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Eagle-bound

Novi resident Derek Pivetz (right) came up with a rather unusual project on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout. The 17-year-old Northville High School senior and some of his fellow scouts strung up veterans' gravestones at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi last Thursday and Friday.

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# Novi's first fatality in 3 years

■ Livonia man dies last week after crash on 10 Mile Road

By Greg Migliore  
STAFF WRITER

A retired Detroit police officer died last week from injuries suffered in a crash involving his motorcycle and another car in the

first fatal accident in Novi in three years.

The accident happened around 9:19 p.m. Aug. 24 on 10 Mile Road near Bashun Drive between Meadowbrook Road and Haggerty Road on the city's far

east side. The motorcyclist, Arthur Gage, 63, was taken to William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, where he later died from unspecified injuries.

He was riding a 2003 Harley-Davidson, and was on his way

home from his job at Motor City Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills.

The driver of the car, a 37-year-old Novi woman, was not injured.

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## Schools make the grade again

■ Novi district earns seven A's and one B

By Ronce Saunders  
STAFF WRITER

The school year barely began and report cards are already in. All eight of Novi community School District Schools made Adequate Yearly Progress on the report cards that were distributed by the Michigan Department of Education last week.

Nancy Davis, assistant superintendent for academic services for the Novi School District said seven Novi schools earned A's. Novi High School earned the B.

The district made the same grades last year, Davis said. School officials aren't jumping for joy at the news.

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What's AYP?

The No Child Left Behind Act requires schools across the country show progress in how their students are doing from year to year. The federal law requires states to set the standard of how students should be performing on state tests in Michigan Adequate Yearly Progress is based on Michigan Educational Assessment Program test results, participation rates in Michigan Educational Assessment Program testing, and attendance or graduation rates according to Michigan Department of Education's Web site: www.michigan.gov/mde



Photo by JOHN HEIDEN/Novi News

New dance floor

Elaine Buck, right, assists students Karly Pfeiffer, 17, Kelly Buck, center, 16 and Margaret Volchoff, 17 at the Novi Ice Arena. See the full story on the Performing Arts Academy relocation on page 4A.

## Developer proposes \$18-million project

■ WL city offices could move to new building for \$6 million

The city would have to come up with about \$6 million, however, to move into the new space.

Walled Lake city offices are currently located in a small building at 1499 E. West Maple Road just west of Decker Road.

Avedian, owner of Avedian Properties LLC, introduced the concept during a joint visioning session last week between members of city council, planning commission and Downtown Development Authority.

The building would be across from Mercer Beach on East

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## Help wanted: City trying to fill key jobs by October

■ Novi narrows fields for fire chief, assistant city manager

By Greg Migliore  
STAFF WRITER

Novi could fill two critical,

high-level positions by October. The city is considering five candidates for assistant city manager, and is still reviewing applications for fire chief. The city would not disclose the names of potential candidates.

City Manager Clay Pearson said the job openings have attracted a crop of talented people from around the state and country. The assistant city manager position has been open since Pearson

was promoted to interim city manager in February following the retirement of Rick Helwig. Pearson was named city manager in June.

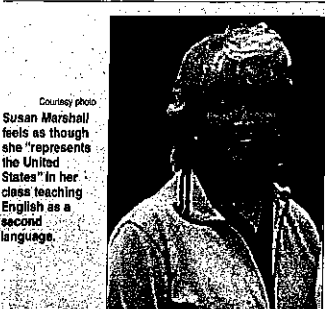
Novi has interviewed four candidates for assistant city manager, and a fifth was scheduled to be interviewed this week. The job pays \$90,445 to \$117,579 and includes benefits. The city has received 75 applications.

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**Fire Chief**  
Novi has 75 applications for a position vacant since February. Jeff Johnson is acting fire chief. The city has received 24 applications, hopes to narrow to seven or eight candidates.

**Assistant City Manager**  
Novi has 445 applications for a position vacant since February. The city has received 75 applications and has five candidates.

Source: City of Novi



Courtesy photo  
Susan Marshall feels as though she "represents the United States" in her class teaching English as a second language.

## She takes students 'outside the book'

■ Resident teaches class community awareness

By Ronce Saunders  
STAFF WRITER

When Novi resident Susan Marshall isn't spending time with kids, she's teaching a classroom of people who come from around the world. Marshall, mother of three, who's lived in Novi for 30 years,

said she spends her free time walking or reading or babysitting her four grandchildren. But her second love is teaching English as a second language. "I love my students, and I feel as though I represent the United States in my own class," Marshall, who's lived in Novi for 30 years, said. "And each student represents their own country." She said many of her students are from Japan, Korea, Eastern Europe, Mexico and South America. "They have to learn English in

order to survive here," Marshall said. To help them with that, Marshall plans a volunteerism exercise for her students every year. In previous years, Marshall has had her students hold garage sales and donate the proceeds to a nursing home. Last year, Marshall said she wanted her students to focus on the environment. In the spring, —continued on page 3

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## When people want a quality shoe they come to Hershey's Shoes!

A commitment to full service, a custom fit and quality made shoes have been the hallmarks of Hershey's Shoes for 60 years. That dedication to customers has helped Hershey's to continually grow, at the original Garden City store and a Novi store, which opened five years ago.

The first store was opened in 1946 on Ford Road in Garden City. Some original customers, their children and grandchildren keep coming back for that extra care they receive.



"Loyal customers won't go anywhere else," said owner Tom Welch. "A lot of customers like to shop at the store, because of the personalized service.

"We have grandparents who make their kids bring their kids to the store. It's the service and the fact that we fit the children properly and give you the right size."

It's not always easy to get a clear reading from your child about whether a shoe feels just right, Welch said. "We measure their feet and we're cautious about the fit," he added.

Welch has a dedicated, experienced staff at each store to ensure prompt service. His sales staff isn't on commission, which encourages them to take their time with each customer to provide the best service.

Those who have trouble finding comfortable shoes will probably find something just right that is in stock at Hershey's. Staff can fit customers to the right shoe, which might be more narrow or wide than they normally wear. The store carries all of those hard to find narrow and wide widths, in addition to smaller and larger sizes.

"We can fit almost any person who comes in, because of the large inventory even those with foot problems," Welch said.

Finding the right shoe with the best comfort isn't always as easy as walking into a store, picking up any shoe in a standard size. Even adults should have their feet measured so the shoes will fit just right.

"If the shoes are too small they can bother your feet," he added. "The size and the quality of the shoe are both important for a comfortable fit."

Welch has built a lifetime of experience and knowledge in the shoe business. He started working as a stock boy for the original Hershey's owner in 1970 just after high school. Welch started selling shoes and learned the business before the owner retired. Welch took over in 1981.

Customers keep suggesting Welch open a store further west in Novi. He found the perfect location with good parking that is easy to access, away from the mall.

Welch started selling men's and women's SAS shoes and added Stride Rite to his line. He carries one of the biggest selections of children's shoes in the metropolitan Detroit area at the Garden City store. Both stores carry many quality brands in both comfortable and dressy styles, such as Hush, Supers, Rockport, Naturalizer, Nike, New Balance and Skechers.

"When you want a quality shoe they come to Hershey's," Welch said. "Every shoe is different. Every style is different. All seasons have been going so long is because we're good service, quality fits and quality shoes and shoes."

The new Hershey's Shoes store is located at 47750 Grand River Avenue, at the intersection of Novi. The store is open Monday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call (248) 348-3100 or go to www.hersheysshoes.com.

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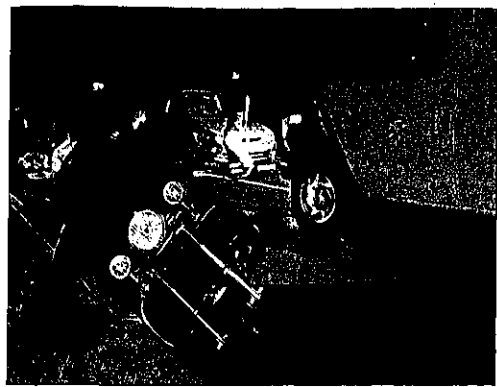
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## ■ Livonia man dies last week after crash on 10 Mile Road

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Authorities would not release her name, and haven't determined if she will face charges. She was driving a 1999 Toyota Corolla. Police said both drivers were traveling west on 10 Mile.



Retired Detroit police officer Arthur Gage, 63, died Thursday in a motorcycle/automobile crash on 10 Mile Road near Bashian Drive.

## ■ Novi narrows fields for fire chief, assistant city manager

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The fire chief slot has been vacant since Art Longaghan retired in February after 28 years in charge of the department. Jeff Johnson has been acting fire chief

Investigators are looking into the cause of the accident. The driver of the Corolla does not appear to have been using alcohol or drugs, Lt. Keith Wuolinen said. Police are also awaiting autopsy results.

"We're going to do a thorough and complete investigation," Wuolinen said.

Investigators are trying to determine how fast the vehicles were going. The limit is 45 miles per hour in the area.

The crash is Novi's first fatal accident since a woman was hit by a car on Pontiac Trail west of West Park Drive on Aug. 29, 2003. Before that, a woman was killed in a head-on collision on Novi Road south of Arena Drive in an accident on July 11, 2002.

Gage, a Livonia resident, worked for the Detroit Police Department from 1966 to 1993. After retiring, he sold motorcycles for Motor City Harley-Davidson for 12 years. He also served as an escort for several presidential motorcades.

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## ■ WL city offices could move to new building for \$6 million

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Walled Lake Drive. Avedian purchased the property several years ago, and members of his staff have been talking about the land for many months.

"He has been putting these properties together and waiting for the right time to start to develop them," said Jerry Walker, city manager. "What they are looking to do is something that is mutually beneficial to all."

Walker said Avedian plans to move part of his operations to Walled Lake and wants to become a part of the community.

Avedian has spent almost \$1 million to get to this stage of the proposal. But, he wants the city's blessing before he proceeds.

"To tell you that I'm excited and excited about this is an understatement," Avedian said at the meeting.

"I'll be 60 years old in a few months, and this is on the top of my list."

Avedian said Walker approached him several months ago about city hall moving into the new building.

City offices would take up 23,000-25,000 square feet on the second floor of the approximately 75,000-square-foot structure.

Avedian proposes restaurants, retail, office and residential space with underground parking.

The third floor would feature a banquet facility and nondescript chapel, so that people could have their wedding and reception in the same building.

A honeymoon suite is proposed on the third floor, complete with a heart-shaped bed in the Pocco Mountains in eastern Pennsylvania.

"It will be something very special and very attractive," Avedian said.

Approximate capacity for the banquet facility would be 725-750 people. A rooftop garden where parties could take place is also planned.

Avedian believes the structure would be a success with its proximity to the newly completed M-5 and the growth of western Oakland County and Walled Lake.

"We're taking advantage of the lake," Avedian said. "You people have an asset that nobody else has. I've been in the real estate business for 37 years, and you people have a jewel. I recognize that."

Because a gas station that had a leak used to be located on the western edge of the property, this qualifies the entire site as a brownfield development.

This means the state could give Avedian a tax credit for cleaning up and developing the property.

The state would grant him 10 percent of the project or about \$1.8 million in tax credits, but could sell them on the open market at about 80 cents on the dollar or about \$1.4 million.

Council gave approval to city staff to research financing options for its portion of the building.

If approved, construction could begin as early as next spring.

State could provide tax credit

## ■ Resident teaches class community awareness

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her class planned flowers around the Novi Civic Center.

Marshall said the students chose and purchased the flowers from five different stores.

In the process, she said the students learned how to buy things at the store, where to go to buy flowers, the different types of plants that grow here and how to take care of them.

Once they had their goods, the

students spent an entire day planning the flowers at the Civic Center.

"Some of the ladies had their own garden," she said. "But it was

## Proposed Avedian Project

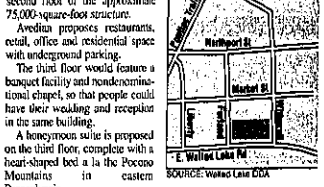


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Elaine Buck works with young students Alyssa Gouthier and Kayden Bryce, right, 3, at the Novi Ice Arena for their Performing Arts Academy school.

