

Be Scene in Walled Lake

Alexander Jr. and Redford Nelson, rescued from the Pug Rescue Network when they were just two weeks old, were among the hundreds on hand for Walled Lake's Pet Awareness Day.



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YOUR HOT TICKET

Classic Car Auction
PM Auctions will offer nearly 300 impressive classics at this year's Michigan International Fall Classic Car Auction at the Rock Financial Showplace Saturday and Sunday. The collection will include a number of important collector cars, including the last 75 years of automobile history. One of the features of the sale will be a trio of 1933 General Motors luxury convertibles designed by famed automotive stylist and engineer Harley Earl. Other feature cars include:

- 2006 GDT Speedster
- 1993 Chevrolet Corvette Fuel Injection Convertible
- 1937 Ford 812 50 Convertible Coupe

This two-day event will take place from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The auction preview will take place 5-9 p.m. Friday and 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Admission to the sale is \$9 for a day pass and \$15 for a weekend pass. Older registration is \$50 and includes admission for two. See the Calendar on page 18A for more events.

Good sign for business

City Council adopts new sign ordinance, other changes loom

By Greg Migliore
STAFF WRITER

Novi officials hope a revised sign ordinance will cultivate a more business-friendly image for the city. The changes allow for more signage for office buildings and restaurants. They also loosen

requirements in certain city districts and make changeable copy signs legal. The goal is to reduce the number of appeals to the city's zoning board and bring Novi in-step with other communities.

"We're seeing it modernizing the ordinance to current conditions," said Barbara Melton, Novi's planning director.

The changes are the result of a review that began in January by Mayor David Landry, Mayor Pro-Tem Kim Capello and council member Andrew Wutch, involving 14 strategy sessions.

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The major points of the restructured ordinance include:

- Buildings at least 40,000 square feet in certain districts can have a wall sign and a ground sign.
- Stand-alone restaurants can have a wall sign and a ground sign.
- Changeable copy signs are permitted. They are signs that have information that is updated, such as the one at the Rock Financial Showplace. The Showplace had to get a variance to put up its sign.
- Sign rules in city's Gateway East and Town Center districts also were refined.

Critical thinking on 'K16' needed

November ballot initiative forces voters to consider state's future

By Renee Saunders
STAFF WRITER

How much money do Michigan schools really need? That's what voters will decide this

November by voting on Proposal 5, the K-16 ballot initiative that would increase yearly funding equal to the rate of J. Koester

public education. The initiative, backed by a coalition of 25 statewide organizations like the teacher's union, the Michigan Educator's Association and the Michigan Parent Teacher Student Association, is said by supporters to benefit public schools, community colleges and all 15 of Michigan's four-year universities.

Jim Koester, Novi school district assistant superintendent for finance, said the increased funding mandate would help school districts across the state by easing pressure put on by the state to fund educators' pensions.

He said state law forces school boards to contribute to district employees pensions and strips districts' general funds.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Gettin' ready

Incorporating music from Russian composers like Sergei Prokofiev, the Novi High School marching band entertains at halftime during last Friday's football game. The school hosted the 16th annual Fairfare on Saturday. See page 9A for the story and photos.

SPECIAL SECTION

How-to Guide

This section is packed with tips, suggestions and guidelines on how to do everything, from choose a wine to buy a house to select the right hospital. We've even included a special page that deals with submitting information (news tips, letters to the editor, engagements, calendar items, etc.) to your newspaper.

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Indecent proposal: Thieves take two diamond rings

Suspects arrested near 12 Oaks

By Greg Migliore
STAFF WRITER

When a young couple goes ring shopping, it often means an impor-

tant question could be popping up later.

But this week, Novi police were the ones asking questions after a man and a woman were arrested in

connection with the theft of two diamond rings from Helberg Diamonds in Twelve Oaks Mall.

Police say Detroit residents Charles Stamecotte Nash, 19, and Rashad Tramaine Jones, 20, stole the rings, valued at more than \$37,000, from the store at about 7:41 p.m.

Monday. With small security in pursuit, the suspects then fled in a vehicle waiting in the parking lot, which was driven by a second male suspect.

The three sped away from Twelve Oaks, but the driver lost control of the vehicle and struck a utility pole

on one of the mall roads, and the suspects took off on foot.

Novi police, aided by K-9 units from the Michigan State Police and Livonia police, found two of the suspects in a wooded area north of

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Freedom — it's Bob Gatt's business

Retired police officer works to let nonviolent offenders out of jail

By Renee Saunders
STAFF WRITER

Bob Gatt spent most of his life putting people in jail. Now he's working to get them out.

officer for 27 years until he retired in 2002.

Today, Gatt is the Chief of Field Operations for Oakland County Community Corrections.

He's in charge of 65 full-time people, a \$7 million budget, and alleviating some of the overcrowding at Oakland County Jail by instituting and developing

rehabilitation programs for non-violent offenders. He said getting such offenders help is "beneficial" to society because it costs \$85 a day to house someone at Oakland County Jail.

He said it would cost more than that to build a new corrections facility. The initial cost of constructing the

building isn't what taxpayers don't want to pay; it's paying the people who would work there.

"But, he said, a new prison isn't necessary in the county anyway."

"There are some people who belong in jail and some people who don't," he said.

He said the offenders he works to help include people who have driven a vehicle with their license suspended on several different occasions. He said a lot of the time, people with offenses "just don't have the money or the means to get their license reinstated."

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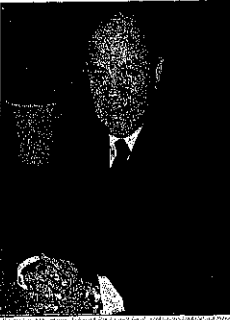


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Novi City Councilman Bob Gatt takes a break before a city council meeting Monday. Gatt was a police officer for 27 years and now works to help non-violent criminals get out of jail.

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Families, lawmakers recognize Michigan's POW/MIA soldiers

■ McCotter addresses group

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

They came to honor loved ones who may be gone but not forgotten — Michigan's soldiers who are prisoners of war or missing in action.

Under blue skies and a gentle breeze, a crowd gathered last Friday evening at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi for the 28th Annual National POW/MIA Ceremony and the 20th such event in Novi.

"We remember the sacrifice and service of those who have been accounted for, keep faith with the 55 Michigan families who wait to place the return date for their loved ones on the Michigan Remembrance Memorial and honor all who remain missing in the aftermath of our nation's wars and their families," said Debbie Plesney of Westland, president, Prisoner of War Committee of Michigan.

Congressman Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia), representative for the 11th District, was the keynote speaker at the ceremony. State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi), accompanied by her husband, Victor Cassis, chair of the Novi planning commission, also spoke and recited the POW/MIA prayer.

"We come here tonight and stand on hallowed ground, lest we never forget our sisters and brothers — POWs and MIAs. We respect highly their fortitude that has protected the values we treasure so dearly — family, faith and freedom," Cassis said.

An empty table was set up in front of the memorial to honor Michigan's missing, loved comrades. Six for five, the empty places represented those from each of the five branches of service — Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force and Coast Guard.

"Every time a return date is put on that wall, it's a direct result of your efforts and your refusal to accept anything but a full and final accounting," said Pat Daniels, president of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 154.

"These are our brothers. We can do no less but continue to fight and continue to support the families. We refuse to rest until the last one is home."

A 24-hour vigil began at 5 p.m. Friday at the memorial gardens.

"America is the land of the free because of the brave," said Daniels, noting that he saw this message on the back of a motorcycle jacket. He also read the poem, "Do You Remember Me?" by Allison Chambers Cussey.

Words are never enough

McCotter said when he was told that he would be the keynote speaker for the ceremony, "There was always the temptation to believe the myth that somehow words could ameliorate the grief of the families who do not know the fate of their loved ones."

He thanked family members for the sacrifices they have made for this country, McCotter said. Those soldiers who are prisoners of war or missing in action are not simply names etched on a wall. "They're etched on your hearts and the hearts of their fellow Americans."

A group of Novi High School students and Boy Scouts attended the ceremony, releasing a balloon into the sky for each of the 29 Michigan men whose remains have been returned and the 55 who still wait to come home.

Students included Camille Cross, Connie Jeng, Lillian Xiao, Melissa Levoska, Michael Barber, Alex Pyden, Roshan Ramachandran, Ryan Walsh, Michael Walsh, Chris Kelley, Linda Pak, Kevin Lee, Kevin Yeh, Megan Wallen, Solar Minhas and Jingyun Fan.

Boy Scouts included Matt Markham and Nathan Harold.



This clown helped draw about 1,500 people to the Civic Center for last year's Fall for Novi, and organizers expect just as big a crowd at Saturday's event.

Annual "Fall for Novi" Saturday

■ Event has games, food, displays

By Greg Migliore
STAFF WRITER

Check out a police car, bounce on the moonwalk or perhaps dispose of some hazardous waste at "Fall for Novi," the city's annual autumn festival Saturday.

The free event is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Civic Center campus and features a variety of activities for all ages.

Last year it drew about 1,500 people, and planners expect that turnout again this year. It originally started as a spring expo, before changing to its current form.

"It's a great event that brings together the entire community," said Sheryl Walsh, Novi's community relations manager.

The event will feature children's games, police and fire department displays and health screenings by Providence Hospital.

Visitors can also check out the walk of fame, a Hollywood-style exhibit about city founders. Food will be provided by the Novi Lions Club.

Fall for Novi

WHAT: The city's annual fall festival
WHEN: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday
WHERE: Novi Civic Center

ABOUT: The sixth annual event features games, displays and food.

Lions Club
"We just do it to help the city out," said Jerry Coonce of the Lions Club.

Event-goers can get rid of hazardous waste at a collection behind Ella Mae Power Park. People can also drop off up to 100 pounds of sensitive documents, like bank statements or tax records, for shredding. And with the November election looming, citizens can brush up on how to use voting equipment. City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius said. The clerk's office will also have an update on Novi's mid-decade census.

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WALLED LAKE POLICE REPORT

Man assaulted at Club Inferno

A 20-year-old hooner from Wixom was arrested for aggravated, felonious assault when police were called to Club Inferno at 11:15 p.m. on Sept. 9 after a fight broke out at the teen nightclub at 1172 N. Pontiac Trail.

Dispatch advised the officer responding to the call that a fight had taken place near the entrance of the club and that a person had a broken arm.

The victim told police he had been "bobby slammed" by one of the bouncers. The man had a bloody cut on his forehead and was going in and out of consciousness.

He was taken to William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

More Club Inferno arrests

An 18-year-old woman from Detroit was arrested for disorderly conduct at 12:10 a.m. Sept. 3 at Club Inferno after officers saw several people being ousted from the club by bouncers.

A small crowd had gathered near the entrance, and people were yelling and threatening both the bouncers and officers.

A chemical agent was eventually sprayed into the crowd, with one of the officers accidentally sprayed.

A 14-year-old Wixom man was also arrested for disorderly conduct and indecent exposure when he "mooned" officers.

A 17-year-old woman from Wixom was arrested for disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and obstructing police.

Two 16-year-old men from Wixom were arrested for disorderly conduct, obstructing police and resisting arrest.

Cocaine found in wallet

An unknown person turned in a wallet containing cocaine to the Walled Lake Police Department at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 23.

The wallet, which was found on the side of the road on Maple near Trivoli Apartments, had a baggie of cocaine concealed in the side pocket.

