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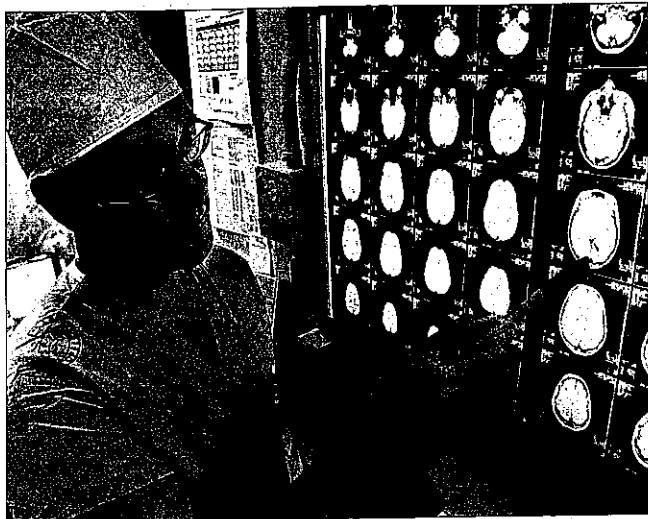


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Endovascular Neurosurgeon Dr. Richard Fessler points to an MRI scan of a patient's brain at Southfield's Providence Hospital. Fessler will bring his practice to Novi's new Providence Park Hospital.

**ONE OF NATION'S BEST**

Neuroscience center hits top 50 in U.S. News & World Report; new institute coming to Novi

By Pam Fleming  
 STAFF WRITER

Richard Fessler, M.D., had something to talk about at the dinner table after learning about a recent issue of U.S. News & World Report. Fessler, a neurosurgeon at Providence Hospital in Southfield, is now a member of an elite group.

Providence's neuroscience center was named by the national magazine in July as one of the top 50 such centers in the U.S. "We're actually all pretty excited about it," he said. Fessler, who specializes in neuroendovascular surgery, is opening an office in Novi, and will start seeing patients in this community in a couple of weeks. He will also be one of the physicians working in the new neuroscience institute planned at Providence Park Hospital in Novi. The new hospital is slated to open in the spring of 2008. So, what does this honor mean to patients in the area? Fessler said it means they have access to a group of talented neurosurgeons and neurologists.

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"Clinically, we probably have the best group of neurosurgeons in private or academic practice in the state."

Richard Fessler, M.D.  
 Providence Hospital

**Tower deals with unions**

Auto supplier aims to emerge from bankruptcy by end of year

By Greg Migliore  
 STAFF WRITER

Tower Automotive Inc. cleared another major hurdle last month as it reorganizes under bankruptcy protection.

The Novi-based auto parts supplier struck a deal last month with the United Auto Workers and United Steelworkers unions at plants in Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee, covering about 1,000 hourly workers.

Combined with an earlier pact with unions that closed its Milwaukee and Greenville, Mich., plants, Tower hopes to save \$31 million annually. The deal must be approved in U.S. bankruptcy court in New York.

"The issues addressed in this agreement, while very difficult, were strong and necessary steps for these plants to assure their future viability," said Kathleen Ligocki, Tower president and chief executive officer. "The result will give us cost savings critical to Tower's reorganization plan."

While the agreements with the unions are vital, Tower must still appease its creditors, who have objected to the deal. A court hearing was last week.

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**City launching videos of council meetings on Web**

Novi hopes to have site up in October

By Greg Migliore  
 STAFF WRITER

Willy Mena is a busy guy. He's a statistician for the Detroit Lions and Novi's high school football team. For his day job at Sun Microsystems, he works on critical software used by General Motors. His life is cluttered, to say the least. But he still tries to stay informed about hot-button issues in Novi, though getting to city council meetings is a chore, and he doesn't have cable television.

His suggestion: Put streaming videos of the meetings on the Web and let users click on the section they're interested in. Novi officials liked the idea, and the council approved the plan last week. The city hopes to have the site working for the Oct. 9 council meeting.

"The council as a whole is really interested in using technology to make things more efficient and accessible," council member Terry Macgois said.

**Accessibility is key**

Here's how it works: A meeting agenda on the Novi Web site will be linked to videos of the meeting. Users click on items that interest them, which will launch a video of that part of the meeting.

The plan's progress will be evaluated in early 2007. It will cost the city \$5,376.55 in startup costs for computer equipment and installation. The system will cost \$1,440 per month to maintain, and three to four part-time city workers will be charged with keeping it working.

The city plans to have the videos online the day after meetings and will maintain a 90-day archive.

"This means people can go straight to the item on the agenda that affects them and hear what the council thinks — without having to sit through a slew of zoning

variance requests or listen to a fellow citizen's long-winded comments during the meeting's audience participation.

"I think it's a sound move to provide the citizens with the ability to see these meetings, and the archive approach makes it available on-demand," said Rob Petty, Novi's information technology director.

The plan's progress will be evaluated in early 2007. It will cost the city \$5,376.55 in startup costs for computer equipment and installation. The system will cost \$1,440 per month to maintain, and three to four part-time city workers will be charged with keeping it working.

"It'll be a definite benefit as far as a communications tool," said Sheryl Walsh, Novi's community relations manager.

If the concept works, the city could expand it to zoning and planning meetings, Petty said.

Novi isn't the first city to use video streaming to make its council meetings more accessible. Troy also uses the technology, though a bit differently. Troy streams meetings to viewers living in its hotels for about two years.

Mena, meanwhile, is happy the idea he brainstormed with fellow Novi resident Dave Stauidt is going to be implemented. As Mena, 42, noted, "I wanted an alternative method to be able to view city council meetings."

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**Saving lives through teaching**

Firefighters of Novi always in need of Martin's skills

By Renee Saunders  
 STAFF WRITER

John Martin of Macomb Township is at the root of Novi residents' safety. Known as Lt. John Martin by colleagues at the Novi Fire Department, it's his job to refine

firefighters knowledge and skills and ensure they are able to handle any dangerous situation.

"If I don't do my job, people are at risk," Martin said. Martin said Novi's fire department doesn't just respond to fires. Most of the department's calls are medical runs, he said.

All fire department members are trained to be basic emergency medical technicians who handle emergencies ranging from hazardous material spills to responding to an accident.

Martin said that's why firefight-

ers who have been on the job for several years need an instructor within the department.

"There are always new things to learn," Martin said. "We do everything from bandaging a small wound to giving a car grant to get someone out of a pit or a hole."

"We have to teach all of that."

But Martin said his job isn't just limited to teaching firefighters within the department.

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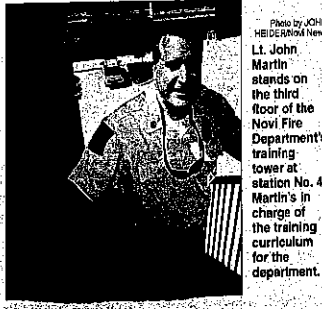


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Lt. John Martin stands on the third floor of the Novi Fire Department's training tower at station No. 4. Martin is in charge of the training curriculum for the department.

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# Spotlight on Business

## Sam Roseberg M.D. F.A.C.S.

### Making patient care a priority

Dr. Sam Roseberg makes it much easier to come to a doctor for the sort of health problems that are sometimes hard to talk about. Dr. Roseberg is a urologist specializing in issues with prostate, incontinence and male fertility.

Any hesitation or embarrassment is eliminated because of the professional, respectful patient treatment. Staff members take the time to forge real relationships with patients. This family atmosphere makes many people less anxious about medical procedures.

"My staff is kind to every single patient," said Dr. Roseberg. "The patients always come first. We are here to serve them." Staff show respect by allowing patients to come in immediately when trouble arises. There's no such thing as waiting a month for an appointment at Dr. Roseberg's office. When new or existing patients call for an appointment, they can normally come in the same day, or else the very next day.

"It's an issue of respect," Dr. Roseberg said. "If someone is in need, you help them, right away. I've practiced like that all of my life. We just don't make people wait."

Another way Dr. Roseberg puts people at ease is by handling as many procedures as possible in his office. That means that patients don't have to go to the hospital, unless necessary. Patients normally feel much more comfortable going through testing and treatment in the office, assisted by staff they know and trust.

A staff member at several hospitals, Dr. Roseberg also treats patients who are hospitalized throughout Southeast Michigan.

Dr. Roseberg is a board-certified urologist, who provides treatment for many issues of men's health, and many that affect women, too. Dr. Roseberg assists with male infertility, male slings, vasectomy and vasectomy reversals, impotence, erectile dysfunction, penile implants, male and female incontinence, artificial urinary sphincter, pelvic floor muscle rehabilitation, InterStim therapy for intractable incontinence, urodynamic studies for diagnostic treatment, laser and minimally-invasive prostate cancer surgeries, in-office prostate surgery (PVP) and green light photoselective vaporization of the prostate (PVP).

The nationally renowned physician and surgeon uses a wealth of education and experience to provide the best care possible. Dr. Sam Roseberg, M.D., F.A.C.S. has been practicing since 1978 and is one of the top urologists in the state, with a number of medical journal publications.

He has served as chief of urology at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital since 1993. He is also a member of the Surgical Advisory Committee and chairs the Board of Transfusion Committee at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital.

Dr. Roseberg's main office is located at 41935 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 308 in the DMC Hetchman building of Novi. Patients can also visit the satellite office located at 8319 Commerce Road, Suite 107 in Commerce Township. Appointments are available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. New patients are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 735-2441 or go to [www.samroseberg.com](http://www.samroseberg.com).



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**John Martin**  
Age: 36  
How you know him:  
Lt. John Martin is a fire instructor for the Novi Fire Department. He also teaches fire-fighting classes at Macomb Community College.  
Family: His wife, Renee, is a teacher at Grosse Pointe Academy. His two daughters are Lindsey, 6 and Hannah, 13 months.  
Quote: "I don't do my job, people are at risk."

**Firefighters of Novi always in need of Martin's skills**

He also teaches cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and fire extinguisher courses for residents and local business owners.

He's been a firefighter since 1994. He said he chose his career path because he likes helping people and because some of his family members are firefighters.

Through his work, Martin realized there was a need for fire-related rescue equipment, he started a business, Technical Rescue Systems.

Through salesmanship, Martin said he discovered something about himself — he likes to teach.

Martin said by informing people about his products, he became encouraged by his peers to become a fire instructor.

So he hit the books and became certified. Since 1999, he has taught potential firefighters at Macomb Community College. He fell on to both his business and his teaching jobs when he started working as an auxiliary firefighter for Novi in 2003.

He became the department's full-time instructor in 2005.

"I like informing people," Martin said.

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One of the best in nation

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He also believes that Providence Hospital staff members have done a good job in assisting doctors in the care of their patients.

"The reality is it depends on all the support that you have," Fessler said.

One advantage to having a dedicated neuroscience institute is that specialists, such as neurosurgeons, neurologists, ear, nose and throat doctors, and rehabilitation doctors, can work in the same area.

"We utilize similar resources within the hospital, so the hospital will be organized along those lines," Fessler said.

The new neuroscience institute in Novi will feature state-of-the-art magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), specialized operating suites, intra-operative MRI and an angiography suite.

Angiography, which allows doctors to see blood vessels after the injection of a particular substance, requires special computers.

This method is used to treat complex vascular disease, and most of this work is done in the radiology department.