## Performing Arts Academy gets cool new locale: Novi Ice Arena

**Classes move Tuesday**

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Since 1981, Elaine Buck has trained dancers at her Performing Arts Academy off 10 Mile Road in Catherine Industrial Drive. Now the longtime instructor has a new home at the Novi Ice Arena starting Tuesday.

Reconstructions started on the academy's new space at the arena's multi-purpose room in mid July. The move is in collaboration with the city of Novi, which owns the arena.

The square footage is wider, which was the main thing we were going for," Buck said. The new area will cover about 1,800 square feet, about double the space the academy had at its previous location.

Buck has served as the resident choreographer for the city's Novi Theatrics musicals for two years. Recently, she proposed that her academy become part of the city's Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department's performing arts programming.

If all goes well, this could become a reality in a year or two. "It's very exciting," said Buck, who plans to have a grand opening soon to introduce people to the new location.

The academy currently has about 300 students, and with the opening of the new location, Buck

would like to add some certified dance instructors to her staff.

Although city staff members share Buck's vision of the program, they believe a pilot "test" program should be completed before they recommend that the operation become part of the city's Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department.

The academy's agreement with the city provides for a one-year lease with a one-year renewal option. The arena and city staff will also be able to use the room during non-dance hours for birthday parties, meetings or other uses.

Sheri Sansom, cultural arts coordinator for the city, will work with Buck in the proposed partnership.

"We're excited about Elaine's move to the ice arena and look forward to increased performance opportunities in theater and dance for the citizens of Novi," Sansom said.

City council members unanimously approved the academy's lease agreement with the city on June 19.

"It's good for skaters to have dance training, too, so that they can well," said member Terry Margolis.

"They would like that to happen, as would I," Buck said. "Dance is a big part of skating. It offers so much when it comes to stamina and poise. Even hockey teams take dance lessons."

Buck said she loves serving as the choreographer for the Novi Theatrics performances. "I've always had the passion for musical theater," she said.

## Michigan author teaches people how to make, spread happiness

**Have you filled or emptied a bucket today?**

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Brighton author Carol McCloud could be considered a modern-day children's philosopher.

Through her latest children's book, "Have You Filled a Bucket Today? A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids," she teaches people of all ages how to make themselves and others happy.

The book was just published in June by McCloud through Farm Press/Nelson Publishing and Marketing in Northville.

McCloud appeared Aug. 19 at Borders Books & Music in Novi Township for a book signing and to teach children the concept of "bucket filling" during the store's story time that takes place at noon on Saturdays.

In her presentation, McCloud reveals the reciprocating benefits of kind words and considerate behavior.

Through simple prose and illustration, the message becomes clear: filling other people's buckets is easy and fun, and it's also a way to boost your own happiness.



Carol McCloud

Michigan for 30 years, spreading the concept of bucket filling to parents and businesses.

Three years ago, a middle school teacher heard his presentation and asked him if he could present the concept to sixth-graders.

"That's when the Bucket Man was born," McCloud said. To date, more than 8,000 children in grades four through eight have heard his message and learned the importance of living life as a bucket filler.

"This story is the most meaningful work of my life working with kids."

"This book is not only for children," he said. "This is needed in our society."

The concept Lundgren and McCloud are trying to get across is that everyone has an invisible bucket with a purpose — to hold good thoughts and feelings about

yourself. "You feel happy and good when your bucket is full," McCloud said.

A bucket filler is a loving, caring person who says or does nice things that make others feel special, according to Lundgren and McCloud.

**Started in corporate setting**

People can also be bucket fillers, meaning they take away good feelings away from others. "Whenever you make fun of anybody, say or do anything mean or even if you ignore someone, you dip into their bucket," McCloud said.

"You never fill your own bucket when you dip into someone else's. It just makes you feel bad, too," McCloud said.

Since then, he has given more than 700 talks to adults and often joins McCloud at schools, churches, community groups and businesses.

For more information about upcoming presentations in the area, call Lundgren at (248) 222-2325 or visit [www.bucketfillers.com](http://www.bucketfillers.com).

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## Walled Lake DDA may extend boundaries

**Change means more tax dollars**

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority board members and city leaders are considering expanding current DDA boundaries to increase tax revenue to the city.

At a joint visioning session last week between the city council, planning commission and DDA board, city leaders discussed this possibility as well as the need for the DDA to create a more specific project list.

The suggestion was made to extend the DDA boundaries to include property being considered for development by Reims Aviation from Merer Beach as well as other areas of the city.

The city may also remove some residential areas from the current DDA district.

The DDA district was not really designed to incorporate residential areas unless they are part of the downtown area, said Casey

**What's a DDA?**

A downtown development authority is a body established by the state under Public Act 197 in 1975.

The law allows the body to capture tax dollars within a defined district for redevelopment.

Ambose, DDA chair. "I think the most important thing is to revise the DDA boundaries," said Larry Fox, city manager and DDA executive director.

"And, we need a downtown master plan," he said. "We don't want to just foolishly start spending money. We need to come to a meeting of the mind."

Walker has had some preliminary discussions with McKenna & Associates in Northville about the downtown area and will have more information for DDA board members at their next meeting.

He will also bring information to city council members in September about using McKenna's economic development services.

**More parking, sidewalks**

Adding downtown parking, sidewalks, a streetscape and completing the restoration of the Foster Farmhouse are other goals of the DDA.

DDA board member John Marshall said the authority has budgeted \$1.2 million over five years for city projects.

"If we didn't have a DDA, we would lose 30-40 percent of that or more," said Larry Fox, city council member.

This year the city's portion of DDA captured tax dollars is about \$550,000.

Oakland County receives an additional \$150,000, and Oakland Community College about \$48,000, according to Marshall.

"If there was no DDA, city council would have to determine how that money is spent."

"I don't think it's fair to take the DDA volunteers and have them come up with a plan on how we're going to spend the money," Fox said. "I don't think that's their responsibility."

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## BRIEFS

**Foster Farmhouse update**

The renovation of the Foster Farmhouse in Walled Lake is making strides, with volunteers working hard to seek grants and other ways to fund the project.

The city plans to open a museum and cultural center in the historic building on Liberty Street.

Recently, members of the nonprofit organization Friends of the Foster Farmhouse have made some strides in reviewing fund-raising and financing options available to them for the renovation project. However, members cannot apply for state grants for the project until the renovation begins.

Members say they need about \$49,000 total to complete the project, with about \$15,000 raised so far.

The contractor is only charging for materials, not labor, on the job.

Cost to operate the community building would be a minimum of \$11,000 a year.

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# 50's Fest cleanup rewarded

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Novi Boy Scout Troop #54 is one of Lori Kapelczak's favorite local organizations. As chair of this year's Novi's 50's Festival, she has come to depend on the dedicated scouts who volunteer to clean up the festival grounds each day.

This year was no exception. For several years, the scouts have picked up all the trash at the festival and received a substantial donation. This year, however, the festival board of directors couldn't afford to front to commit to its usual donation for the troop.

So, the troop decided it was not in its best interest to participate.

But then, on opening day of the festival, Herb Hinkle and his son, Jan, a member of Troop #54, came to Kapelczak to say that Jan would like to take on the cleanup for his Eagle Scout project.

A few scouts and the Hinkles then took care of the trash. Last week, the festival board voted to give \$500 to the troop for their efforts.

"Troop 54 has been fabulous, and they really stepped up to the plate this year by deciding to help anyway," Kapelczak said. "We certainly appreciate their support and look forward to working with Troop 54 during next year's 50th Festival."

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# Scouts refurbish veteran graves in community service project

■ Troop #54 tackles 350 sites

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Novi resident Derek Pivetz came up with a rather unusual project on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout.

The 17-year-old Northville High School senior and some of his fellow scouts spruced up veterans' gravesites at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi last Thursday and Friday.

The efforts were part of Pivetz's community service requirement to become an Eagle Scout.

The young men refurbished about 350 graves during the two-day project.

Every Memorial Day Weekend, local Boy Scouts place flags on all the markers. When they did this last May, they noticed that a lot of the graves were sinking and overgrown with weeds and grass.

The scout project involved lifting, cleaning the stones and placing sand underneath so they are level with the ground.

"They also weeded the plots and placed a couple inches of pea gravel around each gravestone to control the growth of grass and weeds."

Pivetz's goal was to improve the appearance of the gravesites.

Shawn Howard, sales manager, Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, approved the project, as did the troop's scoutmaster, Chris Stone, and assistant scoutmaster, Bob Robertson. Howard said this is the first time in his knowledge that a scout has undertaken such a project at Oakland Hills.

"This was definitely a great asset to us," Howard said. "As a matter of fact, we've been considering using this as a pilot program if it works out well."

Howard likes the idea that it gives the young men an opportunity to learn a little history in the process.

"It's kind of neat to see what wars and branches of the service these gentlemen and women were in," Howard said.

Howard plans to invite the scouts to the Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens' National Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day organized by Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 154 and the POW/MIA Committee of Michigan on Friday, Sept. 15.

Opening ceremonies with color guard will begin at 5 p.m., with a 24-hour vigil beginning at that time and ending at 5 p.m. on Sept. 16. Ceremonies begin at 6:30 p.m.

Robertson suggested project

Robertson said he suggested the project to the group of scouts when they visited the gardens on Memorial Day Weekend.

"It was very difficult to read some of the markers," he said. "This will benefit us next year when we go back to place flags on the graves."

Pivetz, who has been a scout since 1999, also had to raise money to pay for lunch for the volunteers for the two days. His brother, Ryan, 23, who just earned a degree in plastics engineering technology from Ferris State University, even helped refurbish the graves.

"My goal was to get around 20 volunteers, and I got about 16-17 during the peak hours," Pivetz said.

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Want to join Troop #54?

Young men who would like to join Novi Boy Scout Troop #54 can contact Bob Robertson, assistant scoutmaster, at (248) 624-9016.

of the scope of the project," according to Rick Pivetz, Derek's father. "As a dad, it's refreshing to me to see my son tackle a project," he said.

"This was way better than my Eagle Scout project," said volunteer Marcus Michalski, 18, of Walled Lake, Western, who worked on the Lakeshore Park pavilion and grounds.

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Eagle Scout candidate Derek Pivetz, 17, right, is joined by his brother Ryan Thursday morning in cleaning and restoring veterans' grave markers at Novi's Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Derek and others from Novi's Boy Scout Troop #54 spent most of the day working on clearing off vegetation that grow over the granite markers.

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"When the main breadwinner gets up and goes into the Middle East, there's a big stress that's left on the people behind," Russell said. "We kind of looked at it and figured we can take some of that burden off."

Steve Russell/GreenCare For Troops



Photo by ALAN WARD/Gannett News Service  
Mosquito Control Technician Ted Dietrich sprays for the pesky insects in the front yard of the Lapine home where a yellow ribbon indicates the absence of Troy Lapine, currently serving in Iraq with the Army National Guard. Dietrich is a technician with Novi-based Eradico Services, one of two businesses performing lawn services for families whose main breadwinner is serving in the Middle East. The program is driven locally by Green Oak Township resident Steve Russell, who owns Weed Man Lawn Care.

# While troops are away, companies help on the home front

By Kristofer Karol  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

When Kelly Lapine's husband, Troy, went off to serve with the Army National Guard in Iraq, the New Hudson woman had to juggle her full-time job as a speech therapist with the responsibilities of raising two kids.

Then there was the one-acre lawn that her husband used to keep in pristine condition.

Crunched for time, Lapine contacted Novi-based Eradico Services Co. and Weed Man Lawn Care to partake in the GreenCare For Troops program, where people

whose spouses are serving overseas in the armed forces can get free lawn and pest control work.

"I think it's awesome," Lapine, 38, said. "You don't realize how overwhelming and crazy your life is going to be. Any little thing is helpful."

The businesses, run by Green Oak Township's Steve Russell, have just started offering the program.

"When the main breadwinner gets up and goes into the Middle East, there's a big stress that's left on the people behind," Russell said. "We kind of looked at it and figured we can take

some of that burden off." Russell said participants will receive lawn fertilization, complete weed-control services and mosquito control, as well as possible mowing.

The program is geared toward families who have spouses serving in war zones, such as the Middle East. Russell said his business did something similar last Christmas, when it decorated the house of a person whose spouse was overseas.

GreenCare For Troops is part of a national movement known as Project Evergreen, which attempts to raise awareness of environmental, economic and lifestyle benefits

of landscapes.

