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# It's Cinderella, in NEW YORK!

Community play takes Novi Theatre stage next week

By Greg Migliore  
STAFF WRITER

Marcella Caprara doesn't have any evil stepmothers or a wicked stepmother. But the lead actress in the Novi Theaters' fall production, "Cinderella in New York," said life mirrors art when she does more chores than her 18-year-old brother. Then, as she puts it, "I play my role perfectly."

Like Caprara, "Cinderella in New York" shares similarities with its centuries-old alter ego fairy tale, but has some noticeable differences.

The updated version is set against the backdrop of Depression-era Manhattan in the 1920s and 1930s. The plot focuses on city dwellers and their push to improve society's food chain, rather than the traditional "Cinderella's" aspirations to royalty.

"... It makes Cinderella much more a real girl."

Rob Papineau  
Director, Cinderella in New York

The show opens at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27 and has performances Oct. 28 and Oct. 29 at the Novi Civic Center. Tickets are \$8 to \$12.

"It's a modern telling of the Cinderella story ... It makes Cinderella much more a real girl," said director Rob Papineau, who manages a cast of 65. With the crew, technicians and costume designers, the production has more than 100 people.

The "real" Cinderella herself, 12-year-old Caprara enjoys her role. She auditioned for several parts, but landed the headline.

"I've always been comfortable on stage, but it's made me even more comfortable," she said. Speaking during rehearsals last week, the Novi Middle School student, who sports a toothy grin and big brown eyes, said her "Cinderella" performance has inspired her to continue acting in high school.

"It's a lot of fun, and everyone's really nice," she said.

In the play, the wicked step-



Photo by MICHAEL SHUSTER

Marcella Caprara will play the lead role in "Cinderella in New York," making its Novi debut next weekend.

mother has a bit of a split personality. Played by 14-year-old Novi High School freshman Kayla Dechant, the character puts on a sophisticated air when she is interacting with important members of society. But when she's updating Cinderella, she reveals

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## Officials: Safety a priority in Novi schools

By Renee Saunders  
STAFF WRITER

Chris Apollitano is comfortable sending five of her six children to Novi Schools.

With children in kindergarten, fourth grade, sixth grade and eighth grade, Apollitano said she feels the schools are secure from intruders and thinks district officials are working toward putting together a plan to enhance security at district buildings.

"I know my kids are safe," she said.

Part of the recently approved restructuring plan includes adding security features including cameras and

near high-tech locks on school buildings.

Superintendent Peter Dion said details of the new security features will be discussed during upcoming school board meetings when district officials evaluate how to implement a bond issue for the May 2007 election.

The Novi School District is also part of a consortium that includes Farmdale and Holly school districts that received \$299,863 in federal Homeland Security grant funds a year ago.

"Though Novi is a very safe community, we should not let our guard down," Dion said.

He said the purpose of the grant is to help the district develop protocols for emergency situations, create detailed building emergency plans and provide staff training.

"The procedures that we'll follow have already been in place for

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Peter Dion, Novi Schools Superintendent

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## COPS ROLL — WITH NEW CARS

### Department chooses V-8 Fords; ponders Magnum

By Greg Migliore  
STAFF WRITER

You're flying down Taft Road, late for an important meeting. You're using the speed limit as a suggestion.

No one's around, so it seems OK. Then you glance in your rear view mirror — one of Novi's finest is on your tail, lights flashing and sirens blaring.

A head foot just kicked you in the wallet.

Last week the city council approved a plan to add

six new patrol cars to the department's fleet, further widening the technology gap between patrol officers and the everyday driving public.

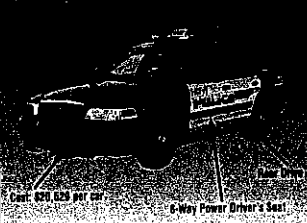
Novi is getting Ford's Crown Victoria Police Interceptor model, equipped with V-8 engines that pump out 250 horsepower and featuring specially tweaked rates for better acceleration.

Officer Paul Stulgross, an 18-year veteran of the force, welcomes the new vehicles, which are roomy — a requisite considering officers often spend five or six consecutive hours in the cars, and their shifts can run 10 hours or more. Plus, the cars are loaded with equipment, including a rifle, laptop, reports, defib-

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## Novi Lions Club wants to know how you like your steak cooked

Fund-raising event offers fun, food and more

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Dick Stupinski knows what it takes to roast a pig. And the Novi Lions is glad that he gets a break from the daunting task this year, with the service club organizing a different type of benefit for its fall event. Instead of their annual pig roast, the Novi Lions will have its inaugural Charity Steak Fry and Live Auction starting at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. The event will be held at River Bank Golf Course at 10 Mile and Currie roads in Lyon Township.

### Funds to help sight-challenged

All proceeds go to the Michigan Eye Bank; Leader Dogs for the Blind; Campaign SightFirst II, a global program that combats preventable blindness; the Penick Center for Blind Children; and other programs that assist the visually impaired. Stupinski said the club used to have a pig roast years ago to support such causes, but it just got to be too labor intensive.

"People enjoyed it, but with some of the members getting up in age, it was too much work to roast two 250-pound hogs, which take about 15 hours to cook," he said. "It just wore us out."

So, members decided to go with a steak fry this year to see if they could get a community gathering that way.

The club had a silent auction in conjunction with its golf outing in July, which Lion Tom Taylor said.

Novi Lions, from left: Doc Barr, Mike Beaumarchais, and Todd Gorhart prep for the upcoming Steak Fry and Live Auction on Oct. 28 at the River Bank Golf Course in Lyon Township. Proceeds will benefit the Michigan Eye Bank and Leader Dogs for the Blind.

### How to get tickets

Space is limited for the Saturday, Oct. 28 Novi Lions Club Charity Steak Fry and Live Auction at River Bank Golf Course in Lyon Township.

Tickets are \$15 per person, including a steak dinner and access to both live and silent auctions. A cash bar will be available, with the event starting at 6 p.m. The dinner and auction start at 7 p.m.

Call Lion Doc Barr at (248) 963-3092 for tickets or more information or mail a check made payable to the Novi Lions Club to Tom Taylor, 31097 Columbia Drive, Novi, MI 48377.

raised about \$6,000.

Since her brother and nephew are professional auctioneers at Braun & Helmer Auction Service in Ann Arbor, she decided a live auction might be even more fun.

Taylor, a member of the club for six years, said auction items will include dinners at local restaurants, hotel stays, vacation condo stays, furniture, sports memorabilia, holiday gift ideas, movie tickets and more.

For example, Johnny Carabba's Restaurant in Novi has donated a basket with wine, a cookbook and gift certificate for dining. A furniture store is donating a table, bar height table and two chairs as well as a set of three end tables.

"We're trying to get some different things," Taylor said.

Area businesses are encouraged to donate items for the auctions by the end of the day on Friday, Oct. 27. The golf course clubhouse can accommodate about 200 people, so the group hopes it will have a good turnout for the fund-raiser.

"I'm really hoping that this will become something big," Taylor said.

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## City's new fire chief will focus on rank and file

Veteran fireman brings leadership, experience

By Greg Migliore  
STAFF WRITER

Novi's new fire chief, Frank A. Smith, is a take-charge, big-picture kind of guy.

The 30-year veteran of the Bloomfield Township Fire Department admits some of the administrative tasks that go along with leadership roles can be a drag. He prefers being in the thick of action.

Case in point: Days after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Smith and other Bloomfield firefighters stood outside shops and businesses asking for donations for their counterparts in New York. What started as a formal charity push, resulted in a total collection of \$34,000.

After a fall of fund-raising, Smith and five other firefighters then piled into a van and drove to New York with the check, handing it directly to a Manhattan fire chief on Eighth Avenue in November 2001.

Smith brings enthusiasm to Novi and said his initial focus is to build a relationship with the rank-and-file firefighters. He was sworn in Monday at an evening ceremony.

"I like to get input," he said. "When you listen to the people that work with you and use their ideas, the buy-in by the employees is better."

Smith, a saucy-haired 55-year-old with a stocky build,



Novi Fire Chief Frank Smith talks with firefighter Todd Seog at Fire Station No. 1 on Grand River Avenue.

looks like a fire chief straight out of central casting. He won over Novi officials with his strong leadership experience and was chosen from a field of six finalists.

He was a Bloomfield captain for the last 13 years, in charge of a station, 21 firefighters, training, vehicles and other duties. He has been a full-time and a part-time firefighter.

"There wasn't anybody that had that kind of depth and experience," said Clay Pearson, Novi city manager. "Frank just seemed like the perfect fit at the right time."

### His priorities

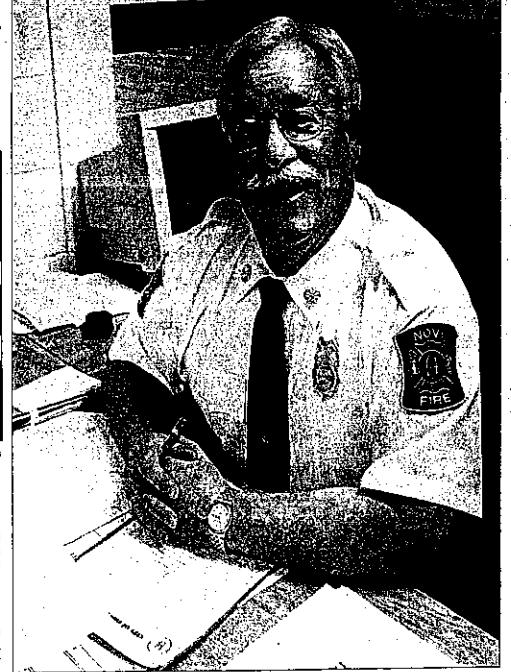
In an interview over lunch last week with the Novi News, Smith stressed he wants to have an impact on the community. Between bites of a hot turkey sandwich, he said fire prevention is a top priority.

