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Preparing for the polls: What every voter should know

General election Nov. 6

By Kelly Murad

In order for voters to make informed decisions at the polls Nov. 6, they need to know what to expect on the ballot. The most pressing issue antici-pated for the 2007 election is the \$16 million library bond proposi-

536 million library bond proposi-tion.

The proposal is to build a new 60,000-square-foot building on the existing library property.

The library was built 30 years ago and, since that time, Novi's population has increased by 450 percent, currently accommodat-ing more than 52,000 residents.

Voters will be asked if the City of Novi should borrow the money and issue its general obligation untimited tax bonds to be paid within 20 years.

within 20 years.

The estimated annual millage rate is 26 mills (\$0.26 per \$1,000 of taxable value). Meaning residents with homes valued at \$220,000 will be levied about \$28

per year.

But according to a resolution

passed by Novi's City Council July 23, the library bond may not se residents' taxes to increase.

City council pledged to maintain the city property tax rate of 10.5416 mills, if the proposed

bond passes on Nov. 6.

"We've made the projection and pledge that we could balance out funds and other obligations to not have to increase the city rate. said city manager Clay Pearson.

"This is city council's pledge."

As a result of the city's current and projected financial position, it is believed the proposed library construction millage can be absorbed thanks found management. millage can be absorbed through fiscal management planning, meaning no addi-

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Third time's a charm for logo

■ City's design is chosen

By Kelly Murad

It was the third time coun-

cilmembers were presented with designs for the new City of Novi logo that did the trick. Members of the Novi City Council unanimously agreed upon a design that closely resem-

upon a design that closely results the current city logo, at the Sept. 24 meeting.

"We gave it a cleaner look, yet preserved the "history," said Community Relations Manager Sheryl Waish of the navy and gold logo.

old logo. The idea to create a new logo arose last April when the city began discussing an entryway, signage program throughout Novi.

According to Walsh, prior to embarking on a large-scale project, such as the entryway sig-nage, implementing a new logo would be the first step to developing a consistent image for

"It's something that represents us and will propel us into the future," Walsh said in August.

Waish said in August.

But some Novi residents, such as former city councilman Joseph Toth, have had some concerns regarding the City's decision to adopt a new logo.

"I don't know the full intent of it.

I can't see the purpose for creating a whole new logo." Toth said. "It's not something I think is necessarily good for the city, I think the money would be far better spent on some-thing else."



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Walsh said the \$20,000 budgeted by the city was for the design and development of City of Novi style guides and templates for the new logo and the services provided by Ford and Earl Associates Inc., the marketing, branding and design resource firm.

The firm was hired to create the new city logo and brand and vision statements.

'It's something we have budgeted for, there isn't going to be an additional cost," she said. "We are not cleaning house, we are going to transition into the new

The city will only replace items such as letter head and business cards with the new logo as the older items run-out.

The new logo will also eventu-

ally appear on city vehicles.

According to Walsh, the proposed vision statement and brand statements Ford and Earl developed will be discussed in the future.



Novi High crowned its 2007 homecoming queen, Madelyn Gardner, and king, Andrew Haggerty, during halftime of last Friday night's game.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Haggerty, Gardner crowned

By Chris Jackett STAFF WRITER

The stands were overflowing with green-and-white clad fans last Friday at Novi's varsity football game against South Lyon as the Wildeats rang in their horne-coming with a dominant victory while this year's homecoming line and nacen were name.

king and queen were named. Fourteen students stepped up at

Fourteen students stepped up at halfitime with hopes of a crown, but only two heard their names called over the loudspeakers. Seniors Andrew Haggerty and Madolyn Gardner were crowned. homecoming king and queen, titles handed over by alumni roy-alty Robert Parkins and Kylie

Spears.
"She's a really sweet girl.
They're all really sweet," Spears
said of this year's royalty.
"Andrew's a good guy. He's very
involved in the school."

Gardner said the first thought after her name was called was "OMG" because she wasn't

expecting it.
"It's just amazing," she said. "It was an evenly matched court."
Seniors Kelsey Laux, Melissa
Moss and Jessica Salley were the other nontinees for homecoming queen, Junior Ashley Bush, soph-omore Kathleen Barry and fresh-man Molly Sutika were the home-

coming princesses.

Spears recalled her homecomexperience to be just as much

"It was a very fun experience. I very surprised and not

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My New Mews

HOUSE N TO MILE NO HOUSE NO

Let your inner country music lover out. At 7-9 p.m., Orchard Hills Elementary, 41900 Quince Dr., is hosting its third annual Family Hoe Down. This all ages family event will feature live western music, old children's favorites such as the "YMCA," "Hokey Pokey," "Macarena" and others, and also include linedancing during the second hour. For the \$2 entrance fee, the Parent Teacher Organization will be providing apples and bottled water. The festive fall activity drew 350 people last people with the property of the second of the providing apples and bottled water. The festive fall activity drew 350 people last

year, Call Peggy Wickman at (248) 449-1400 for details.

SATURDAY

Ever wonder what a fire station is really like? Find out how similar it is to the movies from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Fire Station 1, 42975 Grand River Ave. The

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Novi Fire Department Open House will feature tours, demonstrations, fire safety tips, refreshments, child ID kits, Sparky the Fire Safety Dog, a rescue boat, "Jaws of Life" vehicle extrication and Ronald McDonald will visit at 11 a.m. Those interested may also talk to recruiters about becoming a paid-on-call firefighter during the open house event or call human resources at (248) 347-3275.

SUNDAY

If you love going out into public with a camera and no expectations, the Michigan Photographic Historical Society's 36th Photographica Show and Sale at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd., may be the thing for you. From 10 a.m. 4 p.m. talk with other photo enthusi-asts and check out more than 50 tables of vintage cam-eras, equipment for sale, photographs and more. There will also be a silent auction and door prizes. For more

win also be a shent auction and usor prizes. For indee information, visit http://www.miphs.org. Head over to Fox Run. 13 Mile Road, after the trade show or anytime from 3-6 p.m. for an Oktoberfest event geared toward Fox Run residents, families and staff.

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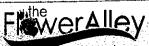
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Former Expo Center requests postponement

By Kelly Murad

Kevin Adell, owner of the former Novi Expo Center, was due to appear in front of the Zoning Board of Appeals Tuesday night, but the issue was tabled for the

cound time.

The item was placed on the lock, 9 Zoning Board of Appeals genda after it was tabled at the lock, 1 meeting.

According to city aftorney Tom

Exposition

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The property is zoned as EXPO,

Exposition

District ordinance, Oct. 9 Zoning Board of Appeals agenda after it was tabled at the Sept. 11 meeting.

Schultz, it is assumed the issue will now be postponed until the

request of Adell's attorney, Scott Smith of Clark Hill.

Tim going to follow the zoning exactly the way the City of Novi exactly th been seeking movement in his

If the Zoning Board of Appeals chooses to change the previous use decision, Adell will open the ongoing effort to open the facility at Novi Road and Interstate 96 as a Gibralter Trade Center-like busitrade center for its first show as

election Nov. 6

General

Aside from the library bond proposition, voters will be asked to elect four representatives for

Mayor David Landry is run-ning unopposed for a second two-

expecting it. It was something I'll expecting it, "was sometime it is now studying English and secondary education at Michigan State University. "(Being back

here and out on the field). I felt

like I was back in high school."

Combined with his new kingly title and sphineter, Haggerty was

Haggerty,

Gardner

crowned

year term as mayor for the City of Incumbent councilman Bob

times within a calendar year.

themed shows a year.

Gatt is running for re-election for his second four-year term. With councilwomen Toni Nagy and Lynne Paul not running for re-election, two new candidates. David Staudt and Kathy Crawford, will land the didate running for the partial-

was going to win. Everyone just loves him." Haggerty credited his victory to knowing a lot of underclass-

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taken aback by how well the evening was going.
"This is great. South Lyon's a good team," Haggerty said as junior wide receiver Brandon "Ellow seniors Collin Crandell."

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Bradford was running into the end zone on a kickoff return, making the score 23-0 in the third Joe Pritchard and Sophiea were nominees for homecoming king. The homecoming princes were junior Ryan Dougherty, sopho-"I was surprised." Haggerty said of his crowning, "I was look-ing at one of my buddies (Logan Sophiea) because I thought he

approaching the board to ask for claffication regarding the zoning of the property.

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The ongoing debate between Adell and the City of Novi stems of Appeals for release of a previ-ous decision denying the use of a retail trade center at the 320,000from Adell's persistence in reopening the building as a trade Adell began advertising and

selling vendor space for the pro-posed Novi Trade Center in July, and said he has 4,100 people wanting a booth, including 100

which states using the facility for retail sale of products or services At the time Adell began selling wender space, city officials said be is permitted no more than six did not have permitted use of the Adell said in September, "Either they are going to give it to me or

they are going to deny me."

Adell said if he is unable to proceed with his business plan, he plans to sue the City for blocking his ability to conduct business at

can expect to elect three of the

four candidates running for board member positions.
The candidates are Ann
Knauer-Bizer, David Taulbee, Douglas Curry and Frank

open seats on Novi's City term board member position for Council. the South Lyon School District.

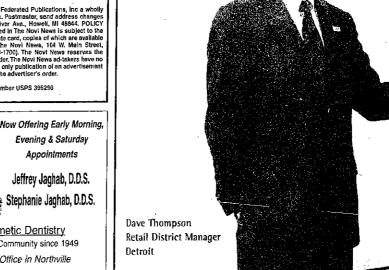
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project is nearly complete. The intersection at Nine Mile and Taft roads is finished, and the road is completely open running south to Galway Drive, the last street before Taft Road runs into the City of Northville.







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Police warn senior citizens of area scams

By Tracy Mishler SPECIAL NEWS WRITER

The Wayne County Deed Fraud Task Force has been working overtime to see justice served for

of Novi: Nelson Sumpter, 42, of Pittsfield Township; and Omar Sumpter, 35, of Sterling Heights were charged with several counts of uttering and publishing, a 14-year felony; identity theft, a five year felony; false pretenses over \$20,000, a 10-year full-standard of the properties without the owner's consent. The proporties were then sold for a profit for the suspects.

Miller said Omar Sumpter was arraigned Sept. 24 and Nelson Sumpter was a realigned. laundering, a 10-year felony and larceny by conversion, a 10-year

Miller, assistant Wayne County prosecutor and director of communications, was that the suspects

properties to potential investors.

The suspected allegedly convinced elderly victims, in this case a 72-year-old woman, a 76-

year-old woman and a 66-year-old man, all from Detroit, to give them information such as person-al signatures, property informa-tion and personal documents in

Abuse Unit sees focus on financial abuse of senior citizens.

"This particular crime doesn't happen all the time, but it is becoming more prevalent," Miller said. "Seniors need to be careful

and more aware of what's going

Miller said Omar Sumpter was arraigned Sept. 24 and secretiony; false pretenses over 20,000, a 10-year felony; more marked in the first open one can felony; false pretenses over 20,000, a 10-year felony; more marked in the first open of the first

Don't become a victim

Miller said the scheme Rhoads, Paul and Omar Sumpter used was simple and seniors need to be careful.

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Detective Bill Helke of the
Northville Township Police Department said anyone can be a and more aware of what's going wictim of fraud and identity theft, but seniors seem to be easier to convince in scam situations. ictim of fraud and identity theft, at seniors seem to be easier to nowince in scam situations.

"It doesn't do you any good to "If you can't find the person in a state database."

Miller said there are several scenarios of people taking advantage of seniors that people need to be aware of.

Those include in-home health-care workers taking advantage of those with physical and mental those with physical and mental.

According to the Federal Trade the Nigerian lottery scam where

Helke said the best way to avoid fraud and identity theft is not to give out personal informa-

tery, why send money to pay fees lars?" he said. "Be careful. There

the Northville Township Police Department said growing technolbe able to be found on a state Web site of licenses," he said. "Do a lit-tle investigation of who you're ogy is also a factor in identity theft and fraud. He said the majority of identi-

> "It's easy to compromise someone's information over the Internet," Mayes said. "The more technology available, the bad

guys will use to their advantage. The best thing, as a resident, is Helke said one of the biggest schemes used on seniors is lottery phone transactions and verify everyone who comes to your door

Strict security for Nordstrom's Twelve Oaks Mall opening weekend

According to recent police reports, two officers of the Novi Police Department reported to Nordstrom in Twelve Oaks Mail at about 5 p.m. Sept. 29 regarding the Police Briefs

ing a case of retail fraud.

When the officers arrived, a loss prevention officer had the suspect in custody, reports said. According to the report, the loss prevention officer observed the man, via security cameras,

As the man exited the store.

him into custody, reports said. By the time the Novi Police arrived, it was discovered that the man attempted to steal two belts, two pairs of sunglasses and a pair of underwear, reports

place two belts and a pair of said.

anderwear in a white Macy's bag while riding the escalator.

According to the report, the five items totaled \$200 worth of merchandise.

Fall-down drunk

A man was arrested for operating while intoxicated just after 8 p.m. Sept. 28, reports said. An officer, who was sitting on Wixom Road facing southbound. observed the man traveling

rary license instead of his regis-tration, reports said.

According to the officer, there

The driver originally told the northbound in a gray Ford at 51 mph in a 35 mph zone, reports said.

was an odor of intoxicants com-ing from the man and he appeared lethargic and would not look at the officer.

officer he was coming home from work, but later admitted to

officer initiated the traffic stop on Wixom Road, south of Grand River Avenue.

The man had difficulties getting his license out of his wallet and handed the officer a temporal feet of the ground. When he bent down to pick them up, he fell

you're dealing with a legitimate business or business representa-

The officer had a difficult time getting a correct reading from the preliminary breath test, but eventually the man's blood alco-hol concentration registered .1

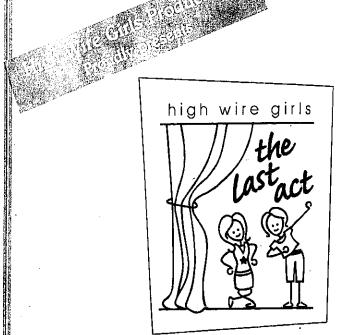
Boulder bandit

missing from a residence on Eubank between South Lake Drive and Maudlin Street at

boulders near the end of their Neither the residents nor their neighbors had seen or heard any

suspicious activity, reports said. There was no physical evi-dence found at the scene, but the THINKING ABOUT...

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Victoria Mitchell

This projects includes the rehabilitation of approximately 7,900 lineal feet of existing 8-foot wide hitmingus applied pathway within bituminous asphalt pathway within Novi at the following locations: Taft Road between Emerald Forest Drive and Dover Bouleyard; Nine Mile Road between Chase Drive and Meadowbrook Road;

T&M was the lowest qualified bidder, for a total of \$131,795.80.

City manager Clay Pearson pre-sented council with a video and announced the City of Novi won the 2007 Voice of the People Award for Excellence in Code Enforcement.

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MEETING NOTEBOOK

Mayor Landry added an issue to

the agenda regarding the "Ringing in the holiday parade."

Landry and Mayor Pro Tem

City to purchase 14 new

Meadowbrook Road south of Nine Mile Road: Taft Road between White Pines Drive and Dunbarton Drive: Taft Road south of Nine Mile Road; Novi Road between 13 Mile Road and Wimbledon Way and Taft Road south of 11 Mile

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GUM DISEASE AND TONGUE CANCER

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eriodontiis (gum disease) and tongue incer is based on preliminary vidence, more research needs to be onducted to confirm the link. In the

conducted to confirm the link. In the meantine, gum disease prevention is a worthp pursuit in and of itself. Gum disease is a very big threat to dental health as well as overall health. And, as usual, the best way to deal with gum disease is to prevent it, with daily brushing, Bossing and visating the dentist on a regular basis. We are diffigent in our approach to making save periodonal disease doesn't destroy your smile. It is been awhite same vour's and a dental checkup, now is the perfect time to call us. It is our mission to deliver the highest level of care, using the latest materials and always caring about our patients' comfort.

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City-wide pathway rehabilitation project approved to award contracts to the lowest qualified bidders for 14 new vehicles among various departments to the lowest cless among various departments.

Capello came up with the idea for City Council to make a parade float.

City to purchase 14 new vehicles

extended a challenge against other

approved the first reading of the

for the City of Novi.

First reading of zoning ordinance amendment approved

ity of Novi.

wehicles will cost
, which is less than the
the city budgeted.
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such
such uses as music, art, dance,
arthur weright uses ray mema-\$322,729, which is less than the \$343,340 the city budgeted.

crafts, martial arts, exam preparation and similar instruction. The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed language at a public hearing Sept. 5 and

taken from the Monday, October 8, 2007 regular meeting of the



MY EDUCATION



Novi High School marching

The Novi Wildeat hand now has a Web site providing infor-mation for upcoming events. Everything from dates, maps, event schedules, etc. is available. Access to this information may be found by visiting http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/parentscomm/orgs/WebPages/HSBa

Free and reduced lunch program

Oakland County schools have released the policy for free and reduced-price meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch and School

Breakfast Program. The chart breaking down the criteria for the 2007-08 school year is now on the Oakland Schools Web site at http://www.oakland.k12.mi.us.

Application forms are being sent to the homes of students and will also be available in the school office. Families may apply for meal benefits at any

contact Mary Claya, child nutri tion consultant for Oakland to six members, half of which Schools at (248) 209-2102.

