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Wixom Road. 1-96 decision By Pam Fleming Local Republican leaders were outraged when Gov. Jennifer

Republicans

outraged about

interchange off of J-96 from the state's to-do list.

Grapholm issued a letter Friday to the Michigan State Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and Secretary of

State explaining her veto of the appropriations bill for the Department of Transportation.

She vetoed several sections of the bill which she said contained special interest projects.
"I am very disappointed with

this bill as put forth by the Legislature." Granholm said. "The number of special interest projects earmarked is unaccept-

**Wixom interchange vetoed** 

The governor went on to say nat "The inclusion of this type of parochial carmarking undermines the Constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the State Transportation Commission." Granholm believes state and

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"I am very disappointed with this bill as put forth by the Legislature. The number of special interest projects earmarked is unacceptable."

> Jennifer Granholm Governor of Michigan

# Molloy earns top cop nod

# ■ 16-year Novi veteran takes the command

By Pam Fleming

The Novi Police Department started a new chapter in its history last Friday with the swearing in of a new chief of police, David

a new thiel of police, David Molloy,
Mayor Lou Csordas performed the ceremony following the annual Police Recognition Awards Program in the Police Department Training Center next to the department, Molloy's wife, Lisa, bad the bonnor of pinning his new had the honor of pinning his new badge on his uniform.

Molloy was named acting chief after former Chief Doug Shaeffer died of a sudden heart attack on Aug. 15, Prior to that Molloy

Aug. 15, Prior to that infoliory served as deputy chief. He learned of the promotion late last Wednesday afternoon. Lee BeGole served from 1954 to 1991, with Shaeffer serving from 1991 until his death

# Only three chiefs in 51

Molloy is only the third police chief to serve Novi and the first law enforcement officer in his family.

"I'm very humbled to be able to carry on the traditions that the first two chiefs started in this community over 50 years ago," he

Molloy grew up in Sandusky, Mich., and his wife is from the



New Novi Chief of Police David Molloy was sworn in

"I'm very humbled to be able to carry on the traditions that the first two chiefs started in this community over 50 years ago.'

David Mollov

"I applied to Novi, and that's what brought us down here," he

Molloy said as a young police recruit, he never thought about becoming chief of police. But, after working under Chiefs BeGole, Shaeffer and Deputy

Chief Dick Faulkner, it became

Chief Dick Faulkner, it became clear to him that he should con-sider a career in administration.
"It wasn't something that I got into law enforcement," he said. "But, as the years went by, I could see that my career was going in that direction."

going in that direction City Manager Rick Helwig was so present at the swearing-in ceremony.

We are very fortunate to have someone of his leadership and management capabilities within our leadership ranks who will stay with Novi for many years to come," Helwig said.

# Joined the force in 1989

A 16-year veteran of the department, Molloy joined the force after graduating from Saginaw Valley State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal jus-

He graduated from the Eastern Michigan University School of Police Staff and Command and the Center for Excellence in

Police Management Studies!

In 2003, he earned a master's degree in interdisciplinary technology from Eastern Michigan

niversity. In 1995, Molloy was promoted to detective, and in 15 promoted to sergeant. He became

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Petland owner Bob Thorne cuddles a labrador retriever puppy in his 12 Oaks

# **Petland owner strives** to be the first and best

■ "Frustrated social worker" enjoys making a difference in lives

By Ramez Khuri

His philosophy is to be the "first, best and

only' in as many categories as possible at his
Petland store at Twelve Oaks

would be an understatement. Bob Thorne is the owner of one of the most successful Petlands in the history of the company, a timeline

He believes his success deals directly with that

The betteves his success occas orderity with that philosophy because he only recruits staff mem-bers with the same attitude. "We only do what makes sense for the pets and my business," Thome said. "I find it very easy to recruit employees because we simply look for the case who have minute, and attitude is 00 recruit. ones who love animals, and attitude is 99 percent

of any job. We can always teach the rest."

Thorne's road map is to put the animals first in everything he does: to teach, to provide homes for pets and to take care of those animals after they leave the store.

Thorne explained that his is the first pet store in Michigan -YOUR NOVI-Neighbors in many areas, including pro-viding three free veterinary set successful visits for every puppy and kitten and one free vet

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# Student count shows 43 more than originally anticipated

■ District could get \$460K more

By Ramez Khuri STAFF WRITER

Friday.

Jim Koster cautions that the numbers he posses are still prelimi-nary and unaudited, but all indications point to increased income for the Novi Community School

District. Last Wednesday marked the day all students in each building were counted to determine how much funding the district will receive this

year. The per pupil foundation

allowance last year was \$8,310. Novi had a budget that was pre-sented to the board of education in sented to the board of education in July that had \$150 per student as the allocation from the state, based on 6.250 students

After Wednesday's count, the district has an estimated 6.293 students. A state aid act increased the per pupil grant from \$150 to \$175. The difference is roughly \$460,000 in increased income

That amount will remain preliminary until final numbers are audit-ed this winter.

We still have to go through quite a few calculations, which are due at the end of this month," said Koster, assistant superintendent of business and finance. "Right now it looks like we have 6,293 students. That's 43 more than we projected, and

hopefully it turns out that way.

the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 110 or by e-

	r those years		hanged:
<u>Year</u>	# students	•	Per pupil loundation grant
2000-01	5,837		Increase of \$169.58 from previous year
2001-02	5,896		Increase of \$267 from previous year
2002-03	5,967		Increase of \$200 from previous year,
2003-04	6,091		No change from previous year
2004-05	6,167	•	No change from previous year
2005-06	6.293		increase of \$175 from previous year



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# ■ 16-year Novi | ■ "Frustrated veteran takes the command

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a lieutenant in 2003 and deputy chief in February.
Molloy belongs to the
Michigan Association of Chiefs

of Police and the International Association of Chiefs of

tive board president of the Fraternal Order of Police of Southwest Oakland County. He's on the Novi Youth Assistance General Advisory Board and has been honored previously as Officer of the

life of the dog.

Thorne's Petland also pro-Molloy will guide the department in spending about \$7 million in federal forfeiture funds. The funds followed a twoyear investigation stemming from officers' discovery of

about \$4.8 million in drug money in Novi and Northville in March 2004. "I like to look at it as an opportunity for not only the lice department, but for our

city administration and elected leaders," Molloy said, "When we make these decisions regarding the use of the forfeiture funds, we're always hinking of what's best for the community and how we car best protect the 70 police off

we have as well as the from his store. 53,000 citizens"

He continues to favor a proposed firearms range to be built iext to the department.

"The safety of our officers is No. 1." Molloy said. "We haven't talked to one notice department that hasn't ndicated that when they have their own range that the skills and scores of their officers improved.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by c-mail at often

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social worker" enjoys making a difference in people's lives continued from front page

visit for any other animal pur-chased at his store.

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n Michigan to provide 60 days of health care coverage with every puppy and kitten, to proride a spay and neuter for every doe and cat, and to provide t training class and an 800 number to call and talk to a dog trainer. Free of charge, for the

vides a starter kit of food, toys, shampoo, stain and odor remover with every puppy and kitten, among many other bene-

And why does he do all that? Because he strongly believes that pets make life better for confe, and helping people is omething that he cherishes the

Thorne said, "Petland is everything I thought it would be and more, both on a personal level and on a business level." Thorne recalled a time he visted a nursing home a few years ago with a bunch of animals

"We went into the social room, where the residents were, and to see those people sit up in their chair and laugh and smile and pet a puppy or a kitten and hold a bird. I went out of their crying," Thorne said, "It's so rewarding to see the difference it makes, You're making a dif-Gerence in the animal/human bond, It's very touching."

Life before the store

Thorne didn't always have aspirations of owning a pet store, however, In fact, he

worked for General Motors for 20 years and a company called Teleflex Automotive for seven years before he bought Petland in October of 2000.

In that time, all his wife ever heard from him was that he wanted to own a small business. He finally took the plunge and tarted working with a business

broker.
"I told him I didn't want anything to do with retail," Thorne said, "He showed me this little pet store, and I came home and told my wife that I could make a difference for people and pets. So I hought the business.

To this day, Thorne and his staff go out every week and visit nursing homes, day care centers and elementary schools with the pets. He says he's proud of his having a major impact on other pet stores in Michigan as well, as they strive to follow his lead.

# Community service

In addition to making his business prosper, Thorne enjoys making people's lives prosper as well by doing a lot of com-

munity service work.

Thorne also serves on the board of directors for many different organizations, and has led a few school millage proposals.

Professionally and community-service wise, Thorne has won
many awards. Wayne County passed a resolution thanking him for a fund-raiser be did for a little girl; the city council of Belteville passed a resolution thanking him for his community service work, particularly in fund-raising, and in Van Buren Township, which surrounds the city of Belleville, the board

Thorne was also given a distinguished graduate award from Belleville High School, also because of his community serv-

sed a proclamation thanking

ice activities. Belleville built a T-ball field and dedicated it in his honor

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### **Bob Thorne**

Occupation: Owner of Petland at 12 Oaks Mall in Novi Family: Wife of 32 years, Carol and four children: Three are in college and one in high school: Shawna, Brandon, Alaina and

Pets: Three dogs and two birds.

Hobbies and/or interests: Scuba diving in the great lakes. He has been a T-ball coach in Belleville for 20 years because he feels it makes a difference for the kids. He also enjoys creative conversation.

Advice: "If you love animals and you have a good business sense, owning a pet store is a very rewarding business," Thorne said. "But you must put the animals first in everything you do -which is different from most businesses — from their health care, to nutritional, to behavioral."

Schools: Graduated from Belleville High School in 1971 and attended University of Michigan, Dearborn.

Grew up in: Belleville

called Thorne Field. "That broke my heart," he said. "It was the first time I ever-cried in public because I certainly didn't expect it.

Thorne's long list of acco-lades goes straight to the White House. He was acknowledged by former President Bill Clinton in a letter, who wrote to Thorne thanking him for his involve-"I've certainly received acco-lades far beyond what I would ever expect, but I don't do this nett.com.

expecting anything in return,", he said, "I do this because I'm a frustrated social worker, I really enjoy helping make a difference for other people. I'm a passion-ate person, and when I get paspeople see that and tend to ge behind it too.

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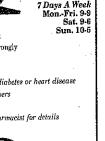


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A 23-year-old woman wh

lives on Parkridge Drive near

Cherry Hill and Queens Pointe roads reported at 7:13 p.m. on

Aug. 24 that she had more than 450 CDs stolen from her car.

The woman believed the theft

occurred between 11 p.m. Aug.

22 and 9:30 a.m. Aug. 23. She told police that she left her white 2000 Pontiac Grand

Am unlocked in the street near

her residence at about 11 p.m.

to her car the next morning sho

found that 450 CDs, three CD

cases and five \$1 bills had been

about \$4,600. There are no sus-

A Employees at the Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant at 44375 12 Mile Road at Fountain Walk

shopping center reported that a man broke a window when asked to leave at 1:49 a.m. Sept.

in a 1998 silver Ford Taurus

of glass valued at about \$200

damaged a 3-foot by 4-foot pane

The suspect was walking out

of the restaurant after being told

by the counter near the entrance

glass pan on top of the counter, shattering the glass. A female employee told

police she was serving a group of people with the man. After

of his friends would order drinks

the man any more alcohol,

and then give them to him.

nd slammed his fist on the

The suspect, who left the area

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Fountain Walk arrest made

A 33-year-old Highland man

was arrested for a liquor viola-

tion for having an open can of

beer at Fountain Walk shorping

11:45 p.m. Sept. 3.

center at 44053 12 Mile Road at

Police were on routine bike

patrol at Fountain Walk in the

parking lot near Buffalo Wild Wings, They saw a group of

men and one woman standing

between some vehicles. They

vatched as one of the men took

a drink out of a can of beer and then place the can in front of the

The man, who appeared intoxicated, was arrested for possession of alcoholic beverages in a

A 28-year-old East Lansing

man, 37-year-old Sparta man

and 28-year-old Lansing man-were arrested for disorderly co

estaurant at 44375 12 Mile

center at 1:30 a.m. Scpt. 2.

Road at Fountain Walk shopping

An officer was conducting an

area check of the mall parking

fighting inside the vestibule of

A 27-year-old Wixom woman

reported at 3:25 a.m. Sept. 2 that

some items had been stolen from

her ear between 11:30 p.m. Sept. 1 and 2 a.m. Sept. 2 in the

Fountain Walk shopping center

The woman told police that

about 11 p.m. on Sept. I she had parked her 2004 Volkswagen to go to Tequila Rain. When she

ame out at about 2 a.m., she

noticed that the soft top to the

parking lot.

areas when he saw two men

Theft at Fountain Walk

rear tire of a vehicle.

Disorderly conduct

were arrested for disord duct at Buffalo Wild W

public place.

refused to serve anyone in the

of the occurrence, and the case has been referred to the Detective Bureau for review.

A 40-year-old Livonia mat

reported that a computer had been stolen from his room at the Extended Stay Deluxe motel at

Motel computer theft

39640 Orchard Hill off of

Haggerty Road at 7:41 p.m. Sent, 21.

Sept. 21.
The man believed the theft

took place between 7 p.m. and

He told police that his

coworkers had rented some rooms for their business in which they show clothes and

shoes for people to buy.

At one point, he left the room with the door open. When he returned, he found his laptop

computer valued at about \$1,300 missing. Both the computer and

ord were missing. There are no suspects at this

Tiller, chain saw stolen

on Cidermill near Beck and

Riverview reported that a \$429 tiller and 20-inch chain saw had

been stolen from his garage at

He believes the incident

The man was in his garage

and noticed that the 5 hp orange

were missing. He told police he

thought he heard some noise in the garage the evening of Sept

There are no suspects at this

Ariens tiller and McCulloch

7:06 p.m. Sept. 6.

on Sept. 1.

time.

A 48-year-old man who lives

7:30 p.m. that night.

reported

group.

The restaurant has a videotape

Stolen property included a

\$100 in cash, \$200 worth of

Beer noured through

A Novi man who lives on

Reindeer Drive reported at 11:05

car while he was shopping.

There was no damage to the car.

A 68-year-old Novi man was

sion that occurred at 10 Mile

van had hit a red sedan. The

him. The driver suffered only

ninor cuts and abrasions to his

alcohol level of .18 in the man

driving the sedan.

**Head-on collision** 

sunroof

Coach handbag valued at \$500,

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Wixom Road,

I-96 decision

local road projects should be evaluated and programmed by trans-portation experts based on a con-"To avoid delays in any proj-

p.m. Sept. 2 that someone poured beer through his sunroof at Fountain Walk shopping cen-ter between 8 p.m. and 10:05 ects already slated to begin, I am recommending an immediate supplemental appropriations bill p.m. that night.

The man, who parked his car to restore these vetoed funds, but without earmarking," she outside the Great Indoors, said someone poured the beer in his "From day one, this administra-

tion has used the MDOT budget more as an experiment in social engineering than a tool in the stale's economic recovery, and the Governor's vetoes today prove it once again," said Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche (R-Novi)

arrested for operating while intoxicated after a head-on colliflast Friday.

"Our economy is gasping for air, and this administration continues to hold Michigan's head under and Kings Pointe roads at 9:11 p.m. Sept. 22. Police were dispatched to the area and found a white delivery the water by stopping road and bridge projects, like the Wixom Road interchange, that will have a driver of the truck, a 48-year-old Novi man, told police that the sedan went left of center and hit direct positive impact on our conomy and for our communi-

DeRoche went on to say that, "This administration needs to ealize that in order for Michigan's economy to grow, we need to build roads where people where we wish they

Sen. Cassis speaks out

State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) announced Monday that she will continue to fight for funding of the Wixom Road interchange. She considers the interchange

rital to the bealth, safety and welfare of the region. Cassis offered the amendment in the Senate that secured funding for this project. "Economic development and new jobs are knocking on the door," Cassis said. "But with this

veto. Governor Granholm has once again demonstrated that she fails to and state economic importance of the Wixom Road interchange The Wixom Road and Beck Road interchanges were always

considered one project, with feder-al highway dollars backing the reconstruction and local and county government investing heavily in ments, Cassis said.

Funding has been available for these projects since 1996, with the interchange to immediately follow

"Governor Granholm is making a conscious decision to hold back that can add jobs and grow ou economy at a time when Michigan's economy is among the worst in the nation," Cassis said. "It is long past time for Governor Granholm to stop impeding

Michigan's growth and allow our reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at 105, or by e-mail pfleming@gamnett.com.

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David Mollov's first duty as Novi's new chief of police was to congratulate his fellow officers and colleagues.

the end of the ceremony, had the Those who received awards

included the team of Nevi officers detectives and members of the Drug Enforcement Agency's Detroit Field Office who assiste n taking down one of the largest

drug cartels in the nation this year.
The takedown followed a two-year investigation following the discovery of \$4.8 million in drug related money in a Novi hotel and Northville rental home in March

Following are those honored and their awards:
Ofc. Tony Avant, a Merit
Citation; Ofc. Scott Bactens, a
Unit Citation and a Merit Citation. Ofc. Steve Balog, a Merit Citation; Det, Mark Boody, a Merit Citation and Perfect Attendance Award; Ofe. James

Brandon, a Merit Citation Ofe, left Brown received two Merit Cuations: Det. Sgt. Matt Conquest received a Merit

tration.

Dispatcher Suzanne DiCicco Unit Citation.

The late Chief Douglas Dombrowski received a Unit

Ofe, Avren Edgar carned three Merit Citations and a Unit Citation, Ofc. Adam Elsen was awarded a Merit Citation and a

Sgt. Patrick Farming received two Unit Citations and a Perfect Attendance Award Ofe, Timothy Farrell carned a

Merit Citation, a Perfect Attendance Award and a Letter of Commendation. Disputcher Burb Fritz eceived a Unit Citation. Clerk

Civilian of the Year Award Bet. Revin Gilmore carned a to Merit Citations and a Perfect

Det. Kristie Gruenwald got a Merit Citation and a Letter of

Ofe, Tim Harper carned a won two Merit Citations and a Perfect Attendance Award. Ofe, Kevin Heaney carned a Unit, Citation, Police Heart

Citation and Longevity Award
Ofc. Andrew Hudechek received a Merit Citation and two

and Det. Dennis Jelley received a Dispatcher Janet Kaplan carned

a Merit Citation, and Ofc. Mark Kohls received a Unit Citation. Ofc. Amanda Kulikowski received a Merit Citation, and Ofc. Larry Lemerand carned a Merit Citation, Unit Citation and Police Heart Citation.