The owner of the wallet — a 32-year-old Wixom woman with arrest warrants from 53rd District Court in Romulus and 22nd District Court in Inkster — was notified that her wallet was found at the police station.

The woman came to pick up the wallet on Aug. 25 and said the cocaine was not in her wallet when she lost it.

The woman said she had several health problems and was scheduled for surgery within the next couple of days. Due to her poor health, she was released on all warrants, and the wallet, minus the cocaine, was returned to her.

Marjuana possession arrest

A 20-year-old man from Dearborn was arrested for driving on a suspended license and possession of marijuana after police pulled him over at 11:38 p.m. on Sept. 9 on N. Pontiac Trail and S. Commerce Road.

The man was stopped because he had a headlight out on his vehicle.

The marijuana was found on him while he was being processed at the station. It was in a small, plastic bag in his right front pants pocket.

Suspended license offense

A 46-year-old White Lake Township man was arrested for driving on a suspended license at 8:55 p.m. on Sept. 9 at Decker Road and North Drive.

Officers traveling behind him ran his license plate.

Revoked license, wrong plate

A 21-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving on a suspended license at N. Pontiac Trail and Quinif Drive when police ran his license plate outside Club Inferno at 12:25 a.m. Sept. 9 at 1172 N. Pontiac Trail.

The plate came back as belonging to a stolen car, which was a 1991 black four-door Lincoln. The car was a 1991 dark blue four-door Cadillac.

The man had warrants for his arrest in both Detroit and the Midwest. He explained to police that he had a Lincoln that was stolen before he bought the Cadillac, that the Lincoln was recovered and he transferred the plate to the Cadillac.

He was able to produce valid paperwork for the Cadillac registered to his name.

Neighborhood trouble

Officers were dispatched to an apartment on West Maple Road when trouble was reported with one of two tenants' neighbors at 9:52 p.m. on Sept. 7.

A 23-year-old woman and 26-year-old man said their neighbor had been moving their rug and throwing their shoes down the stairs.

The neighbor, a 36-year-old woman, had also said in the past that she would hit them with a baseball bat, according to the tenants.

The tenants told police that the woman, who lives by herself, could be heard yelling inside her apartment.

Officers knocked on the neighbor's door several times. The woman eventually yelled through the door, refusing to open the door or talk to officers.

One officer saw a pair of nylons with one end tied around the door handle and the other end of the stockings inside the door.

Driver slumped over wheel

A 68-year-old Wolverine Lake man was arrested for drunk driving at 8:15 p.m. on Aug. 29 at Decker and West Maple roads.

Another driver called police to report the drunk driver.

The man was in a red Dodge pickup in the left turn lane on northbound Decker Road at West Maple Road.

When an officer arrived, he found the vehicle with the brake lights on and the driver slumped over at 11:38 p.m. on Sept. 9 on N. Pontiac Trail and S. Commerce Road.

Possession with intent to sell

A 19-year-old West Bloomfield Township man, 17-year-old Walled Lake and 16-year-old West Bloomfield Township male were arrested for possession with intent to sell marijuana at 9:38 p.m. Aug. 28 at Ithaca Sims Park at Quinif Drive and Commerce Road.

The two younger suspects were also charged with possessing substances under age 18. An officer was on patrol at Ithaca Sims Park due to recent problems with minors using the park to drink alcohol and use drugs when he saw a car parked on the south side of the parking lot with no lights on.

Two men were sitting in the front seats, and one man was in the back seat. The officer saw several baggies half-concealed under a seat sitting on the back seat. When asked what they were doing, they said they were waiting for some friends.

Police found marijuana stuffed into the pouch on the back of the driver's seat as well as plastic baggies and a scale.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Novi firm helps at U of D Mercy

For the second consecutive year, staff from the Novi location of the moving company Two Men and a Truck will donate moving services to the University of Detroit Mercy's "Celebrate Spirit" campaign.

"Celebrate Spirit" will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 28, at the university's Callahan Hall on the McNichols campus.

"Celebrate Spirit" gathers the entire university community together to rededicate everyone to the school's mission, to renew friendships and to welcome new members.

Novi's Two Men and a Truck will donate the use of a truck and two men to more items in and out of the hall.

Each year University of Detroit Mercy faculty, staff and students gather in Callahan Hall for this event.

This tradition is a symbol of the beginning of a new academic year for students, faculty and staff and will include a worship service for all faiths, a picnic lunch and a student organization fair.

The moving company will also sponsor the afterglow gathering at The University of Detroit Mercy Theatre Company's first production of the year, "Of Mice and Men," at the Marygrove Theatre.

"Of Mice and Men" runs for three weekends — Sept. 29-Oct. 15.

The Theatre Company's performances are held at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday at 8425 W. McNichols Road.

The box office is located in Reno Hall on the University of

Bright House launches TV Japan in area

Bright House Networks has launched a 24-hour Japanese cable channel, TV Japan.

The channel will offer Japanese news, sports and cultural programs. Live, bilingual coverage of some wrestling will also be available. The channel costs an extra \$24.95 per month.

The cable system added the channel to cater to the growing Asian population in Metro Detroit, said Daniel Dismarco, Bright House sales and marketing vice president.

Art Van to launch new line

Art Van Furniture is set to debut its new furniture line, EQ3, in Novi tomorrow.

The line will also be unveiled in Lansing and Ann Arbor stores that day. It's been on sale at Art Van's Royal Oak store since March.

The line has furnishings for every room, and the company says it has a modern, sophisticated look.



DeMaria Building Company, with offices in Detroit and Novi, was recently awarded the contract to perform preconstruction services for the renovation of Inka's city hall at 26215 Township Road.

DeMaria will work with the architect Wiget, Tinknell, Meyer & Associates in Saginaw to provide budgeting and assist in finalizing the design.

Once the design is completed, documents will be made available to all contractors interested in submitting a bid on the job.

DeMaria wins Inka contract

Michigan Elite Gymnastics Academy in Farmington Hills and members of Novi Youth Assistance in conjunction with Nickelodeon's World Wide Day of Play will host Kids Day in Motion on Saturday, Sept. 30.

As part of its ongoing commitment to putting kids and their health first, Nickelodeon is sponsoring the Fourth Annual

Worldwide Day of Play. On Sept. 30, Nickelodeon will stop broadcasting for three hours to help get the message out that this is a day to celebrate kids' accomplishments and for kids and families to get up, get out, and get active.

From 2-4 p.m. on Sept. 30, Michigan Elite Gymnastics Academy staff members will open the doors to the academy to provide a spacious venue. Staff from OnStageConnection Dance Company and Kicks 'n' Kwon Do will also be on hand.

The academy is located at 24501 Halfwood Court in Farmington Hills.

Each child can participate in an array of physical fitness and performing arts activities, including gymnastics, dance, the lexicon, theater, voice and trumpet.

Living a healthy lifestyle is the focus of the World Wide Day of Play. To help promote health and physical fitness, Providence Hospital will also be on site providing free cholesterol and blood pressure screenings at the academy.

Children age 4 and under must have a parent with them for all activities. All participants must have a parent sign them in and have a parent-signed release form.

Donations to the Novi Youth Assistance Program will also be appreciated.

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Read... Then Recycle This Newspaper

For women who mean business

More than 700 expected for Rock event

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

It's no surprise to Michelle Richards that the number of women business owners is beginning to outpace their male counterparts.



M. Richards

As the head of these organizations, Richards says there are more opportunities now than ever for women to become entrepreneurs.

She will be among about 700 women who will attend the 6th Annual Michigan Women's Business Conference and Expo in Novi next week.

The event will take place Tuesday and Wednesday at Rock Financial Showplace on Grand River Avenue just west of Taft Road.

Sponsored by General Motors Corporation and LaSalle Bank, the conference is the state's largest conference for women business owners.

Studies show "girl power"
Recent studies from the Center for Women's Business Research in Washington, D.C., show women business owners are actually increasing at twice the rate of their male counterparts.

And, Michigan ranks sixth in the nation in the number of women business owners, according to the center.

The Novi conference is designed to create opportunities for women business owners to form strategic alliances and business-to-business opportunities with major corporations and

other female business owners. Conference highlights include a Women's Summit Luncheon, Tune-Up Clinic, opportunities to meet with corporate purchasers and a variety of workshops and presentations by local and national professionals, such as Susan Phillips Hani.

Hani, president of the Women's Business Enterprise National Council, who recently wrote her second book, "Partnering for Profit: Success Strategies for Tomorrow's Supply Chain," will speak at the Women's Leadership Forum slated from 9-11:30 a.m. on Tuesday.

A silent auction is also planned, with winners announced Wednesday afternoon.

GM executive to speak

Bo Anderson, vice president, Global Purchasing & Supply Chain at General Motors Corp., will be the keynote speaker at the awards luncheon on Wednesday.

He was recognized in Minority Business News USA magazine's Sept. 15 issue as one of the 100 Men Impacting Supplier Diversity.

Anderson will talk about GM's commitment to minority suppliers, and what they need to do to become suppliers to GM.

"That has not been the case historically," Richards said. "The automotive industry is the last industry to include women in their supplier diversity program."

Richards said women have come a long way in conquering the business world. But, this once was not the case when it would meet with elected officials and grant officers of foundations.

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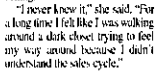
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Women make great salespeople

Relationships key to success

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Starting her career as a copier salesman, she now specializes in sales training for entrepreneurs, network marketers and beginning salespeople.



E. Stutz

At the Michigan Women's Business Conference and Expo next week in Novi, Stutz will provide keynote and workshop presentations on Smooth Sale Strategies for Selling Success.

Her lecture from 10-11:45 a.m. on Tuesday will include how to create a successful launch, attract like clients and build credibility and trust immediately with potential customers.

Stutz said she realizes now that she's been a salesperson her whole life and that she has the right personality for the field.

She believes she has a unique way of doing that, and that people don't seem to object to it. The key is to approach people as a prospective friend rather than a prospective customer.

"It relieves the burden from everybody," she said. "You go in as a consultant and midway switch over to being a partner, then find a solution together," Stutz said.

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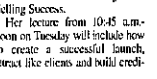
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Gender has huge impact as consumers

Marketers need to start listening

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Hara Warner says not only are women no longer a minority but they are also a force to be reckoned with in the consumer market.



H. Warner

The Ann Arbor freelance writer, who has worked for The New York Times and other major newspapers, has a new book, "The Power of the Purse," that describes how today's smartest companies are discovering the immense power of women consumers.

And, they are using this power to achieve breakthrough results.

Warner will be one of the featured speakers at next week's Michigan Women's Business Conference and Expo in Novi. She will speak from 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday.

Attendees at the two-day conference will learn about the power women have in influencing the economy and how to properly use

the majority market, according to Warner. "We never were a minority," Warner said. "People saw us as a minority in the workplace, so assumed we were a minority in the consumer marketplace. Population-wise, we've always been the majority, except probably China."

"The idea of women being 'the weaker sex' is completely a myth," Warner said, who noted that Bobby Love, a U of M professor, has studied differences in the sexes. "More male focuses are naturally masculine, and men tend to have more problems as they age," Warner said. "There are all kinds of things coming out about the strengths of the double X chromosome."