Novi Athletic Booster's All Sports Pass

includes all family membe Michele Rydzewski at mry dzewski01@yahoo.com o

Sally Ride Science invites kids to enter competition

Sally Ride Science154 is giving girls and boys in grades five out of their classrooms and expe rience engineering hands on by creating their dream toy or game for the sixth annual TOYchallengeTM.

The mission of this toy-design competition is to motivate kids, especially girls, to get involved in engineering, see that engineer-ing is in everything, and experience engineering as fun, creative, collaborative and relevant to

everyday life.

The competition is open to fifth through eighth graders in the United States, its territories, or possessions, and Canada during the 2007-08 school year. Team size can range from three must be girls. To get a team

Now is the time to purchase ar athletic booster all-sports pass for entry into all home athletic events throughout the 2007-08 school year. Tournaments, invi-tational and playoff games are excluded. The family pass ing in the same household for \$140. Individual passes are \$40. Please bring photo identification information contact moira.robinson@hotmail.com

Top Honors

Novi High School's 2007 National Merit semifinalists, front row, left to right: James Brunner, Robert Burgos, Christy Duan, Jingyun Fan, Paul Fritschen, Henry He, Sami Khan. Back row: Vikas Kodali, Patrick Lee, Sir Oyeleye, Bala Sekaran, Malati Vadapalli, Jackie Wang, Ruixiao Zuo. Not pictured, but a commended National Merit student - Tianling Xiao.

started; Find an adult coach (18 years of age or older) and sign up by Dec. 12 (fee is \$45 per tgam); then choose from themed-toy categories including "Games for the Family," "Get out and Play," "Toys That Teach" and start brainstorming.

Further TOYchallenge information is available at http://www.TOYchallenge.com. All submissions will be judged on originality, creativity, engi-neering, feasibility, design process description, team partici-pation and clarity of communica-

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Carol Tingwall, said he gained a

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The contest will be held Oct.

1-31 and will recognize three outstanding Oakland County teachers with a \$1,000 check. Panera Bread currently has 40 locations across southeas Michigan, with the largest con-Students interested in entering centration of bakery-cafes in their teacher into the DFT con-Oakland County.

For more information on the test should submit an essay no more than 200 words on why

his/her teacher deserves the · http://www.panerabread.com/to award. Along with the \$1,000

Michigan State University sen ior and car enthusiast Eric Tingwall of Novi, may have spent less than a week at an auto show in Germany, but the experience witt last a lifetime.

The mechanical engineering and journalism student arrived in dermany Sept. 10 to attend the 2007 Frankfurt Auto Show for Kevin Smith, Edmunds editorial expression. The contest was part of the Saturn Astra's marketing kevin Smith, Edmunds editorial campaign on Edmunds Web four days as a correspondent for director and Scott Oldham, sites

MSU student wins German

Auto Show trip

On Campus

Edmunds', a high-speed automo- Inside Line's editor-in-chief,

two online imagazine. Tingwall won the trip after he crafted a looked for essays with persua-

new perspective on automotive spond for the site's blog, Straight Line, at the auto show

test

The highlight of the trip. Tingwall said, was test driving the Saturn Astra and writing a review about the car the last day he was

Since his first year at MSU, the Howe Military School, a pri-

also has been involved with Triathlon Club, which consists of competition in swimming, biking nd running.
To review Tingwall's blogs on
Line, visit

Straight Line, visit http://blogs.edmunds.com/Straigh tline/category/cat.SaturnAstra-FrankfurtShowContest.

coeducational school, grades

Indiana. announced their Headmaster's List for the first Cadet Alex Eitelman, a 12th grade student at Howe and the son of Brenda and Greg Eitelman of

five-12. located in northeastern

nected from the lives and Novi, received this special award minds of "normal" people. by attaining at least a 3.0 average in his studies in a college prep Well, we aren't doing that. And that's why an important part of the Michigan's Cadet Eitelman has beer Defining Moment campaign attending Howe Military Schoo is something called "EnvisionMichigan." it's an

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would like it to be. How

would you like to share yours - and maybe win a

prize that could include a

, college scholarship, a vaca-

tion at one of our nicest

resorts or a shopping

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ing citizen engagement campaign, Michigan's

Defining Moment. The goal

is to bring thousands of

Michigan citizens and lead

conversations" to grapple

economic and political

political leaders have utter

Our problems are serious.

The base of our economy -

the auto industry and the

United Auto Workers union

is struggling to survive.

Our state's budgeting, leg-islative and political sys-

Taken together, we're fac-

ing the biggest crisis since

the Great Depression, truly

"defining moment" for

What we can't allow this

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share their vision for Michigan. What's your

would keep your grandchil-

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problems we face problems we face - prob-lems, quite frankly, that our

y failed to resolve.

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I've been writing a lot

Chicago?

how do we get there?

We want you to tell us. You can tell your Michigan

story in words, in photos, or

And EnvisionMichigan is

offering more than \$30,000

scholarships, vacations to

centerformichigan.net to

Here's a sample, submit-

ted by Bill and Nancy Woods, from Kalamazoo,

together with a lovely photo

of their dog, Ginger, in a

snowy scene at Kalamazoo

College's Lillian Anderson

"Michigan Inspires won-

lakes and streams, cities

that we can foin together

of economic planning, not

only for the tourist indus-

try, but also as part of what attracts employers

peninsula, look about

help set the tone for the

community conversations that will take place all over

months. Once we've shared

will be easier to discuss how its job.

Submissions like this will

in common pursuit of testing.
prosperity while preserving That,

natural resources.

spree?

Here's your chance to shape state's future

About Phil Power

in prizes, including college the inability of members of

top Michigan resorts and clear, common vision of the weekly Meijer shopping sprees. Just go to www.the-ed to help create.

der with its mixture of percent sales tax on a woodland and prairie, bewildering and seemingly

and villages. Our hope is from palm reading to coin-

Those resources should be in state spending," over the considered an integral part next 30 days, Is this a rigor-

and workers to our state. example, our lawmakers "If you seek a pleasant had agreed with Bill and

tics

Phll Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues

But there's a larger certainly get its budget cut

ucts.

in Michigan, and was a regent of the University of Michigan from 1987 to 1999. He is also president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate think-

and-do tank. These opinions and others expressed in his columns are his own

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we can find common

dimension to all this, as

well. Here's what lay

beneath the chaotic, frus-

trating and embarrassing

spectacle that we saw acted

out in Lansing a couple

weeks ago: Basically, it was

the legislature to come to a

Lacking a common vision,

they were unable to develop

- much less agree on - a

ciplined plan to tax and

spend the right amounts

needed to achieve our goals.

an unfocused and expen-

sive outcome: An increase

in the income tax, plus a 6

unrelated set of activities

operated blood pressure

That, and — oh yes — a pledge to cut "\$435 million

ously focused and disci-

plined taxing and spending

We know better, If, for

Nancy Woods that the beau-

resources and our environ-

ment are a vital part of our

plan for prosperity, they

would have made sure there

was plenty of money in the

of our natural

What we got instead was

rigorously focused and dis-

ground to get there.

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But that didn't happen, and the DNR will almost

yet again. What if our law

makers had agreed that a

future meant we need our

the world? People, that is

who can help companies

That vision alone ought to

have been enough to spur

the legislature into voting a

special appropriation for

years of scandalous disin

vestments. But the sad

leges and universities will

money withheld from their

dime of additional money not even to keep pace with

inflation - which means

ting higher education once

again.

Now, you have a chance

The Michigan's Defining

to have your say about this

Moment campaign offers a way for citizens to come

together, develop a shared

state to look like - and

then, to derive from that

focused and disciplined pol

appropriations last year

our universities, reversing

develop laboratory inven

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ALLERGY & ASTHMA

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king policies. If there said sking or pets in the room previously, you recomfortable. Bring your recomfortable, bring your

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X.Physical.Therap Rehabilitation Update by Dennis Engerer, P.T. CAUGHT FROM BEHIND

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When pain is experienced in the butnocks, lower back, and down the back of
the thigh, the culprit may be the piriformis muscle. Piriformis syndrome is a
fondition in which the piriformis muscle
in the buttock irritates the sciatic nerve.
A small muscle located deep in the butlocks that helps the hip to rotate, the piriformis runs horizontally beneath the
gluteal muscles of the buttock, stretching
from the lower spine to the femur (thighbone). The sciafic nerve mus vertically
and usually passes beneath the piriformis
muscle. In about 15% of individuals, the
sciatic nerve passes directly through the
piriformis muscle. These individuals are
particularly prone to piriformis syndrome when the muscle tighters and
exerts pressure on the sciafic nerve.

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HOT TICKET: Wines You Must Try tonight at Mezza Mediterranean Grille, 42050 Grand River Ave.

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Unless noted below, all pro-

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. sec-

DETAILS: Drop in for informal

needlework group in Youth Area;

TIME/DATE: Noon-1:30 p.m.

second Thursday of each month

DETAILS: Book discussion

group for older adults facilitated

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ormance; please register.

Starlight Story Time

Tuesday, Oct. 16

read by librarian

Wednesday, Oct. 17

TIME/DATE: 7-7:30 p.m.

Manic of Mark Crilley

librarian; please call to join.

TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Sunday

DETAILS: Free vo-vo trick per

DETAILS: Wear PJs for stories

TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

DETAILS: Grades 5 and up

meet the author responsible for

characters Akiko, Billy Clikk and

All About E-mail for Seniors

LOCATION: Council Chambers,

DETAILS: Public welcome and

Chost Hunting in Michigan

DETAILS: The Southeast

of chostly encounters; please

Design-A-Plate Days

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20; 4-8 p.m.

luesday, Oct. 23 and Wednesday

the story of slat mining in Detroit

beginning in 1906; please regis-

Knitters and Knotters

· TIME/DATE; 6:30-8 p.m.

DETAILS: Informal needlework

group meets in Youth Area; all

English Conversation Group TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-noon

volunteer from Oakland County

TIME/DATE: 2-4 p.m./Sunday,

DETAILS: Certified appraiser

Virginia Fournier will share from

items per person at \$3 per item.

paintings, jewelry, stamps, coins

Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday;

CONTACT: (248) 624-3772

TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first

DETAILS: Enjoy recorded

refreshments; lasts about 90

classics, discussions and

minutes.

Attendees should not bring books,

Literacy Council; meets

once/week for 4 weeks

Trinkate or Trageura

Tuesday, Oct. 23

Michigan Ghost Hunters Society

presents amazing video accounts

Oct. 18

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday

Miki Falls; registration not

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17

Library Board Meeting

Senior Book Discussion

grams take place at the library

and fourth Monday of each

Knitters and Knotters

EVENTS

Detroit Area Entrepreneurs TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11

Country Club, 40941 W. Eight Mile Rd., Northville DETAILS: This first meeting of the Detroit Area Entrepreneurs Club will feature Kip Marlow, President of The Entrepreneurs Club of America speaking about lessons learned in his business and his visions for the future of the club. Luncheon served at

CONTACT: For information or to make a reservation, contact club president Linda Mitchell at (248) 363-6880, e-mail her at lin damitchell@comcast.net or call the TECA office at (866) 920-

Wines You Must Try

distributors: buffet of

Thursday, Oct. 11 LOCATION: Mezza Mediterranean Grille, 42050 DETAILS: Walk-around wine tasting with over 50 wines from the area's smaller, more selective

tickets (available at By the Bottle) \$30 or \$35 at the door. 1st Annual Southeastern

Mediterranean food; advance

Michigan Oyster Festival Saturday, Oct. 13 LOCATION: Gus O'Connors 42875 Grand River Ave.

DETAILS: This all ages even benefits the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The event will feature music from Finvarra's Wren, Laith Al Faadi, Ladv the James Montgomery Band. Other draws include a wide range of oyster treats, an eating contest frish dancing, giveaways and a silent auction on items tion, raffles, plated dinner, including a snowboard, satellite dessert, best-dressed contest. television, sports memorabilia Make reservations at www.angi and equipment, and vacation lahospice.org or call Barbara Paul trips. The family event costs \$10 (734) 953-6014. for adults. \$5 for children 5-12 and is free for children 4 and

younger. CONTACT: (248) 465-9670

Pearls of Wisdom TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-7 p.m Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday through October LOCATION: Picasso Cafe, 39915 Grand River Ave DETAILS: Barbara Eko Murphy exhibit of life drawings

www.barbaraekomurphy.com

CONTACT: (248) 427-0600 or

Farmers Market DATE: Every Wednesday through the end of October TIME: 7 a.m.-1 p.m LOCATION: Walled Lake Cit Hall Field (between Decker and DETAILS: Vendor applications

booth is \$12 per day, special discounts are offered.
CONTACTS: Cail Janell Joyce (248) 624-4847 for application

Novi Rotary Club TIME/DATE: Noon every

Thursday LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. Ten Mile Rd. DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting, visitors welcome, check website for speaker information, www.novirotary.org.
- Annual Holiday Raffle

DATE: Friday, Dec. 14 DETAILS: Enjoy an enchanting evening of "Dancing with the Stars:" help support our various community efforts with the pur-chase of a raffle ticket; tickets are \$125 but only 125 will be sold; Grand Prize is \$5,000 bu other prizes also awarded. CONTACT: Ginger Barrons at (248) 348-0551 or email Ginger novirotary@twmi.rr.com

Art Van Community Events Art Van Furniture Store, 27775 Novi Rd., Novi, (248) 348-8922 Breast Cancer Research

DETAILS: October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Art

Van Furniture has joined the campaign with a pillow program where a portion of the proceeds will be donated to support breast cancer research at the Van Elslander Cancer Center at St John Hospital, A collection of 27 throw oillows in different colors and designs are available and

retail for \$24.99 and \$29.99. The program will run through the end Undate on Design TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16

DFTAILS: Steve Piersalf, CEO and Michael Kirby, Director of Merchandising, for Huntington House well give an overview of how to undate a single room or entire house. They will share design ideas and color, style and fabric trends. Refreshment served and gift given at this complimentary event. Reservations requested to (888) 619-2199. Kids Castle will provide free

supervised play area for children. Halloween Safety Bag Giveaway DATE: Saturday, Oct. 27

DETAILS: Children receive complimentary Safety Reflective Trick-or-Treat bags, while supplies last.

Catholic Central Rummage and Bake Sale

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 LOCATION: 27225 Wixom Road DETAILS: Proceeds benefit

school; bag sale at noon.

Light up a Life Benefit TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace, Diamond Center DETAILS: Angela Hospice 3235 or (248) 705-9519. hosts gala benefiting programs for terminally ill patients and thei families. Theme is "Groovin' and Cruisin' through the 60s." Event features live performances, hors d'neuvres, open bar, silent auc-

Jordan Rubin Book

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 13 LOCATION: Better Health Market, 42875 Grand River Ave.,

DETAILS: New York Times best-selling author Jordan Rubin will be in the store to discuss his nocoming book "Achieving Your CONTACT: (248) 735-8100

Democrats of West Oakland County

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16 LOCATION: Maple Restaurant and Golf, 31260 Wakefield Dr. (Fourteen Mile between Novi

DETAILS: Deborah Brown Army veteran will speak on "Iraq Get Out Now." CONTACT: Jim at (248) 624-

Bereavement Support

TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center,

DETAILS: The topic of discus-Through Grief" at the monthly bereavement support group facil-itated by Dr. Michael M. Meyer. A brief prayerful reflection during the meeting will be conducted by a clergy from the area. This aftercare program is provided by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home as a service to the community.

Autumn Brunch and Auction TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Saturday,

LOCATION: Wyndham Garden Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd. DETAILS: Sponsored by the American Business Women's Association; proceeds benefit their Education and Scholarship Fund. Includes silent auction, live auction, basket raffle; \$25 per person. Visit www.abwa-novi.org CONTACT: Marcia Applegate

(248) 848-3043 or marcia.apple

gate@att.net.

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23

LOCATION: Emagine Theatre, 44425 W. 12 Mile Road DETAILS: Event hosted by Variety the Children's Charity features a strolling supper and a movie preview; proceeds benefit Detroit: tickets \$50 per person patron tickets \$100 per person. CONTACT: For tickets, call (248) 258-5511

"The Adventures of Tom

Sawver' TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Friday Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, Saturday, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3: 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27 and Sunday Oct. 28: 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30 LOCATION: The Novi Theatres, Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd., Novi DETAILS: Two casts of young

actors from Novi, Walled Lake, Wixon Redford Northville. Commerce and Farmington Hills will present this classic story; tickets are \$12 (\$5 for school performances when purchased as a group), all seats are reserved; purchase lickets at the Novi Civic Center Parks Office CONTACT: For information, call (248) 347-0400

Catholic Central High School Mother's Clubs Holiday Craft Show

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-4 p.m Saturday, Nov. 3 DETAILS: Vendors and crafters wanted; Holiday Craft Show is open to all artists crafters or business people selling items suitable for holiday gift giving; contact (810) 231

Michigan Filmmaker's Marketing and Distribution

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 LOCATION: Lawrence Technological University, 21000 Northwestern Hwy.), Room S321,

DETAILS: One day seminar to help sell your movie; speaker is Michigan's premier independent oroducer Bob Brown discussing his attitudes, philosophies, lessons and opinions on marketing and distributing your film; fee of \$65 (\$55 for Michigan Production Alliance members or students with I.D.) includes seven hour seminar, lunch and beverages; register online at http://www.mpami.org. e-mai ro@mpami.org or call (248)

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce

We're about business. We're about networking. We're about creating excitement in business and networking! Everyone is welcome to attend information call Whitney, executive director (248) 347-4622 or wmgncc@yahoo.com. Also visit www.greaternovicham-

Sales Leads Group 1 TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of LOCATION: Hooter's of Novi

DETAILS: Serious networking, no fee. CONTACT: Michelle Winn at

(248) 835-3754 Arts Round Table TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. first Tuesday of every month LOCATION: Mixx Lounge, MainStreet Atrium DETAILS: Discussing art and culture in our area: all welcome

Meel the Candidates TIME/DATE: 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18 LOCATION: Mixx Lounge, ainStreet Atrium DETAILS: Chat with Kathy Crawford, Rob Gatt, Mayor David Landry and David Staudt;

everyone is welcome.