He recounted a story from his Bloomfield days in the mid-1990s when a young girl woke up in the middle of the night to a fire in her hamster cage, apparently started by an overheated light bulb. She was able to alert her family, and they all escaped safely.

When asked how she knew what to do, the girl replied she learned everything from a school fire program.

"That's when you know it's working," he said. But fighting fires is a stressful, dangerous job, and the outcomes aren't always rosy. Smith said one of his close friends died during a 1980s training accident in Milford.

"That's as bad as it gets," he



Novi Fire Chief Frank Smith on the first day of his new job.

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Frank A. Smith  
Fire Chief, City of Novi

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# Guinness book

## Local pooch, pet parent sniff out fame in nationwide contest

Images could appear on boxes across country

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Guinness may not give a host that he could soon become the most famous dog in the neighborhood. But give him one of the new flit-mignon-flavored, chicky Milk-Bone dog biscuits, and he's all over that.

A 100-pound 4-year-old Bernese Mountain Dog, Guinness and his owner, Adriana Chelaf, are among the winners of a contest to have their names featured on boxes of Milk-Bone Original dog biscuits.

"Pet parents" were asked to send a photo of themselves with their dog demonstrating their close bond.

For the first time in Milk-Bone's long history, winners of each of four size categories will be featured with their dogs on 2007 boxes of Milk-Bone Original dog biscuits.

Chelaf and Guinness' photo was selected from thousands of entries, and they are one of five finalists in the extra large dog category.

"People can go to Milk-Bone's Web site to vote for their favorite pair.

The "America's Idol meets Animal Planet" search ends Nov. 6, with the winners to be announced on the Web site and on a larger scale shortly thereafter.

Chelaf and Guinness are the only finalists from Michigan.

### Active in the dog community

Chelaf, who now works as a receptionist at DePue Veterinary Hospital in Blountfield Hills, and was a veterinary technician at the hospital for four years, has had Guinness since he was only eight weeks old.

She is also secretary of the Heart of Michigan Bernese Mountain Dog Club. For more information, visit [www.bernese.com](http://www.bernese.com).

"He's a spoiled baby and a momma's boy all the way. He searches for me in a crowd."

Adriana Chelaf  
Resident, City of Novi

Her husband, Jack, who teaches piano lessons in their Novi home (go to [www.chelafpianos.com](http://www.chelafpianos.com)) shares her love of animals.

They also have a 1-year-old female Bernese, Faith, and three cats — Dindi, Cocoa and Manicha.

### How to vote for Novi's Adriana Chelaf and Guinness

Vote for Michigan's only finalist in the Milk Bone Make You and Your Dog Famous Contest by going to [www.milkbone.com/famous](http://www.milkbone.com/famous) and finding their entry in the extra large dog category.

Voting ends at 7:59 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on Monday, Nov. 6.

Chelaf says Guinness' name was derived from the color of his coat, which resembles the rich, dark brown of the popular Irish stout.

A friend suggested that Chelaf enter their photo in the contest, and they made the deadline.

Once the Chelafs learned Adriana and Guinness were finalists, they had to hustle to send information back to Milk-Bone officials since a background check was required on the "pet parents."

"The packet arrived just before the Chelafs were about to leave for Florida."

"We were running around trying to find a notary on a Saturday in Florida, and then an overnight mail service," Chelaf said. "I was just holding my breath, hoping it would make it."

Chelaf noted that Berneses, who hail from Bern, Switzerland, are smart and are used to pull carts, known as "drafting." Long ago, they used to help plow farm products to villages.

Guinness is a champion show dog, and the Chelafs hope he will become a dandy soon. He's cuddly and even shares their bed, according to Chelaf.

"He's a spoiled baby and a momma's boy all the way," she said. "He searches for me in a crowd."

Now, the two hope to soon be searching grocery shelves for their faces on boxes of Milk-Bones.

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Adriana Chelaf gets a kiss from her dog "Guinness" in her Novi home. Chelaf's 100-pound, 4-year-old Bernese mountain dog is in the running for the Milk-Bone Make Your Dog Famous contest.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NOV NEWS

# Homecoming

## Novi names 2006 royal couple

By Renee Saunders  
STAFF WRITER

Friday night lights glinted off Kylie Spears' crown in a manner befitting a queen.

And for good reason. Smiling and dazzling in her glittery pink sequin gown, Spears was announced Novi High School's senior queen during half-time of the school's homecoming game last week.

"I never thought I would be queen this year," she said.

The 17-year-old, who holds a 3.75 grade point average, said she was first elected homecoming queen by her class in ninth grade.

Robert Parkins was chosen as the 2006 homecoming king.

Parkins, 17, was dubbed homecoming royalty before Saturday night's dance.

"I'm honored," he said about being selected as king by his peers. "There are a lot of great people on the court."

Parkins carries a 4.0 grade point average.

Spears and Parkins are active in a variety of school programs. Spears is a member of student council, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Students Promoting Unity and Diversity and a dance club where students practice for recitals after school.

Parkins is a member of student council and Students Against Destructive Decisions. He is also in the National Honor Society and is a captain on the varsity soccer team.

The royal couple are not dating and other, though they are very good friends since they are involved in some of the same extra-curricular activities.

"We hang out," Parkins said.

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"I never thought I would be queen this year."

Kylie Spears



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NOV NEWS  
Novi High School 2006 Homecoming King and Queen: Robert Parkins and Kylie Spears.

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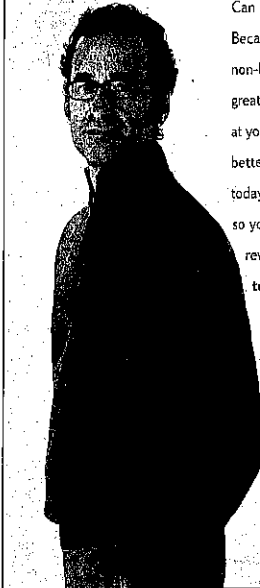
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### 2006 Homecoming Court!

Novi High's 2006 Homecoming Court, left to right, front row seniors: Kelsey Cocks, Kylie Spears, Kristie Cmouch and Brenna Quinley. Middle row, seniors: Adam Doster, Robert Parkins, Brandon Carnegle and Matt Lee. Back row, Juniors Andrew Haggarty and Melissa Moosa, sophomores Jack Patroskoy and Monica Ayala and freshmen Lauren Cady and Kevin Zak.

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# Survey to query Novi residents on local issues

Some Novi residents will soon receive surveys asking them to rate several aspects of community life.

The city is conducting the survey to determine what services residents use most and how they view issues like growth, the economy and traffic. The survey will be in mailboxes later this month and residents are to complete the forms by Nov. 20. Results should be furnished in January.

The 1,200 residents to participate were selected at random.

The National Research Center in Denver is conducting the survey. Anyone with questions about

the survey can call Novi's community relations office at 248-735-5628 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

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## POLICE CARS: cops set to roll out new vehicles

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initials, preliminary breath tests and video recorders.

### How cars always needed

The Novi Police Department will phase in the new cars starting in February. Each vehicle costs \$20,524. Money for the 2007 models, sold at 2006 prices, will come from Novi's federal drug forfeiture fund.

vehicle fleets. Novi has about 20 marked cars, averaging 2,600 miles a month. The cars have about a 30-month life expectancy and are valued at \$20,000, Chief David Mulloy said.

Stullgrass said keeping fresh cars in service is critical for safety and can be an edge in recruiting officers.

Novi police also recently put nine new patrol cars into active service and will be employing two

new, unmarked Ford Tauruses for investigative purposes, Mulloy said. The department also plans to buy a police version of the Dodge Magnum for the K-9 unit. The wagon features plenty of room for the dog, as well as the Chrysler Group's potent Hemi engine.

Mulloy also said the department has been impressed with the police version of the Dodge Charger and expects to test drive it.

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### Fast Times

The Novi Police Department got approval for six new patrol cars last week. They are a souped-up version of Ford's Crown Victoria.

Details include:  
• V-8 engines  
• 250 horsepower  
• Specially tweaked for better acceleration  
• Purchased with federal drug forfeiture funds

## POLICE BRIEFS

### Buick keyed

Someone keyed a Buick passenger car in the parking lot of Twelve Oaks Mall between 6:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Oct. 6, according to police reports. The car had just been repaired, and damages were estimated at \$1,800. The case is closed.

### Car break-ins

A compact disc player, compact discs and a flashlight were stolen from a Ford Tempo parked at a residence on LaSalle late Oct. 4 or early Oct. 5, according to police reports. Police say at least one person was seen breaking into cars on LaSalle about 1:30 a.m. and was chased away. The items were valued at \$110. The case is open.

### Liberty larceny

Four tires and rims were stolen off a Jeep Liberty parked on Clearwater early Oct. 5. The vehicle was found on cinderblocks, and the lugnuts were left behind.

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### IPad stolen

An iPad was found missing from an unlocked locker at Novi High School on Tue between 2:15 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Oct. 2. A wallet, cell phone and headphones were also in the locker but not taken. The case is closed.

## Police department gains \$2.6M in additional forfeiture funds

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

Novi Police Chief David Mulloy knows obtaining federal forfeiture funds is one thing; deciding how they're to be spent is a different story.

Novi's police department has been sitting pretty for more than a year now after officers landed on a pile of money in a Novi motel room and later a Southville rental home in March 2004.