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Novi hosts marching band extravaganza

16th annual Fanfare held on Saturday

By Diane Hanson
CORRESPONDENT

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EDUCATION

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Novi hosts marching band extravaganza

16th annual Fanfare held on Saturday

By Diane Hanson
CORRESPONDENT

Masterful music, dynamic drill, creative choreography and eye-pleasing color was the order of the day as 15 high school marching bands performed at Fanfare 2006, the 16th annual such event, Saturday at Novi High School.

"This is the largest single fund-raiser that we have for the band," said booster president Roy Seidl, whose daughter Jeanine is a junior flute player. "It's a lot of work, but it's very rewarding. We started last spring planning for this and we've been working all the way up through today. We have about 120 parents working today. It's a real group effort."

The effort paid off and the weather cooperated on the pleasantly warm day. Thirteen bands competed with a special exhibition performance by the Garden City High School Marching Band.

The Novi marchers showcased their talents at the end of the evening in judged exhibition as hosts of the event. This year's show, "Fire and Ice," is comprised entirely of Russian music, including the Russian National Anthem, and wowed the crowd with its stirring beauty and fast-paced tempo.

At an impressive 204 marches, this year's band is the largest in Novi's history, according to band director Mark Hourigan.

"I am very proud of their efforts tonight," said Hourigan. "It's a great way to start the season. We have a show with a tremendous amount of demand. There is intense movement and music. Eventually parts of it will be up to 180 beats per minute."

The performers were equally pleased with their season opener. "I thought we did really well," said junior saxophone section co-leader Sarah Sieman. "I think it's a really cool show. I like the classical music we've incorporated."

Saturday's performance was the first for freshman Kyle Diephans, an alto saxophone player. "This is very exciting," he said. "I think this show is very good, and we'll do well with it." Freshman trombonist Andrew Philka concurred.

"It's cool," he said. "I like all the parts there are to it, and each one is different." Novi presented awards in Flight I to Plymouth-Canton, first; West Bloomfield, second; and Westland John Glenn, third. In Flight II: Southgate Anderson took first; Walled Lake Central, second; Livonia Franklin, third; and Wyandotte, fourth. In Flight III: Ferndale was first; Farmington Hills Harrison, second; Chelsea, third; Hazel Park, fourth; and South Lake, fifth. Madison took first as the only competitor in Flight IV. Flights are determined by school enrollment, with Flight

PEOPLE

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IN THE SERVICE

Air Force Airman John A. Maurer has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies, performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle



J. Maurer

marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Maurer is the son of Carol Duscio of Commerce and a 2005 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School.

Stephen M. Nawrot 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.

Nawrot is a student at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti.

He is the son of Daniel J. and Michele M. Nawrot of Novi and a 2004 graduate of Novi High School.

BIRTH



Abigail Eve Dodds

Sarah and Brian Dodds of Novi are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Eve, at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital on Friday, Sept. 1, 2006.

She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19 and one-quarter inches long. Proud grandparents are Rick and Margie Shaul of Novi and Bob and Yvonne Dodds of Novi.

Great grandparents are Doris Dodds of Novi, Harry Shaul of Lincoln Park and George Monst of New Baltimore.

OBITUARY

MARY E. GOERS

Age 80, September 16, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Thomas E. Loving, mother of Mark, Patricia, Joseph, Karen (Ritchie) Gier and the late Thomas Jr. (Buzan). Proud grandmother of Christine, Eddie, Eric, Tommy, Mikayla, Marek, Marek and great grandmother of Emily and Mariah. Dear sister of Andrew Lebeda. Visitation Monday 9-5pm and Tuesday 2-4 & 6-9pm. Funeral Wednesday 11am from McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

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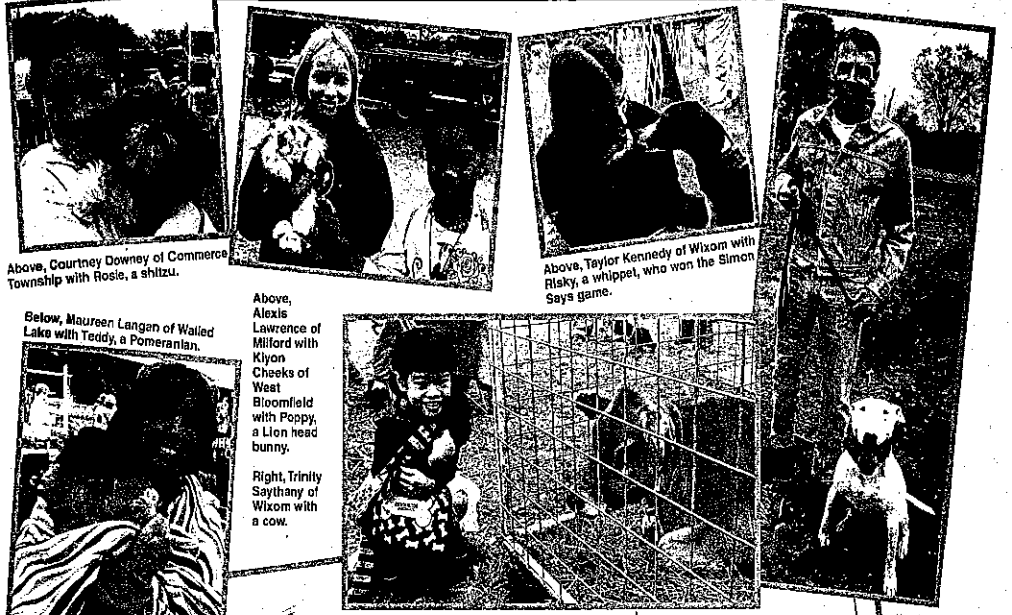
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Above, Courtney Downey of Commerce Township with Rosie, a shitzu.

Above, Taylor Kennedy of Wixom with Risky, a whippet, who won the Simon Says game.

Below, Maureen Langen of Walled Lake with Teddy, a Pomeranian.

Above, Alexis Lawrence of Milford with Klynn, Chicks of West Bloomfield with Poppy, a Lion head bunny.

Right, Trinity Saythany of Wixom with a cow.

Pet Day

Walled Lake's annual Pet Awareness Day, held this year on Sept. 10, attracted more than 2,000 people to the Walled Lake Event Field next to the fire station on E. West Maple Road.

The event, organized by the city of Walled Lake Parks and Recreation Department, featured games, a K-9 demonstration, food, pet tricks, a pet fashion show, obedience test, rodent race, a variety of vendors with pet-related products and representatives with pets from several animal rescue organizations.

Animals and their owners seemed to enjoy the cooler temperatures that day, with species ranging from dogs and cats to rats, a cow, miniature horses and more.

The day is designed to educate young and old about the number of pet choices available today as well as to provide pet adoption opportunities.

It's the one area event each year where pets are not only allowed but also welcome.



Above, Bruce Meyerle of West Bloomfield with Burren, an English bull terrier.

Left, Gill Bromm of Walled Lake and Jacob Atcanas of Wolverine Lake with a bunny, Snowflake.

Jamie Groth of Flat Rock with pugs Alexander Jr., left, and Redford Nelson, who were rescued by the Pug Rescue Network when they were 2 weeks old.

Bonnie Routhier of Walled Lake with Pete, a shitzu.

Above, Sheila Dixon of Redford with Chelsea.

Right, Nathan Moser of West Bloomfield, left, and Aaron Flood of Commerce Township pet a rat, Comfortably Numb or "Cohen."

With Stephen of Lake Orion with Princess, a golden retriever.

Michael Harvey with children Noah and Rachel, of Farmington Hills, pet miniature horse, Memphis of Milford.

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OPINION

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

WHERE WE STAND

Character is Everything: Rotarians look to the future

On a global level, Rotarians are committed to wiping out polio. For many people, that's the most they know about this organization. (Oh, and they know the Rotary symbol, which is second only to the Red Cross for most recognized.)

But Rotary is made up of thousands of local clubs all over the world, and they each do their part in making their own communities a better place to live.

Novi's group is no exception. Take, for instance, their "Character is Everything" eight-week seminar for high school students.

It kicks off next Thursday with an introduction to character and ethics featuring guest speaker Rob Casalou, president of St. John Providence Park Hospital in Novi, who will challenge students to answer the following:

Rotary's 4-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Additionally, about 600 students will have their assignment for the first week of the seminar: Each will have to perform a "random act of kindness" — invite a student who is sitting alone during lunch to join them; volunteer for a charitable function, etc.

Think of the impact those alone will have, not only on the students performing the acts, but on everyone they touch.

Like the simple Rotary 4-Way Test, which itself could change the world if practiced regularly by everyone, this seminar is an opportunity to make a positive impact on the future.

Each week, the *Novi News* will let readers know what topic the participants are focusing on. Stay tuned... you're going to like what's happening to Novi.

Corrections:

• A story on page 12A of the Sept. 14 issue said ITC Holdings Corp. had requested tax abatements or incentives from Novi. The company has not.

• The story titled "Meet Montique Beels" incorrectly stated that she has two daughters. She has one daughter and one son. The story also did not mention that she has an education specialist degree in educational administration and supervision.

Creationist ideas will hurt State

As if we didn't need one more reason to sigh... last week the State Board of Education voted 6-2 to delay adopting the science portion of Michigan's new high school graduation requirements.

What's this all about? You guessed it. Evolution, again. The delay was requested by the chairs of the House and Senate Education Committees to placate State Reps. Jack Hoegendyk, R-Portage, and John Moolenaar, R-Midland.

They want language jammed into the standards that would legitimize teaching creationism and so-called "intelligent design."

The standards now direct science teachers to show how fossils, comparative anatomy and other evidence "may" demonstrate evolution. Hoegendyk and

Moolenaar want "may or may not" language which allows teaching of creationism or intelligent design as alternative explanations and, thus, credible science. Here's something that is really credible: If Michigan becomes known as a place with schools unwilling to teach accepted scientific reality, high-tech businesses will avoid us like a plague. And we can't forget about evolving into a prosperous high-tech economy.

There may be better news soon. Topside in the Department of Education say the Board's delay in adopting standards was a tactical maneuver. They did that to help out legislative leaders who want some time to calm down some of the crazier members of their caucus. The State

Board also wants to develop a method for lawmakers to provide "legislative input" in the design of teaching standards. That may sound silly, but that's far less intrusive than a now-side-tracked House bill that would have dictated entire standards.

We'll see. The State Board meets next on Oct. 10. Board members tell me the votes are likely to be 6-2. The rules of teaching standard that rules out creationism. We better hope so.

Throwing a bone to legislative leaders may be good politics. But opening the door to teaching wacky "science" is the worst possible thing Michigan could do at this moment in our economic crisis.

Come to think of it, though, Reps. Hoegendyk and Moolenaar may be rather more acute than we may realize.

We might even extend their healthy skepticism about prevailing theories to all manner of things previously viewed as certain.

The teaching standards for math could be revised to

indicate that two plus two "may or may not" equal four, as appears to be the case in some alternative universes. The Bible "may or may not" represent literal truth. The allies "may or may not" have won World War II; if so, the curriculum standards for history could stand some revision.

Even the prevailing notion that reducing business taxes automatically leads to economic growth could be subjected to the "may or may not" skepticism test.

But there's no "may or may not" in considering Michigan's economic crisis. We're in a lot of trouble. GM is cutting 30,000 jobs and closing plants. Ford just last week announced 44,000 cuts plus several more plants to be shuttered.

DaimlerChrysler says it will lose \$1.5 billion this summer, and that may be just the start.

Things are bad now, and they're going to get much worse.

