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**Hospital leader resigns**

■ Accepts job with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

Less than one week after opening the \$229 million, state-of-the-art hospital in Novi, Providence Park Hospital President Rob Casalou announced he is leaving.

After 19 years with St. John Health, Casalou accepted the position as president and chief executive officer of three of the four Saint Joseph Mercy hospitals, effective in October.

Rob Casalou

"This opportunity presented itself to me and it's a great career opportunity. It's one you just can't pass up," Casalou said. "I'm going to be overseeing three of the four hospitals."

Casalou will serve as President and CEO of Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Saline and Livingston.

"It's more of a regional role," he said. "The difference really is the job is looking at multiple campuses rather than looking at a single campus."

Even though Casalou's job will involve new responsibilities, some aspects will seem all too familiar. "I actually will be participating in the construction of a new hospital," he said, noting Saint Joseph Mercy has plans of opening a new hospital. "I'll bring whatever experience I have with me from this project."

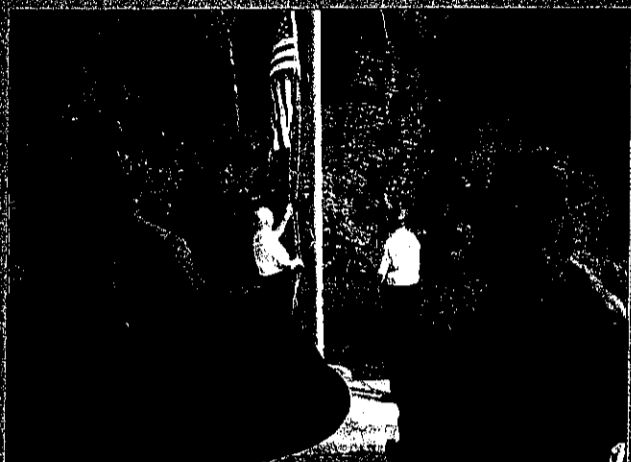
"It's hard to leave. The hospital opened and you would like to see the baby you just gave birth to grow, but I'm feeling good about leaving because I know this place is going to be phenomenally successful."

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System is a member of Trinity Health.

Current President and CEO of Providence Southfield, Dr. Michael

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**Patriot Day**



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**Novi's Fox Run remembers**

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

It's a day of remembrance for the residents of Fox Run, a quiet residential street in Novi. On Sept. 11, 2001, the Fox Run community gathered to remember the victims of the September 11 attacks. The community held a candlelight vigil and a prayer service. The event was held at the Fox Run Community Center, which is located on Fox Run Road. The community is proud to have a memorial to the victims of the September 11 attacks. The memorial is a simple plaque that reads "September 11, 2001". The plaque is located on the wall of the Fox Run Community Center. The community is proud to have a memorial to the victims of the September 11 attacks. The memorial is a simple plaque that reads "September 11, 2001".



Tom Brenner, president of the Novi Education Association and Novi Community School District Superintendent Peter Dion shake hands after agreeing on a new teacher contract.

**Novi teacher contracts set**

■ Board approval expected tonight

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

After several meetings and a 12-hour day at the negotiation table, Novi Community School District teachers have a new three-year contract through the 2010-11 school year.

More than 70 percent of teachers approved the new contract by a 267-112 vote last Wednesday. The board of education is expected to approve the contract at tonight's board meeting.

"It's quite a relief," said Tom Brenner, president of the Novi Education Association. "I'm fairly satisfied with it in the big picture. It's not perfect."

"One of the best things about the process is that both sides can work with each other. We're not enemies by any means."

Bob Schram, assistant superintendent of human resources for the district, said the contract includes 1 percent pay increases each year for anyone outside the pay steps. Teachers within the steps won't receive a change this year, but will see a 1 percent increase each of the next two

years of the contract. "We would've loved to be able to pay our staff more, but when you have a deficit budget based on what the state gives, it's difficult," Schram said. "They can't give you what they don't have. They can't make money like the federal government can. We've got to live within our means as best we can."

Both Brenner and Schram said the most difficult portion of negotiations revolved around health insurance.

"We agreed to pay for part of our health insurance premiums. The district cut off long-term disability after six months. It was one year," Brenner said. "Part of it is in line with the economic situation and having to pay for health insurance without a big pay raise."

"People understand the economic situation. We're grateful to have jobs."

Schram said a 3 percent cap was placed on health insurance. He was satisfied with the compromises the two sides agreed on.

"Teachers were able to maintain their base insurance. Both sides, their main issue was health care insurance," Schram said.

"Negotiations were very difficult. I want to give a lot of credit to both bargaining teams."

"In any contract, any negotia-

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**Records and alibis direct Novi murder trial**

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday's day in Oakland County Circuit Court for the second Pittao murder trial had a heavy undertone of alibis.

Daniel Pittao, 49, is on trial for the murder of his estranged wife, Tamara Pittao, whose body was found Nov. 27, 1997, at age 30 in her Novi apartment.

During proceedings Tuesday, Tamara's former boyfriend and co-worker Curtis Jurgenson was questioned about his past relationship with Tamara, as well as

his whereabouts during the days surrounding her death. He was flying between Munster, Ind., Chicago and New York City Monday, Nov. 24, 1997, the determined date of Tamara's death.

"The only reason we became romantically involved was because she said she was extremely unhappy in her relationship and was leaving Dan," Jurgenson said. "She told me she was leaving Dan no matter what, even if we weren't involved."

The couple dated in March and April 1997, but, because Jurgenson worked in New York



Daniel Pittao

and Tamara was in Novi, the two saw each other three times in March and April 1997 before the relationship fizzled in May the same year.

He was also questioned regarding his two phone encounters with Daniel Pittao, one where the two spoke directly and another where Jurgenson was on the phone with

Tamara when Daniel chased her on Interstate 94.

"She was excited and wanted to tell me that she had packed some things in the car and she was going to Chicago (to stay with her parents)," Jurgenson said of the May 16, 1997 freeway call. "Her tone had changed from excitement and euphoric to panic and maybe terror. She was afraid of potentially being crashed."

The testimony recounted Daniel sped down the freeway after Tamara as she made her way west with their 2-year-old daughter after leaving Daniel a note

announcing she was leaving him.

Tamara and Daniel split permanently July 2, 1997, when Tamara took their daughter and moved to an apartment in Novi. During the divorce process, Daniel found Jurgenson's phone number on their phone bills and called him for what began as a "cordial" questioning.

"It was in my mind set as soon as he called that, I knew they were going through a divorce, that I may be involved in some way,"

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**Early Readers**

Mark Cilleary reads to his daughter Mio, 2, at the Novi Public Library on a recent Monday morning.

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Wiemann, will take on the role as interim president of Providence Park.

"I'm going to be working here until the end of the month," Casalou said. "I'm going to be working with Dr. Wiemann for a very smooth transition because I want Providence Park to be successful."

Casalou is looking forward to being located in his alma mater's town of Ann Arbor, but said he is sad to say goodbye to his second family.

"This is a very amicable, positive departure," he said. "It's got a bitter-sweetness to it. Even though I'm not leaving the area, we're not going to be seeing each other every day."

Although Casalou's family is going to stay in Novi for now, moving to the maize and blue town is a possibility for the future.

"A president's job in a hospital, part of it is the hospital itself and day-to-day operations, but there's a huge community piece to it as well," he said. "But we're not a martyr."

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tions, the most successful contract is when no one is completely happy. If I was happy, I'd feel like I took advantage of them. If they were happy, they would've taken advantage of me."

Schram and Brenner both agree the state restrictions slowed the bargaining process.

"When the allowance increases less than 1 percent and enrollment declines, it makes it a very difficult process," Schram said. "It's really the staff recognizing the problems we have. The district has limitations."

Brenner said bargaining for larger groups would help the process.

"I think we have some of the best teachers in the nation. One thing I'm really disappointed

with is that we even bargain at the local level. The district has their hands tied with the state. It would make more sense to bargain at the state or regional level," he said. "We're waiting for the state to set their budget and we're just fighting for scraps. It would be nice if the state government could figure out their priorities and stick to it."

Another change, that will affect students just as much, is the district calendar.

"Each year we have 177 student days. We had 176 last year," Schram said. "In 2009, there will be a full-week February break. In 2010 and 2011, we'll just have a two-day break. We'd have students just getting out way too late (in the summer) based on the Labor Day start. The state has mandated most of the calendar."

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Tom Brenner

President, Novi Education Association

**Novi Chamber expects larger crowd at this year's Grapes and Grooves event**

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

Even though the founding organization of Grapes and Grooves, the Greater Novi Chamber, recently dissolved, the fall-favorite event will go on.

The newly combined Novi Chamber of Commerce is hosting the third annual food, wine and jazz event 6:30-10 p.m. Sept. 26.

"It's still at the Atrium of Novi on Main Street, and it's presented by The Grapevine," said Whitney McClellan Stone, Novi Chamber director of operations.

The Atrium is located between MIXX Lounge and Larson Jewelry Design in downtown Novi.

Tickets for the event are \$30 online at [www.novichamber.com](http://www.novichamber.com) or \$40 at the door and include wine and beer tastings, strolling appetizers and entertainment by

the RJ Spangler Quartet.

In honor of National Preparedness Month this September, the Novi Chamber is donating a portion of the proceeds to The American Red Cross.

"I'd like to see close to 200 this year," McClellan Stone said of the event, which she estimated drew about 160 last year. "In the past, we've done more of a line of restaurants, but this year we're doing more of a 'taste of...'"

Local food vendors include Bi Bin Bab, Biggby Coffee, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Gus

**Grapes and Grooves**

Novi Chamber of Commerce is hosting the third annual food, wine and jazz event 6:30-10 p.m. Sept. 26 inside the Atrium of Novi on Main Street. Tickets for the event are \$30 online at [www.novichamber.com](http://www.novichamber.com) or \$40 at the door.

O'Connors, Mezza Mediterranean Grille, Outback Steakhouse and The Post.

"People came out last year and enjoyed food and enjoyed wine," said Brian Burke, owner of the Grapevine. "We're going to have some vendors there sampling

wines. Each distributor might bring three or four wines," he said, estimating five or six distributors will be in attendance. "We'll have a decent amount of juice there and you'll have the opportunity to purchase on-site for a significant discount."

Attendees can expect to sample domestic wines along with Australian, French, Italian and perhaps some German, Burke said.

"We're doing a beer-tasting station with Michigan Brewing Company because some people

don't drink wine," McClellan Stone said. "The other thing this year is we're not going to have any sit-down tables, it's going to be strolling with high-top tables."

The event will include a silent auction with items such as getaway packages, jewelry, a session with a local photographer, tickets to sporting events and gift baskets, among others.

McClellan Stone said cocktail party-attire is acceptable.

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# NOVI PUBLIC SAFETY

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## Navigation systems stolen from vehicles in Novi

A number of global positioning systems were reported stolen from vehicles within the City of Novi between Sept. 4-9, reports said.

• Between 6 p.m. Sept. 4 and 9:30 a.m. Sept. 5, a Harman Kardon Global Positioning System was stolen from a brown four-door Ford Escape, reports said. The vehicle was parked in the lot of Wexford apartments, on Worthington Court, near 13 Mile and Novi roads, reports said. Officers said the suspect used an unknown tool to pry the driver-side door handle off the vehicle and open the door. Damage is estimated at \$500. According to the complainant, the silver navigation system, with four-inch screen, was still visible.

• Between 10 p.m. Sept. 4 and 5 a.m. Sept. 5, a Garmin Nuvi 200 navigation system, mount and charger were stolen from a silver

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Chrysler Town and Country, reports said. The vehicle, which was parked in the driveway of a residence, was left unlocked. According to reports, the global positioning system was mounted in the vehicle.

• Between 7:30 p.m. Sept. 7 and 11 a.m. Sept. 8, a global positioning system was stolen from a gray Honda Civic, while parked on Manor Park Drive, near 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads, reports said. According to the complainant, the vehicle was parked under a carport when an unknown suspect broke the driver's side vent window and stole the navigation system from the windshield mount. The windshield wiper was also damaged,

but nothing else was missing, reports said.

• Between 11 p.m. Sept. 8 and 8 a.m. Sept. 9, a built-in global positioning system was stolen from a red GMC Envoy, while parked at the Jaguar of Novi dealership at Haggerty and 10 Mile roads, reports said. An unknown suspect broke the front, driver's side window and removed the navigation system from the dash board of the vehicle, reports said. Officers transported the vehicle to an evidence garage, where police were able to lift three prints, reports said.

### Driving on suspended license

A woman was arrested at about 10:30 a.m. Sept. 11 for driving while her license was suspended, reports said.

An officer heading eastbound on South Lake Drive, clocked a white Kia traveling 39 mph in a 25 mph zone. As the vehicle neared the patrol car, it slowed to 28 mph, reports said.

The officer initiated a traffic stop, and found the woman driver had a current warrant out from Michigan State Police in Wayland and two suspensions on her license.

### Stolen items recovered

A knock-off Prada purse was reported stolen from a Chrysler,

between 4-4:30 p.m. Sept. 5, while parked on Eastman Trail, near Meadowbrook and 13 Mile roads, reports said. According to the woman, the purse was left on the front passenger seat and the doors

were unlocked. The wallet, credit cards and checkbook were found by a citizen and turned over to police at the Novi Police Department. According to reports, all stolen items were eventually recovered.

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# Children lend a hand in crafting quilts for charity



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Novi library youth department coordinator Kelly Kolchuk looks at a quilt — donated by the Novi Quilters and decorated by local kids — with brothers Eli, 6, and Isley Sepulveda, 7, at the library on Monday morning.

## Display at Novi Library

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Needlers are seeking names of the children who participated in crafting quilt squares at the Fuerst Farm Family Days event in May.

"We were at the Fuerst Farm Family Days and we decided to cut out some squares and let the kids draw pictures," said Marianne Schmid of the Novi Needlers. "We actually made four lap quilts out of those squares."

The quilts are currently on display in the youth department of the Novi Public Library, a place the Needlers are hoping will attract the children who participated in the activity to see the final outcome of their work. Unfortunately, the Needlers did

not record the names of all the artists to notify them that such a display exists.