Business

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24 LOCATION: Telcom Credit Union, 44575 W. 12 Mile Rd

DETAILS: Network and learn from Minesh Baxi, successful speaker and mentor; RSVP by Oct. 17 to Linda Daly at (248) 596-4466

Diamonds are Forever TIME/DATE: 7 p.m.-midnight Friday, Nov. 9 LOCATION: Rock Financia

DETAILS: Novi Parks Foundation gala and awards presentation; hors diceuvres, trolling buffet, dessert bar, mar tini luge, open bar, live entertain ment, silent auction and casino games; \$125 per person or \$200 per couple; RSVP by Oct. 26 at

Novi Chamber of Commerce The chamber is celebrating 40 years of business, renresenting over 500 members. Our mission is to be a responsible. proactive advocate of business interests in the greater Novi fessional people working ogether to enhance the life of our community and the busi-

nesses in it. For more information, visit www.aovichamber.com or contact the chamber office at (248) 349-3743

Wamen in Busines TIME/DATE: 5:30-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: The Works Avenda Salon Spa. 1123 F West Maple Rd., Ste. 5, Walled

DETAILS: inaugural event to new women's group; meet other business women and sample spa services; free gift bag and per person includes food and

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Commerce Since 1963, the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce has proudly served as West Oakland's Regional Chamber servicing the communities of merce Townshin, Unio Lake, Walled Lake, Waterford. om. Wolverine Lake and White Lake. Our purpose is to improve the quality of life for pusinesses and residents in the Lakes area. We act as a unified voice on behalf of the busines community, provide a forum to interest, serve as a source of nformation and develop programs that are responsive to the needs of the communities we serve. For more information visit www.lakes or (248) 624-

BUSINESS

Females in the Family **Business Affinity Group** TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of every

LOCATION: Walsh College DETAILS: Walsh Business

Leadership Institute invites in, or work for family businesses. Items discussed will be common issues, and omen can share solutions in a nonthreatening, noncompetitive non-sales roundtable. Registration is required. CONTACT: Jan Hubbard.

CLASSES

Providence Center for the

Healing Arts LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

Wanted: One-Time Art Workshop Instructors
DETAILS: We are looking for people who have an art or craft that they would like to share in our series of one-time workshops; call (248) 465-5455 if

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Street, Suite 101, Northville, Fax: (248) 349-9832 ■ E-mall: vémitchell@ gannett.com

Colored Pentil Workshop TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., sec ond Tuesday of every month DETAILS: The cost is \$2 beginners welcome.

Ceramics Class Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 1-5 DETAILS: \$10 materials fee

Knittin' Yarns TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. DETAILS: Join others and create hats and shawls for

Tai Chi Class TIME/DATE: 10:15-11.a.п Thursday DETAILS: Ancient Chinese exercise used to improve flexi bility, balance, strength; no

experience necessary; \$5

Meditation IME/DATE: 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Thursday DETAILS: Learn proper breathing techniques that can be used at home or on the job to help reduce stress; class held in reflection space,

Cancer Center. Yoga Classes TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:15 p.m. Monday (for backs): 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday (strength & endurance): 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Wednesday and 12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday (for backs)

DETAILS: \$10/walk-in: \$80/10-Wednesday, Oct. 17 class card; \$70/7-week evening session; registration required. Novi Civic Center Massage broadcast live on channel 13.

TIME/DATE: Various times, Monday and Thursday DETAILS: Therapeutic massage is effective for stress and tension, chronic fatigue, pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treatment should bring physiment: \$50/50-minute session

Line Dancing DATE: Monday and Friday TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m. intermedi

DETAILS: Create one-of-a-kind. dishwasher safe plate; materials provided: scout leaders make LOCATION: Novi Civic Center rvations for your troop; \$6 45175 W. 10 Mile Road DETAILS: No partner needed: **Detroit Salt Mines**

pay-as-you-go; Novi residents TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Sunday. \$5, non-residents \$6. DETAILS: George Davis tells

SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT

Novi Community School District Board of Education

DATE: Thursday, Oct. 18 LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Rd. CONTACT: (248) 449-1204

Novi City Council Meeting DATE: Monday, Oct. 15 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting DATE: Tuesday Nov. 6 TIME: 6 p.m.

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, Walled Lake City Library LOCATION: 1499 E. West 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd. CONTACT: (248) 347-0410 Maple Rd., Walled Lake HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday and

LIBRARY **LINES**

Novi Public Library LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 1-5

TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of month.

Book Discussion Group **Used Book Sale** TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third

DETAILS: Drop in for informal discussion; bring a bag lunch; check library for current book

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Tuesday, of the Library. DETAILS: For ages 2-4, regis-

Evening Preschool Story 6 and adult female; "The View from Saturday" by E.L. hursday DETAILS: for ages 3-5, no reg-Library Board of Trustees

eting TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Friday of each month Evening with Authors TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. uesday, Oct. 23 DETAILS: Book Talks with

authors Karen Siehoria I ori Goff and Linda McLean; refreshments omvided. Creepy Creature Comedy

Friends of the Library

Tuesday of each month

Preschool Story Hour

TIME/DAY: 6:30 every

tration required.

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25 DETAILS: Interactive Halloween show, surprises, hilarl Investor Education TIME/DATE: 1-4 p.m Saturday, Oct. 27

Wixom Public Library

LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m

CONTACT: (248) 624-2512 ESL Cafe TIME/DATE: 3:30 p.m. every

sation-Improve your English speaking skills by speaking with people from other countries trying to improve their English: no ests: instructor bein free

Information Desk. TIME/DATE: 10:30-11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18 and 25 DETAILS: Registration begins

ects for two-year olds accompa nied by an adult; meet in Craft Preschool Story Time DATE: 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday in Oct. or 1:30 p.m. every Wednesday in Oct. DETAILS: Stories, songs and art activities for three-year olds

for children up to 24 months and Read Week

DATES: Oct. 14-20. DETAILS: Vote for your favorite book of 2007; submit your favorite joke for prize draw ings: Speed Stacking Competition at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15 (register in advance): Comic Saturday, Oct. 20 (register in

Fantastic Friday TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Friday, DETAILS: "Everything Orange";

please register T(ME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23 DETAILS: Spooky stories of Michigan's own ghosts; registra

TIME/DATE: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17; 10 a.m.-8 n.m. Thursday Oct 18: 10 a.m. 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19; \$5/Bag Day! 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday

DETAILS: All proceeds to ben efit library; sponsored by Friends Mother/Daughter Book Club

DETAILS: For girls in grades 4 Konlosburg available for check out (please register at that time) first meeting 6:30 p.m. Nov. 7, pot-luck dinner and book discus

The Beauty of Depression TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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Center

Line Dance-Int.

Dance-Beg.

Novi Senior Activities

LOCATION: Located in the

Meadowbrook Commons Senio

Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook

CONTACT: (248) 347-0414

Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-noor

Saturday; call for appointment.

9-11 a.m.: Anyone Can Paint;

11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: Line

Noon: Lunch 12:15 p.m.: Contract Bridge

1:30-3 p.m.: Book Discussion

The Curious Incident of the Dog

n the Night" by Mark Hadden

2:30-3:30 p.m.: Line Dance

9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength

12:30 p.m.; Dupl. Bridge

10 a.m.: Body Recall

Noon: Lunch

1-3 n.m.: Computer Lab

Massage: 12:30-4 p.m.

DETAILS: Register at NOVI

Thursday
DETAILS: Coffee and conver-

CONTACT: Karin at the

Tuesday; stories, songs and pro-

and up with an adult in library: neet in Craft Room. Baby Days TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 15, 22, 29 and Nov. 5 DETAILS: Drop-in story time

Laugh Out Loud During Teen

pumpkins, leaves and cats;

1 p.m.: Bingo vations are required by Oct. 12. Saturday Noon: Fall Line Dance Party at Contact the Area Agency on Agir 1-B at www.aaa1b.com or call AAA Novi Civic Center 1-B at (800) 852-7795. admission and parking.

9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength 10 a.m.: Body Recali 11 a.m.: Computer Lab until 2 o.m Noon: Lunch 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle 2 p.m.: Tea, \$1 at doo

8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread; Coffee and Conversation 9-11 a.m.: Line Dance-Int 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; AARP Driver 10 a.m.; Aslan Pacific 10:30-11:30 a.m.: Bookmobile 11 a.m.-noon: Computer Lab

Noon: Lunch Wednesday 9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength 10 a.m.: Body Recall 11 a m.: Také Off Pounds Sensibly; Computer Lab until 2 n m · Blond Pressure 11:30 a.m.: Beg. ClogginaNeon: Lunch 12:30 p.m.: Club Clogging

6:30 p.m.: 8eo/Easy/Int. 7:30 p.m.; Club Clogging

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friends of someone with an

alcohol problem, helping them

to recover from the effects of

living with a problem drinker

CONTACT: (248) 706-1020

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every

DETAILS: Support group to

CONTACT: (248) 937-3314

Journeys Cancer Support

Group TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m., the

first and third Monday of each

attain and maintain sobriety;

registration not required.

Alcoholics Anonym

Support Group

Sunday

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every

DETAILS: Al-Anon is similar

Boot Skootin Participants enjoy the Thursday morning intermediate linedance class at the Novi Civic Center. Linedancing classes meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings and are offered through Novi Parks and Recreation

Loss of Spouse/Significant

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. first

DETAILS: Individual and fami-

v services offered free for those

through suicide; call (734) 464-7810 for more information.

TIME/DATE: 5-6:30 p.m. every

DETAILS: For children ages 6

8, 9-12 and 13 and up; free of

charge; includes light meal from

5-5:30 p.m.; while children are in

quardians attend their own group

Heartstrings: Parents Who

group sessions, parents and

Children and Teen Grief

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m.

Sulcide Loss Support

who have lost a loved one

LOCATION: 27475 Huron CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) Circle (adjacent to Twelve Oaks 334-3595

reavement Support Group

DATE: Third Tuesday of each

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center

DETAILS: The meeting pro-

vides the opportunity for those

In grief to share their story and

to learn about the phases and

tasks of orief. All are welcome:

no tee. CONTACT: Michael M. Meyer,

DETAILS: Grief suppor

ontn TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.

45175 W. 10 Mile Rd.

CONTACT: (248) 735-1500 Onen House TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily or by appointment. Picnic Tuesdays offers free box lunch for two if one member is over

8th Annual Solutions for Family Caregivers Expo Saturday, Oct. 20 LOCATION: Diamond

Ballroom, Rock Financial

Doctorate of Ministry Showplace, 46100 Grand River Angela Hospice Groups DETAILS: The fair provides caregivers with valuable information groups include general grie from expert presenters on a variety loss of a spouse, women's orief of important topics and the oppor parents who have lost a child tunity to visit with more than 100 and a grief support guilters group. All groups are led by and nonprofit organizations that bereavement professionals and provide services or products to assist caregivers: Free adult respit care provided for loved ones while Care Center, 14100 Newburgh caregivers attend the fair but reser

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Farminaton Hills

Living With the Loss of a

LOCATION: Our Lady of

Sorrows, 3815 Power Rd.,

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Sunday

DETAILS: Widowed men and

this program; Grief Recovery I is

Widowed Friends, a peer support

women are welcome to attend

conducted by members of

ministry; a \$20 fee covers al

materials: call Shirley at (248)

333-3284 to register by Sept. 24.

Adoptive Parent Networking

DATE: Last Wednesday of

LOCATION: Holy Family

DETAILS: This informational

families in Oakland County. Ther

is no charge. Child care is avail-

ting is open to all adoptive

TIME: 10-11 a.m.

Catholic Church, 24505

Meadowbrook Rd.

CONTACT: Joan Lee (734) 953-6012 General Grief Support

roups TIME/DATE; 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday

LOCATION: Angela Hospice

Thursday of month third Wednesday of month DETAILS: Register by calling

(734) 953-6012

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first Grief Support Quilter's Group TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and reatment Center hosts a sup-

LOCATION: Lobby of the Charach Cancer Treatment Center, off the hospital's South DETAILS: The Charach Cancer

> know someone living with can-CONTACT: (248) 937-5163

port group for anyone dealing

a cancer experience or who

continued on 10A LOCATION: 1 William Carls... DETAILS: Open to all losses. PARTNERSHIP HAS BEEN FORMED TO

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Oct. 12 all Fire Sta. will be open from 1-5 p.m. for tors to see their

or call Human Resources at 248-347-3275

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continued from 9A Alzheimer's Caregiver Support

TIME/DATE: 2-3:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month LOCATION: Krieger Center (South Garden Entrance)

DETAILS: Designed to allow caregivers to share tips and offer support to each other; for questions or directions call (248) 937-3314.

New Parents Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second and fourth Wednesdays of each

LOCATION: Hospital Conference Center DETAILS: A supportive environment for families to share

their struggles, learn how to resolve issues after the birth of a child; discuss concerns such as sleep deprivation and coping with the emotions of parenting CONTACT: (248) 858-7766 Support for Smokers Group

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Tuesday of each month **DETAILS: Provides education** and support to quit smoking; no fee and no pre-registration

required. CONTACT: (248) 937-3314

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)

Friendship Circle DATE: Second Thursday of each month TIME: 1 p.m

LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Rd., between Taft and Beck DETAILS: Social group for all

widows and widowers. CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) 851-6730. Florence Voight (248) 477-3032. Jav lovaldi (248) 348-9138 or joylovaldi@earthlink.net

MOMS Club of Novi DATE: First Thursday of each

TIME: 10 a.m LOCATION: Novi Civic Center DETAILS: Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a

non-profit support group for mothers who choose to stay a home with their children or work out of their homes.

CONTACT jensungfleming@yahoo.com **Kensington Valley Mothers**

of Multiples DATES: second Thursday of TIME: 7 n m LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot,

300 Dorothy St., South Lyon. DETAILS: This group provides information, support and social birth children and their families Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Valley school conference are all

CONTACT: (248) 437-5496 for

Breast Cancer Support

Group DATES: second and fourth Tuesday of each month LOCATION: Huron Valley Sinai Hospital (Classroom C) Commerce

TIME: 10-11:30 a.m. DETAILS: No registration CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

Crohn's & Colitis Support

Group DATES: First and third Wednesday of each month LOCATION: Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center TIME: 7-9 p.m.

DETAILS: Enter facility through southeast entrance. Meeting in Conference Room A CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) Foundation of America (888)

Heartland Hospice Volunteers Needed

TIME/DATE: day and evening LOCATION: 28588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield

DETAILS: Caring and comnassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office support is also needed CONTACT: Mary at (800) 770-

Novi Toastmasters DATE: First and third Tuesday LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd.

TIME: 7-8:45 p.m. DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations CONTACT: Amv (248) 752-

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter TIME/DAYS: 11 a.m. weigh-in

every Wednesday; 11:30 a.m. LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons, 25075

Meadowbrook Rd., Novi DETAILS: \$24 per annual membership, includes hand book; \$1 per meeting. New members welcome. CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke (248) 305-8646

<u>FAITH</u>

Meadowbrook Congregational LOCATION: 21355

CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757 or visit www.mbccc.org or

gmccc@arounddetroit.biz Sunday Worship TIME: 10 a.m. DETAILS: Meadowbrook

Academy of Religious Studies

class "Your Spiritual Autobiography," led by Rev. Ritter in 5 sessions SCHEDULE: 7-8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct.16 and 23. Those interested should call the

First Baptist Church of

church office.

Navi LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Rd. CONTACT: (248) 349-3647

or www.firstbaptistchur Sunday Schedule Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Rible Study: 6 o.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m., fourth Sunday of every

iscopal Church of the

Holy Cross Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile

www.churchoftheholycross.com Sunday Worship TIME: 7:45, 10 a.m. Sunday School TIME: 9 a.m. Adult Bible

Study; 10 a.m. Worship Center for ages 3-7; 10 a.m. All ages Youth Worship TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second

and fourth Sunday of every DETAILS: All youth welcome. Alzheimer's Support Group DATES: second Saturday of

month TIME: 10 a.m. DETAILS: Offering support and open discussion for all those dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

Church of the Holy Family LOCATION: 24505

CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or Mass Schedule TIME/DAY: 7:30, 8:45,10:30

a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m Saturday Adoptive Parent Networking

DATE: Last Wednesday of each month TIME: 10-11 a.m DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland

County. Child care is available. Registration is required. CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) Interested in the Catholic

CONTACT: Call Maria at (248)349-8847 or spiritwalker001@aol.com Understanding the Mass

Why Do We Do What We Do? TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m Monday, Oct. 15 DETAILS: This is a "Catholic Jpdate" presentation held by Father Tim Hogan.