Police were called to the Sunline Plaza Motel on English Mile and Haggerty roads on March 18 after a woman said some people had been hurt in one of the motel rooms.

When police arrived, they found an injured couple. But they did find several black coffee bags full of cash — about \$1.8 million total from the motel room and rental home.

Novi has turned a motel stay into staff overtime, new cop cars,

better communications equipment and partial retirement of the police department's debt.

Now the department has the task of determining how to spend even more federal forfeiture funds.

The first checks started arriving from the Drug Enforcement Agency in May 2005, and already several million have been earmarked.

To date, council has earmarked forfeiture funds to be used for overtime reimbursement, first-year salaries for two additional officers, 17 new police vehicles, communications equipment and \$1.2 million to pay off debt.

More deposits, to the tune of about \$2.6 million, were recently wired to the special revenue fund set up for the forfeiture funds. Earlier deposits were about \$2.5 million last year and about \$1.7 million before the latest transfer. Checks are issued by the U.S. Department of Treasury through

the Department of Justice's Drug Enforcement Agency.

The city has received at total of \$5,606,539, according to Kathy Smith-Roy, city finance director.

"Council just received something this week," she said, regarding the extra dollars.

David Mulloy, Novi chief of police, said about \$1.1 million was deposited last week.

"We'll be discussing that at either a city council meeting or special meeting," Mulloy said.

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### Forfeiture Fund Restrictions

Forfeiture fund proceeds are authorized by the Drug Enforcement Agency, a division of the Department of Justice, with expenditures guided by federal statute which states that proceeds may be:

- Used to enhance future investigations
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## CINDERELLA: On the streets of New York, she's a modern girl

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her true colors, switching to a pitched, nasal New Jersey accent.

"It was hard," Dechart said to muster the proper inflections, timing at one point she would veer uncontrollably into a country twang.

Transitioning seamlessly between her two stepmother voices, Dechart said she likes the part because it lets her act nastier than she normally does.

"In real life, I'm not real evil," she said. "Then I can go onstage and be as mean as I want."

One of the strong male roles in the play, 9-year-old Deerfield Elementary School student Justin Macy, plays P.J., a temperamental businessman.

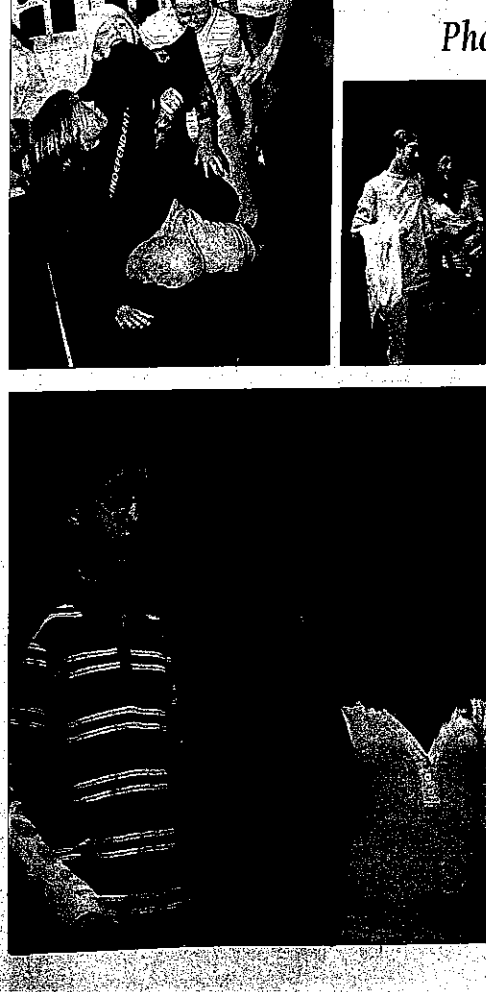
### A Cinderella Cast

The group of 65 children has been rehearsing since early September. A few of the notables include:

- Marcella Caprara**
  - Plays Cinderella • 12 years old
  - Attends Novi Middle School
- Kayla Dechart**
  - Plays wicked stepmother • 14 years old
  - Attends Novi High School
- Justin Macy**
  - Plays P.J., a businessman • 9 years old
  - Attends Deerfield Elementary

SOURCE: NOW NEWS

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TOP-LEFT: Director Rob Papineau gives final directions to his cast before rehearsing a scene in "Cinderella." ABOVE: Marcella Caprara will play the lead role in "Cinderella In New York." MIDDLE-LEFT: Cinderella's friend, Norton Rat (Destiny Douglas), is attached by Jezebel Cat (Rose Maylen), which prompts Cinderella's friend, Doug Dog (Kasey McDonald) to attack Jezebel Cat. CINDERELLA (Marcella Caprara, 12), struggles to get them all to stop fighting. MIDDLE: Johnny Prince (Mark Petrillo, 15) tries to charm Cinderella (Marcella Caprara, 12) when they first meet on the streets of New York. BELOW: Mayhem ensues in a jangle of mice and rats, step-sisters, Broadway



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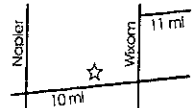
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**Meijer offers in-store banking**

IDT Enterprises, LLC recently announced it has extended its partnership with Meijer Inc. as its exclusive source for identifying financial institutions for in-store retail locations. The new agreement extends the partnership an additional 18 months through September 2007. Locally, Meijer stores are located near the northwest corner of Grand River Avenue and

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**Community financial honored**

Community Financial Credit Union, which has a new branch in Novi on Novi Road south of 10 Mile Road, was recently named as one of "Metropolitan Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For." The credit union was selected for the honor from more than 1,600 nominations submitted to the annual contest sponsored by the Michigan Business & Professional Association. The award program was established to honor companies that recognize employees as their greatest asset.

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Salone Nadwa and Day Spa is located in the Novi Town Center at 43236 11 Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 348-7316.

**City of Novi publicist to speak**

Sheryl Walsh, director of community relations for the city of Novi, will address the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association on Nov. 8.

The topic of her talk is "Publicity for Dummies." Networking will take place from 6:15-6:45 p.m. Dinner will be held immediately following at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 42100 Crescent Boulevard, in Novi. Cost is \$16. For more information, contact Christina Struwe at (248) 269-2035 by Nov. 6.

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SAVVY SENIOR

Flu season prompts many important questions

Dear Savvy Senior, As a healthcare specialist who works with the elderly, it's that time of year again where we remind folks to get their annual flu shot. Yet many seniors - more men than women - still don't get one. A flu shot is a great preventive measure that may just save their life or save them thousands of dollars in hospitalization and treatment. Can you inform your readers about influenza and the significance of getting a flu shot?

because of it, most of whom are over age 65. A flu shot doesn't give you a 100 percent guarantee that you won't get the flu. But if you do, you won't get as sick as you would without the shot. Flu vaccines should be given every year because flu viruses change all the time and because antibody protection decreases over time. The best time to get vaccinated is from October through November. Flu season in the United States generally peaks between late December and early March. Annual prescription medications can also be used to prevent the flu.

Side Effects

Side effects from the flu shot are minor for most people. Some soreness or swelling may occur where the shot was given. But between 5 and 10 percent experience mild side effects like headaches, a low-grade fever or achiness which usually last for about a day after the vaccination.

Flu Shot Alert

If you have had any of the following problems, you should not get a flu shot before talking with your doctor: Had a severe reaction to a flu shot in the past. Ever had a severe allergic reaction to eggs. Have a history of Guillain-Barre syndrome (GBS).

Where to Go

You can get a flu shot at your doctor's office or a local clinic. Medicare Part B pays for flu vaccinations, but even if you're not covered there are plenty of places that offer free flu shots. If you are not sure where to get a flu shot in your area, call your county health department or call the CDC toll-free at 1-800-232-2522.

Savvy Resources

Centers For Disease Control And Prevention: Offers information on preventing and controlling the flu, and what to do if you get sick. Visit www.cdc.gov. National Immunization Program: Provides vast information on immunization activities and programs nationwide. Visit www.cdc.gov/nip.

Alzheimer's Warning Signs

Dear Savvy Senior, I think it was the publicity surrounding Ronald Reagan's funeral not long ago, but my mother is convinced she has Alzheimer's disease. This is triggered by moments of forgetfulness, such as not being able to remember someone's name. I tell her that kind of thing is normal and that everyone has those days. I suggested she go see her doctor but she refuses. Any advice?

glie, surefire test that can make an objective diagnosis when the disease is in its early stages. What doctors look for is a pattern, as well as what a person is forgetting. So, if your mother forgets where she put her car keys, don't worry about it. But, if she forgets what the keys are used for, she may have a more serious problem.