Merit Citations and a sented a Merit Citation and a Unit Citation, Ofe, Lon Lowen won a

Citations. Ofc, Diane MucGregor w Unit Citation, and Ofe. Mike Marchetti carned two Merit Citations, two Unit Citations and a

Offe, David Martino cared a
Get Citation, Unit Citation and etter of Commendation.

Frain remains is a sign record for the Novi News. She can be for the Novi News. Merit Citation, Unit Citation and Letter of Commendation.

Merit Citation, Det. Jason Meier

earned two Merit Citations, a Perfect Attendance Award and an Individual Achievement Award. Sgt. Kenneth Meier carned Unit Citation, and Det. Randy Mince won a Merit Citation, Unit Citation and Perfect Attendance

Award.
Chief David Molloy carned two Merit Citations, a Unit Citation, a Perfect Attendance Award, Longevity Award and Leadership Award. Ofe, Sarah Moulik won a Unit

Citation, Sgt. John Nelson won a Chanton, Sgr. John Nesson Worl a Unit Citation, and Sgf. Joyce Nelson won a Merit Citation. Dispatcher Debra Nissen won Merit Citation and a Unit

litation. Ofc. Tom Orlowski won a Merit Citation, two Unit Citations. a Letter of Commendation and the 2004. Ofc. Shawn Penzak carned a

Life Saving Citation, and Det. Mike Prough won a Unit

Rasmussen won a Merit Citation. and Det. Kevin Rhea won a Merit

Shaeffer received a Merit Citation and Leadership Award. His widow, Loretta, accepted the hon ors on his behalf Disnatcher Justin Short won a

Merit Citation and a Unit Citation.

Ofc. Mark Stone won a Longevity Award. Ofe, Paul Stuligross received a

won a Merit Citation. Ofe, Erick Tapia carned a Merit Citation, and Ofe, Brian Tillman won a Merit Citation. Ofe, Paul VanPelt won a

Det. Mike Warren won two

Leadership Award,

Merit Citation, and Det. Mike

Officer Scott Woodley received a Longevity Award and a

and one Life Saving Citation. Ofe, Erick Zinser, one Merit

Lt. Thomas Lindberg carned Brooke, one Merit Citation and one Leadership Award; Special Agent Miguel Chino, one Merit Citation: and Special Agent John

Gilbride, one Leadership Award. cent to the department.



# Police presents awards | Two new officers join Novi department

Alisa Gilbert and Amanda lershey are ready for the challenge
The two new rookie cops just oined the Novi Police Department nd are currently in the department's

gea, received her police training from Western Michigan University nd graduated with a degree in crim-I grew up around police work

and always wanted to help the community," she said. Her father worked for the court system, and her broth-er is a police officer. "It seems like they pull together

She graduated from Saginaw

getting to know her D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) officer while she was in middle

Hershey moved to Michigan after she saw the Novi Police Department spending most of her life in Iowa, where she lived for 16 years.

Valley State University, also graduating with a degree in criminal justice with a minor in youth services. Hershey said she became interest ed in a career as a police officer after

hool.
"He was a good role model," she
ing to Chief of Police David Molloy.

In high school, she also went through the Citizen Police Academy. She applied for the position once

was hiring on their Web site. "I had heard only good things about Novi," Hershey said, "It's a great community and a beautiful

The Novi Police Department was able to hire the recruits after receiving approval for the addition of two mneil meeting. Gilbert and Hershey were hired

mat brings us up to seven female officers, which really highlights the no. Now, about 10 percent of the total

sworn staff are female officers.

That's a statistic that the city administration, the city manager office and the human resource office have been working together toward that goal of having a more diverse police department. We're happy to report that we're making

significant progress."

Molloy said the national average

# Shots fired at Highline Club Apartments

By Pam Fleming

Police are still searching for a man involved in a shooting last Thursday night at the Highline Club Apartments at Nine Mile and

Haggerty roads.
Novi police responded to a 911

call from a male victim who had run to the LifeTime Fitness facility The 31-year-old resident of the

when dispatch received another

apartment complex reported that he was confronted by a male dressed in all black as he entered

gunshots in the area.

Officers began checking the area
thim. The victim was not hit by any of the bullets and was not injured. The suspect fled the area in a white cargo van.

The victim told police he did not

> black male, about 6 foot, 3 inches tall with short hair. The suspect was last seen wearing a black jack-

dressed in all oback as a his apartment.

The victim reported that the suspect pulled a handgun from his waistband and fired five or six with the apartment," according to Chief of Police David Molloy.

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a box on the counter. He then hed with money from the bank, and severally witnesses said they saw him framington Public Safety officers in Farmington Public Safety officers in Farmington Public Safety officers in Farmington Public Safety of the bank robbery.

with the caller reporting several The victim fled on foot, while Police did not find any spent shell casings at the scene, so they believe a revolver was likely used. The incident is still under investigation, and no motive is known a

> know his attacker, and the motive for the crime is unknown.
>
> The suspect is described as a common of the crime is unknown. "He can't figure out why anyone was trying to do this to him,"

> > Anyone with any information

# Novi man charged in Farmington bank robbery a box on the counter. He then fled with money from the bank, and sev Police Department assisted Farmington with

the area," said Bob Schulz, deputy suspect were al to Novi police.

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Evidence from the Farmington Public Safety and because of the bomb threat, students were delayed from leaving this crime in a very short period of time," said David Molloy, Novi

several schools in the area.

"Their release was because of bus routes and potential pedestrians having to walk through the area." said Bob Schulz, deputy rraigned Saturday, Oct. 1, in 47th District Court for allegedly robbing

Kulisz annmached a teller, indicated that he had a bomb and placed—and stereo headphones in a box.

Dispatcher Kim White won Sgt, Terry Whitfield received a

Ofc. Brian Woloski won a Merit Citation and a Police Heart

Letter of Commendation. Sgt. Keith Wuotinen won a Merit Citation and a Unit Citation. Ofe, Jon Zabick received two

Citation and one Unit Citation.

Those from the Drug
Enforcement Agency's Detroit Field Office who received awards included Special Agent Sam Rahi, one Merit Citation and one Leadership Award; Special Agent Award: Special Agent Nick

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Master/servant or

partnership?

# Name a Novi park, but it comes at a price

City must have limit placed on them.

In a joint meeting between city reason to end any agreement

By Pam Fleming

Charlie Stabb now has a document he can work with to bring butions to the organization were improvements to Novi's parks, Stabb, president of the city council members at the Sept.

final changes to a naming rights noted, policy in which the city of Novi Dor nd the Parks Foundation will be capital improvements, programs ble to market facilities to busi- and services and the endowment.

ness, group or individual could place a name on a Novi park facil-

Naming rights also have a time Lorenzo thought 20 percent was

meeting.
The discussion revolved around—to The victim told police that he

"It's imperative that you act on

The Novi Police Department will successful resolution, and that's

council and members of the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission in April, a naming rights policy was drafted with the help of city attorney Tom Schultz.

"I think this will be a win-win for the residents." Stabb said In the draft of the policy pre-sented, 20 percent of any contrito go toward expenses, with the

"All the money has to be spent improve the parks," Stabb Donations must be used for

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She wanted instead for 10 per-cent to go toward the endowment and any expenditures to be reim bursed at cost with donations. Currently, the foundation has a fund balance of about \$35,000 since its inception in April 2004.

Members had a fund-raiser in March and a golf outing in August.
Lorenzo also suggested that the foundation get bids for future

work. Stabb said he would have to go back to his board members on tha

said that the council needed to decide whether the council and Stabb added that the foundation will make decisions in October on the Foundation how the money will be used from the golf outing that is designed to "master/servant" relationship or a partnership.
"I think if it's a partnership,

go toward scholarships. The approved naming rights policy will reimburse expenses at cost, have 10 percent of all donations go toward the endowmen Council Member Laura and allow the council to terminate any agreement with cause.

"I think if it's a partnership, they want some control."

my agreement with cause that, 'There's a total out for the city. There are safeguards. The city Mayor Pro Tem David Landry can completely bypass the foun-

naming rights policy adopted by the city.
In the 5-2 vote, Landry, they want some control," Landry Mayor Lou Csordas, Bob Gatt, Kim Capello and Lynne Paul said, "Not all the control, but

voted in favor of the resolution.

Lorenzo and Toni Nagy voted

felt the city should have more control over naming rights agreements since parks are tax-Schultz said "We're really kind of breaking new ground with this," as this is the first ioned that the foundation would be able to keep money raised if an if the city terminated as agreement within the three-year

three years.

for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at

he city does terminate an agree

ment at that time, the remainde

of the funds would go to the city.

If the city does not terminate the agreement, there would be an

Lorenzo did not want to be

Nagy agreed, saying that she

automatic one-year extension.

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Library fund-raiser set

of a man and his dog can help the

Novi Public Library. Emagine Theatre at Fountain The Curse of the Were-Rabbit" at If) a.m. this Saturday, Oct. 8, All proceeds will benefit the library's capital campaign.
In this Dreamworks animated

film an intrenid inventor. Wallace nd his loyal, long-suffering dog Gromit, team up to stop a rogue rabbit from devastating the town's egetable gardens.
The vivid, expressive characters engage even the youngest viewers while the charm and humor of the

Individual tickets are \$6; family packs with four tickets are \$20 Tickets may be purchased at Nov Public Library, 45245 W, 10 Mile Road, or at Emagine Theatre on Saturday morning prior to the

# Novi High School Reunion

The Novi High School Class of 1990 will hold its 15-year reunion from 7 p.m.-2 a.m. on Saturday Oct. 15, at Gus O'Connors, 42875 person including appetizers and \$ nation toward 20-year reunion

# Library offers audiobooks

The Novi Public Library will hold a program demonstrating the library's new collection of downloadable audiobooks -or eAudiobooks—Thursday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. The session will give patrons the opportunity to learn sore about how to access and

free program should register by calling the library at (248) 349-0720, or in person at the reception desk. Novi Public Library is locat-

ed at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road in between Novi and Taft roads. Kids go batty at Better Health Better Health Store in Novi is

library's Web site at novi.lib.mi.u Now patrons can download and listen to audiobooks through the Internet, anywhere, anytime, wherever they can access a desktop or laptop computer supporting Windows Media Player version 9.0 or above. Additionally, the a wide range of portable listening

devices, excluding iPods.

exciting and educational program The eAudiobook collection, from NetLibrary and Recorder Books, was introduced to the publie in July, and presently include: on Saturday from noon until 1 p.m Better Health is located at 4287: Grand River, Families can comquality and selection patrons have early for pumpkin painting and come to expect from Recorded Books, the publisher of cassette and CD books that continue to be Kids and parents will learn about

how bats use sound waves, bat ecosystems and food webs, and bat conservation. They will also get a chance to see live and up close bats from North America, South America, and rare African bats with four-foot wingspans, as well as large fruit bats from other parts o the world and smaller micro bats. The program will also dispel man myths about bats.

With Halloween just around the comer, this is a great time to learn about what some consider to be a "Kids can start their day with some fun pumpkin painting and then

creatures up close." Based at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, MJ, the Organization for Bat Conservation works throughout the world to save bats, with special projects currently oing on in Malaysia, Australia. Rodrigues, as well as educational programs throughout the U.S. For more information, please visit

www.batconservation.org. For more information about various programs at Better Health www.thebetterhealthstore.com

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# Training the leader of the canine pack

the real boss

By Tracy Mishler STAFF WRITER

Sarah Maki's dog Spartacus is taking a bite out of her social life. She'd love to invite her friends over more often, but her dog's aggressive behavior won't allow

Maki, 16, of Northville Township, and her family are fed up with their pet's wild behavior.

up with their pet's wild behavior,
"We've taken the dog to a psychologist," Maki said, "All I want
to do is bring my friends home
without a fiasco,"

The Makis considered taking
their labrador to the Humane
Society, Then they heard about
Bark Busters, originally founded
in Australia in 1989 by Sylvia and
Danny Wilson. Danny Wilson

Their mission: Establish a global network of licensed dog behav-ioral therapists and trainers.

The Wilsons promote responsi-ble dog ownership and want to prevent mistreatment, abandonment and euthanasia.

ment and cuttanasta.

Bruce Headley, 62, of Troy, opened Bark Busters up for Novi and Northville residents last December, and has been training dogs to mind their masters with

significant results.
"Our training is a combination of correction, praising and train-

■ Dog therapist shows who's ing." Headley said. "Everyone in the house is part of the pack, and as owners and trainers, we get

down on the animals level with canine commands."

Bark Busters helps families deal with animals having behavioral issues.

"Back-to-school time and change in schedules can give dogs a lot of anxiety," Headley said. "Dogs are creatures of habit, and

"Dogs are creatures of nature, they get stressed out because things have changed."
Headley said Spartacus may be stressed because the family recently moved. Prior to a two-hour training session with Headley, the dog was quite aggressive.

aggressive. Following the session, the Makis were able to take their pet into the neighborhood without the fear of him running away or snap-

ping at neighbors.

"Aggression is all based on fear," he said, "When you take the fear away, the aggression goes with in."

Bark Busiers doesn't use treats. shock collars or physical force.

"We use canine communication
methods, comprised of voice con-

trol, voice tones and body language. These are all things dogs understand and can relate to."

The training sessions are held in the owner's home, and Headley

said Bark Busters will correct the

problem on the first visit.

"The only thing that works is to train the dog in their own environ-ment," Headley said, "Usually, if the owner takes the dog to an off-

# 5 tips for a well-behaved

• Ignore him: Don't immediately pamper and pet your dog when you come home. This pampering doesn't happen in the wild, and if you ignore the dog, it gives them a chance to

 Rotate toys: Dogs often get bored with their toys and destroy them. Buy quality toys and rotate them with others. The dog will look forward to new toys when you leave

. Scatter feed: To avoid doos looking for food in the yard, distribute dry food over a wide

area of the back yard.

• Train the kids: Help the kids to learn training methods used with the pet.

 Train your dog: It's amazing how quickly dogs learn what is acceptable and what it not. Dogs have a language of their own, and once we understand We can easily control them by "speaking their language.

-Bruce Headley, Bark Busters



Tracy Mishler can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or at

Photo by TRACY MISHLU Bruce Headley, 62, of Troy, opened Bark Busters up for Novi and Northville residents last December, and has been training dogs to mind their masters with significant results. Headley (right) is shown with Ahmed Maki and his labrador, Spartacus.

ageable," Ahmed said. "He'll site school, the dog sees it as a social hour or will become intim-

social hour or will become intin-idated. They will learn in their own environment."

Training isn't always perma-nent, and Headley said Bark Busters has a "life of the dog guarantee."

"Customers pay one time," Headley said, declining to cite a

recordey said, declining to cite a specific price.
"We'll come back free of charge and correct any issues the dog may have in the future. We guarantee results."

Maki's brother Ahmed, 24, was skeptical about Headley's training

approach.
"We just want him to be man-

never be a dog that people can come up and pet, but right now he's a liability."

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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### Cassis student safety bill signed into law

Goy, Jennifer Granholm signed legislation by state Sen, Nancy Cassis to enhance the safety of children by keeping felors and dangerous indi-viduals away from schools.

This legislation offers parents peace of mind and enhances student

safety," said Cassis, R-Novi, vice-chair of the

Senate Education Committee, 'This gives law Senae raucation commune. This gives have enforcement more tools to protect our schools." Senate Bill 616 is a key provision of the Student Safety Initiative. The multi-bill package prohibits sex offenders from residing, loitering or working

cithin 1.000 feet of a school. It also revokes teach ing certifications for convicted sex offenders and requires background checks on all paid school and day-care center employees. Anyone with a sex offense is prohibited from being employed in a school or day-care center.

Cassis' portion sets sentencing guidelines. The first violation is a mis-

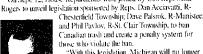
demeanor punishable by imprisonment of up to one year and/or a maxi-mum tine of \$1,000. Second and subsequent offenses are felonies punishable by imprisonment of up to two years and/or a maximum fine of

failing to update their entry on the online registry

### House GOP votes to stop Canadian trash

Speaker Craig DeRoche announced House approval of a three-bill package that bans the importation of Canadian trash. The ban would come with the approval of bipartisan federal legislation soon to be taken up in Washington, D.C

On Sept. 12, House Republicans were joined by U.S. Rep. Mike



Canada wish at recare a jectuary system of those who violate the ban.

"With this legislation, Michigan will no longer be the dumping ground for Canadian trash," said DeRoche, R-Novi, "The residents of Michigan can now stand together to show our leaders in Washington that we want the right to make our own decisions regarding the importation of foreign

Earlier this year, state House Democrats announced legislation to impass a \$200 million tax on trash. Democrats claimed the measure would discourage Canadians from shipping trash to Michigan. However, the overwhelming majority of the tax would hit Michigan residents and businesses because of contracts Canadian trash

bildingian residents and instructive receases of contracts diameters. In the House floor, Democrats attempted to the the tax increase to the trash ban. This was defeated with all Republicans voting against the tax increase. A U.S. Supreme Court decision in 1992 said states cannot prohibit A 5.3. Superior to did declared in 17.72 sail bases without mesh from crossing their borders without authorization from Congress.

At the federal level, House Resolution 2491, the International Solid Waste Importation and Management Act of 2005, includes Rogers Janguage giving Michigan immediate authority to regulate Canadian trash House Bills 5176-78 will:

Ban foreign municipal waste from landfills or incinerators located

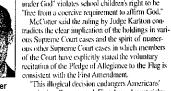
Take effect upon passage of federal legislation allowing the regula-

tion of foreign waste; and
• Go into effect 90 days after the effective date or 90 days after the
passage of federal legislation allowing the regulation, whichever is later.
Rogers said the federal legislation is slated for a vote this fall. HBs 5176-78 now go to the Senate for consideration

# Rep. McCotter calls on Congress to protect Pledge of

Representative Thaddens McCotter (R-MI) introduced a resolution reallimning Congress' support for the Pledge of Allegiance, in response to a San Francisco Federal Judge striking down the recitation of the Pledge by California school children.

On Sept. 14, United States District Judge Lawrence Karlton ruled the Pledge of Allegiance's reference to "one Nation, under God" violates school children's right to be "free from a coercive requirement to affirm God."



constitutionally protected. First Amendment rights to free speech and the free exercise of religion by striking the Pledge of Allegiance's phrise, "one Nation, under God," McCotter said. "The Pledge of Allegiance is a patriotic exercise wherein citizens express their dedication to our country and each other; and, in this time of war, it must continue to instill the virtues of citizenship and inspire citizenry of our nation."