These interested in participating in the program can log onto [www.projectevergreen.com](http://www.projectevergreen.com) and click on the "GreenCare For Troops" logo on the right, or call Eradico at (248) 477-4800.

Even though Russell's company is in Novi, he said it will come to Livingston County homes and that it is not looking at costs when determining which projects to undertake. So far, it has helped a Milford woman out.

"Originally, what we've done is signed up for and agreed to do it for 10 homes," Russell said. "I have been thinking about that. It's going to be pretty hard to turn down the 11th. We're willing to be pretty open to this. We really believe in it."

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## Cooper-Standard's sales spike in second quarter

Acquisition fuels growth in brutal auto parts industry

By Greg Migliore  
STAFF WRITER

Novi's Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. pulled off what's becoming an increasingly rare double feat for Detroit-area auto parts suppliers this year. It turned a profit and increased sales in the second quarter.

Despite on-again industry conditions that have wracked Detroit companies, Cooper-Standard increased its net sales in the second quarter 21 percent to \$592.5 million, compared with \$489.1 million in same period in 2005. Its net income more than doubled to \$30 million in the quarter, compared with last year's \$7.7 million.

Though the company posted a solid performance in the quarter, a significant chunk of its growth came from its acquisition of the automotive fluid handling systems division of ITT Industries Inc., a White Plains, N.Y., engineering and manufacturing company.

Cooper-Standard finalized the purchase of the division for about \$205 million in February, and the second quarter was the first full period counted in financial results. The company didn't specify how much the newly-acquired asset contributed to its showing.

but noted the division historically takes in about \$400 million annually in sales and was expected to do that again this year. The division makes steel and plastic tubing for fuel and brake lines.

"We remain encouraged by our strong second-quarter performance, and the vast number of positive accomplishments that distinguish Cooper-Standard from others in the sector," Jim McElyea, the company's chief executive officer and president, said in a conference call earlier this month.

So far this year, the company's net sales have increased to \$1.13 billion, compared with \$959.3 million in the first six months of 2005. Net income is up to \$25.5 million, compared with last year's first-half total of \$7.2 million.

### Poised for growth

Cooper-Standard added \$64.7 million in new business in the second quarter. The company is trying to diversify its customer base, rather than rely heavily on General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and the Chrysler Group.

McElyea said that manufacturing practices helped the company offset price cuts from customers and volatility in raw material costs.

While other suppliers like Delphi Corp. look to shed plants and workers in North America, Cooper-Standard has about \$150 million to spend for potential future acquisitions.

"We are poised to successfully capitalize on future opportunities," McElyea said.

### Details

Company: Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc.  
Headquarters: Novi  
Sector: Auto parts supplier  
Products: Body-sealing systems, fluid handling systems and noise, vibration and harshness control systems  
Customers: Big 3 and import automakers  
News: Sales increased 21 percent in second quarter.

The company is also investing in Asian markets, said Allen Campbell, chief financial officer. But Cooper-Standard is not immune from industry tailwinds, and it was placed on Standard & Poor's CreditWatch list as a result of Ford's announcement it plans to cut production 28 percent in the fourth quarter. Standard & Poor's is concerned the cuts could hurt Cooper-Standard's cash flow and liquidity.

Privately held Cooper-Standard, one of the largest suppliers in North America, makes body-sealing systems, fluid handling systems and noise, vibration and harshness control systems. It has more than 16,500 employees worldwide.

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## Twelve Oaks opens trendy clothing store for women

Swedish retailer H&M opens third Michigan locale

By Greg Migliore  
STAFF WRITER

Swedish clothing retailer H&M is set to open its third Michigan location in Twelve Oaks Mall today at noon.

The 6,000-square-foot store will cater to women with trendy, yet affordable fashions. It will also feature what H&M calls its "signature lingerie" department.

The company said the new site is critical as it aims to establish a footprint in the ultra-competitive Detroit market.

"It's a special market for us, and a unique market that we appreciate," said Lisa Sandberg, H&M's U.S. communications manager.

The store will employ 30. Sandberg would not reveal startup costs or sales targets. She noted the success of H&M's larger stores at Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights and Hinwood Mall in Ann Arbor prompted expansion in the area. The company would like to make Novi into a full-service location with men's clothing in the future, but didn't specify a timetable.

The Novi location features H&M's first "signature lingerie" department in Michigan. The section is like a store within a store.

Sandberg said. The departments, which specialize in undergarments, are in less than 20 percent of the company's sites.

The store will also showcase a fall collection that includes wool jackets, tailored dress shirts and a track suit based on a design for pop culture icon Madonna. The store will give away 100 T-shirts and offer a 20 percent discount on its opening day.

H&M, which is formally known as Hennes & Mauritz AB, is based in Stockholm, Sweden. It has 105 stores in the United States and more than 1,300 stores and 50,000 employees around the world.

### Twelve Oaks expands

Twelve Oaks, which is in the midst of an expansion that's expected to rack up more than 300,000 square feet in the mall, is happy to add the store and the potentially younger audience it hopes to attract. H&M takes over the site vacated by the former Casual Corner/Puffie Sophisticate store near the JC Penney store.

"It's a real unique-edge, trendy store right now," said Peggy Hayes, marketing and sponsorship director for Twelve Oaks.

The mall also recently opened three new stores, Aldo Accessories, XXI Forever and The Disney Store, as well as a new Target store. The Marshall Field's store is scheduled to be officially renamed Macy's Sept. 9.

While Twelve Oaks and H&M expand, they are doing it in the face of brutal industry conditions. The Michigan Retailers Association said merchants' sales were sluggish in July, as spiking gasoline prices, a slumping housing market and higher interest rates weighed down the industry.

Tom Scott, vice president of public affairs for the association, said though the market is arduous, new retailers that build on the attention generated by their openings can thrive.

"It is challenging," Scott said. "Michigan's retail industry has struggled for the better part of two years, which is simply a reflection of Michigan's economy. But that doesn't mean that all retailers are showing disappointing numbers. There's always room for a new retail business."

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### H&M Grand Opening

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## International Fest & India Day



Members of the Wavel Folk Ensemble, from left: David Porzondek of Chesterfield Township; Tom Skurski of Roseville; Jessica Wondt of Brighton; and Nicholas Nowakowski of Clinton Township, representing Poland.



Above, Muthoni Cook of Westland, representing east Africa.



Below, Laxmi Ravulapati of Chicago, left, shows jewelry to a customer.



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## Youths need help from local seniors

**Mentors wanted at Novi schools**

By Renee Saunders  
STAFF WRITER

George and Caroline Giese rarely get to see their grandchildren.

George, 81 and Caroline 91, have lived in Novi more than two decades, but their children and grandchildren all live out of town.

So when the couple heard Novi Youth Assistance placed its Silver Living Mentor Program at Deerfield and Parkview elementary schools last year, the Gieses thought it would be a great idea to get involved.

"It's a chance for us to be near children," Giese said. "We miss that because we aren't near our own grandchildren."

Giese said Novi Youth Assistance matched them with Deerfield Elementary third-grader

Braudon Gamble.

For one hour once a week three of them colored and played games at the school, Giese said.

"He seems to enjoy our visits," Giese said. "We enjoy doing it, and we hope we're doing some good for the young man."

Giese said Novi Youth Assistance assigned them to Gamble because he was the only man who volunteered.

Novi Youth Assistance Office Manager Kim Ziegler said the organization tries to match seniors with students who share the same interests.

She said eight seniors participated in the program last year and she believes all of them plan to participate again this year.

But there is a need for more volunteers.

Novi Youth Assistance Case Worker Claudia Walter said youth assistance hopes to expand the program to include all five Novi elementary schools this year and to do that, they're going to need more people helping out.

"We're realizing that everyone has something to share and give," Walter said.

### How to help out

Anyone who lives or works in Novi and is 50 or older can volunteer to be a mentor. Call Novi Youth Assistance at (248) 347-0410.

Volunteers can sign up to participate any time during the school year.

"We're just looking for caring, responsible adults," Walter said.

Walter said inter-generational programs, such as the Silver Living Program, not only gives children a chance to learn from seniors, but seniors sometimes learn things like computers from the students.

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## Novi district earns seven As and one B

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Jane Hesse, director of Curriculum & Assessment for Novi schools, said Adequate Yearly Progress scores are just one of many tools the district uses to evaluate its effectiveness on student learning.

"It's one source of information at one particular moment in time," Hesse said.

Hesse said reading Adequate Yearly Progress Scores is like looking at a car's gas gauge.

"It's not the oil light, it's not the alternator, it's not a thousand

other parts of your car that you have to think about," she said. "It's just one source of information at a particular moment in time."

Ernie Bauer, director of testing and evaluation at Oakland Intermediate School District, said good marks on the Adequate Yearly Progress is good news for the district since it's required by federal law they do so.

"Obviously schools want to make it. There are serious sanctions if they don't," Bauer said. "It's not my favorite way of thinking how good a school is."

Bauer said it doesn't matter how high students score on the Michigan Education Assessment Program test. If a few students don't take the test, then the whole school fails.

"I think MEAP results are a reasonably good assessment of

schools," Bauer said. "But Adequate Yearly Progress is not MEAP."

Bauer said he thought Adequate Yearly Progress results were convoluted and black and white.

"AYP is yes or no, all or none," he said. "My life does not have very many all or none things in it."

Bauer said in general, he didn't think there is a such thing as a "best school," because different kids need different types of schools and different kinds of programming.

"But in all of them, we want kids to do well on the MEAP and other tests," Bauer said.

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## ON CAMPUS

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Patricia Garcia, of Walled Lake, has been awarded the Thomas M. Seykora Award for outstanding contributions to the community, by Grand Valley State University.

Courney Dulligins, of Novi, has been awarded the Calvin Presidential Scholarship from Calvin College, for the 2006-07 academic year.



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## Police: Keep windows and doors locked when away

By Renee Saunders  
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Leaving a door or window open while away or over night could be an open invitation to something — or someone — less pleasant than a fall breeze, police say.

Novi Police Chief David Molloy said residents should take basic crime prevention measures, like securing all windows and doors to protect their personal property.

"He said in the summer, police officers patrolling neighborhoods sometimes see residents leaving

their garage doors open at night.

"He said these residents will receive a notice from the police department to remind them to keep their doors shut.

Molloy said such notices aren't tickets.

"Our officers are giving those out 24 hours a day, we give hundreds of those out a year," Molloy said. "It's just a written notice."

While police check on residents' property, Molloy said home invasion crimes in Novi are rare.

"Thieves will typically go through an unlocked door or force their entry by kicking the door

in," he said.

"We see more thefts from motor vehicles more than we do any type of home invasion."

Molloy said during the last three weeks, there have been several incidents where items were taken out of unlocked vehicles.

Molloy said three juveniles were arrested on larceny from auto charges and police are continuing to investigate the incidents.

Northville Township residents living on Spryglass Drive and Riviera Drive in the Northville Hills subdivision also reported

items stolen from their unlocked cars on Aug. 22.

There were no suspects in the incidents and police are still investigating.

Northville Township John Werth said.

Molloy said he believes the Novi incidents are separate from what happened in Northville Township last week.

"These are probably people from our area they're not operating a motor vehicle," Molloy said.

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### Staying secure

It doesn't take much to stop a potential thief. Here are a few more tips for securing your home, according to Web site, www.howstufworks.com/home-security-tips.htm.

- Change all locks when you move into a new house.
- Conceal all alarm system wiring.
- Even if you're not home, make sure your house appears to be occupied.
- Instead of keeping a spare key in a mailbox or under a doormat, wrap it in foil or put it in a 35 mm film can and bury it where you can easily find it.
- Ask for credentials from strangers who want to enter your home.
- Don't list your full name on your mailbox or your entry in the telephone book. Only use your first initial and last name.

## NOVI POLICE REPORT

### Chovy scratched, sugared

A sugar-like substance was poured into the gasoline tank of a Chevrolet Malibu parked at Twelve Oaks Mall late Aug. 23 or early Aug. 23. The car was also severely scratched on the driver's door to the rear.

If the engine is damaged, repairs could cost more than \$2,000.

Two the Oaks security is reviewing surveillance tapes.

### iPod stolen

Someone stole an iPod and the face plate of a car stereo from a Ford parked at a residence on Argyle late Aug. 23 or early Aug. 24.