Warning Signs

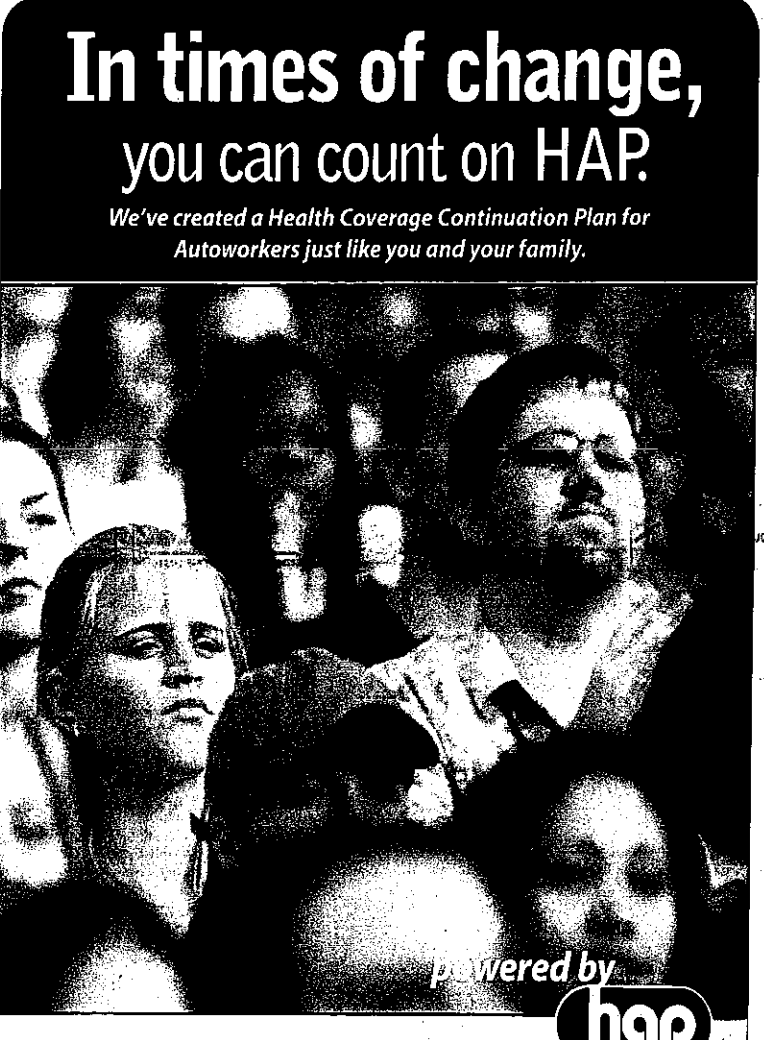
As we grow older, some memory changes are normal, but the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease are more than simple memory lapses. The Alzheimer's Association has developed a checklist of signs to help you recognize any of these signs in yourself or a loved one, see a doctor.

Doctor Fluenza

I sure can't. The flu, which is short for influenza, is an infection, caused by viruses, that affects your lungs. Not only does the flu make you feel awful with fever, chills, body aches, cough, and, sometimes, a sore throat or runny nose, it can be very dangerous, especially if you're older.

Flu Facts

The single best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu shot every fall. The flu shot is a vaccine that contains three influenza strains recommended for that year. The viruses in the flu shot are inactive (meaning they are dead) so you can't get the flu from a flu shot. Here are some other flu facts you should know about: Every year in the United States, about 114,000 people have to be hospitalized because of the flu, and around 36,000 people die.



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recognize any of these signs in yourself or a loved one, see a doctor. Warning signs include: Memory loss. One of the most common early signs of dementia is forgetting recently learned information. While it's normal to forget appointments, names, or telephone numbers, people with dementia will forget things more often, and not remember them later.

Changes in mood or behavior. Everyone can become sad or moody from time-to-time. Someone with Alzheimer's disease can show rapid mood swings for no apparent reason. Changes in personality. People's personalities ordinarily change a little with age. But a person with Alzheimer's can change a lot, becoming extremely confused, suspicious, fearful, or dependent on a family member.

Loss of initiative. It's normal to lose the hold of household chores or social obligations at times. But a person with Alzheimer's may become very passive, sitting in front of the television for hours, sleeping more than usual, or not wanting to do usual activities. Disorientation to time and place. It's normal to forget the day of the week or where you're going. But people with Alzheimer's can become lost on their own street, forget how they got there, and not know how to get back home.

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**Tea Time at Catholic Central!**

The Catholic Central High School Mothers Club will host its annual Holiday Marketplace and English Tea school fund-raiser from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. The event will be held at the Novi campus, located at 27225 Wilcox Road. Admission is \$3 and includes a raffle ticket for items donated by crafters and vendors. Cost for tea is \$20 and includes an assortment of English Teas, finger sandwiches and fresh pastries and scones with Devonshire cream, lemon curd and strawberry jam. The price also includes admission to the Holiday Marketplace and Craft Show and one raffle ticket to win a door prize valued at \$40. Reservations for the tea at 10 a.m., noon or 2 p.m. can be made with Chris Kovanda at (810) 632-5077. Tables may be reserved for up to eight guests.

**SAFETY: Novi schools upgrade security policies**

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a long time," said John Lawrence, Novi High School principal. "We're just updating the protocol."

Lawrence said he could not recall any recent major incidents or threats that have occurred at the high school.

The grant also includes a crisis simulation with the Novi Police Department. The simulation will occur between 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2, at the high school.

**Safety Measures**

- Frequent lockdown drills
- Staff photo ID badges
- Possible camera installation proposed to upcoming bond
- Requesting, obtaining federal Homeland Security grant funds



SOURCE: Novi School District

School staff and students are expected to participate in the event.

In addition to boosting security measures, Lawrence said recent state laws require all Michigan schools to plan two lockdown procedures.

Lawrence said the school must now have six fire drills, two regular lockdown drills and two total lockdown drills a year.

Lawrence explained teachers lock all their doors and continue

to hold class during a lockdown drill. During a total lockdown drill, the teaching steps and students are moved away from windows and doors so they aren't visible from outside the classroom.

While the district is focusing on improving its security measures, administrators said several procedures are already in place, including keeping building doors locked, requiring staff members to have photo identification in the schools and having parent hall

monitors keep an eye on hallways and parking lots.

"We recognize that students cannot learn in an unsafe environment," Lawrence said. "We work daily to make sure students want to come to school feeling physically and emotionally safe."

Renee Saunders can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 110, or via e-mail at rsaunders@gannett.com

**Health, fitness guru will bring his message to local children**

**Expert: Parents need to be better role models**

By Pam Fleming  
STAFF WRITER

When Peter Nielsen was a 15-year-old in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease and weighed a mere 86 pounds.

Now, the local health and fitness guru, is in remission from the crippling gastrointestinal ailment and spreads the word about healthy living.

Nielsen has teamed with Medical Weight Loss Clinics to offer a program on healthy eating and exercise for elementary children.

He will be bringing his message to Walled Lake schools Nov. 1, 8 and 15, and then to Novi.

The exact dates and locations for his Novi visits are yet to be determined.

The clinics sponsor Nielsen's program at 20-25 schools a year. They provide diets on "Peter's Principles' Do's and Don'ts" about proper nutrition and exercise.

The clinics' staff members try not to schedule Nielsen at the same schools every year so that he hits more students.

Nielsen speaks to students for about an hour and pulls different

children out of the audience to participate with him while he shows the proper way to do certain exercises.

He also talks about proper nutrition.

Students are asked afterwards to write a 150-word-or-less essay about what they learn that day.

The school then randomly selects one child's essay, and every June on Nielsen's syndicated show, he invites these children to tape a fitness show with him.

The show airs locally that month and nationally on 230 stations and to 80 million viewers a few weeks later.

This is the third year for the program.

**He feels blessed to be healthy**

Nielsen, who was about to shoot a new fitness video, said in a phone conversation that he feels very blessed to now be healthy since he had two near-death experiences with his Crohn's Disease.

"I've dedicated my life to health and fitness to really kind of be a messenger to put more quality in people's lives."

**Peter's Principles for children**

- The most important meal of the day is breakfast
- Children should eat at least half their body weight in ounces of water a day
- Drink 4 ounces of water every 20 minutes while playing sports
- Avoid diet sodas
- Avoid diet drinks. An entire 12-ounce can of soda has 150 calories and 10 teaspoons of sugar
- Have your parents cook with olive oil and avoid cooking to avoid trans fats



Courtesy photo

Local health and fitness guru Peter Nielsen of "Peter's Principles" will team with nutritionist Alberta Lipnack, LPN, from Medical Weight Loss Clinic to present a special program for Walled Lake and Novi elementary students this fall. The program is an effort to fight childhood and adolescent obesity in Michigan.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News  
Village Oaks Elementary School student Sam Huggins, right, stays active during gym class as he dribbles a basketball.

He says it's good to feel comfortable in your own skin and to motivate, educate and provoke people's minds to be their best. One of his pet projects is children.

"The most important meal of the day is breakfast, and children who eat breakfast are not only less obese but they have better comprehension scores in school."

Nielsen, who has a 9-year-old and a 12-year-old, said their generation won't live as long as their parents because of obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure and cholesterol.

His children, however, have never eaten beef but eat buffalo.

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Bible Study
DATE: Thursdays
TIME: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Join the group for prayer, sharing, and discussion of the Sunday scripture readings.
CONTACT: Mark, (248) 349-8847, or e-mail at spinwalkr001@aol.com

Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting
DATE: Last Wednesday of each month, ongoing
TIME: 10-11 a.m.
DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County.
CONTACT: Lisa Molloy, (248) 334-3595

OAK POINTE
CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit www.oakpointe.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC
LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778

NOW UNITED METHODIST
LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.

COMMERCIAL 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.fumcnorthville.org

Community Healing Service
DATE: First Monday of every month
DETAILS: This service is open to anyone asking God for healing in their life, or that of someone close to them.

CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org

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 School.

THE BAHAI FAITH
CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit www.usbahai.org
Devotional Gathering
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last Saturday of every month
LOCATION: 23903 Ripple Creek St., Novi

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
LOCATION: 2006 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911
Single Place Ministries
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Fabulous First Impressions
TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11
DETAILS: This workshop will feature Tina Kochstunoff, a Master Certified Relationship Coach for Singles. Learn how to improve the most important first impression that can make the difference in your personal and professional relationships.
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.