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# Maybury welcomes first visitors

By Maureen Johnston

The twinkle has returned to

Farmer Beemer's eye.

He's walking around a centuryold barn, putting up hay for the
animals and tending to his 28year-old workhorse, "Sarge," more companion now, than tool. The sounds, smell and feel are

Two-and-a-half years after an unexplained fire destroyed the farm's charming simplicity, intri-cately orchestrated support has returned life to Maybury Farm.

### The way back

'Healing'

throughout

crib, equipment shed.

stood for a centrury was a

Beemer said, "It's a way for us to

There's a new farm entrance on Eight Mile Road, east of Napier. Entry through the welcome center will put return visitors on familiar ground. Newcomers can uncover the region's agricultural roots with Maybury Farm's turn-

of-the-century methods.

Cows, horses, pigs, goats and sheep grunt and murmur behind pens, stanchions and stalls in the vintage barn. The coop, spared rom the fire, is alive with clucks.

where they were before," he said. "It takes time." squawks and crows. John and Norma Beemer hus-tled the final days before the

traditional methods. "I do as much work with the horses as I can," Beemer said. Depending on the chores of the farm's grand re-opening. Earth movers flattened the dirt paths day, visitors might see the farmer binding corn, baling hay or col-The excitement is a welcome

### Many lessons

year's time.

everyone hadn't pulled together."

Returning the old barn's frame-

farm's 50 acres this season. But

farm operations are grinding

contrast to the flat patch the Beemers returned to last summer. The void where the barn had Rebuilding the form allowed time to rethink the hands-on proreminder of life lost there during grams initiated in 1975. Prior to the fire, farm hands led visitors through the purpose of each ani-mal, crop and product,

a 2003 fire.

For 25 years, the couple lived at the farm, raising their children there, running the farm and shar-Topics covered with visiting ing the concept of living from the land with a stream of visitors from classrooms — tapping maple trees and historical farming to sheep shearing and plants and food — now will consider cursoutheastern "It is something good coming at of something bad," Norma riculum requirements, said Shari Peters, president of the Northville Community Foundation, the non-

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work through the deviation of the fire. It's healing."

Norma still chokes up at the memory of the barns returning to the site last August. When laxury home builder Toll Brother donations. Representatives from Nonhville, Novi, South Lyon, and Plymouth school districts helped develop educational programming, Peters said. Retired teacher Norma Beemer will lead the visitors. ed two barns from a Novi devel-opment site, the project turned a

"This has been our goal to see it than 20 school districts from happening, to have it open," she said, "When you think of only a year, a lot has been done in a year."

Throughout southeastern Michigan to bring students to the farm. Peters said, Teachers have proposed scheduling visits. responded, scheduling visits.
"We'll let them know what's

"It wouldn't have happened if going on and they can make a decision what they want to come out for," she said. Also planned in the coming months; programming designed with senior input, including crafts, short garden work to usable condition didn't allow Beemer to fully till the walks, square dancing and healthy

something going on about every weekend," Peters said, "There ahead. Hundred-year-old, hand-hewn beams shelter dozens of Maybury farm animals. The memorial rubwill be so much going on for fam-

### ble of the fire's devastation is nearly cleared. "We'll get the fields back to Corporate, individual donations fund farm's

Beemer proudly handles the plow his grandaddy bought in 1900, as he works the soil true to That woman's contribution and

every other has counted toward the re-opening of the vintage farm this week, said Shari Peters, Northville Foundation president. The nonprofit agency that rebuilt Maybury Farm officially invited the public back for the re-opening.

horrendous job for a woman who is not a builder. Corporations contributed more than \$1 million in products and services, Peters said. Cash contributions beauty \$1.50. butions have helped get the opera-

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# Northville Community

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· wood chips for trails · roofing for the welcome center, garage and equipment

### building. Call (248) 374-0200. Farm fund-raiser Voices for Maybury Farm, a

group of farm supporters, is selling commemorative plates zoned with 17 photos of the Costs are \$12 per omament

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# **BUSINESS**

# **Business** matches two boys' effort

■Scout, friend collect \$225

By Pam Fleming

Brian Siegrist decided to take natters into his own hands, with a little help from his friend.

Siegrist, a Boy Scout from Wixom, decided to collect cans and

bottles and use the money to help consulting firm in Novi recently matched funds collected by Siegrist 11, from Troop 104 in Wixom and his friend, Justin Azar, 10, also of

Wixom, who collected \$225 worth

of returnable bottles and cans They even took the tabs off the cans and donated those to the Oakland County Veterans Association, Siegrist's grandfather, Chuck Gey, of White Lake, is an urer of the association.

How to centribute To make a donation to the Katrina Belief Fund, send a American Red Cross to Atwell-Hicks, 40399 Grand

River Ave., Suite 110, Novi

MI 48375, or call (248) 522-

The boys also hope to adopt a Boy Scout Troop in Gulfport, Miss., and welcome donations of cash or personal items from area residents. "It is my honor to accept Brian Siegrest's donation to aid the recent

Hicks," Sciber said "His hard work and dedication impressed us all. Our response to this natural disaster is in keeping with a long-standing tradition of our firm. The work ethic and spirit of

Pictured with Wixom boys Justin Azar and Boy Scout Brian Siegrist from Atwell-Hicks hurricane victims and match his efforts with a check from Atwell-

productive energy, an awful situa-tion into a hopeful opportunity," he

that Americans can turn, through

in Novi are, from left, Clif Seiber, group leader; Beth Stevenson, civil engineering technician and Siegrist's aunt; Pat Keast, team leader; and Steve Lambert, assistant controller. one-month, employee-giving match program where the company pledged a \$10,000 minimum donation to the \$10.5, or by e-mail at

Atwell-Hicks recently ended a

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# Pasta and sausage lovers will have to go elsewhere

Sun Park was shocked to see her longtime neighbor, Santino's Place for Pasta, close its doors at

Oakpointe Plaza in Novi.
"One day I came to work, and they were gone," said Park, stylist at BoRies Salon. "Everyday peo-"One day I came to work, and they were gone," said Park, stylist at BoRics Salon. "Everyday people come in here now asking shout Santino's and why they

Family-run Santino's, in business since 1993, was owned and operated by Novi residents Scott and Mary Santino Longas. The restaurant was named after restaurant was named after Mary's father, and much of the

Scpt. 15, and many were disappointed to lose their funchtime good-bye that read: "Due to con-

lunch there all the time," said Suzanne LaFrance, manager of restaurant was named unter
Mary's father, and much of the
house-made Italian cuisines were
Pizza Hut. "I'm not sure why they
closed, but I do know it had to do

ditions beyond our control we are forced to close. Accompanying the sign was a property seizure notice from Oakland County.

"We've stopped by to collect on delinquent personal properly taxes due to all taxing authori-ties," said Keith Sawdon, chief

County.

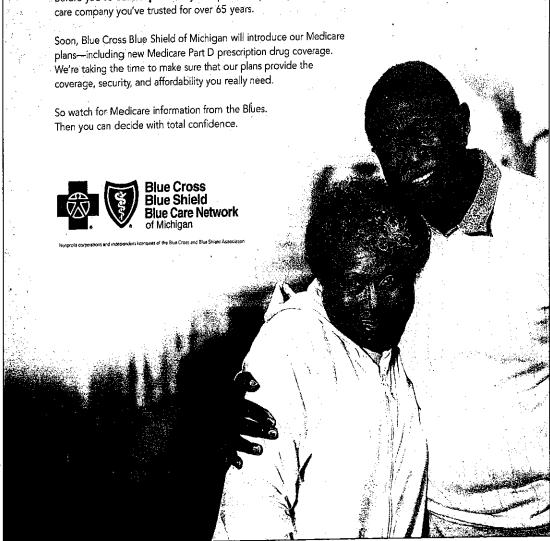
Sawdon said the county was hired by the city of Novi to further collect on their behalf. "By law, we have the ability to

gives the owner the chance to pay

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# Business Briefs

# Salon wins award

Gina Agosta Hair Color Design and Spa in Novi, owned by Gina Agosta and John Agosta, was recently awarded two first place, and one third place trophy at the Tiffany 2005 Michigan Hairdresser of the Year

The Tiffany 2005 Michigan Hairdresser of the Year Awards celebrates the artistic mastery of hairdressing by recognizing th Gina Agosta Hair Color Design and Spa and Agosta For Men are located at 39831 Grand River in the Pheasant Run Plaza.

Saving the globe The Practical Gardening Institute's practical gardener Janet Macumovich, Michigan State University Extension Specialists Dr. Dave Roberts and Dr. Dave Smitley and Global Rel.caf board members will be guest grillers at bd's Mongolian Barbeque in Novi Oct. 1 help Global Relieaf of Michigan replant trees throughout the

Interested customers will pay \$16 for lood and beverages and a suggested \$10 donation per per-son to Global ReLeaf. For reser vations call, (800) 642-7353.

# Going Bankrupt

Research and Markets baneed the addition of Novitheir offerings. Tower Automotive, is the

based Tower Automotive Inc. to largest independent supplier, worldwide, of structural vehicle components and assemblies. The

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Its sales for 2003 stood at \$2,816 million, posting an increase of 2.3 percent over the preceding year. In February, the ompany filed for Chapter 11

## Truck donated to Forgotten DaimlerChrysler aided by its

Truck Finance division and a Freightliner dealership in Mount Clemens donated a 2006 Freightliner M2 Truck with an 18-foot refrigerated van body to Forgotten Harvest, a Michigan organization that delivers perish able food goods to those in need. Susan Goodell, executive director of Forgotten Harvest, accepted the keys to a vehicle from Klaus Entenmann, President and CEO of DaimlerChrysler Services North

America, in a surprise presentation Sept. 30. DaimlerChrysler Services and its employees have donated over \$300,000 to the American Red Cross to aid victims of Katrina.

### Cash for Katrina

Volkswagen of America mounced its Foundation would make an immediate cash dona-tion of \$500,000 to the American Red Cross Hurricane 2005 Relief Fund to help support the relief work in the Gulf States devastat-ed by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The Volkswagen Foundation has also pledged up to an additional \$250,000 in

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### New project for DTE Energy

DTE Energy announced its DTE Energy Services subsidiary, part of its power and industrial projects group, has closed the purchase of an onsite energy purentse of an obside energy project from Duquesue Light Holdings after receiving approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The purchase is for Metro Energy, which operates the energy facility at Detroit Metro Airport, DTE Energy Services and Duquesne Light Holdings have signed a purchase agree-ment for six onsite energy projects, the rest of which are expected to close over the next few months. The purchase price for all six projects will total from \$35 million to \$40 million.

The DTE Energy subsidiary currently owns and operates 25 onsite energy projects through-out the country with automake steel companies, large commercial and institutional businesses

Natural gas prices on the

National Association of Manufacturers and former Michigan Governor John Engler conducted a conference call Wednesday to discuss coastal state and consumer benefits of the proposed Outer Continental Shelf access legislation. As natural gas prices hit

record highs with increasing

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impact on manufacturers and consumers, the National Association of Manufacturers is calling for urgent legislative action to allow states to access oil and gas resources in the Outer Continental Shelf as part of the House budget reconcilia-

tion or a new energy bill. Opening the Outer Continental Shelf to development by states would increase America's muchneeded domestic energy supplies, allow states to control whether or not they develop their offshore energy resources, al coastal states to benefit from energy development by sharing royalties, resulting in hundreds of millions of dollars in Jocal revenue, and reduce record-high energy costs to American industry and consumers.

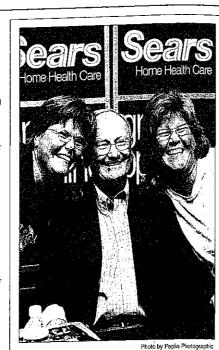
### Keeping businesses safe

CTS Companies, a systems integrator serving Michigan and the Midwest, announced the launch of a secure online disaster recovery service, targeted at small and medium-sized busiesses throughout the area.

Cl'S Companies' service is

designed to help companies reli ably protect the information that keeps them in business, giving them the ability to electronically transmit data from multiple locations to a secure central collecion point. CTS said its secure online dis-

aster recovery system, a first for the area, is available immediate with monthly service prices beginning at \$150. The system also requires the use of a Unitrends DPU. For more infor-mation, call (248) 334-5800.



Bo joins Sears team

Bo Schembechler, former University of Michigan football coach from 1969-1989 and widely considered one of the greatest coaches of all time, recently made several in-store appearances to help introduce Sears' Home Health Care centers. Schembechler signed autographs and

greeted customers. Novi residents Shannan Stabler (left) and Kelley Stabler are shown with the football

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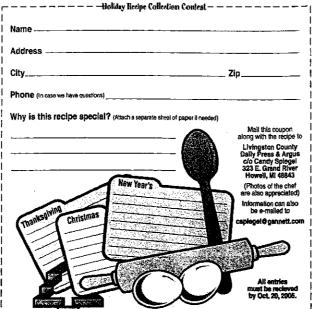
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homes around the areas.

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# Developers break ground on new medical center

# ■\$23 million facility to open in fall 2006

By Pam Fleming

Three area doctors -- Robert I. Boorstein, D.O., Jeff S. Pierce, D.O., and Ronald W. Wadle, D.O.

Developers for the osteopathic physicians broke ground last said.

Thursday on a more than \$25 million Meadowbrook Medical picked the site because of

The two-story 150,000-squarefoot medical office center will be built at 25500 Meadowbrook
"We'll be in close range to Road at the southeast corner of seven hospitals - Providence, and II Mile

The facility is scheduled for little hospital." The three

sold off interest in the building to third fastest growing community The new facility will house integrated services from St. John Health-Providence Hospital: an medical records and supplies

es and pharmacy.

The center will also feature the new Novi Surgery Center, an outpatient surgery center.

More than 70 percent of the

center has been leased, according to Tony Pricco, vice president, McShane Corporation. Tenants so far include Abode Integrated Medicine; Advanced Image and Health of Novi; Advanced Surgical Associates; ENT Specialists; Michigan Sports and Spine Center; Novi Surgery Center; Novi Urgent Care Center; Orthopedic Trauma Specialists;

# and Tri-County Urologists.

will provide an imaging center, Road and Grand River Avenue scheduled for completion in 2008.

house pathology and a pharmacy managed by St. John Health-Providence Hospital. Other services will include an

urgent care center and compre-hensive physical therapy service

"We're really working hard to make it community friendly." Pierce said. He added that the doctors in the center plan to have free monthly lectures for the publie. They also want to offer vari

"We want to integrate with the community right away," Pierce

Pierce said he and his partner preximity to major hospitals in the area, and the fact that Novi is

Botsford, "It's almost like a Mary, Valley,

> Tony Pricco McShane Corporation

you can't deny what's going on in Novi. It's in the state right now. A 30,000-square-foot lower

maging center, pathology servic- The 12.56 acre site will also allow for future expansion up to 16,000 square feet.

McShane Corporation, head-quartered in Rosemont, Ill., is

providing development manage-ment services. McShane ment services. McShane Construction Corporation and project architect, Marasco and Associates, Inc., will provide design/build services.

"For this product type, it's a large building," Pricco said. "It's self-contained with a 15,000-

square-foot surgery center. It's almost like a little hospital."

With the overcrowding of hospital. pital surgical suites, outpatien What the center will offer
Meadowbrook Medical Center
Meadowbrook Medical C centers are a growing

ing room.

"The growth in the area is pheto have a facility where you can

Myers, director of corporate

Evans, said the Novi store was-

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n't up to the company's stan-

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McShane Companies of Rosemont, III., on behalf of physician partners Robert I. Boorstein, D.O., Jeff S. Pierce, D.O., and Ronald W. Wadle, D.O., celebrated the groundbreaking Sept. 29 for Meadowbrook Medical Center, a new two-story 150,000 square foot state-of-the-art medical office center at 25500 Meadowbrook Road. Pictured, left to right, are Robert Casalou, president, Providence Hospital; Michael D. Rebock, D.O.; Jeff S. Pierce, D.O.; Robert I Boorstein, D.O.; David Landry, Mayor Pro Tem; and Jeffrey A. Raday, president, McShane Construction Corporation. Below, the artist rendering of the new facility



Pricco said doctors have told because they can't get an operat-

porate restaurants, and this rating is established over time, not just

The Novi store opened in

imaging on site, versus having to send a patient to the hospital, is a huge benefit."

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**Bob Eyans closed** Residents said good-bye to Bob Evans Aug. 22, as the store was closed due to low perform-"We have set goals for each

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# Ivy Garden Massage reopens after Epicure Village fire

# Business sports new, larger office

By Pam Fleming

Sarah DeMar now has hope for

the future.
After suffering total destruction of her business, Ivy Garden Therapeutic Massage in Novi's Italian Epicure Village, she is finally back on her feet.

DeMar, owner, lost her office of two years when Weinstein Jewelers of Novi had a fire early on the morning of Aug. 24.

Her business is located in the same strip mall by Italian Epicure Restaurant on Grand River Avenue west of Meadowbrook Road.

The suite is at 42010 Grand

damaged their previous River Ave., Suite B, in the space location, Novi massage formerly occupied by Abacus therapists Sarah DeMar. left, and Jessica Terski moved their lvy Therapeutic Massage into lost his wife and two sons in an miomobile accident allegedly caused by a drunk driver on May 4, lost his jewelry store in the fire. a nearby vacancy and have set up shop there.

The fire was reported to have been caused by faulty electrical wiring in the building,
"Everything was going great,"
DeMar said, before the lire took place. 'I had just hired my first

place. "That just he therapist amonth before the fire." Fortunately, the therapist alessica Terski, has decirded to stay with the business.

The business just opened its doors again last week in the same strip mall.

with massage to obtain maximum pain relief for patients." DeMar said she also teaches "I'm different from a lot of the spas in the area." DeMar said. "We specialize in the therapeutic massage. We thous on automy and the physiology of the muscle."

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what's usually going on is a com-

bination of muscle tension and misalignment of a bone," DeMar.
She recommends combining chiropractic treatments with ther-

apeutic massage.
"I talk to the chiropractors, and

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keep me in business," she said.

She has two treatment rooms, now. One of the rooms is so large, she can place two massage tables in the room, which enables her to do couple massages.