The iPod is valued at about \$300 and the face plate at \$200.

### Credit cards, ID taken

Someone broke into a Ford Explorer parked at a residence on

Woodlawn and stole more than \$200 worth of items Aug. 22.

A purse, wallet, \$80 in cash, debit and credit cards, a social security card, birth certificate, driver's license and keys were among the items missing.

### GPS, shades stolen

A global positioning system, sun glasses and other items were stolen from a Mitsubishi Montero parked at a residence on Brook Forest sometime between Aug. 18 and Aug. 21.

The positioning device is valued at \$499 and the sun glasses at \$400.

### Expedition broken into

Someone broke into a Ford Expedition parked at a residence on Village Wood late Aug. 15 or early Aug. 16 and stole CDs, DVDs, leather gloves and head phones.

The items are valued at more than \$200.

### Golf clubs missing

A set of golf clubs valued at \$2,000 was stolen from a vehicle parked at a residence on Studybrook late Aug. 14 or early Aug. 15.

A detective called several golf shops in the area to see if someone had tried to sell the clubs, but did not turn up any suspects.

### Palm Pilot missing

A Palm Pilot was stolen from a Cadillac parked at a residence on Summer Lane Aug. 23 or early Aug. 24.

The victim said he left his vehicle unlocked.

The Palm Pilot is valued at more than \$200.

Compiled by Greg Migliore

## Passport Fair to aid Oakland County travelers

Oakland County Clerk/Register Ruth Johnson has joined forces with clerks in 11 other communities to offer Saturday hours for residents who will need passports under tougher travel laws. The Oakland County Community Passport Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 16.

The Oakland County Clerk's Office, on the ground floor of the courthouse at 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac, will be open that day. Visitors should use the main entrance on the north side of the building.

Municipal offices in Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Brandon Township, Farmington Hills, Oak Park, Rochester Hills, the city of Southfield, Walled Lake, White Lake Township and Wixom will

also be participating. During the last Passport Fair, nearly 400 residents turned out to apply for a passport. Johnson commended local clerks for opening their offices to hold Saturday hours.

The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 requires passports for travel to numerous countries which did not require them before. By Dec. 31, 2006, all air and sea travelers to or from Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda will need passports. By Dec. 31, 2007, the requirement will be extended to all land border crossings as well. Children are required to have passports.

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WALLED LAKE POLICE REPORT

Suspected robbery on Quinif

Police were dispatched on a suspected robbery that took place at a home on Quinif between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. Aug. 15.

An officer spoke with the home owner, a 54-year-old Walled Lake man, who said his son and one of his son's friends had stolen a Coleman generator from his garage and three gold rings from his bedroom dresser.

He said a neighbor told him that he saw the son's friend put the generator in the back of his vehicle and drive away. The man added that he did not see the two steal anything but believes they took the items for drugs. Total value of the items was estimated at \$900. The man wants to press charges on both his son and the son's friend.

Alleged assault, battery

Police were called to investigate an alleged assault and battery on a Walled Lake woman by a 51-year-old Walled Lake man at 12303 N. Ave. 14 on an apartment on Jovian Trail.

Officers were dispatched to the woman's apartment to investigate a domestic assault. The victim said that the suspect left the scene on a boat. Officers found a coffee table that had been knocked over and a plastic mug on the floor with its contents on the floor.

Possession of marijuana

A 19-year-old Walled Lake man was arrested for possession of marijuana at 1:25 a.m. Aug. 5 at West Maple and Legato roads.

While police were at the woman's apartment, the man called the woman on her cell phone, and police arrested the phone.

Illegal sexual contact alleged

A 35-year-old Walled Lake woman reported to police at 12:36 p.m. Aug. 4 that she believed her 11-year-old daughter had been molested between 7 a.m. Feb. 1 and 7 a.m. Feb. 17, by a 42-year-old man who was a neighbor of theirs.

The incident was not brought to the mother's attention until June 9 when she was talking to her daughter about another young girl who had been raped. The mother told police that if anything ever happened to her, she would tell the girl's father and told both her mother and father what happened with the neighbor back in February.

Over three times legal limit

A 53-year-old Farmington Hills woman was arrested for drunken driving with a blood alcohol level of .32 percent at 7:55 p.m. Aug. 3 on Decker Road and Wimbeldon Drive.

The department was notified by a motorist of a possible drunk driver northbound on Decker from 14 Mile Road. The woman told police that she and her husband saw a white GMC Jimmy van on I-76 coming into another lane and almost rear-end them.

Stolen car on Commerce Rd.

A 62-year-old West Bloomfield man told police that his car was stolen while at Summit Chevrolet for service between 1:30 and 2:00 p.m. on Aug. 8 on S. Commerce Road.

The man told police that he dropped off his Jeep Commander on Aug. 7 and the vehicle was worked on that day and the following day. At about 2:30 p.m. on Aug. 8, a service technician parked the vehicle in the rear parking lot. When he returned from lunch the vehicle was not there. He said he had hung the car keys on the "to be worked on" board next to the service desk, and that the keys were gone.

Third drunk driving offense

A 23-year-old Wilson man suffered his third drunk driving offense at 2:41 a.m. Aug. 8 at Maple and Legato roads.

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Drug paraphernalia arrest

A 47-year-old Novi woman was arrested for possession of narcotics paraphernalia at 12:25 p.m. Aug. 7 at N. Postiac Trail and E. Walled Lake Drive.

Two officers were dispatched to the area of E. Walled Lake Drive and Liberty Street for a subject possibly under the influence of drugs. Dispatch said a woman driving a light blue Taurus or Sable had come into the Lake Plaza Liquor Store and appeared to be on crack.

When police approached the woman, she was unable to control her movements and had trouble keeping her concentration.

The woman told police she left the store when a female clerk accused her of shoplifting. She then said she was tired of being harassed by police because of her warrants in Novi and Dearborn Heights.

Police found four glass pipes commonly used for smoking crack cocaine on the woman.

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Whether your interest is in classical ballet, the rhythms of tap, or the cool moves of hip hop, dance offers many benefits beyond the "sheer joy of movement to music," according to Lisa Shapiro, Shapiro is the director of Center Stage Dance Company, a dance studio in Northville offering classes in ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, lyrical and pointe for ages three through adult.

"Participation in a quality dance program helps build self-esteem through opportunities to perform both within the classroom and for others," continues Shapiro. "In addition, dance is great exercise, it promotes physical development including strength, stamina, flexibility and poise."

The senior faculty includes dancers that have "grown up" at Center Stage Dance, beginning as young students themselves. It is a tribute to the quality of the programs offered at Center Stage that so many former students have stayed on to teach.

Junior faculty and classroom apprentices are high school students who are also enrolled at the studio.

Shapiro and her staff work hard to stay well educated in the latest dance techniques. They travel to New York and across the country regularly to attend classes and training workshops.

Building Self-Esteem & Community Outreach "We offer many opportunities to share our joy of dance," said Shapiro. "We provide as many performance opportunities for students as possible because it helps them to build confidence and self-esteem."

In addition to the annual recitals each June, "Center Stage Dance also conducts holiday and spring tours with performances at nursing homes, senior residential centers and facilities serving children whose emotional and physical safety are at risk."

"We believe in encouraging our students to get involved in the community-at-large and to use their talents to help enrich the lives of others," Shapiro said. The students also perform at many special events in Northville and surrounding communities.

A favorite performance is the fairy tale ballet with full costumes and staging, which is produced each spring by the in-house ballet company. This year's presentation was "The Wizard of Oz." "Peter Pan" will be performed in 2007.

Program Choices - Something for Everyone Center Stage offers a variety of classes including ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, lyrical and pointe. Classes are available at every level from beginner through advanced for ages six through adult.

A variety of dance programs and camps are also offered during the summer.

A traditional summer program combining ballet and tap is offered for beginning girls and boys from age three to six. The primary dance season begins in September and runs through June, culminating with its annual recitals. Enrollment for these programs is accepted through January.

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# Novi News

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## Talk about a perfect storm

Michigan's state budget could face a whopping \$3 billion deficit out of a \$9.3 billion General Fund as a result of the legislature's repeal of the Single Business Tax.

That's because the lawmakers, who did that this summer acted with out the slightest idea of what to replace it with. And there is no guarantee they'll get one in place before the tax expires.

And if you need further proof of a lack of coherent political leadership these days, you need only look at two contradictory proposals on the November ballot — both of which might pass.

Let's look at the ballot proposals first. One, called "Stop Over Spending" (SOS) would constitutionally restrict the amount the state can spend, period. The other, called "K-16," seeks to require more state spending for schools. For one thing, most government experts think sticking spending decisions into our Constitution is a bad idea. But beyond that — if both pass, and that could easily happen — these two proposals would be in direct conflict, though it does seem clear what would happen after that.

The SOS measure would limit state spending to the sum of inflation plus population growth — giving our elected lawmakers very little ability to deal with major crises. Supporters claim they've handed in more than the 317,757 signatures needed to put the proposal on the ballot. Some early polls show SOS ahead, although a coalition of civic groups is fighting the proposal, saying the language is impossible to understand. They also point to the mess that a similar measure created in Colorado before it was repealed.

But though this promises disaster, it still may be on the ballot. The K-16 proposal would automatically commit to school districts, community colleges and universities at least enough state funding to cover inflationary cost increases. The Senate Fiscal Agency says the measure, if it passes, would require the state to spend an additional \$507 million the first year.

This proposal is also ideal in the polls. If both were to pass, however, the SOS proposal would trump the other, since unlike the K-16 proposal, it is a Constitutional Amendment, not a simple law.

(If both had the same status, the rules say the proposal which gets the most votes supersedes the other.)

But that doesn't mean those on the losing side may not take their case to the courts. And if SOS passes, the odds are that it will lead to a further blow to the state's national reputation.

That in turn will mean increased interest costs on our bond rating for state government debt is downgraded. Notice I don't say if, the only real question will be when.

As for the Single Business Tax — it now seems the legislature, in its urgency to repeal the unpopular tax, (and founder to the voters) forgot it takes some time to properly set up the system to administer and collect any replacement business tax. The SBT, which produces around \$1.9 billion in state revenue, is set to expire on Dec. 31, 2007. As of now, the current lawmakers are supposed to solve this problem in a "hunch-dick" session after the Nov. 7 election.

More realistic observers figure it will take the legislature months and months to hammer out a new state business tax.

And on top of that — veteran tax experts say it takes a long time to develop the necessary systems to collect the new revenue.

Joseph J. Tomczyk, Director of John Bernard LLC, a tax advisory firm in Royal Oak says, "It certainly will take at least a year, probably closer to 18 months to put together all the systems required to make the tax work." He knows something about that: he is a former staffer at the state treasury department. Tomczyk says the state has to understand the language of whatever bill the legislature passes and the governor signs. Who's taxed? How is the tax to be computed? What about estimated payments? Pre-payments?

Then there is the matter of forms and systems. How to process and account for the returns? What about delinquent taxpayers and follow-up, not to mention audits?

The bottom line is that the state is already facing a billion-dollar "structural" budget deficit, which means that the funding systems now in place automatically turn up that much of a shortfall, every year.

If the legislature follows its traditional work pace — which is very, very slow — it won't get around to passing a replacement business tax until late 2007. If it then takes 18 months for the Department of Treasury to sort out the tax-collection systems, the state could be facing a sky-high deficit of nearly \$3 billion or so (the \$1 billion current deficit plus nearly \$2 billion in business tax shortfall) for the fiscal year that starts in October, 2007.

Michigan's Constitution forbids any deficits at all, so some time next year the legislature might find itself having to cut state spending by around one-third! You may be certain neither candidate for governor nor any of the folks running for the legislature are going to talk much about this problem. But we could be facing a financial train wreck, thanks to the obsession with cutting taxes above anything else, especially sound government policy.

When asked about this problem, Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, a member of the legislative committee that will propose a replacement business tax, said "I hear it (the problem) loud and clear." She added, "It will take an extraordinary level of discipline" for the legislature to implement tax reform before the SBT runs out.

Don't hold your breath.

That's why a day-long town hall meeting on Nov. 13 (the Monday after the election) on business taxation policy might be interesting. Co-sponsored by The Center for Michigan, my newly formed non-profit "think-and-do tank," and Michigan State University, the gathering will aim to cast light on the whole tax question.