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BOOST CAMP DAY
DATE: Nov. 10, Dec. 9
TIME: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Providence Center for the Healing Arts, Providence Medical Building, 47601 Grand River Ave.
DETAILS: This is a day of enrichment and personal exploration designed to provide valuable tools, information and a new perspective on healthier living.
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

FLU VACCINES
DATE: Saturday, Nov. 4
TIME: 1-3 p.m.
LOCATION: All Art Van Furniture Stores
DETAILS: Flu shots will be administered by the Visiting Nurses Association to individuals 16 years and older.

AMERICAN'S FAMILY PET EXPO
DATE: Nov. 17-19
DETAILS: Entertainment and education for pet lovers of all kinds.
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THE MICHIGAN CHRISTMAS SHOW
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LOCATION: Novi High School, Tilt Road

DINNER WITH A DOCTOR DISCUSSIONS
LOCATION: St. John Providence Park Hospital, 47601 Grand River Avenue

ROCK FINANCIAL SHOW-PLACE
46100 Grand River Avenue, Call (248) 349-5600 or visit http://rockfinancialshowplace.com for more information.

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Wixom Public Library staff sets meetings on millage proposal

Officials: Novi millage request likely in 2007

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Lisa Hoening loves libraries but knows they need help. With state shared revenues and other types of funding on the downslide, Wixom voters will need to vote on the Nov. 7 ballot to fund the library.

Wixom Library Millage Goals

- If the millage is approved by voters on Nov. 7, the Wixom Public Library will be able to:
- Add more materials and increase collections of books, magazines, newspapers, reference tools, music CDs, audiobooks and DVDs.
- Add more internet computers and provide automated internet sign-up, downloadable audiobooks and reference databases.
- Offer internet and computer classes.
- Increase programs for children and teens and add programs for adults.
- Improve the library's environment, including additional shelving, upgraded meeting room facilities, and a theme for the children's area.
- Add Sunday hours.

Wixom millage meetings

Residents of Wixom can learn more about the millage proposal on the Nov. 7 ballot by attending one of two meetings:
- 6:30 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 23 or
- 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Senior center in library? Bob Cutler, president of the Novi library board, said that some city council members and city leaders have proposed a study be conducted to also consider a senior citizen center at the library expansion project.

Growing services demand "It's not a surprise that our surrounding communities are working to improve library services because our population is growing so much," said Brenda Lussier, Novi Public Library director.

"We're seeing the demand for library services grow dramatically, too. In Novi's case, that means we don't have enough space."

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Mel Shih teaches an adult Internet beginner's class at the Novi Public Library.

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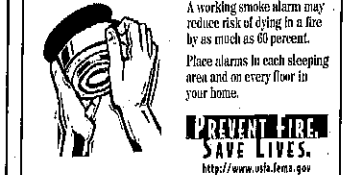
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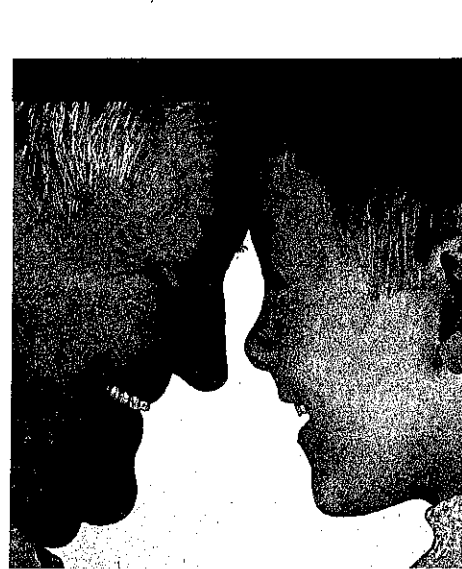
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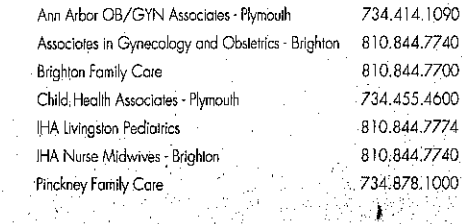
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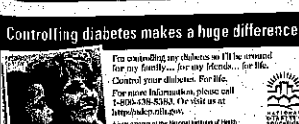


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Hello, Novi: Let's get to work

Let's be clear. This isn't a popularity contest. And because it's not, you should know that I'm going to be away from you for a few weeks...



David Agular, Novi News Editor

Now that wasn't so bad, was it? Say it with me: "Novi." Say it again: "Novi." Now you can do better than that...

Conference back then, against arch rivals, Chelsea and Saline. A few years later, the Kensington Valley College was born.

Then 13 days ago, the corporate units stopped by my downtown Northville office, sat down and asked if I'd like to become the Novi News editor.

Where are we headed? Right for your doorstep. We're headed full steam for some front yard back porch, bring your municipal hall, church, post, baseball diamond, sewer field and basement office.

LETTERS

Intelligent Design Not Scientific Theory

Whenever the topic of intelligent design and evolution comes to the forefront there is always a slew of letters to the editor.

In Support of the Wixom Library

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Hair-raising! Novi High School junior Drew Schierson shows his wild hair and wild ideas by spiking his hair and dying it green for last week's pep assembly.

more than just "the book place." It's a place to meet, to learn, to socialize and to explore.

The services that the library provides are essential, but they're in danger of backsliding without new funds.

I'm responding to an Oct. 12 letter about Tony Trupiano, who runs the Novi News. I greatly sympathize with the author because I have five sons of my own.

On Nov. 7, vote for Tony Trupiano, a thinker who will take care of the people, over big industry and politics, bringing true representation and governing back to our district.

I wish to extend my heartfelt sympathy to the entire staff of the Novi Public Library as they have recently lost two staff members — Sherill Bertram, who died Oct. 6, and Mary Joe Dolkes, who died Oct. 10.

As a member of the Friends of the Wixom Public Library, I'm a frequent visitor to the library. I see firsthand the many customers who visit the library: retirees keeping current by reading the newspapers and periodicals; students completing the Internet to complete homework or research projects; major preschoolers participating in a children's program.

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Michigan's biggest deficit: political will

William Shakespeare's famous lines from MacBeth about history being "a tale of sound and fury, signifying nothing," were written before there was a Michigan.

But the bard could just as well have been commenting on the race for governor between Gov. Jennifer Granholm and challenger Dick DeVos.

The fact that the words apply so well at a time when we badly need straight talk and solutions is a tragedy in itself.

Granholm argues the terrible state of our economy isn't her fault (quite true), blaming instead the wrenching restructuring and downsizing of the automobile industry (also true).

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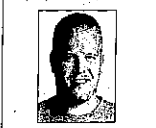
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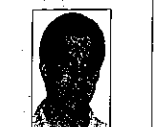
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CORRECTION. The story 'Jeff Nelson replaces Dan Austin on school board' Oct. 12, incorrectly stated that Dan Austin was a Novi resident.

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# CONEY WARS: It's dog eat dog

National opens eatery in Novi; local diners brace for clash of gut instincts

By Greg Migliore  
STAFF WRITER

Michael Grant runs a salt-of-the-earth coney island that's the definition of salt-of-the-earth.

It's no-falls grace with real people lingering over their coffee and talking about stuff that's not politically correct. Grant usually has a welcome mat in front of the restaurant, most of the customers know each other by name, and it pretty much always smells like breakfast.

He's been running Grant's Coney Island since February and has built up a loyal clientele — so loyal, some of them actually pitched in and helped clean the place when he was trying to get it up and running.

But Grant is like many small entrepreneurs: He's pinched by gasoline prices that keep diners at home, and a sluggish Michigan economy has been a constant thorn.

Now the local mom-and-pop coney peddlers have one more competitor: Roseville-based

**■ National Coney Island**  
Headquarters: Roseville  
Founded: 1965  
Locations: About 20 in Metro Detroit, one in Novi  
Menu staples: Coney dogs, chili fries, omelets, the Hani sandwich

National Coney Island has opened a new location in Novi at the Shoppes at the Trail plaza at Beck Road and Pontiac Trail.

The coney war is on. The Eastside juggernaut makes its own chili and is perhaps the coney equivalent of General Motors. Not surprisingly, National is bullish about its entry into Novi.

"They've compared the Eastside so now they want to mine our success," said manager Frank Fulgenti, a 14-year National veteran.

With its wide-ranging menu and polished, almost glitzy interior, the new site will likely be a draw. But even Fulgenti admits



Novi's National Coney Island waitress Trisha Tumath holds one of their staples: two coney dogs slathered in chili and a plate of fries.

his restaurant isn't immune to the general economic conditions and could use better visibility. And Novi's already cluttered coney market isn't conceding anything.

"They don't hurt my business," said Hassan Jomai, manager of National arch-rival, Leo's Coney Island in Novi.

Grant isn't backing down from his larger rivals either. Wearing a blue apron, Detroit Tigers hat and a day's worth of silvery stubble,

he said last week he's determined to make a go of it in Novi. His restaurant is tucked away in a sleepy shopping center off Beck Road near Pontiac trail, a short distance from the new National site.

"The biggest impression is because National Coney Island is here, everyone else is going to the same places," he said.

While coney owners are talking tough, the gut decision lays with Novi diners.

Angel Villalob, who was breaking at National last week, said convenience is paramount to him. He made his choice, "because it's closer."

Roy Shehan, a regular at Grant's, likes the familiar routine the restaurant injects into his life.

"You just kind of get used to the same places," he said. Plus Shehan has a bit invested in his coney island. He helped clean up an old fryer, which saved

Grant a considerable amount of money when the restaurant launched.

When asked if he planned to change his eating habits, he said flatly: "No, I don't see any reason to."

Greg Migliore is a staff writer for the Novi News. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107 or gmigliore@gannett.com.

"The biggest impression is because National Coney Island is here, everyone else is going to die — that's not the case."