Oak Pointe Church LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 o

Sunday Worship

TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Flu Clinic TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. LOCATION: Oak Pointe CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or

hurch, Room 231 DETAILS: Cost is \$29 per accine, Medicare Part B or Blue Advantage clients are free; Driver's License and Medicare card required. HAP Senior Plus clients will be provided with a receipt for reimbursement; cash or check accepted;

CONTACT: Diann at (248) 912-0047 ext. 330 or diann@oakpointe.org to reserve a vaccine.

St. James Catholic LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile

CONTACT: (248) 347-7778 Mass Schedule TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5

LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile

CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit www.umcnovi.com Sunday Worship TIME: 9:45 a.m.

Peace Vigil TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month LOCATION: In front of the

DETAILS: Members of the ty will stand united in prayer for Movie Night TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m

Saturday, Oct. 21 DETAILS: "Facing the Giants," a family film about football and faith: free, community welcome. TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Saturday

DETAILS: Silent and live auc-

tion; tickets are \$25 per person donation and must be purchased in advance; includes buffet dinner. Artists and Crafters Wanted DETAILS: The church is hosting an arts and craft show Saturday, June 21, 2008, Vendor space will be available indoors and out: contact Pam Davis.

First United Methodist of

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or visit www.fumcnorthville.org

DETAILS: 9:15, 11 a.m. and 7 Healing Service DATE: first Monday of every

TIME: 4 o.m. Men's Bible Study TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Room 10 ring Hearts Women's Bible Study TIME/DATE: 12:45-2:30 p.m. every Tuesday

LOCATION: Chanel unstairs DETAILS: Child care available cost is \$11 for materials. Disciple One Bible Study TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. every Sunday; or 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday DETAILS: Course lasts 34

weeks; covers 70 percent of the Disciple Three Bible Study: Remember Who You Are TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

every Wednesday Disciple Bible Study: Jesus and the Gospels

will be reading "The Faith Club;"

Suicide Loss Support Group

DATE: Second Thursday and

fourth Monday of each month

DETAILS: New Hope Center

for Grief Support is offering this

have lost a loved one to suicide

CONTACT: New Hope Center

TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m.

DETAILS: Program includes recreation, dinner, bible study

LOCATION: Meadowbrook

Meadowbrook Rd. (south of 13

CONTACT: (248) 427-2700,

and music; grades 4-12.

Crosspointe Meadows

Elementary School, 29200

for Grief Support (248) 348-

www.newhopecenter.net

LOGOS Youth Club

support group to those who

TIME: 7 p.m.

0115 or

register at (248) 344-4248.

TIME/DATE: 3-5 p.m. every Sunday The Faith Club TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every other Thursday DETAILS: This interfaith group

hosting a series of free seminars to help residents save homes from foreclosure; information presented by housing industry professionals and anencies: contact Oakland County Housian Counseling at (888) 350-0900, ext. 85402;

Joy to the World

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DETAILS: The Oakland County

TIME/DATE: 6:30-9 p.m Tuesday, Oct. 23 at Oakland County Executive Office Building, Conference Center East Room, 2100 Pontiac Lake

Road, Waterford TIME/DATE: 6:30 -8:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008 at Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham

<mark>Ameri</mark>can Diabetes Association Events

Step Out to Fight Diabetes DETAILS: A 5K event at the Royal Oak Zoo raises funds for programs and services working owards the prevention and cure of diabetes; Oct. 13. Visit diabetes.org/stepout or contact Seth Reis (888) 342-2383 ext.

Schoolcraft College LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads CONTACT: For more informa tion and to register call (734)

Divorce Support Group TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month 1 OCATION: Women's Resource Center, Room 225

The group Children Helping Children, coordinated through the International Institute of Metro Detroit, performs at the Novi Parks International Festival Saturday, Oct 6. dur

6710

462-4438

McDowell Center DETAILS: Open to anyone contemplating, in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce: first meeting is group liscussion, next meeting features speaker Cynthia Koppin, MA, LPC, LLP: no fee or regis-

tration required. One Heartbeat Away TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday,

Oct. 25 LOCATION: VisTaTech Center DETAILS: A panel of cardiac about the latest in prevention, risk reduction, diagnosis, treat-ment and interventional cardiology. Educate yourself on the very best technology and meth-

ods available right here in your

CONTACT: www.dmc.org/peo-2500 to register. Ask questions inline at www.hvsh.org/chat.

Women's Resource Center Fall Luncheon Series TIME/DATE: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26 and Dec.14 College, VisTaTech Center

DETAILS: On Friday Bill Peterson will presents "Dancing with the Stars," dancing for fun and exercise, bring your dancing shoes: Oct. 26 Professor Michael Swope presents "The History of Television:" Dec. 14. presents "The Art of Welding." form: \$15 per luncheon; prepaid registration required, no tickets issued; limited seating.

Ask An Attorney
DATE: second and third Monday of each month about divorce and family law. Sept.- May; walk-in, no fee; (734) 462-4443.

Send your calendar items to Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167, fax to (248) 349-9832; or e-mail to vemitcheli@ganneti.com.

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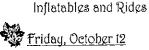
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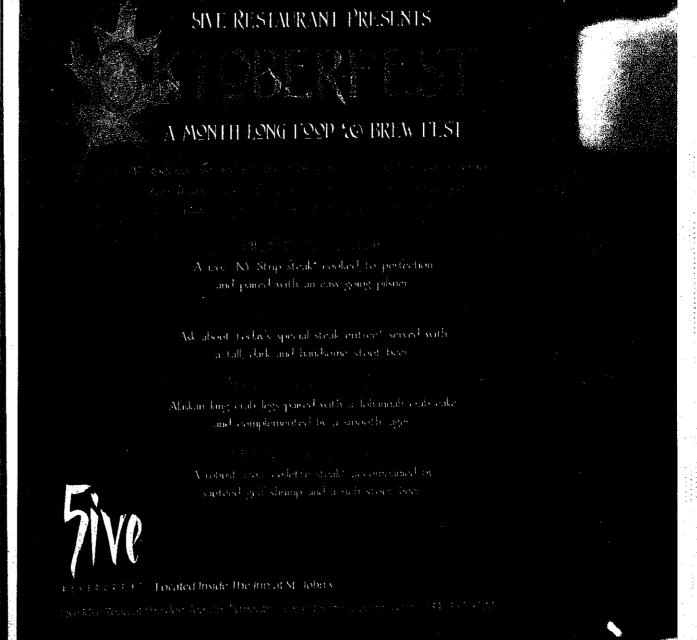
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MY NOVI COMMUNITY

Thursday, October 11, 2007 www.novinews.com

Million-dollar market, upscale homes available in Novi



Developer Mark Guidobono stands in one of his company's Tuscany Reserve homes, the "Portofino," on Monday afternoon. Cambridge companies and Guidobono Building held a grand opening gala for the development off Eight Mile Road on Oct. 3.

While many on the move are worrying about the real estate mar-ket. Eric and Mark Guidobono are

building multi-million dollar homes at Tuscany Reserve.

The subdivision, located off Eight Mile Road west of Beck Road, is currently under development, holding its grand opening

The community has the potential to fill its 77 acres of land with 58 homes sized at 4,000 square feet and up in two phases over the next

Such custom-built homes will cost between \$800,000 and \$3 million, with most averaging between \$1.5-1.8 million

"We felt there was a need for it," Eric Guidobono said. "We'll always have people in this market looking for custom built homes. We get 20 couples in to look at the homes every weekend." Eric is president of Guidobono

Building and Mark is president of Cambridge Companies. Together, the brothers are building Tuscany

Other shared communities Woods of Edenderry in Northville, where homes run between \$800,000 to \$1 million. They also built 50-60 homes at Pheasant Hill in Northville and a number of indi-

vidual locations and subgroups.

The Bellagio, located off Beck
Road south of Nine Mile Road, is one of Novi's most expensive com-

It reached its capacity in November, six years after it was built, filling up with entrepreneurs, auto executives, Internet and wine investors, professional athletes, a commercial cement contractor and

"It's the same type of product,"

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ann allucumes 1993 e Tuandus 1995 e Tuiten leg Eric said of Tuscany Reserve. "The interiors all have custom trim work.

Big houses, small market

The standard specifications are generous compared to competi-

Despite the ever-present "for sale" signs stagnating on modest suburban homes, the Guidobonos

subarroan homes, the Subarobotos are cautiously optimistic.

"We're positioned. We've got the perfect storm coming in. Now is the best time to buy. We're able to buy. labor and most materials cheaper than we could've four years ago," Mark said.

"All price ranges (in) real estate have been impacted by the automo-bile industry. There's a slump from overbuilding, but (Michigan) isn't as overbuilt as other areas like Florida, California and Arizona. We feel it will turn around here

The industry is looking good for not only builders, but potential

Scott Lorenz, president of Westwind Communications and spokesman for Tuscany Reserve, said labor costs are more competitive, giving buyers more house for their money.

Feeling the pinch

Although home shoppers may find better deals in the current hard economic times, many are also willing to spend less to purchase a

"People shopping in the \$5 million price range in 2002 are down to \$1.5-2 million," Eric said, "We hit the market right at the really bottom. It's going to be slow sail-ing for the next year or two." Eric said they've had to scale down homes from 5,600 to 4,600

square feet to make it more afford-able.

able.

Mike Fontana, former president
of the Michigan Mortgage
Association, said a mortgage on a
\$2 million home could cost about
\$11,700 per month, which can vary
describe on profession interaction. depending on principle interest rates, property taxes and home-owner's insurance.

owner's insurance.

He said the narrow market is a special niche commonly filled by successful white-collar profession als, but it will still see the same problens as the rest of the industry.

"It's definitely a challenge right

now. With income, credit and now. With meone, credit and whether they have a house to sell, it can be a big predicament." Fontana said, "Because the market is oversaturated, they would have to drop the price (of their current home), which creates less equity for down payment for the next home."

Although costly, the Guidobonos

think it's quite a deal.

"There's nothing like this on this side of town," Eric said. "It's a one of a kind development."

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Local student paints mural for Novi Public Library

When she's not busy with extracurricular activities, Joy Chen creates her own community service projects by beautifying the places around her.

The junior at Northville High

School spent about 30 hours this summer painting a mural for the Novi Public Library. "I went to the library one day

and asked if I could paint a mural for them," Chen said, "They took a they called and asked if I was still The mural, which depicts the

illusion of a scuba diver waving from an aquarium full of tropical fish, sharks and coral reef, is not Chen's first project of the sort. She also painted a mural at the also panticed a muta at the Northville Civic Concern pantry and worked alongside fellow jun-ior Louis Dorantes as eighth graders, painting murals at Hillside Middle School in Northville.

"The two I did at Hillside, my friend was painting and I asked if I could help," Chen said of her first mural-painting experience. "I've parallel to her own.
always been interested in art.
When I was little, I did lots of doowith books or animals," Chen said.

Who is it?

Novi Public Library was unani-mously selected by the library board Sept. 29, but was not announced at last Wednesday's board meeting.

However, it was confirmed that

interim library director, Mary Ellen Mulcrone, was not offered the posi-

"I'm going back to my role as assistant director and will continue to work in support of the library and the bond." Mulcrone said last week. "I don't want people thinking this change is bad."

Mulerone has been running the

There was some perception that the decision was made in closed ses-sion, but that does not seem to be the case," Schultz said. "The decision Schultz said the interviews and decisions made during the selection process of the new library director were done in public forum.

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"Her work is unbelievable, and she's an incredibly talented young lady."

Margi Karp-Opperer

Chen, who lives on the Novi-Northville horder, is currently tak-ing the AP studio course at Northville High School, but doesn't plan on making art a profes-sion, but rather a hobby many would say she does very well. "Her work is unbelievable and

"Her work is unbelievable and she's an incredibly talented young lady. She captured gorgeous col-ors, so it's extremely realistic," said Margi Karp-Opperer, head of youth and teen services at the Novi Public Library. "Around the perimeter, she put facts in about some of the fish, so it's also educa-tional, livery day you look at it and

notice something new."

Chen said she had lots of ideas about what her mural could be, but

I came up with a bunch of different designs and showed them to a librarian who shared them with the other librarians and they liked the aquarium, which was good because it was the one I liked too."

because it was the one I fixed foo."
Painting is Chen's "in my free
time" summer hobby, as she keeps
herself busy during the school year
playing flute for the Northville
High School Band, tennis for fun
and is a member of Interact Club,
National Honor Society, Make a
Difference and the Debate Club,
organizing events such as Dance organizing events such as Dance Dance Revolution charity

"She's a very caring and comimpressed me is that she was



Northville High junior Joy Chen looks at the aquarium scene mural that she created at the Novi Public Library. It took Chen about 30 hours to finish the acrylic paint mural. This is Chen's third creation, with the other two at Hillside Middle School.

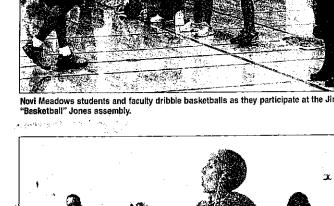


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hemastat clamp and suture needle in hand and with some help of Phy Assistant Leonard Russo, left, Novi High students Rachel Winagar and Rohith Ravi practice making stitches on chicken breasts during a Partnerships in Education visit



Novi Woods Elementary students, staff and parents stroll around the school on Oct. 3



Novi Woods' students Jeren Ghoujeshi, left, and Nandita Ravi walk with the school Wednesday morning during its Walk to School Day activities. Students were encouraged to walk to school and join others in a jaunt through a nearby subdivision to

A Day at School

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Jim "Basketball" Jones entertains a group of students at Novi Meadows. Jones taught the importance of following directions, and brought civic lessons mixed in with bas-ketball skills, noting that if you care for others feelings you're showing respect and



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The bride-elect is a 2002 grad nate of Esperanza High School and a 2006 graduate of California State University Fresno. She is currently employed as a career resource specialist at Work Opportunities Unlimited in Pensacola, Fla. The groom-elect is a 2002 graduate of Novi High School and a 2006 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy where he carned a bachelor of science degree in

aeronautical engineering. He is currently a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force pilot training pro-gram, Pensacola, Fla. A wedding is planned for Dec. 29 in Yorba Linda, Calif.

and Mrs. Clayton

man was Janes Lawson. The bride wore a simple, fitted white silk Clayton William Lapari were married June 16 at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon. Rev. Tim Lawson officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Rod

and Karen Sullivan of South Lyon. She graduated from Novi High School in 1998 and from Michigan State University in 2002. She is cur-

State Driversity in 2002. Since to Con-mently employed in the entertain-ment industry in Los Angeles.

The groom is the son of Martin and Carol Lapari of Covington, La. He is a 2001 graduate of Emerson College in Boston and is currently employed as a television writer in Los Angeles. os Angeles.
The maid of honor was Katie

Copp and bridesmaids were Peggy Abraham, Jessica Roemer, Brooke Gaston, Kim Putman and Megan Rasmussen, Gabriella Gaston served as flower girl and the bes man was James Lawson. The bride

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Church supports youth before football battle, Kitna attends

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Any time Novi and Northville square off in high school sports, it's an instant baseline battle students from both schools fully sup-

Church in Novi, knows this and used it as a reason to form a pep rally for the annual football game between the two schools. Add Detroit Lions quarterback Ion - can come to find truth and have a

Kitna as the keynote speaker and place to come. We just want to let you've got yourself a real party.
"He'll share his heart. He's He noted that kids from many walked the same steps (the students) have," Janigian said. "He's been around the church a little bit. dents from South Lyon High He lives in the area. We have a Lions (management) staff member who goes to church here. I beat both of you thought it was a shot in the dark. I didn't think (Kitna would) go for

idin't think (Kitna would) go for ances by the Northville drum line, Novi pon pons and Northville's But he did, and now Kitna will principal, Robert Watson, will be be part of the second annual Novi/Northville Pep Rally. The event will take place from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at Oak Pointe Church, 50200 W. 10 Mile Rd., to get local students pumped up for the Oct. 19 Novi vs. Northville

football game. 1Pods
"We'll have a full tailgate in the aways.

Novi/Northville Pep

totally free and open to high school kids. It's a safe place to be Wednesday nights and it's more of an introductory event." Rally What: The second annual Novi/Northville Pep Rally, featuring Jon Kitna of the last year, Janigian said. With the addition of Kitna to the agenda, Janigian expects more than 500 Detroit Lions soeaking and and giveaways will also take

"The majority of the group wouldn't consider themselves churchgoers," Janigian said. "We want to be a place where students Who: Novi, Northville, South Lyon and other local high school students are welcome to attend Wednesday, Oct. 17

Church, 50200 W. 10 Mile nearby cities come out to church dents from South Lyon High School showed up wearing T-shirts that read "South Lyon. We Why: To get high school

students pumped up about the Oct. 19 football matchup between Novi and Also to give them a safe place to hang out and meet new people.

Novi News staff writer Chris Jackett can be reached at (248) terback competition, male cheer-leading competition, tug-of-war and other games. Prizes include iPods and Nintendo Wii give-349-1700, ext. 122 or



Oak Pointe Church's Jack Janigian is organizing a Novi/Northville Pep Rally for high school students on Oct. 17 that will feature the Northville drum line, the Novi pom team, free tailgating and a speech from Detroit Lions' quarterback Jon Kitna.