A panel of budget and tax experts will review the consequences of the various tax plans under consideration — who wins, who loses, and what the impact is on the budget and the state. (Full disclosure: I'm the guy who founded The Center for Michigan; I serve as its President.)

If you're interested, send me a note and I'll send more details. In the meantime, if you want to have some fun by giving candidates — any candidates — for state office a hard time. Just ask them about the perfect financial storm we may be soon facing.

Ask them what they propose to do about it. Then listen for the trademark distress call of the endangered politician — the sound, that is, of nervous stammering.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He is also the founder of The Center for Michigan; a moderate think-and-do tank. These opinions and others expressed in his columns are his own and do not in any way represent official policy positions of The Center for Michigan. Phil would be pleased to hear from readers at [power@chmnet.com](mailto:power@chmnet.com).

# OPINION

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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



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**Partners**  
Twins Paige, left, and Brooke, center, dance together before their Performing Arts Academy dance class at the Novi Ice Arena.

## LETTERS

### Public safety tops in Novi

Last Thursday night my wife and I were driving westbound on 10 Mile Road when we came upon a horrific accident at Cranbrook involving a car and a motorcycle. I don't know either party involved, what caused it, or who, if anyone, was at fault.

By the time we arrived both the city of Novi's police and fire departments were there, and I'd like everyone to know what a tremendous job they both did. The police had taken complete control of the entire situation: blocking and diverting traffic, crowd control, and separating and taking statements from witnesses. They did a great job but the work our fire department did was what really impressed me. The poor driver of the motorcycle was pinned under the car so the firemen had to jack it up, putting blocks under it as they went, and then very carefully remove the poor soul from under it. They then applied CPR for what seemed to be a least half an hour before the victim could be transported to a hospital.

I know most of us do a lot of complaining about both these departments when something doesn't go quite the way we'd like it to. But let me tell you, we are really lucky here in Novi to have such a fine and dedicated group of people looking out for our best interests. We should all let them know just how much they are appreciated once in a while. So, I'd like to take this opportunity to say thanks to all of you and a job well done.

**Dave Shingler**  
Novi

### Nay to GOP, DeVos

With Republican leadership, this country has shown the world a culture of corruption and incompetence. How can we hope to be respected in the world when this corruption exists for all to see. How can we expect to be leaders in the world when our government does not protect our natural resources, when we have people living on the streets, when many of our citizens do not have adequate health care, and where the rich get richer while the poor continue to struggle? These politicians will listen when we go to the polls this fall!

Dick DeVos is using negative ads that misquote newspapers. He outright lies in the ads about Florida and uses attacks to portray disaffected voters. Spending over a million dollars for two negative ads that spread false information is not the kind of person I want at the helm of the state of Michigan.

**Doreen Lawton**  
Novi

### Minimum wage change needed ASAP

If your high school son or daughter struggled to find a summer job, don't be surprised if he or she finds it nearly impossible to locate part-time work during the school year. The market for young people — never what you'd call robust — is about to go bust, as many employers, like us, look at eliminating jobs for youth under 18 when the new minimum wage hike begins Oct. 1. That is, unless our lawmakers and Governor Granholm pass a reduced minimum wage for employees under age 18.

The increased minimum wage legislation was passed to assure a higher living standard for working families. But it applies to everyone in the workforce, including the young person that buys your groceries, the kid that shags your golf cart and the young ticket-taker at the movie theatre. The high schooler who takes your order at the drive through and the student who helps out at the local nursery school will all now be mandated to receive not less than \$6.95 an hour (and even more over the next couple of years).

The retail, hospitality, tourism and movie theatre industries have long been major employers of high school-age students, providing youth with an opportunity to earn their own spending money for high school and cash for college. Kids in their first jobs learn skills for their future working careers — everything from the importance of arriving on time to the necessity of dressing appropriately and treating customers with respect. Employing youth isn't easy. Employers have to follow strict

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labor laws that regulate how many hours a young person can work, how late they can work and the types of jobs they can do. In addition, employers face higher training costs and higher turnover, as kids start and stop work due to changing after-school activities.

That's why many employers, like us, will have little choice but to scale-back the number of high school students employed and reduce the number of hours worked. As an employer of many young persons, we'll instead look at ways to automate jobs, or give the job duties to employees who are older, have more flexibility in the hours they can work, and require less training.

This consequence of the minimum wage hike was unforeseen. For most parents, the implication won't be understood until their son or daughter loses his/her job, and the parents are now shelling out 100 percent of the cost for school supplies, football tickets, gas for the car and those pricey jeans.

Senator Cameron Brown recently introduced legislation, Senate Bill 1764, that would enable employers to pay workers under age 18 a wage that's less than \$6.95 an hour. If we're going to preserve jobs for high school students, we need lawmakers to act on the plan before Oct. 1. Without some relief, the minimum wage hike is going to turn into a wage cut for every family with high schoolers who can no longer find work.

**Paul A. Glantz**  
Manager, Emagine Novi

### Novi has lost one of its best

Michelle Batzel, age 80, my childhood hero was buried today. Evidence of his good effect on lives of others was apparent by a full church.

I was seven years old, living with my grandmother on Antoinette and 14th Street in Detroit. World War II created heart rationing. A knock on Grandma's door followed by fifteen year old Mitchell Batzel with a package in his hands. It was a beef roast, and he asked if we might be able to use it as his parents store was closing and he did not want the meat to go to waste. "Could you do us a favor," he said.

A wonderful gift to an old woman and her grandchild from this handsome young man, on a Saturday night, taking time to assure a find Sunday dinner, using words in such a way as to soften the fact they were, dirt poor.

Novi has lost a wonderful man who from his early years on lived goodness, but in his place there remains a precious family, and his legacy of goodness reaches out through them.

**Condolences to his beautiful wife Alice, children, and more.**

**Ann Bennell**  
Dearborn

### Pull some strings, DeVos

So Dick DeVos is trying to show that he can be a politician, calling it inexcusable that the White House's failure to schedule a requested meeting with U.S. auto CEOs.

DeVos says his isn't about politics, it's about people's jobs. However, if that were true, DeVos could have called on Mr. Bush some time ago.

As a large contributor for Bush and the GOP, I am sure he must hold a little like Pioneer or Ranger and would therefore have access to the president far quicker than a Democratic governor of a state he didn't get as promised in his 2000 bid or when he was elected in 2004.

Maybe DeVos can be more than a businessman inheriting his way to the top. He can be a politician buying and lying his way up.

**Chuck Tindall**  
Novi

### Corrections

In a photo caption on page 5-A of the Aug. 24, 2006, edition of the Novi News, Tony Novicki was identified as the city manager of Wixom. Novicki is the assistant city manager.

# SENIORS

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## NOVI SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Friday 9/1	Wednesday 9/6
9 a.m. .... Stretch and Strength cancelled	9 a.m. .... Stretch and Strength cancelled
10 a.m. .... Body Recall	10 a.m. .... Blood Pressure
10 a.m.-noon .... Medicare, Jack Main	11 a.m. .... Taking Off Pinks Sensibly class
noon .... Lunch	11:30 .... Clogging
12:30 p.m. .... Dipl. Bridge	noon .... Game Day-free
12:45 p.m. .... Bingo	2-2:30 p.m. .... Massage by appointment
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<b>Monday 9/4</b>	
<b>Tuesday 9/5</b>	
8:30 a.m. .... Paera bread	9 a.m. .... Line Dance cancelled
8:30 a.m. .... Coffee and Conversation	11-12:30 p.m. .... Computer Lab Open
9 a.m. .... Line Dance*	noon .... Lunch
10 a.m. .... Asia Pacific	12:15 .... That's Entertainment! Senior Show
10:30 .... Lunch	1-2 p.m. .... Contract Bridge
12:45 p.m. .... Bingo	1-2 p.m. .... Line Dance cancelled
2-2:30 p.m. .... Massage by appointment	2-2:30 p.m. .... Massage by appointment

\*Activities will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Phone (248) 347-9414.



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### Fox Running mates

Residents at Fox Run, a campus for men and women age 62 and over, in Novi, hosted gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos and his running mate, Fith Johnson. DeVos was invited to Fox Run at the request of residents who are interested in learning more about the candidate in order to make prudent decisions for the upcoming election in November. More than 200 residents attended the event in Fox Run's Fireside Restaurant. DeVos shared his background with the audience and touched on the key elements of his campaign. Johnson spoke briefly in support of DeVos and his election platform. A question-and-answer session followed that enabled residents to delve deeper into DeVos' strategies for turning around the Michigan economy. At the conclusion of the presentation, DeVos and Johnson shook hands and greeted members of the audience.

# FAITH

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>Meadowbrook Congregational</b> LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: Rev. Ed Williamson, Interim Minister; (248) 348-7757, visit <a href="http://www.mbcce.org">www.mbcce.org</a> or <a href="mailto:gmcc@accountholder.biz">gmcc@accountholder.biz</a> Sunday Worship TIME: 10 a.m.	8847 or e-mail <a href="mailto:hfnov@soe.com">hfnov@soe.com</a> <b>Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting</b> DATE: Last Wednesday of each month, ongoing TIME: 10-11 a.m. DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Childcare is available. Registration is required. CONTACT: Lisa Molley, (248) 334-3395	CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or visit <a href="http://www.crosspointenov.org">www.crosspointenov.org</a> <b>Sunday Worship</b> TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.	affects to laughter? DATE: Sept. 7 DETAILS: Author Jule Fairfield-Fedell will share stories from her book. <b>Perfect Love, Imperfect Relationships, Part One</b> DATE: Sept. 14 DETAILS: Robert Scanlan will discuss the book "Root Source of Relationship Problems". <b>Card and Games Night</b> DATE: Sept. 14 DETAILS: Join others to play cards, uno, and other board games. <b>Always Ask the Question</b> DATE: Sept. 21 DETAILS: Linda Senino Hurd will speak on nurturing a romantic relationship. <b>Perfect Love, Imperfect Relationships, Part Two</b> DATE: Sept. 28 DETAILS: Robert Scanlan will discuss dealing with resentment in relationships. <b>Card and Games Night</b> DATE: Sept. 28 DETAILS: Join others to play cards, uno, and other board games. <b>Walking Group</b> TIME: 11:30 a.m. LOCATION: First, second and fourth Saturday, Big Apple Bagel Shop, 2334 Farmington Road, Farmington, Third Saturday, Panera Bread Co., 34635 Grand River Ave., Farmington DETAILS: This is a walking/social group. Everyone is invited.
<b>Novi United Methodist</b> LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 Sunday Worship TIME: 9:45 a.m.	<b>Oak Pointe</b> LOCATION: Novi High School, 24092 Tall Road CONTACT: (248) 912-0943 or visit <a href="http://www.oakpointe.org">www.oakpointe.org</a> Sunday Worship TIME: 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.	<b>St. Paul Lutheran</b> LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-3140 Kindergarten Registration DETAILS: Children who will be 5-years-old by Friday, Dec. 1 may register for full-day or half-day kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran School.	<b>St. John Lutheran</b> LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit <a href="http://www.stjohn-lutheran.com">www.stjohn-lutheran.com</a> Sunday Worship TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. Saturday: 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday Sunday School TIME: 9:45 a.m.
<b>Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross</b> LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or <a href="http://www.churchoftheholycross.com">www.churchoftheholycross.com</a> Sunday Worship TIME: 7:45 and 10 a.m., Sunday School TIME: 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship Center for ages 3-7: 10 a.m. All ages Lunch Hour Worship TIME/DAY: 12:10-12:50 p.m., Wednesday, ongoing DETAILS: This will include scripture and Holy Communion. <b>Youth Worship</b> TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., second and fourth Sunday of every month DETAILS: All youth are welcome.	<b>St. James Catholic</b> LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 347-7778	<b>St. John Lutheran</b> LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit <a href="http://www.fithcommunity-nov.org">www.fithcommunity-nov.org</a> Summer Worship and Sunday School TIME: 10 a.m.	<b>First Presbyterian Church of Northville</b> LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or visit <a href="http://www.firstpresbyterian.org">www.firstpresbyterian.org</a> Sunday Worship TIME: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. Community Health Service DATE: First Monday of every month DETAILS: This service is open to anyone asking God for healing in their life, or that of someone close to them.
<b>Holy Family</b> LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit <a href="http://www.holyfamilynov.org">www.holyfamilynov.org</a> Catholic Faith Questions DATE: Monday, Sept. 11 TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: This meeting will include information for "Being Catholic: What's it all about?" CONTACT: Maria, (248) 349-	<b>Commerce United Methodist</b> LOCATION: 1155 North Commerce Road, Commerce Township CONTACT: (248) 363-3935	<b>The Baha'i Faith</b> CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit <a href="http://www.bahai.org">www.bahai.org</a> Devotional Gathering TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last Saturday of every month LOCATION: 23803 Ripple Creek St., Novi DETAILS: This is a gathering/focusing on prayers for peace. People of all faiths are welcome.	<b>First Presbyterian Church of Northville</b> LOCATION: 300 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 Single Place Ministries CONTACT: <a href="http://www.singleplace.org">www.singleplace.org</a> (248) 349-0911 or visit <a href="http://www.singleplace.org">www.singleplace.org</a> Thursday Programs/Ongoing TIME: 7:30, social, 8 p.m. program DETAILS: The cost is \$5 per person. Are there any negative side