Michael Grant  
Grant's Coney Island, Novi

**CITY OF NOVI  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION  
ORDINANCE NO. 06-125.20**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 06-125.20, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 37, WOODLANDS PROTECTION, TO REQUIRE TREE INVENTORIES ON WOODLANDS PLANS TO BE VERIFIED BY A REGISTERED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, CERTIFIED ARBORIST, OR FORESTER.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, October 9, 2006 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective October 24, 2006. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (excluding local time).

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CITY CLERK

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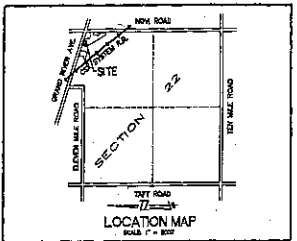
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 25, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider CITY CENTER PLAZA PHASE 4 & 5, SITE IN PLAN NUMBER 06-37 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WELAND PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SITE IS LOCATED IN SECTION 22, ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE, WEST OF NOVI ROAD. The subject properties are approximately 1.8 acres combined and the applicant is proposing to construct a 19,400 square foot general office building at the southwest corner of Flint St. and Grand River Avenue and a 3,640 square foot retail building at the western edge of the existing City Center Plaza development.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 25, 2006.  
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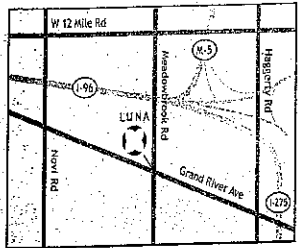
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Flowers of Novi just celebrated its one year anniversary on Oct. 3. If you haven't visited the full-service florist yet, the staff would like to welcome you to do so soon! Flowers of Novi is located at 24261 Novi Road in the Pine Ridge Center just north of Ten Mile Road.

With Sweetest Day just around the corner (Saturday, Oct. 21st) there is no better time to check out the first-class customer service and wide variety of products and services. The family owned florist has already become well recognized and readers of The Novi News voted the florist "Best Flower Shop of 2006" after only being open for six months.



Flowers of Novi owner, Orv Borg and unofficial store mascot, Nanook.

Orv Borg, owner of Flowers of Novi, has been in the floral business for almost 18 years. His parents, Paul and Emily, and children, Matt and Shelly, can often be found helping out with a variety of tasks around the shop. Orv's loyal staff has a combined experience of over 32 years and has worked with Orv for many years, contributing to the reputation for amazing service, high quality fresh flowers and design work.

Orv's Siberian Husky, Nanook, can also be seen most days. Nanook is the unofficial mascot and a Registered Therapy Dog. Nanook spends his spare time visiting patients at Children's Hospital in Detroit.

Flowers of Novi has many products to offer. They offer fresh flowers from the expected to the exotic, arranged in wrapped cut flower bouquets to stunning design. Everlasting bouquets and arrangements of realistic silk flowers can be custom ordered or chosen right out of store-front displays. Fruit and gourmet gift baskets may be custom ordered. Plants, terrariums, balloons, plush animals, greeting cards, Sanders Chocolates, Kitzas Blown Art Glass, and Beangod 100 percent Soybean Candles can also be found adorning the store.

"Flowers and plants make the perfect gift for someone that has everything," said Orv. "And they are the perfect hostess gift during the holidays."

The full-service florist offers items for holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, speedy recoveries, funerals, special events, weddings, from simple to elaborate, and everyday celebrations.

"People love to get flowers," said Orv. "Flowers just brighten up the whole day."

One of the best times to send someone flowers is when they least expect it. Fresh flowers are an important part of many cultures and can often be found on a daily basis within European homes and estates. Just like we have milk and butter in our refrigerators, they have fresh flowers in their homes. Orv would like to see this European custom become more popular here. It is a proven fact that flowers really make people feel good.

Flowers of Novi has many customers and businesses that are automatically set up to receive flowers on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis. Call to inquire about their Flower of the Month Club.

With the holidays quickly approaching, Flowers of Novi would like to assist you with your corporate needs. Many companies send gifts of appreciation to their customers in December. Orv and his staff have many great ideas to help you stand out even more, such as sending your corporate gifts at Thanksgiving. This is a great time to thank clients. They can make beautiful fruit and gourmet baskets or a beautiful fall centerpiece for a table.

Delivery is available locally, throughout Metro-Detroit, and worldwide. Orv often takes the local deliveries himself.

"Delivering flowers is probably the best job in the world because you get to surprise people with flowers and see how happy they are," he said. Flowers of Novi is located at 24261 Novi Road in the Pine Ridge Center just north of Ten Mile Road in Novi. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. To place an order please visit call (248) 380-8250 or go to www.flowersofnovi.com.

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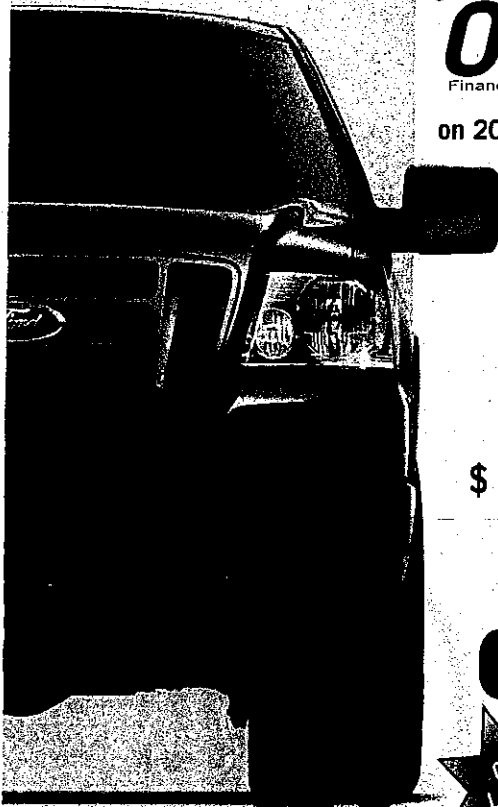
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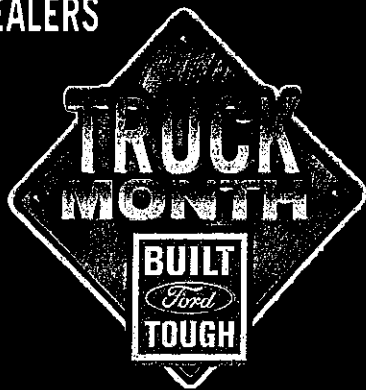
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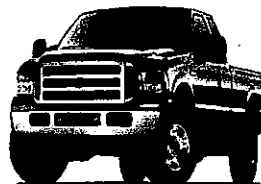
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# GETTIN' JUGGY WITH IT

## Novi looks to win jug for sixth straight season

By Jeff Theisen  
NOVI NEWS

With state playoffs out of the question, Novi will focus solely on keeping the Baseline Jug from Northville. With a 3-5 record, the Wildcats' last game will be tomorrow against cross-town rival Northville for the right to celebrate with the jug.

"The jug is one of those things that's very important," Novi head coach Tab Kellepoury said. "At the end of the night, the kids get their hands on it. They hear about it, but that's the one time they get to see it. It's a great feeling at the end of the night if you get a chance to hold that thing."

The Wildcats have won the Jug since the 2001 team won 42-12. Last year, Novi won 31-12.

"The great thing about the Northville game is there's such a history and tradition there," Kellepoury said. "All these kids from Novi know most of the kids from Northville and likewise."

"It really is one of those great nights to compete in high school football."

This year, Northville brings a 1,000-yard rusher to the table in senior Ditrick Williams. He rolled off 158 yards last week in a 44-13 win against Salem. The win stopped a five-game losing streak for the Mustangs.

The Mustangs have used two quarterbacks with senior Mike DeLuca starting the year and sophomore Matt Krueger coming in after DeLuca was injured.

Both quarterbacks are throwers that also aren't afraid to run.

The Novi offense will also get a change this week with Adam Chandler replacing his shoulder that kept him out in the beginning of the year. Chandler appeared as though he was getting more comfortable with each week.

Mark Heard came in for Chandler and will be looked to run the offense this week.

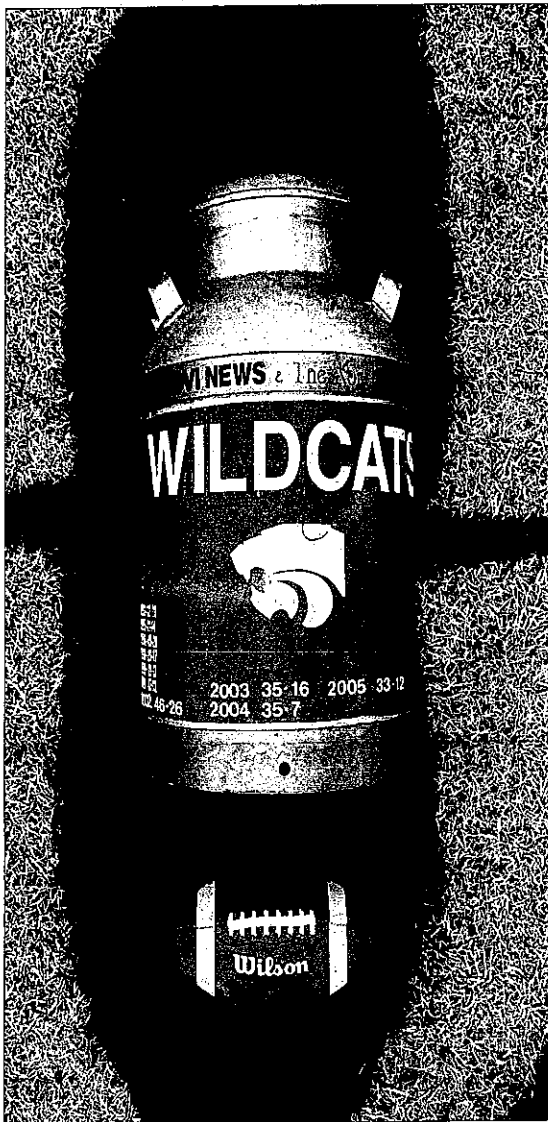
For the seniors, it will be their last chance to shine for the Wildcat football team.

