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## Heading to the polls next month

■ \$16M library bond proposal on ballot Nov. 6

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

The dream of a new public library may become a reality for Novi residents Nov. 6.

Before marking "yes" or "no" on the November ballot, residents should know what the \$16 million library bond proposal means for them.

The 23,000-square-foot library, which was built in 1976, sees an average of 900 patrons a day.

Novi's population has increased by 450 percent over the last 30 years.

With currently more than 52,000 residents, the facility no longer meets the Library of Michigan's quality standard of measurement, representing all sizes of public libraries throughout the state.

The standard is 1-square-foot per person," said interim director of the Novi Public Library Mary Ellen Mulcrone. "We have less than 1/2-square-foot (per person)."

The essential standard, which is the minimum every library should have, is 75 percent of 1-square-foot per capita, said Bev Papai, community relations for the Novi Public Library.

According to Mulcrone, the conceptual idea of the proposed library would be to build a 60,000-square-foot building now, with infrastructure capabilities to be expanded at least 30,000-square-feet in the future.

"We do want to make it possible to expand," she said. "The community has just grown tremendously since the library was built and we'd like to grow the way the community has grown."

Circulating more than half a million items per year, the library currently houses a total collection of 140,000, of which 126,000 are books.

But lack of space allows little room for growth.

"There's not much storage space," Mulcrone said. "Demands

keep increasing and, in order to meet those demands, we need the space."

### Youth services

According to library staff, Novi children read more than 237,000 books last year.

"We'd have more space especially for youth services," said Mulcrone noting the proposed library would include imagination stations designed for young children.

"Imagination station is a name for something that is geared toward early childhood development, to help them prepare to learn to read," Mulcrone said.

The current library has items like puzzles for this stage of development, but the new library would offer much more extensive tools and programs.

According to the library, the majority of the 25,000 people attending library programs are children and teens. But due to space limitations, they often have to turn people away from participating in events.

The proposed library would include a large meeting room for those programs to accommodate about 250 people, as opposed to the current room that allows seating for 100.

Located next to Novi High School, a large number of teens make use of the library's services.

"The library is a partner in education with the schools," said Mulcrone, explaining students use the library to do homework, use the computers and to socialize. "But we really don't have a space for them."

Currently, the young adults use computers in the adult section, but their books are near the children's section.

"We'd like to dedicate some computers for them," Mulcrone said. "It's a way to give young adults their own space."

The proposed library also includes a variety of study areas to accommodate different study habits and double the seating capacity of the current facility.

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## Haunted History

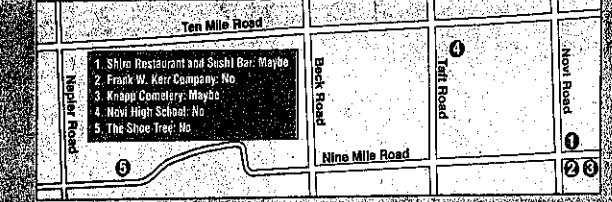


The gravestone of resident George B. Dennis in Novi's Knapp Cemetery. Dennis died on Oct. 5, 1865. In the 74th year of his age.

The 1870 gravestone of Huldah M. Aldrich in Novi's Knapp Cemetery. The Novi graveyard is rumored as one of many local haunted destinations.

## Ghostly tales in Novi

Want to know which area is really haunted?



By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

Novi, Michigan, is a town with a long history dating back to when Charles Rogers built it in 1929. Although many people point to themselves as the town's "ghosts" with scary movies and haunted houses, the real thing may be nearly as thrilling.

There are five major Novi locations rumored to be haunted. However, you can be the judge, but don't get too scared.

**Shiro Restaurant and Sushi Bar**  
By far the most publicized of the supposedly haunted locations, the Shiro location has a long history dating back to when Charles Rogers built it in 1929. After Harriet Rogers died, the cause family lived in the house from about 1923-1971, before the Cery brothers turned it into a restaurant called The White House Manor. After experiencing many strange occurrences, they closed the restaurant's doors in 1984, until it was reopened by new owners as Home Sweet Home.

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## Staph infection meeting Monday

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

Recent cases of staph infection have been reported throughout Oakland County in recent weeks, with the closest occurring in unrelated incidents last Thursday at Walled Lake Central High School and Clifford Smart Middle School in Walled Lake.

"The report that a Clifford Smart student had been treated was received by administrators at approximately 2 p.m. Thursday. We have received letters directly from the doctors of both students; they have been cleared to return to school," said William Hamilton, superintendent of Walled Lake Consolidated Schools.

Hamilton also noted both schools had been disinfected last Thursday and Friday, when the district closed the schools for the day. Walnut Creek Middle School was also scheduled to be disinfected.

Staph is present on about a quarter of the population's bodies, but is not fatal in most cases.

Novi Community Schools will hold a public information session 7 p.m. Monday at Novi Middle School's auditorium, 49000 11 Mile Road.

Jerry Blair, director of infection control at St. John Providence Hospital, and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Bob Schram will speak about staph infection and preventative measures.

The strand of staph infection hitting the county is known as methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus.

An infectious disease, MRSA is a type of staph infection resistant to antibiotic treatment.

It may result in infections similar in appearance to boils or pimples, but are often red, swollen,

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• **SATURDAY**

Join the Novi Theatres for the children's production of "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The shows will take place at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd. Other shows will take place 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. Oct. 29-31 and 7:30 p.m. Nov. 2-3. Tickets are on sale at the Novi Civic Center Parks Office: \$12 for regular scheduled shows and \$5 for school performance shows. Call (248) 347-0400 for more information.

• **SUNDAY**

Let the capes flow in the breeze as costume-clad ice skaters flock to Novi Ice Arena's 42400 Arena Dr., Halloween Skate from 3-4:50 p.m. Wearing a costume will earn \$1 off admission and also allow a chance at winning a prize. Candy, a raffle and Halloween music will all be features of the event. Call (248) 347-1010 for more information. Novi Ice Arena also offers a Learn to Skate program. The instruction follows the curriculum of the U.S. Figure Skating program. For more information, contact skating director Micki Freier at (248) 347-1010 or e-mail [mfreier@suburbanice.com](mailto:mfreier@suburbanice.com).

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- ✧ Administering a preliminary breath test to the decoy before and after the operation.
- ✧ The decoy is instructed not to lie," said Chief David Molloy of the Novi Police Department.
- ✧ "There is no way we're trying to be surreptitious about it."

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## Alcohol decoy results revealed

### Police issue list of offenders

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Police Department released results from the alcohol decoy operation investigators began in April.

Of the 94 establishments licensed through the Michigan Liquor Control Commission in the City of Novi, 13 were in violation of selling to a decoy.

Investigators of the Novi Police Department followed the Michigan Liquor Control Commission's specific guidelines while conducting the operation.

The guidelines included:

- Using a decoy who is 18-19 years old.
- Not making the decoy look older than their actual age.
- Ensuring the decoy does not lie to the establishment about their age.
- Administering a preliminary breath test to the decoy before and after the operation.

"The decoy is instructed not to lie," said Chief David Molloy of the Novi Police Department. "There is no way we're trying to be surreptitious about it."

According to Molloy, the City of Novi, in conjunction with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission has been performing this operation for decades.

"It's been an ongoing prevention effort that we've been working on with the liquor control," he said.

A letter was sent in advance to all of the businesses notifying them of the upcoming operation being performed by the police department.

"It's more of a prevention program where we warn them up front," Molloy said. "We're trying to eliminate the underage sale of alcohol."

According to Molloy, the results from this operation were consistent with past years.

"A vast majority of the establishments do a very good job," he said.

he said. "The goal of this operation is prevention, not enforcement. We want the businesses to succeed here in Novi."

For the 7 percent of businesses who sold alcohol to a minor, a citation was issued to the person who made the sale and the establishment may receive a fine ranging from \$300-\$700, depending on its history with the liquor commission.

None of the establishments are in jeopardy of losing their liquor license.

"It was an unfortunate incident," said Duane Brady, manager of Steve and Rocky's, where a server sold alcohol to a decoy in May. "It's a constant reminder to the staff that we have to be very careful."

The Novi Police Department will provide training for local licensed businesses regarding proper protocol to follow when selling alcohol.

"The hard-line is if they look younger than me we card them," Brady said. "We don't want to be a detriment to the operation."

Funding for the program was made possible through a Mothers Against Drunk Driving grant.

For a complete list of the 13 businesses visit [www.novinews.com](http://www.novinews.com).

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## Teacher honored with national award

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

Novi Community Schools had a huge secret.

Unknown to even the faculty at Novi High School, the district was harboring one of the state's two Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award winners.

Brian Langley, a 31-year-old physics and chemistry teacher, was awarded with this designation last Thursday in front of an auditorium full of staff, students and community members, with many more watching on monitors throughout the building.

"It's very exciting. Very nervous, humbling. I'm very excited about teaching. I love teaching. When I was a senior in college, I was a mentor in the dorms at (Michigan State University) and wanted to continue that mentoring. I love being a role model for (the students)," Langley said. "I learn a lot from the teachers around me. I try to concentrate on the way I can motivate my kids to do better. They make me excited (about teaching)."

He added in his eight years teaching in Novi, he has been able to successfully teach in a creative manner not all districts would necessarily allow.

"I consider myself fortunate to work in a district like Novi with an administration that encourages teacher creativity, an outstanding collaborative teaching staff and a student body excited for new learning experiences," he said. "I consider my students a family and aim to make my class

the most effective, and enjoyable, class they take. We call our family 'Learning with Langley' and our motto is to 'Dominate Life!'"

When his name was announced, Langley said he felt the need to find his students in the crowd and share the moment with them.

The award was the 77th given to a Michigan educator in the past 70 years and earns Langley an all-expense paid trip to Los Angeles in the spring for the National Educators Conference, where winners from across the country will be presented with their unrestricted \$25,000 award.

"It's held right next to Hollywood because we think teachers should be just as famous as actors," said Jane Foley, a spokeswoman for California-based Milken Family Foundation. "As a society, we're quick to recognize winners in other professions - sports for Grammy's, even scientists for the Nobel Peace Prize. Greatness in education should be recognized too."

Michigan Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan, Oakland County Superintendent Vickie Markavitch, Novi Mayor David Landry, past award winners and the entire Novi school board and superintendent's office were present as Langley was honored with the national award.

Educators cannot apply for this award, but must be nominated by their state's Department of Education.

"The single most important element is the quality of the



Novi High School teacher Brian Langley is presented with the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award during a surprise assembly last week.

teacher in the classroom. Good teachers make a difference," Foley said while noting the award is often referred to as the 'Oscars of teaching.'

Langley's first move after the auditorium cleared and television cameras surrounded him was to call his wife, Char.

"We got a little surprise. We had an (award) assembly and it's like, a national thing... and I got it," he told her over the phone. His wife is a middle school teacher in Howell, at home

awaiting the birth of twins. Langley said the prize money will go toward a family vacation and college funds for his children.

David Robinson, the other Michigan award winner, teaches at Randolph Career and Technical High School in Detroit.

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# Knowledge is power, dealing with cancer

By Tracy Mishler  
SPECIAL WRITER

Kathy Sugiyama will do anything to ensure a cancer-free life. This includes removing both of her breasts and undergoing a total hysterectomy as a way of beating a specific gene, BRCA1, targeting her for cancer.

Having already dealt with two bouts of cancer in her left and right breasts, Sugiyama, 45, of Northville, is now a 10-year cancer survivor and helping other women cope with hearing the news they too have breast cancer.

Sugiyama is part of the Reach to Recovery program through the American Cancer Society and talks to local women about what it is like coping with breast cancer and what they will go through to get better.

She tells her story of being diagnosed at 35-years-old and then at 37 and learning even though she has no known family history of breast cancer, she does in fact carry a hereditary gene, carried by only 5-10 percent of people diagnosed with cancer. The gene makes her more susceptible to developing breast and other types of cancer.

"That's why it was such a shock when the doctor told me I had cancer," Sugiyama said. "They genetically tested me and told me there was an 87 percent chance of breast cancer with this gene, a 40-60 percent chance for ovarian and a slight increase for colon cancer."

"It's a gene passed down, but I have no family history of cancer. Apparently, I'm the first."

Dr. Linda Dubay, a breast surgeon at St. John Providence Hospital in Novi, said patients diagnosed with breast cancer often have no previous family history.

"Eighty percent of people who have breast cancer have no family members with breast cancer," Dubay said. "Only about five percent have the genetic mutation and only about 10 percent have a known family member with breast cancer."

## Breast Cancer 101

Dubay recently spoke during Providence Hospital's Dinner

### Developing breast cancer by age:

- 30-40 1 in 252 people
  - 41-50 1 in 68 people
  - 51-60 1 in 35 people
  - 61-70 1 in 27 people
- By age 90, one in seven people will have developed breast cancer.

Source: National Cancer Institute

with a Doctor series in Novi on breast health as part of October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

During her talk, the room was filled with dozens of women and a few men, some some sweaters, others family members or friends. Some were recently diagnosed with the disease, others waiting for their results.

She spoke about different types of breast cancers, risks and how to keep yourself healthy.

"In the future, we may be able to prevent some breast cancers, but there are many factors (genes and environment)," Dubay said. "Breast cancer survival is increasing and has been for several years."

"The key is to find things early. Knowledge is power." According to the American Cancer Society, about 178,480 women in the United States will be found to have invasive breast cancer this year. About 40,460 women will die from the disease this year.

Sugiyama said though her cancer isn't something she would want to live through again, she wouldn't erase those chapters from her life.

"I made me who I am," she said. "I now know more than I ever knew before, and I can teach my daughters."

Sugiyama said her daughters, Allison, 13, and Samantha, 10, are becoming more aware of what breast cancer is and she said it's important for everyone, even young girls, to know about the disease.

"I call my oldest daughter, Allison, my rock," Sugiyama said. "A few years ago, she said to me, 'mommy, you know why I was so brave (when you were sick)? I

### Reach to Recovery

The American Cancer Society's Reach to Recovery program has helped people, both men and women, cope with breast cancer for more than 50 years.

When people first learn they have breast cancer, they may feel overwhelmed, vulnerable and alone, according to the American Cancer Society.

While under this stress, many people must also learn about and try to understand complex medical treatments and then choose the best one that works for them with the professional assistance of their doctors.

Reach to Recovery volunteers are breast cancer survivors who give patients and family members an opportunity to express feelings, talk about fears and concerns and ask questions of someone who is knowledgeable and level-headed.

For more information or to locate a Reach to Recovery program, visit "In My Community" at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or call (800) ACS-2345.

Source: American Cancer Society



Kathy Sugiyama is pictured with daughters Samantha, 10, and Allison, 13. Sugiyama is hoping to get the word out to women on the importance of breast cancer awareness.

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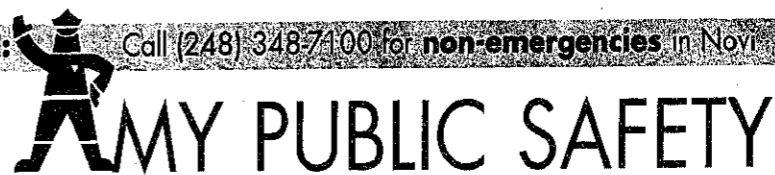
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# Can satellites track a stolen GPS system?

## POLICE BRIEFS

According to recent police reports, a man's global positioning system was stolen from his vehicle while parked at Emagine Theater Oct. 16.

The man said he and his wife parked the silver 2006 Ford Freestyle on the north side of Emagine Theater in Fountain Walk at 12:15 p.m.