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# CALENDAR

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## EVENTS

### Novi High School Band Battle Drive

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 9  
TIME: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
LOCATION: James Jack, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook Roads  
DETAILS: This is a fundraiser to support the marching band. Students will be collecting donations of cans and bottles in the parking lot.  
CONTACT: Linda Daly, (248) 504-0728

### Embroidery Open House

DATE: Thursday, Sept. 14  
TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Library  
DETAILS: The Michigan Chapter of the Embroiders' Guild of America is having this event. There will be needlework demonstrations and a free cross-stitch session.  
CONTACT: Bev, (248) 474-6771

### "Rapunzel: Uncut"

DATE: Various days  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Players Guild of Dearborn, 21730 Madison  
DETAILS: Novi resident, Carrie Drummond is performing in this production.  
CONTACT: http://playersguildofdearborn.org

### Novi Theaters "Senior Variety Show"

DETAILS: The production will be Sept. 7, 8, 14 and 15 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. Tickets are available at Novi Parks and Recreation, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0406, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

### Pel Awareness Day

DATE: Sunday, Sept. 10  
TIME: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
LOCATION: City of Walled Lake, 1499 E. West Maple Road  
DETAILS: This is a family and pet-friendly event. There will be activities and entertainment.  
CONTACT: (248) 624-8447

### American Sewing Guild West Oakland Chapter

DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 27  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center  
DETAILS: The meeting theme will be "Stash Dash". Visitors are welcome.

### Pandora Jewelry Trunk Show!

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### Wixom City Council Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 5  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Wixom City Hall, 4045 Pontiac Trail  
CONTACT: (248) 624-4557

### St. Anne's Fall Festival Art and Cookie Sale

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 7  
TIME: 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.  
LOCATION: St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 104 Nicolet St., Walled Lake  
CONTACT: (248) 424-3817 or office@stannewalledlake.org

### Care and Restoration of Historic Photographs

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 14  
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon  
LOCATION: Heritage Park, Farmington Hills  
DETAILS: The Oakland County Historical Commission is sponsoring a restoration by the Michigan Photographic Historical Society.  
CONTACT: Advance registration is required. Please call (248) 701-8112

### Farmers Market

DATE: Thursday through Oct. 26  
TIME: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.  
LOCATION: Northville Downs parking lot, center of Seven Mile and Sheridan Road, Northville  
DETAILS: There are 100 stalls of fresh produce, plants, flowers, baked goods, garden art, crafts and home accessories available. This is sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and Historic Estates of Northville Hills Golf Club.  
CONTACT: (248) 349-7640

## SCHOOL/GOVERNMENT

### Novi City Council Meeting

DATE: Monday, Sept. 11  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

### Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 5  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

### Novi School Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, Sept. 7  
TIME: 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 35345 Taft Road

## BUSINESS

### Females in the Family Business Affinity Group

TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of every month  
LOCATION: Walsh College, Troy Campus  
DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in, or work for family businesses. Items discussed will be common issues and share solutions in a non-threatening, non-competitive, non-sales environment. Registration is required.  
CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, email jhubbard@walshcollege.edu

### Financial Roundtable

DATE: Friday, Sept. 8  
TIME: 10 a.m.  
LOCATION: Leo's Coney Island (northwest corner of Deck Road and Grand River Avenue)  
DETAILS: presented by JR Aijeh and the Greater Novi Chamber; no charge  
CONTACT: (248) 437-4622

### Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce

CONTACT: (248) 628-2826  
Morning Connection  
DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 12  
TIME: 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
LOCATION: Tim Horton's, 1006 E. West Maple Rd., Walled Lake  
DETAILS: This is a networking opportunity.  
Powerhouse Challenge Mixer  
DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 13  
TIME: 5-7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Lucky Strike Lanes, Novi  
DETAILS: Join the Lakes Area, Novi, and South Livonia Chambers of Commerce for a innovative networking venture. Cost is \$15. Members only.  
Fiftieth Annual Golf - Scramble  
DATE: Friday, Sept. 15  
TIME: 8 a.m. Registration; 9 a.m. Shotgun start  
LOCATION: Brentwood Golf Club, 2450 Havenwood, White Lake  
DETAILS: Contact the Chamber office to register.  
Spotlight Lunch  
DATE: Thursday, Sept. 21

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### Mastering the Mouse for Seniors

DATE: Thursday, Sept. 7  
TIME: 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
DETAILS: During this hands-on class, we will use a self-guided online tutorial to learn and practice the basic functions of using a mouse. Call the library to register.  
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi  
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455  
Colored Pencil Workshop  
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second Tuesday of every month  
DETAILS: The cost is \$2. Beginners are welcome.  
Artist in Residence  
TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. first and third Thursday of every month  
DETAILS: Join Artist-in-Residence May Ours Teens and experiment with drawing, pastels, watercolor, Chinese brush painting, mixed media and collage. Beginners are welcome, there is a \$5 materials fee.  
Assorted Art Workshops  
Flower Heads  
TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. - noon, Tuesday, Sept. 25  
Silk Flower Making  
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 11  
Mosaic  
TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. - noon, Tuesday, Oct. 24  
Origami  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. - noon, Tuesday, Oct. 5  
DETAILS: This informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. There is no charge. Childcare is available. Registration is required.  
CONTACT: Lisa Molloy, (248) 334-3595

### Novi Toastmasters

DATE: first and third Tuesday of each month  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center  
DETAILS: The Novi Toastmasters (NOVTS) is a non-profit support group, for members who choose to stay at home with their children, work out of their homes, or work part-time.  
CONTACT: jensungflaming@yahoo.com

### Novi Toastmasters

DATE: first and third Tuesday of each month  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.  
DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership.  
CONTACT: Colleen, (248) 685-9226

### Novi Toastmasters

DATE: second Thursday of each month  
TIME: 7 p.m.  
LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom  
DETAILS: Come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer. Deep in for five minutes or longer.  
CONTACT: Nancy or Susan, (248) 926-8332 or harvestfellowship@comcast.net

### Breast Cancer Support Group

LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Conference Classroom C  
TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.  
DETAILS: No registration needed.  
CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

### Boost Camp Day

DATE: Friday, Sept. 15 and Oct. 13  
TIME: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Providence Center for the Healing Arts, Providence Medical Building, 47601 Grand River Ave.  
DETAILS: This is a day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, information and a new perspective on healthier living. It is open to the public. The cost is \$50, which includes lunch and materials. Registration is required.

### Boost Camp Day

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 9  
TIME: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Charish Cancer Treatment Center, Huron Valley Hospital  
DETAILS: Free prostate cancer screening and educational sessions will be available, by appointment. Call by Sept. 6 to schedule an appointment.  
CONTACT: Detroit, Medical Center, 367-2500

### Boost Camp Day

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TIME: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Conference Classroom C  
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## Dog gone it!

■ Chelsea Bulldogs never trailed in 28-14 win over Novi

By Jeff Thelsen  
NOVI NEWS

A couple of golden opportunities fell by the wayside, and the Novi football team was left with a 28-14 loss Saturday at Ryerson Stadium at Eastern Michigan University.

Chelsea never trailed the Wildcats, though the game was never out of reach until the final turnover by Novi with just more than a minute left.

"We'll be all right with our kids," Kelleppoury said. "I liked the fact that they didn't quit playing one-down tonight. That's important for our kids right now."

The Bulldogs struck first with a trick play. Quarterback Jon Seelbach handed off to Nick Schwarz for what looked like a reverse. Seelbach instead threw to a wide open Antwan McClendon who scored easily on the 53-yard play just 1:15 into the game.

The Wildcats appeared as though they were going in to tie things up. A drive that lasted 9:09 turned up empty when a 31-yard field goal sailed wide left.

Chelsea doubled its lead just before halftime. Running back Nick Hill bounced outside for a 45-yard gain that set up a McClendon 5-yard score. A few plays later with just 34 seconds left in the half.

### Second half

The Wildcats opened the second half with a momentum-changing kickoff return. Dan Kaminski brought the ball back 63 yards to the Bulldog 30-yard line.

On second-and-9, quarterback Brandon Carnegie pulled off the play of the game. He kept the ball and headed to the short side of the field. After finding no running room, Carnegie cut back completely across the field. Several blocks by receivers down field sprung Carnegie for an 18-yard touchdown into the right corner of the end zone with 9:08 left in the third.

Carnegie was voted the Novi player of the game and finished with 81 yards on 17 carries.

"Brandon is a special player. He's just a great team player," Kelleppoury said. "He stepped in on Monday, was his first day of pads with us ... I said to him, 'Guess what? You're starting at quarterback. And he accepted that role. He did a great job for us.'"

The Wildcat defense did its job, and the offense went right back on the field.

The ensuing drive went from the Wildcat 43 to the Bulldog 22. Carnegie kept the ball for a small gain but was stripped around the 20, and the Bulldogs jumped on the fumble.

Instead of potentially tying the game, the Bulldogs went up 14 points with an 82-yard drive that lasted nine plays.

Seelbach found tight end Dan Augustine for an 8-yard touchdown. Seelbach finished 9-for-15 for 127 yards and two scores.

Chelsea took its biggest lead of the night when Seelbach hit Adam Connell, who was all alone, for a 24-yard score with 8:09 left.

Novi running back R.J. Gordon carries the ball Saturday against Chelsea.

Novi return man Stefan Figurski tries to break a tackle Saturday against Chelsea. Figurski totaled 117 yards on three kick returns, including a 92-yard touchdown.

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**Box score**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
Novi	0	0	7	7	14
Chelsea	7	7	7	7	28

**First quarter**  
C—10-45 Antwan McClendon 53 pass from N. Schwarz, kick good.

**Second quarter**  
C—34 McClendon 5 run, kick good.

**Third quarter**  
N—9-08 Brandon Carnegie 18 run, kick good.

**Fourth quarter**  
C—8-09 Dan Augustine 8 pass from Jon Seelbach, kick good.

**Fourth quarter**  
C—Adam Connell 24 pass from Seelbach, kick good.  
N—Stefan Figurski 92 kickoff return, kick good.

# HEADING FOR HIGHLAND

## Wildcats start KVC play Friday at Milford

By Jeff Thelsen  
NOVI NEWS

Novi had plenty of opportunities that weren't cashed in during the opening game Saturday against Chelsea. The next opportunity will come Friday at Milford.

"Milford is a very big, physical team," Novi head coach Tab Kelleppoury said. "We played them in the first round of the playoffs at our field and they beat us."

Despite the loss last year, Kelleppoury isn't seeking revenge. He's seeking improvement from the Wildcats.

"I hope our kids are ready to play a game of football," he said. "After seeing what we did Saturday night, we've got a lot of areas that we're going to have to work on to correct."

"We've got to take care of our situation before we can worry about others."

Kelleppoury used three quarterbacks against Chelsea, and he may get the services of a fourth.

"Adam Chandler is in question right now," Kelleppoury said of the injured QB. Chandler's availability wouldn't be known until after press time.