More than 20 kids' creativity is demonstrated on the quilt squares, which were designed by tracing their hands, sketching characters such as SpongeBob SquarePants or drawing elements of nature like the sun, flowers, rainbows and butterflies.

Schmid said the original idea for the annual family-friendly event was for the Novi Needlers to demonstrate how to quilt, but, as a former kindergarten teacher, Schmid knew the kids would be more interested if they could participate in the activity themselves.

"We actually ran out of patches," she said. "They (the kids) seemed to really enjoy it."

The quilts will be at the library for about two months, then Schmid said they will be donated to children at the University of Michigan Cancer Center in Ann Arbor.

The Novi Needlers is a senior quilting group of about 13 women who meet at the Novi Senior Center the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

"We are seniors who meet twice a month and we make quilts for different groups," Schmid said. "It's all women who don't live there (at the senior center)."

In 2007, the group donated more than 193 quilts to organizations such as Veterans and the Denby Center, which is an institution run by the Salvation Army that houses young moms with babies.

"We also have made quilts for foster children," Schmid said. "We get a lot of donated fabrics."

The Novi Public Library is located at 45245 W. 10 Mile Road. For more information regarding the Novi Needlers, contact the Novi Senior Center at (248) 347-0414 or visit [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org).

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# Public comment encouraged for proposed update to City of Novi woodland map

During the past year, city staff and consultants completed an extensive assessment of the city's woodlands. A revised regulated woodland map is now complete and available for public review. Along with the revised map, city staff is in the process of updating the ordinance regarding regulated woodlands.

The goal is to further clarify woodland regulations and processes, and the aim is to identify better measures to preserve the natural beauty of the community, while still protecting personal property rights.

The city is asking community members to review the current and proposed regulated woodland maps found on the city Web site, [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org), or at the Novi Civic Center.

Anyone with questions or concerns is encouraged to complete a questionnaire, which can also be found on the Web site or in the civic center lobby.

Novi's Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed map and ordinance revisions. Although the date is yet to be determined, the public will be informed of the meeting and invited to speak at the hearing.

For further information, please contact the Novi Community Development Department at (248) 347-0415 or Novi's landscape architect, David Beschke, at (248) 735-5621.

## My Novi, briefly

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Tunes such as "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and "Stop! In the Name of Love," are just two of the songs that will be featured. Audience members will also have a chance to compete in a trivia contest for the winning prize.

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Tickets may be purchased online or at the Novi Parks box office. Buy 15 or more tickets and get one free for the same performance. All performances will be at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Novi roads.

For more information about the Senior Variety Series, please contact the Novi Theatres at (248) 735-5615.

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MasterCard recently changed a long-standing company policy and now allows the department to assess a nominal fee for branch face-to-face credit card transactions in order to cover MasterCard service fees. This change enabled department officials to move forward in agreement with MasterCard. Visa has a policy similar to MasterCard's old one.

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## ITC Great Plains Granted Utility Status in Oklahoma

ITC Great Plains, a subsidiary of ITC Holdings Corp., received approval from the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) to operate as a transmission utility in the state in order to construct, own, operate and maintain electric transmission lines in Oklahoma.

ITC Great Plains, headquartered in Topeka, Kan., received similar approval from the Kansas Corporation Commission in 2007 and has several high-voltage transmission lines in the development and planning phase in both Kansas and Oklahoma.

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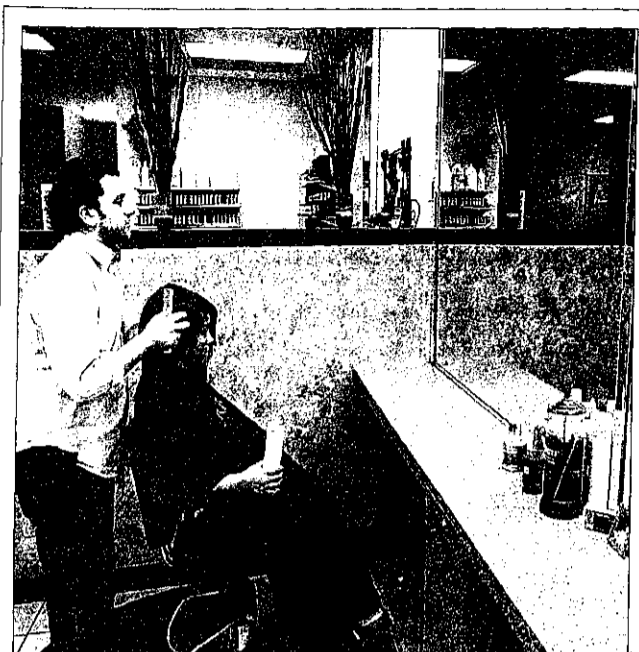


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## Stylish Opening

Apree Salon stylist Jordan Ghannam works on the hair of client Michelle Cacharzewski. Apree Salon, located in Novi's West Oaks shopping center, will hold a grand-opening event on Sept. 22.

## Be Aware of "Variables" When Creating Investment Strategy

In almost any endeavor you can think of, your success depends on a number of factors. The same is true of investing. You can create a strategy to help you achieve your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement, but your results will depend a great deal on how you adjust some key "variables."

What are some of these "variables?" Consider the following:

- **Retirement age** - Clearly, the age at which you plan to retire can have a big impact on your savings and investment strategies. If you want to retire early, you will likely need to accumulate more financial resources than if you were to work well into your 60s. To build these additional resources, you might have to invest more aggressively - that is, include more "growth" vehicles in your portfolio - during your working years.

- **Lifestyle** - We all have different thoughts on the "ideal" retirement and these differences affect our investment strategies. For example, if you plan on spending your retirement traveling around the world, you'll likely need more money than your neighbors, if they plan on sticking close to home and pursuing inexpensive hobbies. Therefore, you

may need to achieve more growth from your investments than your neighbors need from theirs.

- **Inflation** - If you're trying to calculate the type of performance you might need from your investments to reach your goals, you should consider your "real" rate of return - that is, the return you get after inflation. If we experienced an annual inflation rate of 3 percent, you would lose about half of your purchasing power after 25 years. To stay ahead of inflation, you should consider including some growth-oriented investments in your portfolio.

- **Life Expectancy** - Obviously, you can't say exactly how long you're going to live. Still, if you consider your family's history of longevity and your own level of health, you can probably make an educated guess. If you think it's entirely possible that you could spend two or three decades in retirement, as many people do, then you'll need to prepare carefully so that you don't outlive your resources. This may mean that, during your retirement years, you'll need to structure your investment portfolio to provide you with both growth and income opportunities.

- **Taxes** - Many people assume

their tax burden will decrease significantly when they retire, but that's not always the case. Income from a variety of sources, such as retirement plans and individual investments, is going to be taxable when you retire, so you'll need to have the money available to pay those taxes.

- **Health care** - Health care costs continue to rise. When you retire, you become eligible for Medicare, but this won't cover all your costs. So, as you save and invest for the future, you may want to factor in sufficient liquid resources to cover your doctors' visits, prescriptions and other health care expenses.

As you move ahead with your investment strategies, you may want to consult with a financial advisor - someone who can look at these factors and help you create a "big picture" solution that's right for your needs. But no matter how you proceed, don't wait too long to get started - because life, with all its variables, has a way of moving quickly.

This column was provided by Mark Whitfield, Financial Advisor, Novi Town Center, 43290 11 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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# Brady's bistro celebrates 17 years in Novi; beating cancer

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro will celebrate its 17th anniversary in Novi next week at the Novi Town Center location.

Mary Brady, co-owner and certified executive chef, said "fast" is the best way to describe the restaurant's 17 years in Novi.

"I would say it has changed physically into being a much more comfortable place," she said, crediting a bistro-hopping trip to Paris she and co-owner husband Tom took about 11 years ago. "It's more of a neighborhood-style restaurant. As far as food-wise, we've moved away from beef and meat to fish and vegetarian items."

Diamond Jim Brady's was originally located in Detroit at Seven Mile and Greenfield roads where Tom's father, Jim Brady, began the business in 1954.

"My philosophy is, 'I'd like you to try us just one time. If you like us, that's good for both of us.' We're proud of what we do," Tom said.

The restaurant moved to Prudential Town Center in Southfield in 1978 before coming to its current location in the Novi Town Center in 1991.

"Novi was the fastest growing city in Michigan and maybe the Midwest. At the time, we lived in Northville. This area was a diamond in the rough," Mary said. "It's grown tremendously in the 17 years. Novi's like everybody else with people who have lost jobs to downsizing. And gas prices, we're not isolated to that."

Although the economy has taken a dip and Mary has seen several other nearby restaurants open and close over the years, Diamond Jim Brady's has continued to thrive.

"Sales have grown each year. This year it's about even, which I'm not complaining about, because of the economy," she said.

In addition to some minor renovations about a year ago, the biggest change the bistro has made was to become a completely non-smoking establishment on Jan. 1.



File photo by JOHN HEIGER

In 2001, Mary and Tom Brady, owners of Novi's Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, celebrated the restaurant's 10th anniversary.

"The only regrets we have is that we didn't do it five years ago. The last 18 months, we saw less and less people smoking and it bothered other people more."

Mary said. "I don't think it should be a state decision. It should be an individual decision (by each restaurant)."

Tom said the decision to go smoke free has helped out both the restaurant patrons and staff.

"It's been a plus. We did disappoint a few original customers. But we did it as much for our staff as for anyone else," he said. "When you're in this industry for long enough, you're breathing smoke whether you smoke or not."

Tom quit smoking Aug. 15, 1975, but said the decision had nothing to do with him as an individual. A twist of fate a few months later hinted he had made

the right decision.

### Running for research

Tom and Mary Brady were geared up to raise money for lung cancer research last Sunday at the Gianni Ferrarotti Lung Cancer Research Fund 2008 5K Run/Fun Walk at Kensington Metro Park.

The Milford residents joined the walk just a few months after Tom won a battle with lung cancer. He learned of the disease during a CAT scan last May, just a few months after the restaurant became non-smoking, but early enough so a July 14 surgery was able to remove the cancer before spreading too far.

"He was Stage One. Most of the time, it's (Stage) Three or Four before people find it. At that point, many times you have one



photo courtesy of Mary Brady

Mary and Jim Brady reflect on the bistro's 17 years in Novi and Jim's good health.

option, chemotherapy, and sometimes that's not enough," Mary said. "It was a lot less than what we had anticipated. You go into something like that and you're really frightened."

The cancer didn't keep Tom away from work much, as he was at Diamond Jim Brady's up until the surgery. The procedure kept him in the hospital for less than four days.

"He was back to work in two weeks. Now he's just about back

to normal, coming in to work for all his shifts," Mary said.

With the success of Tom's recovery, he began a series of daily preventative treatments Sept. 9.

"We just had a vacation scheduled (to Alaska). I wasn't sure if that was in the cards for me or not," he said.

Tom made the trip to Alaska Aug. 29-Sept. 7, joining Mary as she served as the chef for an Alaskan Culinary Cruise.

A relative of the Brady's died

of lung cancer and last Sunday's event was set up in his honor four years ago. The Bradys, along with other friends and family members, formed "The Brady Bunch," a team of 25-30 members. Mary said \$1,500 has been raised so far for the cause.

"I'm just so thrilled with the support, Tom's a pretty special person," she said.

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**Mesmerizing**

Audience members are captivated during last week's variety show "Remember When ... The Game Show of the Century" at the Novi Civic Center.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

# Christmas Decor offers holiday decorations for military families

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

Families with a member serving in the military overseas could find themselves with a top-end holiday display this winter as the Christmas Decor franchise in Novi is looking to decorate their homes for free.

"The hardest time to be without a family member is the holidays," said Steve Russell, owner of the local Christmas Decor franchise. "We'd kind of like to be a blessing for people, especially ones that are sacrificing for

their country."

The Novi location provides services for Livingston County, much of western Oakland County, such as Novi, Milford and the Lakes area, as well as Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Ann Arbor. It is operated by Eradicco Services, a pest management firm.

Christmas Decor, the nation's largest outdoor lighting and decorating franchise, provides Christmas displays from mid-October through early February, with discounts for those ordering the full design, setup and storage services earlier in the fall.

Russell said patrons spend

anywhere from \$300 to more than \$10,000 to decorate their homes, but the offer to decorate for 10 families with members overseas is completely free.

"We pledged to decorate the homes of families of soldiers overseas," he said. "We take some photos and send them to their spouses overseas."

In the spirit of the season, the company also decorates the

Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor.

Qualified families can call (888) 354-9627 to apply before December. Visit [www.christmas-decor.net/431](http://www.christmas-decor.net/431) or [www.ericadicoservices.com](http://www.ericadicoservices.com) for more information on the company and their services.

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Jurgenson said.

He began dating another woman in July 1997, who is now his wife, so Jurgenson was able to tell Daniel he was not dating Tamara when he called in August.

According to Jurgenson, Daniel said, "I want to find out if you're the reason Tami's leaving me. Are you dating Tami and do you intend to marry her? I just want to understand why she's leaving me and that you are not the reason she's leaving me."

When Jurgenson replied, "You are the reason she's leaving you," he said Daniel became infuriated and threatened him.

Eugene Granowicz, owner of a Novi Kidde Care at the time, and Christopher Raveschot, a friend of Daniel, both testified regarding the child care of the Pitao's child during the Thanksgiving week of 1997.

Raveschot, living in Arizona at the time, was visiting friends and family in Michigan during the Thanksgiving week, but was unable to connect with Daniel despite several phone calls between Tuesday and Sunday of that week.

Granowicz explained attendance sheets regarding the Pitao's daughter at day care the week of and week prior to Tamara's death. Their daughter was at day care all five days the week prior, but had

an unexcused absence Monday and an excused vacation Tuesday, although a full week was paid for in advance. The day care's sign in and sign out system for parents was often incomplete, but was completely blank for the week of Tamara's death.

"It's on the honor system," Granowicz said. "We request the parents sign in/sign out, but a lot of parents fly in, fly out."