"It's the seniors' last game to ever play football for Novi," Kellepoury said. "And it's the last time this team plays together. We've got to pull it together."

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### Game notes:

1. In Novi's last five regular season wins against Northville, the average score has been 38.2-14.6.
2. Novi won last year's battle for the Baseline Jug 31-12.
3. Both teams have played South Union — Novi lost 29-7, Northville lost 47-21.



The Novi side of the Baseline Jug sits on the 40-yard line. It goes back up for grabs tomorrow.

## Northville wants to end season on a positive note

By Jeff Theisen  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Call it the playoffs for Northville. With just one game left to play, head coach Ryan Heckman will let it all out against cross-town rival Novi at 7 a.m. Friday at home in the battle for the Baseline Jug.

"Anytime you have a rival game like this — backyard brawl, you're playing for the jug, boarder rivalry, the kids all know each other — you can throw the records out," Northville head coach Ryan Heckman said. "The kids are going to play their hearts out."

"Once you walk out and they see the orange-and-black and we see the green-and-white, both sides are excited."

No current Northville player has won the Jug. Novi's last loss in the series came in 2000.

"It would be a tremendous victory for our team and our program," Heckman said. "They've had a better program than we've had. I guess this will be the first year they haven't been in the playoffs since 1997."

"We're looking forward to it, that's all I know. Novi-Northville is a special rivalry." The offenses are very different between the schools. Novi likes to run. Northville likes to mix it up. But Novi has had the stronger defense throughout the year.

"We're balanced offensively. We feel like we're going to go in and take what they give us," Heckman said. "They're very sound on defense. They have really good team speed on offense. That's the strength of their team right now."

"They're going to line up and take away Ditrick (Williams) from us. We're going to have to come out and throw the ball, which is fine with me. We like to throw it."

Williams went over the 1,000-yard mark last week. He has 1,147 yards rushing with 12 touchdowns and just one fumble lost on 162 carries.

Heckman expected both Mike DeLuca and Matt Krueger to see time at quarterback. He also knows the defense will have to try to stop another team that strongly features the run.

"Offensively, they probably match up with our defense pretty well," Heckman said. "We haven't shown that we can stop too many people. They give you a ton of formations. They've got some weapons."

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### Game notes:

1. Northville last beat Novi twice in 2000, 35-14 in the regular season and 28-15 in the playoffs.
2. Ditrick Williams has 1,147 yards.

# Novi tennis advances to state finals

By Jeff Theisen  
NOVI NEWS

The Novi tennis team extended its season to the final week with a second-place finish at regionals. Northville won the regional with 28 points. Novi was second with 24. Livonia Stevenson also made it to the state tournament.

with 19 points.

"I thought all the finals were very competitive. It was a good tournament for all three teams," Novi head coach Jim Hanson said. "Northville is a very good team. We met them in six flights, they won three and we won three." Winning titles for the Wildcats

### State tourney:

Where: Midland Community Tennis Center  
When: Friday and Saturday

were Katie Samuelson at No. 2 singles, Sara Carlson at No. 4 singles and the No. 2 doubles team

of Amanda Border and Brittany Wornack.

Samuelson handed Northville's Chelsea Johnston her first loss of the year, 1-6, 6-3, 7-5, in the No. 2 singles finals.

"It was an excellent match for Katie," Hanson said. "She played extremely well — obviously her best match of the season."

Carlson stayed clean at No. 4 singles.

"Sara's been rock-solid her whole year," Hanson said. "She hasn't lost in four singles. I think she's going to be the No. 2 seed in the state tournament."

Rorder and Wornack went down to the final set for their win. "They won a good three-setter,"

Hanson said. "It was the first time that they played against Northville because Amanda was injured for two-thirds of the season. They compliment each other well."

The others making the finals for the Wildcats were all in doubles play: Jackie Wang and Allison Yee

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## Novi News Athlete of the Week

**Katie Samuelson**  
Novi freshman tennis player

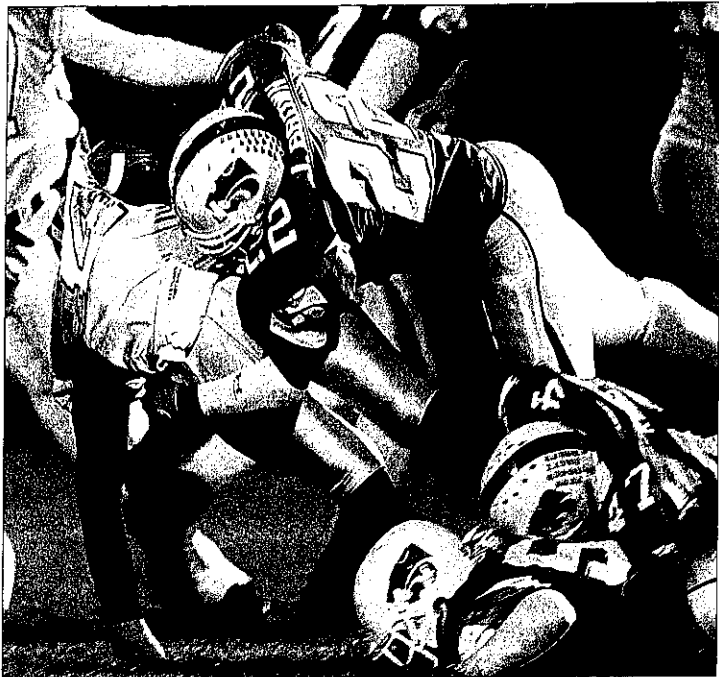
Samuelson won the regional title Thursday and Friday at No. 2 singles. She handed Northville's Chelsea Johnston her first loss of the year in the finals.



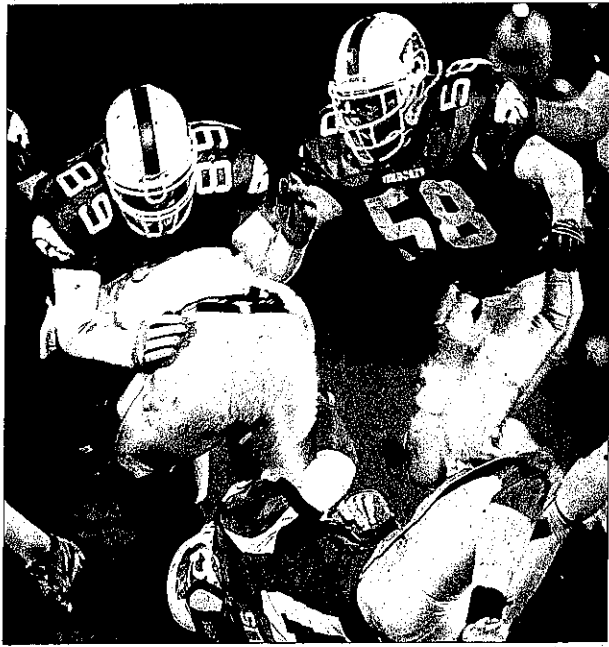




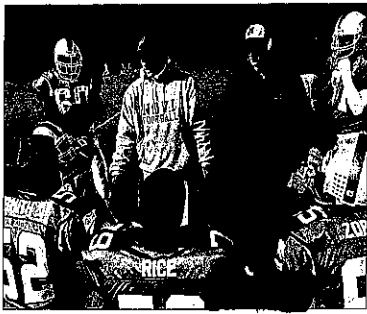
# WILDCAT HOMECOMING



Novi's John Brown separates a Hartland runningback from the ball. Novi recovered the fumble, early on in the game, but the referees called the Hartland player down before the fumble, and Hartland retained possession.

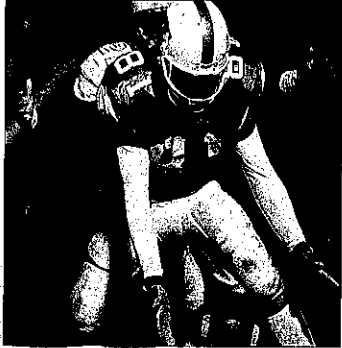


Novi's Tyler Hoover, center, and Mike Kolla, bottom, team up to stop a Hartland runningback.



Novi coaches, including John Osborne, right, talk with Wildcat linemen during last Friday night's game.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER  
Novi News



Wildcat receiver Mike Slack tries for, but can't quite haul in a long-yardage reception in last Friday night's homecoming game. Slack later caught a long pass but he was tackled at the 9-yard line as time ran out in regulation.



Wildcats break warmups and head to the sideline after halftime of last week's home game.

## Novi team comes up just short at regional Lyll, Prokop qualify for state

By Jeff Theisen  
NOVI NEWS

They played through the worst elements of the year and then waited. Novi golf coach Brad Huss and parents gathered with the players and parents waiting to see if they make the state finals. But the final result came with mixed emotions. The team was out but two golfers advanced as individuals.

"You can't prepare for a day like this with the weather," Huss said. "You play in this once in your life. I thought they did a great job. Alex and Nick, they're going on."