"We can actually perform an angiogram and reconstruct it in three dimensions," Fessler said.

Shared preoperative and recovery areas and integrated floors will also be a part of the new neuroscience institute.

Providence Hospital's Southfield location will open a new neurology critical care unit later this fall.

"That will help to make us even stronger in the neuroscience area," Fessler said.

Providence Hospital recently received its certification as a primary stroke center, Fessler said that played a role in the hospital's inclusion in the U.S. News & World Report ranking.

"We actually take care of the full gamut of patients with neurologic disease," he said.

"Clinically, we probably have the best group of neurosurgeons in private or academic practice in the state," Fessler said.

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Endovascular Neurosurgeon Dr. Richard Fessler watches a row of X-ray monitors that show the progress of a stent he's places into an artery in the brain of a 16-year-old patient. Dr. Fessler will open a practice in Novi when Providence Park Hospital opens. The surgery took place at Southfield's Providence Hospital.

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# They're letting the dogs out in WL

Public invited to bring their furry friends to event Sunday

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Who's gonna let the dogs out? Residents of Walled Lake will be letting dogs and more out at Pet Awareness Day on Sunday.

The annual event, which is one of the main events that the city sponsors, is designed to educate the community about animals through a day of family fun.

Pet owners are asked to lead their animals at the event for the remainder of their pet's life.

The event will include several vendors, including Pet Food and More, a Commerce Township Pet and Toy Store, and a Pet Adoption Center. The event will also feature a pet show, a pet adoption process for a new pet, according to Janette Joyce, Pet Awareness Day coordinator.

The day begins at 10 a.m. and

runs until 4 p.m. at the Walled Lake Event Field next to the fire station at 1499 E. West Maple Road.

At 11:30 a.m., a pet parade will take place. Area residents are invited to deck out their dogs and other pets who will stroll around the show ring at the event field.

"This event is not just for dogs and cat owners and their pets," Joyce said.

"We welcome ferrets, gerbils, rabbits, rats, hamsters and anything that one classifies as a pet."

Miniature horses will also be on hand for visitors to pet.

A costume contest, with both owner and pet to be judged, is slated at 1 p.m.

Pet owners will be able to play the children's game Simon Says with their pet at 12:30 p.m.

The Novi and Michigan Police Departments will have a demonstration with some of their K-9 dogs at 1 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m., a pet parade will take place for hamsters, gerbils, rats, rabbits and other small pet varieties.

A pet fashion show is slated at 2 p.m. and is being sponsored by the Fashionable Pet, an online business, and Little Nails Grooming.



Donna Rickabaugh, director of the Walled Lake Public Library, will take photos of children with some of her Pomeranian "Library Dogs" at Sunday's Pet Awareness Day in Walled Lake.

Photos by PAUL FLEMING

stay within a circle.

"The owner has to be able to walk away and have the pet remain in the circle," said Sue Clifton, Pet Awareness Day coordinator.

A beginner's pet agility course will be set up at 3:30 p.m.

The course will include at least one hurdle and a letter-to-letter, according to Clifton.

"This is a great opportunity to see different types of pets," she said.

Attendees will include members of the Michigan Fancy Rat Association, two ferret rescue organizations and even a man with a variety of caterpillars and moths in display.

More than 35 vendors and animal rescue organizations, including pet psychic, will be present.

"I think it's going to be a lot of fun," Joyce said.

Visitors not familiar with Walled Lake can look for the big blow-up sign on E. West Maple Road.

The inflatable is being donated by Shuman Chrysler in Walled Lake.

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# Auto supplier aims to emerge from bankruptcy by end of year

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Tower filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in February 2005, weighed down by spiking material costs and production cutbacks by domestic automakers.

The company is one of the largest producers of vehicle frames in the world and is a critical supplier for Ford Motor Co.'s truck lineup.

Similar circumstances have also forced local suppliers like Delphi Corp. and Collins & Aikman Corp. to seek shelter in Chapter 11.

## Exiting bankruptcy next?

Tower said it aims to emerge from bankruptcy by the end of the year.

"We've worked together with Tower to solve difficult issues with a goal of preserving U.S. manufacturing jobs," LAW Vice President Bob King said in a statement. "Our goal now is to help this company emerge from bankruptcy and return as a strong player in the U.S. auto industry."

Gene Genes, director of United Steelworkers District 2, also said he was glad a deal was brokered, but noted his disdain for federal bankruptcy laws that he said are unfair.

"Members of both our unions had to face up to a tough situation," Genes said in a statement. "It's a positive sign that we were able to resolve issues at the bargaining table, instead of through court action — and we continue to believe that issues of this nature should be resolved through nego-

Details

WHO: Tower Automotive Inc.

WHAT: Agreed to new labor deal with UAW and United Steelworkers

IT MEANS: Tower is closing in on its goal to exit bankruptcy by the end of the year.

WHAT'S NEXT: Court must approve deal

ABDU: Tower, Novi company had revenues of \$3.3 billion in 2005. Its products include body structures and assemblies, lower vehicle frames, chassis modules and suspension components.

tiation, not through use of a one-sided bankruptcy law which favors the interests of employers."

As part of the agreement, Tower agreed to rescind its court motion seeking permission to tear up its labor contracts. The union spurred workers to vote to strike if the company went through with the request.

While the deal is a positive sign for Tower, it still must file a plan of reorganization in court that will allow it to emerge from bankruptcy as a competitive company in the brutal North American auto parts market.

Tower is a major supplier for domestic and import automakers. Its products include body structures and assemblies, lower vehicle frames, chassis modules and suspension components.

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# Parkview families invited to Cub Scout event

Parkview Elementary in Novi's Cub Scout Pack 375 invites families with boys in grades one through four to its first event of the school year. On Monday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m., Pack 375 will hold a recruitment night in Parkview Elementary's gymnasium. Come and learn about scouting, one of America's leading values-driven organizations. Parents will learn about the program while children enjoy a magician.

Cub Scouting combines fun with educational activities and life-long values. It supports parents who want to strengthen their son's character and help him develop good citizenship skills and enhance both mental and physical fitness. The program also provides boys with positive peer groups and teaches them ideals like honesty, bravery and respect. Cub Scouting is also a lot of fun with activities for the whole family, including holiday parties, Pinewood Derby races, summer day camp, bonfires and campouts.

Cub Scout Pack 375 is chartered by Providence Hospital. For more information, call Penny Feliciano at (248) 349-2908 or Cathy Vera-Burgos at (248) 308-9708.

# Citizens encouraged to honor 55 captured, missing in action

Ceremony on Sept. 15

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Former U.S. Navy Captain Eugene "Red" McDaniel had a made awakening when he became a prisoner of war.

"I was prepared to be wounded, prepared to be captured, even prepared to be killed," he said. "I was not prepared to be abandoned by my country."

A special event will take place on Friday, Sept. 15, at Oakland Memorial Gardens in Novi to honor and remember the 88,000 soldiers who are prisoners of war or missing in action.

Opening ceremonies of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 154 Annual POW/MIA

24-hour Vigil will begin at 5 p.m. at the gardens on 12 Mile Road just east of Novi Road.

The award-winning chapter color guard, the Point Team, will perform by the Michigan Remembers Monument at the cemetery at that time.

Ceremonies will start at 8:30 that evening at the same location for the POW/MIA Committee of Michigan National Prisoner of War Missing in Action Recognition Day.

This is an important recognition because although the remains of 22 Michigan POW/MIA's in the Vietnam War have been returned, 55 state residents are still unaccounted for from this war.

"Our goal is to focus attention on and show support for the POW/MIA issue," said Gary Moore of Smiths-Creek, a member of Chapter 154, especially recog-

nizing the difficulty of the families of the unaccounted-for military personnel.

"They know that they're not out there alone that they have support from people," Moore said.

Recognition for POW/MIA's is significant and relevant at this time in history, because Ohio resident Matt Magner has been listed as "captured" since April 2004 in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Moore is organizing the Eighth Michigan Remembers Run in Lansing slated to begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16, on the steps of the Capitol in Lansing.

POW/MIA family members, money riders and supporters of the POW/MIA issue will gather for a brief ceremony.

The event will begin with a visual representation of the 77 POW/MIA's from the Vietnam War. When a name is read, a bell will



ring, and a person will stand on the Capitol steps.

There are several different staging sites for the motorcycle ride across the state.

For more info, visit www.michiganremembersrun.com.

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Three vehicles were involved in a crash about 12:53 p.m. Monday on southbound M-5 north of 13 Mile. One of the vehicles, a small SUV, rolled onto its side. Two people were pulled from it by the Novi Fire Department using Jaws of Life rescue equipment, said Jeff Johnson, acting fire chief. Police are investigating the accident and charges could be pending, said Novi Deputy Police Chief Thomas Lindberg.

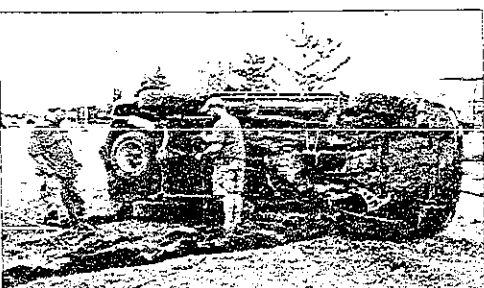


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A sport utility vehicle crashed on Grand River west of Haggerty last Thursday around 8 p.m. Novi Deputy Police Chief Thomas Lindberg said the accident occurred when another vehicle pulled out of the Pheasant Run shopping center, forcing the SUV off the road. The driver was not injured.

# Emergency response training kicks off

By Greg Migliore  
STAFF WRITER

Novi's call for emergency volunteers has drawn quite a response.

About 50 people attended an informational meeting last week and another 15 called the police department interested in a new program called the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Volunteers will be trained this fall and so on to supplement authorities in emergencies.

The first session is 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the police training center. The Oakland County CERT will assist with training.

"We're very excited about the fact that we have so many volunteers come out," Novi Police Chief David Molloy said.

Volunteers will be used for search and rescue operations, to staff emergency centers, perform first aid and other duties. They will undergo 24 hours of training spread out over eight sessions from September to November.

"We're very excited getting it moving forward," Molloy said.

Volunteers will receive a backpack with basic emergency supplies, including a hard hat, vest, flares and first aid kits.

Five or six captains will be chosen from the group. They will help notify other volunteers when authorities need to mobilize them.

The program totals \$18,000 in startup and training costs budgeted for 2006-2007, Molloy said.

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A male suspect had entered the store and requested to have a pair of diamond earrings cleaned. The subject then stated that he was going to get engaged to his girlfriend and asked to look at diamond rings. When the sales clerk showed the subject a 1.9 carat ring valued at approximately \$35,000, the subject fled the store with the ring.

The subject was followed by Twelve Oaks Mall security until he fled the mall, ran across Novi Road, and was arrested within minutes by Novi Police officers. The diamond ring was recovered from the subject's shoe.

The subject is a 25-year-old, Detroit resident with a prior arrest record. He is in police custody and their investigation was pre-arranged to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office Tuesday.

If anyone has information regarding this incident, please contact Detective Kevin Gilmore, Novi Police Department, at (248) 348-7100.

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## Star & Stripes Gymnastics open in Commerce Township

**More than 200 families registered**

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

John Gossein hopes people will flip over his new business. Actually, they'll be flipping inside of it.