This is the second murder trial for Daniel. A February mistrial left Daniel Pitao waiting a few more months to find out his future.

After a five-week trial in January, a mistrial was ruled Feb. 7 at Oakland County Circuit Court by Judge Michael Warren. The mistrial was declared when the jury spent two weeks in deliberations, only to reach a split vote with seven jurors suggesting Pitao as guilty and five saying he was innocent.

The case heard more than two dozen witnesses ranging from friends to co-workers, law enforcement and relatives.

Pitao has a history of domestic violence with his son and ex-wife. Defense attorneys argue no hairs or fingerprints belonging to Pitao were found at the scene of Tamara's death, and he is a devoted father.

Pitao has been in the county's custody since January 2007 and faces charges of open murder, which, if convicted, could carry a sentence of life in prison.

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# MY FAITH & RELIGION



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## FAITH

**Meadowbrook Congregational**  
LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road  
CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit [mbccc.org](http://mbccc.org) or e-mail to [office@mbccc.org](mailto:office@mbccc.org)  
**Sunday Worship**  
TIME: 10 a.m.  
**Adult Christian Education Classes**  
DATE: 7 p.m. Starting Tuesday, Sept. 16

**First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church**  
LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or [firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org](mailto: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 [churchoftheholycross.com](http://churchoftheholycross.com)  
**Sunday Worship**  
TIME: 7:45, 10 a.m.  
**Sunday School and Nursery Care**  
TIME: 10 a.m. Worship Service  
**Alzheimer's Support Group**  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month  
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 [holylamynovi.org](http://holylamynovi.org)  
**Mass Schedule**  
TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m.

and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday  
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

**Interested In the Catholic Church?**  
DETAILS: If you are in search of a deeper relationship with God, and wish to learn more about the Catholic faith, there is an opportunity for you to get answers and information.

CONTACT: Call Maria at (248) 349-8847 or [spiritwalk-er001@aol.com](mailto:spiritwalk-er001@aol.com)

**Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting**  
TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month  
DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.

**Oak Pointe Church**  
LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit [oakpointe.org](http://oakpointe.org)

**Regular Sunday Worship**  
TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.  
**ReNew Life Ministries**  
TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. Mondays

DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective. The groups are: GriefShare; DivorceCare; Anger Management; Dealing with Struggling Teens; YourSpace; Every Man's Battle; Betrayed Hearts; Changes that Heal; and CrossCurrent.

CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit [oakpointe.org](http://oakpointe.org).

**Crown Financial Ministries**  
TIME: During regular service hours  
DETAILS: Team God's practical financial principles for everyday life.

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

**Mass Schedule**  
TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

**Mothers Group**  
TIME/DATE: 9:30-11 a.m. first and third Wednesday every month, Sept. 17-May 20  
LOCATION: Parish Hall  
DETAILS: Providing mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to grow their faith. Activities include article discussion, crafts and speakers. Childcare available but children also welcome to join moms during meetings. Suggested donation of \$20 is asked to cover activity and childcare costs. Don't have to be a parishioner to join.

CONTACT: Becky at (248) 305-5924 or Jeanne at (248) 360-6361

**Novi United Methodist**  
LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit [umcnovi.com](http://umcnovi.com)

**Regular Sunday Worship**  
TIME: 9:45 a.m.

**Healing Service and Holy Communion**  
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

**Special Vigil for World Peace**  
TIME/DATE: noon, Sunday  
DETAILS: All are welcome to join this congregation and the congregation from Church of the Holy Family in outward show of peace and unity in recognition of World Peace Day.

**Peace Vigil**  
TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month  
LOCATION: Front of the church  
DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace, making a statement that is not anti anything, but pro peace.

**Crosspointe Meadows Church**  
LOCATION: 29000

Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit [www.crosspointemeadows.org](http://www.crosspointemeadows.org)

**Sunday Worship:** 9 a.m. Bible study classes for all ages; 10:30 a.m. worship service.

DETAILS: Nursery and older children programs available including Noah's Ark and Promiseland (children's worship ages five through fifth grade). Our worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship service.

**The Baha'i Faith**  
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last Saturday of every month  
LOCATION: 23803 Ripple Creek St.

DETAILS: This Devotional Gathering is focused on prayers for peace. People of all faiths welcome.

CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit [www.bahai.org](http://www.bahai.org)

**Faith Community Presbyterian**  
LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit [faithcommunity-novi.org](http://faithcommunity-novi.org)

**Sunday Worship**  
TIME: 10 a.m.

**LOGOS**  
TIME/DATE: 4:30 p.m. every Wednesday, beginning Oct. 8  
DETAILS: For children in kindergarten-sixth grade. Enjoy recreation, Bible study, music and dinner.

**Adult Bible Class "Discovering The Psalms"**  
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. every Tuesday, Oct. 7 through Nov. 18

**GracePointe Presbyterian Church**  
CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Sleeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178 or [gracepointe@mac.com](mailto:gracepointe@mac.com), and [gracepointepca.org](mailto:gracepointepca.org)

**Sunday Worship**  
TIME: 10 a.m.  
LOCATION: The Novi Civic

Center, Council Chambers  
DETAILS: Nursery staffed by Nanny Poppinz.

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

**Preschool/Kids Choir**  
TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday  
DETAILS: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

**Brightmoor Christian Church**  
LOCATION: 40800 W. 13 Mile Road, corner of Michigan-5  
CONTACT: (248) 668-7000

**First United Methodist of Northville**  
A Stephen Ministry church  
LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville  
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or visit [umcnorthville.org](http://umcnorthville.org)

**Sunday Worship (Summer)**  
DETAILS: 8:30 and 10 a.m. Coffee hour at 11 a.m.

**Healing Service**  
TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month

**Men's Bible Study**  
TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 a.m. every Wednesday

**Men's Club: People, Pancakes and Praise**  
TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. second Saturday of every month

**Faith Club**  
TIME/DATE: 9:30-11 a.m. every other Thursday, (Sept. 25)

**Sharing Hearts**  
TIME/DATE: 12:45-2:30 p.m. every Tuesday  
LOCATION: Chapel area  
DETAILS: This women's group will study "New Life in Action" by Marilyn Ganskow. Childcare available. Register at the church or by emailing Heidi at [heidid@junglelot.com](mailto:heidid@junglelot.com).

**Everlasting Disciples**  
TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Thursday

LOCATION: Chapel Lounge  
DETAILS: Reading "Grace Upon Grace: Essays In Honor of Thomas A. Langford." This small group is always open to visitors and new members.

**MOMS Morning Out**  
TIME/DATE: 9:15 a.m.-noon every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. through May  
DETAILS: This program is for at-home moms who need a break. Care provided for children from birth through 5 years old. Snacks, Bible stories, gross motor activities and crafts provided. Registration for the year long program is required and you may only register for one day. For more information, contact Beth at (248) 305-5909.

**Radical Joy**  
TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month. First meeting is Oct. 2

DETAILS: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation. Cost is \$25 per four-week session. Sign up for the entire year for only \$60. Dinner is served and child care is available on request.

**Logos Youth Club**  
TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday, Sept. 24 through May

DETAILS: For children in grades 4-12. Every week, this four part program includes Bible study, dinner, choir/worship and activities. Registration begins Aug. 24 between the Sunday morning services.

**St. Paul Lutheran**  
LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville  
CONTACT: (248) 349-3140

**Sunday Worship**  
TIME: 8:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
LOCATION: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth  
CONTACT: (734) 453-0190

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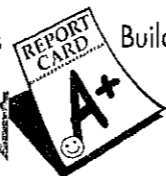
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# MY EDUCATION



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## Equestrian teammates play mane role in team's success

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER



Novi High School equestrian co-captain Alison McKinley looks over her horse Koda, which means friend in Native American.

### Equestrian meet results

	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Totals
Jennifer Joaz	15 points	5	20
Erin Collin	8*	2	10*
Monica Murphy	3	7*	10*
Stephanie Schultz	8	2	10
Kayla Dechart	5.5*	3	8.5*
MacKenzie Murphy	1.5	5	6.5
Cathy Pollock	MIA	4	4
Whitney Pollock	MIA	4	4
Danielle Mazer	0.5	3	3.5
Ashley McPherson	0.5	0	0.5
Alison McKinley	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>77</b>

\*Earned honorable mention.  
Note: Equestrians gain 8 points for a first-place event finish and 1 point for an eighth-place finish. Riders split points earned for the two-person relay event.

The team's third and final meet is 8 a.m. until about 4 p.m. Saturday at Millford's Huron Valley Equestrian Center, next to Millford High School, 2380 S. Millford Road. There is no cost to attend.

You're in charge of feed and care. As a lease, you're still in charge of exercise. Ownership means it's all yours," Burka said. "As an owner, the relationship you establish remains week after week, month after month and that makes a big difference there. It establishes consistency. It makes a huge difference how the horse responds to you."

Interested in equestrianism since fourth grade, McKinley went on to

join the team with riding partner and friend Jennifer Joaz, who is now a fellow senior co-captain of the 11-member team.

"My aunt owns a horse, so she'd take me out to the barn and we'd ride," McKinley said.

Last season, McKinley's borrowed horse, Buddy, gave her more obstacles than she expected by getting overly excited at meets, even jumping up with all four feet off the ground at the final meet.

Burka said the experience has allowed McKinley to "ride" "horse" "hobby" "Berk" "Burka" "The" "able" "of" "hand" "diff" "erent" "types" "of" "animals, making the rela-"

ship building and transition happens to be a horse. It's very different to own a horse than lease a horse because the horse is 100 percent yours.



Alison McKinley jumps her horse Koda at Willowbrook Farms during a recent training session.

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## Count Day Wednesday, students urged to attend school

Parents, make sure your students make it to school on Wednesday, Sept. 24, for one of two Student Count Days taking place this school year. Student Count Days help determine the amount of money the Novi Community School District will receive from the state. The September count date amounts for 75 percent of the final count with Feb. 13, 2009, accounting for the remaining 25 percent. The district currently earns \$8,743 per pupil, although that amount is expected to change slightly with next week's state budget deadline. Last fall, 6,289 students came to school on the Sept. 26 Student Count Day.

### Class NOTES

and bottles may also be dropped off at Busch's Supermarket, 41840 W. 10 Mile Road and are greatly appreciated.

### All Sports Pass now on sale

The Novi Athletic Boosters are again selling the All Sports Pass, which entitles entrance to all regular season home games for the entire school year. Cost is \$50 for individuals or \$140 for a family pass.

Contact Michelle Ryzewski at mryzewski01@aol.com or visit www.noviatleticboosters.com for more information.

### Novi High School Wildcat TasteFest

Back by popular demand, the Novi High School Wildcat

TasteFest will be held Friday, Sept. 26 during the Novi versus South Lyon football game. The TasteFest starts at 5 p.m. and runs until the end of the game. Participating restaurants include: bud's Mongolian Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Pizza Marvellous, Famous Dave's, Subway and Cold Stone Creamery. Food will also be available at the NHS Concession Stand. Christina's Face Painting will also be at the event.

For more information, contact Lynda Fatorite at lyndafav@aol.com or Kara Manalville at yega3@aol.com.

### On-site college admissions

The following schools have agreed to send an admission counselor to Novi High School this fall. Representatives will sit down with students to review applications, transcripts and test scores to provide an immediate admissions decision.

To sign up for on-site admissions, see Michael Zelinski in the Student Services Center. Students must sign up at least one week prior to scheduled on-site meetings. On-site admission

appointments are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Once an appointment is scheduled, students are responsible for turning in their completed paper application and fee (if applicable) to their counselor, a minimum of three school days prior to the appointment time. Additional applications should not be submitted to the university.

Sept. 30 - Wayne State University  
Oct. 7 - Lake Superior State University  
Oct. 7 - Western Michigan University  
Oct. 16 - Grand Valley State University  
Oct. 21 - Central Michigan University  
Oct. 21 - University of Detroit Mercy  
Oct. 21 - University of Michigan-Flint  
Oct. 30 - Oakland University  
Nov. 6 - Eastern Michigan University  
Nov. 11 - Northern Michigan University  
TBD - Ferris State University  
TBD - University of Michigan-Dearborn  
TBD - Saginaw Valley State University.

### Fireup Fest 2008

Novi Parks and Recreation, in partnership with Music Go Round, will put on the second Fireup Fest at about 9:30 p.m. (after the Novi High School football game) on Friday, Sept. 26. The Fest, held at Ella Mae Power Park, will run until 11:45 p.m. and will be open to high school students only for an admission price of \$5. The event will feature food, give-aways, a battle of the bands, inflatable attractions, a bonfire and more. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend by volunteering. If you would like to volunteer, call Malley Walters at the Parks office, (248) 347-4400.

### Panera Bread and Walled Lake Consolidated Schools Foundation for Excellence host benefit

Panera Bread of Commerce Township, in partnership with the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools Foundation for Excellence, is encouraging area residents to dine for education on Tuesday, Sept. 30.

The benefit will be held at the Panera Bread located at 39450 14 Mile Road in Commerce Township.

Panera Bread of Commerce Township will donate 10 percent of all proceeds raised during the day to the foundation. The money will be used to provide a top-notch education to the districts' students.

As an additional component to the all-day benefit, the foundation will hold a special program from 6-8 p.m. featuring entertainment by Walled Lake Western's chamber symphony, vocal department and band ensemble. There will also be giveaways such as mini-backpacks, mouse pads and pens.

During the day, patrons are encouraged to fill out an entry ticket to become eligible for a Tuition Expedition 2009 Scholarship raffle ticket (worth \$50). The drawing for the raffle ticket will take place at the end of the evening; however, the winner does not have to be present.

Tickets for the Tuition Expedition Scholarship raffle will officially go on sale to the public Oct. 1 for \$50 each. The drawing, worth up to \$25,000 in scholarship funds, will be held March 7, 2009 at the Walled Lake Schools Parenting Fair.

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You are cordially invited to earn extra money by selling all of your gently used children's clothing, toys and gear. Please join us at our first FALL SALE! You can consign, volunteer and SHOP!

WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-Noon  
1/2 price sale from 1:00-3:00

WHERE: Novi Christian Outreach Center at the First Baptist Church

ADDRESS: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road, Novi MI  
(at the corner of Taft and 11 Mile Road)

RSVP: For more information and to register as a consignor and volunteer visit our website  
[www.nearlynewconsignment.com](http://www.nearlynewconsignment.com)

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Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>  
Chicken Kiev Dinner \$9.95

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Pasta Bar \$9.95  
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## Culinary Extravaganza

a food & wine event

Sunday, September 28, 2008  
2-5 p.m.  
Schoolcraft College - Vis Ta Tech Center

As Culinary Extravaganza, you can sample the finest culinary delicacies from some of the most notable restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors in the metropolitan Detroit area. Plan to attend the wine tasting seminar, participate in a silent auction, tour our kitchens and enjoy a delightful afternoon.

Event tickets at \$50 per person are available by calling 734-462-4518 or visit our Web site [www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation).

Culinary Extravaganza Sponsorships offer unique benefits and include tickets to this exciting event. Packages ranging from \$300 to \$5,000 are available.

Your participation in Culinary Extravaganza provides crucial scholarship support to Schoolcraft students.

Patrons will enjoy samples from these restaurants, pastry shops & beverage vendors.

American Harvest at Schoolcraft College, Livonia  
Andiamo, Dearborn  
Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Canton  
Arbor Beverage Co., Ann Arbor  
Armitage Catering/Fish Market, Livonia  
Bacco Ristorante, Southfield  
Back Home Bakery, Canton  
Banfi, Commerce  
Cadillac Coffee Company, Madison Heights  
Caribou Coffee, Livonia  
Central Distillers, Farmington  
The Cupcake Station, Birmingham  
The Farm Restaurant, Port Austin  
Five Lakes Grill, Milford  
Sive Restaurant, Plymouth  
Forest Grill, Birmingham  
Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, Plymouth  
Galaxy Wine Distributors, Livonia  
Great Lakes Coffee Roasting Company, Bloomfield Hills  
Great Oaks Country Club, Rochester  
The Henry Ford, Dearborn  
Henry A. Fox Sales Co./Midwest Wine Exchange, Grand Rapids  
Holiday Catering & Cooking School, Royal Oak  
Joe's Gourmet Catering & Events, Livonia  
Joe's Produce and Gourmet Market, Livonia

McCormick Distilling Co., Fraser  
Meadows Fine Wine & Liquor, Livonia  
MGM Grand, Detroit  
Mitchell's Fish Market, Livonia  
No. VJ Chop House, Novi  
The Pastry Palace, Wixom  
Papas Rotting Group, Howell  
Porofino, Wyandotte  
Pure Food 2 U, Royal Oak  
Rusique Deli/Cafe and Bakery, Northville  
Schmitt Sohne/Kevin D. Chaney Co., Milford  
Solterra Reserve Wine, Ann Arbor  
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Steve & Rocky's, Novi  
Stonefire Bistro, Brighton  
Table 5, Northville  
Trader Joe's, Northville  
Venus Imports, LLC, Livonia  
Veritas Distributors, Warren  
VinoVivo Custom Winery of Northville  
Vintner's Cellar Canton Winery, Canton  
Wines of Distinction/J. J. Importers, Troy  
WineStyles, Livonia  
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Participating restaurants as of 9/18/08. Subject to Change

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## the Grapevine

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Presents the 3rd Annual: **Grapes & Grooves**

A dazzling event featuring a wine & beer tasting, strolling appetizers from local restaurants 6:30-9pm (including Mezza, The Post, Grapevine, Gus O'Connor's, Outback, Carrabba's, & Oishi) live jazz & a silent auction with many fabulous items! Wondering what to wear? Think cocktail party (think little black dress).

In support of National Preparedness Month a portion of our proceeds will go to The American Red Cross.

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Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 to 10:00pm  
Atrium of Novi  
Just south of I-96 off Novi Road  
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\$30 prior & \$40 at the door.  
For more information or to RSVP visit [www.novichamber.com](http://www.novichamber.com) or Call 248.349.3743

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Proud sponsors of the 3rd Annual Grapes & Grooves Event!

# Novi Community School District board of education leading meeting highlights

Mayor David Landry, with several city administrators in tow, made several proposals for the potential land trade between the City of Novi and Novi Community School District. Noting the abundance of wetlands on both the city's Wildlife Woods property and the district's Bosco Property, Landry spoke in terms of usable land in exchange for the bulk of the nearly 40-acre Bosco Property southwest of 11 Mile and Beck roads, 49.4 acres that is usable, Landry offered the district 1) the Wildlife Woods property, which is about 52 acres, 41.4 acres that is usable, 2) the nearly 15-acre property south of Novi High School, currently housing a softball field and two soccer fields, which the district currently has a \$1 per year 50-year lease on and 3) allow the district to keep 7.2 acres of the Bosco Property, which is large enough for a District Elementary-sized building. In addition to pointing out the offer would leave the district with 63.6 usable acres instead of the current 42.2 usable acres, Landry also said the city would pay a \$2 million development cost to prepare both the 7.2-acre portion of land the district would retain on the Bosco Property for future use and

received salary adjustments.

- Two pairs of bids for bid #1, painting and visual display boards at Village Oaks and Orchard Hills elementary schools were unanimously awarded in the total amount of \$294,615 as part of the building extensions at the two schools.
- The Board approved the "Go Team: The Students Who Speak" retreat for about 40 high school multimedia students planning to travel to Eagle Village Conference Center in Hershey, Pa. Sept. 14-15 for team-building and leadership exercises. The students, who will miss one day of school in order to attend the two-day event, members of the school's yearbook, newspaper, broadcasting and Award-Winning programs.
- After further discussion on what board meetings to broadcast online and on Channel 10, the Board voted 5-2 to broadcast all regular meetings, work sessions, board retreats and special meetings. Trustee Julie Abrams and Secretary Katie Racion were the two dissenting votes, as they supported broadcasting most meetings, but felt broadcasting the more informal and critical board

retreats would be counterproductive to the more relaxed atmosphere a retreat offers. Also, no action is taken at board retreats. An attempt at passing an amended version of the proposal that did not include broadcasting board retreats was defeated 4-3, with Abrams, Racion and trustee Bobbie Murphy as the three supporters.

Superintendent Peter Dion went over his goals for the 2008-09 academic year. He plans to develop a vision and plan for Early Childhood Education by February 2009 and develop a marketing plan by January 2009 to help bring families and students to the district. By November 2008, he also plans to complete the High School Day study for 2009-10 implementation as he continues with the ongoing goal to continue work on increasing student achievement. Treasurer Ann Glazinski commented that she would like to see reports that also reflect Dion's constant working throughout the community, attending business events and meeting community leaders that do not have direct ties to the district.

Dion said, in his

Superintendent's Report, the school year kicked off successfully Sept. 2 as renovations "are just amazing" at Village Oaks, Orchard Hills and Parkview elementary schools. The additions at these schools are expected to be complete by Oct. 24. Dion said high school graduation rates were recently released and Novi High School graduated 97.4 percent of seniors last year. He also said school enrollment numbers seem to be down, as expected, but not as low as originally projected. He said kindergarten-sixth grades saw the bulk of the drop, as expected, and he should have a better idea about enrollment numbers by the next board meeting.

The Board adjourned to executive session at 9:45 p.m.

**School board meeting highlights were taken from the Thursday, Sept. 4 regular meeting of the Novi Community School Board by Chris Jacken. Next meeting: 7 p.m. tonight at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Tipt Road.**

## ON CAMPUS

### University of St. Francis

Meghan Bonnatz of Novi was named to the dean's honor list for the spring semester. Students must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and have taken at least 12 credit hours.

### Albion College

Students from Northville have been awarded financial scholarships from Albion College in recognition of their academic achievement. The following students have received the Webster Scholarship worth \$16,000: Jenna Dumberton, daughter of Richard and Yeo-Ok Dumberton; Daniel Klar, daughter of John and Patricia Klar. The following students have received the Webster Scholarship worth \$12,500: Melissa DiRado, daughter of Joseph and Diane DiRado (also received a Roscoe Sleight Scholarship for \$1,000); Jon Kuzmicki, son of David and Jill Kuzmicki; Jacob Lane, son of Jeffrey and Brenda Lane; Erica Mazur, daughter of Robert and Kim Mazur; Lannis Smith, daughter of Beaufort Crawford of Dearborn and Sharon Smith of Northville.

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# MY NEW TEACHERS

Thursday, September 18, 2008  
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fax: (248) 349-9822



NAME: Bree Ann Jacobs

**SCHOOL TEACHING AT:** Novi High School  
**SUBJECT OR GRADE TEACHING:** Art  
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Fraser High School  
**COLLEGE:** Bachelor of Arts from Michigan State University, K-12 Visual Arts Education Certification from Wayne State University and completion of master of arts degree in May 2009.  
**WHERE DO YOU RESIDE:** Livonia

**WHY I CAME TO NOVI:** I came to Novi because it is an excellent school district with a great art department. I am impressed by the opportunities that Novi offers to its students and I am proud to be a part of such a reputable district.

**WHERE DID YOU TEACH PRIOR TO NOVI?** Teaching is a career change for me from marketing and advertising. This is my first permanent teaching position. I did my elementary student teaching in Ann Arbor and my high school student teaching in Livonia. I was an art substitute teacher for the 2007-08 school year in several districts in both Oakland and Wayne counties.

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR IN YOUR NEW POSITION:** I am looking forward to working with a strong team of teachers and a great student body. I am excited to grow professionally and personally from this experience.

**WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TEACHING AS YOUR PROFESSION?** I chose to be an art teacher because I believe art encourages and teaches problem solving, critical thinking, creativity and self expression. I believe a good education is the key to future opportunities for my students. I take my role very seriously and am very passionate about my students' education. Not only do I want to be a teacher, but I also want to be a role model and resource. I want to expose my students to careers in the arts so they know the opportunities available to them that I was never aware of myself as a high school student.

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NAME: Alec Cooper

**SCHOOL TEACHING AT:** Novi Middle School  
**SUBJECT OR GRADE TEACHING:** Seventh Grade Band/Orchestra and Eighth Grade General Music  
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Ann Arbor Huron High School  
**COLLEGE:** Eastern Michigan University  
**WHERE DO YOU RESIDE:** Detroit

**WHY I CAME TO NOVI:** Because I wanted to play a part in the Novi assessment!

**WHO I ADMIRE:** Sharon Jones

**WHERE DID YOU TEACH PRIOR TO NOVI?** Southgate

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR IN YOUR NEW POSITION:** I'm looking to get to know some great kids and give them the opportunity to experience the wonders of music!

**WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TEACHING AS YOUR PROFESSION?** After teaching several years of marching band, I realized that there was no choice, I had to teach!

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NAME: Lori Ullich

**SCHOOL TEACHING AT:** Novi High School  
**SUBJECT OR GRADE TEACHING:** Counselor  
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Carman-Ainsworth High School  
**COLLEGE:** Bachelor of arts, Western Michigan University; Rochester Hills

**WHY I CAME TO NOVI:** I have heard of the numerous successes of the Novi schools and various positive characteristics and, of course, I wanted to be a part of it. Novi is such a great place to be.

**WHERE DID YOU TEACH PRIOR TO NOVI?** Riverside Academy, an alternative high school with L'Anse au Loup Public Schools.

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NAME: Kimberly Storm

**SCHOOL TEACHING AT:** Novi High School and Middle School  
**SUBJECT OR GRADE TEACHING:** Japanese  
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Garden City High School  
**COLLEGE:** Eastern Michigan University  
**WHERE DO YOU RESIDE:** Westland

**WHY I CAME TO NOVI:** Great school that offers Japanese

**WHERE DID YOU TEACH PRIOR TO NOVI?** Student taught in Garden City and taught one year of English in Japan.

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR IN YOUR NEW POSITION:** Great working relationships with other staff; opportunities to grow; opportunities to get involved with the schools and students.

**WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TEACHING AS YOUR PROFESSION?** Teaching is one of the most rewarding fields. It is challenging and always changing. Ending up here has really been a natural progression for me.

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NAME: Kristin Baaki

**SCHOOL TEACHING AT:** Novi High School  
**SUBJECT OR GRADE TEACHING:** Social Studies/United States History and World History  
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Center Line High School  
**COLLEGE:** Michigan State University

**WHY I CAME TO NOVI:** My year-long student teaching experience was at Novi High School. During that year, I quickly discovered what a remarkable school Novi is and the outstanding teachers that make up the close-knit community. When I discovered a Social Studies position was available, I knew that there was no other place I'd rather be.

**WHO I ADMIRE:** My mother

**WHERE DID YOU TEACH PRIOR TO NOVI?** I am a first-year teacher, but I student taught at Novi High School.

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR IN YOUR NEW POSITION:** I'm looking for eager students who are ready and willing to join me in creating a community of learners. In this community, through the different avenues I will provide, we will constantly be striving toward the high expectations set for both academic and personal success.

**WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TEACHING AS YOUR PROFESSION?** Whenever it is possible, every boy and girl should choose as his life work some occupation which he should like to do any-how, even if he did not need the money. Following these words of wisdom from William Lyon Phelps, I found something I love doing and I today I won the lottery and didn't have to work another day in my life, I would still be here tomorrow, thoroughly enjoying what I do. One of the true joys of being a teacher and a reason I dedicate myself to education is seeing the joy and accomplishment on a student's face when, through hard work, he or she has met the high expectations set.

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NAME: Angelina Kreger

**SCHOOL TEACHING AT:** Novi Middle School  
**SUBJECT OR GRADE TEACHING:** 8th Grade U.S. History  
**COLLEGE:** University of Detroit Mercy

**WHERE DO YOU RESIDE:** Dearborn

**WHY I CAME TO NOVI:** I came to Novi because it is one of the premier districts in the state. I feel fortunate to have been selected to be a part of such a fine school district.

**WHO I ADMIRE:** I admire my mother and father because they both have amazing work ethics and are genuinely positive people who care deeply about others.