Boy Scout Troop awarded Scouting's highest honor at Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Members of Boy Scout Troop 179 were recently awarded Scouting's highest honor at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor cer-Eagle Scout Court of Front emony held at the Troop's sponsoring organization, Presbyterian Church Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills.
The following young men

were recognized

Kiel John Martyn School: Farmington Age: 17

Kristy and David Martyn
Eagle Project: Created and
installed a wired and wireless LAN throughout the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills. Mortyn is currently a senior at

Farmington High School, and is playing his second season on the Varsity Football team. He is looking forward to college next year, and is hoping to attend either Michigan State University or Central Michigan University.

Kyle Thomas Nazaroff

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School: Senior, Walled Lake Western High School Residence: Novi

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Eric Michael Vorenberg School: Freshman, University istration. He is also enrolled in the

North Farmington High School) a portable feeding house for sheep for the MSU Tollgate Farm. Residence: Farmington Age: 18 Nazaroff was a member of the band and played football at Walled Lake Western High Barb and Thomas Vorenberg

Eagle Project: Built

Eagle Project: Raised funds, purchased and built benches and School. He also enjoys Ultimate Frishee with his friends and is a planters for a garden at the member of the Walled Lake Western German Club. He hopes attend Central Michigan

School: Michigan (Graduate of

Bloomfield.

Vorenberg is enrolled at the University of Michigan where he is studying political science, concentrating on public policy and U.S. politics, and business administration. He is also anesolated in the property of the property

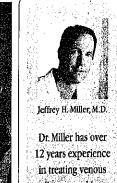
positions of leadership in Scouting. He started out as the Assistant Patrol Leader for the Engle patrol under Chad Al-Dairy and from there he became the Patrol Leader, There was never a time in Weinfurther's Scouting career that he did not hold a lead ership position which included

Assistant Patrol Leader, Patro Leader, Instructor, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader and Junior Assistant

Scoutmaster. In 2004 he received the Troop 179 Leader of the Year Award,
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Equestrians reign in eighth consecutive season

By Chris Jackett

Novi High School's equestrian team has risen to the challenge of another successful competi-Wildcats completed their

eighth season as a varsity team with 221 points, claiming third place in District 1-A. An overpowering Milford team won the division and South Lyon knocked Novi out of second place at the third and final meet. Novi's team was plagued with two injuries. Howell and Walled Lake Northern rounded out the division that included teams

with 10 or more equestrians.

"We were really strong for the first and second meet. We weren't as strong at the third meet, but everything went wrong that could've," said junior Jenniter Joez, "We were up 15-plus points ton South Lyon for second place) after the second

second place) after the second meet and fost by about 20." Six schools made up Division B and 10 made up Division C in Conference sport. Milford and Howell each had teams in all three divisions, and South Lyon also had a norm in Division B. also had a team in Division B "Milford has a strong team

with talented horses and riders," said Novi head coach Nancy Burtka, "It's a very unique sport, Meets are kind of like an open show with saddle, hunt, western

said each event is made up of about 200 horses from all 21 District 1 teams. She also said there used to be a nicet in

Seasonal victory

Members of the Novi High "It was a very exciting season because we did so well, said Buitka, who noted the team's hest events were the fence, jumping and other hunt seat

Senior second-year captains Chelsea Rozek and Megan Young, along with juniors Joez, Alison McKinley and Gabby Pollock, led the Wildcats brough much of the season.

"Our two seniors did very well in hunt seats, especially fences. We have two more juniors (Pollock and Joez) who were our most versatile riders," Burtka said, "Gabby did a particularly good job this year because she barred a horse with her sister. Whitney, Gabby brought a sec-ond horse to do western and gymkhana.

As the season progressed, the off the score sheet.

"At the second meet, one horse injured itself in its stall. It ... Jackett can be reached at (248) kicked off a shoe and tore ligaments. Kelly (Savela) went out ### 349-1700, ext. 122 or cjack-ert@gamett.com.



member Erin Collin saddles up her horse Shiloh.

blood. She still came to the meet ntoon, she still came to the faces to help us out. She got a new horse for the third meet." Burtka said. "Erin (Collin) had another challenging season because her horse had an injury (back spasms) at the last meet. But she helped the other kids out and got them to the gate on time."

them to the gate on tin The most memorable momen of the season was not so much of a seary moment that had a safe finish.

"There was one hair-raising event. Alison McKinley had quite the challenge, an energetic horse named Buddy. It was the last event in the last show. He not only showed his excitement and energy, but had all four feet off the ground," Burtka said, "Buddy thought he was a lipizzan in the Spanish Riding Academy. He was a very chal-lenging horse and was excused. We want all body parts of all living creatures to be OK at the end

Jocz said although there may he scary incidents involved with the sport, she and McKinley have been friends and riding partners since fifth grade when they both fell in love with eques-

triamsm.
"You get to do things and and gynkhara events. There's done before, Joes said. "You're 17 different events starting at 8 working directly with a non-am, and usually finishing human pattner, so you can't around 6 or 7 p.m.

The three meets in September all took place at Milford's Huron Valley Equestrian Center, next to Milford. High. School. Burtka of alice, their world and your could be seen the H's kind of alice. Their focus and thoughts world. Their focus and thoughts are more directed at responses

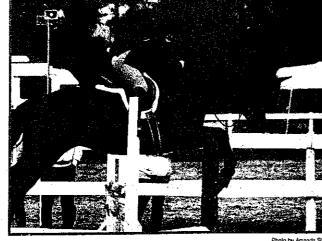
Fowlerville, but the events have learn about other fiving creatures grown too large for that space. Learn about other fiving creatures before getting into the sport. The team puts in lots of extra hours year-round training for their sea-

son. "Because we live in Novi. none of us have our own ranch. Everyone leases or boards a borse and rides them several times a week. We visit each other's barns and build team cantaraderic with a dinner meet-ing before every meet so every-one understands the lineup, Burtka said, "(The season) is short, but intense. They train year-round at their own individ-ual barns. They have to be able to perform very specific maneu yers with the horse. Our riders

vers with the horse. Our rudes did very well with that."

The team was first formed eight years ago when Kellyn Burtka, Nancy's daughter, a Michigan State University student and current assistant coach, convinced the district to start one.

"My daughter had an unend ing love and devotion to equine." Nancy Burtka said. "She started riding from 7-8. We got her four lessons for her birthday and she



Novi High School senior and equestrian team member Megan Young jumps her horse,



Novi High School soph-more and equestrian team member Stephanie Schulz rides her horse

Author Jordan Rubin | Oyster festival at Gus O'Connor's discusses a heavy problem at Novi visit Weight. At some point, it's an issue for just about everyone. It's one thing many people

don't know much about while also having so much information readily available on the subject. It's something that could be on the rise or decline and many people just let it run wild, if running were even involved at all.

Jordan Rubin, a New York Times best-selling author of numerous weight-related books, will be at Better Health Market in

Novi on Saturday to discuss his newest book, "Achieving Your Perfect Weight." He will have presentations at ed excernt from his book and an 735-8100.

The author recently published the first volume of a new health magazine, "Extraordinary magazine, "Extraordinary 349-1700, ext. Health." which features an adapt- cjackett@gannett.com.

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article by Dawn Thorpe Jarvis analyzing why many Americans

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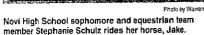
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Novi High School junior and equestrian team member Jennifer Jocz turns her horse Taxi while in competition



HORSING AROUND



Equestrian enterprise

Seven of the 11 Novi

team members keep their

horses at Willowbrook on

Plymouth border. Two other

"(At the barns.) you play with speed, work on turns

riders keep their horses at

the other two keep their

horses. Hunter style is

where you are judged on the horses and equitation

iudaes the rider. It's like fia-

ev." Novi High School junior

Jennifer Jocz said. "It's a

team sport, but it's very

individual because you're

working for your own place

among everyone else. You work on trust and commu-

nication with your horse. You get a lot of support

Five team members lease their horses, while the other

sands of dollars. The team

from team members.

High School equestrian

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International Fest is important hit for City

parade wasn't the only fetc in

Parading through Main Street were the annual particinants of the City of Novi nternational festival.

Hundreds of revelers

descended upon the city's Main Street gathering area at Novi Road and Grand River Avenue from noon-6 p.m. for Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department's annual event.

Representatives from countries such as Japan, China. India, Pakistan, Lebanon, Taiwan and Mexico shared their cultures' traditions and participated in the Parade of Nations during the late after-

But much more was offered that afternoon than food, fun, entertainment and laughter. What did happen, which we nternational population. of our grow Novi is growing to more population.

Last Saturday, the Novi than 52,000 residents. And High School homecoming according to 2000 census population was classified as other than White, a number that is sure to have grown.

Last year, Novi Community School District reported 23 percent of the district's population as Asian, 4 percent as Black, 2 percent as Hispanic. 70 percent as White and less than 1 percent as Hawaiian and American Indian

response, the district added Chinese Language and Culture to its world languages curriculum and joins Bloomfield Hills, Troy and Birmingham high schools in its students as well as visiting students from Northville

This year, the district began translating handbooks in on the Novi Community Schools Web site We applaud the City and school district's global support is recognition and school districts global support of the city's growing approach and embracement international population.

of our growing international

Nancy Cassis

Senate Republican involvement

small businesses. In addition, I will join those who take steps to improve Michigan's business cli-

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ilies deeper.

Lansing **Connection:** Michigan must return to what made it great

myself over the last year was, that any "will increasing taxes on individu-als, families, seniors, and busi-nesses help or hurt Michigan's solution had to struggling economy to recover from being in a one state recession?" Research done by myself and staff coupled with e-mails in oth in other from my constituents convinced me the answer was "no." increase

Lespecially considered the fact that Michigan has lost more than 207,000 jobs, a decline of 4.2 per-cent, while the rest of the nation has seen an increase in jobs of 6.8 down the government. Without Giving this unfortunate reality I voted "no" on increasing taxes because I won't kill more

jobs.
The heart of Michigan's economic misery is twofold, First, we tax our people too much. From April 2000 until October 2006, the five states having the lowest general corporate taxes have increased jobs by 14.3 percent. The three states having no general corporate tax at all—Nevada. Wyoming and South Dakotaseen a 17.6 percent job

Unfortunately, during that same time, Michigan's Single Business ment of my constituency given Tax was in effect. Thankfully the Michigan's troubling economic SBT, a burdensome tax that was widely despised for most of the Sadly, the deadlock had to be usiness owners and legislators, reforms and revenues. My stance was replaced with a more equi-table business tax this past sum-mer. But on the heels of this enlacement comes a massive—taxes and government spending is \$1.48 hillion tax increase, courwell-documented. But the governor made her choice clear raise taxes or I will shut down the state, Unfortunately, Michigan has tion. So it appears we take one step forward, and then two back. We simply tax our people too taken another step backward.

Second, we spend too much time working with both sides of the aisle to constructively mitigate short \$1.75 billion. Gov. and legislative tax burden on our citizens and Democrats put forth a plan that would have raised taxes \$2.1 biltion and added several new spendng programs.
Republicans control only 1/3 of

us, once again, a strong job creator state government: the state Senate.

Although we passed a balanced More structural reforms and cost budget with all cuts and reforms, savings must be done.

As always, I look forward to rejected it. They wanted to pass a budget with no cuts and no me by e-mail at senneassis@sen-

The governor was adamant and season as sense sisting season at the michigan gov, or tell free at 1-888-38-NANCY. The graphic chart for the story "School funding still undecided, \$315k increase at risk" on the state of the community school's budget incorrectly read Sept. 16 as the date of the second Student Count Day. The actual date was Sept. 26. The story was published on page

MY OPINION

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library's home page at http://novi.lib.mi.us and use the

library services calculator to find

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price to pay to help Novi get the new library it needs and deserves.

Laura Marie Casey

Novi Library 2007

Vote yes on November 6.

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means to you.

Bush Vetoes Child Health

Recently President Bush vetoed the bill that would provide better health care for the children of this country. Arnold Schwarzenegger put it best. He declared, "You can't wipe out the deficit on the backs of the children." But that is exactly what this president is attempting to do. Bush's veto of that bill is unconscionable. After starting a war and spending billions on it, Bush is showing his priorities. And those priorities evidently do not include the children of this coun-

Care Bill

New Library Vote

I encourage voters to support the upcoming Novi Library pro-posal on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Because the library is conve-niently located next to the high school, many students use it as a place to relax and study after classes. Being an active library user myself. I appreciate the great variety of books, videos and music available at no cost to students. It would be greatly improved if there were more space, furniture and chairs to ecommodate all the students working there each day. The library is a safe and welcoming. community building that encour-ages good study habits using the

literature available. It seems to me that most to spend \$28 a year to invest it beautiful, new facility that upports education in the com-

variety of technology tools and

munity.
Novi schools are nationally recognized and having a library that parallels the achievements of the district would show sup-port for educational values. Having a new library building

have maximum impact on students and the community.

How awesome is it that
Taubman Centers, Inc. has donated \$30,000 for the 30-year anniversary of the Novi Public Library? The owners of Twelve Oaks Mall care about the Novi community enough to support this educational facility. I hope Novi residents feel the same way and come out to vote in favor of the Novi Library millage propos-

> Novi Library Board Student esentative, Novi High School Sophomore Class President

Doreen Lawton Library Bond Proposal

al on Nov. 6.

Although Novi's library has served us well in the past, we need more room now, and not only to accommodate the new technologies! We need more "quiet" spaces for children, espe-cially those from grades 1-3. Various studies have shown that if children don't develop their reading skills before fourth grade, they will have problems learning throughout the rest of their school years. By fourth grade, they need to read well in order to comprehend! Children's access to a library's books and

access to a norary's books and programs plays an important part in developing both skills and enjoyment of reading.

There will be a very small turnout of voters on Nov. 6, so we need to remind our family. friends and neighbors to vote "Yes" for the library proposal on the ballot. Every vote is important. Let's have a great turnout for this election!

Novi Parks Thankful

The Novi Parks Department and the International Festival

LETTERS

committee members would like to thank our sponsors for con-tributing to the 7th annual Novi Parks International Festival, We would especially like to thank our presenting sponsor, St. John Providence Park for supporting this unique event that showcases the diversity that makes up the Novi community.

Sponsorships by Telcom Credit Union and Singh Main Street Village provided entertain-ment for the 2 stages that featured performances from over 20 different countries. Other sponinclude Main Street Partnership, LLC, Larson Jewelry Design, Flower Alley, Jewelry Design, Flower Alley, Takada Dentistry, Suzuki Myers & Associated LTD and the

What's the cost of a new Novi library?

On November 6, Novi residents will be asked to vote on a bond proposal to build a new library. The bond is for an average .26 mills for a 20-year period for construction on a new 60,000 square foot library on the existing library property. This millage will allow the city to issue \$16 million in bonds for construction, furnishing and equipping the new building.

The cost to Novi homeowners

is small compared to what it would cost to purchase new books, CDs or magazines. The impact to residents would be an average of \$28/year for a home valued at \$220,000. That's just 8 cents a day.

The current City Council has

pledged not to exceed the exist-ing tax rate of 10.5416 mills. They see the need for Novi to have a new library and will make other adjustments to the city budget to absorb the cost of the bonds. This means that overyour taxes should not Should things change in the

future and other city priorities take precedence, the impact of

Scott Daniel

Sımdav Worship TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

www.crosspointemeadows.org

9 a.m.-2 p.m. or visit

Rd., Northville CONTACT: (248) 374-5978 Sunday AM Women's Bible

TIME/DATE: 10:20-11:15 a.m. every Sunday through Dec. 30 LÓCATION: Room A101-103 Nottenkamper covers "The Life You've Always Wanted," a study

NOW Bible Studies TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

hv John Ortbera.

Book Study

DeRoche Child-

It was with great disgust I read the comments by State Representative Craig DeRoche in the article "Novi leader dejected by state budget." From where I sit, Mr. DeRoche's comments are completely self-serving, partisan

In fact, it reminded me a lot of how fights between my 7 and 6 year old boys often go. No mater what the older boy does to Dad, he did this or he did that. In effect, Mr. DeRoche is say-ing, "but the Democrats did

this..."

Mr. DeRoche, I don't want to hear it! I don't want to hear the two parties blaming each other for the problems. Try acting like grown ups and work together to solve some of the state's problems. In case you haven't noticed. Michigan is in a lot of trouble. The last thing the voters want to hear is the two parties bickering like little boys and girls on the

playground. Fix the budget, fix school funding and pass laws and other measures that help Michigan keep jobs and attract new ones. After all that's done, the two of you can sling all the mud you want, Until then, SHUT UP and

Tom Watkins: What now is beautiful, was once very ugly

Today, beautiful upscale condos and a new shopping plaza are going up to grace the west and east corners of Five Mile and Sheldon roads in Northville Township.

the increase in taxes would have been higher and the painful impact on the state's working fam-Yet memories of isolation. numan warehousing, neglect Senate Republicans always sought to enact reforms and reductions in spending. Overwhelmingly, citizens in the and abuse come to mind when pass this intersection. This sn't a case of an overindulgent 15th district that contacted me imagination - but rather docu rejected increasing taxes to resolve the budget impasse. My mented cases of abuse that took place on this site to some "no" votes against increasing the income tax from 3.9 percent to of our community's most vul nerable people; people with developmental disabilities. 4.35 percent and extending a 6 Ironically and pathetically

the name of this institution of abuse was the Plymouth For Human Development (PCHD). It was part of 'care' provided by the Michigan Department of was and is we should have done later lead under Gov. James this without tax increases. My own record on holding the line on Blanchard.