Michigan is going to prosper — if it prospers — by attracting high value added

companies like Pfizer and Google that need a highly educated work force. The highly productive and profitable Chrysler engine plant in Dundee requires even its workers on the line to have at least a community college degree.

Dilbering over inserting "may or may not" into the Michigan curriculum with respect to evolution is the easiest way to drive off any companies that need a skilled and educated work force.

The State Board of Education must not fold in the wrong way at all. For our state, would be the worst possible thing.

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Do in' it their way
As a line dance class practices nearby, Hubert Dauch and Faye Adelson cut their own rug last Thursday at the Novi Senior Center.

LETTERS

No apologies needed

As good friends of Dan Austin and his family, we could not allow Mr. Fundarski's letter ("School board seat vacated," Novi News 9/14/06) to go unchallenged.

Mr. Fundarski made many insensitive and outrageous accusations concerning Dan Austin. The only person who owes anyone an apology is Mr. Fundarski to Dr. Austin and his family, as well as to the entire Novi community.

Dan Austin has always been extremely dedicated to his family and profession. We recognize his outstanding commitment to our community while serving on the school board.

Thank you, Dan Austin, and no apologies are necessary here! We will miss you.

Karen Pyet and Bernice VanBuhler
Novi

This is what I think, Novi neighbor

It is very easy to see why Mr. Fundarski was defeated so badly for the State House seat this past election. The votes he received must have been sympathy votes. His immaturity and disrespect was displayed for all to see in his letter last week to the editor (School board seat vacated). Really, is this someone you would want in office representing you? I know for a fact that Dan Austin did not know his wife was going to be promoted before he ran for the board. Besides, does it make sense to live our lives on what might happen. Just think what it would be like if Mr. Fundarski lived his life planning on being elected to something. I even bet that he would advocate Dan say in Novi, separated from his wife and daughter just to fulfill his obligation on the school board.

He said the seat "... will be left to the personal and potential whims..." of the remaining six board members. These are people that we voted into the positions to help mold our school district. I think they deserve much more credit than what he's giving them.

I think the only apology needed here is Mr. Fundarski's apology to Dan Austin, for challenging his decision to be with his family vs. being on a school board. I think we need more people willing to make these kind of decisions. And speaking of losses, why doesn't Mr. Fundarski just leave town on the home he read in?

Gary VanBuhler
Novi

Two cents worth

Every time I read or hear some tax proponent claim (Library: Bond and voter approval needed. Novi News 9/14/06), their pockets... will only cost so many pennies a day or not even the price of a cup of coffee, etc. I shudder.

Such delusional tactics have been used so frequently that those pennies now add up to a tax burden that the average worker must work more than four months of each year to pay all those "pennies per day."

Politicians are expected to delude the voters; family newspapers should profit reality.

Tax increases are made no more palatable when coated with sugar. If they are necessary just say so; skip the snow job.

Incidentally, how many pennies per day is the next school bond going to cost? And how about K-16? More pennies?

Patrick M. Downey
Novi

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Seniors show Wildcat pride

Seniors from Fox Run pack stands during football game

By Renee Saunders
STAFF WRITER

Whether Novi High School's varsity football team won or lost wasn't important to Agnes Hilving.

It was the experience of going to the game.

"It's really wonderful," she said while watching the school's home game Friday night.

Hilving hasn't seen a high school football game in more than two decades, but last weekend, she had a blast.

"It's fun being here," she said. Hilving was one of about 40 Fox Run residents who peppered the stadium wearing green and white plastic lei during the team's second home game of the season.

Novi played against Howell Friday night and lost, 20-10.

The seniors were given a rule from their home on a school bus and were invited to attend the game for free by the Novi High School Athletic Boosters.

Fox Run residents will have a chance to see the remaining two home games scheduled Friday, Sept. 29, against Brighton and Friday, Oct. 13, against Hartland.



Dozens of senior citizen attended last Friday night's home game at Novi High School against Howell.

Curt Ellis, director of physical education and athletics at Novi High School, said the boosters wanted to reach out to the elderly community by bringing them to the game.

"It's a smashing success," Ellis said Friday night.

Fox Run resident Phyllis Prassid said she was treated very well by the boosters, and com-

mented that the seniors who came to the game were even given cushions to sit on.

"It's a pleasure to be here," she said. "Seeing all the guys get smushed... it's just like high school."

The seniors didn't travel to the game alone.

Novi High School cheerleaders traveled with them to the high school.

"I didn't learn all the cheers (on the bus)," Fox Run resident Jack Venoman said while watching the game with his friend, Richard Lyndon. "I always enjoy football!"

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NOVI SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Friday 9/22	9 a.m. Stretch and Strength	12:45 p.m. Bingo (in Activities Room)
	10 a.m. Body Recall	1-3 p.m. Dance-\$6 at the door
	noon Lunch	2-2:30 p.m. Massage by appointment
	12:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge cancelled	
	12:45 p.m. Bingo	
	2:30 p.m. Massage by appointment	
Saturday 9/23	9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Fall for Novi	
	1 p.m. Stratford Festival Trip	
Sunday 9/24	10 a.m. Monday Bay Resort Trip	
Monday 9/25	9:00 a.m. Stretch and Strength	
	10 a.m. Body Recall	
	noon Lunch	
	12:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge cancelled	
	2:30 p.m. Massage by appointment	
	6:30 p.m. Clogging cancelled	
Tuesday, 9/26	8:30 a.m. Papers Bread	
	9 a.m. Line Dance	
	10 a.m. Asian Pacific	
	12:45 p.m. Bingo (in Activities Room)	
	1-3 p.m. Dance-\$6 at the door	
	2-2:30 p.m. Massage by appointment	
Wednesday 9/27	9 a.m. Stretch and Strength	
	10 a.m. Body Recall	
	10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Quilting	
	11 a.m. Blood Pressure	
	11 a.m. Taking Off Pounds Sensibly class	
	noon Clogging cancelled	
	1:30 p.m. Lunch	
	2-2:30 p.m. Massage by appointment	
	5:30 p.m. Senior Harvest Ball	
	Whom Senior & Community Center	
Thursday 9/28	9 a.m. Line Dance*	
	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Computer Lab open	
	noon Lunch	
	12:15 Contract Bridge	
	1-2 p.m. Line Dance	
	2-2:30 p.m. Massage by appointment	
	Door County Peninsula Trip	
	Jewels of Spain and Portugal Trip	
	Ball game at Comerica Park Trip	

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

SAVVY SENIOR - HIGH-TECH GADGETS FOR CARE GIVERS

Dear Savvy Senior,
I recently heard about some new high-tech products that can help adults children (and care givers) keep an eye on their aging parent who lives alone. Can you tell me about these? Worried Daughter

Dear Worried,
With approximately 52 million Americans serving as family caregivers today, many new technologies are being developed (see www.agiletech.org) that can help adult children when they can't be there to help their elderly parents live safer and longer in their own homes. Here's what you should know.

Home Monitoring

A more basic form of this type of product has been around for years called the PERS or personal emergency response system. With the PERS, a person wears a device (panic button) that sends out a signal or call for help, if needed. The signal with this service is that many seniors that have a device don't wear it regularly, and if they do have it on and fall, they still have to be alert enough to actually hit the button.

But the new, high-tech home monitoring systems (which still offer the panic-button feature) operate around the clock and require no input from the person being cared for. They work through small wireless motion

sensors (not cameras) placed in key locations throughout the senior's home to collect and analyze information on their activities of daily living, such as getting out of bed, using the bathroom, eating and taking medicine.

The system establishes the person's normal routines so that it can quickly detect when there are changes to those patterns. When something out of the ordinary occurs, such as a person failing to leave the bedroom in the morning or remaining in the bathroom too long (which could indicate a fall) or other wide variety of sensors you can monitor such things as sleeping patterns, shower and toilet use, if the stove has been left on, when your loved one has left their house and much more. This system costs up to \$1,500 plus monthly monitoring. Visit www.healthhome.com or call (800) 576-1779. Also see www.health-watch.com.

• QuietCare: A leader in the industry and the first company to offer this type of service. The cost for their system is under \$300 plus around \$90 a month for monitoring. Visit www.quietcare.com or call (866) 216-4600.

• HealthSense: Offers a more comprehensive monitoring system that allows you to keep an eye on just about everything. With a wide variety of sensors you can monitor such things as sleeping patterns, shower and toilet use, if the stove has been left on, when your loved one has left their house and much more. This system costs up to \$1,500 plus monthly monitoring. Visit www.healthhome.com or call (800) 576-1779. Also see www.health-watch.com.

• GrandCare: Provides a unique communication tool in addition to their monitoring system. It comes with a small computer that

connects to the television set and the Internet which allows family members to send pictures, e-mail messages, calendar appointments and more to a dedicated channel on the senior's TV. The cost is \$2,000 plus a \$50/month monitoring fee. See www.grandcare.com or call (202) 338-6147.

Medication Management

Remembering to take medications is another problem for many seniors. A possible solution is a good medication reminder like the MD.2 (www.md2.com, 877-563-2632). This home system organizes and dispenses medications on schedule and provides multiple reminders to ensure the medication is taken on time. If not, the caregivers are alerted. It also can be monitored via the Internet. The MD.2 costs around \$750 plus a \$30 monthly monitoring fee, or it can be rented for under \$100 per month. Also see www.md2.com, a great resource for locating dozens of different medication reminders.

Savvy Tips

A good way to get face-to-face time with your aging parent when you can't be there is with an online video chat service. It's easy to set up. However, you'll both need a computer, Webcam and high-speed or broadband connection. If this seems too complicated, videophones (see www.packets.net, www.vision.com or www.vojoservices.com) can provide the same service and are simple to use.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Meadowbrook Congregational
 LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road
 CONTACT: Rev. Ed Williams, Interim Minister, (248) 348-7757, visit www.mbcoc.org or gnoccc@meadowbrook.org
 Sunday Worship
 TIME: 10 a.m.
 American Red Cross Blood Drive
 DATE/TIME: Monday, Sept. 25, 1-7 p.m.
 DETAILS: To make an appointment, call the church office at (248) 348-7757.

Meadowbrook Academy of Religious Studies
 DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 4
 TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.
 DETAILS: This is a six-week course, open to the community, that will study the book, "Wayflower" by Nathaniel Philbrick. Call the church office to register.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross
 LOCATION: 4070 W. 10 Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 427-1775 or www.churchoftheholycross.com
 Sunday Worship
 TIME: 7:45 and 10 a.m.
 Sunday School
 TIME: 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 TIME: 10 a.m. Worship Center for ages 3-7, 10 a.m. All ages.
 Lunch: 12:15-1:30 p.m.
 Sunday School
 TIME: 12:15-1:30 p.m.
 Wednesday evening
 DETAILS: This will include scripture and Holy Communion.
 Youth Worship
 TIME/TIME: 7 p.m., second and fourth Sunday of every month
 DETAILS: All youth welcome.