**WHERE DID YOU TEACH PRIOR TO NOVI?** I taught at the Academy for Business and Technology in Melvindale.

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR IN YOUR NEW POSITION:** I am looking forward to working with some of the finest educators in our state. I am excited by the new challenges and opportunities that have already presented themselves. I am happy that I get the chance to continue to refine my craft and share my passion for history with my students.

**WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TEACHING AS YOUR PROFESSION?** I chose teaching because I could not see myself doing anything else. After my student teaching experience, I knew that this was my passion. I have found that teaching is never boring, always exciting and encompasses the best of all professions. Additionally, I have always admired the teachers that I had growing up, and wanted to, hopefully, be that for some of my students.

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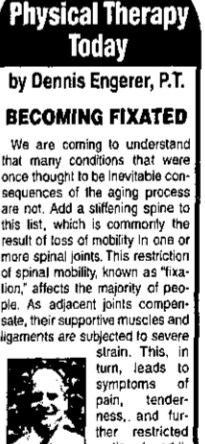
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NAME: Nicole Burns

**SCHOOL TEACHING AT:** Parkview Elementary School  
**SUBJECT OR GRADE TEACHING:** Social Work, Kindergarten-Fourth Grade  
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Grand Haven High School  
**COLLEGE:** Michigan State University undergraduate (Bachelor of arts in psychology/journalism) and University of Michigan graduate school (master's of social work)

**WHERE DO YOU RESIDE:** Waterford

**WHY I CAME TO NOVI:** I am so impressed by all of the forward-thinking programs they have in place in their schools.

**WHO I ADMIRE:** My dad. He is an independent thinker who is never afraid to be himself.

**WHERE DID YOU TEACH PRIOR TO NOVI?** I was a contracted social worker for South Lyon schools.

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR IN YOUR NEW POSITION:** What are you looking for in your new position? I will be great to work with students during Dance I.

**WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TEACHING AS YOUR PROFESSION?** I chose teaching as my profession because I love working with young people and helping them develop into adults. High school is such a fun and important time in a person's life and it is amazing to be a part of that unique experience.

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NAME: Katie Bontrisco

**SCHOOL TEACHING AT:** Novi High School  
**SUBJECT OR GRADE TEACHING:** Dance I  
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Grosse Pointe North High School  
**COLLEGE:** Wayne State University

**WHERE DO YOU RESIDE:** Grosse Pointe Woods

**WHY I CAME TO NOVI:** I came to Novi because it is a terrific school district with an awesome reputation for being ahead of other schools in academics, arts and athletics.

**WHERE DID YOU TEACH PRIOR TO NOVI?** Harrison High School in Farmington Hills for student teaching.

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR IN YOUR NEW POSITION:** I am looking forward to a great school year where I will be developing relationships with students through dance. I am so excited to be working at Novi High School. It will be great to work with students during Dance I.

**WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TEACHING AS YOUR PROFESSION?** I chose teaching as my profession because I love working with young people and helping them develop into adults. High school is such a fun and important time in a person's life and it is amazing to be a part of that unique experience.

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR IN YOUR NEW POSITION:** I am so excited to enter into the challenging and rewarding position of counselor at Novi High School. I am eagerly anticipating working with everyone involved, the students, staff, parents and surrounding Novi community, in order to empower students toward successful outcomes.

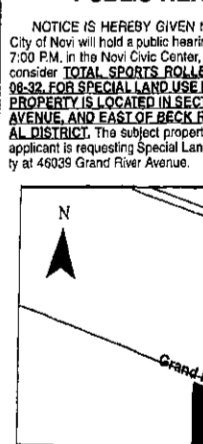
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NAME: Alex Cooper

**SCHOOL TEACHING AT:** Novi Middle School  
**SUBJECT OR GRADE TEACHING:** Seventh Grade Band/Orchestra and Eighth Grade General Music  
**HIGH SCHOOL:** Ann Arbor Huron High School  
**COLLEGE:** Eastern Michigan University  
**WHERE DO YOU RESIDE:** Detroit

**WHY I CAME TO NOVI:** Because I wanted to play a part in the Novi assessment!

**WHO I ADMIRE:** Sharon Jones

**WHERE DID YOU TEACH PRIOR TO NOVI?** Southgate

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR IN YOUR NEW POSITION:** I'm looking to get to know some great kids and give them the opportunity to experience the wonders of music!

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider MAPLE MANOR, SITE PLAN NUMBER 08-08A, FOR WOODLAND PERMIT AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF FOURTEEN MILE AND HOWLEND. The subject property is approximately 3.8 acres and the applicant is proposing to build a three story, 93 unit convalescent (nursing home) facility. The request for Woodland Permit and Storm Water Management Plan approval is in addition to the previous notification of a RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION OF A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY IN CONJUNCTION WITH REZONING REQUEST 18-82 AND ALSO PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT AND WETLAND PERMIT APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF FOURTEEN MILE AND HOWLEND. FROM RA. RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE WITH A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) TO R1-1 LOW DENSITY, LOW RISE MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

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## MY OPINION

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### Novi News

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

### Our opinion: Sentiment runs deeper

Last week, Fox Run residents, employees and Novi community members saluted the American flag flying at half-staff.

The reason - the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States. And the retirement community also opened its doors to the public in honor of the fallen heroes of the nation.

"All across Erickson Communities, flags are being raised for the men and women who lost their lives Sept. 11, 2001," said Community Resources Coordinator Michelle Cassabon, National Guard Staff Sgt. "We should never forget their sacrifice."

We should never forget the sacrifice of those who were ravaged by the event of Sept. 11, our Novi community members defending our country as you read this paper and those who serve the better of this country on a daily basis.

Along with police and firefighters, some of the CEMS paramedics, serving Novi, are helping in Texas to put together the remains of those ravaged by Hurricane Ike. Just a small sampling of Novi in action.

Sept. 11 was a good time to honor, but don't forget, on a daily basis, to remember and be thankful.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

#### Remembering

Attendees of last Thursday's Patriot Day ceremony at Fox Run stand and sing the National Anthem.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

## PHIL POWER:

### Venture capital is a good sign for Michigan

Okay, admit it - as the weekend approaches, you can think of more exciting things than reading about yet another conference.

Well, so can I. But hang in here with me for a moment, because this one is the real deal, when it comes to Michigan's future.

Last week, Detroit hosted the 15th annual conference of the National Association of Seed and Venture Funds. These are, in fact, the folks who help the companies that will become the Microsofts and General Motors of the next generation to be born.

Three hundred or so folks who invest in startup and newly developing companies came to listen to state and national venture capital experts, including Ann Arbor's Tim Petersen (Arboretum Ventures, L.L.C.) and Mary Campbell (EDF Ventures).

They got tips from Dan Gilbert of Livonia-based Quicken Loans Inc., and Josh Linkner, founder of ePrize L.L.C. of Pleasant Ridge.

For a struggling Michigan, holding this conference here and now was critically important. Tom Kinnear summed it up best. He, by the way, is

the Eugene Applebaum Professor of Entrepreneurial Studies at the University of Michigan's business school.

Not to mention an authority on venture capital, technology transfer and entrepreneurship. "This conference puts Michigan on the national venture capital radar screen," he said.

That is vitally important, because it hints at the prospect of new life when the dinosaurs are dying. These are dire days for Michigan: Our state leads the nation in unemployment. The auto companies, frantic to shed even more workers, are trying to save themselves by scoring \$25 billion in low-interest loans from Washington. Even in the best-case scenario, they will never be what they once were.

All of which means that making progress scoring in the world of venture capital and helping local start-up companies is the single most important sign of better things to come in Michigan.

The news is pretty good overall. The amount of venture capital being managed by Michigan companies is now around \$900



#### About Phil Power

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan, and was a regent of the University of Michigan from 1987 to 1999. He is also president and founder of the Center for Michigan, a moderate think-and-do tank. These opinions and others expressed in his columns are his own 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@hcnnet.com](mailto:ppower@hcnnet.com).

million, up more than 70 percent since 2001, according to the Michigan Venture Capital Report. There were seven VC firms in Michigan in 2001; today there are 17, with investments in life sciences, information technology and alternative energy.

"It's really exciting around here. Michigan is coming to life," enthuses Kinnear, who has been watching the state's hesitant progress in venture capital for many years. "There are lots of deals here worth funding: medical devices, electric and information technology, materials, software. Compared to the coasts, we're not particularly big, but things are a lot better than they used to be."

No Michigan firm can bankroll a huge deal on its own. The largest Michigan VC firm has around \$100 million to invest, which

isn't enough to enable them to be the lead investor in big deals.

But that is enough to qualify for a place at the table, when syndicates are being put together by several firms.

These are adventurous souls. Venture capitalists, like daring start-up entrepreneurs, tend to be free-booting buccaneers who believe stoutly that the proper relationship of their work to government is ... none whatsoever.

"All government does is just get in the way," one hard-driving start-up manager told me. But in Michigan, even government's attempts to help out seem to be working. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation was one of the sponsors of last week's gathering. With MEDC support, the state launched in 2006 the Venture Michigan

Fund and the Michigan 21st Century Investment Fund, two programs with more than \$200 million for early stage investing. The Venture fund is guaranteed by state tax vouchers, while the 21st Century Fund uses state money coming from the national tobacco settlement. Both funds are managed by the highly respected New York firm, Credit Suisse.

This is a sign that we are getting beyond a historic impasse that has helped paralyze progress in this state. For many years, we had a classic "Catch 22" - entrepreneurs in Michigan griped about the lack of venture capital funds in our state. Meanwhile, VC types grumbled there weren't any good places to invest in.

Now, according to Kinnear, "There is a lot of technology coming out of

the research universities - the University of Michigan, Michigan State - and places like the Van Andel Institute in Grand Rapids.

New technology draws venture capital firms, as Kinnear observed, "and it has led to significant 'angel fund' activity in the state." Angel funds are informal groups of investors who get together, share expertise, compare notes and make initial investments in little start-up companies. Today, angel groups in Ann Arbor, Oakland County, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids and perhaps elsewhere are adding their heft to more traditional venture capital operations.

All this is wonderful news. Certainly, powerful roots in manufacturing and the automobile industry will continue to be a large and important part of Michigan's economic mix.

But the majority of new jobs in the future will come from new companies that are starting small - just the ones that need start-up seed money and venture funding. Last week's conference offers powerful and encouraging evidence that Michigan is making real progress at last, and not a moment too soon.

## Sen. Nancy Cassis Lansing Connection:

### The time is now for across-the-board business tax relief

The Michigan Department of Treasury recently presented an overview of the department's progress on implementing the Michigan Business Tax (MBT) to the Senate Finance Committee, which I chair. While the presentation was eye opening for several reasons, two findings in particular again revealed the urgent need for Michigan to provide tax relief across the board to its job providers.

When the MBT replaced the old Single Business Tax, most observers saw it as a good thing. The SBT was an onerous and burdensome tax. The MBT was expected to bring in

about the same amount of revenue as the SBT, while providing some tax relief and tax fairness for Michigan companies, both large and small.

Or so we thought. Treasury's presentation to Senate Finance revealed, startlingly, that the MBT could raise as much as \$2.446 billion. By contrast, the SBT brought in about \$1.72 billion per year. So instead of providing desperately needed tax relief, the MBT coupled with a 22 percent surcharge actually is increasing the tax burden on Michigan businesses - and this at a time when we face our most severe economic crisis in years.



Nancy Cassis

Another disturbing finding from the Treasury presentation was that the MBT has significantly redistributed the tax burden among companies in our state, giving the biggest tax breaks to the largest firms while raising taxes on small businesses.

I have consistently welcomed, advocated for and sponsored legislation in support of job creation, economic development, and expansion. My support is absolutely unwavering and will continue. However, we must be cautious not to grant excessive incentives to a few. This is why I voted against the film tax cred-

its as well as refundable credits to multi-billion dollar firms. Refundability occurs when an entity receives credits above their tax liability. The difference between the two results in a subsidized check from the State's General Fund. Several colleagues and myself are reevaluating these subsidies and targeted tax relief. Without modification of this practice, it will be difficult to fix the most egregious effects of the MBT. Our tax code requires reform to better reflect principles of fairness and balance.

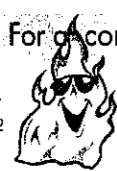
I welcome your feedback on this issue and invite you to

view my floor statements by going to my Web site, [www.SenatorNancyCassis.com](http://www.SenatorNancyCassis.com) or contact me toll free at (888) 38-NANCY.

State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-*Novi*) represents the 15th Senate District, which includes the townships of Commerce, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake, as well as the villages of Holly, Milford and Wolverine Lake, and the cities of Novi, Northville (the Oakland County portion), Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom.

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# MY BULLETIN BOARD

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## EVENTS

**Senior Variety Series "Remember When... The Game Show of the Century!"**  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Luncheon Performance  
TIME/DATE: noon Today, Friday

**Matinee Performance**  
TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. Sunday  
DETAILS: Novi Theatres presents this favorite with 50 "prime time" performers that will dazzle you with songs from days gone by. Audience members have a chance to compete in a trivia contest for the winning prize. Tickets are \$20 for the luncheon performances and \$15 for the Sunday matinee. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.novivillage.org](http://www.novivillage.org) or at the Novi Parks box office.  
CONTACT: (248) 734-5615 or go to [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org)

**Fall Home Design Classes**  
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Thursdays  
LOCATION: Art Van Furniture  
DETAILS: Free classes will be offered as follows: Tonight-The Impact of Color; Sept. 25-Furniture Placement; Oct. 2-Accessories. Guests can attend all four or just the ones that interest them. The Kids Castle will be available for a free supervised children's play area. Refreshments and gifts provided at each class. Registration requested by calling (888) 619-2199

**Novi High School Band Boosters**  
Fall Can and Bottle Drive  
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday  
DETAILS: Benefits the Novi High School Marching Band. Students and parents will be collecting cans and bottles door-to-door. They may also be dropped off at Busch's Supermarket, 41840 W. 10 Mile Road.