The Commerce Township resident opened a new gymnastics studio — the Stars & Stripes Gymnastics Academy — this week. Classes began at the 12,000-square-foot facility on Tuesday, and more than 200 families have registered children.

Registration is ongoing, so students can join a class anytime. The colorful, new facility is located at 3275 Martin Road, Suite 125, off Oakley Park Drive. Parents can enjoy free coffee and wireless Internet access while their children are in class.

Otis Spunkmeyer cookies, baked fresh daily, are also sold in the snack area as well as vending machine items. The facility features a spacious lobby and several viewing areas with padded seats so adults can watch their children in class.

A children's play area is part of the viewing area, and a separate play area includes a television and video games.

The academy will offer instruction in balance beam, uneven bars, vault and floor exercises for

boys and girls, and the facility has all new equipment. The academy specializes in teaching children and even has a parent and tot class that enrolls students as young as 18 months.

Gossein, formerly a regional manager for a beverage importer, became interested in opening a gymnastics academy because his daughter, Alexandra "Ellic," 13, a Level Nine gymnast, has participated in the sport for nine years.

"She was 15th in the nation last year," he said.

Other amenities include hand-built benches, a handicapped-accessible bathroom with diaper-changing station, a changing area for the gymnasts, a coaches' room with a full-sized refrigerator and a gymnastics clothing area.

Gossein believes the area needed this type of facility, where children can come to have fun.

"This is not a high-pressure environment where we're trying to train the next Olympic gymnast," he said. "This is fun, recreational gymnastics."

Gossein just loves the sport and wanted to own his own business. He plans to offer cheerleading classes in the future, and believes these types of sports offer many intangible benefits to young people because they teach dedication, respect, self-esteem and endurance.

"Gymnastics is a great foundation for other sports," he said.

Gossein's partner, Brian Foster, and his wife, Becky Foster, own Stars & Stripes Gymnastics in Clarkston.

### How to learn more, register

For more information about how to register for a class at the new Stars & Stripes Gymnastics Academy, call (248) 668-9805 or visit [www.starys-gym.com](http://www.starys-gym.com).

The facility, located at 3275 Martin Road off Oakley Park Drive, is open from 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, and after 2 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday for private parties.

"Once I saw their facility, I said, 'Your place is the reality of my dreams,'" Gossein said. "I'm ecstatic about the new business." Brian Foster said, "Working with John has been fantastic. It's almost like we came out of the same mold."

Rhonda Lubin of Commerce Township just entered her daughter, Alexis "Lexie," 8, in a class at the academy and is excited about the opening of the new facility.

"It's close, it's convenient, and it's nice," Lubin said.

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Jessica Cooper makes her way across a balance beam at the Stars & Stripes Gymnastics Academy in Commerce Township.

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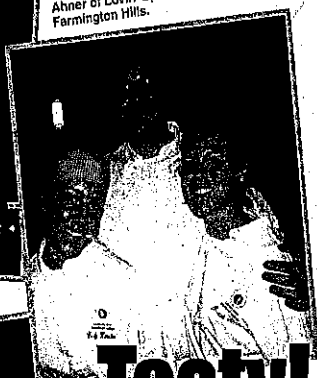
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Doug Konek of Royal Oak and Don Yamauchi, executive chef from Tribute Restaurant, winners of the amateur and professional cook-offs, respectively.

Carly Hamilton, Luke Rak and Brandi Ahner of Lovin' Sponful Restaurant in Farmington Hills.



Emily Rasmussen and Sissy Blggere announced the action during the two cookoff competitions.



# Tasty!

Doug Konek will never forget the night of Aug. 23, 2006.

On that fateful evening, the Royal Oak resident won his first-ever amateur cooking contest when he captured the 2006 Taste of the Nation Cook-off at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

The event was a major fundraiser for Share, Our Strength, a national organization that fights hunger in the U.S.

Competing against Kate Devlin of Detroit, Konek and his competitor, the two finalists after regional competition, had 10 ingredients and 25 minutes to create their masterpiece.

"The ingredients were interesting," Konek said. "They weren't necessarily ones I would put together, but we had to use eight of the 10 ingredients."

Konek said he deboned the chicken leg provided and pounded the meat flat so that he could stuff it.

Then he sautéed some bacon and scallions with some sun-dried tomatoes for the stuffing. He then finely chopped the ingredients, added some oregano, rolled the mixture into the chicken and pan fried it.

The prize was \$5,000 worth of Jenn-Air appliances and \$600 worth of cutlery.

The judging criteria was presentation, taste and creativity.

Judges for the amateur cook-off included Tim Voss, chef at Forte Restaurant in Birmingham; Karel Czanderna from Jenn-Air; Ted Dallas, food critic; and Ken Abramczyk, food and entertainment editor for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Konek, 50, said he learned how to cook out of necessity. "I had to cook because I lived on my own for so long, and it's just something I took a shine to," he said. Now, his wife, Linda, gets to enjoy his culinary talents.

"I enjoy doing it. I like to eat. I like the idea of preparing a meal and sharing it with people. It just kind of snowballed."

Konek believes he has a palate that can distinguish different flavors and tastes, so he enjoys experimenting and does a lot of it.

Don Yamauchi, chef at Tribute Restaurant in Farmington Hills, won the professional cook-off against Brian Polson of Five Lakes Grill in Milford.

Yamauchi described his winning dishes as a Napoleon with wilted spinach, citrus, bacon, blue cheese and cilantro combined with a roasted breast of chicken with Israeli cous-cous, sun-dried tomatoes and basil.



Above, Executive Chef Steve Allen of Steve & Rocky's in Novi; Kate Brown; Chef Milos Chelika, former chef/owner of the Golden Mushroom Restaurant; and Rocky Rachiwitz of Steve & Rocky's.

Left, Derek Washington and Executive Chef Keith Famie.

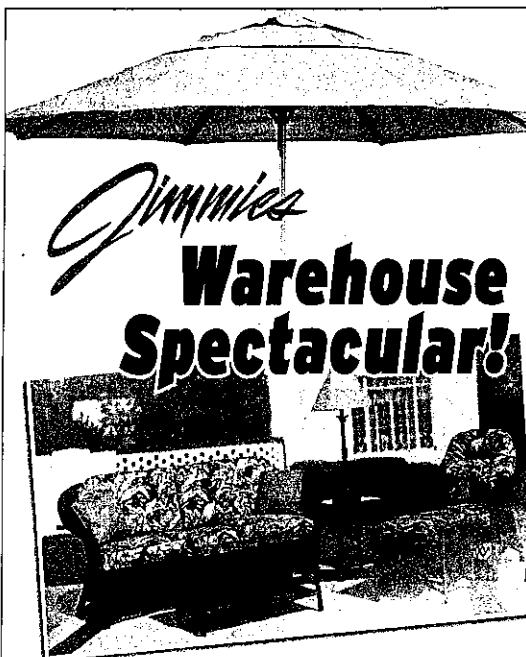


Above, Tom Schranek, sous chef at Culsine Restaurant in Detroit, serves up Mini Lobster Ravioli.

Left, Judges for the amateur cook-off, from left: Tim Voss, executive chef, Forte Restaurant in Birmingham; Karel Czanderna from Jenn-Air appliances; Ted Dallas, food critic; and Ken Abramczyk, food and entertainment editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.



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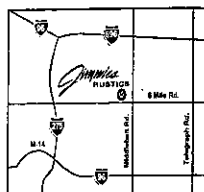
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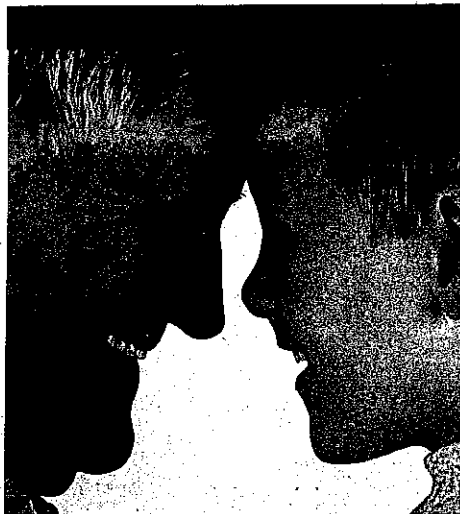
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# ENOUGH TALK: Chambers say formal mediation needed

■ Confidential setting could resolve dispute

By Greg Migliore  
STAFF WRITER

They're beyond simply talking. The summer-long dispute between Novi's two chambers of commerce won't be fixed until through facilitated discussions, as proposed by the Oakland Chamber Network. The Greater Novi Chamber agreed to facilitate the Novi Chamber did not.

But both sides said an official form of mediation could resolve their differences.

Joe Carrier, an attorney for the Novi Chamber of Commerce, said confidentially is a critical element that makes mediation attractive.

"Basically, you lay all your cards on the table, and I think we've got the winning hand," he said.

Whitney McClellan, executive director of the Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce, agreed mediation is a viable option, but she said her group is concentrating on its upcoming events.

"Our position at this point is pretty much to focus on what we're doing and try not to focus on that," she said. "We would love to get this resolved."

Carrier said the Bloomfield Hills-based Oakland Mediation Center, which is partially funded by the Oakland County courts, is a possible venue, Camelia Ureche, the center's general manager, said its mediators lay down ground rules and foster a calm discussion of key issues.

"It's only as good as the parties make it," she said.

The center has more than 100 mediators and handled more than 2,000 cases last year. It has a settlement rate of 70 percent, Ureche said.

The Novi Chamber was founded in 1967 and has more than 500 members. It filed suit against the fledgling Greater Novi Chamber in July. Carrier said the Novi Chamber plans to file a preliminary injunction to court this week to stop its rival from using the similar name.

"It's always the same result we're looking for — they've got to stop using something that's so confusingly similar," Carrier said.

McClellan said the Greater Novi Chamber, which has about 60 members and was formed this spring, wants to keep its current name.

If the sides go forward with mediation, Carrier wants to see it happen quickly.

"I would recommend sooner than later," he said.

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# Greater Novi Chamber to host financial roundtable

Investments on the menu for informal talk at restaurant

By Greg Migliore  
STAFF WRITER

Plot their next investment strategy over eggs and bacon Friday at the Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce's financial roundtable.

Sponsored by J.B. Aiyeh, of Novi's Financial Planning & Investments Inc., the informal discussion hopes to attract business people from a variety of fields, including banking, mortgages, investing and law.

The event starts at 8 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island at 47830 Grand River Avenue. It's open to the public, and the cost is the price of your breakfast.

Topics will include financial options and ways to manage mutual funds.

Aiyeh, who is co-chair of the



Photo by GREG MIGLIORE/NOVI NEWS

Nicole Bursky of Psychex chats with Gary Sobotta of C.L. Finlan & Son at the Greater Novi Chamber's most recent function, a luncheon with Congressman Thad McCotter at Rock Financial Showplace on Wednesday.

Greater Novi Chamber's executive board, said he hopes the relaxed atmosphere will spur healthy talks.

"Things that just don't pop up in regular classes or things that

we have to do, show up in informal discussion," he said.

The idea stemmed from a similar event Aiyeh went to in California, where he said the casual environment spurred free thinking.