Holy Family
 LOCATION: 23405 Meadowbrook Road
 CONTACT: (248) 349-4847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org
 Adult Parent Networking Meeting
 DATE: Last Wednesday of each month, ongoing
 TIME: 10-11 a.m.
 DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adopted families in Oakland County. Childcare is available. Registration

is required.
 CONTACT: Lisa Molloy, (248) 334-3935

Oak Pointe
 LOCATION: Novi High School, 24025 138 Road
 CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit www.oakpointe.org
 Sunday Worship
 TIME: 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

St. James Catholic
 LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 347-7778

Commerce United Methodist
 LOCATION: 1155 North Commerce Road, Commerce Township
 CONTACT: (248) 363-3935

First United Methodist of Northville
 LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville
 CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or visit www.firstumc-northville.org
 Sunday Worship
 TIME: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.
 Community Healing Service
 DATE: First Monday of every month
 DETAILS: This service is open to anyone seeking God for healing in their life, or that of someone close to them.

Crosspointe Meadows
 LOCATION: Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 427-7700, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org
 Sunday Worship
 TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul Lutheran
 LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville
 CONTACT: (248) 349-3140
 Kindergarten Registration
 DETAILS: Children who will be 5 years-old by Friday, Dec. 1 may register for full-day or half-day kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran

Run raises \$700

Thirty-nine entries in the new 5K course toed the start line and 26 entries entered the one-mile event in support of the Faith Community Fun run June 3. The race is an annual event at Faith Community Presbyterian Church to help raise funds for the Nov Youth Assistance program. "We raised a check for over \$700 in order to assist the program this year," said Mike Everett, race director. "We had support from our congregation as well as the local Novi Trainers."

About \$500 in raffle prizes was also given to the runners and walkers. The local community supporters this year included Novi DPW, Police Department, Running Fit, Marla's Domino Pizza, Subway, Paradise Park and Novi Community Ed Class.

The overall 5K male winner was David Richards, 35, Novi, 19:55. The overall 5K female winner was Monica Price, 27, Commerce Twp., 20:38. Both the 5K winners received a \$35 give certificate from Running Fit.

The one-mile event had local Novi brother/sister winners: Evan Harrison, 5:09, and Jenny Danielson, 6:02.

TEEN CHAT - HOUSEHOLD TONE

Some of you may play the guitar. Some of you may even play the guitar like a virtuoso. Not me. Nope. But I am a drummer, though I haven't played in a while. But for those of you who play the guitar, you probably own a small device that aids you in tuning your guitar. It's called, ironically enough, a "guitar tuner."

Just what exactly does one do with this guitar tuner? Well...I've already gone over that once, and the name itself should be sufficient enough as well. Since you asked, though, here's a third thought about guitar tuners. They "set the tone" for the guitars in the band, maybe even for the entire band. They assist the band in playing their instruments all on the same pitch.

While guitar tuners help guitarists find the right note to play, parents are the "tuners" for their "guitar" - children. Parents set the tone for their children to follow after. Without parents' guidance and challenges, children will definitely go astray, no doubt about it.

Peer pressure can cause real havoc in teens' lives, but sometimes parents are too quick to blame peer pressure for their kids' poor choices. Teens with rock-solid foundations in their homes will fall at times, too, but they will have better opportunities for making right choices. Why? Because their parents have already, long before, "set the tone" for how their children should behave.

"Do as I say, not as I do" is an old adage people still throw around, much like I am doing today in this article. But what does it really mean? It's like a broken guitar tuner that tells the guitar to play the right note. There's a problem, though. The guitar tuner has not done its job. And parents, our challenge is before us, perhaps stronger than ever. Our children need to see us being the right lives before them. Let's show them how to live good, wholesome lives. That's the best way to ensure that they, too, will live good, wholesome lives.

Most of us know that bible verse, "Train up a child in the way he should go." Well, I had a lightning-bolt thought as I was pondering this subject before beginning to write.

"Parents, TRAIN up a child, not TEACH up a child." I don't care how good of a teacher you are or purport to be. If all you do is teach, but never show how something is done by example, then you have failed. That oft-quoted scripture does not say, "Teach a child in the way he should go." No, "Train up a child." That has a very different connotation. Training involves teaching, showing how, being to practice, allowing failure, and most things I haven't even touched on.

Parents, we must train, and not just teach. Teachers can be hypocritical, but trainers have "been there," and probably have been very successful at it.

"For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction."

When we need to realize this week is that everything we do as parents causes an equal and opposite reaction in our children, in our teenagers. If we have failed to properly train our teenagers, we have stacked the cards against them. We cannot just sit and wait until they are teenagers to show them the right way. It has to start earlier. It has to start now, with the reading of this article.

What exactly is this equal and opposite reaction our teens will have? Well, typically (and I say typically) here because there are always exceptions to the rules) untrained parents will produce untrained kids. Angry parents produce angry kids. Parents who yell in rage without much thought will produce the same in their teenagers. On the other hand, parents with good structure in their lives will usually produce structured kids. Patient parents will usually produce patient kids. Again while there are always exceptions to every rule, and rules are meant to be broken (or broken these will typically be true.

Parents, and teenagers, we will set the tone for our home lives. If we fail to set the right tone, as we've stressed the importance of guitar tuners, then our families will fail, much as musicians will sound terribly out of key if they don't properly tune their instruments.

"This week, turn that tuner on, parents. And give your teens something to shoot for. Be the model God has called you to be."

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TEEN CHAT - HOUSEHOLD TONE

Saturday: 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m.
 Sunday
 Sunday School
 TIME: 9:45 a.m.

Faith Community Presbyterian
 LOCATION: 4400 W. 10 Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org
 Sunday Worship
 TIME: 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Novi United Methodist
 LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 549-2652, Sunday Worship 10:15-11:15 a.m.
 TIME: 9:45 a.m.

Spotlight on Business

Harold's Frame Shop



Harold's Frame Shop was started by Harold Davis 59 years ago and is still a name to be trusted for reliable repair work. Two shops in Novi and Redford work on wheel alignments, suspensions, frame work, brakes and light general repair.

Harold Davis was a young soldier from Pennsylvania who returned from service in World War II and was looking for career direction. Harold only attended school to the sixth grade, so his options were sparse. He decided to work for a mechanic without pay, so he could learn the trade. Harold had steady hands, and a keen mind for mechanics, so he picked it up quickly and he decided to start up his own shop. In 1947, he opened Harold's Frame Shop in a small Redford area garage.

The business grew because Harold developed a reputation for good honest work. The shop continued to expand its services, and soon Harold decided to open another shop further west.

In 1970, Harold opened a second shop in Novi, on Grand River under the bridge. Many customers were surprised that Harold would move so far into the 'country' because Novi was an empty stretch of open fields at the time.

The Novi shop started out with only 15 bays, but by 1973 it was expanded to 25 bays. The garage is now large enough to service motor homes, buses and heavy trucks.

Harold's son, Hal Davis, grew up in the business and followed in his father's footsteps, learning the trade and becoming a licensed master mechanic. His daughter, Shelly Gibson, also started helping out as a kid, and later took over as operations manager.

Time has passed, and Harold is now 81, and retired. Davis and Gibson now continue the family business started by Harold many years ago. Harold travels to Florida, but he's still an active supporter of the shop.

This summer, Harold hosted a "Miss Harold" picnic where customers could enjoy afternoon of food, and spend time with Harold and the family. He is looking forward to reuniting with customers, old and new, at another picnic next summer.

Even today, the staff at Harold's are easy to talk to and know the customers well. The waiting room is designed so customers can watch the mechanics at work. All service staff and mechanics are glad to talk with customers about issues, and thoroughly explain problems with vehicles.

Good communication is an important part of repairing a vehicle," said Gibson. "We are comfortable coming in here and talking to us."

Harold's shows respect for customers by completing jobs on time, and for the price you pay. There are no unexpected surprises.

"We have a reputation for honesty, and for good quality work," said Gibson. "The mechanics help each other, because each person's reputation is based on the quality of every job."

Harold's shows respect for customers by providing a room for a waiting car with a large screen TV and for kids. It's a place where people don't mind spending time, if they choose to wait for their car.

Harold's shows respect by addressing all customer concerns, and guaranteeing repairs. If a customer doesn't think a job was completed correctly, the customer can bring back the vehicle and Harold will check it again. There is a 90-day warranty on labor, plus manufacturer warranties on parts.

"People are always satisfied with our work, and when we aren't, we take care of it right away," said Gibson.

Harold's Frame Shop is located at 44170 W. Grand River Ave. in Novi. The Shop is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with early and late hours available. For discount coupons visit www.haroldframe.com. For more information call (248) 349-7550.

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CALENDAR

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EVENTS

Autumn Perennial Exchange

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 23
TIME: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: This event is sponsored by the Novi Beautification Commission and Novi Parks and Recreation, and Novi Friends of the Park. Bring your perennials to trade with others.
CONTACT: (248) 341-0400

Disaster Preparedness: "Are You Ready?"

DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 27
TIME: 7:30-8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: St. James Parish Hall
DETAILS: The St. James Parish Health Ministry and the American Red Cross present this seminar on preparing your family in advance for any disaster.
CONTACT: Denise Sirovich, (248) 347-7778, ext. 32

Border's Books & Music

LOCATION: 43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi Town Center
CONTACT: (248) 347-0780
Robin McGraw Book Signing
DATE: Tonight
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Robin McGraw, wife of Dr. Phil McGraw, will be introduced by her husband, and will present her new book, "Inside My Heart."

Author and Book-signing

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 7
TIME: 2 p.m.
DETAILS: Author John Warkentin will be discussing his book, "One Square Mile of Hell."

Drawing Workshop and Book-signing

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 14
TIME: 1 p.m.
DETAILS: Author and illustrator duo, Karen Bell-Berge and Darin Breege will be having a workshop based on the "M&M's Mother's" series.
Author and Book-signing
DATE: Sunday, Oct. 15
TIME: 1 p.m.
DETAILS: Author Sandra Magness will present her book, "Living Angrily."

DETAILS: Author Tavis Smiley

will present his book, "What I Know for Sure."
Illustrator and Author
DATE: Saturday, Oct. 28
TIME: noon
DETAILS: Jane Donovan will be reading a new children's book, "Black Beauty," and will be available to sign copies.

American Sewing Guild West Oakland Chapter

DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 27
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: The meeting's theme will be "Stash Bash." Visitors are welcome.
CONTACT: Lillian Papich, (248) 477-4748

Children's Ark Childcare Open House

DATE: Thursday, Sept. 28
TIME: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
LOCATION: Faith Community Presbyterian Church
DETAILS: All families are invited to see the preschool and daycare. Openings are still available.
CONTACT: (248) 349-2691

Webelos Forest Badge

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 30
TIME: 10 a.m.-noon or 2-4 p.m.
LOCATION: Lyon Oaks Nature Center, Lyon Oaks County Park, 52251 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
DETAILS: Trained naturalists will help Boy Scouts accomplish the requirements for the Forester badge. Registration is required, and Oakland County Parks daily or annual vehicle pass.
CONTACT: (248) 437-7345

Mulligan Masters Charity Golf Outing

DATE: Monday, Oct. 2
TIME: 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 W. 8 Mile Road, Northville
DETAILS: This is hosted by Oliver/Hatcher Charities to benefit Child and Family Life at the University of Michigan. C.S. Mont Children's Hospital. The cost is \$300 for golf, lunch, and dinner, or \$100 for dinner only. Frank Beckman will be the guest speaker.
CONTACT: Joanne Sweetman,

Metropolitan Single Professionals Events

Halloween Party
DATE: Friday, Oct. 27
TIME: 8 p.m.
LOCATION: Crowne Plaza Hotel (Former Doubletree)
DETAILS: Admission will be \$15. Costumes are optional. A Taste of the Town
DATE: Thursday, Nov. 9

St. Anne's Fall Festival Art and Cookie Sale

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 7
TIME: 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
LOCATION: St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 104 Nicolet St., Walled Lake
CONTACT: (248) 624-3817 or office@stanneswalledlake.org

Saltwater Fly Fishing

DATE: Thursday, Oct. 12
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Hank's Fly Fishing, 43535 E. Grand River Rd., Novi
DETAILS: Jim Balogh, owner of Hydus Expeditions, will present instruction and be available for informal discussion.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3677

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) 931-8112

Piccadilly Square Holiday Craft Show & Marketplace

DATE: Saturday, Nov. 4
TIME: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
LOCATION: Catholic Central High School (Wixom Road, just south of Grand River Avenue)
DETAILS: Open to artists, craftspeople and businesses that sell items suitable for holiday gift giving.
CONTACT: Judi Franco, (248) 474-0158

Catholic Central Rummage and Bake Sale

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 14
TIME: 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
LOCATION: Catholic Central High School, 27228 Wixom Road
DETAILS: There will be a \$1 bag sale at 1 p.m.