**Fall Fair**  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday  
LOCATION: Tollgate Education Center, Michigan State University Extension, 12 Mile and Meadowbrook Roads  
DETAILS: Free admission and refreshments and wide range of activities, such as hay rides, fishing and crafts, for all ages.  
CONTACT: (248) 347-3660, ext. 251

**Oakland Conservation Fall Tree Sale**  
DETAILS: The Oakland Conservation District, a non-profit natural resource agency is holding its annual fall tree sale featuring a variety of Michigan native plants and large deciduous trees are available for low cost planting. Orders are due Sept. 20 and trees are available to pick up Oct. 3 at the Michigan State University Tollgate Farm, 12 Mile and Meadowbrook Roads, in Novi. Proceeds from the sale support conservation projects and workshops throughout Oakland County. Order forms are available at [www.oaklandconservation.org](http://www.oaklandconservation.org), or by calling (248) 328-0594

**Fall Family Camp Out**  
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. Saturday  
LOCATION: Lakeshore Park  
DETAILS: Join the Novi Parks Department for an evening of family fun camping. Activities include rock climbing, adventure sport mobile, fishing, geocaching, inflatable, scout demonstrations, kid crafts, games, marshmallow roasting, storytelling and campfire songs with Neil Woodward. Overnight campers included in a drawing to win tents and other prizes from Dick's Sporting Goods. Breakfast included. Cost for Friday evening activities 8-10 p.m. only is \$5 per car. Cost for overnight camping for residents is \$30 online, \$35 in

the office. Cost for non-residents is \$36 online and \$41 in the office. This includes a family of six. Additional campers are \$5 online and \$7 office for residents and \$6 online and \$8 office for non-residents. Registration ends Sept. 21 for overnight camping.  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0474 or visit [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org).

**Novi Theaters Audition Workshop**  
TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads  
DETAILS: Audition workshop is for the upcoming production of the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. Class will help you get ready for the audition.  
CONTACT: Debbie Lannen, performing arts coordinator (248) 735-5615 or [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org)

**Novi Theaters Audition**  
TIME/DATE: 4:30-6:30 p.m. Monday Sept. 29 and Tuesday Sept. 30  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile between Taft and Novi Roads  
DETAILS: Audition is for the upcoming production of the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. Audition packets are available at [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org) or at the Parks office.  
CONTACT: Debbie Lannen, Performing Arts Coordinator (248) 735-5615 or [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org)

**Novi High School Wildcat Tastefest**  
TIME/DATE: 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26  
LOCATION: Novi High School Football Stadium  
DETAILS: This is the second year for this fund-raising event that takes place during the Novi-South Lyon football game. Participating restaurants include: bob's Mongolian Grill, Buffalo Wild

Wings, Pizza Marvelous, Famous Dave's, Subway and Cold Stone Creamery. Food also available at the NHS Concession Stand. Christina's face painting will be available.  
CONTACT: Lynda at [lynda@data9aol.com](mailto:lynda@data9aol.com)

**Life Story Writing Workshop**  
TIME/DATE: Oct. 2 and 20, Nov. 5 and 17, and Dec. 4 and 15  
LOCATION: Novi Public Library, 45245 W. 10 Mile Road  
DETAILS: This six-session workshop is for those who wish to reminisce and reflect on their life, and put on paper (scrapbook or journal) their best memories and lessons learned in life. Author and writing coach Rose Turley shows how you can gather and write your favorite memories and events from your life and make a lasting gift to your children and grandchildren. Class size limited to 15. Please register online at [www.novilibrary.org](http://www.novilibrary.org) or call (248) 349-0720.

**Friends of Rouge Park 5K Run/Walk**  
TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. start, Sunday, Oct. 5  
LOCATION: Brennan Pools parking lot, Plymouth Road  
DETAILS: Families are encouraged to participate and kids under age 8 are invited to join a free 100 yard Kids Race at 10 a.m. Registration information and forms available at [rougepark.org](http://rougepark.org) or (313) 590-0268. Proceeds benefit improvements to the park.

**Farmers Market - Walled Lake**  
TIME/DATE: 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. every Wednesday through end of Oct.  
LOCATION: Walled Lake City Event Field on E. West Maple Road between Decker Road and Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake  
DETAILS: Some of the items available at the market this year include: Fresh vegetables, eggs,

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**Novi Chamber of Commerce**  
LOCATION: 41875 W. 11 Mile Road, Suite 201  
The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site and involvement with local charities.  
CONTACT: Call for membership information, (248) 349-3743. Register for all events online at [www.novichamber.com](http://www.novichamber.com). E-mail to [info@novichamber.com](mailto:info@novichamber.com).

**Grapes and Groves**  
TIME/DATE: 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26  
LOCATION: Atrium of Novi at Main Street  
DETAILS: An evening of jazz, wine tasting, a taste of local restaurants and a silent auction. Open to the public. Cost is \$30. Sponsored by The Grapes and Groves Riding, Schmidt, and Howlett.

LLP and National City Bank.  
**Membership Luncheon**  
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 8  
LOCATION: Carrabba's Italian Grill  
DETAILS: Pre-registration \$20, at the door \$30

**Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce**  
Since 1963, 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, Wolverine 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 interest, serve as a source of information and develop programs that are responsive to the needs of the communities we serve.

**LOCATION:** 305 N. Pontiac Trail, Ste. B, Walled Lake  
**CONTACT:** For more information, visit [lakesareachamber.com](http://lakesareachamber.com) or (248) 624-2826.  
**Business Roundtable Discussion**  
TIME/DATE: 11:39 a.m.-1 p.m. Today  
LOCATION: Chamber Boardroom

**DETAILS:** The topic for group discussion will be "How to stay up when the economy is down". The cost is \$10 which includes lunch and beverage.  
**New Member Reception and Orientation**  
TIME/DATE: 8:30-10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7  
LOCATION: Independence Village, 335 Union Lake Road, White Lake  
DETAILS: A complimentary continental breakfast will be available. Reservations requested by Friday, Oct. 3 by calling (248) 624-2826

will visit sites such as the new St. John Providence Hospital, Toyota Boshoku, and ITC Holdings. The tour is presented by the Oakland Business Review, National Association of Industrial and Office Properties, City of Novi, and the Rock Financial Showplace. The focus of the event is to help brokers learn how to work with and build in Novi. Pre-registration is required by going to [www.investnovi.org](http://www.investnovi.org).  
CONTACT: Mary Beth Wilkinson, (248) 506-0270

**Walsh College, Business Leadership Institute**  
LOCATION: 41500 Gardenbrook Road, near 11 Mile and Meadowbrook roads  
CONTACT: (248) 823-1392

**Novi Rotary Club**  
TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday  
LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road  
DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information; [novirotary.org](http://novirotary.org).

**Females in the Family Business Affinity Group**  
TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. third Thursday of every month  
LOCATION: Walsh College

**Troy Campus**  
DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in or work for family businesses. Items discussed will be common issues; and women can share solutions in a non-threatening, non-competitive, non-sales roundtable. Registration is required.  
CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, [jhubbard@walshcollege.edu](mailto:jhubbard@walshcollege.edu)

**American Business Women's Association Meetings**  
TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second Wednesday of every month  
LOCATION: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 27000 Sheraton Dr. (west of Novi Road, north of I-58)  
DETAILS: Local chapter provides many advantages to today's

working women and offers a strong community service program which includes raising money for scholarships.  
CONTACT: [abwa-novi.org](mailto:abwa-novi.org)  
**4th Annual Autumn Auction and Brunch**  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18  
LOCATION: Doubletree Hotel, Novi  
DETAILS: Many great items will be available for a fun and entertaining raffle, silent auction, live auction, and a delicious fall brunch. The cost is \$20 before Oct. 1, \$25 after. The event will benefit education and scholarships for women. Pre-registration is required. Go to [www.abwa-novi.org](http://www.abwa-novi.org) to register using PayPal, get mail-in registration information or to contact ABWA.

## SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT

**Novi Community School District Board of Education Meeting**  
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Today  
LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road  
CONTACT: (248) 449-1204

**Novi City Council Meeting**  
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Monday of month (Sept. 22)  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

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## BUSINESS

**Destination Novi**  
TIME/DATE: Today  
LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace, various Novi locations  
DETAILS: This is an event for brokers, and anyone interested, to tour the major building construction sites of Novi and learning how the projects were developed and approved. A bus tour

**Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants Fall Members Advisory Forum**  
TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. conference, Tuesday  
LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace  
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**Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting**  
 TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each month (Oct. 7)  
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
 CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

**Novi Community Education CONTACT:** To register, call (248) 449-1206 or visit novi.k12.mi.us/district/communityeducation

**How to Sell on eBay**  
 TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23

**LOCATION:** Community Education (ITC) Building  
**DETAILS:** Want to make some cash by selling your things on eBay? You'll set up a seller's account, learn to write detailed product descriptions, import photos, create a PayPal account, use "My eBay" to track business, and accept payment. Students must have knowledge of eBay and a User Account. The fee is \$25.

**Small Plates Entertaining**  
 TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 24

**LOCATION:** Novi Middle School  
**DETAILS:** Tapas, Antipasti, Mezza, small bites of food bursting with flavor! Learn the 1,2,3 of small plate recipes with an emphasis on simple fresh ingredients, while making and enjoying favorites such as chili shrimp, roasted pepper salad, and fig and gorgonzola crostini. Please bring a basic knife kit including chef's knife, peeler, and paring knife and wear kitchen appropriate clothing and shoes. The fee is \$20 and a material fee of \$10 is payable to the instructor at the class.

**Improving Conversational Speech**

TIME/DATE: 6-7:15 p.m., no class Oct. 9 (6 weeks)

LOCATION: Novi Meadows 6 Grade House

**DETAILS:** Have you ever felt uncomfortable speaking English in a social setting or at work? This class will focus on helping the ESL student to be more comfortable in all types of speaking situations. English pronunciation rules and correct stress will be emphasized in various activities. Units will include general, social, and work-related vocabulary and idioms with conversational practice in class. The student will gain self-confidence in speaking in both social and work settings. Foreign Accent Reduction for Individuals Using English as a Second Language class is helpful but not required. The fee is \$110 with a \$10 material fee payable to instructor at class.

**Foreign Accent Reduction**  
 TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 25- Nov. 6, no class Oct. 9 (6 weeks)

LOCATION: Novi Meadows sixth Grade House

**DETAILS:** This class is for individuals wishing to reduce the accent from their speech. Included will be a brief analysis of each student's speech, an overview of the English sound system with emphasis on some specific sounds, and an awareness of the effect that rhythm, phrasing and voice projection have on the English language. The fee is \$130 with a material fee of \$10 payable to instructor at class.

**Sign Language**  
 TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 25- Nov. 6, no class Oct. 9 (6 weeks)

**LOCATION:** Novi Meadows 5th Grade House  
**DETAILS:** Come to class prepared to have fun while you learn the fourth most used language in the U.S.! Students will learn the alphabet, numbers and basic conversation with interactive lessons, signs, and songs. This basic class will teach you culture and history, and is for personal enrichment. The fee is \$70 and there is a \$10 material fee that is payable to instructor at the class.



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**Name that Song**

Dancers perform a number during last week's variety show "Remember When ... The Game Show of the Century" at the Novi Civic Center.

LOCATION: Novi Meadows 5th Grade House

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**Computer Office Specialist**  
 TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 29- Dec. 15 (12 weeks)

LOCATION: Novi Middle School

**DETAILS:** This 8-week class introduces the Italian language and culture. Learn basic Italian grammar and sentence structure and acquire a vocabulary for travel and conversation. No previous Italian experience required. Please bring a 3-ring binder. All additional materials provided. Cost is \$100.

**Computer Office Specialist**  
 TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 29- Dec. 15 (12 weeks)

LOCATION: Community Education (ITC) Building

**DETAILS:** An excellent class for office personnel or anyone needing to upgrade their computer skills. Become proficient in Microsoft Office using Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint. Class is an aid to passing employment exams and Microsoft Office Specialist certification exams. Certificate awarded. The fee is \$375 with a book fee of \$60 payable at the first class.

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**Beginner's Italian**  
 TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. every Monday, Sept. 29 through Nov. 17

LOCATION: Novi Middle School

**DETAILS:** This 8-week class introduces the Italian language and culture. Learn basic Italian grammar and sentence structure and acquire a vocabulary for travel and conversation. No previous Italian experience required. Please bring a 3-ring binder. All additional materials provided. Cost is \$100.

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**Fall 2008 Events at Schoolcraft College**

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**Wednesday, October 1 College Night**  
 Representatives from more than 80 colleges and universities will be on hand to answer questions and distribute informational literature.  
 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
 Physical Education Building  
 Admission: Free  
 Information: 734-462-4426 or [admissions@schoolcraft.edu](mailto:admissions@schoolcraft.edu)

**Wednesday, October 8 Panayis Lyras, piano**  
 Noon to 1 p.m.  
 The tradition of free lunchtime recitals at Schoolcraft continues.  
 Presentation Room inside VisiTech Center  
 Admission: Free  
 Information: 734-462-4403

**Monday, October 13 Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble**  
 The ensemble performs at the historic Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.  
 8:00 p.m.  
 Admission: \$3 donation to Friends of the Penn Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth  
 Information: 734-462-4403

**Friday, October 24 WRC Luncheon Series "Hiking Michigan"**  
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 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
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 Admission: \$24  
**Theatre Performances Only:** November 14/15 8:00 p.m.  
 Admission: \$12  
 Theatre (LA500) inside Liberal Arts Building  
 Information: 734-462-4598

**Sunday, October 26 Halloween Concert**  
 Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble and Synthesizer Ensemble  
 Seasonal favorites and a children's parade are highlights of this family-friendly concert. Costumes are encouraged.  
 Admission: Free; donations accepted at the door  
 Community Room (RC 115), Schoolcraft College Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff St., Garden City  
 Information: 734-462-4403

**Save the date**  
**November 8 (9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.) and 9 (11 a.m. - 4 p.m.), Schoolcraft College Foundation Fall Craft Show (734-462-4518)**  
**November 9 at 4 p.m., Schoolcraft College Choral Union Fall Concert (734-462-4403)**  
**November 12 at noon, Logan Skelton, piano and Jennifer Goltz, soprano (734-462-4403)**  
**November 14 at 8:00 p.m., James Tocco, piano (734-462-4403)**  
**December 5 at 11:45 a.m., WRC Luncheon Series, "The Parade Company" (734-462-4443)**  
**December 5 at 7:30 p.m., Schoolcraft College Wind and Artist Synthesizer Winter Concert (734-462-4403)**  
**December 12 at 7 p.m., Bach Piano Honors Recital (734-462-4403)**  
**December 12 at 7:30 p.m., Schoolcraft College Jazz and Synthesizer Ensembles Winter Concert (734-462-4400, ext. 5217)**  
**December 14 at 4 p.m., "A Whiter's Tale" Schoolcraft College Choral Union Concert (734-462-4403)**

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**Senior Book Discussion**  
 TIME/DATE: Noon-1:30 p.m., second Thursday of each month  
**DETAILS:** Book discussion group for older adults facilitated by librarians; please call to join.  
**Library Board Meeting**  
 TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. third Wednesday of each month  
**LOCATION:** Novi Civic Center, City Council Chambers  
**DETAILS:** General meeting of the entire Library Board.