According to the report, when they returned to their vehicle just before 5 p.m. the passenger window was shattered.

The suspect(s) went through the vehicle and stole the Garmin GPS from the center console and the mount from the windshield, reports said.

At the time of the report, the GPS, valued at \$300, was the only thing missing from the vehicle.

According to the report, Fountain Walk security was going to make the officer a copy of the surveillance video from the parking lot cameras.

### Vehicle items stolen

An iPod Nano was stolen from an unlocked vehicle on Wolfe Pass between Meadowbrook and 13 Mile roads, reports said.

According to the police report, the black Cadillac DTS rental car was parked in the resident's driveway between 11 a.m. Oct. 10 and 6 a.m. Oct. 11.

When the resident came out to the vehicle the driver-side door was left slightly ajar, the center console was open and papers from the glove box were strewn about the passenger-side, reports said.

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A black Sansonite laptop bag containing two college history textbooks from the Otoman Empire was stolen from a vehicle on Mitchell between Meadowbrook and 13 Mile roads, reports said.

The 2002 Chevy Avalanche was parked in the driveway of the residence at about 8 p.m. Oct. 10, reports said.

According to the report, at about 2 p.m. Oct. 11 the driver went out to his vehicle and noticed the driver-side door ajar and the items from the center console had been emptied onto the seat.

There was no damage to the vehicle and nothing else was missing besides the books and bag, which are worth \$150, reports said.

### Heavy-duty tools stolen

Tools were stolen from a shed

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Novii Public Library worker Paige Barsch re-shelves books. The library, hoping to expand its building and services, is looking for public support in the bond proposal on Nov. 6.

### \$16M library bond proposal on ballot Nov. 6

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#### Additional services

The library not only caters to children and young adults, but it offers a variety of programs for senior citizens within the community.

Among the most popular are the senior book discussion groups, Internet classes, tax programs through the American Association of Retired Persons and safe driving for seniors.

"I could see senior classes increasing because we can't keep up with the demand," Mulrone said. "We have about 45 computers available now and would like to at least double that."

"This building is more than 30 years old. It wasn't built in the 21st Century technology-age. We've tried to adapt as best we can. But we'd like to provide 21st Century technology."

decades ago, the facility also wasn't designed to accommodate barrier-free technology.

"We would be able to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and be barrier-free," Mulrone said.

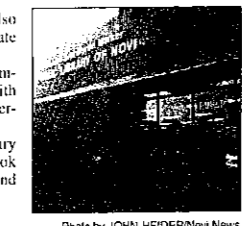
Proposed plans for the library also include a drive-up book return, Friends Store, cafe and outdoor seating areas.

#### What does it all mean?

With the election less than two weeks away, voters will be asked if the City of Novi should have the \$16 million and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds to be paid within 20 years.

Pending passage, the estimated annual millage rate will be 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.

However, on July 23, Novi's City Council approved a resolution to maintain the city property tax rate of 10.5416 mills, if the proposed bond passes on Nov. 6. Due to the city's current and projected financial position,



The Charles and Myrtle Walker Public Library on 10 Mile Road.

Council believes the proposed library construction millage can be absorbed through fiscal management planning, meaning no additional cost to voters if passed.

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## A Novi pioneer to join the Novi city council

### Candidate Kathy Crawford up for election Nov. 6

By Kelly Murad STAFF WRITER

Kathy Crawford may be new to Novi's City Council, but she is not new to the community.

For the first time in her 65 years as a Novi resident, Crawford decided to throw her hat in the ring for city council. "I think I was in the stars," Crawford said. "I think all my experiences have brought me to this point."

Growing up, Crawford lived on a farm with her parents and grandparents on Grand River Avenue.

"There was a time when we were little that no one wanted to say they were from Novi because that meant you were a farmer," she said.

Crawford has watched Novi emerge from farmlands into the destination location it is today. "This is where our Girl Scout troop sold flags every Memorial Day," she said while sitting in Panera Bread on the corner of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road. "There was nothing here. You had to leave the city for everything."

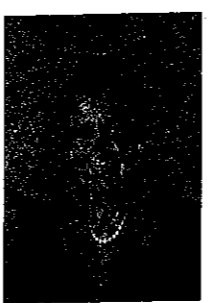
"So when things started coming here, I thought that was so awesome."

Among her many accomplishments, most notably is Crawford's involvement with senior services.

"I grew up with my grandparents and as I went out on my own, it always bothered me that there was never anything for my grandmother to do," she said.

"Growing older is a time to advance, not to retreat."

While working for Oakland County doing senior services, Crawford convinced the past director of the Novi Parks and Recreation to hire her on a part-time basis.



Kathy Crawford



"One of the saddest things for me in this community was when seniors had to move into more urban settings because they couldn't get around or afford it," Crawford said. "I think our whole life is about growing older."

As an advocate of senior services Crawford started up the Novi Senior Center.

"It was all the things I knew it could be."

Crawford retired from the Novi Parks and Recreation Department in 2004 and began her own business, Kathy Crawford Communications, providing workshops and seminars for senior citizens groups, directors of senior centers and recreation professionals.

Even though Crawford's husband Hugh has been involved in politics for years, it wasn't until Kathy retired three years ago that she began considering running for city council.

"I think I will bring my experience as an employee of the community and my experience from having lived here my

entire life," she said. "I'm a common sense kind of person. Things are simple; there are rules to follow."

"Council is there to assure that the rules are followed. We're supposed to see the perspective for the whole city."

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## Giving it another go

### David Staudt runs again for city council

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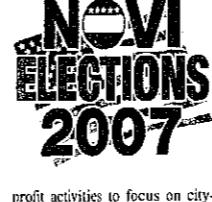
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## Master Plan Vision Fair

### CITY COUNCIL BRIEFS

As part of the City of Novi Master Plan review, a vision fair will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30 in the atrium of City Hall.

The Master Plan, which was approved in December 2004, is under review by the City for possible amendments to three particular areas:

- Southwest residential corners;
- Novi Road/Interstate 96 interchange; and
- Southwest corner of 12 Mile and Wixom roads.

Notification was sent to more than 2,000 community members and business owners residing in or near the three study areas.

City consultants and staff planners will be in attendance to provide information and answer any questions the public may have.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a short introduction in council chambers.

Councilwoman Toni Nagy expresses gratitude

After four years on Novi's city council, Toni Nagy participated in her last meeting as councilwoman Monday night.

Nagy and Councilwoman Lynne Paul, who was absent, chose not to run for re-election Nov. 6.

Mayor David Landry thanked Nagy for her services and presented her with a vase engraved with her name and years she served on council.

Nagy expressed gratitude to members of the Novi community, city staff and her colleagues.

During audience participation, Laura Lorenzo, Lynn Kocan and Carol Crawford thanked Nagy and Paul for their

### Phasing plan for Main Street approved

Council approved by a 6-0 vote the phasing plan for Triangle Main Street, LLC with an amendment to require final site plan approval of phase five to come back before council.

Mayor Pro Tem Kim Capello made the request for phase five to return because he wants Triangle to eliminate Depot Street, which is located on the west-side of the park.

As long as there are no major changes, all other approvals regarding Triangle Main Street phasing plans, aside from phase five, can be approved administratively.

Novii wins a gold award

Community Relations Manager Sheryl Walsh made a presentation regarding the Promoting Active Communities Gold Award on behalf of the city's Neighborhood and Business Relations Group.

Novii was the only community in Michigan to receive a gold award.

With pride, Walsh reminded council of the silver award won last year and the platinum award the city will strive to achieve next year.

Council Meeting Notes were taken from the Monday, Oct. 22 regular meeting of the Novi City Council. Councilwoman Lynne Paul was absent. Next meeting: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd.

Novii residents applied for positions on the Public Access Promotion Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals; Board of Review, Election Commission, Beautification Commission, Stormwater Management, Historical Commission and Economic Development Corporation.

According to Mayor David Landry, Council hopes to announce the appointments at the Nov. 13 or Nov. 26 meeting.

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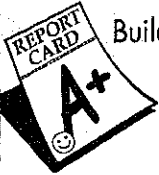
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By Chris Jackett  
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Students in Novi and throughout Michigan will soon learn a lot more in their social studies classes, as a result of new content expectations from the Michigan Department of Education.

The new revisions, the first since 1996, have amended the curriculum to help drive citizen participation in local, state and federal government.

"Students not only need to know the 'what' about civics and government, they need to know 'how, when and where' they can become actual participants in their government," stated State Board member Nancy Danhof in a release.

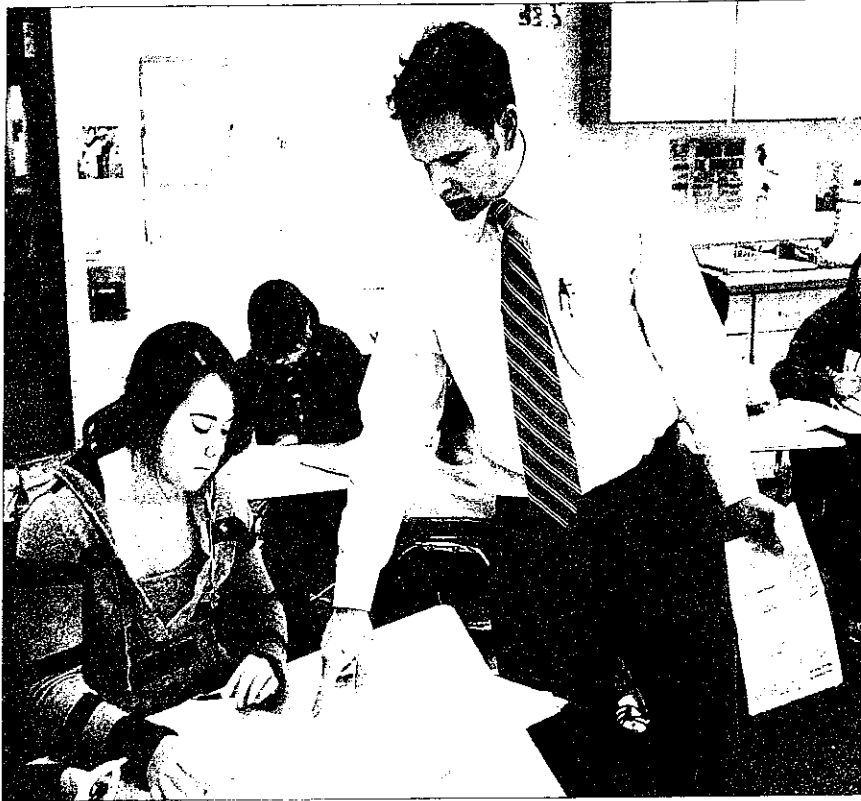
In addition to encouraging participation, the new curriculum will teach personal finance education during K-12, teach beyond Michigan's statehood history in fourth grade and highlight the leadership roles of multi-cultural individuals in civic participation that resulted in positive national changes.

"They built these from the ground up. There's a high level of rigor. This is the first time content requirements are included," said Rod Franchi, a social studies department co-chair who teaches civics and economics and AP history at Novi High School. "We're working this year to overhaul the courses and reconfigure the courses."

"The look and feel will be different. It will be a lot of work, but we're also looking at it to address assumptions about teaching and learning. I think we'll have something very innovative."

The new curriculum will be incorporated into Novi schools throughout the course of this year and be fully integrated for the 2008-09 academic year, said Monique Beels, assistant superintendent of Novi Community Schools.

"This year will still be under the old standards," Franchi said, noting the civics and finance requirements will be the biggest changes to the current curriculum.



Novi High School Social Studies co-chair Rod Franchi looks at the work of a student in a Tuesday afternoon class. The State of Michigan has recently upgraded the social studies standards for teachers and students.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

The content expectations are aligned with national standards in teaching history, civics, government, geography and economics. They were designed after several years of research and public input.

However, many of the new standards spell out lessons already taught, and some high school students worry it could bump out the currently helpful lesson plans.

"I think it will kind of bring redundancy. It's good to have it

that detailed, but I feel like the state's going to bring in more book work. We did a lot of simulations (that were helpful)," said Sneha Bhattacharyya, a junior currently taking AP government.

She said simulating a presidential election and one-year living budget with a \$25,000 base were both valuable classroom lessons learned.

Not only is Bhattacharyya worried the simulations will be replaced with book work, but she

also worries other current classes will suffer.

"What's going to happen to the accounting and finance classes? I kind of like it how it is," she said.

Erica Shadwell, a senior who took AP government last year and is currently taking world history, said the lessons are good now, but some could use tweaking.

"With the financial stuff, it didn't go in depth enough. I think it will provide a better background," she said of the changes, although she noted, for some material, "I would read the textbook and not fully get it until we did simulations."

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### ON CAMPUS

#### Keettering University

The following Novi students were named to the Dean's List at Keettering University for the spring semester: Ryan Gee of Novi who is studying mechanical engineering; Sandya Nalh who is studying mechanical engineering; and Adil Siddiqui who is studying electrical engineering.

### OBITUARIES



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Novi High School juniors Kim Hildreth, left, and Laura Ferriss work on a project in Rod Franchi's social studies classroom.

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# MY EDUCATION

## Athletic teams succeed, teacher recognized

Student board member Aditya Sathi began the meeting by offering congratulations to Novi High School teacher Brian Langley for his Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award on behalf of the student body. Sathi also noted the upcoming PSAT, SAT, blood drive and school play production schedules while recognizing successful seasons for football, boys tennis, boys soccer, boys cross country and girls swimming.

### Action Items

The district accepted the gift of three golf carts from Dave Talaga of South Lyon to be used by the Novi High School career and technical education classes. Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Bob Schram announced the retirement of Sarah "Sally" Mayoras and Bonnie Szilagay; resignation of Jill Lazarus for personal reasons; and hiring of Rachel Miller.

He also announced a tentative wage agreement with the I.U.O.E. Custodial/Maintenance Bargaining Unit was reached for the 2007-08 school year.

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Gail Credit announced the hiring of a technology consultant and construction manager did not require competitive bidding.

### Discussion items

Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius spoke to board members

### SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

about the various possibilities of changing school board elections, which are currently held in May. Cornelius said the district could save the \$19,000 spent on board elections in the past by "piggy-backing" onto local, state and federal ballots in August of even-numbered years or November. However, this may also affect term lengths for board members, which could merit a public hearing on Nov. 1 before the regularly scheduled board of education meeting.

Credit asked that Fanning/Hovey Associates is hired to complete \$1.3 million of the bond renovation work on Orchard Hills, Village Oaks and Parkway elementary schools, along with upgrading technology and security at all schools. Fanning/Hovey has worked with the district on past projects and had the overall support of the board, although trustee George Kortlandt felt bidding should've been opened earlier on this project.

The board heard Larry Czekaj of the Novi Public Library Board give a report on the need for a new library. Czekaj reported the city's population has grown from about 8,000 to 54,000 since the library opened in 1976, and is predicted to reach 79,000 by 2030. He also said the library has grown from about 15,000 books and materials to 98,000 and has seen an increase in

items borrowed from 45,000 to 255,000 in the past 31 years.

Currently at 23,000 square feet, Czekaj proposed a new library should be built in the west library parking lot to occupy 60,000 square feet and turn the current library site into a parking lot, which would also open up a clear view of Novi High School's entrance.

Superintendent Peter Dion gave his report of the school district's goals for 2007-08, which included long range plan review/revise, contract negotiations, student achievement, bond implementation, and the St. John's Providence Park Hospital Partnership, among other specifications. He also added the district has worked to prevent any potential

outbreaks of the Staph infection.