Gardeners of Northville & Novi

DATE: Monday, Nov. 13
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: This will be a workshop on fresh holiday centerpieces. The cost is \$30. Registration is required.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

Grapes & Groves

DATE: Sept. 29
TIME: 6:30-10 p.m.
LOCATION: Mainstreet Building (between Mixt Lounge and Larson's Jewelery)
DETAILS: The Greater Novi Chamber's wine tasting and shopping event with local restaurants offering great food. Enjoy live jazz and a silent auction with many items up for bid. Sponsored by Novi News, Northville Record and Telcom Credit Union.
CONTACT: (248) 347-4622

Novi City Council Meeting

DATE: Monday, Sept. 25
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 3
TIME: 6 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

Novi School Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, Oct. 10
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road

Wixom City Council Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 10
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Wixom City Hall, 49045 Pontiac Trail
CONTACT: (248) 624-4557

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DATE: Saturday, Oct. 14
TIME: 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
LOCATION: Catholic Central High School, 27228 Wixom Road
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BUSINESS

Females in the Family Business Affinity Group

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

Oakland County Business Workshops

The following workshops are sponsored by the Oakland County Planning and Economic Development Service. Advance registration is required for all classes.
LOCATION: Oakland County Complex, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac
CONTACT: (248) 858-0783
Write a Business Plan
DATE: Thursday, Oct. 19
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
DETAILS: This class is for small business owners who want to create a successful plan. The course fee is \$40, which includes all materials.
Legal Issues in Business
DATE: Thursday, Sept. 28
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
DETAILS: Gain an understanding of the legal issues faced by new and existing small business. The fee is \$30.
What About That Website?
DATE: Thursday, Sept. 28
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
DETAILS: Learn how to make your website work effectively for you. The course fee is \$30, and includes all materials.
Start a Business
DATE: Thursday, Oct. 12
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
DETAILS: This class is for anyone wishing to learn how to implement their ideas, and avoid the pitfalls when starting a new business. Sales Marketing Basics
DATE: Thursday, Oct. 26
TIME: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
DETAILS: Build sales through smart marketing. Learn about product position, sales function and advertising. The course fee is \$45 per person.

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce

CONTACT: (248) 628-2826
SpaLight Lunch
DATE: Today
TIME: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
LOCATION: C.J. Brewing Company, 8115 Richardson Road, Commerce Township
DETAILS: Meet for lunch, and receive free soft drink with meal purchase.
Morning Connection
DATE: Thursday, Oct. 5
TIME: 8:30-9:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Madonna University, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake
Professional Development for the 21st Century
DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 18
TIME: 5:30-7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Contact the Chamber office
DETAILS: This is a manufacturer and business roundtable sponsored by Lawrence Technological

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Builder's Pre-License Class

TIME/DATE: Mondays and Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 4, 9, 11 from 6-10 p.m.
LOCATION: Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 Pontiac Trail
DETAILS: This class is offered through Walled Lake Community Education in cooperation with

Upland Builders Institute. The cost is \$199, plus \$20 for the text book. Pre-registration is required, with payment, by Sept. 26. CONTACT: (248) 356-5000

Providence Center for the Hearing Arts

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455
Colored Panel Workshop
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second Tuesday of every month
DETAILS: The cost is \$2. Beginners are welcome.
Artist in Residence
TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. first and third Thursday of every month
DETAILS: Join Artist in Residence May Ora Terevns and experience with drawing, pastels, watercolor, Chinese brush painting, mixed media and collage. Beginners are welcome; there is a \$5 materials fee.
ASSOCIATED ART WORKSHOPS
Japanese Name Paintings
DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 26
TIME: 10 a.m.-noon
DETAILS: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

Novi Public Library Hours

LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile Road
HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday
DETAILS: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0720

Starlight Story Time

DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 3
TIME: 7-7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
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

Women's Prayer Support

DATE: Saturday, ongoing
TIME: 9:15-10:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Harvest Fellowship Church, 49329 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
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

Breast Cancer Support Group

DATE: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Commerce, 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 Road
TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.
DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership.
CONTACT: Colleen, (248) 685-9226

"Dinner with a Doctor" Discussions

LOCATION: St. John Providence Park Hospital, 47601 Grand River Avenue
CONTACT: To register, (888) 440-7325, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; for more information, Lou Marin, (248) 465-4505 or e-mail, lou.marin@rajha.org
TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
DETAILS: These free discussions include dinner, a health presentation and an update on the hospital construction progress. Reservations are required.
Looking Younger: Non-Surgical Treatments
DATE: Today, Dr. M. Gowda Looking Younger Surgical Procedures
DATE: Thursday, Oct. 19, Dr. M. Gowda
Getting a Good Night's Sleep
DATE: Thursday, Nov. 16, Dr. Brad Rowens

Boost Camp Day

DATE: Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8
TIME: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Providence Center for the Hearing Arts, Providence Medical Building, 47601 Grand River Ave.
DETAILS: This is a day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, information and a new perspective on hearing health. It is open to the public. The cost is \$50, which includes lunch and materials. Registration is required.
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

St. John Providence Park Hospital/Novi Classes

LOCATION: 47601 Grand River Ave.
CONTACT: (888) 440-7325, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday
Childbirth Education
DETAILS: Evening or weekend series helping you and your partner get ready for the birth of your baby.
Childbirth Refresher
DETAILS: A one-time class to review important information for birth of your baby.
Breastfeeding Preparation
DETAILS: A one-time class for mom and her partner helping to provide tips for successful breastfeeding.
Baby Care Basics
DETAILS: A one-time class with practical information about how to adapt to life with a baby.
Infant Massage
DETAILS: This two-session class teaches parents how to offer their infant the comfort of massage.

Gem and Jewelry Show

DATE: Friday through Sunday, Sept. 29-Oct. 1
Sond your calendar times to Cal Stone, editor, Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167; fax to (248) 349-9832; or e-mail to cstone@gannett.com.

Novi Concert Band Rehearsals

TIME/DATE: 7:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesday
LOCATION: Novi High School, Taft Road
DETAILS: Open to all wind and percussion players.
CONTACT: Dorian Kochyan, (248) 348-5135

ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE

The Rock Financial Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi. Call (248) 349-5600 or visit <http://www.rockfinancialshowplace.com> for more information.

ONGOING

SWOCC Studio Tours
LOCATION: 33300 Nine Mile Road, Farmington
DETAILS: Come in for an up-close look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission Studios, local community television studios.
CONTACT: Melissa Cohn, (248) 473-2840

Support Groups

Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting
DATE: Last Wednesday of each month, ongoing
TIME: 10-11 a.m.
LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road
DETAILS: This informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. There is no charge. Child care is available. Registration is required.
CONTACT: Lisa Malloy, (248) 334-3595

Neighborhood Baby-sitting Co-op

DETAILS: Using the co-op, you and your children can make friends and get what you need accomplished without the little ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's night out and other social events.
CONTACT: Sue Tracz, (248) 350-0998

Dance, Dance, Revolution

DATE: Tuesday
TIME: 6:30-8 p.m.
DETAILS: This is for children in

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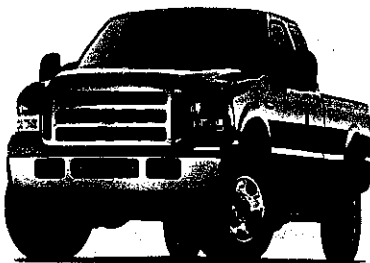
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LAST LINE OF DEFENSE



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Novi Wildcats senior goalie Sean Simney in action.

Novi senior goalie allows just 4 goals in first 9 games

By Jeff Theisen
NOVI NEWS

Soccer coaches hope they never have to worry about their goalie making a save. But Novi head coach Brian O'Leary rarely has to worry about his 6-foot, 2-inch senior goalie Sean Simney.

The Wildcats are off to a rousing start at 7-0-2, and Simney is the lone holdover starter from last year's team.

"Without Sean, we would be in a lot of trouble. He really is the backbone of our team," O'Leary said. "He provides that last line of defense, and he provides it well."

Simney also provides a level of confidence for the team.

"If something does go wrong, it doesn't mean they are going to score. Sean can bail us out," said O'Leary.

Simney's numbers explain how well the Wildcats have

started. He's allowed just four goals, one each in four different games to go with five shutouts.

The biggest difference from last year's team is unity, according to Simney and O'Leary.

"We've just been working really well as a team," Simney said. "The team chemistry has been great this year. It starts right here in practice. Everyone is working really hard every day. All the way through the season, we're a team. We're just all here to help each other."

O'Leary agreed. "A lot of (this year's) kids played club together. They're friends. They were actually pretty familiar. They weren't familiar with the kids who graduated really. It's Sean's comfort group. A lot of the kids on this team are his group of friends."

"Last year we had 25 kids on the team, but we had a definite pecking order. These 12 kids are definitely better than those 12. This year, I have 20 kids on the

team. Every kid has played in every game. There are games where my 20th kid plays as well as my first kid. It's a lot easier to coach that way."

Despite having more shutouts than goals allowed, Simney defies the odds.

"It's never just me," he said. "I've got a great team in front of me. They've got my back and they know I've got theirs. It makes it a lot easier to play. It's a bunch of great guys, and it's fun playing with them."

Being the lone returning starter, Simney was thrust into a leadership role with flying colors.

"He's a good leader back there," O'Leary said. "He knows when to speak up, and he knows when to lead by example."

Continued excellence

O'Leary admits he's thrilled with the team's start, but he hopes there is no fall off the rest of the way.



Sean Simney

"I hope we keep the same attitude, the same work ethic and make the same sacrifices in the second half of the season that we have so far — no one gets greedy and no one puts themselves above the team," he said.

"They're happy because they're winning, and personal stuff

aside doesn't really matter.

"I ask so much of them. I ask them to make sacrifices, and I ask them to do it for each other. It's good for me to see how life works. That is, when you make sacrifices for the benefit of others that things pay off."

Simney has played every minute of the first nine games, but he also takes time to groom the future goalie when not on the field. Craig Demshuck practices with the team, but is regulated to JV time because of Simney.

"He's, damn good too," O'Leary said of Demshuck. "He's the best JV goalie I've ever seen in my life. I think Sean has helped bring Craig along. I think he sets a good example for Craig."