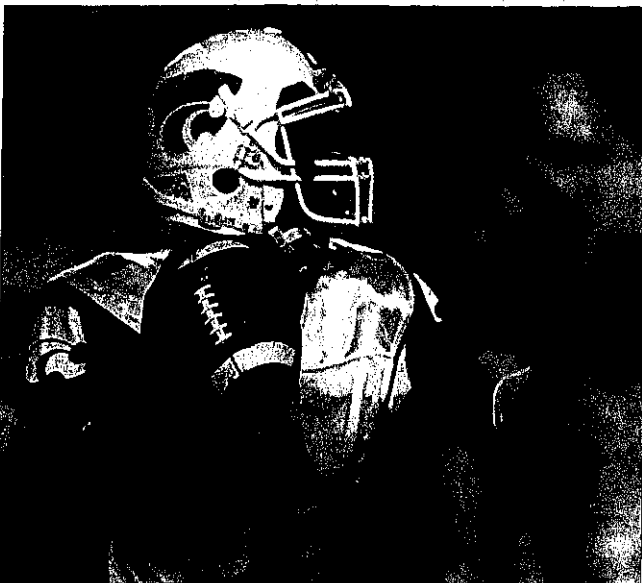
"Brandon Carnegie will be the starting quarterback. If we get Adam back, then he'll get some playing time at the quarterback slot," Kelleppoury said. "Mark Heard and (Chris) Belfamy will also get some time at that position."

The biggest bright spot in the opening game came from the special teams.

The punt team blocked a punt. Stefan Figurski returned a punt 92 yards for a score, and he teamed up with Dan Kaminski to record more than 200 yards in kickoff returns.

Special teams did a nice job," Kelleppoury said. "We were able to get a blocked punt when we needed it. One of our points of emphasis early on was our special teams."

This will be the second road game for the Wildcats, but Kelleppoury hopes the fans come out to a hostile Milford to help out his team.



Novi quarterback Brandon Carnegie looks downfield Saturday against Chelsea in the Big Prep Showdown II at Eastern Michigan University. Carnegie was voted player of the game for the Wildcats.

Photos by HAL GOULD

### Friday's game

Who: Milford  
Where: Away  
When: 7 p.m. Friday  
Records: Novi (0-1), Milford (1-0)



Novi return man Stefan Figurski tries to break a tackle Saturday against Chelsea. Figurski totaled 117 yards on three kick returns, including a 92-yard touchdown.



Novi running back R.J. Gordon carries the ball Saturday against Chelsea.

# Shamrocks fall in '06 opener

By Jeff Thelsen  
KOSCIUSKO NEWS

Novi Catholic Central football team gave 2005 Ohio Division II champion Toledo Catholic all it wanted Friday night in the opener, but came up short.

The Shamrocks fell 21-17 on the road after leading 10-0 and 17-7. Toledo rallied for the final two touchdowns, the winning score coming with 3:17 left to play.

"I think we came out and played a very good first quarter and half," Catholic Central head coach Tom Mach said. "Overall, I saw the makings of a pretty good football team."

Ryan Houston opened the scoring with a 3-yard run just 1:45 in. The Shamrock defense set up the score by recovering a fumble on Toledo's first play.

Jake Marmol rained a punt 30 yards to set up the next score. Kicker Scott Schrimmscher knocked in a 30-yard field goal for a 10-0 lead with more than six minutes left in the first quarter.

Marmol led the Shamrock offense with 92 yards rushing and the long punt return to set up the field goal.

"I think Jake Marmol ran very well," Mach said. "I think overall we controlled the ball well. We moved the ball on them."

Toledo rallied for a score after a botched punt attempt left the ball at the Shamrock 29-yard line. Toledo ran eight times in a row for the score.

The Shamrocks wasted no time in extending the lead, taking the next drive in with Jeremy Bednarz-Gray, scoring from 5 yards out.

Toledo managed to score before the half, leaving the Shamrocks up 17-14 at the break.

Defense took over in the second half as both teams were held scoreless until Toledo marched in for the final score of the game late in the fourth quarter.

Penalties and turnovers plagued the Shamrocks, 10 in all, throughout the game. Toledo made just four.

"Because of our errors, we gave them the opportunity to get back in the huddle. You can't do that with a good football team," Mach said. "We played a very good football team. Sometimes that brings out a little bit of extra effort, which brings out more nerves and problems ... because you're trying harder."

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### Box score

	1	2	3	4	Tot
CC	10	7	0	0	17
Tol	7	7	0	7	21

### First quarter

C—Houston 3 run, kick good.  
C—Scott Schrimmscher 30 FG

### Second quarter

T—8 run, kick good.  
C—Jeremy Bednarz-Gray 5 run.

### Third quarter

T—TD, kick good.  
Fourth quarter  
T—Dane Sanzenbacher 22 catch, kick good.



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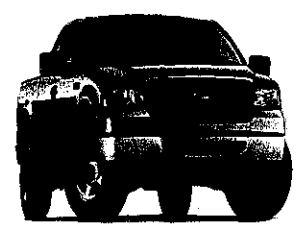
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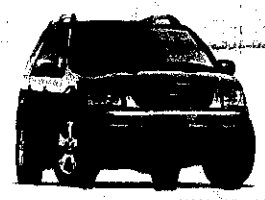
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Novi golfers start off hot

By Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITER
Novi golf got off to a flying start with three tournaments in four days. The Wildcats won the Huron Valley Invite (Aug. 15), finished ninth at the two-day Traverse City Invite on Aug. 16 and 17 and were runner-ups at the Farmington Invite on Aug. 18.

Highlights from each match included Alex Lyall. He was medalist with a 74 in the first round, tied for fourth overall at the Traverse City Invite and was again medalist in the third round with a 70. "Alex Lyall is playing well, and he is among the very best individuals in the state," Hays said.

Novi Soccer
Novi soccer capped off a 2-0-1 week with a 4-1 triumphing of Ann Arbor Pioneer on Friday.

Novi Athletics Raffle
The Novi Athletics Booster Club is raffling a two-year lease on a new 2007 Lincoln MKZ. A firm of 500 tickets will be sold for \$50. The winning ticket will be drawn at the end of the third quarter of the varsity football game on October 13, 2006.

'Cat harriers pounce' Stangs

By Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITER
Thursday's cross country meet between Novi and Northville at Cass Benton may have been scheduled as a scrimmage, but Wildcat boys coach Bob Smith treated it like the real thing.

Novi Tennis
The Wildcats tied for third Aug. 23 at the Okemos Invitational. Okemos and Grand Rapids Flint Hills Northern tied for first with 17 points. The two teams are top-five teams in Division 2.

Catholic Central Soccer
Shutout soccer finished the week unbeaten at 1-0-2. The win came 1-0 against Plymouth. Matt Bessens assisted on Nick Peton's goal.

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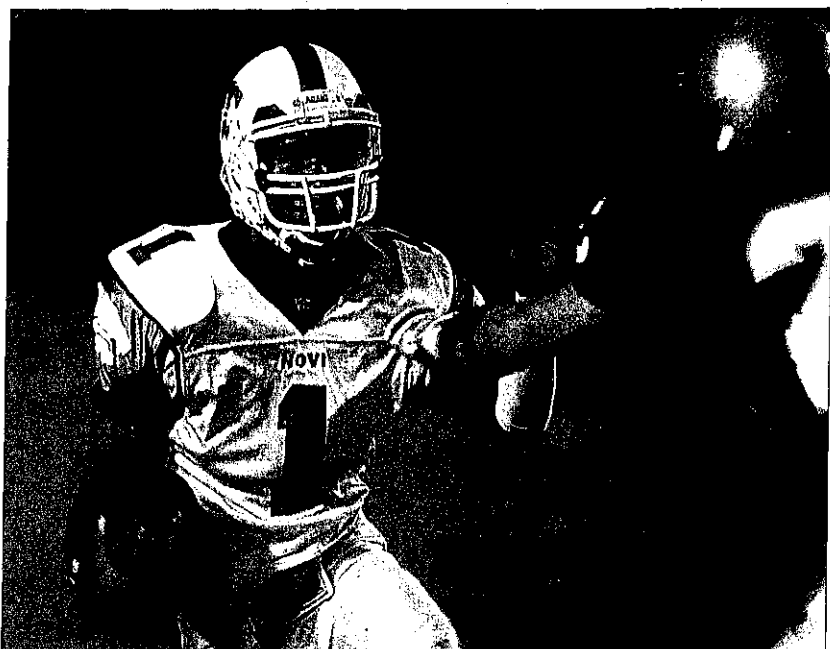
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# OPENING NIGHT

■ Chelsea never trailed in 28-14 win over Wildcats

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Novi's Brandon Carnegle carries the ball Saturday against Chelsea.

within 14 when he returned the following kickoff 92 yards for the score. He broke the initial line and was gone.

Figurski and Kaminski combined for 201 yards in five kickoff returns. The punt rush team also recorded a block.

"Our special teams were strong out there at the right times," Kellepporey said.

The Wildcats' final three possessions ended in turnovers, two interceptions and a fumble.

"Ball security is a big issue in all of high school football," Kellepporey said. "We had too many turnovers tonight, too many interceptions tonight. We have control of that football and we've got to keep it in our possession. That's something we're going to have to go back and work on."

Kellepporey didn't back down from placing some of the blame on the coaching staff.

"Our coaching part of it is where we've got to take care of our kids at this time," he said.

"We've got to get our kids coached up. We've got to give them an opportunity to be successful on all these aspects."

"I think coaching is the one thing that we need to get polished up at this time."

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Coach Tab Kellepporey  
Novi High Football



Novi's Brandon Carnegle tries to go for the ball Saturday against Chelsea.

## ■ Shamrocks fall to Toledo in 2006 season opener

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### Next Up

Notre Dame Prep will have to come to Catholic Central this Friday.

Mach said he's seen a little bit of film on Notre Dame from its first game and scrimmage.

"They have a very, very good quarterback who runs the option,"

he said. "They played a good first game."

Mach knows the players and fans will be looking forward to the first home game.

"It will be fun. There will probably be a good crowd," Mach said. "A lot of people want to come out to the first game and see what's going on."

"I think (the players) are disappointed over the loss because they

did have a great opportunity to win. But at the same time, I think they realize that they are a pretty good football team and with a lot of hard work and dedication they are going to get better every week. That's exactly what we're trying to do."

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Novi's Stefan Figurski and Dan Kaminski get to the kickoff at the same time in the third quarter.

## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULES

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Football	9/7	Plymouy	3 p.m.	Tennis	at Lakeland	4 p.m.	9/1 Time Trial at Kensington Park 2 p.m.
9/1 at Millford	7 p.m.	Girls Basketball	8/31	9/6	at W. Bloomfield	4 p.m.	Boys Golf
Cross Country (road)	4:30 p.m.	8/31	8/31	at W. Central	7 p.m.	9/7	9/7 Brother Rice at Cattails 4 p.m.
9/7 at Millford	3 p.m.	Boys Soccer	8/31	W.L. Western	7 p.m.	9/7	9/7 at DeLaSalle 4 p.m.
Boys Golf	3 p.m.	8/31	8/31	Pinckney	7 p.m.	9/7	Boys Soccer
9/5 at Millford	3 p.m.	9/5	9/5	Howell	7 p.m.	9/7	9/7 at Divine Child 4 p.m.
					7 p.m.	9/7	9/7 at DeLaSalle 5:30 p.m.
					Football	9/1	
					9/1	Notre Dame Prep	7 p.m.

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# Ignite Appetites

Pairing Sweet  
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**FAMILY FEATURES**

**L**ooking for juicy new ideas to add variety to your cookout repertoire this summer? Take a cue from one of the nation's top culinary pros.

"Chefs have been going wild for tropical fruits lately, and just in sweet dishes," says Melissa Kelly, food trend expert and executive chef of Primo (with restaurant locations in Maine, Arizona and Florida). "Incorporating exotic fruits such as mangoes into savory dishes using a lean meat like pork is hotter than ever."

Mangos are the world's favorite fruit, and Americans are beginning to experiment with this exotic, luscious fruit in everything from entire salads to desserts. Pork is a natural partner for fruit and is perfect for grilling, thanks to the variety of cuts and cooking times. Because its versatile flavor blends harmoniously with a variety of seasonings, grilling, with pork is sure to spice up any meal. By pairing pork with the unique flavor of mango, the result is a mouth-watering and naturally healthy summer meal that's definitely not blah.

When entertaining this summer, consider these delicious recipes that are bursting with tropical taste, yet quick and easy to prepare on the grill. The menu options, perfect for lunch or dinner, feature succulent pork and tropical mangos.