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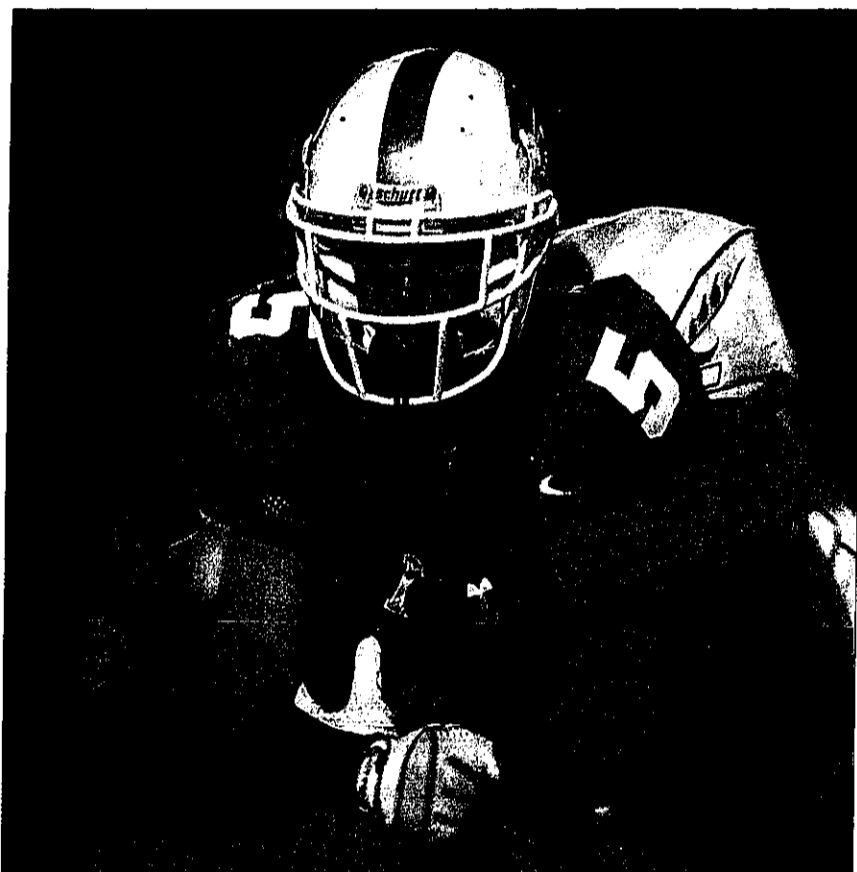


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Novi's Garrett Green protects the ball from a South Lyon East tackler.

## Wildcats too much for young Cougar squad

By Patrick Pinter  
SPORTS WRITER

Novi scored early and often in a 61-19 win against the young South Lyon East Cougars.

The Wildcats (2-1, 1-0) had a huge advantage in depth and experience, as the Cougars lack senior players this year.

"They have over 20 seniors over there and we have none. That is a big difference," said South Lyon East head coach Todd Pennyuff. "We also had three injuries in the first game, three more in the second and one in practice this week. That puts our number really low."

With the limited numbers of guys we have, I am very proud of them. They keep coming back and giving everything they have."

Novi jumped out to a 20-0 lead on three touchdowns, two of which came from Chris

Bellamy. Bellamy's scores came on a 72-yard run and a 76-yard pass to Andy Donatto. Garrett Green started the scoring with a 30-yard interception return less than a minute and a half in.

"Garrett was in great position to make the interception," Novi head coach Tab Kelleppoury said. "That really kind of got us going right away."

"We were rolling pretty good there in the first quarter."

South Lyon East (0-3, 0-1) got on the scoreboard on the ensuing play following Bellamy's throwing touchdown. South Lyon East junior Colin Hochberg returned the kickoff 100 yards for the touchdown, temporarily cutting the lead to 20-7.

"Hochberg is a tremendous athlete. There are division 1 colleges ringing my phone off

the hook," said Pennyuff. "He can throw the ball with the best of anyone in this conference. He sparks our team and he is an outstanding kid."

Novi went on to add four more touchdowns before the end of the first half to take a 48-7 lead. Senior running back Paul Favorite was responsible for two of those four Novi touchdowns. He finished with 74 yards rushing.

South Lyon East added a touchdown for the first score of the second half. Hochberg rushed for 7 yards into the end zone to make the score 48-13.

Both Novi and East traded touchdowns making the score 55-13 with 10:44 left in the

See WILDCATS, 3B



Photo by Dennis Barnes

Shamrock Steve Harding pulls down an interception.

## Zero exchange allowed by CC

Shamrock defense shuts out London St. Thomas Aquinas

By Jeff Theisen  
SPORTS WRITER

The Canadian exchange rate was zero Friday night for the Catholic Central football team.

The Shamrocks (2-0) jumped all over Canada's London St. Thomas Aquinas (0-1) and never let up in a 51-0 win.

"I think our kids really prepared well and came to play," Shamrock head coach Tom Mach said. "We took advantage of every opportunity in the first half of the mistakes they made."

The Shamrocks wasted little time in getting on the board with Niko Palazeti scoring from 7 yards out less than 1:30 into the game.

Following a safety, Kam Leiter scored on a 29-yard pass from Sam Landry with 2:38 left in the first and a 16-0 lead.

Anthony Capatina scored just 39 seconds later on a 33-yard run, and Brandon Williams capped off a 30-point first quarter with a 38-yard interception return for a score with 22 seconds left.

"I thought Sam Landry had a good game. He's starting to mature," Mach said. "Anthony

Capatina had a good game running. He saw holes well and ran the field well."

The scoring continued in the second with Capatina running in from 14 yards out, and Greg Ford completed the first-half scoring with a 12-yard run for a 44-0 halftime lead.

The lone points of the second half came on a Shane O'Neill 22-yard run in the third.

The defense remained resilient throughout, getting six turnovers on three fumbles and three interceptions.

"It's always nice to be able to say that you shut somebody out," Mach said. "I think our defense, overall, played very well. They went to the ball and caused a lot of things to take place."

The Shamrocks rolled up 238 rushing yards on just 36 carries and scored six touchdowns on the ground. Aquinas ran for 113 yards on 26 carries.

Capatina led the rushing attack with 86 yards on nine carries and two scores. O'Neill was next with 53 yards on five carries.

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## Novi tennis beats Northville

By Jeff Theisen  
SPORTS WRITER

Novi won all the doubles flights against rival Northville and went on to win 7-2 Sept. 10.

It was the league opener for Novi, as last Monday's match against Salem was rained out.

Winning in doubles for Novi were No. 1 Justin Farooq and Ameya Sohani (6-1, 6-1), No. 2 Greg Richard and Peter Zhang (6-2, 6-1), No. 3 Tim Oh and Vishnu Venugopal (6-4, 6-2), No. 4 Nikhil Devarakonda and Nathan Farooq (6-3, 6-1) and No. 5 Matt McPherson and Derek Richard at No. 5 (7-6, 6-2).

Ryan Bell won 6-4, 6-4 at No. 2 singles, as did teammate Carson Crandell (6-0, 6-0) at No. 4 singles.

The Mustangs wins came from Tim Wasielewski at No. 1 singles (7-5, 4-6, 6-1) and Steve Irvine at No. 3 singles (6-3, 6-2).

"It was a good match. Most of the flights were fairly matched," Novi head coach Jim Hanson said. "They've got a nice team. They're ranked in the top 10, as we are."

The Wildcats made quick work of Salem on Friday, winning 9-0. All of the matches ended in straight set.

## Soccer

The Wildcats dropped a 2-1 decision to Livonia Stevenson and played to a scoreless tie with Salem in the past week. Stevenson is ranked No. 2 in Michigan, and Salem is No. 1.

Against Stevenson, the Wildcats fell behind 2-0 before finally getting on the scoreboard with five minutes left on a goal from Jon Bauer. John DeLeon picked up the assist.

Against Salem, Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said the game was very different from half to half.

"In the first half we played poorly, lacked ball movement and just sat back on our heels and watched Salem play. We were outshot 6-1," O'Leary said. "In the second half, we played great. We outshot them 7-4 and had three great opportunities, but the Salem goalie made three great saves."

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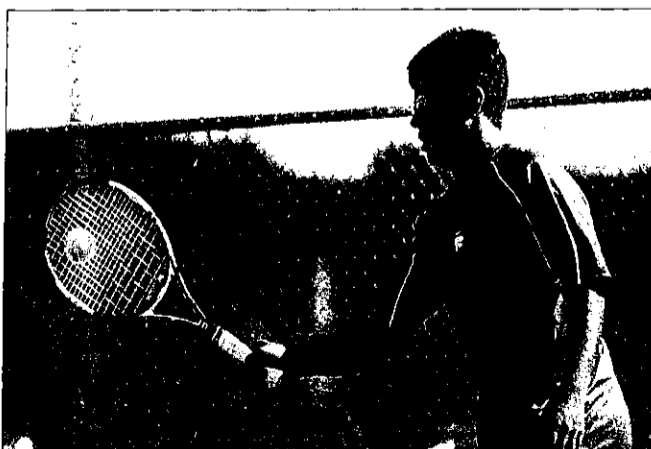


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# CC faces rival Brother Rice

By Jeff Theisen  
SPORTS WRITER

No one associated with the Catholic Central football program needs to be told who is on the schedule next.

The Shamrocks will hit the road to take on top rival Brother Rice under the lights Saturday night at Southfield Lathrup High School.

"It's going to be a great football game all around," Shamrock head coach Tom Mach said. "When you go to Catholic Central or Brother Rice, no matter who else you have on your schedule, the Catholic Central-Brother Rice game is always No. 1."

The Shamrocks bring a perfect 2-0 record against the Warriors (2-1).

Brother Rice's lone loss this year came in the second week of Muskegon, 42-27.

The Warriors hammered Oak Park 45-7 to open the year and won a 30-20 contest last week against Mishawaka Penn in Indiana.

Mach said he doesn't expect a high-scoring game as both teams pride themselves on defense.

"They're a good football team," he said. "They have good speed and throw the football well. As usual, they play very tough defense."

Mach hopes the Shamrocks continue to build off their first two wins.

"We've had a lot of positive



CC's Nick Landry, left, and Anthony Capatina congratulate each other.

things happen in the last couple of weeks, and we're hoping that transfers into this week's game with Brother Rice.

"I think the kids will come ready to play. It's going to be a great experience for the kids."

The two teams tend to bring out huge crowds, and Mach doesn't expect anything different this meeting. It would be suggested to get there early to get a good seat, or even a seat at all.

Kickoff is 7 p.m. Saturday at Southfield Lathrup.

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**First Downs**  
Yards rushing  
Passing yards  
Turnovers  
Penalties

**Rushing - STA:** Eason 7 (8-57), Umet 7 (5-31), Capatina 9 (6-53), Selby 8 (3-24), Palazzi 2 (2-8), Ford 1 (1-12), Howland 5 (10-50), Voultsis 1 (2-7), Kops 1 (0-14), P-1 (0-0), Fris 0 (1-0-0), CC: Lanory 2 (5-20)

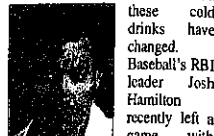
**Passing - STA:** Greary 9 (3-31), Howlett 0 (2-0-0), Walker 0 (1-0-0), Fris 0 (1-0-0), CC: Lanory 2 (5-20)

**Receiving - STA:** Russ 1 (1-10), Schmeider 1 (1-10), P-1 (0-0), Leller 1 (2-9), Palazzi 1 (1-11)

## Health

### Energy (drink) Crisis?

In the last five years, energy drinks have become as common as soft drinks and are accepted in the sports world as Gatorade. Most gas stations have at least several racks if not an entire door full of all varieties of energy drinks. Red Bull is a major sponsor of several major sports events and is actually quasi-approved by Major League Baseball. When I was growing up, Jolt cola had a short run of popularity, its claim to fame being twice the caffeine of regular cola. These days its Red Bull, Rock Star, Monster, complete with sugar, herbs and overloaded with caffeine.