Simney and the rest of the Wildcats team are setting a great example for all high school sports — it's all about the team.

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CC plays Boys Bowl Sunday

■ Undefeated DeLaSalle next up for 2-2 Shamrocks

By Jeff Theisen
NOVI NEWS

It's homecoming time for Detroit Catholic Central. For the first time in school history, the Shamrocks will play the Boys Bowl at home against DeLaSalle at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The game had always been played on a neutral site until Sunday.

"This game has been the highlight of the fall for many years," Shamrock head coach Tom Mach said. "This is our homecoming. Everybody in the school looks forward to Boys Bowl week."

The series started against a school in Nebraska called Boystown. The team was brought up to play Catholic Central from 1944-1958 until Boystown could no longer make the trip.

"Boystown would come up and play Catholic Central at Briggs Stadium," Mach said. "They would get 45,000 people in attendance at the game."

Catholic Central kept the game and has played Catholic League foes ever since.

"This is a great opportunity," Mach said. "They're a part of the long-standing tradition dealing with Boys Bowl. It's a great honor for them to be a part of it."

"They take it real serious. I'm sure they'll be eager to play it hard." It may be homecoming, but it's no picnic for the Shamrocks. After being shut down offensively by Brother Rice, the Shamrocks (2-2, 0-1) entertain another undefeated team in the 4-D Pilots.

"We've never played somebody that's easy on Boys Bowl," Mach said. "It's always been a very tough opponent."

Mach said the Pilots are a run-first team, but they can pass it well if they have to.

"They're very big," he said. "They move very well. They run their double-slot offense and put a lot of pressure on you. They've scored a lot of points and not given up many points."

"Our games in the last few years with DeLaSalle have gone down to the last quarter, sometimes down to the last couple of plays of the game," Mach said. "We've always had tough battles with them."

Catholic Central responded well to its only other loss of the year: The next two games the Shamrocks won 93-14 combined.

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Boys Bowl

Who: Catholic Central (2-2) vs. Warren DeLaSalle (4-0)
Where: Catholic Central
When: 1 p.m. Sunday

Offensive struggles

■ Novi can't hold on to 10-7 halftime lead

By Jeff Theisen
NOVI NEWS

Two teams came into Novi on Friday looking for a chance to get back to .500. Howell came into Wildcat country and left with a 20-10 win, dropping Novi to 1-3.

"Getting our kids to play together as a team is just a challenge that we have. You have that every week, with whatever football team you're involved with."

Novi head coach Tab Kellepoorey said, "We're 1-3 right now. But regardless of 1-3 to me, it's not Monday going back to a team and outlining what needs to be corrected and what things we liked about what we did and putting a plan in place and getting every-

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NHS	0	10	0	0	-10

First Quarter
H—7:24, Matt Nazzone 31 pass from Mike Ryan, XP good.

Second Quarter
N—6:38, Adrian Chandler 1 run, Pat Sijan kick
N—2:40, Sijan 32 field goal

Third Quarter
H—7:38, Nazzone 42 pass from Mike Lustina, kick failed.

Fourth Quarter
H—11:29, James McInnes 3 run, XP good.

body to work together to get that plan done.

"I really trust my kids so that I trust that they are solid, young guys. They know they played a game of football, and it didn't go our way."

Adam Chandler scored the lone Wildcat touchdown in the second quarter on a 2-yard sneak.

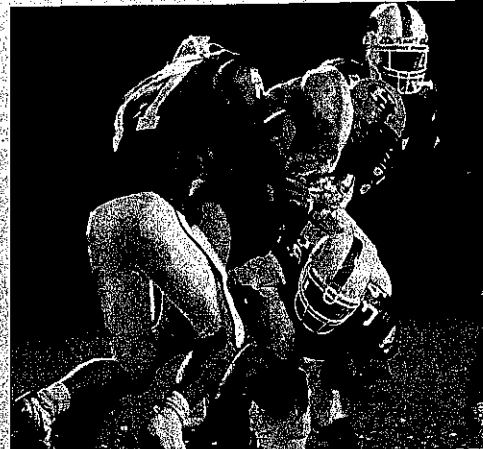


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continued on 2B Wildcat defenders work to bring down a Howell running back during Friday's game.

No panic for 'Cats

■ Novi heads to 2-2 Lakeland

By Jeff Theisen
NOVI NEWS

Novi football suffered a tough loss at home Friday at Howell.

At 1-3, the Wildcats will have to go into Lakeland (2-2) to try and get things going in the right direction.

Despite the record, Novi head coach Tab Kellepoorey isn't close to hitting a panic button.

"There's no panic that I feel as a coach," he said. "I know at the end of the season when we can't win where we deserve to end up."

"We've got five games left in us. They're trying, and they're working. I can't take one thing away from that with our young guys. Can we get better? Yes. Can we improve our play? Better? Well that's my job and my coaches'.

continued on 2B

'Cats claw past Northville



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NOV1 NEWS

Novi's Caroline Johnson defends Northville's Jessica Boerger in a Sept. 12 at Northville.

Novi stays unbeaten with 37-33 victory

By Jeff Theisen
NOV1 NEWS

The Novi Mustang basketball team traveled to Northville on Sept. 12 and came away with its fifth victory in five games, 37-33. Wildcat guard Stephanie Crawford led all scorers with 18 points, thanks to and 11-for-14 performance at the charity stripe. Taylor Graybiel added eight points and 11 rebounds for Novi. Chelsea Arzinger led Northville (3-1) with 11 points, and Jessica Boerger pitched in

eight points and a game-high 17 rebounds. Both teams went scoreless in the second quarter, leaving the Wildcats up a point at the half. Both teams found the bottom of the basket again in the third, with Novi adding a point to the lead at 24-22 going into the fourth. The Mustangs made the lead

stand up and finished the fourth with a 13-11 edge, in stay undefeated. Both teams hit the offensive boards head with Novi grabbing 33 of its 47 rebounds on the offensive end. The Mustangs almost equalled the feat with 27 of their 39 rebounds off the offensive boards. Boerger recorded 13 offensive boards alone for the Mustangs. Both teams also struggled with turnovers. The Mustangs coughed up the ball 20 times,

while the Wildcats committed 19. In the previous week, Novi beat Walled Lake Western 45-33 and Walled Lake Central 48-44. Crawford led the Wildcats with 13 points against Central. Caroline Johnson added a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Against Western, Graybiel led all scorers with 16, and she pulled 16 rebounds. Jeff Theisen can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at jtheisen@gannett.com.



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Tourney Champs!
The U10 Waza Boys-Blue won the MEAD CUP (a premier level tournament) 6-on-6 Five Star division over the Labor Day weekend. The first two games they played teams from Kettering, Ohio and Louisville, Kentucky, and earned the maximum points allowed. The final game on Sunday night was a must-win against a very good team from Lexington, Kentucky. The Waza Boys prevailed with a 1-0 victory. The Waza Boys played FC Pride from Indianapolis, and after getting off to a 4-1 lead, were able to hold them off and win 4-3. Pictured are (back row, from left) Bryan Prudl (Plymouth), Andrea Ulla (Novi), Chris King (coach), Mitchell Hotz (W. Bloomfield), Nick Knopper (Dearborn), Andrew Dalou (W. Bloomfield), (front row) Kent Malinena (Novi), Alee Antonian (Trenton), Jake Rosen (Livonia), Michael Piniotti (Farmington Hills), David Hotz (W. Bloomfield).

Kensington Valley Conference

Football				Girls Basketball					
W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L		
South Lyon	3	0	4	0	Novi	0	0	4	0
Milford	3	0	4	0	Howell	0	0	4	1
Brighton	2	1	2	2	Pinckney	0	0	2	3
Howell	2	1	2	2	Lakeland	0	0	2	3
Novi	1	2	1	3	Brighton	0	0	1	3
Lakeland	1	2	2	2	Hanford	0	0	1	3
Hanford	0	3	1	3	Milford	0	0	1	5
Pinckney	0	3	1	3	South Lyon	0	0	0	5

Last Friday's Games
Brighton 27, Hanford 6
Howell 20, Novi 10
Milford 24, Lakeland 13
South Lyon 33, Pinckney 27

Today's game
Pinckney at Novi, 7 p.m.

High School Schedule

Novi		Girls Tennis	
9:22 at Lakeland	Football	9:25 Lakeland, 4 p.m.	
9:21 Pinckney, 7 p.m.	Girls Basketball	9:27 at Brighton, 4 p.m.	
9:26 Howell, 7 p.m.	9:21 Pinckney, 7 p.m.	Catholic Central	
9:26 Cross Country	9:26 Howell, 7 p.m.	Football	
9:26 at Lakeland, 4:30 p.m.	Cross Country	9:24 DeLaSalle, 1 p.m.	
Boys Golf	9:23 CC Invite at Cass Benton, 10 a.m.	Cross Country	
9:21 at South Lyon, 3 p.m.	9:22 Hanford Best Ball Invite at Dunham Hills GC, 9 a.m.	9:25 St. Mary Prep at Marshbank Park, 4:15 p.m.	
9:22 Hanford Best Ball Invite at Dunham Hills GC, 9 a.m.	9:26 Hanford, 3 p.m.	Boys Golf	
9:26 Hanford, 3 p.m.	Girls Swimming and Diving	9:25 DeLaSalle at Cattails, 4 p.m.	
9:21 Pinckney, 6 p.m.	9:26 at Northville, 7 p.m.	Boys Soccer	
9:26 at Northville, 7 p.m.	Boys Soccer	9:22 DeLaSalle, 7:30 p.m.	
9:21 Milford, 7 p.m.	9:26 Pinckney at Wes Reeder, 7 p.m.	9:26 at Brother Rice, 4 p.m.	

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. Tickets available at: Novi High School Athletic Office between 8:30-3:00 Monday-Friday.
*Novi Lincoln Mercury, 49251 Grand River Avenue in Novi and at all Novi home sporting events through Oct. 13.
If less than 200 tickets are sold, Novi Athletics Boosters reserve the right to switch to a 50/50 raffle.

(call backs on Oct. 19)
6th Grade: Oct. 16, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Meadows 5th Grade gym (call backs on Oct. 17)
7th Grade: Oct. 16, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Meadows 5th Grade gym (call backs on Oct. 17)
8th Grade: Oct. 18, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Meadows 5th Grade gym (call backs on Oct. 19)
Contact Todd Beyer at tbeyer@travelservice.com.

Twelve Oaks hosts Tigers
Detroit Tigers reliever Fernando Rodney and infielder Omar Infante will be appearing at DC Sports in the Twelve Oaks Mall on Sept. 28. Both players will sign autographs from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for \$8 each. Call DC Sports, (248) 374-8500.

Northville Pom Pom Clinic
The Northville High School Varsity Pom Pom captains Lauren Bishop, Kristen DeBeer, Heather Quirk, Ali Evasic and Erica Hagan and rest of the varsity team will hold a clinic for sixth through eighth grade girls. The clinics are 5-7:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday, Oct. 9-12 at the Northville auxiliary gym. Participants will perform at half-time of the Oct. 13 Northville varsity football game.