### Comments from the audience

West Bloomfield resident and Novi adult education student Greg Jozsa spoke of some troubles he had with disorderly students in his adult education courses and how he felt the teachers and district handled the situation poorly. Jozsa, who admitted to having attendance issues due to doctor appointments, also felt the superintendent's office was unfair in helping him to reach a compromise.

Czekaj, who has children in the district, thanked the board for keeping a close eye and taking appropriate action to evolve the district in a positive manner.

### Superintendent's report

Dion recognized an eventful day for the school district that included a multicultural day at

Deerfield Elementary; the high school boys soccer team's second round district match against Catholic Central going into overtime prior to the meeting's start; and the national award Langley received at the high school.

He also noted state per pupil funding was still not set, but has been talked about as between a \$48-96 increase per pupil. He said schools already receiving high amounts, such as Novi, may only see a \$48 increase, as lower income schools could see the \$96 increase.

Dion thanked Mike Flanagan, Michigan superintendent of public instruction, for making his second appearance in the district that morning and mentioned the MEAP retesting needed as a result of the breach in Jackson where a writing portion of the test was printed in a newspaper and online.

To conclude his report, Dion said he talked with principals and athletic directors throughout the

district to ensure students' safety from the Staph infection.

Dion also addressed the complaint from Jozsa, saying he and other administrators thought their meeting with Jozsa on Oct. 11 was satisfactory and resolved problems that included Jozsa's suspension from tardiness.

Vice President Bruce Bagdady and Kortlandt noted they were shocked by Jozsa's comments and felt Dion was a very reputable and accommodating superintendent they hoped would be in the district for years to come.

The board retired to executive session around 9:50 p.m.

School board meeting notes were taken from the Thursday, Oct. 18 regular meeting of the Novi Community School Board. All board members were in attendance. Next meeting: 7 p.m. Nov. 1 at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Rd.

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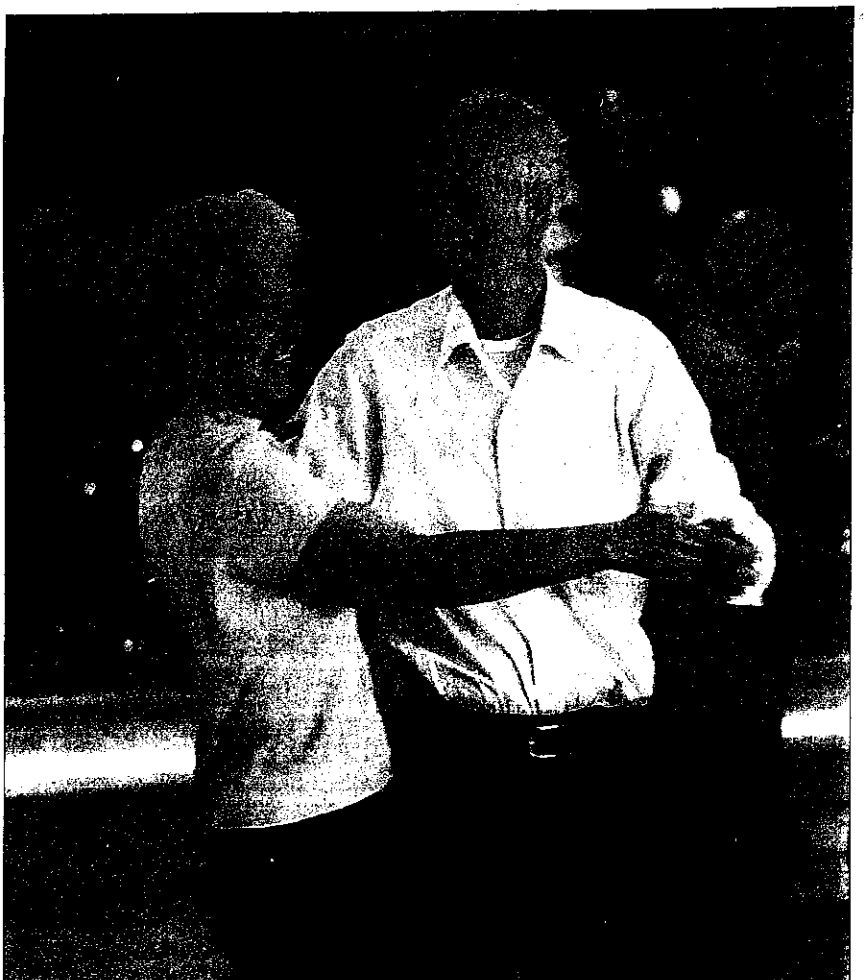


Jen Federspiel pours a cup of rootbeer during the Michigan Restaurant Show at the Rock Financial Showplace.



Novi High school student Scott Nussbaum digs into a bowl of ramen noodles during an eating contest sponsored by the school's Japanese Club. On Oct. 23, the club had a ramen noodle eating contest using forks or chopsticks. Senior Jeff Han won the fork division by polishing off five bowls in the quickest time.

### Photos by John Heider



Kathie Gornick and Richard Clarke cut a rug at a Tuesday afternoon dance at the Novi Senior Center. The center hosts a live band and dance on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

**For a John Heider video of the Novi High School ramen noodle eating contest sponsored by the school's Japanese Club, visit [www.Novinews.com](http://www.Novinews.com).**

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Dr. Sindy Goodman, a Novi orthodontist, is encouraging her patients to donate their Halloween candy this year. The candy, dropped off at the 12 Mile Road office, will be donated to a local food pantry.

## Candy buybacks save kids from broken braces, cavities

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

With Halloween less than a week away, children are preparing to spend the holiday with a pile of candy in front of them.

However, many children will have the extra task of avoiding candy that could ruin their braces. But area tooth experts have an alternative use for that potentially damaging pile of sweets.

"Halloween is a fun holiday for kids of all ages," said Dr. Robert Goodman of Goodman Orthodontics. "But too much candy can contribute to tooth decay and, for people who wear braces, eating sticky or chewy candies can harm their braces and may lengthen orthodontic treatment."

Goodman Orthodontics is offering candy buybacks during business hours on Nov. 1, 5, 6 and 8. In the past, Goodman's has paid children \$1 per pound of candy and has donated the sweets to American troops or local food pantries. Last year, this produced between 400-500 pounds of candy that filled eight large bins.

This year, Goodman's is using the usual \$1 to give 50 cents to the

children and then donating the other 50 cents to Make a Wish Foundation. When all donations and buybacks are complete, Goodman's will match the donation amount produced by the candy buyback with a deposit of their own. The candy will be donated to a pantry in Walled Lake.

"We're rewarding children for not eating hard and sticky candy that will ruin their braces," said Mary Myers, new patient coordinator at Goodman Orthodontics. "We've done it every year since the office opened in 2002. It has gotten bigger and bigger every year. You don't have to be a patient in our office."

Goodman's has many motivations for hosting the candy buyback. October is National Orthodontic Health Month and the start of a holiday season that tends to see a lot of orthodontic issues as children partake in holiday meals that don't always cater as friendly to those with braces.

"There are lots of organizations that do candy buybacks. We have a vested interest (to avoid) having to repair broken brackets (in braces)," Myers said.

She said orthodontists see their patients every six to eight weeks,

more than any other doctor does, so they also develop friendly relationships with their patients.

Dr. J.D. Robison is also buying back candy at Canton's Robison Dental Group in an effort to slow tooth decay and help the troops.

"We've never done it before. I think it'll be a lot of fun. It'll help some kids and prevent cavities," Robison said.

Robison is buying back candy for \$1 per pound and sending it to American troops overseas. Robison and his father brainstormed the buyback idea after talking with a fellow dentist from Wisconsin who had done it before, collecting 280 pounds of candy.

"We're hoping to beat the crud out of that," Robison said. "There's so much sugar going on. The average teenage boy has a cup of sugar in his diet. It's a half-cup for the rest of the population. "Cavities are a slow moving beast. If a kid has a candy bar or two every day during the holiday season, they'll have a ton of decay."

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## History of haunts in Novi

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Home in 1987. In 1988, a seance took place to try and communicate with any spirits. Since then, Shiro Restaurant and Sushi Bar has taken over.

"It is thought that the former owners of Home Sweet Home haunt the place, though we found no evidence of it while there. This does happen as ghosts are not stationary beings and we were only there for a brief amount of time," said Cindy Blake, president of the Michigan Ghost Watchers paranormal investigation group that investigated Shiro in 2003. "While at Shiro, we discovered nothing much. Mostly what we got was the testimonies of some of the staff. The bartender told us of glasses that fly onto the floor at night and move along the bar."

Past testimonies from the 1980s tell of lights on the abandoned third floor turning on when the building is vacant, strange noises in the second floor women's restroom and even the ghost of Charles Rogers appearing on the banister at the front doorway.

Shiro managers declined to comment on any past or recent haunting.

### Frank W. Kerr Company & Knapp Cemetery

Directly across the street from

Shiro lies an office building that www.shadowlands.com lists as one of Novi's haunted locations with moving objects and ghosts dressed in 1800-era garb.

The Knapp Cemetery, credited with the origin of the ghosts, lies about 100 yards east of Kerr and features many gravestones marking deaths of a few dozen people from the late 1800s. The cemetery was founded in 1836 when Benajah Aldrich dedicated half an acre of his land to bury his brother-in-law, Henry Knapp.

However, current employees of Kerr Co. said they haven't heard of any hauntings at their building, but they had heard about Shiro.

"I don't know of any. I've been here 30 years and never heard of such a thing. Frank W. Kerr, no hauntings here," said Larry Malek, associate services spokesman at Frank W. Kerr Company.

Knapp Cemetery is rumored to have a ghost of its own of a man who died of a broken heart not long after his son died, according to Kathy Mutch, chair of the Novi Historical Commission.

### The Shoe Tree

It once existed, although it was far from haunted. With 40-50 pairs of shoes dangling from its branches, the cottonwood tree was located on the northern side of Nine Mile Road, half a mile east of Napier Road. It was cut down after vandalism on Nov. 13, 1994 left it leaning over passing vehicles on Nine Mile Road. "I had kids on cross country

and track that would run down Nine Mile toward Lyon Township. There was a shoe tree that got cut down. The coach (Bob Smith) said there was a little sapling that'll be the next shoe tree," Mutch said.

"Somehow it was tied into the Oakland County child killings of the (late 1970s and) early 1980s. The murderer's never been identified or convicted. I think kids just got to the high school (age) and needed to think of an explanation for it rather than kids were just throwing their shoes up in it."

The tree was filled with shoes from high school track and cross country runners who would throw their shoes into it, with quotes and records inscribed on the soles. The tree was a 3.5-mile landmark from Novi High School since the late 1970s.

### Novi High School

Rumor has it there are tunnels running under the high school that are filled with equipment that malfunctions and causes temperature changes throughout the school. The descriptions on www.shadowlands.com make it sound as if a large generator or fan is hidden below the school, causing vibrations and sounds while sucking items under doors. Mutch claims the existence of such tunnels alone is a myth.

"The tunnels are not there. There'd be no reason," she said.

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## Police offer Halloween safety tips

On Oct. 31, thousands of witches, goblins, super heroes and princesses will take to Novi streets when cleverly costumed children go looking for treats. The recommended "trick or treat" hours in Novi are between 6 and 8 p.m.

This is a favorite evening for many youngsters who will be running out of sheer excitement and the Novi Police Department wants to remind community members the biggest dangers kids face on this evening are injuries from tripping and falling and pedestrian/car accidents.

"The men and women of the Novi Police Department always strive to partner with our residents to provide the children of Novi with the safest possible environment to celebrate the time honored tradition of trick-or-treating," said Novi Police Chief David Molloy. "Unfortunately,

children engaged in "trick or treat" activities frequently cross streets at mid-block rather than at corners or crosswalks, putting them at risk for pedestrian injury. Children are likely to choose the shortest rather than the safest route across streets, often darting out between parked cars. Also, many parents overestimate children's street-crossing skills."

To ensure a safe Halloween, the Novi police department recommends the following safety rules.

### Halloween Trick-or-Treating Safety Tips

- Children should:
  - Go only to well-lit houses and remain on porches rather than entering houses.
  - Travel in small groups and be accompanied by an adult.
  - Know their phone number in

case an emergency telephone call is necessary.

- Have their names and addresses attached to their costumes.
- Bring treats home before eating them so parents can inspect them.
- Use costume knives and swords that are flexible, not rigid or sharp.

### When walking in neighborhoods children should:

- Use flashlights, stay on sidewalks, and avoid crossing yards.
- Cross streets at the corner, use crosswalks (where they exist), and do not cross between parked cars.
- Stop at all corners and stay together in a group before crossing.
- Wear clothing that is bright, reflective, and flame retardant.

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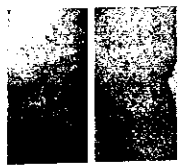


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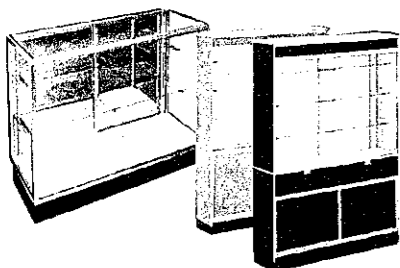
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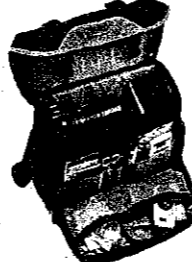


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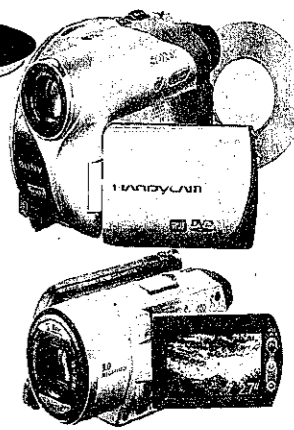
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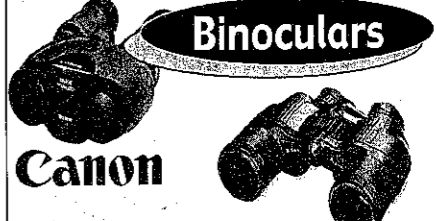


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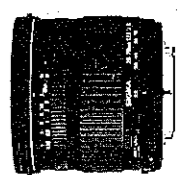
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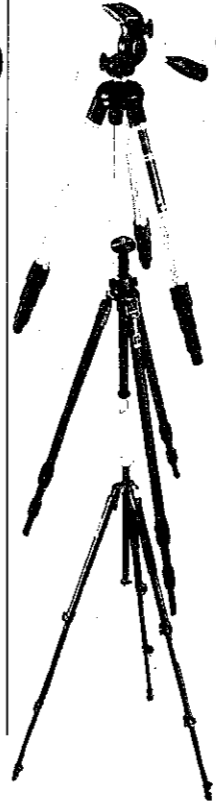


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# AS HEARD ON PAUL HARVEY NEWS Famous EdenPURE® portable heater that can cut your heating bill up to 50% is now much better

## Heats a large room in minutes with even heat wall to wall and floor to ceiling

Does not get hot, cannot start a fire and will not reduce humidity or oxygen

By John Whitehead, Media Services

The famous infrared portable heater, the EdenPURE®, which can cut your heating bills by up to 50%, has been greatly improved.

The new heater heats better, faster, saves more on heating bills and runs almost silent.

You have probably heard about the remarkable EdenPURE® as heard on Paul Harvey News and on television features across the nation.

The EdenPURE® can pay for itself in a matter of weeks and then start putting a great deal of extra money in your pocket after that.

And that's just the start of the benefits for the new EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater. A major cause of residential fires in the United States is portable heaters. But the EdenPURE® cannot cause a fire. That is because the quartz infrared heating element never gets to a temperature that can ignite anything.