> and out of mind for many in the metro area. Today, with ming just a stone's throw away, it is difficult to imagine that this corner was once part of the Michigan countrysi when this state-of-the-arinstitution opened in 1960 and housed there at its peak in

The conventional wisdom at the time from the "professional help community" was if your child was "disabled," give them up to the state.

Why arryone would think the that many years ago. "Give up your disabled child and get on with your life" was the refrain.

history of care for people with disabilities was vile and ugy. and many other parents While we have come so very far, there are places in our ple with disabilities could live state today that you would not with dignity and respect in

want your loved one to be

Last month I witnessed just how far we have come from this corner of abuse while attending the annual Friends of Community Living Services, Evening with Friends Awards

ity and are there to help pro-vide support.

Peter Pan

for many decades. state was a better caregiver seems bizarre now - but that ties are living in their own was the common wisdom not apartments and own homes with friends they chose to live with they are working at jobs they choose and have created their own businesses Alice Saules and Mary Davis

Why bring up this unseen ly history, you ask? Because the past are condemned to repeat it wrote poet and philosopher George Santayana

"You must be the change you wish to

The evening was a celebration of the freedom th Mental Health that I would sons with disabilities have gained over the years. It was a major dose of adrenaline that The PCHD was out of sight made the nearly 1,000 attendees trumpet the value of their Interstate 275 and M-14 hum- who happen to have a disabil-

"First You Must Believe!"

warriors" Alice Saules and Mary Davis, founders of the who have been fighting for freedom and dignity for their children and countless others

About Tom Watkins

Tom Watkins is a business and education consultant. He served as state superintendent of schools from 2001-2005. Read his internationally recognized report: The New He can be reached at towatkins@aol.com.

homes and hope. If there ever was a cure for depression or being a sourpuss, it was attending this event. The triumph over adversity, love, friendship, and just pure, raw human decency wrapped itself around you every second during this celebration of life, digni-

from it. They laid the founda-

others built the

Your Life, Your Way

My personal evening high light came in meeting Oak Park resident David Taylor. David the energetic and outgoing advocate told me one year able from the man he is today because he was so withdrawn and depressed. Today, David is a confident

young man who invests his and advocate for people in need And what a motivation Baily, the recently retired Oak Park Schools Superintendent. has helped give David the support, encouragement, love and friendship to help polish him into a true diamond in the rough" who shines bright and stands tall today.

Amazing what we are capa-

Amazing what we are capa-ble of doing with a little help from our friends. essence of human decency and brought tears to my eyes

human decency, was Lake

Joe is the outreach coordinator and lead trainer at located in Troy.

Joe has trained hundreds of community members in video production. When people with disabilities signed up for his class, Joe did not create a "special" segregated class for these men, but enthusiasticallar" class. The fact that Joe has the active support of H. Jay Wlencko, Jr., executive director, just adds icing to the

In accepting his award Joe said he was honored and, like all hefore him that had given so much of themselves to be a friend, he felt he received was the simple truth that had the greatest wallop to me and the hundreds in the audience when he graciously accepted his award and said. mon human decency to our fellow man, being kind, thoughtful and giving to ALL people is the norm and not something to be singled out

for recognition."
Yes, Joe, it will be a great day of celebration when that day comes but, until then, thank you and Community Media Network for helping to

way for us all Remember, dignity is nothing more than the freedom of allowing people to be themselves.

Ward Evangelical Church LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile

Saturday
LOCATION: First, second and Shop, 2334 Farmington Rd mington; Third Saturday,

DETAILS: Theme "In Your

Wildest Dreams:" 7 small group TIME/DATÉ: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday through Dec.

LOCATION: Room C309 DETAILS: "He Speaks to Me" by Priscilla Shirer MOPS TIME/DATE: 9:15-11:15 a.m.

and 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each monti LOCATION: Room C307-309 **DETAILS:** Support and encouragement for mothers of

CONTACT: Day MOPS, Jan Janke (734) 367-9171; for evening MOPS, Keli Plansinis (248) 561-8019.

St. Paul Lutheran LOCATION: 201 Elm St., CONTACT: (248) 349-3140 Senday Worship TIME: 8:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m

The Baha'i Faith TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last LOCATION: 23803 Ripple

Creek St., Novi DETAILS: This Devotional Gathering is focused on prayers for peace. People of all faiths ekome. CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or isit www.us.bahai.org

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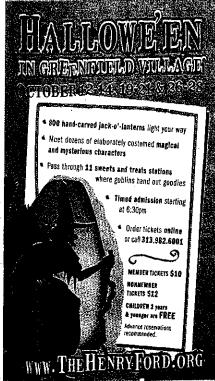
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visit www.singleplace.org Walking Group TIME: 11:30 a.m. every

fourth Saturday, Big Apple Bagel Panera Bread Co., 34635 Grand DETAILS: This is a walking/social group, Everyone

St. John Lutheran LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit www.stiohn-lutheran.com

Saturday Worship TIME: 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship TIME: 9, 11:15 a.m. Refresh and Rejuvenate"; cost is \$30 per person.

Universitist Unitarian Church of Farmington LOCATION: 25301 Halsted Rd Farmington Hills

CONTACT: (248) 318-8044 or www.uufarmigton.org Faith Community Presbyterian

LOCATION: 44400 W, 10 Mile CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org Sunday Worship TIME: 9, 10:30 a.m.

GracePointe Presbyterian CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Sleeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178: www.gracepointepca.org; e-mai oracepointe@mac.com Oct. 21: Nov. 18; Dec. 23, Special Christmas Service LOCATION: Crown Plaza

Orchard Hills Baptist Church LOCATION: 23455 Novi Rd. CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665

Preschool/Kids Chair Wednesdays DETAILS: For ages three to six; ongoing event, no need to r, all are welcome. Practical Spiritual Divorce

Care Workshop TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

<u>HEALTH</u>

Dinner with a Doctor Providence Park Hospital, Grand River and Beck roads (use Beck Road entrance), Conference Taking Charge of Your Breast

DETAILS: Dr. Linda Dubay Women's Night Out TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25 DETAILS: Dr. Debra Hollander of Behavior Medicine and Julie Felicelli Author/Humorist present "The Woman's R&R:

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 18

Oakland Physical Therapy LOCATION: 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B124,

Providence Park Medical Center LOCATION: Lobby of the CONTACT: 248-380-3550 Balance and Falls, How to Reduce your Risk TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. tonight,

DETAILS: For those who have fallen, fear falling or caregivers ways to minimize future risks. Latest Advances in Exercise

for Low Back Pain TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday DETAILS: Lecture/demonstraion/participation class to pre-Rd., Farmington. vent low back pain. DETAILS: Come in for an up-

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Dec. 6 DETAILS: Emphasis on stretching and strengthening

DMC Huron Valley-Sinal Hospital

LOCATION: 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce CONTACT: (248) 937-3314 Breast Cancer Support Group TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m. second and fourth Thursday of every month

Women, next to hospital's South Garden entrance. is for any woman with a breast cancer diagnosis CONTACT: (248) 937-5163

LOCATION: Sinai Center for

Journeys Cancer Support Group TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Monday of every

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Light Up a Life Dan Angeski of Novi, and Northville residents Geri unteers have been preparing for the Oct. 13 event at ing auction packages and spreading the word about

Gardeners of Northville and

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CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or

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DETAILS: Admission for adults \$6, seniors \$5, children 12 and under are free; parking \$5. Includes Grammies Angels Arts, Crafts and More Show: also includes the Log Home and Timber Frame show: free.

Michigan Women's Business

Thursday and Friday, Oct. 18-19 DETAILS: 7th Annual Conference features first-class training, key-note speakers, power lunches and network

opportunities; \$175 for mem-bers, \$200 for non-members includes all events and meals both days; complimentary park-

ing. CONTACT: Diana at (734) 667-1400 or visit

www.miceed.org Michigan Christmas Show

and Marketplace TIME/DATE: Nov. 29-Dec. 2 LOCATION: 2nd annual show to feature designer Christmas Tree Lane, unique holiday gifts arts and crafts, gourmet foods, stocking stuffers, festive holiday entertainment on Holiday Lights Stage; tickets \$10 each.

CLASS **REUNIONS**

Detroit Mackenzie High School Class of 1957

DATE: Friday Oct. 19
TIME: 6:30 p.m. to midnight
LOCATION: Radisson, 17123
N. Laurel Park Dr., Livonia DETAILS: The cost is \$75 per

48375 for tickets: deadline is Sept. 30. Reunion committee is looking for classmates from the class of 1957

CONTACT: June Class-Marj Storch at mari.storch@sbculobal.net, Mary Middleton at mnyonglahn@aol.com, Susar. (Simon) Geraci (248) 697-9429 or vincegeraci1@yahoo.com. January Class-Eleanor Locke at eplocke@aol.com or Dick Bebbington at rbebbroseville@yahoo.com.

Plymouth High School Class of 1968

DETAILS: The Class of 1968 is looking for classmates for their 40th Class Reunion to be held July 19, 2008 in Livonia For more information, contact Janet (Sheedy) Johnston at (734) 437-3534 or e-mail to phs40threunion@charter.net.

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Sunday Youth Basketball

League
DATE: Every Sunday-Oct, 28
LOCATION: Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft

DETAILS: On Sunday Sept. 9,

p.m.; 13-15 year-olds report at 5 p.m.; teams formed based on luation period the first day; each session consists of a skill building session and a league game; teams coached by Madonna University Men's Basketball Players; cost is \$100; to register contact Chuck Henry at (734) 398-5975 or (734-432-

Bowling for Bunnies: A Benefit for Midwest Rabbit

TIME/DATE: 1-4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 13 LOCATION: Clover Lanes,

28900 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia DETAILS: Cost of \$16 per person includes three games of bowling, shoe/ball rental, pizza, pop and birthday cake to cele-brate our second anniversary; advance tickets only; used cell phones collected during event; proceeds benefit 140 rescued rabbits at Midwest Rabbit Rescue.

CONTACT: Debbie at (248) 994-7509, e-mail to Debbie@tlnytreasures.net

Northville Library Foreign

Film Series TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Mondays

LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., Northville, (248) 349-3020 DETAILS: Oct. 22 "Nobody Knows," Japanese; Nov. 19'
"Salaam Bombay," Hindi; and Dec. 19 "the Sea Inside,"

Spanish, All films are free, ethnic treats provided; call library to make reservations.

Northville Book Club TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday,

Oct. 19 LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 East Main St.
DETAILS: "As I Lay Dying" by

William Faulkner CONTACT: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

City of Wixom CONTACT: Community Services Programs, 49045 Pontiac Trail, Wixom, (248) 624-2850

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Tuesday: 10 a.m.-noon Knlt/Crochet and Sew Group; noon-2;30 p.m. Line Dancing Wednesday: 10-11 a.m. Exercise Class
Second Monday: 11:30 a.m.

Lunch Bunch Second Tuesday: 10 a.m.

Senior Commission Second Thursday: 11:30 a.m.

Bingo Fourth Thursday: 10-11:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Oakland Press Food Drive TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

through Oct. 12 LOCATION: City Hall, Community Services DETAILS: Help fight hunger, bring your non-perishable food to be distributed to Oakland

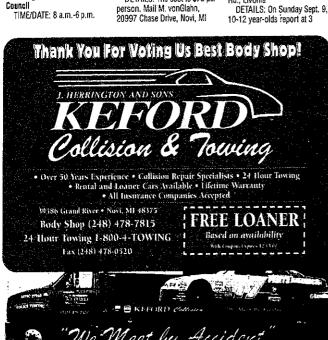
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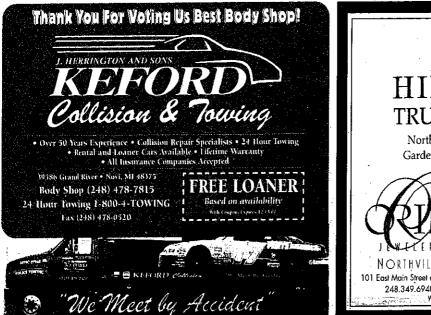
TIME: 3:30-5 p.m. LOCATION: Gibson Park Teen Center, 49805 Pontiac Trail DETAILS: For ages 13-18; bring a friend and join the fun; monthly meetings to plan activi-ties, special teen events and

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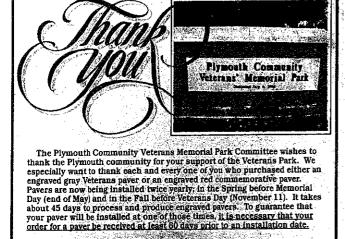
TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. Friday,

DETAILS: Come dressed to give the crowd a chuckle or scare, DJ will play the latest knock dead hits; cost is \$8 per person for ages 2 and up; pizza dinner and treats; bring your camera; must pre-register by 3 p.m. on Oct. 18.









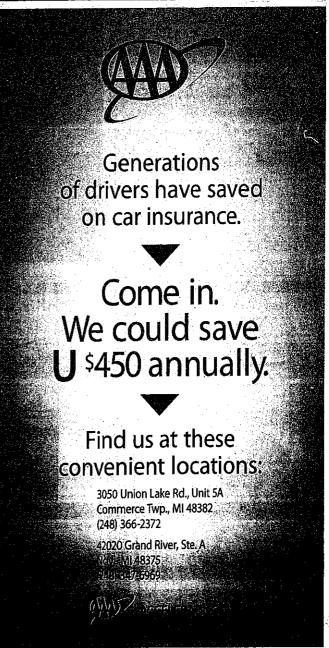
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Wildcats making all the right moves

Change in philosophies pays off for Novi

By Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITER

A change of seasons and a change of style has resulted in a breakthrough start for the Novi volleyball team. The Wildcats have ripped off 18

of 19 possible wins to start the year, and have gone undefeated through the first half of the KVC

The new philosophy is quite simple -- play smarter, not hard-

"Between the two seasons, in our short offseason, we've changed the way we played volleyball." Novi head coach Julie Fiscite said. "We're working on the fact that there is 900 square feet on the other side of the court. In order to score, you just have to

"It doesn't matter how fast it gets there. It doesn't matter how pretty it gets there. It just needs to get there."

pretty it gets there. It just needs to get there."

One of the major adjustments is not trying to pound the ball on every attempt. Not every pass is set up for a slamming spike.

"We've got things we call yes and no swings." Fisette said. "If they're not prepared to hit the ball, if they screwed up their approach, if they just don't see the ball is set exactly where they need it, they'll swing off. Their off swing will go to a particular spot on the floor that we've picked out pregame.

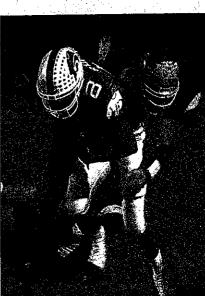
"If that's not a hittable ball and you're whaling at it with all your might because people are screaming. 'Kill it,' then you're not going to get that ball over the net, hence, you are going to lose a point."

But Fisette also said, when it's time to put down the hammer,

time to put down the hammer, swing for the fences.

swing for the fences.
"If everything is perfect and you feel it, you just hit it as hard as you can. It's a kill ball," Fisette said.

Novi teammates Stephanie Cripps, left, and Paige Janer go up for a block as their



Brandon Bradford runs after catching one of his eight passes Friday in a 24-7 win against South Lyon.

Home sweet homecoming

Wildcats secure playoff spot, stay on top for KVČ title

By Patrick Pinter

Friday night's football game between Novi and South Lyon was supposed to be a battle between two ranked teams in Division 1, with the winner in prime position to take the Kensington Valley Conference

Well, that battle turned out to well, that batter thrites on the between the wildcats (6-1 overall, 5-1 KVC) picked up a 24-7 win on homecoming over South Lyon (5-2 overall, 4-2 KVC) Friday

night at Novi High School.
"We knew the league would yield one loss for most teams so after the Milford game we knew we had to go out and do our job," Novi coach Tab Kellepourey



CC flattens Divine Child defense

out against Divine Child

A 35-0 halftime lead quickly erased any of those fears as the Shamrocks went on to win 48-14.

■ Shamrocks
race out to 35-0
lead by halftime

By Jeff Thelsen
SPORTSWATTER

After completing three straight weeks of the hardest teams on the schedule, Catholic Central head coach Tom Mach was worried about how his team would come out against Divine Child.

"It was one of those games where you thought you should win, but you never really know until you get there how everyone until you get there how everyone with you never really know until you get there how everyone where you thought you should win, but you never really know until you get there how everyone where you thought you should win, but you never really know until you get there how everyone where you thought you should win, but you never really know until you get there how everyone where you thought you should win, but you never really know until you get there how everyone where you thought you should win, but you never really know until you get there how everyone where you thought you should win, but you never really know until you get there how everyone where you thought you should win, but you never really know until you get there how everyone where you thought you should win, but you never really know until you get there how everyone where you thought you should win, but you never really know until you get there how everyone where you thought you should win, but you never really know until you get there how everyone where you thought you should win, but you never really know until you get there how everyone where you thought you should win, but you never really know until you get there how everyone where you thought you should win, but you never really know until you get there how everyone where you thought you should win, but you never really know until you get there how everyone where you thought you should win, but you never really know until you get there how everyone where you thought you should win, but you never real good job in the first half. "They did a real good job in the first half."