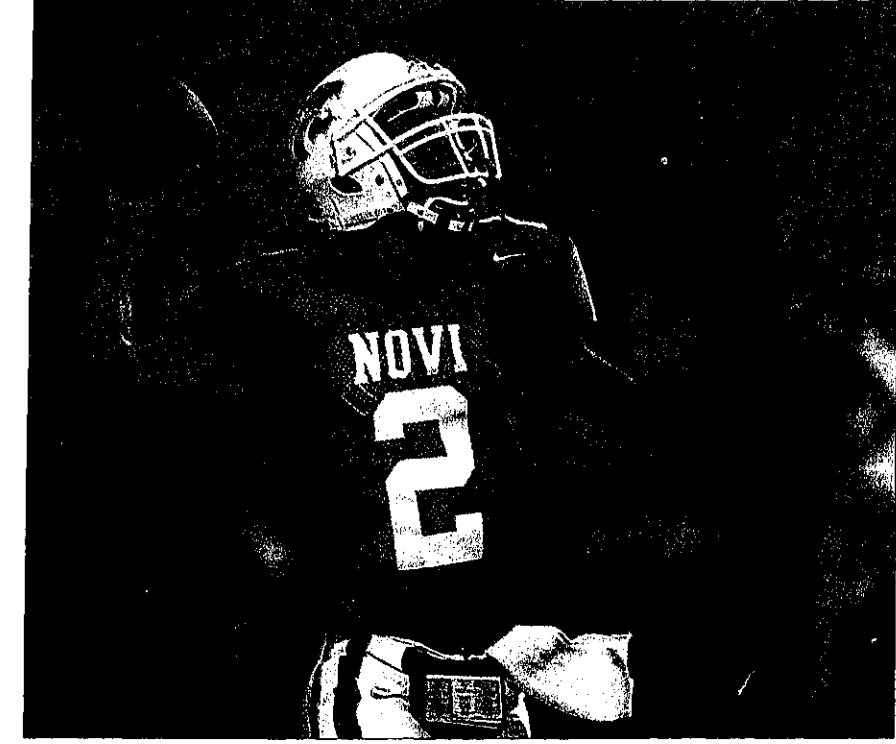
Sean Bak

Essentially, today's energy drink amounts to a sweet, carbonated alternative to coffee with a nominal amount of vitamins thrown in. Earlier generations of these drinks had some potent cardio-active substances (ephedrine, etc.) in varying amounts and posed some serious health risks beyond just high levels of caffeine. These substances have since been banned for general consumption and replaced with more caffeine.

There's no debate that these drinks can give you an energy boost, even make you a little hyper. Caffeine is acknowledged as a performance-enhancer by the International Olympic Committee and many studies exist proving its capacity to improve alertness and concentration. Look no further than your neighbor, boss or mechanic carrying around the extra \$3 late fee for proof of its effectiveness. The debate concerns the way these drinks are being used and the age groups they are marketed to.

Whereas coffee was viewed as a more mature (college-age at least) drink, the newer drinks are marketed to and attract younger consumers. Kids are using these at younger ages for studying and sports and they're ingesting much greater amounts of caffeine than previous generations. The big unknown is what consistent high levels of caffeine do to the immature metabolism. Perhaps nothing. Perhaps anything that we will know about until these kids are 20-30 years down the road. To be fair, your 16 ounce Starbucks contains over twice the caffeine of your son's energy drink. It's more likely though that the caffeine is consumed over 1-2 hours whereas the cool, sweet taste of Red Bull lends itself to quickly chugging several cans.

Dr. Sean Bak is a Novi resident and an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in shoulder reconstruction and sports medicine. Dr. Bak takes care of the athletes of several area universities and high schools. His practice, *Prostate Center for Orthopedic Surgery*, is located at the Novi Orthopedic Center on the campus of Providence Park Hospital.



Novi's Chris Bellamy unleashes a pass against South Lyon East.

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# Novi takes on Salem Friday

By Jeff Theisen  
SPORTS WRITER

Novi hopes to turn a two-game winning streak into three Friday night at Salem.

The Rocks have struggled to an 0-3 start and have struggled to put points on the board.

A 20-14 loss to Walled Lake Northern is the best offensive output so far. The Rocks lost their other two games to Plymouth and Livonia Stevenson by a combined 73 points.

No matter how much trouble the Rocks have had putting up points, Novi head coach Tom Kellogg says they have to focus on the week.

"They have good running backs and can throw the ball," he said. "It's going to be challenging for our defense."

The Wildcats wasted little time in jumping all over South Lyon East last week and will hope to do much of the same this week.

"The longer the game stays close, the tougher it gets," Kellogg said.

While the Wildcats have put together a couple of wins, Kellogg and his assistants have gotten to know more about their team each week. But he can

## KLAA Central

	W	L	W	L
Northville	1	0	2	1
Novi	1	0	2	1
Stevenson	1	0	2	1
S. Lyon	0	1	1	2
S. Lyon E	0	1	0	3
Salem	0	1	0	3

**This week**  
Northville at S. Lyon E.  
Stevenson at S. Lyon  
Novi at Salem

also see some hunger from players not starting in the beginning of the year.

"We're not done growing as a team," he said. "Usually, when you get to games four and five, the junior class is ready to get out there and play."

"They've been starved enough on the sidelines. They know that to play, they've got to produce in practices, and you see them practicing at a higher level."

Kickoff is 7 p.m. Friday at Salem.

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Catholic Central's Butch Herzog puts a big hit on a London St. Thomas Aquinas running back, causing a fumble. The Shamrock defense forced six turnovers in a 51-0 shutout.

# Shamrock soccer suffers loss, tie

By Jeff Theisen  
SPORTS WRITER

CC Soccer suffered a 1-0 loss to Brother Rice to go with a 1-1 tie with Rochester last week.

Head coach Joe Nora wasn't

happy with the effort against rival Brother Rice, as the Warriors scored with about 20 minutes left for the lone goal. The Rochester game was a different story.

"We played much better, but haven't really hit our stride yet."

Nora said.

Rochester got on the board first with goal from a scrum 15 minutes in.

Josh Gatt got the equalizer four minutes into the second half with Evan Garber picking up the assist.

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# Novi freshmen beat up on Howell

## Wildcats race out to 17-0 lead, finish with 31-6 victory

Submitted to the Novi News

The Novi Freshman Wildcats extended their season record to 3-0 with a decisive win at Howell. The game that saw lots of action from many Novi jerseys and the Cats left their imprint at Howell with a 31-6 win.

The Cats started off screaming with a 75-yard Zach Masserant kick off return behind a wall of blockers. Adam Haynes added the extra point to get off to a quick 7-0 lead.

The Wildcats got the ball back on a Haynes interception, which set up a 32-yard field goal by Haynes after the ball was advanced into range by Alejandro Alberne and Tre' Harlin runs behind the steady offensive line.

A stalled four-and-out Howell drive produced a short Howell punt, which the Cats took advantage of to send Masserant through the line for a 32-yard touchdown.

The Novi defense dug in again to produce a turn over on downs

## WILDCATS

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game. Novi junior Tim Hartland scored on a 52-yard run and was followed by a Hochberg score, which was his third touchdown of the game.

Novi closed out the scoring with a 27-yard run by junior Ricky Enright.

Kellogg was proud of his back-up quarterbacks Hartland and Enright as they were able to run the offense and put up points when they came in.

"Timmy scored on an option play to the right, and Ricky broke on to the left, also on an option play," Kellogg said.

"When you see those guys scor-

## ROUNDUP

continued from front

Novi went up against high-powered Northville Sept. 9 and scored another 44 to help lead the Wildcats. Collins (46), Kelly Tinar (48) and Stephanie Hitt (46) each shot career lows for Novi (2-2).

The Wildcats again faced Northville on Monday, with similar results. The Mustangs won 171-195.

Krick was Novi's low-scoring with a 43. Collins, Hitt and Tinar each shot a 50.

Novi's JV lost 213-247 with Victoria Tomkinson the low Wildcat with a 58.

Swimming

The Wildcats found out how good last year's Division 3 champion Marian is this year. Marian

beat Novi with a 120.5-65.5 victory.

The meet was tied after the first four events with Novi winning the medley relay (Ashley Bush-Lauren Kalinsky-Kerry Abel-Becca Berman), the 200 IM (Kalinsky) and the 50 free (Abel).

For the rest of the meet Novi managed one more first place finish, Kalinsky in the 100 backstroke. Second-place finishers included Meredith Cote (200 Free), Berman (500 Free) and the 200 free relay team of Abel-Cole-Lauren Kalinsky-Kerry Abel-Becca Berman.

Novi rebounded to win the West Bloomfield Invitational on Saturday for the third straight year. The final score was Novi

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SLE	7	0	6	6	19
Novi	27	21	7	6	61

**First Downs**  
Yards rushing  
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Turnovers  
Penalties

**Rushing - SLE:** C. Hochberg 29 (23-123), T. Jednak 4 (20-4), Sturro 3 (9-3), P. Powers 1 (6-6), Novi: C. Bellamy 2 (7-7), R. Enright 7 (5-5), T. Hartland 5 (5-3), B. Koylo 1 (5-0), R. Moore 4 (11-6), Nopani 2 (2-2), K. Kuhn 2 (4)

**Passing - SLE:** C. Hochberg 15 (28-3-159), P. Powers 0 (1-1-0), Novi: C. Bellamy 4 (6-0-106)

**Receiving - SLE:** P. Powers 8 (11-5), J. Moore 4 (29-2), Jednak 2 (10-4), Sturro 1 (6-6), Novi: B. Bradford 3 (7-8), A. Donatto 2 (20-0), Mikkesen 2 (12-1), P. Favorite 1 (6)

ing points like that, it's fun to watch." The Wildcats racked up 429 yards of offense. The Cougars finished the game with 159 passing and 158 yard rushing.

"We were able to play our entire roster," Kellogg said. "It was really a great night for us. We were able to have great successes in many aspects of the game."

Hochberg finished the game 15-of-28 for 159 yards and three interceptions. He also had 123 yards rushing. Patrick Powers finished the game with 115 yards receiving on eight catches.

Jeff Theisen contributed to the story.



Yukie Tamara swims the breaststroke for the Novi Wildcats.

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The Novi cross country team celebrates its win at the South Lyon Invite.

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The Novi freshman volleyball team won the Ann Arbor Pioneer tournament this weekend. The Wildcats won every match in two games and won the final match against Skyline in three games.

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Greeting customers with a smile when they visit Alexander's Custom Clothiers in downtown Northville are, from left, Alexander Hamka, and his nephew, Kyle Dabaja.

## A Perfect Fit

In store or home, Alexander provides custom service

By John R. Hall  
SPECIAL WRITER

Alexander Hamka is a busy man these days — and that makes his customers happy. Alexander is the owner of Alexander's Custom Clothiers in downtown Northville, one of the leading men's custom clothiers in southeast Michigan. When he is busy, that means people are getting the finest custom and tailored clothing products, backed by years of experience and outstanding service.

In today's challenging economic environment, it is hard to stay busy all of the time, let alone grow the business. But Alexander has managed to do both.

"My tailoring business has grown," he said. "I am always busy tailoring."

Beside tailoring, Alexander divides his time between helping his walk-in retail customers with all of their custom needs and working in his private in-home con-

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sulting, which is also keeping him busier these days.

"I'm getting more and more requests for private consultations in the home and workplace," Alexander said. "My consulting business has tripled since I opened the shop in Northville."

It is no wonder — or surprise — that Alexander's attention to detail and customer service has resulted in the distinction of being Northville Record's 2008 People's Choice award winner for custom clothier. He is very proud of that honor and owes a lot of it to his customers, who offer word-of-mouth advertising that brings people in from all over the region.

"I've been getting a lot of customers from outside of the Northville area," Alexander added.

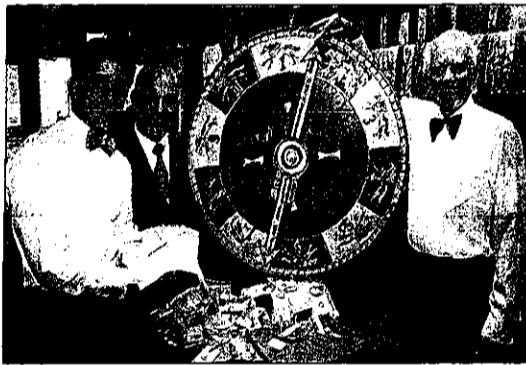
He is especially proud of the tailoring work that he does for the many women who visit the store.

"I know that women are happy with my work because I have a lot of repeat business from them and they tell their friends, too," Alexander said.

Alexander's Custom Clothiers has been busy because of the custom work, which Alexander said has nearly doubled since he opened up the store. Maybe that is why he is so busy, spending at least six hours a day of "pure tailoring" and devoting time when he is out of the store to in-home consulting, usually two to three hours on Sundays in each customer's home.

When he is in the store, he is happiest showing customers the latest styles, colors, and fabrics and then ensuring they get the right custom fit.

"My store is 85 percent custom work," Alexander said. "Most customers come in looking for custom suits or shirt fabrics. For me, it is all about fitting the customer and giving them what they are looking for."



At Alexander's Custom Clothiers in Northville, Alexander Hamka, left, and his father Sam, center, are borrowing an idea from former Northville clothier Chuck Lapham, right. The Wheel of Fortune contest rules are as follows: 1) Choose your merchandise; 2) Place merchandise on the Wheel of Fortune table; 3) Spin to win a discount. The contest runs through Sept. 20.

While in Alexander's Custom Clothiers, customers sense a warm and relaxed atmosphere. They can sit in a comfortable couch or chair and watch television or read a magazine while waiting. Kids can feel at home and watch their favorite TV shows while their parents are fitted with custom clothing.

"It is comfortable and friendly here," added Alexander.

### THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE

Long before it became a popular TV game show, the wheel of fortune was a significant part of the Northville business community. Alexander's Custom Clothiers has been continuing that tradition.

Alexander explained that back in the 1940s a local Northville businessman, Chuck Lapham, started using a wheel that had an assortment of discount values on it. When a customer had brought his or her purchases to the counter, they would spin the wheel to see what kind of discount

they would get on their total purchase.

Alexander's Custom Clothiers has continued that tradition and will once again bring the wheel out, which was given to Alexander by Lapham, for a few spins the weekend of September 18-20. Last year, one customer spun the wheel and received the total purchase, around \$2500, free.

"This is not a typical boring sale," said Alexander. "This is exciting. It's like gambling responsibly!"

Customers can receive 5 to 100 percent off their total purchase. And it is not just for the new fall line of clothing, either.

"All of our seasonal clothes will be available for people to choose from," added Alexander.

The third annual Wheel of Fortune Sale includes everything in the store except custom suits and shirts.

For more information on custom tailoring and in-home or at-work professional consultations, call Alexander at 248-349-6080 or visit Alexander's Custom Clothiers at 124 W. Main St. in downtown Northville.



Spending a lot of time choosing just the right fabrics and colors for customers seeking the perfect custom suits and shirts are, from right, Alexander Hamka and his nephew Kyle Dabaja.

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