The outside of the EdenPURE® only gets warm to the touch so that it will not burn children or pets. Pets can sleep on it when it is operating without harm.

The EdenPURE® will also make you healthier. That is because, unlike other heating sources, it will not reduce humidity or oxygen in the room. Typical heating sources reduce humidity which dries out your sinuses, makes you more susceptible to disease and makes your skin dry. With other heating sources, you'll notice that you get sleepy when the heat comes on because they are burning up oxygen.

The advanced space-age EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater also heats the room evenly, wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling. Other heating sources heat rooms unevenly with most of the heat concentrated high in the room and to the center of the room. And, as you know, portable heaters only heat an area a few feet around the heater. With the EdenPURE®, the temperature will not vary in any part of the room.

Unlike other heating sources, the EdenPURE® cannot put poisonous carbon monoxide into a room or any type of fumes or any type of harmful radiation. The new improved models are the Model 1000-XL and the Model 500-XL. See the improvements provided on this page. For more details on the amazing EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater, here is my interview with Julius Toth, Director of Product Development for BioTech Research®.

**Q. What is the origin of this amazing heating element in the EdenPURE®?**  
A. This advanced heating element was discovered accidentally by a man named John Jones. He had a large old farmhouse that was impossible to heat. Jones had a coal furnace in his basement. Jones placed a sheet of cured copper near the furnace to store it. Cured copper is a type of copper that goes through an extensive heating process to give it special properties.

After the fire went out in the coal furnace, Jones noticed that the sheet of copper was heating his entire basement evenly, even though the furnace was no longer putting out heat. He also

### Never be cold again



### Cannot start a fire; a child or animal can touch or sit on it without harm

was amazed as to how long the heat stayed in the copper and continued to warm the room.

Jones was so taken back by this that he started to experiment. He formed a company to develop a heating source out of this cured copper. But Jones had a number of children and he did not want a heating source that would cause a fire or create other hazardous situations like creating carbon monoxide or radiation. He also did not want his children to get burned.

To make a long story short, through a great deal of research and development, Jones developed a heating source that utilized commercial infrared quartz tubes.

**Q. What advantages does heating quartz tube heating source have over other heating source products?**  
A. John Jones designed his heating source around the three most important consumer benefits: economy, comfort, and safety. The final development of this infrared quartz heat source cannot be matched by any other heating system in the world.

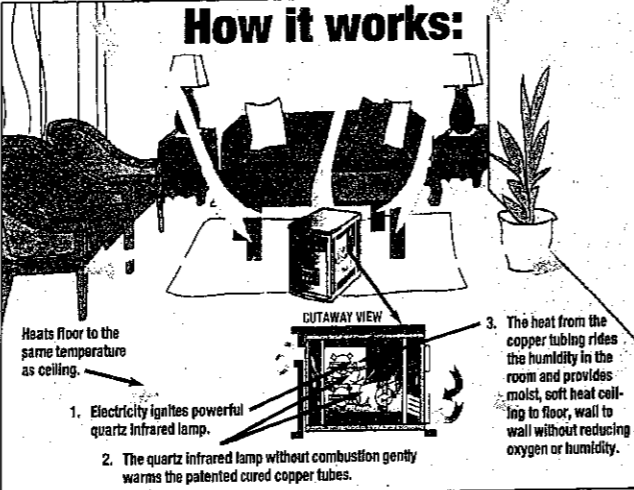
In the EdenPURE® system, electricity is used to generate infrared light which, in turn, creates a very safe heat. Infrared is the safest form of heat because it does not create carbon monoxide or harmful radiation. And, most importantly, infrared heat does not reach a burning temperature.

After a great deal of research and development, very efficient infrared heat chambers were developed that utilize three unique patented solid copper heat exchangers in one EdenPURE® heater. Over 5 years of research, development and real life field testing stand behind this heat source. It has now worked in residential and commercial applications worldwide for over 25 years.

**Q. Why is it that this heating quartz infrared heating source uses less energy to create heat than other sources?**  
A. Actually, there is more than one reason. One of the primary reasons is that heat at combustion level, which is what all other heat sources use

causes the heat to instantly rise to the ceiling. Therefore, the heat is not evenly distributed, causing a very inefficient and uncomfortable heat source.

The EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater does not use burning heat. Once the heat exchanger absorbs the infrared heat, it exudes the heat into the living area which is carried by the existing humidity in the air. This causes the heat to travel rapidly and evenly throughout



### New Model Improvements

- 1) The XL runs very much quieter. This type of super efficient fan system produces what is termed white noise which blends into a home atmosphere and becomes virtually inaudible. You now have to put your ear next to the heater to hear it operate. In addition to quieter the new fan blades are able to generate higher pressure air flow which pushes the warmer air out further into the room.
- 2) The XL heats better. The XL thermostat has been vastly improved so that it operates within a tighter range of degrees. The previous model used a mechanical thermostat which could produce a 6 degree variance in heat. This could be uncomfortable especially for the more heat sensitive elderly. The XL's electronic thermostat does not only eliminate the problems of a mechanical thermostat, but it is set to a much tighter tolerance. This will promote an extremely more comfortable even stable heat.
- 3) The 1000-XL features digital controls. It has a simple 3 large button control which turns the unit on, and you set the comfort level that you want which reads out on the front of the unit. It also has a remote control so you can adjust the comfort level without getting up.
- 4) The 500-XL has a single on/off switch and adjustable digital thermostat.
- 5) The XL is much more reliable. The thermostat and electronics are all solid state and the infrared bulbs are greatly improved to last for a very long time.

50% with the EdenPURE®? The EdenPURE® heater is now greatly improved. The EdenPURE® comes in 2 models. Model 500-XL heats a room up to 300 square feet and Model 1000-XL heats a room up to 1,000 square feet.

**End of interview.**  
Readers who wish to obtain the EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater at a \$75 discount if they order in the next 10 days. Please see the Special Readers Discount Coupon on this page. For those readers ordering after 10 days from the date of this publication, we reserve the right to either accept or reject order requests at the discounted price.

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The price of the EdenPURE® Model 500-XL is \$372 plus \$17 shipping for a total of \$389 delivered. The Model 1000-XL is \$472 plus \$27 shipping and handling for a total of \$499 delivered. People reading this publication get a \$75 discount with this coupon and pay only \$297 delivered for the Model 500-XL and \$397 delivered for the Model 1000-XL if you order within 10 days. The EdenPURE® comes in the decorator color of black with burl wood accent which goes with any decor. There is a strict limit of 3 units at the discount price - no exceptions please.

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# Quality fitness experience for all



Mid American Pom and Dance students Rebekah O'Connor, 14, left, and Jillian Caverly, 12, work out a pom pon routine at the Farmington Hills studio.

By Tracy Mishler  
 SPECIAL WRITER

Karen Blazaitis believes fitness should be important for both adults and children.

And that's why the 49-year-old Farmington Hills resident incorporated pompon and dance for kids and teens and fitness for adults all under one roof.

Blazaitis, creator and president of Mid American Pompon, established in 1979, opened Mid American Studio in May 2002 in Farmington Hills to offer instruction and training to potential pompon girls for future school teams, dance instruction for youth and fitness classes for adults.

"We're not a gym. We specialize in classes," Blazaitis said. "We don't have equipment so our clients are never fighting for a spot or the equipment to use. We're almost like a private club, knowing everyone by their name. It's really nice."

Blazaitis started Mid American Pompon at age 19 while attending college at Saginaw Valley State University as a member of the pompon team. Blazaitis and a friend organized the first pompon camp for Mid American Pompon with 40 participants, which soon grew to more than 300 campers a day and private camps in various cities throughout Michigan.

Aside from Mid American Pompon, Blazaitis said she initially started Mid American Studio to offer instruction to interested girls for pompon lessons. She said, with the demand for fitness on all levels, the facility expanded to offer youth dance classes such as hip hop and jazz, and adult fitness classes such as Pilates, yoga, Zumba and cardio workouts.

"I think people are hungry for inexpensive but quality ways to stay fit," Blazaitis said. "People are leery about diving into some-

thing they have to commit tons of money or time to. We offer a unique opportunity and growth will continue because the fitness industry is booming."

### Teaching youth

Mid American Studio welcomes kids and seems to take part in several sessions of their choice and still have time to participate in other sports and activities.

Danielle Adam, youth program coordinator, said each session offers a recital for kids to perform what they've learned in front of their friends and family. Though they don't have to participate, Adam said it's fine just to take the classes for recreation.

"Our biggest age group is middle-school-aged students," Adam said. "Anyone can participate... we even have a few boys in our hip hop class."

Adam said there are five to seven youth instructors teaching different routines each session. "Right now we offer 30 classes a week and have a little over 200 students that come weekly," she said. "The best part about this program is if students miss a session during other activities, they can come back and not have missed anything."

Adam said the dance and pompon classes, and even the All-Star team, created in 1986 now consisting of almost 200 members from more than 35 cities, allows kids to make new friends and understand that physical fitness plays an important role in life.

"I understand kids are really busy and to see them making time for dance is a good thing," she said. "The idea is to keep them moving and active."

### Getting fit together

Adam said Mid American

Studio recently offered its first family yoga class for parents and kids together.

She said the class had a good enrollment and they plan to keep the class on the schedule.

"The good thing about having the youth programs and the adult programs here," Adam said, "at the same time the kids are in class, we have adults in class too."

Mid American Studio is open to the public and interested clients do not have to sign a contract in order to participate.

Blazaitis said clients pay as they go or can pay for an unlimited pass. Mid American also offers a two-free class pass for adults to understand the class before jumping right in.

Mid American also offers customized training for performance pompon and dance teams, music selection and styling, Pilates Reformer Training, birthday parties, Girl Scout programs and charity events inside the 6,000-square-foot facility. Clients can also browse the Spirit Shoppe offering fitness, dance, pompon and cheer apparel, accessories and gifts.

Blazaitis said she is not sure what the future will bring to Mid American Studio other than a growing business. She plans to incorporate ballroom dancing into the class schedule this winter and hopes her class attendance will continue to be 100 percent.

"We're careful about monitoring what we offer and what people get out of the hour or half-hour class sessions," Blazaitis said. "Each class is unique and quality and clients can expect that all the time."

"We're really excited about the future because there is so much coming forward and fitness really is a lively industry."



Mid American Pom and Dance's Danielle Adam works with Novli's Chandler Link.

## ELECTION NOTICE NOVEMBER 6, 2007 for CITY OF NOVI SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

To the Qualified and Registered Electors of the City of Novi - Oakland County, Michigan Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following Polling Locations:

PRECINCT	LOCATION	ADDRESS
1	Meadowbrook Congregational Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road
2	Meadowbrook Congregational Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road
3	Village Oaks Elementary School	23233 Wilkewood Road
4	North United Methodist Church	41671 Ten Mile Road
5	Orchard Hills Elementary School	41900 Quince
6	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road
7	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road
8	Meadowbrook Elementary School	23200 Meadowbrook Road
9	Portsmouth Apartment Clubhouse	31170 Wellington Drive
10	Henry Woods Elementary School	30505 Novi Road
11	Faith Community Presbyterian Church	44400 W. Ten Mile Road
12	St. James Catholic Church	25299 Tall Road
13	Novi Middle School	48225 W. Ten Mile Road
14	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
15	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
16	Thornhill Creek Elementary School	46180 West Nine Mile Road
17	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road

For the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices and Library position:  
 MAYOR (two year term) Vote for (1) One: David B. Landry  
 CITY COUNCIL (four year term) Vote for (3) Three:  
 Kathy S. Crawford  
 Bob Gatt  
 David Staedt

**Library Bond Proposition**  
 Shall the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan, borrow a sum of not to exceed Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, payable in not to exceed twenty (20) years from the date of issuance, for the purpose of paying the cost of replacing the existing library building by acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping a new library building to be located on the existing library property, including all related demolition, site improvements, furnishings, appurtenances and attachments for use by the Novi Public Library? The estimated millage to be levied in 2008 is 0.20 mill (\$0.20 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 0.26 mill (\$0.26 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

Yes No  
**COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 82 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933 AS AMENDED**

I, Patrick M. Dohany, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of September 18, 2007, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 5 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the City of Novi, in said County, is as follows:

LOCAL UNIT	VOTED INCREASE	YEARS INCREASE EFFECTIVE
City of Novi	1.20	Unlimited
Walled Lake Consolidated School District	.50	2004 - 2013
Novi Community School District	18.00	2000 - 2015
	.50	2001 - 2010 Incl.
	18.00	2004 - 2013 Incl.
	5.49	2004 - 2013 Incl.
	.98	2004 - 2013 Incl.
County School District Of Oakland County	3.6483	Unlimited
County of Oakland	.25	2002 to 2011 Incl.
Oakland Community College	1.00	Unlimited
	.60	2002 to 2011 Incl.

PATRICK M. DOHANY, TREASURER  
 OAKLAND COUNTY

If you are a Novi resident in the South Lyon Community School District, the election will also be held for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:  
 Member of the South Lyon Board of Education, 6 Year Term  
 Vote for not more than (3) Three:

- Douglas Cury
  - Frank Domancio
  - Ann Krauer-Bizer
  - David Taubler
- Member of the Novi Board of Education, Partial Term ending 12/31/2011  
 Vote for not more than (1) One:

- Donald E. Beagle
- Absentee Ballots are available at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The deadline for receiving applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 3, 2007. Persons qualified to vote by Absentee Ballot may obtain a ballot in person until 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 5, 2007. A ballot obtained on November 5, 2007 must be voted in the City Clerk's Office.

The City Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absentee voting on Saturday, November 3, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For questions, please call the City Clerk's Office at 248-347-0455.

Each resident of the City voting on the above must be:  
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 (b) A registered voter of the City of Novi.  
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 CITY CLERK

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### Grand Opening

Gov. Jennifer Granholm speaks to a few hundred patrons about new business in the state at the grand opening of Toyota Boshoku America's research and development center on West Park Drive in Novi. Granholm presented Toyota Boshoku's President, Dr. Shuhei Toyoda, and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Nate Furuta with memorabilia to commemorate the day. Furuta also presented Mayor David Landry with a \$10,000 donation check for the Novi Parks Foundation.

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MY OPINION

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Editorial - Awareness is first step in fighting disease

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is nearing its end for 2007. For many media outlets and advertisers, that means it's time to move on to something else...

But it's talking about breast cancer and spreading awareness that has drawn a growing number of people into the battle. Years ago, breast cancer typically wasn't discussed...

We all have a role in the fight. Whether it's the woman who is diligent about screening and examinations, the husband who reminds his wife to get that mammogram...

Next week: Election endorsements.

Hey, Novi: What's Your Story?

- We're looking for you! The Novi News is currently looking to interview local residents regarding the following topics:
• Are you a high school student who receives an allowance from your parents?
• Are you a high school student who has an interesting job?
• Are you a Novi senior citizen with an interesting job or hobby?
• Are you a working woman who has recently returned to work?
• Are you a Novi resident interested in sharing a story about how your religious faith has carried you through tough times?
• During the past six months, have you moved into a newly constructed home?
• Do you spend more than \$100 per week on gasoline?
• Are you a single parent?
• Has your home been for sale for more than one year?
• Is there something specific about Novi you would change, update or eliminate?
• Are you planning a unique holiday party or family get-together?
• Is there someone on your street who needs a helping hand?
Contact Novi News editor Victoria Mitchell at (248) 349-1700, ext. 102 or e-mail vmitchell@gannett.com.