WHAT: Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce financial roundtable  
WHEN: Friday at 8 a.m.  
WHERE: Leo's Coney Island, 47830 Grand River Ave. in the West Market Square shopping center on the northwest corner of Back Road and Grand River Avenue.  
COST: Whatever you eat for breakfast.  
ABOUT: Discuss financial strategies with business people from the area in an informal setting. The event is open to the public.

Aiyeh is expecting about 12-15 people to attend the roundtable. He's considering putting on future events about other market sectors, like health care and automotive retailing.

"We'd like to get a few of those students," said Whitney McClellan, executive director of the Greater Novi Chamber. "It's different. It's business oriented. It can really help people grow their business."

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<b>Monday 9/11</b>	8:30 a.m. Golf League Banquet	9:30 a.m. Stretch and Strength	10 a.m. Body Recall	11 a.m. "Death and Dying," Bosford Health Care	12:30 p.m. Lunch	1:30 p.m. "Pinocchio"	2:20 p.m. Massage by appointment	
<b>Tuesday 9/12</b>	8:30 a.m. Line Dance	9 a.m. "Asian Pacific"	10 a.m. "Medication Review," Providence Senior	11 a.m. Lunch	12:30 p.m. Focus Hope and TEFAP	1:45 p.m. "ASK the Lawyer" by appointment	2:20 p.m. Massage by appointment	
<b>Wednesday 9/13</b>	9 a.m. Stretch and Strength	9:30 a.m. Body Recall	10:30 a.m. Quilting	11 a.m. Taking Off Pounds Sensibly class	11:30 a.m. "Clogging"	12:30 p.m. Lunch	1:30 p.m. Sing-A-Long cancelled	2:30 p.m. Massage by appointment
<b>Thursday 9/14</b>	9 a.m. Line Dance cancelled	11:30 a.m. Computer Lab Open	12:30 p.m. Lunch	1:30 p.m. "That's Entertainment"	12:15 p.m. Contact Bridge	1-2 p.m. Line Dance	2:30 p.m. Massage by appointment	

\* Activities will be held at the Novi Senior Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Phone (248) 347-0414.

## Providence holds health talks for area senior citizens

### Hospital staff volunteers time at senior center

presented by St. John Providence Park Hospital at the Novi Senior Center next month.

The Novi Senior Center is located at 25075 Meadowbrook Road between 10 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue.

"I think we all need to be up to date on things," Drake said. "I think everyone should come."

Meadowbrook Commons resident Betty Drake doesn't know why she can't stay asleep.

The 72-year-old said she usually can't get more than two to three hours of sleep a night.

"I know it has something to do with age," the 74-year-old Novi resident said. "But I would like to know if there is something I can do to help."

Questions about her sleeping trouble, along with other general health questions, prompted Drake to attend a free, three-part series.

"We continuously try to educate and refresh the memories of seniors so they have the latest information. There isn't a better way to do it than through Providence."

Renee Saunders, senior services manager, Novi Senior Center

### Senior series at a glance

Providence Hospital is providing three health presentations at the Novi Senior Center, located at 25075 Meadowbrook Road:

- **Medication Review**, 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 12.
- **Cardiology**, 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 10.
- **Healthy Sleep/Sleep Hygiene**, 10 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14

For more information, contact the senior center at (248) 347-0414.

Martin said. "People walk around with questions. It's always nice to have the opportunity to ask someone the question they've been holding in. It's always good to talk about my health."

Rachel Zagoroli, senior services manager at the Novi Senior Center, has a great partnership with Providence Hospital, and this is the first year the hospital has provided a series at the facility.

"We continuously try to educate and refresh the memories of seniors so they have the latest information," she said. "There isn't a better way to do it than through Providence."

Renee Saunders can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 110, or via email at rsaunder@stjohn.com

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High School: Lakeside High School, St. Charles, Mich.  
College: Bachelor of Science in Education, Wayne State University; Master's in Educational Curriculum, Wayne State University; Ed.S. in Educational Leadership, Wayne State University; Doctoral Degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, Wayne State University.

Where do I reside? Grosse Pointe Farms  
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**Jessica Kennedy**  
Name: Jessica Kennedy  
School: (Bachoo) School  
Subject or Grade: Teaching: Novi High School  
High School: Novi High School  
College: Wayne State University

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School: P.R. China  
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**Michael Chmura**  
Name: Michael Chmura  
School: Novi Middle School  
Subject or Grade: Teaching: Novi Middle School  
High School: Spring Lake High School  
College: Alma College

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# HEALTH

## ADVICE: PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR MARRIAGE

What leads to divorce? What can help couples stay married? These are still major questions. Many more couples move in together and some don't even marry. But, being in that long term committed relationship continues to be a major way many people choose to live; it has benefits for the mental and emotional health and well being of each party. It provides a reliable and basic unit of relational interaction. The institution of marriage has been with us down through the years. Briefly here are some of the reasons relationships end. They are followed by some suggestions to keep a strong marriage.

When a first marriage ends in divorce a second marriage will end in divorce more quickly. People do not necessarily learn from bad experiences. Maybe people married for the wrong reasons initially, just to get out of an abusive home life, or because there was an unexpected pregnancy. The romance of a new relationship is not by itself a good reason to marry. Often individuals believe they can change their partner, two visions of marriage and how to be together are never discussed. Surprise and shock can appear when there are differences that cannot, it seems, be talked about.

Individual's needs and the needs of the household change; the advent of children is one obvious one. We don't allow our needs and that of our relationship to evolve and get stuck. When a person takes time to reflect on their relationship they can see earlier in their relationship then they realized needs of discontent which go unaddressed. An enduring marriage is not predicted just because there are ups or downs. Life has both and the ability of people to address these changes and go with the flow, in

terms of flexibility, and commitment to each other provide a stable basis. Some are unable, unwilling or do not understand what this means.

Looking forward to when the children leave the home as an easier time to make decisions is just one way to put off attending to important factors which may lead to divorce. The only reason to stay together is because the couple remains committed to each other and is willing to work on their relationship to keep it strong and vital.

Some advice which comes from John Gottman at the Gottman Institute shows ways to maintain a strong marriage - include: seek help early.

According to his studies six years of problems which don't go away mean 6 years of unhappiness which can easily, then, lead to a breakup. Avoid verbalizing every critical comment you might make; edit yourself. Discuss problems in a gentle and respectful fashion; not with contempt or undue criticism. According to Gottman research shows that each party must be able to be influenced by the other. Don't hold on to your own ideas rigidly. Make sure to know how to repair a disagreement and learn how to leave it. Be sure to include a focus on the bright side of your relationship. There is usually one; it may, sometimes, be hard to find. It might be as simple as we are alive and we have each other.

At the Stratman Center we find many couples coming to discuss relationship problems which are so difficult that it is difficult and sometimes impossible to disentangle them. Give yourself permission to do what you need to do to make the relationship you are in the best that it can be for you.

Dr. Paul Melrose is Executive Director of the Stratman Counseling Center of SE Michigan. He can be reached through [www.paulmelrose.com](http://www.paulmelrose.com) or at 248-474-4701. The Staff of the Center can be reached at [www.stratmancounselingmichigan.com](http://www.stratmancounselingmichigan.com) or 248-474-4701.

## Better Health store staff plans Organic Harvest Festival, talk

### Free seminar on food allergies

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Novi Better Health store owner Todd Handelman will offer two free events this month as part of the store's autumn lineup.

From 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16, Nick Seccia, executive chef at The Henry Ford (formerly Greenfield Village) in Dearborn, will prepare his "Burtin Boy Cherry Chicken Sausages" at the store as part of the Michigan Organic Harvest Festival.

Visitors will be able to sample this seasonal entrée as well as take some home.

Seccia was an apprentice at Cafe Bon Homme in Plymouth, then received training at the Culinary Institute of America.

He returned to Michigan in the mid 1990s to hone his skills in the kitchens of private clubs in the Detroit area.

The festival runs from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Novi store and will include tastings from other local

organic food companies, informational tables, children's activities and more.

### Naturopathic doctor to speak

Then, from 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19, naturopathic doctor Jen Green who has a practice in West Bloomfield, will present a free lecture, "Recognizing and Treating Food Allergies in Kids."

Green defines a food allergy as when a person's immune system reacts to a food on the skin or mucus membrane.

She says a food sensitivity, however, is when the immune system either reacts to a food immediately or in a delayed way in the blood, which can occur up to 24 hours later.

In her talk, Green will discuss testing options, which include an elimination diet and a reintroduction of food plus common treatments for many food allergies as well as how to heal the intestinal tract.

Green, who specializes in women's health and pediatrics, graduated from the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine. She practices nutrition, herbal medicine, homeopathy and traditional Chinese medicine.

A former vice president of the Canadian Association of Naturopathic Doctors, she serves on the steering committee of the Canadian Pediatric Complementary and Alternative Medicine Network.

She has received the Integrated Women's Health Award for her clinical excellence in the naturopathic treatment of women's health.

"This will be an informative evening in which we will discuss what symptoms can be linked to foods, how to test suspicious foods at home and places where common food allergens can be hidden," Green said.

She will also cover research in this area and the proper diet for children with food sensitivities. Green invites attendees to bring their questions and experiences to the event. Handouts will be available.

"I think this is an area that a lot of people are concerned about," Handelman said.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at [pffleming@govnet.com](mailto:pffleming@govnet.com).



J. Green N. Seccia

### How to register for the lecture

Since seating is limited, those who would like to attend the Sept. 19 free lecture on how to recognize and deal with food allergies at the Novi Better Health Store are asked to register by calling (248) 735-8100.

Better Health is located at 42875 Grand River Avenue east of Novi Road.

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## GOP convenes

The 2006 Michigan Republican Party State Convention took place in Novi for the first time on Aug. 25 and 26, with delegates and volunteers from across the state swarming the Rock Financial Showplace.

The event included a pizza party with Massachusetts governor and 2008 presidential hopeful Mitt Romney on Friday evening, with caucuses wrapping up around noon on Saturday.

The Michigan Democratic State Convention was slated the same weekend at Cobo Exhibition and Conference Center in Detroit.



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Left, Vanessa Hatcher from Hillsdale, Lyndsay Roebuck from Sand Lake, Teresa Jorgenson from Kentwood and Justin Roebuck from Sand Lake, volunteers for the Terry Lynn Land campaign.

Right, Katie Spring, left, Jordyn Lyman, top, Madison Lyman, right, and Austin Spring, bottom, of White Lake.

Sue Dolato of Howell and Cindy Dency of Fowler, delegates from District 8 in Livingston County.

Left, Alfreda Schmidt of Lansing, former city council person and county commissioner; Richard Skinner of Lansing, a delegate from Eaton County; and William Coan, another delegate from Eaton County.

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Novi is requesting a Temporary Use Permit for the placement of one (1) 20' and two (2) 40' construction trailers on the Novi Orthopedic Site located at 4801 Grand River Avenue from September 13, 2006 through September 13, 2007.

### NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 06-050

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Jim Chernosky of George W. Auch Company is requesting a Temporary Use Permit for the placement of one (1) 20' and two (2) 40' construction trailers on the Novi Orthopedic Site located at 4801 Grand River Avenue from September 13, 2006 through September 13, 2007.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 9:45 a.m. on September 13, 2006 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Robin A. Working and must be received prior to September 13, 2006.