In fact, she's marketing the concept for Sweetest Day on Oct. 15.

massage table, however, which was placed in an ozone room to eliminate the smoke smell. The

"Come get a massage with your sweetie." DeMar said

DeMar, born in Wixom, grew up in Milford and fives in White

age caused by the fire since it did-n't start in her huilding. Lake. She's a professional disc golfer, ranked 17th in the world for women.

"It's been my passion since 2002," she said.

enumate the smoke smell. The new space is larger, too.
"The stite I'm in is a lot bigger than the other one. The landlord, Jonathan Brateman, was very kind to me. He reduced the rent to phroming@gameut.com.

lvy Garden details

A one-hour massage costs \$75, a 90-minute massage costs \$100. Couple massages are the two massages for \$140. Gift certificates are available.

Hours are 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday. DeMar works two Saturdays a month from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information or to make an appointment, call (248)

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develop data for subsequent grant applications for federal funding. Kannan, associate professor,

The Wickerts

Lauren Ann Miller and

Matthew Edward Wickert were

married June 25, 2005 at Wolfeboro, N.H. Father Gino

Marchesani officiated the wed-

ding. A reception was held at

Baid Peak Colony Country Club, Wolfeboro, N.H. The bride is the daughter of

Kirk and Leslie Miller of Wolfeboro, N. H. She earned

her bachelor of science degree at University of New Hampshire

and is currently employed at Partners Health Care, Boston.

The groom is the son of Dick and Linda Wickert of Novi, He

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with seed funding with which to of researchers from the College of Engineering, Kresge Eye Institute, Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, and the School of Medicine, is developing tar-

Hospital.

is a 1994 graduate of Novi High School and a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University. He

is employed as a Grant Manager for Cancer Research and Pathology at Mass. General

Serving as maid of honor was

Jocelyn Miller, the bride's sister. Bridesmaids included Alleigh and Carrie Wickert, the

groom's sisters.

Best man was Doug Woodley.

Groomsmen included Aufon

Vermuelen, friend of the groom,

The couple honeymooned in Greece and will make their home in Boston.

program earmarked by Wayne State University. Awards totaling aearly \$1 million will enhance collaborative efforts in the nanosciences, providing faculty (Kannan's project which consists). Wannah state University (State University) (State Uni

efforts may lead to drug treat ments that improve the therapeu-tic effectiveness of drugs and reduce side effects significantly. Their research efforts using this technology may also one day lead to the development of 'mai restore eye sight.

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APPLETON

Age 63, of Round Rock, TX, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, September 28, 2005.

Wednesday, september 28, 2005. She was born on January 10, 1942 in Detroit, Michigan to Paulina and Frank Dobrowski. Josie fought a tough battle with cancer for fourteen months, all while remaining

strong in spirit and keeping the

spunky sense of humor we all

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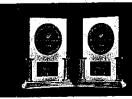
and wife, Jennifer and children, Madeline and Kip of Austin, TX; daughter, Kimberly Appleton Joseph and husband, Darrell of Lakeway, TX; brother, Ray Dolby of Florida. Funeral Service were held at 1 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 2005 in the Memorial Chapel of Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Funeral



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# **OPINION**

# Novi News

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers

### WHERE WE STAND

# Wixom/I-96 interchange: Project must be reinstated

This is an open invitation to Governor Jennifer Granholm: We would like you to come visit Novi and see the explosion of growth and development. You know where we're at - the neighors just north of your own Northville.

There's just one stipulation, however, You must come here

between 3 and 6 p.m. on a weekday by way of 1-96 to the Wixom Road exit. OK, there's another stipulation: You have to go back to Lansing the same route. Only then will you see, firsthand, how hadly that interchange

needs to be put back on your to-do list for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

We advise you to bring your favorite audiobook because you're going to be sitting there a while. Perhaps you'll visit the new Catholic Central High School (if

you come a little later on a Friday, you'll get to enjoy the foot-hall came traffic maybern) or check out the vehicles at one of the busiest car dealers around, Varsity Lincoln Mercury,

Maybe you'll swing eastward to the 52nd District Court or go a little further and see the major expansion project that will bring a full-fledged hospital to Novi, Providence Park Hospital. Of course, you've probably already seen the new Rock Financial Showplace, but if not, you could be among the thousands who visit that exposition center on a regular basis.

Then again, you might want to head up over the freeway (this takes a while, but you get a wonderful bird's eye view of the crawling traffic on 1-96 and the clogged ramps) to the Ford Wixom assembly plant and say helfo to the 1,600-plus hourly

workers who get to deal with that horrible intersection daily. But if you're going to opt for the latter, do it quickly, Who knows how long Ford is going to hang around. Automaker officials have repeatedly pointed out the need for an interchange overhaul. So what? There's probably lots of companies waiting to take over a 4.7 million square foot plant with horrendous

You could go a little further east to the Beck Road exit, but that's being revamped and won't be open for about three more weeks. By the way, the Beck and Wixom roads interchanges were originally packaged for rebuilds together. Guess someone didn't have 20/20 foresight, eh?

Well, we know it's a long way from Lansing, but we'd sure

# A good Thorne

At last week's annual membership meeting of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, the organization announced its board of directors for 2006. Although there are lots of new faces and old ones, too

(mine), this normally heady event was overshadowed by the luncheon's guest speaker - the chamber's own Bob Thorne, owner of Petland in the 12 Oaks Mall. Admittedly, I'm a softie. I distinctly



remember crying when Joanie and Chachie broke up on Happy Days. But in a matter of minutes, everyone in the room when from dining on Gus O'Connors line pot pies to dealing with a lump in their throats. Man, talk about tugging at your heart strings!

Bob's a great guy. That's why immediately after hearing him I wanted one of my staff writers to profile him in the Your

Novi Neighbor feature on this week's front page. It'll give you a glimpse of what he's all about, but you really need to stop by his store and meet him.

d with Bob on the ch year. He was one of the few who volunteered his time to elp out with the Michigan '50s Festival, and I appreciale and admire his desire to better this community

Speaking of the festival, their board voted Tuesday night to bring me on board. I'm looking forward to working with Lori Kapelczak and that erew in putting together a great event next summer.

Cal Stone is the editor of the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or by e-mail at estone@gannett.com.

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# Clarifying city's benefit packages

At the Aug. 22 city council meeting, the city's audit firm, Plante & Moran, LLP, presented information about the City Retiree Health Care Fund, the new requirements for financial reporting for "other" retiree benefits (primarily health care), and did not involve discussion

about the city's pension plans.

The city has received several calls regarding an editorial that appeared on the Opinion page of the Sept. 8 issue of the Novi News. The following facts are provided to clarify some of what was presented in the editorial:

 The city of Novi currently provides pension and retiree health eare benefits to most of its full-time employees that meet specific cri teria (certain minimum vesting and age requirements). The current pension plans for the city's employee groups are defined benefit plans. The cost for providing these benefits represents approximately 9 percent of the city's annual General Fund budget.

· Unlike other cities. Novi has a policy of charging retirees a portion of their premiums, 20 percent upon retirement, rather than deducting it from the payroll of current employees. This policy is believed to encourage retirees to have a vested interest in doing their part in keeping health care costs down.

 More than half of the city's full-time employees make contribuas to their defined benefit plan in amounts ranging from 3 percent 6.44 percent of their pay.
 The city's pension plan is administered by MERS (Municipal

Employees Retirement System) and is 69 percent funded as a long-term obligation. It is 94 percent funded using the market value of assets today, as of the actuary report of December 31, 2004. • The city's retiree health care plan is administered by the city and

is 15 percent funded as a long-term obligation as of the actuary report of December 31, 2012. • The city as a public entity is not eligible to establish a 401k plan.

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 The city can create a defined contribution plan under the IRS rovision 401a, which would require a mandatory, fixed contribut by the city. The advantage of this type of plan would be that the amount would be "known" and could be projected for the current

 budget and future years.
 The city employees have available to them a 457 Deferred Compensation Plan that is administered by ICMA Retirement

• The city has taken a pro-active approach with regards to the retiree health care obligations, and has been making contributions to a trust final for this purpose since 1994.

Additional questions about the city's pension and retiree health care benefits should be directed to me at (248) 347-0470.

Kathy Smith-Roy Finance Director, City of No

## Gunnin' for Gatt

OK, Councilman Gatt's rant in last week's paper "Gun range needed' seared the bejesus out of me, not just because of his fantasy seenatio of innocent hystanders being gunned down by elderly untrained policemen, but also, because of his disregard for valid opinions differing from his own. I did read through the city council meeting min utes as Mr. Gatt suggested, and what I saw was Kim Capello and Bob Gatt trying to push through their agenda of a grand firearms monument. Member Capello says, "\$2.5 million estimate is the type of range needed in the city," but later revised that to "confident that the bricks and mortar would cost more than the \$2.5 million." Every other member on the council, former police chief and city manager were in disagreement, stating fiscal responsibility as the reason.

Here are a few excerpts from the Aug, 1 and Sept. 12 minutes:

Mr. Gatt says of the current police gun training: "The train

Mr. Can says on the current pointe gain raming on a couple times a year and to the rifle range a couple times a year."

Member Gait seems to have a fear of the public response to a specific request for a gun range. "We need to do this today so we don't have to go to the voters a few years from now." And a fear of future city councils: "Member Gatt said he could not support paying off the bond because we would then divert the money into the General Fund" ... and ... "future Councils couldn't be bound to use the money or the police department." Well that is false because paying off the police huilding bond is indeed using the money for the police depart-ment, while at the same time saving the City \$300,000 per year, for

Member Capello seems out of touch with what the city needs "Member Capello said that he couldn't support anything that is not

While "Mayor Csordas said that the chief didn't believe the firing range is necessary," and that "the firing range is a big want and not necessary. Mayor Csordas said he would not support the motion because he didn't think anyone on council could make a better recommendation than the chief and the committee."

So Mr. Gatt and his lone ranger partner, Mr. Capello, need to learn the National Council Council

that the Novi citizen's want sound fiscal management over the city's that the Novi Charles want conductived a would recommend to all readers to review Pam Fleming's wonderful summary of the forfeiture money issue in the Sept. 22 Novi News, although the raw meet-

ing minutes are a wealth of information also.

Using the forfeiture money to pay down the police department's building fund debt is the most responsible action for the city council to take. Mr. Capello seems out of touch with what the city's real needs are, and his lack is fiscal responsibility are reasons that voter hould not invite him back to council this coming November,

# Freebie pistol range

In last Thursday's issue Retired Police Officer Robert Gall wrote a long and passionate letter admonishing Mr. Burton's concerns (and, he assumes, my concerns too) about the proposed new super-duper pistol shooting range for the Novi Police Department. Maybe we poor residents and taxpayers do not have enough information about this super-duper pistol range.

As an eight-year veteran of the U. S. Marine Corps who served in

the United States, Korea, and Japan and who fired everything from sidearm up to a 20-millimeter cannon, I did spend a fair amount of time on the shooting ranges. So I realize the importance of practice needed to maintain one's proficiency with their weapons. But I would expect that in addition to practicing with sidearms our patrol officers would need to practice firing rifles and shotguns and the deployment of tear gas grenades, concussion grenades, smoke grenades, etc., all weapons that they could have to use on the job. So even if our city constructed a super-duper pistol shooting range, evidently our patrol officers would need to go elsewhere to train and practice with the

Well Retired Police Officer Robert Gatt, it is time to put the Retired Police Officer's hat on the closet shelf and don the proverbia council robes to uphold the oath you took almost two years ago and to comply with the promise you made to serve all of the resi and taxpayers. You could start by addressing the following in your

Perhaps you could tell our residents and taxpayers how many other communities in Michigan have the type of super-duper pistol shoot-ing range you envision the city possibly constructing; what their typig requirements are; what are their yearly operational and

federal, state code requirement costs, etc naps you could have the Super-Duper Pistol Range

Requirements and Technical Project Study or any such similar documentation supporting this request placed on the city's Web site so the residents and taxpayers can read all the details and future expenses behind this proposed super-duper pistol shooting range. We would expect to see details of the expenses the residents and taxpayers will have to spend each year for this "So-called Freebie" super-duper pistol shooting range and typical expenses and costs for facility heating, air conditioning, custodial services, additional staff, security controls, mination containment and control, compliance with EPA rules and regulations, etc. Or did the city council simply move ahead with

this proposal without any studies?

Perhaps you or any other council members could tell our uninformed residents and taxpayers if you conferred with Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson about having a county-operated or consortium-operated shooting range for Novi and other adja-cent communities in the southwestern Oakland County area? Perhaps you or any other council members may have brokered a deal with L. Brooks Paterson whereby the city of Novi could provide

the funds for the land and the building and the other communities could be assessed a yearly amount to pay for the maintenance and

upkeep of the shooting range?

Perhaps you or any other council members could tell our residents and taxpayers if you conferred with the Pampered Part-Time Pontiae Princes & Princesses (AKA County Commissioners) – who must have plenty of extra money because they voted themselves some nice, hefty salary increases – about Oakland County paying part of

yearly operational expense. Perhaps you or any other council members could tell our residents and taxpayers why the money would not be better spent on purchasing our patrol officers 10-year memberships in skeet-shooting associated to the country of the countr private shooting clubs; conservation clubs, etc., or even pur adols, private analog trace chasing motorcycles for the patrol officers? And, yes, even for video cameras as part of a state-of-the-art security monitoring system?

Perhaps you could tell us if we swiftly moving towards the slip-

nery, sliding slope of future municipal decline like some of our neighboring communities in Michigan because of those huge yearly debt payments and on-going financial obligations like aquariums, ice arenas, golf courses. Taj Mahal shooting ranges, tanks like the one Detroit wants to purchase and other costly and expensive ventures the poor uninformed residents and taxpayers are paying for?

City of Novi Resident, Taxpayer, & Former Novi City Councilor

# She fell for Novi

Fall for Novi was a fantastic event that our city puts on for all of the residents to come and enjoy for the fourth year. Cindy Uglow and Sheryl Walsh did a great job, and I thank you! Benny Mc Cusker, of our Department of Public Works, helped me orchestrate getting the base and statue in place.
Mayor Lou Csordas did a nice job with the dedication to the statue

and his time as mayor for two years! The many others that deserve thanks are the donors who gave so generously to support this event and assist the city in receiving such a beautiful statue.

Father Elmer of Catholic Central was the instrument in helping me get this project off of the ground. The sculptor immediately contacted me because of the help of Father Elmer. Victor Cassis put me in contact with a donor and that is how the project got off of th ground. The donors are the Landon Group who purchased the statue; Dixie Cut Stone and Marble who built, designed, and donated the tase of the statue; Providence Hospital for the landscaping; Antibny Concrete, who donated the stamped concrete; Piedmont Concrete for the donation of the concrete; Taubman Company, who donated the benches; and Lowell Sprague, of Integrated Health Associates, for

the howers.

The 9/11 memorial is a beautiful sculpture that will be in our community for years to come. Our fire department was honored because of their hard work in this city. Many people have no idea how hard the fire department works to keep us safe. As a councilmenter, I feel we are very fortunate to have such a great department, and it starts from the top with chief Art Lenaghan.

If you have not had a chance to visit the statue, I hope you will! I feel very privileged to be a representative to this community. Thank you all who helped in getting this statue off of the ground and mak-

Lynne Paul

# \$2 million too much for gun range

That was a very interesting and informative letter that council member and retired police officer Mr. Bob Gatt wrote last week regarding the police department's desire to have their own firing range. As he pointed out, since he had served many years on the Novi police force, he is uniquely qualified to address the needs and wants of the department. But it also puts him in the position of, natuarlly little biased in matters concerning the police department coming before the council. But thats not necessarily a bad thing After all, most of us would love to have a council member living door. I know I would.

door. I know I would.

The argument that both suprised and concerned me most was that at any given time there could be as many as four on-duty cops miles away at a firing range and not available to respond to emergency calls. At first glance, the simple solution would seem to require that not more than one, or two at most, be gone at the same time. Maybe

scheduling conflicts at the range would preclude that. officers have the training and practice to shoot straight should the need ever arise. Surely no one can argue with that. He also makes the point that an inaccurate or stray bullet fired by a cop and accidentally hitting an innocent bystander could and probably would result in a very exspensive lawsuit against the city. Might happen, but I find that ng a little iffy. From nearly everything I've read about lawnits being filed due to people being shot, it's nearly always the per-

I really don't know if spending approximately \$2 million to have our own range is worth that kind of investment or not. Mr. Gatt is our own range is would that And of investment of the Andal Siring right on when he says that the building will still be standing long after all of us are in our graves. At \$2 million, it sure better be. I'm not sure if the range will require having a full-time employee on staff to handle the day-to-day operations. If it does, I hope it doesn't have to be a policeman. As for regular maintenance on the ng, if practice range space is at such a premium, maybe we deconsider renting it to other police departments in the area to

help defray the cost.

Mr. Gatt further states that the range would be an insurance policy for the city and a cheap one at that. Well, if that range is built, the city will need an insurance policy to protect itself from the lawsuits it will face should anyone get injured there. And trust me, it won't be a

In closing, I'd like to say that I'm sure every cop in the city would In closing, I once to say that I in sole every cop in the city would hove to have their own gun range. But wanting and needing are entirely two different matters. We all want lots of things but we don't always need them. I think I read somewhere that the practice range our police presently use is located in Farmington Hills. Think about it, you can make a lot of trips to Farmington Hills for two million of the bits need.

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# COMMENTARY

# Political 'race' should be the real topic

During a public hearing last month about a sed Wal-Mart Supercenter in Livonia. proposed Wat-Mart Supercenter in Livonia, a few in the audience said they were scared of African-American folks coming our into the mostly white suburbs to shop and work. ivonia could become a ghetto, one said.

There are lots of reasons to have concerns about Wal-Mart, but that isn't one. A number of sensible people were quick to condemn these remarks, including Livonia Mayor Jack horson, leaders of the Livonia Planning ommission and developer Robert Schostak Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, who has lived in Livonia for years and has con

siderable support from the black community, was forthright: "We're not going to be a world-class city or region if we have racial barriers standing in the way. We have to make sure there is an intolerance of this type of thing."
What a surprise, the
when Detroit Mayor

Kwame Kilpatrick jumper in so attack "slurs" that people made in the meeting. The week before, Kilpatrick — who is trailing challenger Freman Hendrix in the nolls --- asserted without providing any evidesce that "In Birmingham, in Bloomfield Hills and all these places they do more meth, they do more eestasy and they do more acid than all the schools in the city of Detroit put

For years, I watched former Detroit Mayor Coleman Young's tirades at the suburbs, under standing they were nothing more than transpar ent attempts to curry favor with his black con-

This was more of the same. Kilpatrick's

lately regarding a shooting range for the Novi Police Department. Don't you just love political spin? Here are the simple facts.