Novi Community School District Notice of Public Hearing
The Novi Community School District will hold a public hearing on the option of a new regular election date pursuant to law. The hearing will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at a Special Meeting of the Novi Board of Education at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road.

PHIL POWER: Big Three will power state's future



About Phil Power
Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan, and was a reporter 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 and do not in any way represent official policy positions of The Center for Michigan. Phil would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@cmcenter.com.

There was a time — and not all that long ago — when the Big Three automakers were really big and didn't want, need or dream of getting any outside help. That was also an era when nobody thought much — let alone worried — about Michigan's great universities.

But, hopefully, the message so many have stressed won't fade away, too. To recap, here's what the experts say: If you're a woman age 40 or older, get a mammogram. Those with a close relative diagnosed with breast cancer need to be screened at an earlier age.

Being diagnosed with cancer is about as bad as it gets — unless, of course, your doctor's ability to treat you properly is hampered by bureaucrats determined to save money wherever they can.

There is a real danger of putting bureaucrats, rather than doctors and patients, in charge of medical decisions. It's never a good idea, as this example of ESA proves.

Grace-Marie Turner, President of the Colon Institute

Support New Library
Our City has a great school system, excellent City services, a growing business community, and a growing population. But equally important is the need to build a bigger library to support the growth of the City of Novi.

Anemia is a common side effect of chemotherapy; it inhibits the body's ability to manufacture oxygen-carrying red blood cells, or hemoglobin. Patients can get very weak and their recovery can be prolonged and compromised if their anemia isn't treated.

Under the new cost-cutting measures, however, the use of ESAs has been drastically restricted or disallowed entirely for use in patients whose hemoglobin count exceeds 10 grams per deciliter of blood, meaning that CMS thinks they aren't "anemic enough."

Sandy McCarthy, Nov

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And that's not even taking inflation into consideration. When you do, the cut in state support amounts to \$375 million, or 23.2 percent. So while other states around the country have increased their support for public universities by an average of 25 percent during the past five years, Michigan has chosen to reduce support by higher education by nearly 25 percent.

Even those in Lansing who have trouble with suns can recognize how far this has set Michigan back. This flies in the face of all business sense. Any company facing trouble immediately identifies its most important, proprietary competitive assets and mounts a sustained investment program to build them up, gain market share and build the bottom line.

And it is — except to the political class in Lansing. In a stubborn and spectacular display of disconnectedness from reality, our entire political leadership — both houses of the legislature plus the governor — have systematically disinvested in higher education over the past five years.

Consider these numbers, obtained from Mike Boutis, executive director of the Presidents' Council, State Universities of Michigan:
• Total state appropriations to higher education in 2002: \$1.61 billion.
• Total appropriations to high-

education in 2007: \$1.44 billion.
• Absolute reduction in appropriations: \$178 million, or 11 percent.

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repercussions; patients often visit their hospitals multiple times for costly blood transfusions. But even more fundamentally, doctors are concerned that by limiting their ability to use ESAs when they are a necessary part of a patient's treatment, CMS-polly puts already-ill cancer patients at risk of severe complications from stable to low hemoglobin counts, further endangering their health.

What do you think?
We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

Master Plan Review Vision Fair
I urge all of the citizens of Novi, and especially those in the southwest quadrant of the city, to attend the "2007 Master Plan Review Vision Fair Open House." It is being held on Tuesday, Oct. 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

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Michele Tarrant, Novi

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HOT TICKETS: Dress your pets in Halloween Costumes and head to Paw Print Inn from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday

Victoria Mitchell, editor (248) 349-1700, ext. 102



MY BULLETIN BOARD

Thursday, October 25, 2007 www.novinews.com fax: (248) 349-9832

EVENTS

British American Business Council of Michigan Automotive Testing Expo 1007
Tour
TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25
LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace (meet at main lobby near registration)
DETAILS: Reception to follow tour from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Gus O'Connors Public House, 42875 Grand River Ave. RSVP by Monday, Oct. 22. CONTACT: www.babcmi.com

Wise Guys Comedy Club
LOCATION: 40380 Grand River Ave., Novi
DATE: Oct. 26 and 27, Steve Sabo, 10 year club circuit veteran with razor-sharp wit.
DATE: Nov. 1-3, Billy Ray Bauer, 18 year stand-up comic with skewed descriptions of growing up in Detroit in the sixties, to the gory details of raising four boys.

Catholic Central High School Mother's Clubs Holiday Craft Show
DATE: Saturday, Nov. 3
LOCATION: Paw Print Inn Pet Resort and Spa, 41249 Vincenti Ct., (off Meadowbrook between Grand River and West 11 Mile Rd.)
DETAILS: Party for four-footed customers and their owners, pets are encouraged to don costumes for the party, prizes awarded for best costumed pets with photos of winners posted on website; refreshments.

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. CONTACT: (248) 427-0600 or www.barbarakomurphy.com

Farmers Market
DATE: Every Wednesday through the end of October
TIME: 7 a.m.-1 p.m.
LOCATION: Walled Lake City Hall Field (between Ducker and Pontiac Trail), Walled Lake
DETAILS: Vendor applications currently accepted; cost of booth is \$12 per day, special discounts are offered. CONTACTS: Call Janell Joyce (248) 624-4847 for application and other information.

Art Van Community Events
Art Van Furniture Store, 27775 New Road, Novi, (248) 348-8922
Breast Cancer Research Donations
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 pillows in different colors and designs are available and retail for \$24.99 and \$29.99. The program will run through the end of the year.

Halloween Safety Bag Giveaway
DATE: Saturday, Oct. 27
DETAILS: Children receive complimentary Safety Reflective Trick-or-Treat bags, while supplies last.
Flu Vaccines
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3
DETAILS: Flu vaccine offered for \$25-\$33; members of Medicare Part B insurance plan may show their card to receive the vaccine at no cost. Pneumonia vaccines will be available for \$35-\$44. Call (800) 296-

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Healthy Girls Night Out
Presented by Henry Ford
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15
LOCATION: Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road
DETAILS: Henry Ford Health System's Heart & Vascular Institute invites the public to attend a complimentary, gourmet, heart-healthy meal prepared by renowned Matt Prentice Restaurant Group. Healthcare providers will discuss the latest advances in women's heart health and answer questions. At no cost, this is part of the Hot Topics Women's Health series. Seating is limited; registration required. CONTACT: To reserve a spot call (800) 436-7936 or visit www.henryford.com/hottopics.

"The Adventures of Tom Sawyer"
TIME/DATE: 7:30 a.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. Monday to Wednesday Oct. 29-Oct. 31.
LOCATION: The Novi Theatre, Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
DETAILS: Two casts of young actors from Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom, 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 tickets at the Novi Civic Center Parks Office. CONTACT: For information, call (248) 347-0400

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 any of our events. For more information call Whitney, executive director at (248) 347-4622 or wringnc@yahoo.com. Also visit www.greaternovichamber.com.

Novi Parks Foundation Gala and Awards Presentation
DATE: Friday, Nov. 9
LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace, Novi
DETAILS: The first annual Gala and Awards Presentation will be a black-tie affair with "Diamonds are Forever" theme; hors d'oeuvres, strolling dinner, dessert buffet, refreshments, live entertainment, casino gaming and silent auction; proceeds support the City's park and recreational facilities; tickets are \$200 per couple or \$125 for single; purchase tickets by calling (248) 255-2608. CONTACT: www.noviparks.org

Michigan Filmmaker's Marketing and Distribution Seminar
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10
LOCATION: Lawrence Technological University, 21000 W. 10 Mile Road (west of Northwestern Hwy.), Room S321, Bldg 6, Lot D
DETAILS: One day seminar to help sell your movie; speaker is Michigan's premier independent producer 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 www.mpami.org, e-mail info@mpami.org or call (248) 349-2665.

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Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce
Since 1983, the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce has proudly served as West Oakland's Regional Chamber, servicing the communities of Commerce Township, Union Lake, Walled Lake, Waterford, Wixom, Lovelorne Lake and White Lake. Our purpose is to improve the quality of life for businesses and residents in the Lakes area. We act as a unified voice on behalf of the business community, provide a forum to discuss and review topics of

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Chambers of Commerce
Home-based Business Roundtable Discussion
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20
LOCATION: Chamber Board Room
DETAILS: Discussion topic is marketing your business via marketing/advertising, promotional items, collections and pricing; cost is \$10 and includes lunch; registration required.

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

CONTACT: (248) 624-2512

**ESL Cafe**

TIME/DATE: 3:30 p.m. every Thursday

DETAILS: Coffee and conversation-improve your English speaking skills by speaking with people from other countries trying to improve their English; no tests; instructor help; free.

CONTACT: Karin at the Information Desk.

**Mommy and Me**

TIME/DATE: 10:30-11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 25

DETAILS: Two-year-olds meet in craft room for stories, songs and projects; adult accompaniment required.

**Preschool Story Time**

DATE: 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday in Oct. or 1:30 p.m. every Wednesday in Oct.

DETAILS: Three-year-olds meet in craft room for stories, songs and art activities; adult accompaniment required.

**Baby Days**

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 29 and Nov. 5

DETAILS: Drop-in story time for children up to 24 months and parents.

**Annual Halloween Happening**

TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27

**Slaves of Suspense Book Club**

TIME/DATE: 2-3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31

DETAILS: "Sun Storm" by Asa Larsson

**Vote for New Board of Trustees**

DATE: Tuesday, Nov. 6

**Mather/Daughter Book Club**

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7

DETAILS: For girls in grades 4-6 and adult female. "The View from Saturday" by E.L. Konigsburg available for check out (please register at that time); pot-luck dinner and book discussion.

**The Beauty of Depression**

TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8

**Fabulous Fantastic Fridays "Family and Friends"**

TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 9

DETAILS: For children ages 2-6 with a parent or caregiver; programs offer stories, songs crafts and food; register beginning Oct. 19.

**Moonlight Story Time "Famous Favorites"**

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14

DETAILS: For children ages 2-6 with parent or caregiver; stories, songs and crafts; register beginning Oct. 1.

**Winom Sings!**

TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17

**NOVI SENIORS**

**NOVI Senior Activities Center**

LOCATION: Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook Road. CONTACT: (248) 347-0414

**Message: 12:30-4 p.m.**

Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday; call for appointment.

**Thursday**

9-11 a.m.: Line Dance-Int. 10-10:45 a.m.: Meditation Begins

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

Noon: Lunch

12:15 a.m.: Contact Bridge

1-3:30 p.m.: LifeStory Writing Work

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

9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength

10 a.m.: Body Recall

12:30 p.m.: Dupl. Bridge

1 p.m.: Bingo

**Monday**

9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength

10 a.m.: Body Recall

11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Computer Lab

Mich. I.D. Services-Medical I.D. Card

Noon: Lunch

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

**Tuesday**

8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread

9-11 a.m.: Line Dance-Int. in Activities Room

11 a.m.-noon: Computer Lab

Noon: Lunch

1 p.m.: Bingo

**Wednesday**

9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength

10 a.m.: Body Recall canceled

11 a.m.: Take Off Pounds Sensible: Blood Pressure canceled. Computer Lab until 2 p.m.

11:30 a.m.: Beg. Clogging in Activities Room

Noon: Lunch. Boo Day (adv. ticket required)

12:30 p.m.: Club Clogging in Activities Room

6:30 p.m.: Beg/Easy/Int. Clogging

7:30 p.m.: Club Clogging

**Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks**

Independent Living Residence

Licensed Assisted Living. Licensed Memory Care

LOCATION: 27475 Huron Circle (adjacent to Twelve Oaks Mall)

CONTACT: (248) 735-1500

**Open 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 age 60.

**Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting**

DATE: Last Wednesday of each month

TIME: 10-11 a.m.

LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road

DETAILS: This informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. There is no charge. Child care is available; registration required.

**Bereavement Support Group**

DATE: Third Tuesday of each month

TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

DETAILS: The meeting provides the opportunity for those in need to share their story and to learn about the phases and tasks of grief. All are welcome; no fee.

CONTACT: Michael M. Meyer, Doctorate of Ministry

**Angela Hospice Groups**

DETAILS: Grief support groups include general grief, loss of a spouse, women's grief, parents who have lost a child and a grief support quilters group. All groups are led by bereavement professionals and trained volunteers.

LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14190 Newburgh Road, Livonia

CONTACT: Joan Lee (734) 953-6012

**General Grief Support Groups**

TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month

DETAILS: Open to all losses.

Loss of Spouse/Significant Other Support Group

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

Men in Grief

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. fourth Monday of month

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.

**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.

LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14190 Newburgh Road, Livonia

CONTACT: Sue Tracz (248) 380-0998.

**Friendship Circle**

DATE: Second Thursday of each month

TIME: 1 p.m.

LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Beck roads

DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers.

CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) 851-6730, Florence Voight (248) 477-3032, Joy Iovaldi (248) 348-9138 or joyvaldi@earthlink.net

**MOMS Club of Novi**

DATE: First Thursday of each month

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 at home with their children or work out of their homes.

CONTACT: jensungfleming@yahoo.com

**Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples**

DATES: Second Thursday of each month

TIME: 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon

DETAILS: This group provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families. Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Valley school conference are all welcome.

**DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital Support Groups**

LOCATION: 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce

**Al-Anon Support Group**

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday

DETAILS: Al-Anon is similar to Alcoholics Anonymous; intended for the family and

friends of someone with an alcohol problem; helping them to recover from the effects of living with a problem drinker.

CONTACT: (248) 706-1020

**Alcoholics Anonymous Support Group**

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday

DETAILS: Support group to attain and maintain sobriety.

CONTACT: (248) 937-3314

**Journeys Cancer Support Group**

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m., the first and third Monday of each month

LOCATION: Lobby of the Charach Cancer Treatment Center, off the hospital's South Garden Entrance

DETAILS: The Charach Cancer Treatment Center hosts a support group for anyone dealing with a cancer experience or who know someone living with cancer.

**Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group**

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 month

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.

**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: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595 for more information.**

**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 needed.

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, immediately to the left.

CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322.

**Heartland Hospice Volunteers Needed**

TIME/DATE: Day and evening classes

LOCATION: 28588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield

DETAILS: Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office support is also needed.

CONTACT: Mary at (800) 770-9659

**Novi Toastmasters**

DATE: First and third Tuesday of each month

LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

TIME: 7-8:45 p.m.

DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills, voice your opinion, polish your presentations and practice leadership.

CONTACT: Amy (248) 752-2800

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter**

TIME/DAYS: 11 a.m. weigh-in every Wednesday; 11:30 a.m. meeting

LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi

DETAILS: \$24 per annual membership, includes handbook \$1 per meeting. New members welcome.

CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke (248) 305-8646



**Arts n' Crafts**  
Michael Terra of Lopez Island, Wash., crafts some of his terra cotta gray bowl figurines at last weekend's Sugarloaf Art Festival at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace.

CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595 for more information.

**FAITH**

**Meadowbrook Congregational**

LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road

CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757 or visit www.mbcc.org or gmccc@roundtetroit.biz

**Sunday Worship**

TIME: 10 a.m.

Interested in the Catholic Church? CONTACT: Call Maria at (248)349-8847 or spiritwalk00@aol.com

**First Baptist Church of Novi**

LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or www.firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org

**Sunday Schedule**

Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m. Family Worship: 11 a.m. Bible Study: 6 p.m. Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m., fourth Sunday of every month.

**Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross**

LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or 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 month

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 Meadowbrook Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org

**Mass Schedule**

TIME/DAYS: 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 Meeting**

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) 334-3595**

**CONTACT: (248) 437-5496 for more information.**

**CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.fairfaithcommunity-novi.org**

**Sunday Worship**

TIME: 9, 10:30 a.m.