ROBIN A. WORKING  
PERMIT SECRETARY  
(248) 347-0580

(9-7-06 NN 308382)

### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 06-134.02

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 06-134.02, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE II, THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE, FOR THE PURPOSES OF DESIGNATING REGULATED FLOOD HAZARD AREAS WITHIN NOVI AND TO ENFORCE THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE FLOOD ZONES; AND RESOLUTION TO MANAGE FLOOD PLAIN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NATIONAL FLOOD PLAIN INSURANCE PROGRAM.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, August 28, 2006 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective September 29, 2006. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

(9-7-06 NN 308638) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

### CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 06-104.05

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 06-104.05, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3, SECTION 21-55 TO ADD DEFINITIONS OF ADDITIONAL TERMS AND PHRASES; TO AMEND CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3, "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE," TO ADD SECTION 21-59 TO PROVIDE FOR CONTROL OF RODENTS AND PESTS WITHIN THE CITY OF NOVI.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, August 28, 2006 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

(9-7-06 NN 309307) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

### PUBLIC NOTICE NOVI TOWNSHIP

A Mini-Budget Public Hearing for the Township of Novi will be held at 7:30 p.m. on September 12, 2006 at 44536 Chedworth Court.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the clerk's office at 44020 Coltsford Road, Northville, MI 48167, (248) 231-6210.

(9-7-06 NN 308978)

### NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 06-049

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Frank Asmar of Crown's Plaza Hotel is requesting a Temporary Use Permit for the placement of a storage trailer located at 27000 Stratford Drive on the northwest side of I-96 and Novi Road from September 13, 2006 to March 13, 2007.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 9:30 a.m. on September 13, 2006 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to Robin A. Working and must be received prior to September 13, 2006.

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### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 13, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider NOVI CORPORATE CAMPUS PARCEL 9, SITE PLAN NUMBER 06-38 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, STORIA WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN, WETLAND PERMIT AND WOODLAND PERMIT APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 16, SOUTH OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE, EAST OF BECK ROAD, IN THE 11, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT. The subject property is 7.78 acres and the applicant is proposing to construct a 45,581 sq. ft. speculative office building.

LOCATION MAP: NOT TO SCALE

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 13, 2006.

(9-7-06 NN 308332) NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION, MARK PEHRSON, SECRETARY

### CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 13, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider OLDE TOWN OFFICE VILLAGE, SITE PLAN NUMBER 06-30 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN, WOODLAND PERMIT AND WETLAND PERMIT APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 16, SOUTH OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE, EAST OF BECK ROAD, IN THE 11, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT. The subject property is 10.78 acres and the applicant is proposing four medical/office buildings totaling 83,314 sq. ft.

LOCATION MAP: NOT TO SCALE

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 13, 2006.

(9-7-06 NN 309330) NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION, MARK PEHRSON, SECRETARY





# PEOPLE

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## OBITUARIES

### JOAN TRAYNOR (MCLAUGHLIN)

Age 50, Aug. 22, 2006. Beloved wife of Larry. Devoted mother of Jenny and Allison. Loving Stepmother of Bailey. Proud grandmother of Alex, Caitlin, and Trehan. Cherished daughter of Mary Joan McLaughlin and A. Frederick McLaughlin and stepmother Rosemary. Joanie is also survived by her eleven remaining brothers and sisters, their wives and husbands and five step brothers and sisters. She leaves hundreds of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and extended family. She was loved and admired by many. Joanie is predeceased into God's care by her grandparents, several aunts and uncles. Her niece Elizabeth and her brother Matthew McLaughlin. Joanie was a kind and generous soul who loved to dance and fish with her husband Larry. One of her greatest joys came from being part of a large circle of family and friends. During her extremely brave battle with lymphosarcoma, Joanie often stated how grateful she was for the time she was given to enjoy the blessings in her life. A memorial mass will be held at Our Lady of Victory Church, 770 Thayer, Northville September 8, 2006 at 11:00. Joanie's family will receive friends at 10:30. On line sympathy message at [www.obituariesfuneralhome.com](http://www.obituariesfuneralhome.com).

### SHERYL TRIPP KHOURY

Age 51, of Novi, died August 30, 2006. Beloved wife of Michael and loving mother of Emma and Lavinia. Dear daughter of Charles Eric and Colleen Tripp, granddaughter of Eric Tripp. Caring sister to Lisa Beck. Daughter in-law to Sal and Rose Marie Khoury. Memorial donations to Michigan Democratic Party, 806 Townsend, Lansing, MI 48933 or Mercy High School, 29300 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

### OBITUARY POLICY

The first seven lines of an obituary are published free of charge. After that, there is a fee of \$3 a line. Pictures may be published for \$25.

\*Deadline for obituaries is Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. for publication in Thursday's newspaper.

For more information, call 888-999-1288, or contact your funeral home.

\*Holiday deadlines are subject to change.

## IN THE SERVICE

Novi resident Veld G. Hong has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky. The 28-day course is a leadership internship for cadets who are normally between their sophomore and junior college years. College students experience and examine the Army without incurring an obligation to serve in the Army or ROTC, and are eligible to receive two-year college scholarship offers and attend the ROTC Advanced Course at their college. The cadet is a student at Spring Arbor University and the daughter of Randy K. and Hye C. Hong of Novi. Hong is a 2004 graduate of Novi High School.

Novi resident Matthew C. Renner has been awarded an Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) college scholarship. The cadet was selected on the basis of comprehensive tests scores, high school scholastic achievement, school officials' evaluations, extra-curricular activities, and community involvement. Renner will be attending the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He is the son of W. David and Christine M. Renner of Novi and a 2006 Novi High School graduate.



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## NAMES IN THE NEWS

Phil Christian, of International, has announced the appointment of David Majors to director, Severe Service Product Center and Global Defense and Export.

In his new role, Majors will be responsible for leading the product development of severe truck products and implementing product strategies to support the goals of the Severe Service Product Center and Truck Group. He will also be responsible for the

defense and export business. Majors has more than twenty years of engineering and management experience. He joined International in May of 2005 as Director of Chassis Systems Engineering.

Prior to joining International, he served five years in chassis systems engineering management with Visteon, and 12 years with Ford Motor Company in a variety of positions. Majors began his career with

Sikorsky Aircraft as a systems engineer.

Majors holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan State University, and a master of science degree in engineering management from the University of Michigan.

Majors is a 1982 graduate of Novi High School. His parents, Lee and Charlotte Majors, still reside in the Village Oaks subdivision of Novi.

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TAYLOR WARREN	23650 Eureka (Near Southland Mall)	734.287.0454
WARREN	26845 Hoover (In the Hoover - 11 Shopping Center)	586.754.1500
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CALENDAR

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EVENTS

Novi High School Band Bottle Drive
DATE: Saturday, Sept. 9
TIME: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
LOCATION: Farmer Jack, 10 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

The public is invited; class is free. CONTACT: (734) 595-7966

Autumn Buffet and Meeting
DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 12
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: The American Association of University Women is hosting this meeting to invite others to learn about the organization, membership and programs.
CONTACT: Beth Ann Kozarski, (248) 305-8992

St. Anne's Fall Festival Art and Cookie Sale
DATE: Saturday, Oct. 7
TIME: 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
LOCATION: St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 101 Nicolai St., Walled Lake
CONTACT: (248) 624-3817 or office@stanneswallak.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 presentation by the Michigan Photographic Historical Society.
CONTACT: Advance registration is required. Please call (248) 201-8112

Northville Historical Home Tour
DATE: Sunday, Sept. 16
TIME: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
DETAILS: The Northville and Novi American Association of University Women will sponsor their annual home tour of homes in downtown Northville.
CONTACT: Bev, (248) 474-6771

Embroidery Open House
DATE: Thursday, Sept. 14
TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Library
DETAILS: The Millrace Chapter of the Embroiders' Guild of America is hosting this event.
CONTACT: Hev, (248) 474-6771

Tollgate Gardens Annual Fall Fair
DATE: Saturday, Sept. 16
TIME: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
LOCATION: Michigan State University Tollgate Education Center, 29415 Meadowbrook Road
DETAILS: There will be displays and activities for all ages. Admission and refreshments are free.

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

SCHOOL GOVERNMENT

Novi Youth Assistance General Citings Meeting
DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 3
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

Novi School Board Meeting
DATE: Tonight
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi United Methodist Church
DETAILS: Parents and pre-schoolers are invited to attend. Enrollment is still available for the 2006-2007 school year.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3223

American Sewing Guild West Oakland Chapter
DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 27
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: The meeting is being with Stash Bash. Visitors are welcome.

Democrats of West Oakland County
DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 19
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Soavsky Coney Island, 3150 Novi Road
DETAILS: Various speakers will be present to discuss ballot issues that are important to the Nov. 7 election.
CONTACT: 9248-6224-7228

"Rapunzel: Uncut"
DATE: Various days
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Players Guild of Dearborn, 21739 Madison, Dearborn
DETAILS: Novi resident Carrie Drummond is performing in this production.
CONTACT: http://playersguild-ohd.com/home

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) 347-0400, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

Tracing Your German Ancestors
DATE: Sunday, Sept. 10
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville District Library
DETAILS: Guest, Leoparz, will provide instruction on how to research your German ancestors. A computer genealogy class on "Using the Internet to Organize Your Research Tree" will be held before the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Women's Prayer Support
DATE: Saturday, ongoing
TIME: 9-10:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Warren
DETAILS: Come for encouragement, help, hope and prayer. Drop in for five minutes or longer.
CONTACT: Nancy or Susan, (248) 926-8332 or harvestfellowship@comcast.net

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Breast Cancer Support Group
DATE: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commence, Classroom C
TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.
DETAILS: No registration needed.
CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

Novi Toastmasters
DATE: First and third Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile
CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

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CLASSES

Yoga Class
TIME/DATE: Various times, Monday and Thursday
DETAILS: Therapeutic massage is shown to be effective for stress and tension, chronic fatigue, pain and headaches.
CONTACT: (248) 437-4622

Introduction to the Internet for Seniors
DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 13
TIME: 1-3 p.m.
DETAILS: This class teaches the basics of how to use the Internet, using a Web browser and search engines.
CONTACT: (248) 348-9138

Reading Menials
DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 13
TIME: 4:30-5:15 p.m.
DETAILS: This is a reading program for children in third and fourth grade.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

CLASSES

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce
CONTACT: (248) 628-2826
Monday-Monday
DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 12
TIME: 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
LOCATION: Jim Hunter's, 1006 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake
DETAILS: This is a networking opportunity.

Provence Center for the Healing Arts
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455
Colorful Pencil Workshop
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second Tuesday of every month
DETAILS: The cost is \$2. Beginners are welcome.

Line Dancing
DATE: Monday and Friday, ongoing
TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 348-9138

CLASSES

Women in the Family Business Affinity Group
TIME/DATE: \$9-30 a.m. Third Thursday of every month
LOCATION: Walsh College, Thy Campus
DETAILS: Meet with other women who own, are partners in, or work for family businesses.

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

Financial Roundtable
DATE: Friday, Sept. 8
TIME: 8 a.m.
LOCATION: Leo's Coney Island and Grand River Avenue
DETAILS: Presented by J.R. Ajch and the Greater Novi Chamber.

CLASSES

Grapes & Grapes
DATE: Sept. 29
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Mainstreet Building, between Mixx Lounge and Larson's Jewelry
DETAILS: The Greater Novi Chamber's wine tasting and strolling dinner event.