As the result of some brave and good police

money. Drug forfeiture money. Millions of dol-

lars that can be spent on the needs of our police

epartment. So, first of all, congratulations and

ank you to the men and women that made this.

Now the question is, what is good public poli-

cy? The question is not who raised their hand at

a city council meeting or whether one question would have changed a vote, city council receives con-

has the opportunity to pay
off a debt (a bond) that was

Novi for improvements to the police department building. The remaining balance of this debt is \$2,500,000. If this debt is paid off in advance,

the savings to the general fund will be \$3,300,000. Using \$2,500,000 of the drug forfeiture funds to retire this debt will leave a balance far exceeding the \$2,500,000 needed to build a

hooting range. So the shooting range could still

Should city council pay off the debt first and

then build the facility? Two members of city council think the shooting range comes first.

believe good public policy, and common sense, dictates that we first pay off the debt for the

prehensive information on

very issue we discuss. The

in the packets. All you need to do is read the packet.

With the money that is

now available, city council

paid for by the taxpayers of

vers to the questions are

work, our police department is flush with

ntunately, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, who has plunged into city-suburb debates many times in his long political career, couldn't resist slamming Kilpatrick back. As an old political pro, Patterson should have known better, Instead, all he did was extend an embarrassing news story a coup more days, thereby playing into Kilpatrick's

As to the racist reactions of a minority of Livonians attending the public hearing, th just as miserable as Kilpatrick's. But morally they are far worse. So far as I know none of the people quoted in the news media are fighting for their political lives and hence have anythin

to gain from race-baiting in public.

The statistics don't lie. Of all the cities in the nation with 100,000 people or more, Livonia is still the whitest, just as Detroit is the country's blackest. And not surprisingly, the U.S. Census Bureau says the Detroit metropolitan area is the nation's most segregated.

But, thank God, times are changing. When 1

first broke into the community newspaper bus ness nearly 40 years ago, the suburbs in Western Wayne County were essentially all

addresses of homes purchased by black families, in effect inviting vandalism and cross burn One of the first editorial decisions I made was to treat as a non-story black families mov-ing into the suburbs. Just like anybody else, if they took care of their house and were good neighbors, they were welcome to the benefit

of a suburban life style. And according to the

11 S. Concus. Livonio's African-American pon-

ulation tripled in a decade, rising from 265 to

Common sense is a beautiful thing

debt be paid first. I agree with them.

On another subject, have you been reading

tax increases to pay for employee benefits. The layoff of police and fire personnel to pay for general fund deficits due to high retirement benefit meter. Our players and the personnel to pay for general fund deficits due to high retirement benefit meter.

cfit costs. City administrations asking taxpayers, who may not have health insurance or pensions

Filing bankruptcy to avoid paying retiree bene-

Articles asking how can a bustling and grow

ong suburb ne broke:
Oh, excuse me; the articles are referring to
cities such as Royal Oak, Detroit. River Rouge,
Warren and companies such as Delphi and K-

Mart. However, if we don't change our ways it

Novi you will soon be able to insert the name

thing is that we can take very simple actions right now to eliminate these dire headlines. Here is that common sense thing again

There is that contained sense using again.

I believe all new city employees should have
the opportunity to financially secure their retire

fix (establish) the amount of taxpayer dollars

that are being thrown at Novi's defined benefit plan. Remember, I said future employees. I believe current employees could also have the

option to convert.

How about the recent newspaper article about

Delphi (insert Novi)? "Delphi (insert Novi) has millions of dollars in under-funded health obli-

hing to work for a company (insert city) for 25

." And this quote, "It's a terribl

ment with a defined contribution plan. This will

in all of these articles. The interesting

themselves, to pay for those city benefits:

suburb be broke?

about Novi in the daily papers lately? Prope

group we were competing against pu

951, with an additional 1,113 residents identifying themselves as multiracial.

Sadly, there's no doubt that race lurks under

many feelings that people have, especially when times are tough and the economy of Southeastern Michigan seems to be spiraling down without a pause. Crises, whether it's a bad economy, a tight election race or the disaster in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, often bring out the

worst in people.

The local parallel to Katrina, of course, was the riots that shook Detroit in 1967. As I recall

those dark days, it seems that media coverage this year was much more sympathetic to the plight of poor African-Americans than they re to the blacks in Detroit back then. Back then, black Detroiters - then called Negroes — were portrayed, unfairly or not, as having brought disaster on themselves and their community by looting, burning and attacking

the police.

Since 1967, a lot of people of both races have moved out of Detroit into the suburbs They have done so for the same reasons as an

earlier generation of migrants when I first got into this business. into this business.

They wanted then and want now to live in good communities with good schools and a

Both the yahoos who said silly things at the public hearing in Livonia and the mayor of Detroit ought to remember that people mostly do what is in the best interests of their families We'd all do well to remember that's some-

plan for 25 years, it would have not been an

sue. It is true that the city does not have the money

to support the current employee's future health benefits and the health benefits of the current

erirees (I'll bot you did not know that). I have

made city council aware of that. This shortfall is exposed in the city's financial audit statement and it is titled "Unfunded Post Retirement

With continuing reductions in state shared

revenue and reduced city revenue due to the Headlee Amendment, it will be easy to fix this

problem in the near future. City council can

the choices are really not easy are they?

Do you want to pay higher city taxes?

So, when you read about these cities or

Motors, Ford Motor Company, Dow Coming, Federal-Mogul, Texaco and all of the others, just plug in the word "Novi." And remember that the

efforts that I have made to change and improve

our future have been resisted. Actually, I can understand this resistance. Change is scary to most people. Common sense and good public policy are sometimes difficult to implement.

Hopefully, common sense and good public

policy will prevail. The time to address the future of Novi is now. The time to speak frankly

and plan for fair and reasonable employee bene

The future of our city is being played out before our eyes in neighboring cities and companies across this great country of ours — and it is not

Lou Csordas is the mayor of the city of Novi. He can be reached at (248) 348-1106.

fits is now. All we need to do is look around.

Northwest Airlines, Delta Airlines, General

aise your taxes or cut personnel. Well, I guess

Phil Power is a longtime observer of polities, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at p power@hennet.com

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City's in good hands with Molloy

It is my distinct pleasure and honor to be the first person to say con-gratulations to David Molloy, who has just been officially promoted to the position of police chief for the City of Novi.

ntion was announced by the City Manager Rick Helwig. and written documentation delivered to every city council member on Wodnesday, Sopt. 28. The promotion is effective immediately.

I have known chief Molloy for many years, I am the only person

south of the Mackinaw Bridge who can say that if it wasn't for ming about of the machina bridge officer. As a detective, I was assigned to do background checks on several police applicants. David Molloy was one of the applicants that I was assigned to igate. My partner (who now lives in the Upper Peninsula) and I David's home and conducted a home interview. We we oth very impressed with what we learned and what we saw. David came from a great family and was a model citizen. After completing

the lengthy background investigation, we urged the police administra-tion to hire David as quickly as possible. The Michigan State Police were also conducting background checks on David, and if we didn't act quickly, he would be offered a job with them. Our chief, Lee BeGole, and deputy chief, Dick Faulkner, took our advice and offered David the position of Novi police officer. That was in 1989, Since then, David has demonstrated the most professional qualities imaginable. David has exemplified professionalism, dedica qualities imaginable. David has exemplified that he was assigned ton, and excellence in each and every project that he was assigned to. David rose to the top of every group that he participated in. Soon, every command officer knew that if you wanted a job done, and done

ight, give the assignment to David Molloy. David wasn't content to sit pat in one division. He applied for and David wasn't content to sit partitions distributed by a accepted into an undercover role in the police department where he flourished. Then he was promoted to the rank of detective where he y investigated and prosecuted criminals for a m offenses. He came back to the road patrol as a sergeant and was able to teach other officers (and other sergeants) about work ethics. It was 't long and he was promoted to a division commander rank and was charged with running all the investigative and support functions for the Novi Police Department. David worked very hard in that role and had a direct hand in every single impo Novi. He distinguished himself above all others, and when the posi tion of deputy chief opened up. David was the clear choice for that

job.

With Chief Shaeffer's sudden passing, we are all very, very fortunate to have David Molloy trained and ready. David has prepared his whole life for this job. Everyone in Novi may rest comfortably tonight knowing that the Novi Police Department is once again in

capable, steady hands.

Congratulations, Novi Chief of Police David Molloy, May God watch over you and the men and women you command.

Bob Gatt Novi City Councilmember

# Celebrating Novi's diversity

Last saturday, I attended the International Festival at Novi Civic Center and was surprised to see the diversity in Novi City. Many dif-ferent Asian countries displayed their cultures, dresses, jewellery and food. I saw people enjoying the food at the multi-purpose room and enjoying the songs outside sitting at the benches. I saw the smiles on

crigoring the sold construction of the tune of music. It was a great show for four hours.

I am sure this festival will be for a full-day event in coming. r and sure uns resulval with or to a surface veem in coming years. We appreciate Ms. Trucie Ringle's efforts to arrange this event and send our sincere good wishes on this successful festival. Our con-gratulations to the administration of city of Novi for supporting and

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· Meadowbrook Congregational Church invites everyone to attend a Sunday wor ship service at 10 a.m. A full nummage sale will take place Friday, Oct. 14 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 15 from

9 a.m./l p.m. The church is located at 21355. Meadowbronk Road, between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads. Call (248) 348-7757.

 The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross offers a worship service every Wednesday from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Come and share your funch hour with God at a worship service that includes scripture and Holy Communion. The church invites all to worship Sundays at 7:45 and 10 a.m. Nursery care is available at 10 a.m. worship service. (The nursary is coordinated by a registered

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s held at 8:30 p.m. Rite 13 tages 11-14) and J2A tages 14 and upi groups meet at 5 p.m. for their program and dinner. Youth Worship Service is held at 7 p.au. the second and fourth Sunday of every month; all are welcome.

Episcopal Church of 40700 W, 10
Cross is located at 40700 W, 10

Mile Road, Novi. Call (248) 427-1175 or visit www.churchofthe

· Faith Community Presbyterian Church invites you to worship at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for ages Pre-K through high school and nursery care is available at both serv-ices. Women's Bible study resumes today. All events can be registered for by contacting the

The famed University of Michigan 100 member Gospel Choir will be performing at Faith Community Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Oct, 9 at 4 p.m. There is no cost for this event, but a free will offering will be taken. The gospel choir has been

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· Oak Pointe Church service times will be at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. every Sunday. Visit www.oakpointe.org or call (248)

8847 or visit www.holyfamily-

novi.org.

• St. James Catholic Church is located at 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi, Call (248) 347-7778.

8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Sunday The church is located at 777 W Eight Mile Road (at Taft Road) orthville. Phone (248) 349-1144, or visit www.fumcnorthville.org.

 Church of the Holy Cross located at 40700 W. 10 Mile Road (between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads). Visit www.charchoftheholycross.com

 St. John Lutheran Church is located at 23225 Gill Road in Farmington Hills. Saturday serv-ice begins at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday traditional services are at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday conten porary service begins at 9:50 a.m. and Sunday school starts at in the church sanctuary. The evening will be followed by a friendship hour to meet and greet 9:45 a.m. Nursery is provided. Call (248) 474-0584 for more

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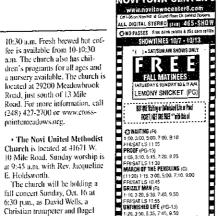
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Natico is hereby given that the Regular Interview meeting of the Novi City Council scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. has been cancelled. This notice has also been posted at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W 10 Mile Road, on cable Channel 13, the City of Novi's website: <a href="https://www.c.novi.ml.us">www.c.novi.ml.us</a> and the Novi Public Library.

**NOVI CITY COUNCIL** 

(10-6-05 NN 244459)

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CMC, CITY CLERK

# CITY OF NOVI **CLOSE OF REGISTRATION** FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2005 -**GENERAL ELECTION**

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi, Oakland County

Notice is hereby given that Tuesday, October 11, 2005 is the last day

Notice is hereby given that Tuesday, October 11, 2005 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above election.

All Nov residents will elect a Mayor and three Gouncil members. Novi residents in the Northville Public School District. There will be a Millage Proposal for Operational Purposes - 3.0 mills to allow Northville Public Schools to Headlee Restoration) Full text of the millage proposal may be obtained by contacting Director of Business and Finance John Street, Northville Public Schools, Sol W. Main Street, Northville Jublic Schools, Sol W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167, Ielephone (248) 349-3400.

48161, telephone (249) 349-300.
Novi residents in the South Lyon Community School District will vote for two (2) members of the Board of Education - 6 Year Term from

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If you are not currently registered to vote in the City of Novi at your esent address, you may do so in any of the following ways:

 In Person:

 At the Novi City Clerk's Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road during normal business hours.

 normal pusiness nours.

At any of the Secretary of State Branch Offices located throughout the State during normal business hours.

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Mail-in voter registration applications may be obtained by visiting the city's website at <a href="https://www.ci.novi.mi.us">www.ci.novi.mi.us</a> and click on forms, then click on Vote

## Sy Mail:

By Mail:

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# **EDUCATION**

# Schools to start after Labor Day

Former

students

By Ramez Khuri

police officer

now dean of

Mary Anne Wizinsky attrib-

utes most of her success in the Novi Community School District to her previous profes-

As a Houston police officer, Wizinsky, or "Wiz" as most call her, learned how to deal with

neonle. She learned safety skills

and how to pay close attention to every detail in her environment.

Though it really doesn't per-

tain to her job at Novi High, she

even learned how to shoot a gun using her right and left hands. Wizinsky is now Novi High

School's new dean of students

She took over this school year after Jamii Hitchcock moved on to a different position outside of

Wizinsky moved from Houston to Novi High School 19 years ago. She worked as a teacher there for two years

before taking a position at Novi Middle School, teaching English — a job she held for about 17

and the homecoming and prom

dances. She's also in charge of

making sure that relief efforts for national disasters such as Hurricane Katrina run smoothly.

In her spare time, Wizinsky

also assists in athletic contest

supervision, she oversees all 11th grade student concerns and

trum of the student body every day, and I get to work with all different levels," she said, "I get

to work with the freshmen, soph

omores, juniors and seniors and student council, and I took two

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the district.

Decision won't affect Novi for two more years

Beginning next fall, most school districts in Michigan will

open after Labor Day.

Most that is, except Novi.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a bill requiring the later start to the school year last week to ensure that tourism in the state extends later into the summer months. "It's a law that we're going to

abide by," said Peter Dion, superintendent. "We're going to have to adjust when it comes our time. There's nothing we can d one way or the other. The legislature has said it and we're

going to abide by that ruling."

The bill was signed after the
Novi Community School District had a three-year teacher contract in place, however, which means Novi will start before labor day for two more years: Aug. 28 for he 2006-07 year and Aug. 27 for 2007-08.
"This bill that the governor

signed does not override our contract," Jim Koster said, assistant superintendent of business and finance for the district. "Right now we are under a contractual obligation with the calendar that's already there for the next two years after this."

Koster said the only thing that can change the contract would be an amendment to it, but as of right now there are no talks to do so. Tourism officials and business leaders from the northern and western parts of the state urged the governor to sign the bill. They

said it would encourage families

to take vacations in Michigan later in the summer. Education groups and some lawmakers, however, argued that the decision on when to start should be left to school districts. They also said students start practicing for fall sports and marriage band in early August, keeping them at home regardless of when

state not dictate to us how we, or when we operate our schools," said Bruce Bagdady, board of education president. "But it is the law, and when the time comes for us come in compliance, when our current contract has expired, we will

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Novi's new dean a Wiz with students

Novi High School Dean of Students Mary Anne Wizinsky, left, looks over some Homecomming information with student council representative Lindsey Yusko. Wizinsky is involved in coordinating student activities at the school.

sophomores on a leadership field trip. It's a job that facilitates a whole lot of fun in the building, and it's all about engaging students to be involved and to enjoy ask for suggestions as well."

As she reflects on her past,

"I was thrilled when I saw the (dean job) opening," Wizinsky said, "The job is everything I expected. In fact, I told everytheir high school years."

Wizinsky s line of work would probably overwhelm most, but she takes it all in stride. She explained that the hardest part is explained that the hardest part is go through an academy to learn of the commends. their high school years."

been this one."

A huge part of Wizinsky's new job deals with student activities. She oversees and facilitates all clubs, co-curricular activities and the homecomina and prom

which definitely applies to me in the school. I'm just thrilled to

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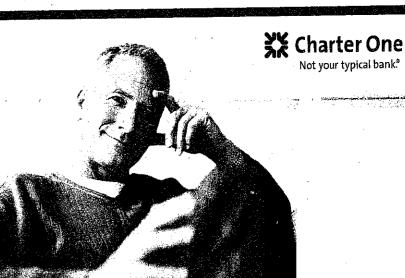
Mary Anne Wizinsky

### Interesting facts about Mary Anne Wizinsky:

. She attended Novi High School as a student unti mid-way through her senior year, when her family moved to Houston in the

ate 1970s. • She earned her college degree in education in louston, and substituted for a while until her brother, who was recruiting for the Houston Police Department asked if she would like to teach at a police academy to which she replied, yes. She became a police.

officer in Houston before moving back to Novi to be a



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The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Logging Recorder according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages will be available at the Pre-Bid Meeting.

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10:00 A.M. at the Police Training Lettler, 91:25 W. Intrinsical 48375.

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# **ALENDAR**

# **EVENTS**

### **Movi Theaters Productions**

Chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party, will be the LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, neaker and chief chili judge and CONTACT: (248) 347-0400 the event includes live entertain-

### Novi Concert Band Rehearsals

TIME/DATE: 7:30-9:30 p.m., uesdays, ongoing LOCATION: Novi High School.

Taft Road
DETAILS: Open to all wind and percussion player CONTACT: Diran Kochyan,

### Maybury Farm's Second Annual Com Maze

locally and regionally for over ten years and will be discussing immi-gration into America and the resources available. A computer TIME/DATE: 5-9 p.m., Friday: 1-9 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays LOCATION: Maybury Farm, 50165 Fäght Mile, east of Napier Road in Northville. Use the farm genealogy class on Family Tree Maker 2005 -- Should I Upgrade: will be held at 1:15 p.m. tprior to the regular meeting). The public is entrance on Eight Mile and follow around to the Maze parking lot there is no fee if you use the Maybury Farm parking lot. Follow the signs to the Corn Maze invited to attend both, free of charge. Individual help on genealogy is offered by society members at the Northville District Library on entrance at the Maybory Farm Monday afternoons 1-3 p.m. and / appointment. CONTACT: Grace Wilfong.