**GracePointe Presbyterian**

CONTACT: Rev. Brian C.

**CONTACT: (248) 349-3140**

**CONTACT: (248) 318-8044 or www.wulfmilton.org**

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**Sunday Worship**

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248) 982-4558 or  
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**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
LOCATION: 574 S. Sheldon  
Rd., Plymouth  
CONTACT: (734) 453-0190  
**Reinventing Your Life-God is Calling You to a Song**  
TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 p.m.  
Wednesday evenings  
DETAILS: Minimum of 10 people required to attend every session.  
CONTACT: Elizabeth Wilhelm (734) 983-0150 ext. 10  
**Pipes Speak!**  
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28  
DETAILS: Minister of Music Scott Ekholz performs a spooky concert for kids ages 1-10. Program features ghoulish, ghostly music. Come dressed in costumes. Potluck dinner to be served before program at 5:30 p.m.  
**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
TIME/DATE: 2-8 p.m.  
DETAILS: Call Carolyn Liebau (734) 455-5395 to make an appointment or drop in.

**Dec. 6**  
DETAILS: Emphasis on stretching and strengthening exercises.

**DMC Huron Valley-Sinai 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  
LOCATION: Sinai Center for Women, next to hospital's South Garden entrance.  
DETAILS: This support group is for any woman with a breast cancer diagnosis.  
CONTACT: (248) 937-5163  
**Journeys Cancer Support Group**  
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m., first and third Monday of every month  
LOCATION: Lobby of the Charach Cancer Treatment Center  
DETAILS: Support group for those with cancer or who are related to or know someone living with cancer.  
CONTACT: (248) 937-5163  
**Breastfeeding Classes for Mother and Baby**  
TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m.-noon Oct. 30 and Nov. 6, 13  
LOCATION: Room GF-C  
DETAILS: Information is targeted towards the first year of breastfeeding. Mothers are encouraged to bring in their babies.  
CONTACT: To register call (248) 858-4003 or (888) 350-0900, ext. 84003

**HEALTH**

**Dinner with a Doctor**  
LOCATION: St. John Providence Park Hospital, Grand River and Beck roads (use Beck Road entrance), Conference Rooms A, B and C  
**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: Refresh and Rejuvenate," cost is \$30 per person.  
**Take Charge of Your Health During Menopause**  
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15  
DETAILS: Dr. Lakshmi Gavini

**ONGOING**

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

**Gardeners of Northville and Novi**  
DATE: Second Tuesday of month through May  
TIME: 6:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: Rotates between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library.  
DETAILS: Visitors welcome.  
CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or visit www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

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43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0780



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**Perfect Pour!**  
Abby Slutzker pours a glass of organic ale during last week's Michigan Restaurant Show at the Rock Financial Showplace. Slutzker was there representing beer and wine distributors Elite Brands of Kalamazoo.

**ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE**

46100 Grand River Ave. Call (248) 349-5500 or visit www.rockfinancialshowplace.com for more information.  
**Automotive Testing and Vehicle Dynamics Expo**  
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26  
DETAILS: Register online; \$5 parking.  
**Automotive Dealers Conference and Construction Industry Conference**  
TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m.-4:40 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30  
DETAILS: Presented by the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.  
**Snowmobile Show**  
TIME/DATE: 5-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4  
DETAILS: Admission for 12 and older is \$10, parking \$5; visit www.snowmobileusa.com  
**America's Family Pet Expo**  
TIME/DATE: 1-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18  
DETAILS: Admission \$4-10; parking \$5; pet shows, products, experts, adoptions. Do not bring your pets.

**Michigan Christmas Show and Marketplace**

TIME/DATE: Nov. 29-Dec. 2  
LOCATION: 2nd annual show to feature designer Christmas trees and crafts, gourmet foods, stocking stuffers, festive holiday entertainment on Holiday Lights Stage; tickets \$10 each.  
**Wayne Day**  
TIME/DATE: 2-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18

**CLASS REUNIONS**

**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.

**REGIONAL Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan**

DETAILS: Regional orchestra has openings in intermediate and advanced orchestras, also sax choir, for interested student musicians. Rehearsals take place at Churchill High School Saturday mornings. Contact Kathy Bilger at (734) 464-8704 or auditions@LYPM.org for more information.

**Sunday Youth Basketball League**

DATE: Every Sunday through Oct. 28  
LOCATION: Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia  
DETAILS: On Sunday Sept. 9, 10-12 year-olds report at 3 p.m.; 13-15 year-olds report at 5 p.m.; teams formed based on evaluation 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) 432-5591.

**Green Building Workshop**

Hosted by Oakland County Commissioner Jim Nash  
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. Monday, Oct. 29  
LOCATION: Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac  
DETAILS: This is a free workshop to learn about far-sighted green building policies of local developer Ford Motor Company; and how business and government can cooperate to ensure needed economic development is done in a sustainable way.

**Northville Library Foreign Film Series**

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Mondays  
LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., Northville (248) 349-3020  
DETAILS: Nov. 19 "Salama 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, Nov. 16  
LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 East Main St.  
DETAILS: "All the King's Men" by Robert Penn Warren  
CONTACT: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

**City of Wixom**

CONTACT: Community Services Programs, 49045 Pontiac Trail, Wixom, (248) 624-2850  
**Senior Ongoing Programs**  
Some of these activities have a fee:  
Monday: 10-11 a.m. Exercise Class  
Tuesday: 10 a.m.-noon Knit/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  
**Community Hiten & Hat Drive**  
DETAILS: Public can drop off hats, mittens, gloves at Wixom Parks and Rec. counter by Dec. 13; benefits less fortunate people this winter season; sponsored by Wixom Teen Advisory Committee.  
**Tree Lighting**  
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28  
DETAILS: Watch the municipal complex light up, sing carols for the holidays and welcome Santa; light refreshments.

**"My Home-My Future" Seminars**

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008  
LOCATION: Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham  
DETAILS: The Oakland County Board of Commissioners is hosting a series of free seminars to help residents save homes from foreclosure; information presented by housing industry professionals and agencies; contact Oakland County Housing Counseling at (888) 350-0900, ext. 85402; schedule below

**Ladies CCW Gun Safety Class**

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27 and Nov. 3. Co-ed class Oct. 28 and Nov. 5  
LOCATION: First half of day at Sheriff's Training Center, 9555 Haggerty Rd., Belleville; second half of day at Sheriff's Indoor pistol range, 3100 Henry Ruff, Westland.  
DETAILS: Cost is \$125 with money order payable to Wayne County Sheriff's Office. Equipment required includes shooting eyeglasses, headset ear protection, cleaning kit for 9mm and .38 caliber firearms, warm, loose clothing. Guns and ammuni-

nition will be provided.  
CONTACT: (734) 699-6007  
**Schoolcraft College**  
LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road  
CONTACT: For more information and to register call (734) 462-4438.  
**Divorce Support Group**  
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month  
LOCATION: Women's Resource Center, Room 225 McDowell Center  
DETAILS: Open to anyone contemplating, in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce; first meeting is group discussion, next meeting features speaker Cynthia Koppin, MA, LPC, LLP; no fee or registration required.  
**One Heartbeat Away**  
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25  
LOCATION: VitaTech Center  
DETAILS: A panel of cardiac specialists answer questions about the latest in prevention, risk reduction, diagnosis, treatment and interventional cardiology. Educate yourself on the very best technology and methods available right here in your community.  
CONTACT: www.dmc.org/peoplemedcollege or (888) DMC-2500 to register. Ask questions online 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  
LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, VitaTech Center  
DETAILS: On Friday Bill Peterson will present "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, Professor Rodney Johnson presents "The Art of Wedding," insights about wedding as an art form; \$15 per luncheon; prepaid registration required, no tickets issued; limited seating.  
**Ask An Attorney**  
DATE: Second and third Monday of each month  
DETAILS: Ask an attorney about divorce and family law; Sept.-May; walk-in; no fee; (734) 462-4443.

**REAd Carpet Annual Dinner Auction**  
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2  
LOCATION: Livonia Marriott, Laurel Park Place  
DETAILS: Enjoy cocktails and strolling gourmet dinner while perusing silent auction tables; stay late for live entertainment and dancing; portion of proceeds benefit Michigan Dyslexia Institute, Inc. Hosted by Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool.  
CONTACT: (734) 261-9540 or www.academicpathwayspreschool.com

**United Methodist Women's 6th Annual Craft Show**  
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3  
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church, 640 S. Lafayette St., South Lyon  
DETAILS: Applications are now being taken for the 6th Annual Craft Show; booth rental is \$35 with electricity \$5 extra; booth placement is given by date of paid registration; call Lynn at (248) 437-8612 for an application or with questions.

**University Musical Society, University of Michigan PERFORMANCE LOCATIONS:**  
Hill Auditorium, 825 North University Ave.; Rackham Auditorium, 121 Fletcher St.; Michigan Theater, 603 East Liberty St.  
CONTACT: (734) 764-2538, (800) 221-1229 or visit www.ums.org  
**Hubbard Street Dance Chicago**  
DATE: Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 25-27  
TIME: 8 p.m.  
LOCATION: Power Center

DETAILS: Jim Vincent, artistic director; tickets \$20-\$48.  
**Russian Patriarchate Choir**  
TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30  
LOCATION: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 2250 E. Stadium Blvd.  
DETAILS: Anatoly Grindenko, director; tickets \$45 reserved seating, \$35 general admission.

**Auction Extraordinaire**  
Fundraiser for Airedale Terrier Rescue & Adoption  
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4  
LOCATION: Wheatfield Bed & Breakfast, 2335 N. Williamson Rd., Williamston  
DETAILS: Event features silent and live auctions, fabulous food and drink, Airedale related items for sale, Airedale Rescue quilt fundraiser; all proceeds benefit this rescue.  
CONTACT: Melissa (317) 769-5993, Cathy (810) 923-8739, Lynn (517) 546-8303; visit www.aire-rescue.com

**Jeff Daniels & Friends Holiday Concert**  
TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24  
LOCATION: Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor  
DETAILS: Concert features Michigan artists Seth Bernard & Daisy May, Jeremy Kittel Trio, Repercussions, Steppin In It and Josh White, Jr. Tickets on sale at www.ticketmaster.com, the



SOURCE: World Wide Web

Michigan Union ticket office (734) 763-TKTS and all Ticketmaster outlets at \$27.50-\$75.  
Send your calendar items to Novine News, 104 W. Main Street, Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167; fax to (248) 349-8832; or e-mail to venichell@annatt.net.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007.  
The test will be conducted at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, October 31, 2007 at the Novi Civic Center, City Clerk's Office, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48175.  
The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of the law.  
This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Novi City Clerk's Office at 248-347-0456.  
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Main Event  
Civic Center Atrium 6:45 to 8:30pm  
Novi Civic Center 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
The City of Novi Planning Commission has begun the process of reviewing three Study Areas to consider amending the Future Land Use Designations in the Master Plan for Land Use. The current Master Plan was adopted in 2004, and will be modified only where determined necessary and appropriate. Learn more about the Master Plan Review and provide comments on one or more of the three Study Areas.  
The three areas identified for study include:  
Southwest Quadrant Study Area: Primarily at intersections in this area (generally 8 to 10 Mile Rd., Napier to Beck Rd). Recommended residential densities will also be considered.  
1-96Novi Road Study Area: Properties surrounding this key intersection. In the 2004 Plan, a large part of this Study Area was identified as "Downtown West."  
Twelve Mile, Napier and Wixom Roads Study Area: Identified as a "Special Planning Project Area" in the 2004 Plan which requires further study to recommend the area's future land uses.  
  
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# JUG STAYS



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

The Novi Wildcats celebrate their seventh-consecutive "Jug" game victory last Friday night.

## Wildcats comeback in fourth for 27-24 victory

By Jeff Theisen  
 SPORTS WRITER

The Baseline Jug stays in Novi, but it took a fourth-quarter comeback for the Wildcats. Northville did everything but act like a 1-7 team going into the game, holding a 24-20 lead in the fourth quarter before falling 27-24.

The Jug stays and thank-goodness for that," Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey said. Novi (8-1) went back ahead with just 4:07 left when the Wildcat quarterback initially fumbled the snap at the 1-yard line, but he

had the presence to pick the ball up and fall into the endzone.

"It was just a big mistake," Heard said. "I just mishandled the snap and somehow it bounced right back into my hands, and I just ran it in."

The play was set up by a 46-yard screen pass from Heard to Arshaun Hall.

Northville claimed the lead earlier in the fourth when 6-6 David Burke hauled in a jump ball in the corner of the endzone for a 20-yard reception from Aaron Chew with 7:15 left to play.

"I think we've been kind of heading toward

that kind of performance all year," Northville head coach Ryan Hockman said. "We talked about it all week, putting together a masterpiece. We almost put together a masterpiece. Our kids battled."

Northville's final drive ended when Chew couldn't connect with Burke on another fade pass from the Novi 32. Novi got the ball with 1:32 left and ran out the clock.

Things appeared all Wildcats early. They cashed in a pair of drives in the opening quarter.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Central Catholic tennis player Joseph Dubé won the state title at No. 2 singles this past weekend in Midland.

## State champ

### Shamrock's Jack Dubé blasts through No. 2 singles bracket

By Jeff Theisen  
 SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central's Jack Dubé proved he belonged with the state's best, capturing the No. 2 singles state title over the weekend in Midland.

His title helped the Shamrocks tie for sixth place as a team. Ann Arbor Pioneer captured its eighth straight state title. Novi also tied Catholic Central for sixth, along with Grand Blanc and West Bloomfield.

Dubé started as the No. 4 seed and gained a bye in the first round. His first match resulted in a 6-4, 6-0 win against unranked Bryan Cenko of Grosse Pointe South.

In the quarterfinals, Dubé knocked off No. 5 ranked Bryan Hodges of Brother Rice 6-1, 6-1 to reach the semifinals.

No. 1 seeded Ryan Dushane of Holland West Ottawa stood in the way of the state-finals. Dubé

won the opening set 6-3 before Dushane evened the match with a 6-2, setting up a third and final set. Dubé advanced with a 6-4 victory.

Ann Arbor Pioneer's Eric Hubbard, the No. 2 seed won his three matches in straight sets to reach the finals.

Dubé dropped him in straight sets, 6-3, 7-5 to claim the state title.

Catholic Central also got a big push with its No. 3 doubles team of Steve Strycharz and Michael Ayoub. They reached the quarterfinals with a three-set win in the quarterfinals, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1, against Dearborn. The Shamrocks continued on with a 6-1 6-4 win against the Troy duo before falling 7-5, 6-3 to the eventual state champs from Ann Arbor Huron.

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## Shamrocks oust Novi

■ CC goes on to win district title; advances to regional play

By Jeff Theisen  
 SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central played a lot of bonus soccer, but the Shamrocks came away with a district title.

The Shamrocks (16-3-3) beat South Lyon 1-0 in overtime Saturday night to advance to regional play.

In overtime, Josh Gatt was pulled down in the penalty box as he was beating a defender, creating a penalty kick. Nick Kristock

was called on and delivered the game-winning goal.

"The first half, South Lyon was able to possess the ball a little more than us, we seemed to sit back and defend," Shamrock head coach Joe Nora said. "Both teams had chances, but nothing that came close to beating either keeper. The second half, we stepped it up offensively and had a few really good chances."

"The game was very evenly matched and my hat's off to South Lyon. They had a great season."