Novi Co-op Preschool Open House
DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 20
TIME: 6-8 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi United Methodist Church
DETAILS: Parents and pre-schoolers are invited to attend.

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Line Dancing
DATE: Monday and Friday, ongoing
TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m., intermediate
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# Office Development That Offers Options

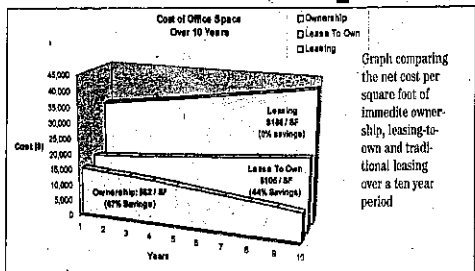
Mike Huszti wants to teach a thing or two to Doctors, Lawyers and other business professionals. What can Mike teach to this already well-educated group? As it turns out, a lot, when it comes to choosing their office space. Mike Huszti and his company, HLI Development Corp., along with his partner, Larry Shew of Shew Construction Inc., having a combined 38 years experience in building and managing office buildings, are currently constructing new office condominiums in Novi called Avalon Pointe. What makes Avalon Pointe different, are options. Avalon Pointe offers two program choices for occupying office space: Immediate purchase or Lease-to-

Own. Both programs offer their own advantages, and are attractive to various perspective customers for a variety of reasons.

That's why Huszti makes it his goal to educate his perspective customers on all their options and help them to decide which one is the best choice for them. Mike Huszti, a graduate of the Masters of Real Estate Development program at Texas A&M, says, "Quantifying the benefit of owning versus leasing came from my Finance Professor, Dr. Etter." Huszti recognizes that different businesses and professionals at different stages of their careers need different options when choosing an office space, but many still choose to lease, often,

because that is what they've always done. Mike wants to enlighten these professionals and business owners to the benefits and savings that are available by owning their own office space.

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Graph comparing the net cost per square foot of immediate ownership, lease-to-own and traditional leasing over a ten year period

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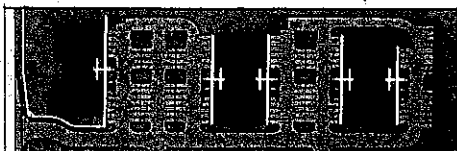
Nora Champion, President of the Novi Chamber of Commerce and Avalon Pointe's first customer says "I'm really excited and looking forward to owning our own office space, and appreciate a great partnership with Avalon Pointe. I look forward to our ground-breaking ceremony this month."

they offer their Lease-to-Own program. Tenants accrue ownership equity with each lease payment. Upon completion of the lease, the tenant has the option to purchase their space at a reduced price, reflecting the equity they have built over the lease term. This option saves the average office user 44% over a ten-year period over the cost of leasing. Huszti says "Businesses are better off with this program even if they have a down payment, if they are able to invest their down payment in an alternative investment, like their own business, and achieve a rate of return greater than 7%."

detailed analysis modeled on the perspective customer's specific situation, comparing purchase to lease options. Huszti recommends they take this analysis to their CPA or financial advisor for further review. These models give the tenant the long-term perspective of their particular situation and often are very effective in helping to make that final decision of which choice is best for them and their business.

Huszti realizes not every business is able to invest the funds needed for a down payment in an immediate purchase scenario or they do not want to obtain a mortgage, but still want the benefits of ownership. That is why

For more information about Avalon Pointe, or to request a personalized lease versus buy analysis, contact Mike Huszti at HLI Development at 248-937-1777 or visit their website at [www.NoviOfficeCondos.com](http://www.NoviOfficeCondos.com)



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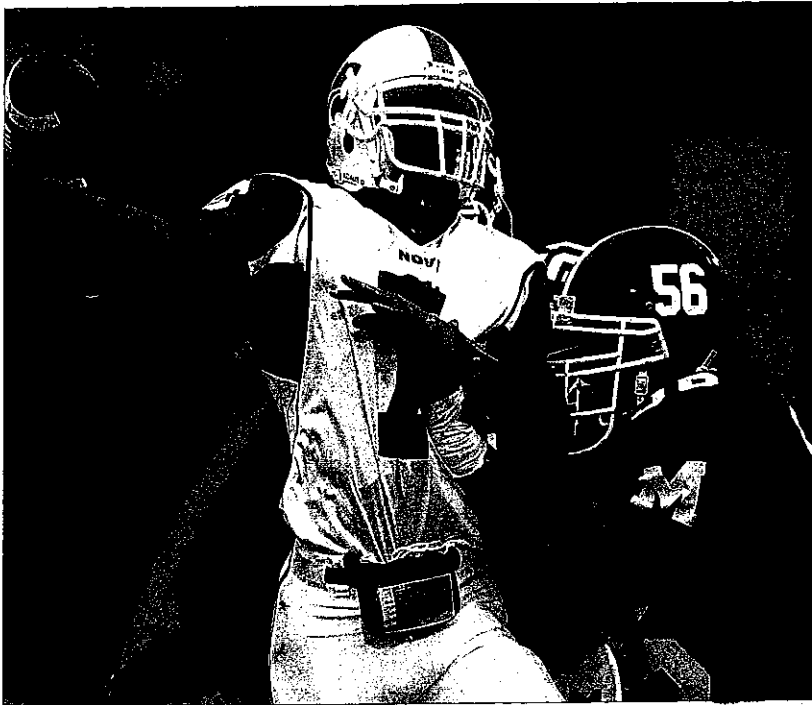
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# HOME, SWEET HOME



Photos by HAL GOULD / Gannett News Service

Novi's Mike Wheat tries to get a pass off while Milford defenders apply pressure.

## Week 3: Novi ready for first home game

By Jeff Theisen  
NOVI NEWS

For Novi's next opponent, Pinckney, it isn't about quantity. It's about quality.

"They dress out 27 kids, but they have some very fine athletes over there right now," Novi head coach Tab Kelleppourey said. "They had a great opening game against Salem. They put a lot of points in the board."

One of the things that makes

### Friday's Game

Who: Pinckney  
When: 7 p.m. Friday  
Where: Novi

Pinckney unique is its offense. "They run a kind of an unusual offense that we don't see much of," Kelleppourey said. "They run a variation of plays. They're a good football team."

While Pinckney will bring some new wrinkles, Kelleppourey is looking to get the wrinkles out of the Wildcats after an 0-2 start. "We just played two real good opponents. We didn't show very well last Friday - not on offense, not on specials and not on defense," Kelleppourey said. "When you go back and look at every individual play you can see all the breakdowns that are occurring. We've got to get that corrected somehow. That may

mean making some wholesale changes or it may mean making some systematic changes to get it taken care of.

"They don't like to be on the short end of that stick right there, but they also know they've got to work to get what they need to have."

One thing that should help the Wildcats is playing in front of the home crowd for the first time. "The bottom line is we are going to be in our green jerseys, and that is what we're looking forward to right now," Kelleppourey said.

Returning quarterback Adam Chandler did suit up last week but didn't get in the game. A decision on his availability will come after he visits his doctor.

Also returning to the field was Brandon Seiwanz at defensive back.

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## 'Cats struggle against Milford

Novi run over 33-6 by Milford's offense and defense

By John Mueller  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Sure, they may be missing some key players, most notably starting quarterback Adam Chandler.

But a 33-6 loss to Milford last Friday night on the Mavericks' home field seemed to make it clear that Novi's varsity football squad, now 0-2 overall and 0-1 in league play, has some serious work to do at this early juncture of the new season.

"We need to make some changes with our system," Novi head coach Tab Kelleppourey said. "The kids did play hard, but we need to perform better."

The Wildcats couldn't have been saddled with a tougher opponent to start off Kensington Valley Conference play, as the Mavericks (2-0, 1-0 KVC) played blistering football on both sides of the field and didn't let up until the end.

A dominating offensive effort, including four touchdowns scored by Cory Williamson and Mike Petrucci (two apiece) as well as a pair of fieldgoals off the foot of Paul Coniglio, set the tone on one side. The Mavs also played a crushing defense that held the Wildcats to less than 20 total yards of offense and allowed just one touchdown, a fumble recovery that senior lineman John Brown picked up and turned into six points.

"Milford is a fine team," coach Kelleppourey said. "They're big and strong. We know what we were going up against."

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## CC faces Canada power

Shamrocks look to keep momentum up

By Jeff Theisen  
NOVI NEWS

The Catholic Central football team begins its international part of the schedule Saturday night, London Catholic Central will come down from Canada to take on the Shamrocks at 7 p.m.

The game will be played under American rules, eliminating the 12th player and 110-yard field with 20-yard deep end zones.

"They're one of the top teams in Canada. Last year I think we were their only loss," Shamrock head coach Tom Mach said. "They want to win their championship."

The Shamrocks are coming off a very impressive 49-7 win against Notre Dame Prep.

Jeremy Bednarz-Gray stood out with a dominating six-touchdown performance on just nine carries.

Mach will undoubtedly unleash more of the ground game on the Canadian opponent.

London CC brings a new coach to the matchup. Last year's coach went to the college ranks, but the new coach was on the same staff so Mach expects to see much of the same style of play.

"They've been a pro team in the past," Mach said. "They're about 60 percent run and 40 percent pass. We've used to adapting on the run. We'll prepare for a lot of different things."

Mach said he was impressed with how his team responded to its first home game.

"I think it was a good experience for us," he said. "They played well, and they were fired up. If we can carry that momentum into this week and get a little better, then we'll be fine."

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## Shamrocks roll over ND Prep 49-7

By Jeff Theisen  
NOVI NEWS

A four-minute stretch of the second quarter completely changed Friday's game between Notre Dame Prep and Detroit Catholic Central. It also may have rewritten the Shamrock record book.

Shamrock running back Jeremy Bednarz-Gray scored four touchdowns in the second quarter alone and six total in a 49-7 thrashing.

Even more amazing, Bednarz-Gray did it all with just nine total rushes. He finished with 173 yards and six touchdowns. He refused to take all the credit after the game.

"It's all about the team," Bednarz-Gray said. "My line did a great job, and coach just kept feeding me the ball."

"That at seven midway through the second quarter, everything started to go the Shamrock's way. The Irish committed three turnovers, all of which were converted into touchdowns."

"They were moving the ball pretty good on us. We got a couple of breaks and made the best of them," Shamrock head coach Tom Mach said. "Once the tide turned, then we did a real good job."

"It was a real crowd of the kids. The kids worked very hard since last week. They wanted to come back strong this week, and they did."

Bednarz-Gray scored from 21 yards out, with 6:05 left in the half for his second score. He tallied his next on a 39-yard scam-

### Saturday's Game

Who: London CC  
When: 7 p.m. Saturday  
Where: Catholic Central

per with 5:09 left in the second. The score went to 28-7 with 4:36 left on a 3-yard run. The final score of the half came with 2:55 left on a 42-yard run.

"He's a really good athlete and a great young man," Mach said of Bednarz-Gray. "He plays both sides of the ball. I was really happy for him because he works very hard and he has for four years."

"He's done a fantastic job for us, and I think he's going to continue that."

His first touchdown came on a 4-yard run in the first quarter, and his sixth would come on his only carry of the second half, a 23-yard run following another Irish turnover.