It was one of those you thought you should win, bu

Cory Amble started the scoring with a 2-yard run with 7:21 left in the first quarter.

Scott Kovanda hauled in a 22-

Scott Kovanda hauled in a 22yard scoring reception of a running-back pass from Anthony
Capatina with 2:45 left in the first.
Amble added another 2-yard
score with two seconds left in the
opening quarter for a commanding 21-0 lead heading into the secord quarter.

ond quarter.

Capatina scored from 12 yards out with 3:37 left in the half, and

out with 3.37 term the term, and Joe Kinville put the Sharmrocks up 35-0 with a 1-yard plunge with 18 seconds left in the half.
"Anthony Capatina was our biggest ground gainer," Mach said. "He ran very well, and he said. "He ran very well, and he threw a touchdown pass. Scott

Kovanda caught the touchdown

"Cory Amble ran well, and I thought our defense set the tone in the first quarter."

John Mizzi scored on a 29-yard run in the third, and Mike Mamut

scored to finish off the Shamrock scoring in the fourth.

Divine Child scored a touch-

fourth and in the final minute of

the game. Catholic Central won the rushing battle, racking up 365 yards to

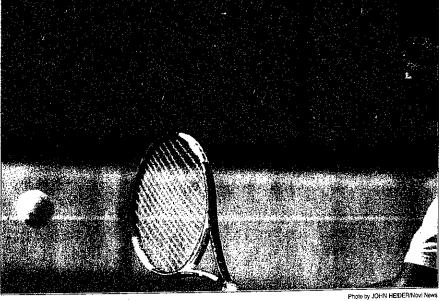


See SHAMROCKS, 3B Jack Daykin (12) follows the block of Konrad Borkowski (66) against Divine Child:

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Mani Mahadevan serves it up during the Wildcats' early



Swinging into regionals

■ Novi hosts postseason tournament

After blazing through the con-ference tourney, Novi tennis switches focus to putting it all on the line at the regional meet.

The Wildents will host the 11middle school and high school

The mission is quite simple, finish in the top two for a guaranteed spot or try to scratch out 18 noints to advance.

Last year, Novi accomplished the feat, winning the regional with Catholic Central finishing second. Northville achieved the 18 points and also advanced with Brighton

Catholic

Central

plays best on a given day.

Mani Mahadevan leads the sin-

cut.

If all plays out as expected, the same four teams will be in the hunt this year.

"CC. Brighton and Northville are going to be a factor," Novi read coach Jim Li-

are going to be a factor," Novi head coach Jim Hanson said, "We're going to have to play our best tennis of the year to get out of won't create a big advantage for the Wildcats. The biggest bonus for Novi heading into the postsea-son is the difficult schedule they "We need that mentality to play one match at a time and not look ahead, it comes down to who took on throughout the season.

plays best on a given day.

The Wildeats' strength has been its depth all year. They may not be overwhelming at any one flight, but they are good in all of them. gles crew at No.1. The rest of the up to his players. He also expects

competition isn't going to be any better than what we've played.

at No. 2, Kyan ben in the find spot and Carson Crandell at No. 4. Having a strong doubles team allows other strong players to play doubles, and that has paid off big mistakes, when you practice," he said. "You are going to play like you practice."

Novi blazed through the league tournament, winning every flight.

Mahadevan won the final in
three sets, 6-2, 5-7, 6-3 against Joel Parrish of Brighton. Kondapi won 6-0, 6-0; Bell 0-6,

6-0, 6-4; and Crandell 6-0, 6-1 in the finals. In doubles play, Justin Farooq and Sohani won 6-3, 6-3; Goodman and Hsu won 6-2, 6-0; Oh and Richard won 6-1, 6-3; and

Nathan Farooq and Venugopal At No. 5 doubles, Derek Richard and Brent Womack won 6-0, 6-3.

"We played the way we're South Lyon was third in the over-

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Playoff spot on the line

0-7 U-D Jesuit

By Jeff Theisen

The Shamrocks (5-2, 2-2) will close out play before playing in the Prep Bowl with a road game at

Though the Cubs (0-7) possess some talented players, they just haven't been able to put it togethu-D Jesuit has given up more than 40 points in the last four games and scored a season-high

21 points in the season opener. "They do have some very good athletes," Mach said. "If you don't put it together in our league, you

They do a lot of things by

The Shamrocks have been headed in the exact opposite direction since knocking off Orchard Lake St. Mary's two weeks ago. Catholic Central came right back and dis-mantled Divine Child by 34 points. Catholic Central will also be playing for a guaranteed playoff spot with its sixth victory.

"It's a game that I think we

should come to play very hard," Mach said. "It's a game that could be our sixth victory, and if we win, would put us in the playoffs "It's a very important game for "It's a very important game for our league standing and it's great place to be." Catholic Central facing of the De La Salle vs.

Confidence is re-instilled in the cam, and Mach said the seniors have had a lot to do with that.

Catholic Central facing of the De La Salle vs.

La Salle last Friday, the Chamrocks chances of playing in the championship game of the championship game of the self. Theisen can be re-

block against a Divine Child defender. the proper attitude, proper work and proper concentration. I think they can beat anybody. That's a great place to be."

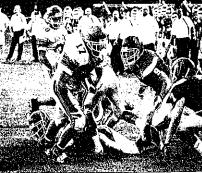
to Divine Child this weekend for the Sharmceks to have a chance. The likely scenerio sees Catholic Central facing the loser of the De La Salle vs. Orchard

Catholic Central quarterback Ryan Houska heads upfield as Joe Kinville provides a

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Saturday

vs. U-D Jesuit (0-7) Where: Ferndale HS playoff spot for the Sharnrocks.



Catholic Central's Cory Amble heads across the goal

■ SHAMROCKS: Offense rolls

43 for Divine Child. The Shamrocks did fumble four times but only lost the ball once. The Shamrocks had 11 players carry the ball, with Capatina leading the way with 145 yards on 10 carries. Mamut was next with 65 yards on four carries,

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CC — 7:21 Cory Amble 2 run, Chris Singer kick CC - 2:45 Scott Kovanda 22 pass from Anthony Capatina, Singer kick CC — Amble 2 run, Singer

Second quarter CC — 3:37 Capatina 12 run,

but with dire consequences. The Falcons completed 10 of 21 passes for 129 yards, but the Shantrocks intercepted the ball five times. Ryan Houska, Daykin, Mel Fart, Steve Harding and Shane Morris provided the

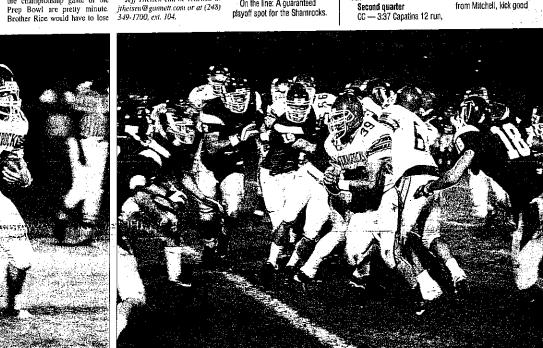
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Singer kick CC — :18 Joe Kinvllie 1 run, Singer kick

Third quarter CC — John Mizzi 29 run, kick failed Fourth quarter DC — 11:04 Mitchell 1 run,

kick good CC — 4:21 Mike Mamut 55 run, Singer kick DC ---: 14 Williams 8 pass from Mitchell, kick good





Niko Palazeti heads into a crowd of U-D Jesuit tacklers Saturday night.



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10/12 at Hartland, 7 p.m.

10/13 at Garbriel Richard 10/16 at Hartland, 4 p.m.

10/12 Regionals at home, 8:30

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10/11 at Howell (Parker cam-

pus), 5 p.m. 10/16 at Lakeland, 5 p.m.

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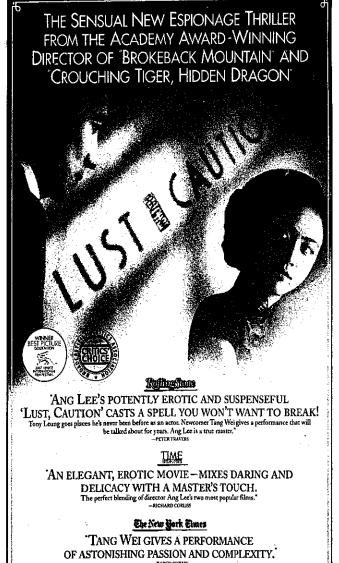
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Wildcats can claim KVC title

A Howell loss and Novi win gives 'Cats final outright title

By Jeff Thelsen

Novi can lock in a first-place claim of the KVC title Friday on the road at Hartland.

The Wildcats ride into the final game tied with Howell atop the league standings with a 5-1 record. Should Howell lose to South

Lyon on Friday, the Wildcats would win the outright. Otherwise, it would be a shared title.
The Engles (3-4, 2-4) have come on strong.

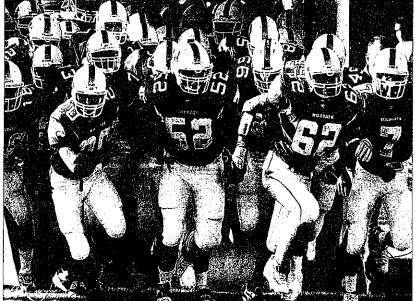
m their last two games. After losing four straight against KVC opponents, Hardand beat Pinckney 33-16 before outlasting Milford 42-40, both games on the road. The Wildcats are on top of their game right now. They are being led by a stingy tefense that hasn't allowed more than pinc points in their last four games. All of those opponents were tied for the KVC lead

ing into the contest with Novi. The offense has been opportunistic and smart. Few turnovers are allowing the defense to play with an extended field. But the offense also possesses big-play ability. Arshaun Hall has been the home-run hit in the backfield. He is averaging 99.9

yards rushing a game.

Mark Heard has had his ups and downs at the quarterback position, but last week he put together his best garne as a Wildeat. Heard connected on 10-of-H passes for

top receiving threat, leading the Wildcats sateks, four fumble recoveries and 35 solo tackles. Sateks for 429 yards and six scores. He also electrified the crowd with a scores. He also electrified the crowd with a scores.



The Wildcats come firing out of the tunnel before a home contest.

Heard connected on 10-of-11 passes for 145 yards and two scores. He also electrified the ground and two scores are to preceiving threat, leading the Wildcats with 28 catches for 429 yards and six scores. He also electrified the ground and the scores.

long kickoff return for a touchdown last week against South Lyon.

Tyler Hoover continues to be the higgest interceptions at two with Garrett Green. loe Pritchard leads the defense with 12

Jeff Theisen can be reached

Wildcat JV, freshmen dismantle South Lyon

Novi's defense set the tone early as they controlled the line of scrimmage for most of the game, Jordan Jabbori and Ryan Jok made several tackles to stop South Lyon during their first two series. Adam Troher also had a tackle in the second series to stop uth Lyon short of a first down.

Ricky Enright got the offense going early in the second quarter with an 85-yard ouchdown run to take a 6-0 lead.

Back on defense, Novi's Tim Kolis made a tackle behind the line of scrimmage. Jabbori, Jok, and Jimmy Pitcher also contributed with tackles to stop South Lyon quickly. Novi quickly put together a long drive with the offensive line of Ryan Margrave, John Fields, Alex Engbretson, Adam Paul had a 17-yard run off tackle. TJ Karaisz, and Ryan Jok opening up some big holes. Adam Paul ran for 39 yards on four carries during the drive. Jiminiy Pitcher an a sweep for 20 yards. Unfortunately, Novi unred the ball over deep in South Lyen terribed.

Kris Enjga, Tl Karaisz, and Tommy Symanski contributed with tackles to stop South Lyon with one minute left in the half.

yard diving eatch that rivaled most NFL highlight films. Then Chris Slack threw a high arcing 45-yard pass to Brandon Freshman 'Cats bury Lions

Rydzewski who made a diving catch over hi shoulder adding another one for the highlight reel. Enright completed a 5-yard touchdown pass to Pitcher to make it 13-0 at the half. Novi's defense tightened up even mor in the second half. A rotational defensive line with TJ Karaisz, Jordan Jahbori, John Fields, Adam Paul, Garrett Jewell, Brett Jewell, Jamil Burgol, Alex Engebretson,

Adam Troher, Dakota Budde, stayed fresh and clogged up the line of scrimmage. Ryan Jok stopped a reverse for a 2-yard loss. Symanski and Kotis also had several tackles. With fourth down and one. South Lyon was stopped and Novi took over. Arlam Paul had a 17-yard run off tackle

turnover of the game, recovering a fumble at midfield. Tim Hartland, Bret Kuhn, Adam Troher, and Masaru Nogami took

Novi's Freshman football team Novi's Freshman football team opened the Homecoming weekend with a 33-12

win over the Lions Moments after the kickoff, Novi's board, cutting the lead to 20-6.

More set up for a score by Paul Wizinsky, who twisted through South Lyon's failed the series of downs that ultimate the standard or the first property. tackles and put the first touchdown on the board. Nolan Valleau's extra point was good, and the Wildcats settled into a lead by Joe Burris, Matt Bonnell and Nick

good, and the vincials when they did not relinquish.

South Lyon struggled in vain for yardage throughout the quarter, but even gave up some real estate under pressure from Nick Littleton and Brian Bush who tackled Lions trying to claw their way to a few points. Michael Kruse secured a first down for Novi that was purckly followed up by a Zach Mohr run that looked like another touchdown in the

later, pushing the score to 13-0 later, pushing the score to 13-0.

Second quarter play saw Matt Reid and
Tyron McCright handling the bail, and a
fierce drive through the middle by Mike

This week, Novi's freshmen will chal-

attempts to run through the Lions' line, but without success. Kruse then passed to Wizinsky at about the 5-yard line, and Wizinsky carried it in for his second touch down With an extra point from Valleau, the score climbed to 20-0 going into the half. South Lyon finally cracked the score-

Novi answered back when McCright lead a series of downs that ultimately led t Littleton helped the Wildcats to a 26-6 lead

heading into the fourth, In the final quarter, with Gage Liberati in at quarterback, Novi kept pushing. In just a few plays, Austin Wertheimer delivered one more touchdown and, with Scott Stanford's extra point kick, pushed the score to 33-6. As play continued, Burris and Justin Purdy made key tackles, but could not prevent a In the total reasonable to the modern to the making. A desperate shirt tail grab by South
Lyon sent Mohr to the ground, but Mohr carned the ball to a touchdown just two plays

33-12. Valleau ran the ball for a thrilling 50-yard return. He was tackled and th

into district play Tuesday on the road at Howell.

The Wildcats bring a 12-2-2

the district - Catholic Central

Preakfast is a Must!

1. Break the fast. Ever think of what "breakfast" means? Your body responds to not eating for

those calories you need to burn

Researchers have repeatedly shown that people who eat to win close games, play tight defense and stay focused for the entire 80 minutes or more," of losing weight, and keeping it off. When you skip meals, 2007 Boys Soccer District 8-1 hosted by Novi HS

you're so hungry by lunchtime you eat the entire cow! The National Weight Control National Weight Control Registry shows that among those who've lost 30 ar more pounds and have kept it off more than a year, 90 percent report cating breakfast most 3. Are you interested in

and get your

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doing better at work and school? Don't be a bed head ... breakfast helps wake you up. Studies show that neonle who eat breakfast are more alert and do better on tests than people who skip breakfast. There are myriad of studies that show eating breakfast helps improve memory and positively affects the tasks that require the retention of new

4. Breakfast is your chance eat the rest of the day. You can have whole grain cereal and berries with nonfat milk - here calcium in one easy-to-grab bowl. Low-carbers need to go very easy on grains, so opt for the highest-fiber brand you can find. However, why not indulge instead in the typical eggs and bacon breakfast most other eating plans frown

5. Skipping breakfast makes you grouchy. Studies show that people who eat breakfast tend to be in better moods (when I'm hungry — watch out!) Breakfast gets you started on the right track for the day. If you start out with a healthy breakfast, then you set the mood for lunch. You're more likely to choose something rea

breakfast choices. 6. Cancel the Danish or sugared donut first thing in the morning — they cause a blood sugar dip a couple of hours later. You'll be desperate for something to perk you up, and are more likely to grab another high-sugar refined carb, for a

sonable for lunch if you've

quick sugar rush.
7. Breakfast makes your machine run better. Get your self on a schedule with a healthy breakfast, and you're ready to take on the world.

8. If you're a parent, set a good example. By skipping breakfast, your kids will think it's not important. Breakfas but don't wimp out ... make it a habit, and your kids will be way ahead of the game too.

9. Don't eat dessert for breakfast. If you think a glazed donut or a breakfast bar with 30 grams of sugar are breakfast items, then think again, Donuts are fried lumps of sugared dough, and many breakfast bars should be labeled "candy

ats misicau. 10. One more word about labels ... if it says, "nutri-tious," it doesn't necessarily mean it's healthy. Cereal manufacturers are experts in mar-keting, using words that send a message of health, but unless you read the labels, eat at your own risk. Kids' cereals ofter have more sugar than candy. Protect your kids from getting hooked on these cereals... they'll get used to all the sugar and will want only pre-

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veetened cereals.