Bobcat varsity thumps Livonia

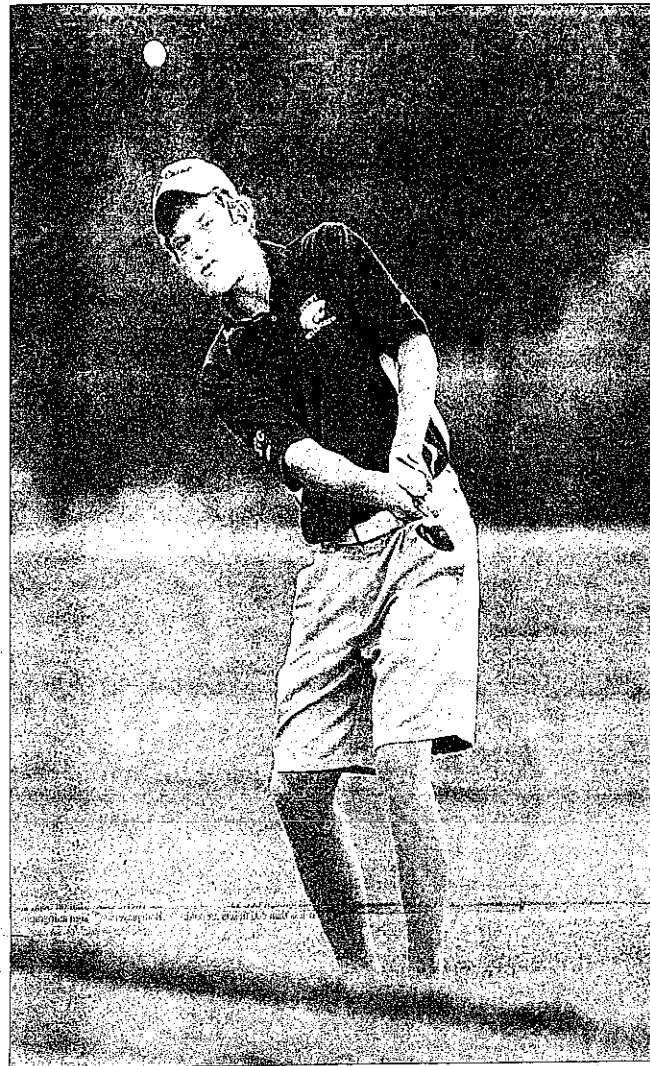
The Novi Bobcat Varsity football team opened their season with a convincing 28-14 win over the Livonia Eagles at the Novi Middle School field. Novi scored first after stopping the first Livonia drive of the game. Brady Sheldon capped off the 53-yard drive with a 19-yard run. Novi then stopped a driving Livonia offense with a 20-yard interception return by Sheldon, he followed up with a 42-yard rush for the second touchdown. The extra point by Adam Haynes put the Bobcats up 14-0 at the end of the first quarter.
Novi got back on the board again after stopping a Livonia drive on a 20-yard pass from Dakota Baudie to Adam Haynes and a 33-yard touchdown run by Sheldon behind strong offensive blocking. Livonia got on the board late in the second quarter. The extra point ended the half at 20-8 for the Bobcats.
To start the second half Novi picked up where they left off, scoring on its first drive on an Eagle 35-yard run and a Haynes conversion to make it 28-8. After a pair of turnovers on downs, Livonia completed a 51-yard scoring drive with strong Novi defensive efforts by Matt Bonnell and Alex Thorne, making the score 28-14.
The fourth quarter left the score unchanged but produced some outstanding defensive plays by Buddie and Ben Farley, both sacking the quarterback for losses. Offensively, the blocking of the offensive line produced additional runs by Frankie

Massaraglio and Jonathan Robinson.

JV wins home opener

The Novi Bobcat Junior Varsity football team won its home opener 21-6 against the Livonia Eagles.
Novi quarterback Blake Boron led the Bobcats downfield with big ground gains by Nathanael Schroeder and Lucas Buck in the first quarter. The offensive line opened a huge gap for Grand Wheeler, who nocked his first touchdown of the season.
Novi led Livonia 7-0 at the end of the first half due to the solid defensive play of Alex Kinnaman, Colter Huacaja, Brad Miller, Nick Morgan, Ben Landry, Matthew Mizerowski, Marco Ferral and Collin Few. Each defender tallied multiple tackles and shut down every Eagle drive.
Blake Boron opened the second-half scoring with a 30-yard run for the Bobcats. Phillip Ritchie kicked the extra point, and Novi was in command 15-0 and the end of the third quarter.
The Bobcats special teams play kept Livonia in poor field position while giving Novi excellent yardage behind the aggressive play of Zachary Johnson, Marco Salcio, Daniel Fowler, Eddie Ronney, Brett Guiboux, and Charlie Ryan.
In the final quarter, Lucas Buck broke through the Eagles defense and scored a touchdown, sealing the Novi victory.

BIRDIE HUNTING



Wildcat Alex Lyall hits out of the rough while playing at Tanglewood in a dual-meet with the Mustangs of Northville.

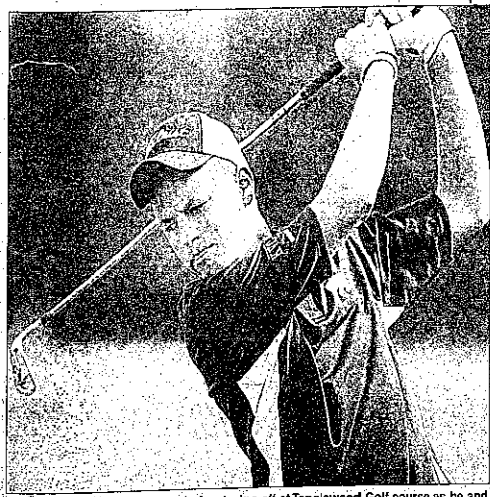


Wildcat Nick Prokop tees off at Tanglewood Golf course.

Novi golfers stay undefeated with win over Howell

The Novi golfers improved to 3-0 with a 156-163 win Sept. 12 against Howell at the Walnut Creek Country Club.
Nick Prokop and Adam Pyett led the Wildcats with 38s. Alex Lyall, Scott Czekaj and Kevin Tuletto each carded a 40.
"It was a good win but not our best effort," Novi golf coach Brad Huss said.
Novi was rained out of its match against Lakeland.

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Novi's Kevin Thines warms up before teeing off at Tanglewood Golf course as he and his varsity teammates faceoff against Northville.



Novi's Matt Fegert tees off on the second hole of Tanglewood's South course.

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The source of the CO is usually faulty fuel-burning (any combustible fuel such as oil, gas, propane, wood, coal) appliances such as a furnace, water heater, space heater, wood stove, gas range, or gas dryer. It is essential that your home has a Carbon Monoxide detector installed in the main living area and sleeping areas of your home.

Insure to understand about CO and

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If your home has elevated levels of Radon Gas it is a simple fix. A vented stack with a fan that runs 24 hours a day is installed. This will pull the gas from under your foundation and safely vent it to the exterior where the wind blows it away. It is also recommended that cracks in the foundation, walls, and slabs be sealed.

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Sizzling Sticks in downtown Northville offers dine-in or carry-out service for its popular Mongolian barbecue-style offerings. The restaurant is located at 144 Mary Alexander Court, one block south of Main Street.

Sizzling Sticks: Delicious

Popular Northville restaurant offers savory Mongolian barbecue-style fare

By Annette Jaworski
SPECIAL WRITER

It's fresh, it's fast and it's fun. The food at Sizzling Sticks in Northville will always be just the way you like it. After all, you pick the ingredients from their Mongolian barbecue style menu. Start from scratch for a unique creation, or pick from one of their many ready-made combinations in the Ultimate Recipe Book. You can even let the friendly chefs like Dorian Gonzales and Juan Aguirre prepare something delicious from their own personal recipe books.

Not only do the chefs know their food and nutrition, both have smiles that light up the room. Their charm is a big part of what makes Sizzling Sticks special. Gonzales and Aguirre enjoy joking with customers while they put on a show. Their outgoing personalities make food preparation fun and entertaining.

"Dorian is a comedian," notes owner, Orlando Viatto. He's always making the customers laugh and the children love to come back there to visit him. Aguirre's specialty is tossing broccoli from stick to plate in one shot.

Creating your own stir fry

Viatto invites everyone to try their delicious cuisine. You select all your own ingredients beginning with the meats like chicken, beef, pork and seafood. Add your own vegetables, seasonings and sauce, and you've created a one of a kind meal in minutes. "I have people come in here who want to make it different every time. They never like to make it the same way twice. Some come in and want exactly the same thing every time. They even bring in their own recipe card," said Viatto. "That's what's so great about this."

One of Viatto's favorites includes "Carl's Curry," however there's plenty of exciting flavor combinations to try. Adding the fried rice is a must, too, says

SIZZLING STICKS
Location: 144 Mary Alexander Court in downtown Northville, one block south of Main Street.
Service: Dine-in or carry-out
Phone: (248) 380-9400

CHEF JUAN ORIGINAL RECIPE
■ **Juan's Loco Pollo**
Chicken, pasta, green onions, green peppers, broccoli, one table of garlic oil, one table of soy sauce, 2 table of barbecue, one spoon of garlic, one spoon of onion, one spoon curry, one spoon of hot pepper, one spoon of Caribbean jerk.

Viatto. The chefs are experts at adapting recipes for special requests, such as low fat. Menu selections can be adapted for all types of cuisine, such as Italian, Mexican, Mediterranean and more. It's proof that healthy food can be delicious, too. With over seven years of experience apiece, Gonzales and Aguirre are precise about what temperature is needed to cook and blend different types of ingredients. It's sure to come out perfectly.

Sizzling Sticks is the brainchild of Orlando and Viatto Viatto who brought their fresh Mongolian style barbecue to Northville. It's now a popular spot for locals and occasionally a local celebrity who discovered their location, one block off the beaten path of Main Street, with easy access and ample parking. The décor is fresh, funky and upbeat, but they're downright serious about the cuisine. Enjoy their relaxed atmosphere, where diners are welcome to enjoy a game of trivia pursuit. Walk through their door and enjoy the delicious smells and bright splashy colors.

Viatto admits they receive many compliments, but the best compliment they are received is the return customers who are hooked. He points to a customer and smiles, "He eats here every day, sometimes even twice a day." It's that good. If you're looking for a healthy alternative to home cooking, it's right there. It's a popular



Sizzling Sticks owner Orlando Viatto, center, stands with chefs Dorian Gonzales, left, and Juan Aguirre.

choice for vegetarians offering them a number of delicious options which can be customized to taste.

Viatto is proud of all seven chefs at Sizzling Sticks who are equally talented. Most have been with them for the nine years they've been open. The chefs and wait staff are an important part of the business he points out.

"We're proud of our customer service, it's the biggest part... We have loyal employees and loyal customers," he said.

New this fall

What's new on the menu? This fall they will be adding new beef and seafood specialties. Families can enjoy the great taste and don't forget, on Mondays, children 10 and under eat for free with the purchase of an adult meal. Sizzling Sticks is also

extending their hours. They're now open from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday, noon-10 p.m. Saturday and noon-8 p.m. on Sunday.

Sizzling Sticks welcomes partnerships with local groups and organizations for fund-raisers as well. Call Orlando Viatto for details. While you're in, don't forget to join the 2,300 other patrons who've signed up for the mailing list so that you can also receive valuable coupons. They're a popular item with customers. Also, be sure to check out the great dinner selection.

Find the fresh and fun difference in food at Sizzling Sticks. Located at 144 Mary Alexander Court in downtown Northville, one block south of Main Street. Call ahead to (248) 380-9400 and enjoy their carryout service.

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