Bednarz-Gray responded to a question of if he's ever scored six touchdowns at any level: "No, I think the most I ever had was two."

"It was also new for Mach. "I've been here 31 years, and I don't remember anyone doing anything like that," he said.

### Forcing Turnovers

An omen for the Irish came at the end of their first drive. ND Prep quarterback Kyle Michelson tried to stretch the ball over the goal line but fumbled the ball and

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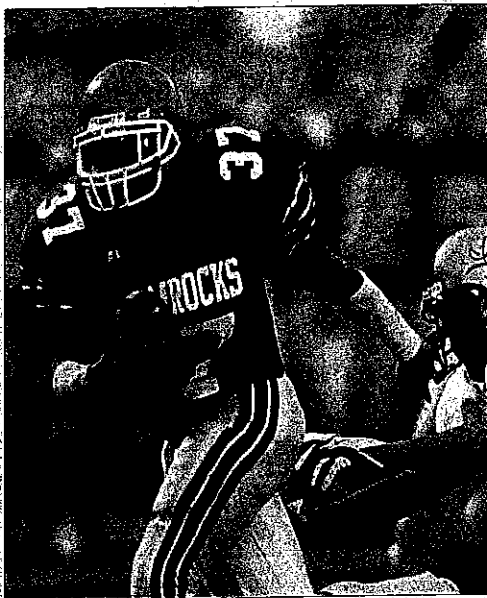


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Jeremy Bednarz-Gray takes one of his nine carries for 173 yards Friday against Notre Dame Prep.

# Novi soccer boys stay unbeaten

By Jeff Theisen  
NOV NEWS

Novi played a soccer game with Milford on Aug. 29, leaving the Wildcats at 2-0-2. The game was very exciting, played in the first half. Both teams had a couple of scoring chances, but good saves by both goalies or blocks by defenders prevented any goals from being scored. Novi carried the play in the second half but couldn't get a ball over the goal line.

## Scoreboard

The junior varsity team also tied Milford 1-0.

**Novi Tennis**

Novi tennis struggled against cross-town rival Northville in a 0-2 loss Aug. 30 at Northville. Sara Carlson defeated Sarah Kompa 7-6 (6), 6-0 at Nov. 4 singles and the No. 1 doubles team of Jackie Wang and Allison Yee beat Alicia Weber and Janine Powers 7-4 (4), 4-6, 7-5 for the Wildcat wins.

Northville victories came at No. 1 singles Christina Ruiz, 6-1, 6-0 over Carly Lyall; No. 2 singles Chelsea Johnson, 6-2, 6-1 over Katie Samuelson; No. 3 singles Haley Johnson, 6-4, 6-2 over Jennie Felcher; No. 2

doubles Laura Taylor and Kelsey Thomas, 6-3, 6-4 over Lauren McCloskey and Megan Wenzl; No. 3 doubles Ursula Cuffield and Kristen Randall, 6-2, 7-6 (3) over Jessica Thimms and Kelle Wallen and No. 4 doubles Samantha Doud and Abby Grajek, 6-4, 6-3 over Lauren Felcher and

Alexandra Govic.

"It was a good match," Novi head coach Jim Hanson said. "Northville has got an excellent team. I'm not disappointed at all."

"We'll get another shot at them at the regional."

Novi will continue to play its top-notch schedule with a dual match Saturday at home with top-five ranked Troy.

**Girls Swim & Dive**

Novi swimming crushed Walled Lake Western 132-54 Aug. 28. Keri Abel achieved state cuts in both the 200 Individual medley and the 100 Butterfly.

**Freshman Football**

Freshman football won their first game last Thursday 34-14 vs. Chelsea High School. The team was led by Ricky Enright who ran and threw a touchdown pass and Ahmad Kawan who scored a TD while leading the team in tackles with 16.

**JV/Freshmen Girls Basketball**

Opened the season in strange fashion with a 35-2 win against Birmingham Scalopin on Aug. 29. Freshman played the first half and JV played the second half. Hailey Harold and Erin

Zerio both scored eight points. Kim Hildreth snagged three rebounds. Chelsea Bullough added four steals.

**CC Soccer**

The Catholic Central soccer team (2-1-3) knocked off Divine Child 3-2 Friday.

Nick Pelon picked up a pair of goals, and Brent Driscoll scored a goal and added an assist in the win.

Driscoll started the scoring with a goal off an assist to Pat Nemes. Nick Pelon added a goal with an assist to Driscoll.

**Novi Golf**

Novi golf finished in third place in the Pre-KVC tournament Aug. 24.

Milford won the meet with a 305, followed by Brighton at 315 and Novi at 322.

Alex Lyall led the Wildcats with a 75. Nick Prokop came in next with a 79.

## Sport Shorts

**Novi Athletics Raffle**

The Novi Athletics Booster Club is raffling a two-year lease on a new 2007 Lincoln MKZ. A limit 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. Raffle participants must be 18 years of age or older at the time of entry. Winner need not be present to win.

**Varsity Basketball**

On Thursday, the Lady Wildcats (2-0) topped Walled Lake Northern 49-37. Stephanie Crawford led the way with her defense while scoring 16 points. Courtney Johnson scored 11 points and had nine rebounds while Ananda Diacono finished with 10 points.

**Dakland County Junior Wheelchair basketball team**

The Junior Thunderbolts Wheelchair Basketball Team begins its 2006-2007 season September 13 at Beech Woods Recreation Center in Southfield. Youth with a physical impairment in high school or younger are invited to join now, no experience necessary.

**Free softball clinic**

A free softball clinic will take place 4 p.m. Sept. 10 at Milken Park. The clinic is for girls 11-12 years old.

**Shamrocks rout N.D. Prep**

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goal line but fumbled the ball and it rolled out of the back of the end zone for a fumbleback.

The Shamrocks promptly drove 80 yards for the score.

The Irish responded with an 82-yard drive, capped off by a 2-yard score by McMahon with 8:36 left in the first half.

Then the flood gates opened up. The Shamrocks could do no wrong, and the Irish could do nothing right.

Some of the Shamrock anger came from a story written in another paper saying the Irish felt the Shamrocks weren't as strong as they traditionally have been.

"We wanted to come out and set the tone," Bufnarr-Gray said. "They were talking about our tradition was down and everything. Complimenting Bufnarr-Gray were Jake Marmol with 104 yards and the final score of the game in

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Coach Noelle Schlesselman is no stranger to coaching wheelchair basketball. She has coached juniors since 1998 and has led two teams to Junior National Championships. She was the head coach of the 2004 Junior USA Team that won a gold medal in Australia, the Assistant Coach of the Junior USA Team in 2003, and Assistant Coach of the USA women's team for 2003-2004 that won gold in Athens, Greece. In spring 2006 she led the Junior Michigan Thunderbolts to fourth place at the National Wheelchair Basketball Association Junior Prep Division National Tournament.

The Junior Thunderbolts are sponsored by Oakland County Parks and Southfield Parks and Recreation.

To register or for additional information, call Sharly Dorey at (248) 538-7296 or assistant coach Claudia Brewer at (248) 796-4673.

A free softball clinic will take place 4 p.m. Sept. 10 at Milken Park. The clinic is for girls 11-12 years old.

Contact: Brian Petrucci at (248) 207-6999 or at petrucci101@comcast.net for more information.

The Junior Thunderbolts Wheelchair Basketball Team begins its 2006-2007 season September 13 at Beech Woods Recreation Center in Southfield. Youth with a physical impairment in high school or younger are invited to join now, no experience necessary.

Divine Child added a late goal, but goalie Braden Watershall and Hendrik Van Halbeek combined to pick up the win.

## Wildcats struggle with Milford squad

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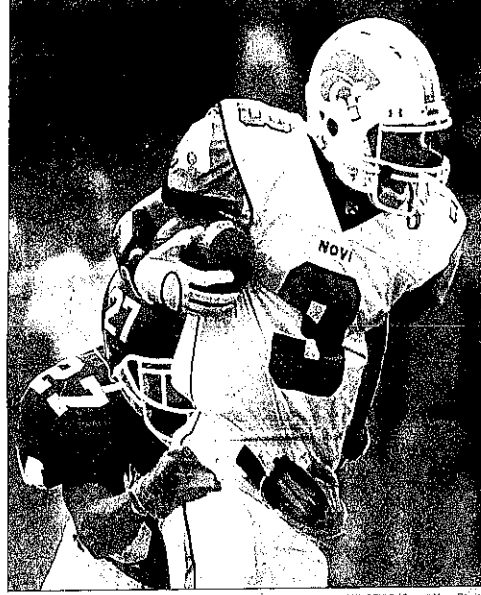
Milford got on the scoreboard early on when Cusatiso nailed a field goal on the "Mats" first possession. Later in the quarter Williamson sprinted for 37 yards into the end zone to make it 9-0 and Cusatiso successfully booted the kick to add a point.

Williamson struck again once the second quarter got under way, tumbling the ball 38 yards in for the touchdown. Minutes later Petrucci scored his first touchdown of the game on a short dash to make it 23-0. Brown's fumble-recovery-turned-touchdown made it 23-6 just before halftime.

The Wildcats followed things up with another Cusatiso field goal in the third quarter and another Petrucci touchdown sprint in the fourth quarter, and held the Wildcats scoreless throughout the second half to seal the deal.

Novi's next challenge is tomorrow night. The squad plays host to Pinckney in another KVC contest scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

Pinckney lost to Brighton by a score of last Thursday night and is 1-1 overall.



Novi wide receiver Dan Kaminski runs with the ball Friday at Milford.

John Mueller is a sports reporter for the Milford Times. He can be reached by phone at (248) 685-1507 ext. 25 or by e-mail at mueller@sunnet.com.

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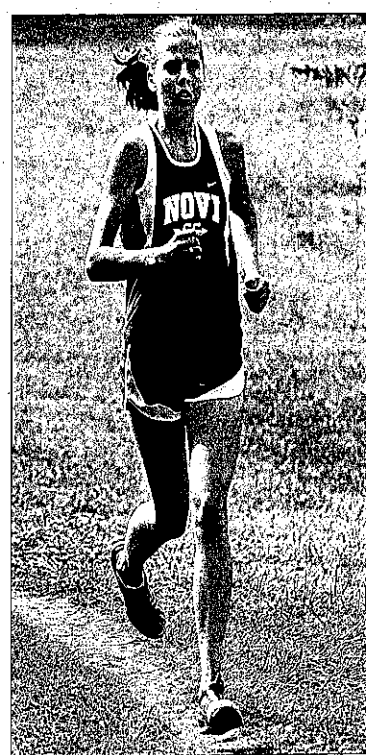
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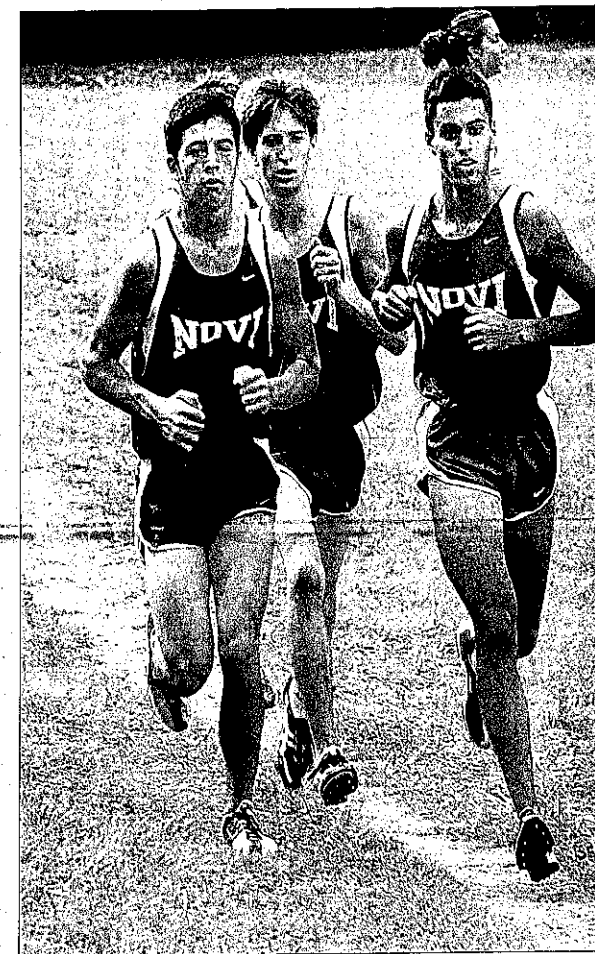
# OFF AND RUNNIN'



Andrea Kramer competes at Cass Benton Park during a dual-meet against Northville High.

