their auto safety hot line provides consumers with recall information, takes auto safety defect complaints and offers information on topics related to auto safety. The toll-free number is 1 (888) 327-4236. Operators are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. EST. Consumers can also visit <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov> to file a safety defect complaint online and download information on child safety seat recalls, antilock brakes and child restraints, vehicle crash test reports, vehicle safety and theft ratings and traffic safety educational materials.

Federal Highway Administration. This agency oversees highway transportation programs in cooperation with states and other government agencies. By logging on to <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/media/brochures.htm>, consumers can download free publications about roadway safety, seat belts, drunk driving, road rage and sharing the road safety.

National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). Besides conducting investigations into aviation, railroad and marine accidents, the NTSB also studies highway transportation issues of national significance like child safety seats, primary seat-belt enforcement laws and youth safety on highways. For more information visit [www.ntsb.gov/surface/highway/highway.htm](http://www.ntsb.gov/surface/highway/highway.htm).

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Photo by Jim Farkas

The general store-type interior at Greenock Mill shows the abundance of gift items, artwork and seasonal decorations available.

## Greenock Mill hosts annual art fair Saturday

By Jim Farkas  
SPECIAL WRITER

This Saturday you'll want to gather up the family and head out to the South Lyon area for a fun-filled afternoon at Greenock Mill's 2nd Annual Art Fair. You'll discover original arts and crafts by talented area artisans including unique stained and painted glass; blown glass; woodworking, from bird houses to one-of-a-kind garden arbors; colorful pottery; scented candles; hand-sewn blankets and rugs in a wide array of patterns; unusual baskets; beautiful jewelry; scenic paintings and nature photography; and even tea

sampling and cookies for the children.

Each artist will have a separate booth set up to display their works in the grassy area surrounding historic Greenock Mill.

There will be entertainment provided for your pleasure by vocalist/guitarist Amy Heard, along with her accompanists as well as Highland piper Richard Grieves to entertain with his distinctive, lilting sounds of the bagpipes.

Rhonda Fackert, owner of the Greenock Mill and Art Fair organizer says, "It's not your ordinary art fair that is so large you have to walk for blocks and

blocks and get worn-out trying to see it all. It's a neighborly, small-town atmosphere where you'll have time to get to know the artists and be able to appreciate the love and quality of craftsmanship that goes into each and every piece of work."

Baked goods, hot dogs, popcorn and soft drinks will be provided by the Green Oak Township Historical Society as a fund-raiser to restore the 1856 township hall.

There's free parking and no admission charge for this gala event. It starts at 10 a.m. Saturday morning and activities continue until 5 p.m. It's an early fall art fair you won't want to miss.

Tucked away in the countryside, about three miles west of South Lyon, you'll find Historic Greenock Mill. It was first established in 1836 as a sawmill in what is known as Rushton. In 1840 it became a gristmill where local farmers would bring their grains, wheat and corn for grinding and preparation for market. It was a natural location due to the flowing stream and dam used to power the water wheel and grinding stone.

In 1866 a post office was added and mail would be picked up and delivered by horse-drawn wagon twice a week between South Lyon and Ann Arbor. 1884 brought the Grand Trunk Railroad to the Rushton stop which became a general store, cider mill and an American Express office. Farmers would bring their crops and milk to the railroad siding for shipment to Detroit and other markets along the way.

A fire occurred in 1971 partially destroying the structure but rebuilt in 1978 using the remaining foundation and what was left of concrete walls and heavy beams. The Fackerts purchased

the mill five years ago. The business has been open for three years.

Jim Fackert owns his own professional stage lighting business and when he has time, helps his wife, Rhonda, who runs the Greenock Mill business. They continue to restore the mill to its original, historical condition using archive photos taken in the 1800s and early 1900s.

Inside you'll find the heavy, hand-hewn structural beams, hardwood plank flooring and shelving recreated from the general store photos. There are large pieces of mechanical equipment standing idle since the grinding stopped generations ago but it's never the less fascinating to study as Rhonda explains the function of each piece.

"Our next project is to recreate the old water wheel and get the grinding stone operational again," said Rhonda. Born and raised in South Lyon, she graduated from South Lyon High School. Her father, Grant Dale, was the town's police chief until 1974. Rhonda splits her time between operating the store and raising two sons (and has been a soccer coach). She is on the Township Zoning Board of Appeals and is an active member of the Green Oak Township Historical Society.

She has two dedicated and personable helpers, Peggy Kogstrom, who has been with Rhonda for a year now and enjoys the relaxed atmosphere and friendly customers. Jenny is an enthusiastic college student who helps out during the summer and when she's not at school.

Today Greenock Mill still serves as a general store of sorts and is a popular after-school stop for neighborhood children where they quickly discovered the large selection of nickel, dime and quarter jawbreakers, dots-on-

DETAILS	
Greenock Mill	10470 Rushton Road (between 9 and 10 Mile roads)
South Lyon, MI	(248) 486-5655
Closed Monday	Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
	Thur. till 8 p.m.
	Sun. noon to 5 p.m.

paper-strips, gumdrops and all the candies that in the 1800s use to be "a handful for a penny."

Greenock Mill is open year-round, and besides your basic groceries, has a wide selection of organic herbs and gifts including holiday items for all occasions including. Most of the artisans that will be present at Saturday's art fair have their work on consignment and it can be purchased any day during business hours and for any season. Believe it or not, a farmer still brings organically raised fresh chickens and eggs to Greenock Mill. Organically grown vegetables are also available through Rhonda's co-op food business called The Greenock Food Buying Club. Members come in to pick up their orders when they arrive once a month at the mill.

If you can't make the 2nd Annual Art Fair this Saturday, make a point to drive west on Ten Mile Road through South Lyon (cross Pontiac Trail), approximately three miles to the end and turn left (south) at Rushton, then go about 1/4 mile on the right. Greenock Mill is set back off the road so don't pass it up (maybe the first weekend in October when you attend the South Lyon Pumpkin Fest?).



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Rhonda Fackert, owner of Greenock Mill and 2nd Annual Art Fair organizer, and Peggy Kogstrom stand ready to assist customers from the large selection of organic herbs on the back wall.

2nd Annual

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