DETAILS: The Corn Maze ponsored by Metro Detroit Farmer Jack stores, will be open through www.rootsweb.com/-mings

### Lyon Oaks County Park Fun Run/Walk

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 8 TIME: 10 a.m. LOCATION: 52251 Pontine Trail between Old Plank and Wixon roads, Lyon Township DETAILS: Fees for the 5K Fun Run/Walk are \$18/person, which includes a t-shirt, lunch and free parking. CONTACT: City of Wixom. (248) 624-2850

### Archaeology in Oakland County

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 8 TIME: 9 a.m. noon LOCATION: Pine Grove listorical Complex, 405 Cesar Chavez Complex, Pontiac DETAILS: Third such event pre-

sented by the Oakland County Historical Commission, Event will focus on the latest in Oakland County's archaeology.

CONTACT: Kathy Mutch, Novi

### 1211; R.S.V.P. at (248) 370-2434. Democrats of West Dakland County

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 8

a modern day musical about teenage life with youth cast mem LOCATION: UAW Local 36, bers including Northville and Novi BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

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individual and \$30 for family tick-

CONTACT: (248) 624-4753 or

LOCATION: Northville District

Library, 212 W. Cady St. DETAILS: Speaker Shirley

Hodges has presented seminars

Comedy Club III with

comedian Dan Smith

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 15

Elementary School, 29200

Thinteen Mile Road

Oktoberfest

LOCATION: Meadowbrook

Meadowbrook Road, just south of

DETAILS: Crosspointe Meadows Church is sponsoring this event, Tickets are \$9, or 3 for

\$25 and includes a complimentary

everage and snack bar. CONTACT: (248) 427-2700

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 22

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TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Walled Lake

DETAILS: Behind The Scenes is

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH

349-1144\* 8 Mile & Taft Roads orship Services 8,30am & 10,00am Rev John Hice Rev Lisa Cook

i, contemporary, (248) 912-0043

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, ELCA

Western High School.

Northville Genealogical

TIME: 2:30 p.m.

Society

DETAILS: Mark Breser

of Wixom Road.

# residents, Tickets are \$12 per per-CONTACT: (248) 477-3830 **Borders Bookstore Events**

LOCATION: 43075 Crescent Bonleyard, Novi CONTACT: (248)347-0780 Book Signing Jim Brickman Performance DATE: Sunday, Oct. 9

TIME: 4 p.m. DETAILS: Classically trained pianist, Jim Brickman performs music from and signs copies of his

# new CD from Walt Disney

Records, "Jim Brickman: The Disney Songbook." Rusty Anderson Performance DATE: Thursday, Oct. 13

TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Rusty Anderson is a guitarist, songwriter and singer who has played in Paul McCarmey's band for the last four years. He has a new solo album called Undressing Underwater. Rusty will be playing on Paul's entire U.S. tour this fall.

Educator Appreciation Weekend DATES: Friday, Oct. 14-

fuesday, Oct. 18 DETAILS: This event is open to teachers, librarians, principals, home school parents, school support staff and other educators Educators must bring a school ID or paycheck stub to be eligible to receive the special discounts, giveaways and special events. In addiion, all educators are invited to an exclusive reception 5 p.m., Friday.

October 14. Author Book Signings DATE: Monday, Oct. 24 TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: Vince Flynn will be signing his book, "Consent to Kill".

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 29 TIME: 1 p.m. DETAILS: Kate DiCamillo. author of "Because of Winn-Dixie", will be signing her new ook Mercy Watson to the

# Borders Express-Twelve Oaks

Mall LOCATION: Detroit Public Television, Grand River at Napier Book Signings DATE: Saturday, Oct. 8 TIME: noon-2 p.m. DETAILS: Catherine Nichol. Independent Sales Director for the DETAILS: This event includes childrens' activities, food, German Band, entertainment and dancing. CONTACT: (248) 624-2850 Pampered Chef will have products on display with copies of "The... Pampered Chef: The Story of One **Behind The Scenes** 

Rescue

of America's Most Beloved DATE: Saturday, Oct. 22 TIME: 1-3 p.m. DETAILS: Author Colleen

Burear will be signing her book "You Know You're in Michigan

# LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

DATE: Saturday, Nov. 19 TIME: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Gardeners of Northville and

DETAILS: This will be a Hands on Holiday Fresh Greens centerpiece workshop and decorating presentation. Make your centerpiece and get decorating ideas. Limited seating, Reservations are CONTACT: (248) 348-1946 of

# visit Website www.gardener snorthville-novi.org

# Wixom City Council

SCHOOL/

DATE: Tuesdays, Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 9, 22; Dec. 13 and 20 TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Wixom City Hall, 49045 Pontiac Trail CONTACT: (248) 624-4557

**GOVERNMENT** 

# **Novi City Council Meeting**

DATE: Mondays, Oct. 10 and Nov. 14 and 28; Dec. 5 and 19 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Civic Center,

45175 W. 10 Mile Road

# CONTACT: (248) 344-0470

**Novi School Board Meeting** DATE: Thursdays, Oct. 20: Nov LOCATION: Educationa Services building, 25345 Taft Road

CONTACT: (248) 449-1200.

# **BUSINESS**

"Business and Legal Challenges for Automotice Suppliers in China and India

DATE: Thursday, Oct. 6 TIME: 2-5 p.m. LOCATION: Sheraton Hotel. 2111 Haggerty Road, Novi-DETAILS: The International Section of the State Bar of

Michigan will present this semina panelists will discuss the business climate and opportunities in China and India for automotive suppliers, as well as business and legal challenges. The event is free, reservations are required. Lawyers, law students, and automotive suppliers

are welcome.

CONTACT: Virginia Balan, (313) 496-7815 or balan@millercanfield.com.

### CITY OF NOVI **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

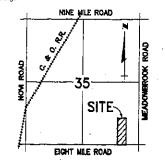
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 26, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45:75 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING ORDINANCE, TEXT AMENDMENT 18:200. TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NOVI TO MODIFY SECTION 2505, TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES, FOR THE LAND-BANKING OF PARKING SPACES THROUGHOUT THE CITY. 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, 45:175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48:375 until 4:00

day, October 26, 2005

(10-6-05 NN 245150)

### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 12, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45/15 W. Ten Mille Road, Novi, M. to consider NORMANDY HILLS ESTATES, SITE PLAN NUMBER DOAD, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WOODLAND PERMIT, WEILLAND PERMIT, AND STORM WATER: MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 35, NORTH OF EIGHT MILE, ROAD, AND WEST OF MEADOWBROOK ROAD IN THE R-1, ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT. The subject property is approximately 9.31 arrest Val. The confidence in the subject property is approximately 9.31 arrest Val. The confidence is the subject property is approximately 9.31 arrest Val. The confidence is the subject property is approximately 9.31 arrest Val. The confidence is the subject property is approximately 9.31 arrest Val. The confidence is the subject property is approximately 9.31 arrest Val. The confidence is the subject property is approximately 10 per value. property is approximately 9.31 acres total. The applicant proposes b ing a 900-foot long cul-de-sac and utilities to serve 13 lots for single-



# LOCATION 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, 45176 W Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 12, 2005.

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION WAYNE WROBEL, SECRETARY io-6-05 NN 245152)

# **Business Referrals**

DATE: every Wednesday LOCATION: Novi Civic Center 45175 10 Mile Road

TIME: 7-8:30 a.m. DETAILS: Meeting of local pro-fessionals and business looking to increase word-of-mouth referral business. Various classifications open and eager to bring you quali-fied business leads. CONTACT: (7.34) 462-6460

### Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Events

Spotlight Lunches DATES / LOCATIONS: Wednesday, Oct. 12. Volare Assorance, wixous

New Member Reception and Orientation

TIME: 8:30-10 a.m. LOCATION: Chamber Office. 305 N. Pontiae Trail, Suite B. Walled Lake Evening Connection
DATE/LOCATION: Thursday.

Oct. 27. Open Door Outreach

Center, 7170 Cooley Lake Road,

DATE: Thursday, Oct. 20

# **CLASSES**

### Sixth Gate Cloggers Beginners Class

DATE: Wednesdays through Oct. 26 TIME: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 10 Mile, west of Novi Road DETAILS: The fee is \$24 for Novi residents; \$36 for non-re dents, 12:30-3 p.m., drop-in class with a \$4 fee CONTACT: (248) 669-2253.

# Travel Agent Class

# Tuesday, Oct. 25 TIME: 7-9 p.m LOCATION: Novi Middle

School, Tall Road, between 10 and Grand River roads. DETAILS: Community
Education hosts this class on learn ing how to become a home based CONTACT: (248) 449-1206

### Rasement Remodeling Classes-Novi

TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m Tuesday, Oct. 25 and Thursday, LOCATION: Novi Middle

Wixom Road, Novi CONTACT: (248) 449-1206 to register 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday or visit Website www.buildersinstitute.co Basement Remodeling Classes-

Walled Lake TIME/DATE: 6-10 n.m Tuesday, Nov. 1 and Thursday,

LOCATION: Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake CONTACT: Walled Lake Community Education, (248) 956 5000 to register 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.,

LOCATION: Creative Arts tudio, Assarian Cancer Center, sponsored by Novi Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute and are 17601 Grand River Ave DETAILS: Artist May Teevan: insmets. Class will include draw ing, pastels, watercolor and mixed media. There is a \$5 materials fee. designed to help people make bet http-in or register. CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

ter use of valuable space in their homes by planning and completing The instructor will explain the many facets of basement remodeling including space planning, meeting building codes, insurances, peras the basics of construction. The instructor will also discuss working with subcontractors and finishing techniques. The seminar costs \$99

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# DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 18 and

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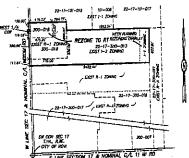
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### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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To rezone a part of the West 172 of Section 17, T.N., R.B.E., City of Novi, Cakland County, Michigan, being parcels 22-17-300-013, -018 & -019 more particularity described as follows:
Parcel 22-17-300-013
Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 17 (nominal Cf. of Wixom Road) said point being N011003/07W, 2010.00 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 17; thence continuing N011003/07W, 177-84 feet along said Westerly line; thence N89'39'40'E, 770.00 feet; thence N010'03/07W, 270.00 feet; thence S00'07'10'W, 627-61 feet; thence S89'39'40'E, 770.00 feet; thence S00'07'10'W, 627-61 feet; thence S89'39'40'E, 422-44 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 25-98 acres.
Parcel 22-17-300-018
Beginning at the West 1/4 corner of Section 17; thence N00'19'49'W, 156.00 feet along the West line of Section 17 (nominal Cf. of Wixom Road); thence S09'3'438'E, 475-23 feet; thence N00'19'47W, 175-20 feet to a point on the West line of Section 17 (nominal Cf. of Wixom Road); thence N00'19'47W, 119.02 feet along 14 will west line of Section 17 (nominal Cf. of Wixom Road); thence N00'19'14'W, 119.02 feet along 34' West line to the point of beginning. Containing 3.00 ecres.

feet along said West line to the point of beginning. Containing 3.00 acres

Parcel 22-17-300-019
Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 17 (nominal C/L of Wixon Road) said point being S00°19'14'E, 119.02 feet from the West 1/4 corner of Section 17, thence S80°34'38'E, 175.0 feet; thence N00°19'14'W, 275.02 feet; thence S80°34'38'E, 294.77 feet; thence S00°19'49'E, 666.00 feet; thence S80°34'38'E, 294.77 feet; thence S00°19'49'E, 666.00 feet; thence M89'34'38'W, 70.00 feet to a point or the West line of Section 17 (nominal C/L of Wixom Road); thence N00°19'14"W, 390.98 feet along said West line to the point of begin

ntaining 8.77 acres. FROM: 1-2 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT 12 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT
R-1 ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
R-1 ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT WITH
PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY
ORDINANCE NO. 18.647
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 647

CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN
All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may it heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45176 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 26, 2005.

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in a drawing for \$20 in Borders Gift Cards. The drawing will be olus \$10 for textbook and materials. held November 1.

Benefit for NPL Walker

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 8

PLACE: Emagine Theatre at

DETAILS: Emagine Theatre a

screening of the new film, 'Wallace

& Gromit: The Curse of the Were-

Rabbit," All proceeds from ticket

sales benefit the Walker Library Building Fund, Individual tickets

are \$6. A family pack of four tick-

ets is \$20. Tickets are available for

Ancestors Online for Seniors

earch techniques for locating

genealogy information.

DATE: Monday, Oct. 10

Snack Tales

purchase at the Novi Public Library.

antain Walk is holding a special

**Building Fund** 

Fountain Walk

TIME: 10 a.m.

# Healing Arts' "Tuesdays at

DATE: Every Tuesday night LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave.,

nFTAILS: Variety of activities or the adult community to come and cujoy a unique mix of classes Center for the Healing Arts. Some sisties may include a supplies ee (no more than \$10). CONTACT: (248) 465-5483

### Line Dancing Classes

DATE: every Monday and DATE: Monday, Oct. 10 TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., begin-FIME: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. nen: 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate LOCATION: Novi Ice Arena. **DETAILS:** Designed for seniors 12400 Arena Drive (activity room eria floor) ancestors, this program identified DETAILS: No partner needed key genealogy websites and effec-

for lessons in this pay-as-you-go program. Cost is 55 for Novi resi-dents and for those ages 55 and up; 6 for non-resident CONTACT: (248) 348-9116

LIBRARY

**Novi Public Library Heurs** 

LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten

a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10

DETAILS: Unless noted below.

programs take place at the

Help Match the Walker

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natch the SI million Walker chal-

lenge grant. Just go to our website (http://novi.lib.mi.us), and select the

Make a Donation button on the

Library Board Meeting

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: City Council

Chambers at the Novi Civic Cente

DETAILS: Community mem-

DATES: now through Oct. 31

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or before October 31, Everyone

DETAILS: If you are in grade 9 and higher, stop in the Library and pick up a reading game card. Complete the six activities on the

rs are welcome to attend.

Teen Reading Game

DATE: Wednesday

Millian Online ....

LINES

a.m.-5 p.m.:

Providence Center for the DETAILS: This is for kinder-Healing Arts — Artist in garten-grade 3 and includes a story and making an edible treat based on the story. Call the library to reg-ONGOING: Thursdays TIME: 1-2:30 p.m.

### **Starlight Story Time**

DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 11 TIME: 7-7:30 p.m. DETAILS: Preschoolers and their families are invited to enjoy hedtime stories. No registration

**Walled Lake Library Events** LOCATION: 1499 E. West Manle Road, Walled Lake CONTACT: (248) 624-3772

### Weekly Story Hours

TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. DETAILS: Includes stories. HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 rafts, finger plays and games Designed for ages 1-5. No registra-Sunday, closed during the sum-

> Family Financial Discussion TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 10

library. CONTACT: (248) 349-0720 DETAILS: Investment cour sclors will discuss how to supplement current retirement plans; ho to plan for a child's college educa-The presentation is free of charge. DETAILS: You now can make a

# tion; and how to service debt faster.

Thursday, October 20

Novi City Council Chambers (Open to the public)

The future of Novi is at stake. Here's your chance to make sure the right people are in charge. Send your

Debate, Novi New

# Hospital, Commerce, Classroom C on the ground floor of the hospital. TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. DETAILS: No registration CONTACT: (248) 937-5017 **New Take Off Pounds Sensibly**

(TOPS) chapter DATES: Wednesday mornings LOCATION: Meadowbrook mons Activities Room, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi TIME: 11 a.m. weigh-in; 11:30

a.m. meeting DETAILS; \$20 per annual mem

# ovi Candidates Debate

Three open seats, Six candidates

Two candidates. Two-year term

# Novi City Council, 6-7:30 p.m. Four-year terms Novi Mayor, 8-9 p.m.

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# **HEALTH**

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**GROUPS** 

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DATE: meetings second

Thursday of each month TIME: 1 p.m. LOCATION: St. James Catholic

Kensington Valley Mothers of

each month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot,

DETAILS: This group provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple

birth children and their families.

Mothers of multiples living in and

around the Kensington Valley school conference are all welcome CONTACT: For more informa-

tion, call Jackie, (248) 437-5496

LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac

Trail, Wixom (parking behind the

DETAILS: Come for encourage-

ment, help, hope and prayer as you

face life's problems, issues and

frustrations. Drop in for five min-

utes or longer.
CONTACT: Nancy and Susan,

(248) 926-8332 or harvestfellow

**Breast Cancer Support Group** 

LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sina

DATES: second and fourth

Tuesdays of the month

ship@comcast.net

Women's Prayer Support

DATE: every Saturday

TIME: 9-10:30 a.m.

DATES: second Thursday of

300 Dorothy St., South Lyon,

Church, 46325 10 Mile Road,

### **Community Health Programs** DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 19, Fit

LOCATION: Oakland Physical Therapy, P.C., 47601 Grand River Avc., Suite B124, Novi, in Providence Medical Center DETAILS: Classes are free,

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DATE: Thursday, Oct. 27 LOCATION: Sheration Hotel, 1111 Haggerty Road, Novi. DETAILS: This event inclues dinner, free health screenings, a fashion show by The Clothing Cove of Milford and a presentation Boost Camp Day

Howard Shubiner, M.D. The cost is \$30 per person. CONTACT: (888) 440-REAL or vicit Website www.realmedicine.org/nightout

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ing, first and third Thursdays of Michigan RV Sale every month

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DATE: Friday, Oct. 14 TME: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m Medical Building, 47601 Grand DETAILS: A day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, informa-

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parking is \$5. Located in all halls. CONTACT: (517) 349-8881 or visit www.marvac.org Send your calendar items to Cal

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Maxine Chambo signs her paperwork for a 12-month lease at Meadowbrook Commons with assistant manager Rebecca Boyke.

# Moving into senior living

# ■Growing real estate bubble for communities

By Tracy Mishler

Maxine Chambo was excited to finally get the keys to her new apart-

The 82-year-old former Florida resident decided it was time to make her home in a senior community after the death of her husband, Alfred, in 2004.