The district finals marked the second consecutive game the Shamrocks had to beat the best of the KVC. Catholic Central knocked off Novi 2-1 in double overtime in the semifinals.

Novi and South Lyon tied for the KVC title.

Nick Pelon scored both goals for the Shamrocks, the game-winner coming off a header in the second overtime.

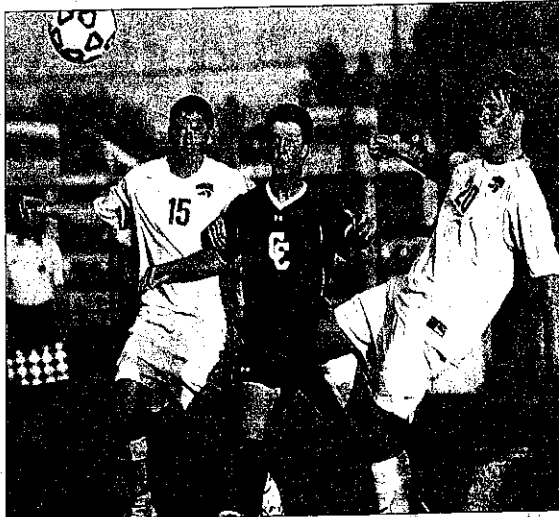
Max Wujczyk scored Novi's goal into the second half off a rebound from a Nate Robinson shot that hit off the crossbar.

The Shamrocks opened district play with a 2-1 overtime victory against Walled Lake Western.

Kristock scored on a penalty kick, and Joe Bellino scored the game-winner on overtime.

Catholic Central played Wednesday against East Kentwood at Holt. If the Shamrocks win, they advance to the regional finals 2 p.m. Friday.

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Catholic Central's Nick Pelon is surrounded by Novi defenders Bobby Laski, left and Dan Kilger. The Shamrocks won 2-1 in double overtime.

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**Health**

**Keep the muscle mass, lose the pounds**

According to the latest surveys, about 75 percent of the adult U.S. population would like to lose some weight, but only about 24 percent include or even consider weight training as an integral part of a weight loss plan.



Chris Klebba

Most fear weight training is counterproductive to weight loss, visualizing oversized bulging arms, chest and legs. In fact, as I preached a long time female client recently on the many virtues of weight training, she asked the following question, (which after answering, I realized many people probably share her curiosity) and so I have committed this column to the answer.

The question was... "Since you constantly preach about calorie burning as the bottom line of weight loss, and I only have 30 minutes a few days a week to exercise, my goal is to lose 10 pounds, so why would I commit any time to weight training when cardio activity burns so many calories and I don't want to get any bigger or bulkier anyway?"

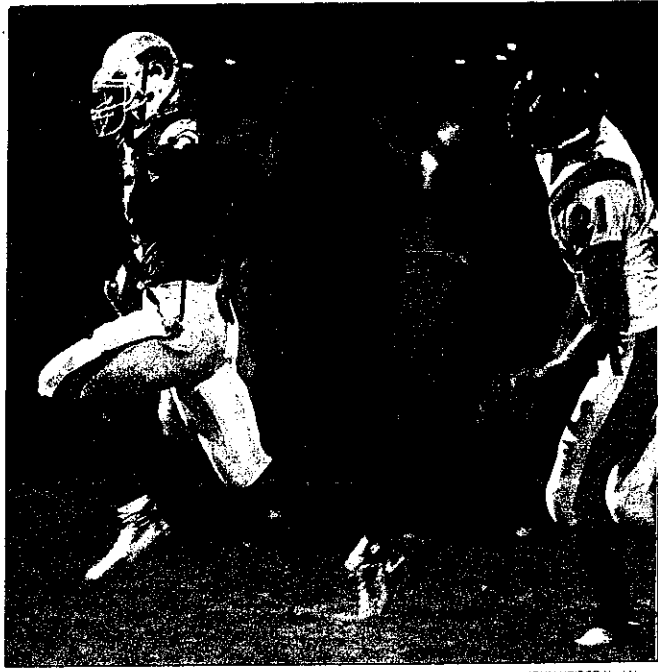
The answer in short was... It is not during those 30 minutes of activity that produces the many results of weight training, rather the benefit you receive the other 23 and a half hours in a day. Consider these facts, one pound of muscle burns about 6 calories a day at rest and can burn many times this rate performing different activities. If the average adult begins to lose substantial lean muscle after age 30 you can easily see how this can have a negative affect on a person's overall daily calorie burning. For most adults their weight does not decrease with the loss of a pound or so of muscle each year, rather it increases, which means the weight from the decreased lean muscle is being replaced and in many cases increased with body fat. Body fat burns about two calories a day, and no matter what you do that's all it burns because body fat doesn't have anything to do with performing activities — it only wiggles and stores stuff.

To put this into perspective, let's say a person has 100 pounds of LBM (lean body mass), burning on average 6 calories per day at rest, that would total 600 calories burned each day without exercising. Now let's say in the last five years this person lost 5-7 pounds of muscle and replaced it with body fat, that equates to a net daily reduction in calories burned of about 30-42, everything staying equal, this would result in an average of one pound gained every three months or four pounds of weight gain per year just due to the reduction of LBM. I know these formulas are boring, and to use my wife's description of this explanation... "Sounds like more blah, blah, weight loss blah, blah."

So, let me sum it up this way... losing lean muscle mass reduces your overall calorie burning efficiency throughout each and every day.

Bottom line is, don't be afraid of weight training. Fight to maintain that valuable, fat burning, lean muscle mass, if not for the growing long list of proven benefits such as maintaining bone density, looking more toned and firm and functioning better in all of life activities, then do it for the weight loss during the other 23 1/2 hours a day.

This column was written by fitness expert Chris Klebba. Chris owns and operates Planet Fitness in Northville and Waterford, and is a regular columnist and public speaker. For fitness questions, e-mail planetfitness@scglobe.com and for more information call 248-449-7634 or go to www.planetfitness.com.



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Creating some distance between himself and Andrew Devine, right, Wildcat Arshuan Hall runs for the endzone in this 57 yard gain during last Friday's annual Baseline Battle against the Mustangs of Northville.

**Playoffs begin Friday**

By Jeff Theisen  
SPORTS WRITER

The Wildcat football team held their banquet Sunday before heading to the playoffs. The team will be hosting in the first round of the playoffs Friday... Livonia Chargers, from the Western Lakes Activities Association, roared out to a 5-0 record and finished 7-2. Their quality wins include a 20-7 victory against Canton and a 16-10 win on the road against John Glenn.

"We're impressed by them. What we've heard about them is they've had success over the past three years," Novi head coach Tab Kelleporey said. "They talk about that team just being a good, solid team. They're a physical team, and that's the kind of team we want to play against."

The knock against the Chargers

**Playoffs**

Who: Novi (8-1) vs. Churchill (7-2)  
Where: Novi  
When: 7 p.m. Friday

The offense has also come on strong in the final three weeks, scoring 24 against South Lyon, 28 against Hartland and 27 against Northville.

Breakaway speed by running back Arshuan Hall and plenty of weapons for quarterback Mark Heard are creating a potent balanced attack for opposing defenses to worry about.

But only one thing matters come playoff time, win or go home.

"At this point, mistakes, errors and mental mistakes need to be down to the very minimum because it's a do-or-die situation for everybody," Kelleporey said. "You either produce or you're collecting gear the next day. When the stakes are that high, mistakes are magnified."

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**WILDCATS: Baseline Jug stays**

continued from front

Hall broke free for a 57-yard run with 5:55 to play. Enright hauled in a 24-yard scoring pass from Heard with 2:49 left in the first for a 14-0 lead.

The Mustangs switched sides for the second quarter and benefited with the wind at their backs. Max Boyovic put Northville on the board with a 47-yard field goal with 7:42 left in the half.

Devine pulled the Mustangs within 14-10 when he crashed in from 2 yards out for the final points of the first half with 3:54 left in the quarter.

Northville took its first lead earlier in the fourth quarter when Andrew Devine returned an interception 21 yards with 6:19 left in the third.

Novi went back in front when Heard bought time using a rollout before finding Chris Bollinger over the middle for a 27-yard touchdown on a third-and-21 play with 2:05 remaining in the third.

"I saw an opening on the other side. Mark threw a cutback and I caught it, and I don't know what happened after that," Bollinger said. "It gives us a lot of momentum winning this game."

Aaron Pugh stopped an early fourth-quarter threat from the Mustangs intercepting a jump ball intended for Burke in the endzone. Brandon Bryant tipped the ball, and Pugh made a diving catch to stall the drive.

"It was Brandon Bradford," said Pugh, deflecting the praise. "If he didn't tip it, I wouldn't have caught it."

The Wildcat win keeps the jug at Novi since 2001, and keeps their momentum going as the regular season ends and the playoffs begin.

"Coach Hockman's squad, they did a great job," Kelleporey said. "We got up 14-0 and things were rolling in a hurry. Northville did an outstanding job staying in and fighting in that game."

Team	W	L	T	PTS
Novi	8	1	0	100
Churchill	7	2	0	80
South Lyon	5	3	0	60
Hartland	4	4	0	50
Northville	3	5	0	40
Warren De La Salle	2	6	0	30
John Glenn	1	7	0	20
Canton	1	7	0	10
Westland	0	8	0	0

"While that's going on and they're playing a good game, I'm very impressed with our guys here at Novi."

Hall led all rusher with 153 yards on 21 carries. He also caught three passes for 61 yards.

Heard finished with 8-for-18 passing for 161 yards and two scores with one interception.

"This is a big jump for us," Heard said. "Just from losing those first two games and coming back from those and just winning, it's a great winning streak for us."

Chew finished 11-for-21 passing for 92 yards with one score and one interception. Burke hauled in five passes for 65 yards.

Devine scored once on defense and offense. He tallied 48 yards on 16 carries. Min Oh picked up 47 yards on nine carries.

Greg Hasse led the Northville defense with 22 tackles, seven solo.



Mustangs and Wildcats congratulate each other at the end of their close, well-played game last Friday night.



Photos submitted by Dennis Barnes

The Shamrock players celebrate their Prep Bowl trophy with their Catholic Central fans Saturday at Ford Field.



Shamrock Joe Aiello celebrates after knocking off De La Salle 10-7 Saturday.

**Let the playoffs begin**

By Jeff Theisen  
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central is back in the playoffs.

The Shamrocks (7-2) travel to Howell to open the playoffs Friday night at the Parker campus.

After missing out last year, the Shamrocks worked throughout the offseason to make sure they weren't left out this year, and it's paid off.

"The one thing about not being in the playoffs is it makes you hungry. They've been going 10 months in the 'offseason,'" Shamrock head coach Tom Mach said. "This season they've been a joy to work with because they're very dedicated and practice hard. They're willing to do whatever the coaches ask them to do."

Howell's only blemish came in a 13-9 loss at Novi in week four. The Highlanders ran the rest of the schedule and shared the KVC title with Novi.

Quality wins have come against fellow playoff teams Lakeland (29-24) and South Lyon (24-14). Opponents have only carried a 44.4 winning percentage against the Highlanders, but they have taken care of business and just missed out on completing an undefeated schedule.

**Playoffs**

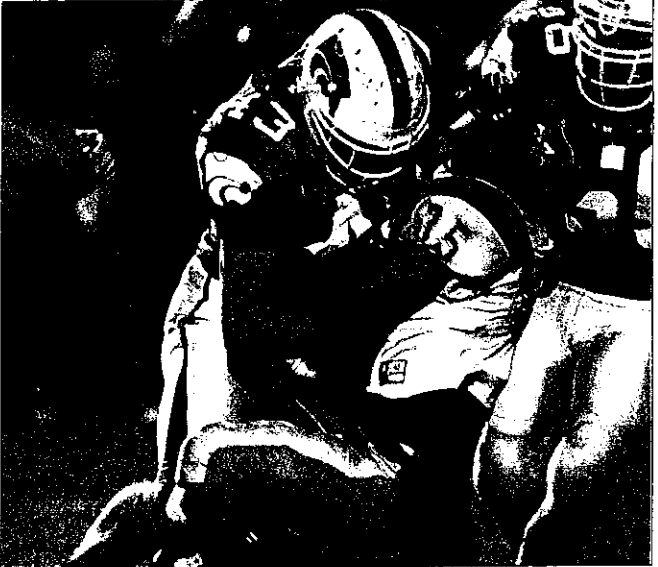
Who: Catholic Central (7-2) vs. Howell (8-1)  
Where: Parker campus  
When: 7 p.m. Friday



Jack Daykin returns a fumble for the Shamrocks lone touchdown.

everybody in the playoffs believes they can beat you," Mach said. "You can throw the records out the window."

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Novi's Joe Pritchard tackles Northville's Min Oh.

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**Shamrocks avenge loss to Pilots**

**Jack Daykin returns fumble for early touchdown**

By Jeff Theisen  
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central got a perfect start and better finish to avenge an earlier season loss to De La Salle.

Chris Singer knocked home a 43-yard field goal with six seconds left for a 10-7 win in the Prep Bowl at Ford Field.

"Overall, defensively we did a good job and with our kicking game," Shamrock head coach Tom Mach said. "Those are the things that helped us win the game."

"Our theory is you have to win two of the three phases to win the game, and I think we did a good job both defensively and in the kicking game."

The Pilots tried to ice Singer by calling all their remaining timeouts in a row to make him think about it, but it didn't work. The senior kicker knocked home the long field goal, sending the Shamrocks into the playoff push with their fourth straight victory.

"I think Chris handled the whole situation really well," Mach said. "He's never been in that situation. This is his first year kicking for us."

"It's a very stressful situation to be in, but it's also one that you welcome because that's what dreams are made of. He was lucky enough to have a dream come true."

Catholic Central's defense scored the first points of the game. Jack Daykin picked up a fumble on the Pilots' opening drive and scored from 31 yards out just 17 seconds into the game.

De La Salle responded with 2:27 left in the first with a 3-yard scoring run.

The score would remain deadlocked until the waning moments of the game.

The Pilots appeared as though they were going to take the lead with the ball at the Shamrock 1-yard line, but a goaline stand kept the game tied until the late heroes by Singer.

First downs were hard to come by for both teams. Catholic Central earned just six, with the Pilots picking up 10.

The Shamrock's ground game was held in check, gaining just 41 yards on 31 carries. The Pilots ran for 170 on 46 attempts. Joe Kinville led the Shamrocks with 31 yards on six attempts.

Scott Kovanda had a big day punting, averaging 40.8 yards a kick on six attempts.

Chris Fischer led the defense with 15 tackles (four solo). Daykin and Kinville were each in on 10.

"We wanted to go into the playoffs on a positive note," Mach said. "The game was a very hard-hitting game, a typical Catholic League defensive battle."

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The Shamrocks line up for a goalline stand against Warren De La Salle.

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# Wildcat V-ball wins KVC; soccer falls

Novi tennis places sixth at state meet

By Jeff Thelsen  
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi volleyball team captured the final KVC title with wins against league foes Lakeland and Brighton.

The Wildcats knocked off Lakeland on the road last Thursday, 25-12, 24-14, 25-20. Stephanie Cripps and Paige Janer did most of the damage, combining for 33 kills. Haley Miller kept the ball off the floor with 26 digs. Against Brighton, Novi needed four games to pick up the win, 25-14, 25-23, 19-25, 25-15. Cripps led the way with 13 kills, and Janer knocked home nine. Julia Thomas and Jacky Longe each provided six kills.

## Novi Soccer

The Novi soccer team played its final game of the year as hosts of the district semifinals against fellow Novi school Catholic Central.