But all news was not bad for the Wildcats - two players did advance in Alex Lyll and Nick Prokop. The duo each fired a 78 to be named to the All-Regional team and advance to the state tournament.

"I really wanted the team to advance," Prokop said. "We played good. We just got beat by a

few strokes, and that's how it goes. I feel good about it but it would be better if the team advanced."

"The wind was horrible. My bag fell over numerous times." Lyll also wanted his full team to go with him, but making it to state was warming on a bone-chilling day.

"I don't think I've ever played in stuff like this. It started snowing, winds just sideways, it was brutal," Lyll said. "I'd rather have the team there, but it will still be fun. I'm really excited."

Other Novi scorers were Scott Czekaj with an 84, and Adam Brett and Kevin Anletto carded 89s.

Northville and Millford tied for the lowest team score with a 320. Novi came in at 329 and played the waiting game. The Wildcats found out their fate when Birmingham Groves also posted a 329 with a lower falls score.

Brother Rice moved into the third and final spot to advance

with a 328 on their last posted score.

Six teams shot 330 or lower, making the waiting game a brutal watch.

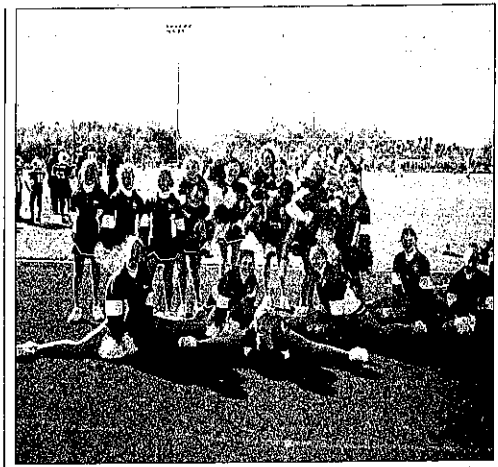
"That's what happens in this kind of weather. It was going to be close either way, but I think when you get weather like this, everybody's score gets a lot more evenly matched," Huss said.

"Disappointed that we're not going on as a team, but we've got everybody but Scott coming back next year."

The Shamrocks were also in the 12-team regional, but their fate was sealed early.

Austin Bonatz led the Shamrocks with an 84. Mike Murray shot an 85, followed by Joe Flansburg with an 87. Joe Szmadzinski with an 88 and Steve Larocque with an 89.

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The Novi Bobcat cheer team performs the splits during the Novi against Livonia Falcons game.

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**"TWO THUMBS UP!"**

HUGH JACKMAN  
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MICHAEL CAINE  
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ARE YOU WATCHING CLOSELY?

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## Home Owners Do You Know...How to Avoid Roof Leaks?

Roofing problems can develop at any time. Most asphalt shingle roofs last about 15 years, but roofs could begin to present some problems at the age of 8 or 10 years. Roof leaks are often difficult to find and can be the cause of significant structural damage that may appear some time later.

### SIGNS OF ATYPIC LEAKS/SOFT SPOTS

- STRUCTURAL SAGGING, WAVY ROOF FRAME AND SHEATHING
- DAMAGED, WORN OR MISSING SHINGLES, MOSS GROWTH
- CORRODED FLASHING (AROUND CHIMNEY, DORMER, VENTS AND IN VALLEYS)
- RAISED SHINGLES ALONG THE BOTTOM OF THE ROOF
- ICICLES HANGING FROM GUTTERS IN THE WINTER (POTENTIAL ICE DAMS)
- STAINED / DISCOLORED OR DELAMINATING SHEATHING
- RUSTED NAILS AND MUST STAINS ON SHEATHING
- DAMP OR DISCOLORED INSULATION

• WATER SPOTS ON WALLS OR IN THE CRAWL SPACE OR AT THE JUNCTION BETWEEN CEILING AND WALL

• WATER MARKS BEHIND CEILING FIXTURES, SPOCKETS OR ROOF LEAKS

**MOISTURE RAIN/WIND** - Some roof problems occur when wind forces the rain under the edges of the roof or shingles. Two factors contributing to this phenomenon is an improperly sloped roof or failure to adhere, using roofing cement, the asphalt/fiberglass shingle tabs in high wind areas.

**ICE DAM** - is an accumulation of ice at the lower edge of a gabled roof. They form when there is a layer of snow on the roof, which melts due to heat loss from the house into the attic. The water refreezes at the eave because it extends past the warm interior of the house and the backup of water seeps underneath the roof covering.

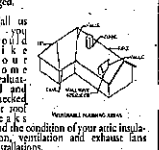
**MOSS** - Wood and built-up roofs are vulnerable to the deterioration by moss for its ability to retain moisture and its root system penetrating the roof surface.

**WATER VAPOR** - Until the late 1970s residential construction codes did not require thermal or vapor barriers that are now standard practice. Diffusion of warm moist air to cooler air results in condensation (fog in the winter), mold, mildew and wood decay. It causes staining, cupping, and shrinkage in wall/flooring materials, corrosion of metal roofing and rotting of wood shakes and shingles.

### FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO LEAKS/DAMAGE

- POOR ROOF SLOPE DESIGN, INCORRECT SHINGLE INSTALLATION
- EXCESSIVE EXPOSURE TO DIRECT SUNLIGHT, POOR LOCATIONS OR NO UNDERLAYS ON WOOD SHAKE/SHINGLE ROOFS
- WATER PONDING OR CLOGGED ROOF DRAINS ON FLAT ROOFS
- MISSING OR DAMAGED SHINGLES, EXPOSED NAILS
- IMPROPER FLASHING OR SEALING (AROUND PROTRUSIONS OR VALLEYS)
- INADEQUATE EAVE PROTECTION
- IMPROPERLY HUNG GUTTERS OR DRIP EDGES
- DETERIORATED CHIMNEY (CRACKED MORTAR OR CRACK CHIMNEY CAP)
- INSUFFICIENT INSULATION, INSUFFICIENT VENTILATION
- VENT PIPES OR EXHAUST PIPES TERMINATING INTO THE ATTIC

**Drawing for area of ROOF LEAKS**  
**Storage/flat** - water/snow builds up in the junction of the roof and down pitched roofs (such as an unheated attached garage) or an extremely poor design slope. A sloped roof plane meets a wall, water/snow can accumulate in the "valley" and cause damage.



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## Holiday solutions with My Handyman

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Think of all the little things you need to complete before holidays, but never seem to get to. The list gets longer and time gets shorter. In fact, get ready to say good-bye to your honey-do list and prepare your home for the holiday season the easy way.

Why not let My Handyman help you with all your seasonal chores?

Fall is the time of year when your home needs a little more attention to prepare for the cold winter weather. This is where a little prevention pays off big dividends. It makes good sense to protect your family's largest investment - your home.

"We all know if we don't maintain the outside there will be big problems later," said Dayn Benson, local My Handyman owner.

Falling leaves also bring one of the most dreaded chores - cleaning the gutters. Neglecting them can wreak havoc with roofs and windows leading to big headaches later. Let My Handyman keep your feet on the ground, while the professionals clean and repair gutters and downspouts.

"With our winter, freezing pushes the water inward where it can ruin the interior framing," he added.

Prevention is key here. Instead of a minor repair, you might end up replacing a window or kitchen counter top if not given the proper attention. By protecting the structure of your home, you're also enhancing the aesthetic appearance of your home, which adds to the value of your house, explains Benson.

Maintaining your home will help control energy costs. Caulking windows and doors properly can help keep the cold air out and save money. My Handyman can help save you additional money on energy costs with Grundfos: a new product they currently offer. Imagine turning on a faucet to instant hot water. Not only is it a convenience, like instant hot showers, it will also reduce energy consumption.

In addition, My Handyman can remove screens and install storm doors and windows. Bulky items like outdoor lawn furniture can be taken apart and put in storage. They'll even hang up the holiday lights inside and out.

In fact, Benson likes to remind prospective customers that no job is too small. Think of all the little things you want done around the house, but haven't had time.

"Our typical appointment is usually three and a half hours, and in that time we'll complete five or six tasks."

Since they're not subcontractors, they aren't limited to one task.

"While drywall is drying in one room, they can patch a hole in another, caulk a bathtub or clean gutters."

Although they're a nationally known company appearing on Oprah and in Academy Award gift baskets as well as ESPN Espy awards, My Handyman is locally owned and based in Ann Arbor. The skilled professionals come from your local neighborhood with an average of 22 years experience per technician. Employees are licensed and in uniform. Background checks and drug screening are performed. They follow their motto of On Time, Done Right.



Out of over 1,000 eligible technicians, Dayn Benson is the only one to be a three-time finalist for the industry's very prestigious Handyman of the Year award.

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- Contact My Handyman toll free at (800) 770-4059, or local number: (248) 486-9305.
- Appointments will be scheduled promptly from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. If a client has an unusual schedule, My Handyman will accommodate their needs.



Dayn Benson, owner and president of the local My Handyman branch, hires professional workers with 15-20 years of experience to get the job done right. He also requires employee drug testing.

Never climb and clean again  
 Tired of cleaning those gutters? There is a solution. My Handyman now installs Gutter Stuff™. It's the best on the market, says Benson. There's a 25-year warranty, there's no clogging and you can't see it from the ground. Best of all, it costs about half as much as gutter covering type products.

"It's inserted directly into the gutter. It doesn't sit on or go on top of the gutter. You can't see it from the ground. It fills the gutter with a filter that keeps leaves and debris out," he explained.

Pam Ufer Wood is one of many local clients that said good-bye to gutter cleaning.

"I'm very happy with the Gutter Stuff™ system. We haven't had to do any cleaning since it's been installed. It's everything we anticipated," said Ufer Wood.

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