Originally from Redford, Chambo said it was time to come back to Michigan, to live at the Meadowbrook Commons in Novi, to be closer to her brother and two

"I don't think I'd want to have another house," Chambo said, "My mother lived in a senior community for 11 years. If she could do it, I think I can too.'

Like Chambo, more elders are looking toward senior communities. Cheryl Zagorski, residential manager for Meadowbrook Commons, said a lot of seniors are looking for companionship and a community with similar interests and needs.

"The transition can be really tough because there are so many unanswered questions," Zagorski said, "They want to know, 'What's going to change for me?" Zagorski said they really work hard to make sure seniors get accli-mated to their new home.

We make sure they have all the pertinent information needed for the community," she said. "We make sure they have all the details needed to have a seamless move in.

Zagorski said she is working on a move-in packet that she hopes will include coupons and special offers to get the new residents acquainted to the community.

### Assisting the move

Carolyn Ives, retirement coun-selor at Pox Run, each month meets with over 100 seniors considering moving into the community.

"Our moving home program is an individualized program to help peo-ple make a smooth transition into our community," Ives said. "It was created to remove the burdens of moving for seniors."

Fox Run helps seniors find the right professionals to assist in self-

"For many people, the fear of moving into a senior community is downsizing," Ives said. "In a tough real estate market, a lot of seniors are worried about all the essentials that go along with selling their

"The biggest problem is getting the seniors from where they current-

ly live into here. Once in the Fox Run community, newcomers are welcomed by the

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Fox Run Senior Community 41000 13 Mile Road

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Resident Welcome Committee and orientation on the community.

"The residents welcome the residents here," Ives said. "Since we've only been here two years, it's very fresh in their minds about what it was like for them to be the newcom-

Both Fox Run and the Meadowbrook Commons have lim-

ited availability on homes. Meadowbrook Commons, offer-ing 115 apartments and 60 ranch homes, currently has a three-to-six month wait on one-bedroom apartments and at least a six-to-nine month wait for their two-bedroom

Fox Run, offering over 500 apart

Fox Kun, ollering over S00 apartments, still has apartments available depending on the floor plan. "Moving can be one of the hardest things to do," Zagorski said. "There should as much help as possible in making sure the arey as comfortable as they can be."

# **NOVI SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR**

# 8:45 a.m. Ponera Bread 9 a.m. Stretch and Strength 10 a.m. ......Body Recall 11 a.m. .....Jack Main , Medicare new RX Plan noon Lunch 12:30 p.m. Bingo 12:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge 2-2:30 p.m. Massage/Healing Touch

### Monday 10/10

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11 a.m	Blood pressure
11 a.m	Off Pounds Sensibly class
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1:30 p.m Sing a Long v	vith Caroline and George
2-2:30 p.m.	.Massage/Healing Touch

Thursday 10/13
9 a.m. Line dance
12:15Bridge*
1-2 p.m. Line dance cancelled
1:30-3 p.m Book Discussion "The Hornets Nest,
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# The Basics of Carpet

How carpet yarn is tufted or locked into a backing affects its texture and, ultimately, the long-term durability of your

There are several types of carpet constructions offering different features and benefits

Level loop pile carpets have a smooth surface formed by loops of the same height. Informal looking, they are excellent for rooms that get lots

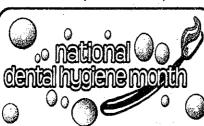
Multi-level loop pile carpets usually have two to three loop heights that create patterned effects for a casual look. These carpets typically provide good durability and retain their

Cut and loon pile is a combination of the two. Often multicolored, cut and loop helps hide soiling and footprints. Multi-colored carpet can be used for just about any room setting except the most formal.

Cut-pile carpets, featuring loops that are cut (leaving individual yarn tufts), come in four basic styles. Plush and velvet carpets offer a smooth, luxuri-ous surface. Saxonies have a similar finish, but pile yarns have more twist, creating a less formal look, Friezes use a curly textured surface which is less likely to show footprints and vacuum marks.



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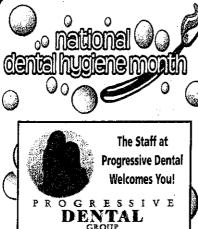


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### Just one more

The Novi Wildcats football team needs just one more victory to make it to the play offs yet again. Hartland is up next after the Wildeats edged South Lyon, 19-14, Jast Friday. - Page 3B



### **Making waves**

The Novi Wildcats swimming and diving team is swimming some of their best races in the past few years and already have several events qualified for the state finals.

# SPORTS



Regional Marketolace

Three Cedars Farms' owner Gary Whitaker, right, is joined by grandkids Alexis and Briana Thomason (2 and six mouths respectively) and "Hillbilly" Joe Hoskins at the Six Mile Road farm with its pumpkin patch, corn maze and other attractions.

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Thursday, October 6, 2005

# Quick

In the cutline for the photo of A.W. Stanck last week, the Novi News incorrectly identified him as scoring the lone goal against the Northville Mustangs. Shane Budlong who scored the goal.

### Good eats

The Northville Goomes The Northville Gournet, located on Eight Mile Road just east of Taft, has long been a favorite spot of Novi News sports writer Sam Eggleston for a place to grab something to eat the contribution.



football coach Tab Kellepourey said owner Dave Stewart "treats us well" as he watched the Michigan football game a few weeks back and chowed down on some of the Gounnet's top-

Gournet food and a football game? That's the way to go!

# Just one more!

The Novi Wildeats need just one more win in order to earn an automatic berth into the state playoffs. The general best way to earn a trip to the playoffs is six victories in a single season. If you end up with five wins, then it's a horrific mess of mathematical equations that is far too

much to explain in this column.

Cheek out www.mhsan.com if you want to see the math involved. Look under the sports link and go to football. It's on that web page. But any team that ends up with just five wins prob-ably doesn't belong any way. Most of the time, they're knocked out in some bruising

owout. That's why Novi just does it the tried-and-true way - six wins and they're in!

# ft's in the numbers!

So a few people took offense when the Novi News said Pat Sijan was the best football kicker in the conference

Well, he's gone 3-for-4 on field goals, 13-for-15 on extra points, booted 23 kickoffs for 1353 yards and six touchbacks and has used his leg for 19 punts for 679 yards and

a long of 61. There may be another kicker out there with more complete statistics, but our money is on Sijan any day. Besides, he does-n't miss them when they count.

# Live stats!

Willy Mena is the man. This guy knows stats inside and out and is so good, the professionals use him

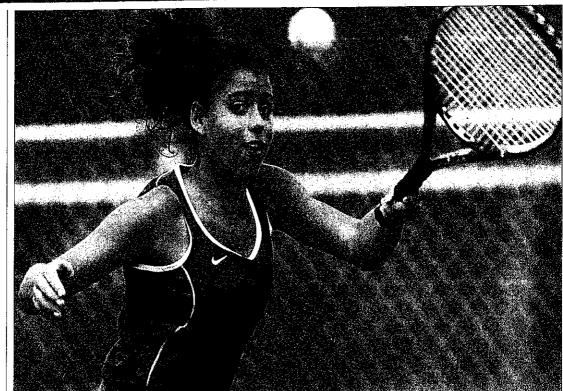
Mena also makes sure every ball game doesn't miss a beat either. Using some high tech gadgets, he's made it so his cell phone updates his computer, which in turn updates his Web page with play-by-play cover-

age.

If you're near a computer but can't make the game, check it out at www.menalogic.com/fo ball-live and you'll be practically

sitting at the game!

Of course, if you're not near a computer but you're near a radio, check out WOVI radio with Alex Prasad and Matt



Novi's Jenn Felcher, a freshman and ranked #4 for singles, returns a shot to her Hartland High opponent.

# Fitting in as a freshma

By Courtney Ratkowiak SPORTS INTERN

ennifer Felcher knows that playing with the big kids

just isn't that big of a deal anymore.
Felcher, after beginning her career at the age of
two, is now the only freshman on the Novi varsity tennis
team. This season, she was undefeated in the league and lost only three matches in regular-season play. She placed first in her flight at the KVC tournament on October I, winning matches against Harland and Brighton before defeating Howell in the finals.

retearing rowers in the lines.
Felcher first showed her potential for varsity-level playing during informal summer workouts and defeated returning players during tryouts to earn the fourth singles

"When I made varsity, I was very excited because I was not expecting it all," she said. "Coming in as a freshman, I just wanded to play. I tried my hardest (at tryouts) and I estimated to play. I tried my hardest (at tryouts) and I

achieved my goal."

Coach Jim Hanson said that, although grade level is not a factor in determining varsity players, it is uncommon to have a freshman on the team. player, very athletic and very fast on her feet. She's a tough player to play because she'll make you hit a lot of shots, she keeps the ball in play and usually just wears her oncome thour."

opponent down."

This season was Felcher's first with a competitive team

This season was Felcher's first with a competitive team; previously, she had individually competed in tournaments. Her favorite part of the experience was getting to know her teammates while being the youngest of the group. "They joke around and call me 'freshman', but it doesn't bother me," she said. "I think it's fun."
"You would think a typical freshman would be quiet and do whatever you ask them to, but she talks a lot and she's not, shy at all," senior captain Ayaino Nakamura added. "The upperclassmen are all nice to her. She's really outgoing and she fits in well."

Felcher admirts that, earlier in the season, she was some-

going and she fits in well."

Felcher admits that, earlier in the season, she was sometimes uncertain about her place on the team.

"I didn't know if I would do good on the team as four the control of "I didn't know it I would do good on the lean as four singles because it was my first year and there are other girls that could have taken my spot," she said. "I was sometimes nervous going into meets and not knowing who I was going to play, but the whole team helped me out."

Felcher's athletic talents extend beyond the tennis court. Although the fall tennis season does not allow her to play for the school basketball team, she plans to try out for vol-

to the skindow baskedoatt team, she pains to try out for vol-leyball and track. While participating in any sport, she said that she tries to stay optimistic and determined. "Before a game, I just try to have a positive attitude," she said. "I get pumped up for the game and just have in my head not to give up if my opponent is good, and I stick with that."

In the future, Felcher hopes to play number one singles while helping the team qualify for states. Hanson said that her accomplishments as a freshman have established a

ner accomplisations as a resimilar have established a solid foundation for a four-year varsity career.

"Sho'll be a very important person for the next three years, there's no doubt about that," Hanson said. "We're graduating a couple seniors out of singles, so ... she going to play higher up in the lineup (in the future). That's tougher competition, so she's going to have to continue to improve, but I think she will meet that challenge."

Courtney Ratkowiak is a sports intern for the Novi News. Comments can be directed to the sports department at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104.

# 'Cats win KVC, again

By Sam Eggleston

It's all in a decade's work for Jim

Hanson.
The Novi Wildcats tennis coach earned his 10th-straight Kensington Valley Conference title last week when his squad pounded through the league championships and came away with the top spot with 16

ornts.

The Wildcats won every flight ith the exception of one singles, with the exception of one singles, holding their seeding in each.

"The girls really stepped up and

met the challenge," said Hanson.
"We played well. We've played
well all year long in the KVC. I'm
really pleased with how we did and
I think the tournament really exemplified our depth, especially in sin-

"I'm really pleased with how we did and I think the tournament really exemplified our depth, especially in singles."

> Jim Hanson Novi Tennis Coach

only flight the Novi netters failed to snag a championship in was at first singles where Hartland's Caitlin McGuire won and Brighton's Jenny Nalepa taking

second. Novi's Ayano Nakamura finished third in the flight.

"She's our number one and she "She's our miner once and sale has the task of playing the best in both league and non-league competition," Hanson said. "She played a really good match. McGuire was just on and, with a player that caliber, she's hard to beat when she's on."

The Wildcats had Carly Lyall ine wildcats had Carly Lyall (second singles), Diana Tion (third singles), Jenn Felcher (fourth singles), Amanda Brandemihl and Allison Yee (first doubles), Jackie Wang and Siwei Wang (second doubles), Samantha Caldwell and



Photo by JOHN HEIDER Allison Yee Hartland High doubles team. Yee Is teamed up with Movi's Amanda Brandemihl.

By the numbers

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Ranking the Novi Wildcats soccer team has for Division I in Michigan

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Brighton soccer's ranking in Michigan, and they will play Novi today at Novi

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Events which Novi swimming has earned qualifying times for the state finals

Novi football needs to lock in state playoff berth

Ayano Nakamura in action against a Hartland High opponent

"That allowed me to sub-lib-

Just as half-time was prepar-

ing to begin, Marc Checcobelli tapped in a Matt Crawford pass for a 4-0 lead.

The second half was much of

the same as the first with Ballantyne firing home a 25-yard rocket off the goal post and

Cheecobelli finished the scoring off a pass from Trey Love.
Sean Simney didn't have points

much work, stopping four shots

The Brighton Bulldogs, who

went in with a comfortable six-

nto the net.

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for his sixth shutout.

Golf finishes up KVC

But Brighton finished sixth in

the tournament with a 326, while Lakeland and Milford, who finished first and third.

respectively, tied Brighton in

the final standings with 30 points apiece.
The KVC title is determined

by this method; Each place in the Pre- and Post-KVC meets is

worth from 14 points for the winner down to zero for last place. Each win in a regular-

season meet is worth two

Final KVC Golf Standings

# 'Cats win **KVC**

Libby Schulte (third doubles) and Cassie Gordon and Bindu Manyam (fourth doubles) earn flight championships. Now, Novi has to look forward to tomorrow's regional

tournament.

"It's the toughest regional in the state in Division I," said Hanson, "There are four top-10 ranked teams and two other teams that could win most

"It's going to be a tough competition and hopefully we meet the challenge. Hopefully we can qualify for the state finals." The finals, which will be held

next week in Midland, are the ultimate goal for any tennis team. But, Hanson isn't letting

goals get in the way of reality The Wildeats will host the regional at the middle school and high school tennis courts tomorrow starting around 8:30 a.m. and lasting all day long. Novi will have to come ready

"We're going to have to play our best match of the year," said Hanson, "Then, we have to hope

### Soccer playing strong

The Novi Wildcats were still on fire when they upended Howell, 6-0, last week.

The squad started things off The Kensington Valley Conference golf schedule wrapped up Monday with the Post-KVC tournament. when Adam Ballantyne put the ball in the back of the net on a drop pass from Ryan Carter. Four minute later, A. W. Stanek finished a Hiroki Yamada cross and six minutes after that Carter took a through pass from Stanek point lead over Milford, needed only to finish fourth to claim the and put it in the back of the net



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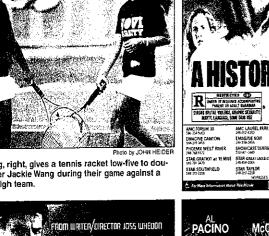
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upended Lakeland last week, 41-21, to improve to a 5-3 over-

all mark so far this year. The team was led by Nikki Stephen, who scored 10 points, while Jessie Gasiorek and Rachele Folino added eight each. Chantel Hill and Katelyn Photo by JOHN HEIDER Tuck notched four points each

### Boys lose close one

The Novi boys cross country

against the Brighton Bulldogs last week.

Coach Bob Smith said the Coach Bob Smith said the only way Brighton could beat Novi was with a first, second and third place finish. Unfortunately, that's exactly what the Bulldogs did in order to secure the victory.

Alex Prasad and Mike Wheat led the way, each running in the 16 nitway are restricted. A secure of the way and the secure of the way and the secure of the way and the way are restricted to the way are restri



### Tankers lose first meet

The Novi Wildcats swimming and diving team lost their firs dual meet of the year, 99-85, to state-ranked Northville last week.
The Wildcats had Amy

Glubzinski finishing first in div-ing while Julie Schramn earned her state cut in the 100 backstroke with a 1:03.64. Yukie Tamura and Mary Rudzinski were first and second in the 100 backstroke while

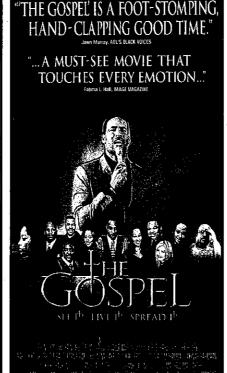
Kerry Abel finished second in the 50 freestyle and the 100 butagainst Lakeland, winning 140-46 in a dominating perform-

ance.
First place finishes included First place limities included Emily Stark in the 200 freestyle, Chelsea Reynolds in the 100 freestyle and Stella Chung in the 500 freestyle. The 200 yard freestyle relay

teams went one, two and three The teams were Stark, Dana Hapanowicz, Yalda Dastmalchi and Kerry Abel; Courtney Ratkowiak, Nina Abboud. Lauren Paquette, and Emily Erickson and Julie Schramm, Michelle Zerkich, Erica Benham and Kristen Engelson.

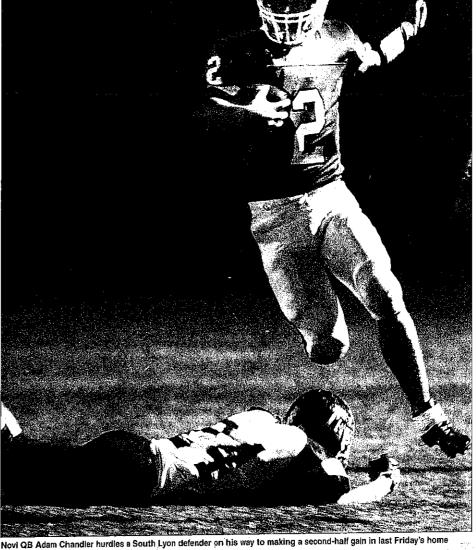


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# JUST ONE MORE!



# Kensington Valley Conference Football Standing South Lyon Pinckney . . . . 0 . . . Last Friday's Games Novi 19, South Lyon 14 Brighton 13, Howell 6 Lakeland 14, Pinckney 0 Milford 41, Hartland 7 JOHN HEIDER SAM EGGLESTON

Story by



Wildcat playcaller Steve Hart lofts an end-of-the-first-half touchdown pass to receiver Brandon Carnegie

# 'Cats tame Lions, eye playoff berth

Who says Novi junior Adam Chandler can't throw a football?

Not the South Lyon Lions, that's for sure.
Chandler connected with Brandon
Carnegie for a touchdown in the fourth quarter to beat South Lyon, 19-14, in a

Kensington Valley Conference showdown.

The game, played in front of a roaring student body, ended with as much intensity as it held throughout the first three quarters. The Lions, trailing with time expiring, started to march toward the endzone when a botched long snap hit the ground and was recovered by the Wildcats. Novi earned two first downs

and then took a knee, securing the victory.