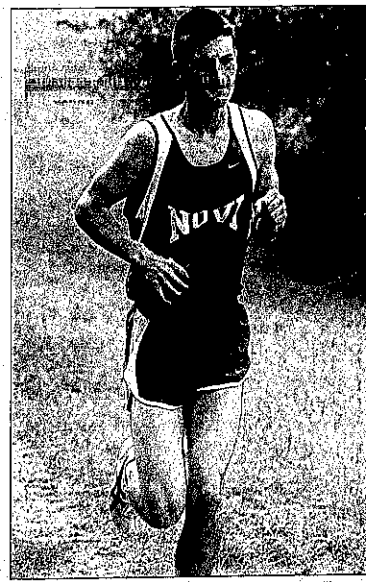


The Wildest cross country varsity girls race off the starting line in a meet at Cass Benton.



Novi's Mike Wheat, left, Kenny MacDonough and Alex Prasad run along the western part of Cass Benton's course during a recent meet with Northville High. This group of Wildcats were among the top finishers.

Photos by John Heider / Novi News



Aaron Cross jogs uphill during a dual meet with Northville at Cass Benton Park.

### HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

NOVI	CATHOLIC CENTRAL
<b>Girls Basketball</b> 9/7 W.L. Western, 7 p.m. 9/12 at Northville, 7 p.m.	<b>Football</b> 9/8 London CC, 7 p.m.
<b>Football</b> 9/8 Pinckney, 7 p.m.	<b>Cross Country</b> 9/7 at DeLaSalle, 4 p.m. 9/11 at U of D Jesuit, 4 p.m.
<b>Cross Country</b> 9/12 Pinckney, 4:30 p.m. 9/15 at Spartan Invite, 10A 9/16 W.L. Western Invite, 9 a.m. 9/19 Howell, 4:30 p.m.	<b>Boys Golf</b> 9/7 Pinckney, 3 p.m. 9/12 Howell, 3 p.m. Girls Swimming and Diving 9/9 W. Bloomfield Laker Invite, 7:30 a.m.
<b>Boys Golf</b> 9/7 Pinckney, 3 p.m. 9/12 Howell, 3 p.m. Girls Swimming and Diving 9/9 W. Bloomfield Laker Invite, 7:30 a.m.	<b>Boys Soccer</b> 9/7 at Lakeland, 7 p.m. 9/12 Brighton, 7 p.m. Boys Tennis 9/8 Novi Tennis Classic, 8 a.m. 9/13 Milford, 4 p.m.

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## Home Owners... How to Avoid Roof Leaks?

Roofing problems can develop at any time. Most asphalt/fluoresce shingles are made to last about 15 years, but roofs could begin to present some problems in the age of 10 to 15 years. Roof leaks are often difficult to find and can be the cause of significant structural damage that may appear sometime later.

### SIGNS OF ATTIC LEAKS/MOISTURE

- STRUCTURAL SAGGING/WAY ROOF FRAME AND SHEATHING DAMAGED WHEN OR MISSING SHINGLES, MOSS GROWTH
- CORRODED FLASHING (AROUND CHIMNEY, DOORWAY, VENTS AND IN VALLEY)
- RAISED SHINGLES ALONG THE BOTTOM OF THE ROOF
- ICICLES HANGING FROM GUTTERS IN THE WINTER (TYPICAL ICE DAMS)
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- WATER MARKS AROUND CEILING FIXTURES



Randall Patterson

**SOURCES OF ROOF LEAKS / MOISTURE**  
**MINOR** - Some roof problems occur when wind blows the rain under the edges of the roof or shingles. Two factors contributing to this phenomenon is an improperly sloped roof or failure to adhere to proper sealing in high wind areas.

**ICE DAM** - is an accumulation of ice at the lower edge of a sloped roof. The ice dam then acts as a barrier on the roof which melts due to heat from the house from the attic. The water seeps under the ice because it cannot pass the warm interior of the house and the backup of water seeps under the roof covering.

**MOSS** - Wood and built-up roofs are vulnerable to the deterioration by moss for its ability to retain moisture and its root system penetrating the roof surface.

**WATER VAPOR** - Until the late 1970s residential construction codes did not require thermal or vapor barriers that are now standard practice. Exhalation of warm moist air in winter results in condensation (moisture in the winter), mold, rot and wood decay. It causes rotting, cupping and delamination in asphalt/fluoresce shingles, corrosion of metal roofing and rotting of wood shakes and shingles.

### FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO LEAKS/MOISTURE

- POOR ROOF SLOPE DESIGN; INCORRECT SHINGLE INSTALLATION
- EXCESSIVE EXPOSURE LENGTH; IMPROPER JOINT LOCATIONS OR NO UNDERLAY ON WOOD SHAKES/SINGLE ROOFS
- WATER ROILING ON CLOGGED ROOF DRAINS OR FLAT ROOFS
- MISSING OR DAMAGED SHINGLES; EXPOSED NAILS
- IMPROPER FLASHING OR SEALING (AROUND PROTRUSIONS OR VALLEYS)
- INADEQUATE EAVE PROTECTION
- IMPROPERLY HUNG GUTTERS OR DIRT EDGES
- DISPERSED CHIMNEY (ROOFED WITH METAL OR CRACK CHIMNEY CAP)
- INSUFFICIENT INSULATION; INSUFFICIENT VENTILATION
- VENT PIPES OR EXHAUST PIPES TERMINATING INTO THE ATTIC

Designs for area of ROOF LEAKS

Two different pitched roof (such as unbracketed angled gable) or an extremely poor design where a sloped roof flows into a well-watered area accumulate in this valley and cause damage.



### VULNERABLE FLASHING AREAS (shown in picture)

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South Lyon residents Jillian Rusis, 18 months, and her mother Terri enjoy time at Erwin Orchards in South Lyon.

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Linda Erwin  
 Erwin Orchards

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  - Sept. 22: Jonagold, Mutsu
  - Sept. 29: Red Delicious

# Erwin Orchards: A good pick

When it comes to family fun, South Lyon orchard ripe for the picking

By Annette Jaworski  
 SPECIAL WRITER

Loyal customers know that a visit to Erwin Orchards is about more than just picking apples. "Coming in the apple orchard is a family tradition and greatly anticipated each season. Children will go by here with their parent's in the summer and look forward to when we open again," explained Linda Erwin, Vice President/Manager. With fall approaching, they're planning a basket full of fun for guests to enjoy. Along with their fresh fruit, delicious cider and famous donuts, there are lots of wholesome family activities. A trip to the cider mill makes an enjoyable outing for schools, seniors, scouts, as well as, church and corporate groups. For the Erwin family of South Lyon, it's like hosting a huge party.

### A bountiful harvest

Visitors to the orchard will find an abundant crop, with rows of trees loaded with large luscious apples. Linda Erwin finds it fascinating that they're known throughout the country, with some families even planning a vacation around their favorite apple varieties. "It's a very good year for apples. We've come up with some special deals due to the abundance and we want to pass them along to the customer," said Linda. For example, this year, during Happy Apple Hours, customers can receive \$5 off U-pick bushels, from 3-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday (not to be combined with any other offers). Two special dates, October 22 and 29, are Bushel-And-A-Peck Days. Patrons receive a free peck bag to fill with the purchase of a U-Pick bushel. Also, pick your own Red, and Yellow

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### Agra-Tainment!

When it comes to fun, everyone feels like a kid again when they hop on a tractor-pulled wagon for a ride out to pick apples and/or pumpkins. In the height of the season, 11 wagons are used to transport scores of happy visitors. You won't want to miss other special events like Customer Appreciation Day on Sunday, Sept. 10. Bring the family for free entertainment, such as face painting from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Razzles the Clown will be making balloon animals from 2 to 5 p.m. and Carousel Acres Petting Farm will bring numerous animals from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

While you're there, don't forget the Apple Picking Special. Customers can take advantage of \$5 off and receive a free hat for every u-pick bushel purchased.

New this year, the Erwin's are excited about presenting the South Lyon High School Marching Band, directed by Stephen M. Cross from 1-2 p.m. Oct. 15. The performance will be followed by a fund-raiser, where members will be picking apples to fill pre-paid orders. To place an order, or for more information, contact Dayna Johnston at (248) 437-5046.

### Cider, donuts and pumpkins— Oh, my!

Don't leave the orchard without a glass or gallon of their prize-winning apple cider. Come taste why it was voted the finest in Michigan four years



Kids & moms play on hay bales at Erwin Orchards in South Lyon.

**ERWIN ORCHARDS WEEKEND PLANNER**

Each weekend (weather permitting) visitors can look forward to enjoying the hay mound, trike trail, Cameron the Caterpillar Balloon, Gil Durocher's Sand Art and Michael's Inflatables. They will open their family friendly haunted attractions, The Spooky Barn (for the young at heart) and The Barn Of Horrors (for the brave souls) Saturdays & Sundays, Sept. 23-Oct. 29, noon-5 p.m. Now for this year, they will be featuring Carousel

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in a row. On a hot day try the popular cider slush or the traditional hot cider on a cool afternoon. Other goodies include caramel apples and the queen's apple sundae, which is a sliced apple in a bowl, covered with hot caramel, whipped cream, nuts and a cherry on top. "It tastes as good as it looks," Linda Erwin assures. Be sure to take home a frozen apple pie and enjoy the fresh baked aroma. "We're known for our famous apple spice and pumpkin donuts. Some people come from other states just to buy these," she added. "A favorite among children, especially for birthday parties, is our pumpkin donuts with sprinkles on top. This year the cider mill will be open daily through Nov. 5 and more casher stations have been added for quicker checkout. Other points of interest include a working bee hive. All natural fresh honey from the orchard is available for purchase at the mill. If it's apple time, pumpkins can't be far behind. Erwin's will open up their pumpkin patch in late September. Get ready for ghosts and goblins at the annual Halloween Costume Contest held 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29. As long-time members of the South Lyon community, the Erwin's never take for granted their customers who've helped them grow. They want to especially thank their patrons and neighbors for their faithful support over the years.

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