It took overtime, but the Shamrocks came away with a 2-1 victory in double overtime. Catholic Central went on to win the district, 1-0 in overtime against South Lyon, advancing to regional play.

Novi (1-4-3-3, 12-1-1) opened district play with a 2-0 win against Howell.

The Shamrocks were next, and both teams had opportunities to win in regulation, but the score remained tied at one.

Shamrock Nick Pelon started the scoring with a header 15 minutes in. The Wildcats tied the score 15 minutes into the second half. Nate Robinson knocked a 25-yard free kick off the crossbar, and Max Wojczyk fired in the rebound from the top of the 18-yard box.

The final goal came with Pelon taking a Joe Iellino cross and knocking it into the upper corner for the game-winning goal during the second overtime.

The Wildcats finished as co-champs with South Lyon for the final KVC title.

## Novi Tennis

Novi head tennis coach Jim Hanson wanted his team to finish in the top 10, and they succeeded, rising for sixth with three other teams.

Ann Arbor Pioneer won its eighth straight state title with 29 points. Port Huron Northern gave the Pioneers a run with 26 points. Next in were Troy (20), Ann Arbor Huron (16) and Brother

Rice (14). Tied with Novi were Catholic Central, Grand Blanc and West Bloomfield. Northville finished 13th with seven points.

"I was pleased with how the kids played," Hanson said. "We were ranked in the top 10 all year long. A tie for sixth, I'm not disappointed at all."

"You are up there with the best teams throughout the state. It was a good weekend of tennis."

Two Wildcat doubles teams made it through to the semifinals.

The No. 1 doubles team of Justin Fazioq and Aneya Sohani received the No. 3 seed and a bye. They beat the Brother Rice team 6-2, 6-3 to make the quarterfinals.

There, they beat the Grand Blanc South team 6-3, 6-1 to make the semis. The state runner-up team from Ann Arbor Pioneer stopped the run with a 6-2, 7-6 victory.

The other semifinalist came from the No. 3 doubles team of Tim Oh and Greg Richard. After starting with a bye, they beat the pair from Livonia Stevenson 6-2, 6-3. A comeback three-set win, 6-7, 6-4, 6-2 win against Grand Blanc put Novi in the semifinals.

The final runner-up team from Grandville stopped the Wildcats with a 6-3, 7-5 win.

"It was good competition throughout the tournament and hard-fought matches despite wins or losses," Hanson said.

Hanson said he was proud of how his entire team competed, despite wins or losses. He was also very pleased with what his team did throughout the year.

"It was an excellent season," he said.

## Catholic Central Cross Country

The Shamrock cross country team claimed first place at the CISA meet with 45 points Saturday. U-D Jesuit was next with 53 points, followed by De La Salle in third with 67 and Brother Rice with 76.

Alex Tofoloff led the Shamrocks with a third-place finish in 16:40. He was followed by teammates Zachary Oleski in fifth (16:51), John-Paul Zebrowski in tenth (17:04), Austin Zebrowski in 12th (17:09) and Michael Dempierre in 15th (17:25) to round out the scoring.

Finishing out the top seven were Scott Hoffman in 17th (17:29) and Victor Puskorius in 27th (18:00).

The win was the first for the Shamrocks since 2002, where they finished off a run of nine straight first-place finishes at the league meet.

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Catholic Central defender David Bussey (25) closes in on Nate Robinson during district play.



Novi's Bobby Laski defends Catholic Central's Andy Parson during district play.



Novi's Dan Kilger heads the ball against Catholic Central during the second round of district play.

Photos submitted by Jeff Galt

# Varsity Bobcats tripped up by Northville

Submitted to the Novi News

The contest to decide third place in the Western Lake Junior Football League at the Varsity level was played against the Northville Colts at Novi Middle School this past Saturday. Northville kept the Bobcats off the scoreboard for a 22-0 victory.

The Bobcats started their first possession of the day at midfield after a Michael Metz kickoff recovery to begin what was to be a long day against a stingy Northville defense. After a Novi punt, the Bobcats demonstrated why they have one of the best defenses in the league as they stopped the Colts on a Derek Ince interception. But Novi turned the ball over on downs and Northville began a 15-play drive that consumed most of first quarter and ended with a 1-yard run and extra point conversion early in the second quarter, making it 8-0 Northville.

Novi and Northville exchanged possessions to finish the first half as the Bobcats offense struggled against the Northville defensive line. Despite some hard-earned yards by Adam Haynes, Grant Wheeler, Cormack Littleton, Andrew Bell and Ince, the Bobcats could not get the offensive machine started. A good Bobcat defensive showing by Alex King, Derek Edwards, Haynes, Grant Wheeler and Dylan Weil kept the Bobcats in the game. Key tackles were made by Littleton, Mario Ferrini, Alex Turner, Frankie Mastangelo, Colter Huacuja and Ince.

A fired up Northville team wasted little time coming out of half time with a good kickoff return to mid field. The Colts then marched 48 yards in eight plays to raise the game to 16-0.

The Bobcats were determined to get the game going offensively in the second half by turning from the ground game to the aerial assault. The offense was starting to smoke but just couldn't catch fire as penalties and turnovers



The Novi Bobcats bring blockers around for a run against Northville.

gave the momentum back to Northville.

Northville stayed with the running game and pushed deep into Novi territory. An incomplete pass that would have turned the ball over on downs was undone by a roughing the passer penalty. With the first down, the Colts finished out the 60-yard drive with a 7-yard pass play. The extra point was blocked by Alex King, making the score 22-0 with 4:52 remaining in the fourth quarter.

A determined Novi team continued the air campaign but missed some opportunities before another disputed defensive pass interference play resulted instead in a Northville interception. Northville ran out the final minutes of the game which ended at 22-0.

Both teams end the regular season with a record of 5-2 and will continue into the super bowl championship bracket of the league playoff next week at Livonia Bentley Field.

Special recognition goes to the graduating eighth grade varsity players: Zach Vidra, Brand Loomis, Steven Dickman, Derek Ince, Adam Haynes, Andrew Bell, Frankie Mastangelo, Cormack Littleton, Daniel Fowler, Rahui Kodali, Alex Kinnamon, Matthew Kearney, Derek Mully, Alex King, Alex Turner and Dylan Weil.

Thanks to the team volunteers that make the organization operate. A special thanks to the coaching staff for their devotion to the team, led by head coach Andy Littleton, and assisted by Brian Boron, Tony Cianferri, Bill Ince, Frank Mastangelo, Tim Mizarowski and Dave Mully, including the varsity unit director Cindy Huacuja.

## Bobcats JV thumps Northville

The Novi Bobcats JV Football team faced the Northville Colts on Saturday at Novi Middle School. This year's Colts-Bobcat rivalry game was made all the more interesting because both

free for a 33-yard run. But the Bobcats were not able to score.

The Colts drove down the field but were stopped when Colton Neisius broke up a handoff and recovered the fumble. The first half ended scoreless.

The second half started with the Bobcat kickoff, and the Colts driving until Bobby Fox made the stick-of-the-game with a solid tackle on fourth down, forcing a turnover on downs.

Once again, the Bobcats drove three tackles and eventually scored in the fourth quarter after taking over possession at the Bobcats' 19-yard line. The Colts converted an onside kick, keeping the ball away from the Bobcats' offense. There was not enough time for the Bobcats to mount a record to 6-2, guaranteeing Novi a playoff spot in next week's semifinal to be held at Bentley Field in Livonia.

The Bobcats' defense played excellent, causing two drives deep into Bobcats territory. Andrew Schroeder, Colton Neisius and Christian Durham each had eight solo tackles and three assists to lead the defense. Joey Shurmur had seven total tackles starting from the linebacker position.

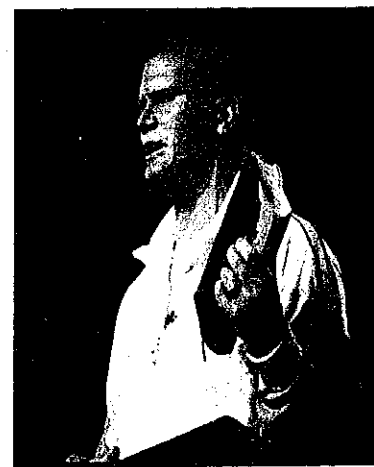
The Colts had 43 offensive plays and generated 137 yards of total offense. On offense, Andrew Schroeder led the team with 15 carries for 60 yards, and Andy Mizarowski ran seven times for 27 yards. The Colts held the Bobcats to 66 total yards and about the league-leading offensive team.

The Bobcats end the WLJFL regular season in second place and secured the same seed in the post season tournament. A victory Saturday against the Livonia Falcons (6-2) will most likely setup a rematch with the Colts in the WLJFL Super Bowl.

On the Colts' next possession, the Bobcats defense created a fumble which Mitchell Lang recovered. Using the momentum created by the fumble, the Bobcats reached the 7-yard line when Andrew Schroeder broke

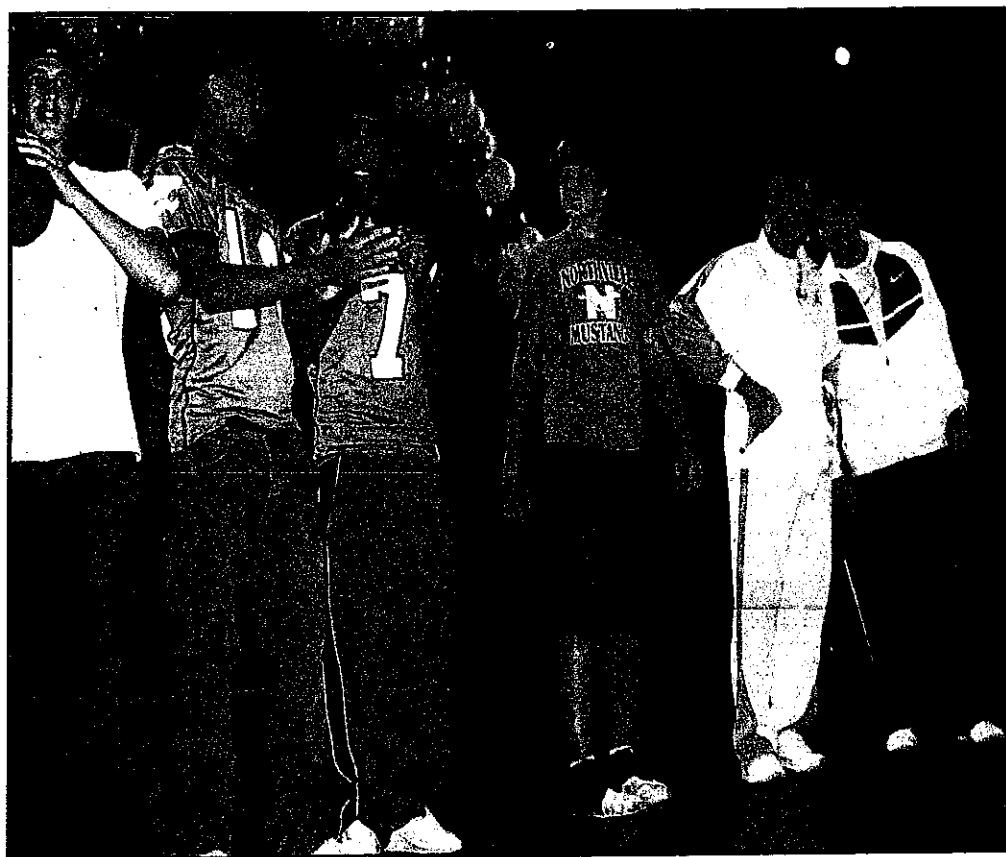
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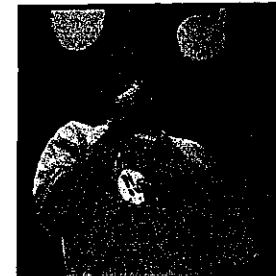


# KITNA'S CHALLENGE

Detroit Lions quarterback Jon Kitna speaks to a crowd of high school students at Oak Pointe Church last Wednesday night. Kitna talked about the importance of his faith in his own life and challenged the students of Novi, Northville, South Lyon and other area schools to stand up for what they believe as well.



Local high school football players - (left to right) Chris Slack, Chris Bellamy, Mark Heard, Matt Wegzyn - take on Detroit Lions quarterbacks Kitna and Dan Orlovsky in a football skills competition.



Oak Pointe Youth Pastor Jack Janigian emceed the football pep rally outreach event.



Oak Pointe high school youth group volunteers - (left to right) Charis Krieger, Brandy Mohr Dameworth and Cory Matson - mix up a combination of apple cider, cottage cheese, apple sauce, ranch dressing and other creative ingredients to see which of the students are brave enough to drink a cup of their concoctions.

Noah Minard came to the pep rally ready to play! Noah attended with his father, Matt Minard (in the background), head coach of Northville High School's freshman football team.

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By John R. Hall  
SPECIAL WRITER

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The Humphrey Field Analyzer has all of the tests of Town & Country Eyecare's most recent state of the art instrument, plus it can also test blue-yellow visual field showing changes earlier. Through extensive clinical research the software has been refined to cut testing times by 30 percent to 60 percent, which patients love.

Keeping up with the latest technology also means that the staff of Town & Country Eyecare is better prepared to serve its patients like never before. Included in this technology is digital retinal photography, which, according to Dr. Crissman, is not offered by many other eye care specialists as part of their routine exam.

Dr. Crissman said that having all of the latest gadgetry is just one way her practice can give patients the very best service. The other way is "a caring attitude of the good old fashion country doctor."

### SKILLED ATTENTION

"We have wonderful, skilled technicians who do many aspects of the eye exam," Dr. Crissman added. "Dr. Kirk and I still personally determine each and every

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patient's eyeglass or contact lens prescription. We feel that it is very important to take the time to still do this key, but sometimes overlooked, part of an eye examination."

### LASIK

Another specialty service available through Town & Country Eyecare and its affiliation with TLC Eyecare and Laser Centers is laser refractive surgery (LASIK).

"We continue to stay in the forefront of laser refractive surgery and offer our patients the all-laser Intralase LASIK procedure," said Dr. Kirk.

Traditional vision correction options, like contact lenses and eyeglasses, are the cornerstone of the practice.

"In terms of contact lenses, we are using the newest products such as a soft lens that has both a bifocal and astigmatism prescription in it," said Dr. Kirk. "We also offer Biofinity contacts from Cooper Vision, an improved fourth generation high oxygen lens that is much softer and with more water content than current high oxygen lenses."

### FASHION

As far as eyeglasses go, Town & Country Eyecare wants to join function with fashion by having the latest trends in eyewear. The practice recently added Jonathon Cate and O.G.I. frames for more colorful, trendy styles to complement the classic elegant styles of other designer lines like Jones New York, Vera Wang, and others.

Colors are a big focus for this year's frame styles. All of their eyewear is displayed against a backdrop of beautiful oak cabinetry, slate flooring, and a gentle fountain, which, according to Dr. Crissman, "adds to the ambiance that sets one at ease."

### DEDICATION

"What sets us apart in terms of an eye



Providing patients quality eye care with a combined 32 years of experience in the eye care field are, from left, Drs. Timothy Kirk and Amy Crissman. The doctors are always updating their experience with continuing education each year and update their services by adding the latest high-tech instrumentation.

care practice is our dedication to our patients and our community," Dr. Kirk summed up as he described the strongest points at Town & Country Eyecare. "Each year we spend thousands of dollars in donations to the schools, sports teams, fine arts, and community endeavors. We are wowed by our staff's dedication to our

patients' needs and know that patients will be equally impressed with the level of care they receive."

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