"Momentum means a lot in a game like this," said Novi coach Tab Kellepourey. "We had it before they fumbled. The momentum in this game shifted in our favor and we most of it."

The Wildcats trailed, 7-0, after the first quarter but fought back to score a touchdown of their own on a 23-yard scoring strike to Carnegie from starting quarterback Steve Hart with Pat Sijan nailing the extra point for a 7-7 tie.

The Wildcats scored again in the third

quarter for a 13-7 difference following a four yard run by Chandler. Sijan's kick was no

South Lyon, not surprisingly, fought back, scoring again on an 87-yard pass that found the endzone after a dash down the field. The Lions hit the extra point, taking a 14-13 lead.

The Wildcats have never been the kind of team to just throw their hands up and quit and they showed that persistence again from their 20 yard line with 1:35 left in the third quarter. The 'Cats began to march, going 80 yards on 17 plays and cating up over ninc minutes of clock. The drive culminated with a six-yard pass from Chandler to Carnegie for the game-winning score with 4:55 left in

the game.

Novi's two-quarterback style has been one for several seasons. Kellepourey has run for several seasons. Three years ago, it was Chandler's older brother, Chase, and Hart's older brother, Mike, sharing time on the field. That team bowed out to Catholic Central in the region-

"It's something we've always done," said Howell Kellepourey.
Novi (5-1 overall, 4-1 KVC) is slated to

visit Hartland (2-4, 1-4) tomorrow at 7 p.m. Novi is most likely out of the conference title run, with Brighton winning last week over

SCORE BY QUARTER South Lyon 7 0 7 0 -- 14

LEADERS

Rushing: David Carnegle, 8-81; Adam Chandler, 5-24; Brandon Carnegie, 2-17; Brad Sisson, 4-11 Passing: Steve Hart, 14-20-138;

Chandler, 1-1-6 Receiving: Brandon Carnegie, 5-42; Bret Cocke, 4-36; Chandler, 3-33; David Carnegie, 2-21

Sacks: Eric Zhao, 1 Tackles: Ryan Figurski, 10; Alex Bartlett, 9; Mike Kolis, 9; Tyler Hoover, 7.5; Tom Spisich, 6.5

One more win, however, and Novi will be matically qualified for the state playoff

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Brandon Carnegie leaps in the air to catch

# Novi ready for victory



A South Lyon ballcarrier is brought down by Novi's Eric Zhao during last Friday's



Novi's David Carnegie takes off on a big secondhalf gain and was stopped just short of the goal line by the South Lyon defense.

contest.

Hartland's defense won't be the off a strong defensive front led by Tommy Spisich and Tyler Hoover.

Sacks have been a constant source of Novi's defensive pressure and the entire gang will be wanting

to duck and cover in a hurry. The Kensington Valley Conference squad is next on Novi's hit list as the Wildcats look to earn

Kellepourey, will use their combina-

tion of strong passing and impressive running ability when they visit Hartland tomorrow at 7 p.m.

The Wildcats, who are 5-1 on the

season and 4-1 in the KVC, are

thirsty for their sixth-straight playoff berth and won't be taking it easy on

any opponents. Hartland, on the other hand, is a 2-4 squad (1-4



a piece of the Eagles quarterback The player who could easily come away with the most take downs? runs like a defensive back and hits like a charging linebacker. This kid feeds off of big hits.

Of course, no game is a guarantee and Kellepourey and the coaching

staff will want to get this game secured early. Expect to see plenty

# Diving right in



Novi's Julie Schramm swims the backstroke for the Wildcats in a 200 meter medley relay.

# Novi swim and dive making a splash

By Sam Eggleston

quad, coached by Bill McCord,

After a drought of no state cuts for the past two seasons, this year's performance thus far is mething to be excited about.

Leading the way is jumor Julie Schramm, who qualified for the state finals in the 100 backstroke.

she missed that same cut last year

one-one-hundreth of a second. the finals in the 100 butterfly. an individual benti Also carning an individual berth freshman Kerry Abel, who has

0:25,54 in the 50 freestyle.

"Kerry is obviously very talent-ed and knows how to deliver in pressure situations," said McCord. of the winting events and we expect her to get a couple more out on a state finals berth by just a relays and four individual events cuts before the season ends.

> team player who has fit into our team with great grace The Wildcats have also carned

Novi also has two members of this year, she cannot the bright of the finals with a 1913.64. Plus then spind who are right on the she has a good chance at making cusp of making it to the next the finals in the 100 butterfly. Level of competition.

lu swimming, Hapanowicz, a sophomore, has already swam the 100 freestyle in (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seg-

ed and knows now to deliver in pressure situations," said McCord.

Amy Glubzinski, who is hoping to qualify for the diving regional

"Kerry is a hard worker and a

Leading the way is jumor Julie Schramm, who qualified for the state finals in the 100 backstroke.

"Julie's a hard worker and a very good leader," said McCord, "Ther qualifying swim was especially exciting for all of us because will be determined later, depending the same rul list year into uniform which swimming faction and diving the missed later. The wildcats have also carried said McCord, noting Ghibzinski. 200 freestyle relay and the 200 took seventh at the Oakland meetly exciting for all of us because will be determined later, depending and diving the same factors are supported by the same factors are sup

ing on who's swimming fastest at the time," McCord said.

Abel swam a 2:17.25 in the 200 56.19, individual medley as well as a "Dana is working hard every 180866 in the 40 heterfly and a day in pusuit of that goal, which to 225.54 in the 50 freestyle."

ing," said McCord.

Another familiar name is junior out on a state finals berth by just a few points.

This year, she's planning making the trek to Eastern Michigan University.
"She is diving well this year,"

Wildeats swimming and diving

team. Six events qualified for, and some on the cusp of, the state And there's still plenty of sea-



Novi's Rachel Waranowicz dives in during a home meet against Northville.

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Wildcat Kerry Abel swims the butterly portion of the



plunges into the

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# CATHOLIC CENTRAL SCOREBOARD

If the Catholic Central Shanrocks want to make the playoffs this year instead of bow-ing out in the regular season like last year, they had better learn to vin — and quick.

The squad, coached by Tom

lowed their Football third loss in a

matched contest against a stacked Orchard Lake St. Mary's squad, 17-7, on their home turf last

sverall and 1-2 in the Catholic League with the loss while St.

Mary's is still undefeated with a 6.0 and 3.0 mark, respectively. The Shamrocks played well throughout most of the game, but felt the sting of a big play when St. Mary's scored on a 72-yard pass from Justin Siller to Dionte Allen, Siller went 6-for-16 for 127 yards and also scored on a

Catholic Central will most likely need to win the remainder of their games if they hope to make the playoffs. Six victories

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Travel baseball and softball The Kensington Valley

ed Brother Rice in a Catholic League showdown, 25-34, to increase their record to 2-1 in

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similar structures. The first six

weeks will consist of an instruc-

Included in the league fees is

49th place with an 18:30.

### Shamrocks running well

Catholic Central Invitational recently, finishing second behind Lake Orion with 147 points in the five kilometer race.

ished with Cross Country

South had 168 and Plymouth had 169 for fourth. There were 20 teams totals in the race.

Leading the way for Catholic Central was Jason Morad, who finished 11th in 17:15 while

The Catholic Central

81 points \_\_\_\_\_\_ while third place Grosse Pointe

Zachary Oleski was 19th in 17:43, Finishing 33rd was David Champine with a 17:59 while Alex Toloff ran an 18:09 for 38th, Adam Gasior ran an 18:23

### Shamrock

Shamrocks cross country team has been running well in the late weeks of the season. Most recently the team defeat-

dual meets.
The squad also hosted the

could have foreseen the private smiling.

So it's no surprise Sprys is so That's what happens when a surprise Sprys is a deep in Novi sports. He's a foot-

# Sprys always a Wildcat Novi senior almost a

tem and I thought Novi was where I It's hard to believe Dan Sprys belonged," said sa salmost a Shamrock. Sprys. "I'm happy The Novi Wildcats foothall and I made that deci-It's hard to believe Dan Sprys was almost a Shamrock.

Novi school sys-

The Novi Wildcust football and wrestling standout, who is hardly ever seen without a smile on his face, had the opportunity to become a Catholic Central Shantrock his freshman year, but decided against it despite his father and uncle both being alumnity of the control of the department secre

it would not rather be anywhere else," said Sprys. "I think I kind of disappointed a few people in my family by choosing Novi, but I decided CC wasn't for me."

Back then, part of the decision was based on the drive out to Redford. There was no way Sprys. Even Sprys' sister, Rebecca, is grand to the drive out to Redford. There was no way Sprys.

Even Sprys' sister, Rebecca, is larged to the foresten the nigrate. Even Sprys' sister, Rebecca, is involved. She's responsible for spotting defensive statistics with

lifetime of Novi public schools leads up to the hopes and expectations of being a Wildeat.

The went through Novi school were the school of the top returning wrestlers at the school. So far, he said, he's happy with how his content to the school were the school of the top returning wrestlers and one of the top returning wrestlers at the school.

year has gone, His football team is 5-1 and needs just another win to

playoffs. "I'm happy with how our senior year is going so far." he said. "The football or wrestle at the collegiate with the collegiate with

first four games, we could very easily-make the playoffs." Sprys is hoping to one day spread the wealth of knowledge he has taken from sports and the

classroom.

Though he hasn't fully decidautomatically carn ed on a college, he's hoping to study education and one day become a teacher and a coach. Of course, helping pay for school via a scholarship athleti-

ball or wrestle at the collegiate level, he said, "I love both sports for different reasons. They're completely different,

at the kes a guarantee at this point. Even if the playoffs are almost a guarantee at this point. Even if the Nevi stumbles against Hartland tomorrow, they have homecomis ing against Milford and then the Baschine Jug game against a struggling Northville squad.

Yet, Sprys isn't pulling a Joe Namath.

"I'm not promising anvilotie a laughed, "I we'll we have homecoming against Milford and then the gridiron, one thing is always going to bring his best game.

Maybe that's why he's always smiting.

# HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULES

Manti unckel leadnes	l			
Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills	Football			
will offer separate Beginner	Varsity			
Adult Developmental Hockey	10-07-05	Away	Hartland HS	6:55 p.m.
Leagues presented by Labatt for	1A			
men and women during the	10-06-05	Home	Harrland HS	6:30 p.m.
fall/winter season.	Freshman			
Both leagues will run once per	10-06-05	Home	Hartland HS	4:30 p.m.
week for 25 weeks and will have				
10 C				

Soccer Brighton HS 7:00 p.m

tional training camp before divid-ing players into teams. Once teams have been formed, there 10-11-05 Away 10-13-05 Home South Lyon HS 7:00 p.m. Haritand HS 7:00 p.m. will be two practices prior to the beginning of games. The remain-der of the season will consist of 10-06-05 Home Brighton HS South Lyon HS 5:00 p.m. three games and one practice per

the cost of jerseys and instruc-tors, who will also serve as refer-Girls Swim and Dive 10-06-05 Away 10-11-05 Home ees during games in order to oach the players and teams during the play, on the bench and in 10-13-05 Home between periods. As a bonus, all players in the BADHL will get a Girls Tennis ree membership to the SIFH Fitness Club from September to March, as well as the opportunity to purchase a RBK 5K Modano 10-07-05 Away 10-14-05 Away pattern hockey stick for just \$75 (relail is \$150) courtesy of RBK

Hockey. The women's league will run 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., Sept. 11, 2005-March 26, 2006 (no ses-2003-Watch 20, 2000 (in set) sions on Nov. 27, Dec. 25, Jan. 1, or Feb. 5). The men's league will run 8:30 and 9:30 p.m., Sept. 19, 2005-March 20, 2006 (no sessions Oct. 31 or Dec. 26).
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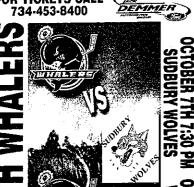


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# NFIB UPDATE

# Time to cure America's legal

Americans are famous for rally ing to great causes. When natural disasters strike, the nation's citizens never hesitate to reach out to those who are suffering. When chal-lenges to our national security occur, the hands of volunteers rise instantly. Major strides in medical science have become possible through the fund-raising efforts of who cared enough to get

Today, there is a disease that, if not treated and cured, could become fatal to millions of American small businesses and the jobs they create. It hasn't attracted the public attention that human diseases garner, but the potential for spreading like a plague exists. In fact, it has already taken root with-in our legal system and is growing at a phenomenal rate.

Spreading its malignant lingers to endanger the nation's free enter-prise sector is a deadly practice of lawsuit abuse that today costs Americans more than \$200 billion dollars a year – the equivalent of a 5-percent tax on wages. While some claims are legitimate, a large percentage of lawsuits are com-pletely without merit. But even when cases are frivolous, busines es have no choice but to dig deep to defend themselves, spending hard-earned dollars that should be allocated to growing their businesses and adding employees.

To draw attention to this dangerous disease, small-business activists will raise this



and other issues during National Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week, Oct. 3-During the week, local. national organ-

izations will cast the spotlight on individuals and attorneys who file baseless claims and victimize innocent people. These abusers of our legal system should be held accountable for

their actions.
Pro-small-business members of Congress also are joining the search for a cure by working for passage of H.R. 420, the Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act. The legisla-tion discourages frivolous lawsuits by reinstating several important provisions of Rule 11 of the provisions of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedures -rules that were changed in 1993. It also adds several new provisions to deter baseless claims.

A recently released NFIB Research Foundation poll found that the median total cost to settle a legal dispute is about \$5,000. Considering that the average small-business owner's salary is less than \$50,000 a year, it should be easy to understand why the economic pressures to settle are enormous. In fact, small-business owners say being sued is one of the most threatening experiences they encounter – especially for the smallest firms that could be put out of business by one frivolous law-

Liability reform is gaining momentum. States across the nation have recognized the need for change and have taken steps to limit frivolous lawsuits.

Anyone who doubts the need for lawsuit reform need only look to the recent attempts by trial lawyers to threaten legal action against caring citizens who rushed to aid Hurricane Katrina victims. When an institution of American society becomes so diseased that Good Samaritans are sued when trying to help people, the search for a cure must begin in earnest.

Jack Faris is the president of NFIB (the National Federation largest small-business advocacy group, A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More information is avail-able on-line at www.NFIB.org.

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Three Cedars Farms' owner Gary Whitaker, right, is joined by grandkids Alexis and Briana Thomason (2 and six months respectively) and "Hillbilly" Joe Hoskins at the Six Mile Road farm with its pumpkin patch, corn maze and other attractions.

# HREE CEDARS FARMS

If you think the days of visiting grandpa on the farm are over, you haven't seen Three Cedars Farm Township. Only a quiet country drive from South Lyon, Novi, Plymouth or Northville, it fea-tures all the charm of an old fashioned farm with a twist of

The farm itself resembles a Norman Rockwell painting with colorful landscaping and folk art accenting well-tended buildings and picket fences. This time of year it's surround-ed by piles of numbkins and ed by piles of pumpkins and colorful mums. Not only are the grounds attractive, Three Cedars is a fully functioning farm, harvesting their corn and pumpkins as well as providing entertainment. Owner, Gary Whittaker, notes the ideas just

We bought the farm ten years ago, and decided to plant pumpkins and it's taken off from there,"

Eventually they opened the farm for the public to enjoy. They now feature activities for all ages with twelve acres of U-Pick pumpkin patches and goat farm for the entire family to enjoy. There are group bonfires and an amazing corn maze - a great hit with all ages. The corn maze covers seven acres and is professionally designed by a company in Missouri. "A lot of people who come

through the corn maze during the day like to come back with flashlights at night," observed Whittaker's wife, Sherry, Every size of pumpkin is

available for purchase, including the designer white as well as squash, Visitors can also find ready picked pumpkins and fall décor including corn stalks and

"It's fun to have people come Sherry, took over the farm ten Whittaker. Thomason is the

DETAILS

Three Cedars Farm is open Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to dusk, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. or by appointment. School and group packages may be arranged. These events will be featured from now until Halloween. During the holi-day season the farm will be transformed into a display resembling a Currier and Ives. At that time they'll feature trees, wreaths and rop-ing for sale. Children can visit Santa and Mrs. Claus. Three Cedars Farm is located at 7879 Six Mile Road in Salem Township (Northville Mailing address) For more information or to book a school field trip, church group or family party call (248) 437-8200.

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out year after year to bring their families out and enjoy it," said Gary Whittaker. Fresh baked donuts and apple

cider are new this year, he added. Fall is the perfect season to visit the donut hut, where you can smell the fresh cinnamon and apple cider inside. You can buy cider by the glass, half or whole gallon. Scating is avail-able for visitors to sit down and

Whittaker and his wife,



The "General Store" gift shop at Three Cedars Farm.

years ago from his best friend, Fred Verran, whose name still remains across the big red barn. A packaging executive by trade, he is grateful to Verran for the opportunity to enjoy the agrarian lifestyle.

It's a family affair at Three Cedars where Whittaker's chil-dren, Jamie Martin, Carrie Thomason and Travis Whittaker can all be found working, along with their spouses, Matt Martin, Rvan Thomason and Jennifer

Landscape Company, which keeps the grounds attractive and well groomed. Whittaker's wife, Sherry, is the mastermind behind the gen-

eral store on the premises.

The store resembles a neighborhood shop in Mayberry.
Young and old alike enjoy looking through the old fashioned candy and assorted goods like the galvanized tub filled with The milk house area of the married there.

# A FAMILY AFFAIR Why not make a visit to

Three Cedars Farm a family event? The whole family can head out for a hayride, like three generations of the afternoon, Mom. Lisa Iriarte. said it was so refreshing to spend the afternoon outdoors. The family was visiting from Wellington, Florida to escape the heat and the hurricane weather. Nanna, (or orandma)

Kathy Ehlert, reminisced about her life on the farm remarking she never did get a tractor to ride so smoothly. Four-year-old Gabriella Iriarte and her brother, 2-year-old Mikel watched oumpkin patches and cornfields sitting aton bales of straw. Gabriella. remarked that she liked the pumpkins and tractor best of

Stop by the visit the friendly crew, Hillbilly Joe, Bub the famous farmer, Bonnie the donut lady and Corn Stalk Darrell.

barn contains an old fashioned barbershop, a tribute to Sherry's grandfather, a former barber and minister. The room is equipped with antique bottles of potion, brushes and an authentic barber's chair.

"I've always loved the Andy Griffith Show, so I wanted to make this into an old fashioned barbershop," said Whittaker.

The upper level features a spacious floor area. All three of