For more recipes, visit [www.mangoinfo.org](http://www.mangoinfo.org) and [www.TheOtherWhiteMeat.com](http://www.TheOtherWhiteMeat.com).

**Bacon-Wrapped Pork With Spicy Mango-Basil Relish**

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 12 to 16 minutes

- 4 boneless pork chops, 1 1/2-inch thick
  - 8 strips bacon
  - 1/2 cup soy sauce
  - 1/2 cup fresh lime juice
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons cayenne pepper
  - 2 to 3 cloves fresh garlic, minced
- Spicy Mango-Basil Relish (recipe follows)

Wrap 2 strips of bacon around outside edge of each pork chop, securing in several places with toothpicks. Mix together soy sauce, lime juice, cayenne pepper and garlic. Reserve half of mixture for basting and place half in shallow baking dish. Add pork to dish and turn to coat both sides. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour, turning pork occasionally. (Marinate longer for more flavor.)

Remove from marinade, discard marinade and place pork on grill over medium coals. Cook 12 to 16 minutes total, basting with reserved marinade several times, until pork registers 160°F with instant-read thermometer. Serve with large dollop of Spicy Mango-Basil Relish.

Makes 4 servings

Spicy Mango-Basil Relish: In small bowl, stir together 1 peach, pitted and chopped mango, 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice, 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil and 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper.

**Grill Power! A Girl's Guide to Grilling**



This summer, the National Pork Board commemorates grilling season by offering a free booklet titled "Grill Power! A Girl's Guide to Grilling."

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To order the free recipe booklet, and for hundreds of other grilling meal ideas and tips, visit [TheOtherWhiteMeat.com](http://TheOtherWhiteMeat.com) and click on "Freebies" on the menu bar. This booklet also is available by sending a self-addressed mailing label to "Grill Power! A Girl's Guide to Grilling," National Pork Board, P.O. Box 9114, Des Moines, IA 50306. While online, look under "All About Pork" on the menu bar for a demonstration video: "Fire Up the Grill!"

**Thai Pork and Mango Salad With Mango-Mint Dressing**

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 20 to 25 minutes

- 1 pork tenderloin (about 1 pound)
  - Salt and freshly ground pepper
  - 2 tablespoons Thai red curry paste
  - 4 cups shredded coleslaw mixture (cabbage and carrots)
  - 4 cups chopped romaine lettuce
  - 1 chopped baby bok choy (dark green leaves only)
  - 2 large ripe mangos, peeled, pitted and sliced
  - 1 cup julienned red bell pepper
  - 2 tablespoons julienned, peeled fresh ginger
- Mango-Mint Dressing (recipe follows)

Season pork lightly with salt and pepper, then rub curry paste onto meat surface. Grill over medium coals 20 to 25 minutes, or until pork reaches internal temperature of 160°F (as measured with instant-read thermometer). Remove from grill and let cool slightly. Cut into strips and place in large bowl with coleslaw, romaine, bok choy, mango, red pepper and ginger. Drizzle with dressing and toss well to coat.

Makes 4 to 6 servings

Mango-Mint Dressing: Puree 1 pitted and pitted mango, 1 medium peeled and chopped shallot, 1 sliced green onion, 1/4 cup rice vinegar, 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, 2 teaspoons sesame oil and 1/2 teaspoon salt in blender or food processor until smooth. Add 1 tablespoon fresh mint leaves and pulse until chopped.



**Tropical S'mores**

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 5 minutes

- 8 marshmallows
- 8 (2-inch) soft molasses cookies
- 1 large mango, peeled, pitted and sliced

Optional toppings: caramel sauce, toasted coconut, chopped macadamia nuts

Toast marshmallows on long metal skewers over hot coals until golden brown outside and soft inside.

Place 2 marshmallows on each of 4 cookies and top with mango slices. Drizzle with caramel sauce and sprinkle with coconut and nuts, as desired.

Top with remaining 4 cookies.

Makes 4 servings



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## BUSINESS SENSE

### Nurturing new hires: 13 must-dos for your new employees

In some ways your new hire is like a newborn—fascinated by this exciting new world but in need of care and guidance. Nurture your new hire with these 13 must-dos, and the result will be long-standing workplace success.

- Encourage healthy eating habits. From day one, ensure that your new hire enjoys a steady diet of encouragement, reinforcement, and coaching. The result will be a strong and healthy employee.

- Give your new hire plenty of vitamins. Good food isn't enough. Supplement your new hire's diet with opportunities to learn from peers, outside training and other affirming development opportunities.

- Spoon-feed when necessary. Sure, you may have done a great job in selecting your new hire—and an even better job at orientation. But don't assume that your new hire has the ability to do everything. Take the time to show him or her, step by step, how important tasks get done.

- Keep your new hire safe. You know the motto of your operation. Help him avoid obstacles in his or her path, sharp objects and relationships, and places where he or she will fall down.

- Keep your new hire's ears clean. Set up a one-to-one orientation. Be sure your new employees clearly understand your policies, practices and traditions—and take the time to carefully explain anything he or she doesn't understand.

- Get close. From the start, let your new hire know that you want to be supportive, and that his or her success is one of your prime goals. Keep an open-door policy and spend time with your new hire whenever he or she needs it.

- Turn off the tube. Keep distractions out of the way of your new employee. These include inefficient procedures, unnecessary duties and time wasters.

- Kick the bad habits. The minute you notice an unproductive habit—lateness, lack of attention to detail, or poor communication, for example—nip it in the bud. Coach and instruct. Be clear in your expectations. Hopefully, the result will be the high-quality behavior and performance you want.

- Be sure your new hire gets plenty of rest. Whatever the level of experience and skill, virtually anyone who begins a new job feels some unease or stress. So keep the workload at an even pace and visit your new employees weekly weekends.

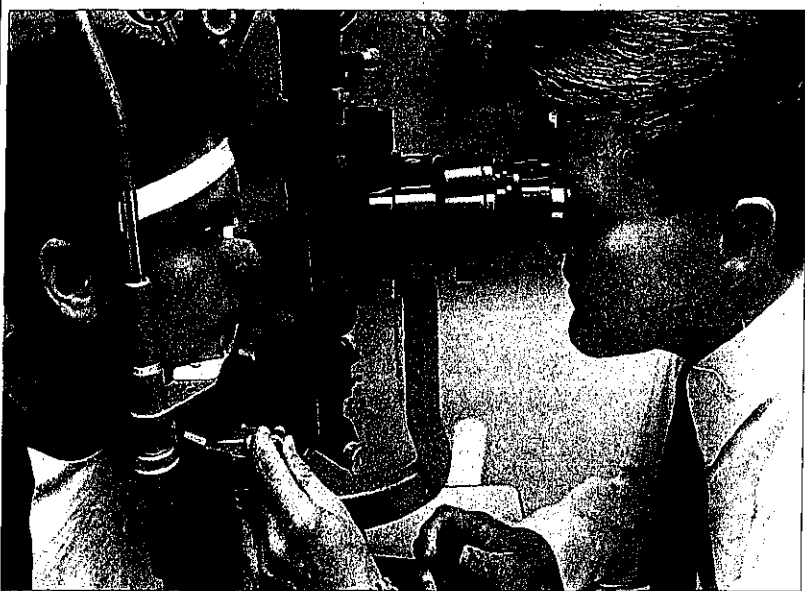
- Treat the fever. It's not uncommon for new hires to become momentarily upset or flustered after encountering their first few challenges. Treat these problems with a calm, no-anxiety response—and help your new employee conquer them.

- Use strong medicine when needed. If your new hire encounters problems that simply won't go away, all is not lost. Use a peer mentor, outside training program, or self-paced study course to build the skills and capacity that seem lacking.

- Teach your new hire to be independent. Slowly give him or her new responsibility and the opportunity to work independently. Congratulate your new employee on jobs well done and then plan the next big project.

- Stay the course. Don't worry when your new hire makes the occasional error or when things don't work out exactly the way you want. Just remember that tomorrow is another day, and with the right attitude and serious effort, you'll have still another opportunity tomorrow to mold a great employee.

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Jesse Wellman, 14, has his eyes checked by Craig Swanson. Swanson Family Eyecare is located in Novi at 3915 Grand River Avenue.

## Swanson: Eyecare for the family

Novi business offers quality family eyecare

By Kate Phillips  
SPECIAL WRITER

Good vision and healthy eyes are a crucial part of day to day living. More and more people are looking for an experienced optometrist that they can trust with this important aspect of their care.

Once folks try Swanson Family Eyecare PC, they never go back to bargain eyeglass stores. There's too much to like to leave eye health in the hands of anything less than the best.

"You can go anywhere to get a quick eye exam, but we focus on a very comprehensive exam," said Dr. Craig Swanson, O.D., who owns the Novi practice along with his wife, Sue. "We want to provide our patients with the best eye care possible."

Education and training make a big difference in the type of care provided.

Dr. Craig Swanson is among the best trained optometrists in the country. After receiving an undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan he earned a Doctorate of Optometry from University of Houston. He then completed a residency at the Cleveland VA Medical Center, specializing in the treatment of eye diseases.

Following his residency, Dr. Swanson was on staff at the Detroit Medical Center for 10 years. In addition to his private practice, Dr. Swanson is currently on staff at the John D. Bagall V.A. Medical Center in Detroit. He is also an associate professor for the Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University.

Instead of just providing vision testing, Dr. Swanson is able to detect, treat, and manage problems like eye infections, cataracts, glaucoma and macular degeneration. Dr. Swanson takes into consideration an individual's systemic health as it relates to the eyes and works closely with high risk patients, such as diabetics.

A unique clinical background has provided Dr. Swanson with the opportunity to diagnose and treat all sorts of diseases

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related to the eye. This experience benefits all of his patients.

"Having a residency background is helpful in allowing me to thoroughly evaluate a patient's eye problems," said Dr. Swanson. "In addition, we've put together a powerful staff of experienced professionals. That makes a difference in the care we are able to provide."

This expertise never goes to waste. Staff at Swanson Family Eyecare pass on knowledge to patients, so that patients better understand vision and eye health. During each appointment staff members take the time to educate patients about their eyes or about problems they may be experiencing.

When Dr. Swanson set up the Novi clinic four years ago, his main goal was to provide a place where patients could receive the best care possible. He believes that an educated patient and well trained staff can work practically together to address each individual's eye care needs.

"We didn't want to have the assembly line approach," said Dr. Swanson. "We spend a lot of time with each patient, educating them and providing them with that personalized experience."

And a careful education can actually eliminate many of the problems experienced by eyeglass and contact lens wearers. Patients are learning about the newest types of contact lenses available, including lenses that allow up to five times more oxygen to the eye, thus allowing many patients to wear contact lenses that were not able to wear them in the past. When patients understand how contact lenses and the recommended contact lens solutions work, they reduce their risk for eye infections and improve their overall wearing success.

It's all in the education. And as individuals age, increasing vision challenges make it important for them to be knowledgeable about the products available so that they can work with



Craig and Sue Swanson, right, pose with Swanson Family Eyecare staff.

the staff to develop the best optical solutions to meet their needs.

Many patients that wear progressive bifocal lenses are now benefiting from the newest and most advanced lenses offered, which are available at Swanson Family Eyecare. These lenses use digital imaging and custom wavefront technology to create the clearest and the most user-friendly progressive lenses available.


Bifocal contact lenses are now available that make it possible for contact lens wearers to get rid of reading glasses. Understanding problems and talking about solutions opens up an entire realm of possibilities for good vision.

Dr. Swanson also educates patients about the option of LASIK corrective surgery. With many options in LASIK surgery, some aren't sure where to turn.


Swanson Family Eyecare works in cooperation with the finest LASIK and cataract surgeons in the area so that patients can receive laser surgery by a trusted professional. Dr. Swanson works closely with surgeons to provide pre and post operative care for his patients.

In addition to clinical eye care services, Swanson Family Eyecare, PC offers a full range of eyeglasses, sunglasses, sports glasses and contact lenses. The office offers a nice selection of the newest eye wear available and provides high quality products at a good value. Experienced opticians are available on-site to fit and adjust eyeglasses.

Examinations are available during the day, early morning and evening hours, Monday through Saturday. For an appointment call (248) 427-9620.



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