Novi hosts districts

The Novi soccer team heads

record into postseason play, also receiving Honorable Mention in

he district and South Lyon.

Sharnrocks bring a 14-2-3 record and the No. 6 ranking. The Lions are undefeated at 15-0-3 and ranked seventh.

"The district is up for grabs," Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said. "CC, South Lyon, Novi, Brighton, Walled Lake Western and Hartland could all win the district, and I could see Pinckney pulling off an upset in the first round against South Lyon because it is at Pinckney.
"It would not surprise me to see

any one of six teams come out a district champion."

O'Leary knows what it takes to

he successful, gaining three straight titles as the girls coach. His boys team will have to be at ts best to survive the district. "In order to be successful come

10/16 7:00 PM @ Howell HS

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South Lyon

Pinckney

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chip in.
"Staying healthy and little bit of



Novi's Dan Kilger plays a head ball against Northville. on just one or two players to do the scoring. Everybody has to Meadows Field in Novi.

ick never hurt either." jtheisen@gannett.ca After the first round, the semifi- 349-1700, ext. 104.

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The big 3

and Paige Jane

The Wildcats have six seniors, and all of them play heavily into the rotation. But the three that have stood out the most are

Stephanie Cripps, Haley Miller

Cripps, a four-year varsity player, leads the team with 151 kills and blocks for kills with 54,

26 of which are solos. She also is

"Stephanie's playing, of the six positions, four of them. She's doing a great job, very few errors

and very much a go-to girl for us Miller plays libero, working as a defensive specialist throughout the match. She leads the team with 248 digs, 71 of which came

in the season-opening tourna-"She made a lot of saves, a lot

of big plays," Fisette said. "Against South Lyon, she was all

over the court."

Janer, an outside hitter, brings athleticism to both the offensive and defensive ends. She has 117 kills and second to Miller in

serve receive and digs (156).

"Just a phenomenal athlete to watch," Fisette said, "She just flies through the air and just kills

"She's a phenomenal back-

over the court."

a force at the service line "She's just a real solid force in the front row for us," Fisette said. "Against Brighton, she had eight

aces in one serving set.

Changes accepted

Any time a change in style is attempted, the fear is getting the players to accept it. Fisette said it was never a problem, but win-

ning only comented it.
"Looking at our record, you could say it's paid off," Fisette said. "We're 18-1 and 7-0 (KVC). Whatever we've done, it's worked a little bit. They're having a lot of fun."

Michigan high school volley-

Michigan high school volley-ball had always been played in the winter until this year. Fisette has been more than pleased with the change.

"I love the fall," Fisette said.
"It's everything from being able run of a KVC schedule. She

Sarah Robb plays a ball at the net against Brighton.

cooped inside to not having your "I don't want to change back."

■ VOLLEYBALL: Wildcats blazing through KVC

Final goals With everything clicking early, Fisette sees big things for this

to run outside instead of being would love to have the final hold

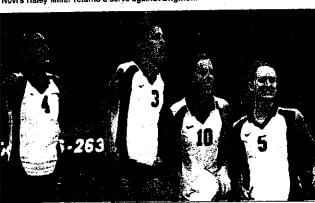
of the league trophy.
"That was one of our goals coming in ... to win, outright, the last KVC title," Fisette said. "That would be great. We also actually make it into state quali

fying. Just improve.
"We're a better team, a smarter together.

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Novi's Haley Miller returns a serve against Brighton.



Wildcats stay unbeaten in KVC 200 free with additional points being scored by Meredith Cote (seventh 200 IM and eighth 500 free). Jocelyn Odom (sixth div-ing) and Dana Hapanowicz (15th 50 free). The medley relay team of Rebecca Berman-Cote-Abel-Hapanowicz nagen night while the

10/18 7:00 PM @ Meadows Stadium

** Teams in top 1/2 of bracket, (rad) are hosting 1st game and will wear light shirts and socks
*** District winner advances to MHSAA Region 1-1 at Holt High School

■ Novi swim and dive fights for league title Submitted to the Novi News

It has been a busy but successful two weeks for the Novi Swim

& Dive team which remains undefeated with eight duel meet The team defeated Lakeland 114-67 two Thursday's ago and out swam Brighton for the first Thursday. Finally, the team sent 13 swimmers and divers to the Oakland County meet in Lake Orion where they finished 11th

out of 37 teams, an improvement from 15th last year. Kerry Abel's first-place finish in the 100 butterfly, out of 50 swimmers, was the highlight of the Oakland County meet for

Novi. Abel also took sixth in the free) and

Madalyn Buha-Rebecca Berman placed 11th. The Brighton meet was the team's biggest challenge to date, remaining close and exciting to the end. First-place finishes were earned by Abel (200 free), Ziegler (diving), Ashley Bush (100 back)

Hapanowicz place ninth while the

200 free relay of Abel-Cote-

and Cole (100 breast).

Novi won two of the three relay's including the medley group of Bush-Cote-Abel-Hapanowicz and the 200 free team of Abel-Cote-Hapanowicz-Rebecca Berman, Finishing second were Rebecca Berman (200 IM & 500 free), Hapanowicz (50 free), Abel (100 fly), Cote (100

relay was won by Bush-Tamura Abel's 500 free vs Lakeland and

Berman's 500 free time against Brighton earned state cuts. The team takes on South Lyon at Novi 6 p.m. tonight in a meet that will decide the KVC duel

■ FOOTBALL: Wildcats take care of homecoming

said. "We knew if we did that we would be all right."

The Wildcats led 10-0 near the

end of the second quarter when they took possession of the ball with 32 nds left. Novi quarterback Mark Heard, who was 10-of-11 on the game, had completions of 28 and 24 yards before finishing the and 24 yards before finishing the drive by finding Brandon Bradford for a 6-yard touchdown pass with nine-tenths of a second on the clock. The score put Novi up 17-0.

Then, Bradford put the nail in

Then, Bradford put the nail in the coffin by scoring on a 90-yard kick return to start the second half, putting Novi up 24-0.

"This is a remarkable team," Kellepourey said. "They are a hard-nose team, and they always fight hard for four quarters."

In the first half, Novi got a touchdown from Bradford on a 12-yard pass from Heard and a 34-yard field goal from Matt

ard field goal from Matt

The lone South Lyon touch- Thomas said. "We missed a lot of

down drive was set up by a inter-

South Lyon started the game wi a lengthy drive on their first posses-Vess and Ian McGee led the charg The way the Lions mo appeared it was going to be a long night for the Novi defense. The Lions put together a 44-yard drive that stalled at the Novi 31-yard line after a failed first

lown attempt on fourth-and-17 After that early drive, the Lions offense didn't have much success.

The Novi defense held the
Lions to 260 yards of total
offense, McGee led the Lion in

rushing with 78 yards. Quarterback Jake Smith finished the game 3-of-15 for 43 yards. Heard racked up 145 yards and two touchdowns. Bradford finished with 114 yards receiving.

ception by lake Sexton.
"We had some breakdowns on the line," South Lyon coach Mark contacted at (248) 437-2011 ex.

over in the backfield to help Novi seal the victory while driving closer to another fierce drive through the middle by Mike Brant. Beau Bielski made two aggressive lenge Hartland at home. Big plays highlight varsity Bobcat victory

The Novi wereity Roberts on back on the winning track with a 30-12 victory over the Livonia Falcons at Bentley Field on

The Bohcats had offensive plays of 55, 54, 47 yards and added a defensive play of 59 yards enroute to their lifth victory. With the temperature hovering around 90 degrees, the Bobcats struck on their first possession. After a 5-yard run on first down, marterback Derek Ince hit receiv The PAT from Haynes was good making the score 8-0 after just less thn two minutes. The Bobcat defense came up

The Bobcat detense came up big on the next series and held the Falcons to a three-and-out. Colter Huacuja and Adam Haynes made a big stop on a running play, forc-ing the Falcons to punt the ball.

the punt 20 yards to the Falcon 49-yard line. On second down, the ball off to Grant Wheeler, and he rumbled 54 yards up the sidefor another Bobest TD. Edwards, Nick Shelar and Derek Mully helped open the hole for Wheeler. The PAT was blocked

Later in the first quarter, use Falcons were moving the ball into Bobcat territory, and on second and four, safety Frankie Mastrangelo stepped in front of a Mastrangelo stepped in front of a At 6:20 of the fourth quarter.

At 6:20 of the fourth quarter, use Falcons were meaning to the fourth quarter and for the fourth quarter. Later in the first quarter, the

30-yard line.

With only about a minute left in the first half, the Bobcats had the first half, the Bobcats had the score was Bobcats. ball on the Falcon 44-yard line. On second down and 14, after a On second down and 14, atter a time racious latel go the dari in holding penalty. Ince dropped back to pass. Adam Haynes came around and took the ball via the old 'Stinute of Liberty' and raced yards, breaking tackles, on the 9-yard line, setting up one of



After Adam Haynes returned Freshman Bobcat Ryan Moore beats defenders and

scores a 29-yard touchdown. encourse to a third Robert touch- the more exciting plays of the down. Haynes converted the PAT for a 22-0 lead.
On the next series, with only 14

On the next series, with only 14

On accound selft in the half, the Falcons proved they were not agoing to give up that easy and scored on a 34-yard pass complet ition. The half ended Bobcats 22, Under the half and ran 42 yards for a score. The Haynes PAT was good for a 30-12 Bobcat lead.

In the third quarter, with the Falcons driving deep into Bobcat territory, Colter Huacuja made a

22, Falcons 12.

The Falcons later got the ball in

The Bobcat defense stuffed the Falcons on their next possessio and ran out the final seconds for 30-12 victory.

The Bobcats take their winning

ways on the road next week at the

Bobcat JV falls to Faicons The Novi Bobcats junior varsi-ty football team lost its second game of the season, 21-6, Sunday

against the Livonia Falcons at Bentley Field.

The game was held in condi- Ryan Conion received the open-

deemed "football weather" in that

sunny.
The Bobcats started promisingly on offense by driving 60 yards to score on the opening drive. The drive included a critical fourthdown, 10-yard passing play from marterback Billy Ulle to Charlie Ryan Kyle Matel scored on a 7ard rush, his third touchdown of

The Bobcats played tough in the first half despite constant pressure applied by the Falcons passing and running attack. On offense, several good drives were halted due to costly penal-ties. At the half, Livonia was held

Livonia took over in the fourth, the Falcons'

blocked punt by Alex Caprara. nage and the scoreboard road to play the Rochester Ravens on Sunday, Oct, 14. The Bobcats

strong finish to make the WLJFL

big and physical Livonia Falcons dominated the time of possession 12-0 in another defensive battle. playing keepaway from the leading the league with 134 points scored, and a 4-1 overall record. The Robcats' held the Falcons to

of possession battle, keeping the ball away from the Falcons' explosive offense.

Ryan Moore ran nine times for 22 yards and a touchdown.

The Bobcats travel to the

60 yards for another electrifying touchdown to start the game. The

their first possession earning three first downs, until their drive ended on the Bobcats' 27-yard line. The Falcons' next two offensive pos-sessions ended with fumbles, the first recovered by Adam Tarrant and the second by Mitchell Lang on the Falcon 39-yard line. The Bobcats gained a first down, and Ryan Moore ran a quarterback keeper around end, spinning and breaking tackles on his way to a

29-yard touchdown.

The Bobcats led 12-0 at the half. The Moore's tackle caused a fumble, scoring twice.

Bobcat game highlights included fumble recoveries by Nick
Meadors and Grant Cox and a

More's tackle caused a fumble, and Mitchell McSweeney recovered. The Falcons' next possessment of the control of the second of the control of t ered. The Falcons' next posses-sion resulted in a punt situation, where the clusive Joshua Metz

Livonia dominated the line of penetrated the center of the line and blocked the punt right back to On the Falcon's final possesfourth fumble and Mitchell Lang made his second fumble recover of the game. The Bobcat defens limited the Falcons to 15 offer

Freshman Bohcats grind out and 19 total yards in the second half. The Bobcais' offense execute The Freshman Bobcats beat the 30 plays in the second half and

with seven, Andrew Schroede had six, and Christian Durhan of total yards of offense, recovered four fumbles and blocked a punt. The Bobcast's generated 136 yards of offense and won the time and the state of the state of

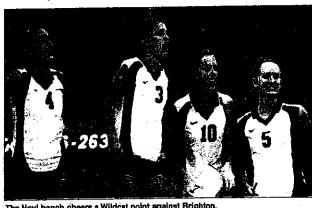
sive plays, allowed one first down

playing keepaway from the Falcon offense.

plosive offense. The Bobcats travel to the For the second straight week, Rochester Ravens next Sunday.



down came on a 1-yard run by Dan Vess with 2:12 left in the third quarter. The 23-yard touch-



The Novi bench cheers a Wildcat point against Brighton.

REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

Life Insurance Should Be Part of Your **Financial** Plan

By Lisa Beyer State Farm® Agent

You may think you have a solid financial plan. The paycheck you bring home on a regular basis may be more than adequate to meet the immediate needs of your family. There may even be some left over for vacation, retirement or even college savings.

But what if you weren't there to provide for your family's needs? Would they continue to live in the home you shared? Would your children be able to attend the college of their choice?

These are important questions that must be considered. Finding the answers can start with visiting your insurance agent and discussing a life insurance policy that is appropriate for you and your family.

With the kids back in school, Fall is a good time for you to take a look at your existing coverage to see if it is adequate. If you don't have coverage, it is a good time to discuss the purchase of a poli-

A primary purpose of a life insurance policy is to provide a dollar amount to the beneficiaries in the event of the death of the insured person. That death benefit can be used in any number of ways, whether for a mortgage, college eduincome.

Life is full of many questions. Being sure that your financial plan includes an adequate amount of life insurance can help you answer at least one question, "What will happen to my family if I'm not around to provide for them?"

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Technician Jim Keith checks an auto at Davis Auto Care in Northville. October is the perfect time to bring in a vehicle to Jim's Oil Depot Quick Lube Center for an oil change that includes a 22-point vehicle checklist.

Experience the reasons Northville's Davis Auto Care is winter's car solutions expert

By John R. Hall

With the approaching winter sea-son, it is once again time for car and truck owners to take' a close look at the vehicles that will keep them safe and warm and operating at maximum

And keeping those vehicles in tip-top shape is the reason why Davis Auto Care of Northville has become the winter driving solutions expert. If you depend on your vehicle to run safely and efficiently throughout the year and particularly in winter, Davis Auto Care are three words you need to remember. you need to remember.

you need to remember.
"We care about our customers," said to make Auto Spa Auto Detail Center.

'What makes the oil change program so important — beyond the vehicle inspection."

What makes the oil change program so important — beyond the vehicle inspection — is the value it offers for new and

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

For that reason, Davis and his experi-enced team of mechanics and customer enced team of mechanics and customer service representatives have assembled some important information in a free brochure on winter driving tips. (Stop by Davis Auto Care and pick up your free

copy!)
Some of the things that Davis wants vehicle owners to know include.:

- Review needed, manufacturer
- recommended routine maintenance Check anti-freeze for freeze point
- and condition E Check tires, both tread wear and
- Inspect belts and hoses for wear ■ Check windshield washer solvent
- and condition of wiper blades

 Check exhaust system and related
- components ■ Check brakes for wear

OIL CHANGE PROGRAM

Most of these items are part of an over-all 22-point checklist that Davis Auto Care includes with their oil changes at Jim's Oil Depot Quick Lube Center, which is part of the Davis family of businesses. The other business is the Ultimate

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reluming customers.

First-time customers are mailed a punch tag. Each time a customer brings in his or her vehicle, they bring in a tag and it gets

punched. As each tag is punched, there are larger discounts on oil changes. After the seventh punch, the next oil change is free. "This is a way of rewarding our customers for coming back and remaining loyal," Davis added.

REWARD POINTS

And Speaking of rewards, Davis Auto
Care also has a special program involving
reward points. Each time a customer reward points. Each time a customer, comes in for repairs or service, two percent or more of their total bill is applied toward reward points. These points can be used to get money off of future services, which could be very handy if winter road conditions put an alignment out of whack or damage a tire rim.

"If a customer has large repair jobs.

or damage a tite rim.

"If a customer has large repair jobs, they may get as much as \$100 off a future service," Davis said.

All of these services are just part of the

overall business, a mission according to Davis.

"Our job is to fix cars," he said. "Our ission is to solve customer's problems." aission is to solve customer's problems."

Solving problems starts with expert

a lot longer. But he also noted that cars still need routine maintenance and repairs.



Performing safety checks during an oil change at Jim's Oil Depot are, from left, technician Jeff Jacobson and manager Brian Roberts.

care. The experienced crew at Davis Auto Care is what Davis calls his knowledge-able eyes who can give recommendations on proper car care and actually write pre-scriptions for suggested repairs. This way, owners are informed of what they need to do to keep their vehicles running — a way of preventing problems before they get

REGULAR MAINTENANCE

Davis acknowledges that cars and trucks are built better today and parts last

and he wants Davis Auto Care to be the preferred specialist. He wants people to become regular customers, not just occa-

That is why being the local shop that specializes in preventing winter vehicle breakdowns is a description that suits Jim Davis just fine.

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