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Safeguarding Sammy

Novi firefighters equipped for pet rescue

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

Suzette Swies understands firsthand the relationship people have with their pets.

"I would risk my life to save my dog," Swies said of the 4-year-old lab-mix

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Sammy. "Pets are a huge part of people's families."

And that is why Swies is such an advocate of providing area fire departments with the equipment necessary to save

pets' lives in a fire.

"You save a life of someone's pet and they don't forget it," said Novi Fire Chief Frank Smith. "When a fire happens, the people will get out, but the animals sometimes don't."

On Friday, the Novi Fire Department received animal rescue oxygen masks through a donation from Invisible Fence of Tri County, based in Wixom.

"In 2006, it was estimated more than 40,000 pets died in fires and most were due to smoke inhalation," said Swies, who is the marketing development coordinator of the company. "These have been used on everything from dogs, to cats, to birds."

Each of Novi's four fire stations received a kit containing small, medium and large oxygen masks with different oxygen flow settings, specifically designed for pets.



PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER/NOVI NEWS

Suzette Swies tries an oxygen recovery mask for pets on volunteer Sammy at Novi Fire Station No. 4. Recently, Invisible Fence donated oxygen mask kits to all Novi fire stations.

"We're going to put one bag on each of our four engines," Smith said. "In year's past, we kind of did the best we could with what we had, but when it comes to animal care, this is state-of-the-art."

Invisible Fence of Tri County also donated kits, worth \$60 each, to the Walled Lake Fire Department.

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Closure: Pittao found guilty in Novi cold case

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

Novi Police Chief David Molloy always knew someday, the decade-old cold case of Tamara Pittao's murder would be solved and justice would be served. And for Molloy, Tuesday was that day.

"We met with the family and still my heart aches for them, but I believe this provides a bit of closure for them," he said. "We still have other open cases, but in the last couple of decades, it's one of the longest running cases we've had."

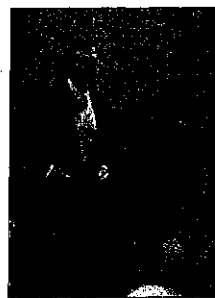
Oct. 14, at the Oakland County Circuit Court, Daniel Pittao, 49, of Highland Township was found guilty of first degree, premeditated murder of his estranged wife, Tamara Pittao.

Daniel Pittao is scheduled to appear in front of Judge Michael Warren for sentencing Nov. 6. The first degree murder charge carries a penalty of mandatory life in prison.

The homicide

On Nov. 27, 1997, Tamara Pittao, age 30, was found dead in her Novi apartment by the Novi Police Department. It was Thanksgiving Day and the victim's father, Robert Pindar contacted police when Tamara, and her then, 3-year-old daughter with Daniel, didn't show up at Pindar's Illinois residence for the holiday.

The Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office ruled the



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A handcuffed and shackled Daniel Pittao is led into the Pontiac courtroom of Judge Michael Warren by an Oakland County Sheriff's deputy on Friday, Jan. 11. Pittao was found guilty of first-degree murder for the 1997 death of his wife, Tamara Pittao.

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District welcomes community to homecoming festivities

Novi Schools promise an out of this world experience

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL
STAFF WRITER

When Mike Carroll rides down the street in grand style tomorrow during the homecoming parade it will be a royal ride. He's never been a part of the festivities before and considers himself an average guy, not a part of social elite. So he was surprised when his name was announced as homecoming court junior representative.

"It's different because I'm not one of those kids," he said. Carroll said he spends his free time working two jobs



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Novi High School's 2008 homecoming court members from left: Freshmen Adam Haynes and Katie Enright; seniors Ryan Dougherty and Kelli Brown, Tom Wright and Ashley Bush, Chip Switzer and Laura Yee and Jack Petroskey and Nicki Woodruff; juniors Mike Carroll and Sara Carlson; and sophomores Marissa Nussio and Derek Kim.

and skateboarding, instead of the traditional extracurricular activities.

But not this weekend.

This weekend he is a member of the Novi High School homecoming court celebrating a

lineup of events.

The activities kick off 5 p.m. Friday with the royal parade.

This is the first year the school will hold the parade on a Friday before the game, and all area residents are invited.

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES

Homecoming parade: 5 p.m. Friday
Route: Parkview Elementary to Novi High School
Theme: Out of This World
Homecoming game: 7 p.m. Friday
Homecoming dance: 7-10 p.m. Saturday

"Our hope is to bring the community together in celebration," said Nicole Carter, Novi High School dean of students.

Members of the court, band, cheer and pom will make their way from Parkview Elementary School, located at 45825 11 Mile, to the high school football field at the corner of Taft and 10 Mile. Novi High School hall dad and football game announcer

Gerry Litman will serve as parade grand marshal.

"I like it," said court member Ashley Bush, commenting on the decision to hold the parade before the game instead of Saturday morning. "This way people will come to the parade and the game."

The football game, where the Wildcats will face the Canton Chiefs, will carry extra importance as the winner decides the KLA Kensington Conference champs.

But football players and court members Jack Petroskey and Tom Wright aren't concerned the celebration will interfere with their game concentration. They are ready for both.

During the big game's half-time show, the class float competition winner will be announced along with homecoming king and queen.

Members of the Novi High School student body elect by

popular vote the court members and king and queen. Only seniors are eligible for crowning.

The weekend festivities will conclude Saturday with the Novi High School homecoming dance for the student body.

"I bought my dress just yesterday," said court member Kelli Brown last Friday.

The popular decision with the homecoming princesses is to have one dress for the game and another for the dance.

Apparel decisions were a bit easier for the young men as MW Tux donated tuxedos for court members.

"They do a great job supporting the school," Carter said.

The Flower Alley also donated the flowers.

Carter expects anywhere from 800-1,200 students for the dance held in the school's atrium.

This year's homecoming theme chosen by the students is Out of This World.

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Tea a popular event at bookstore

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Novi residents share likes, dislikes of Fuerst Park proposal

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

After addressing a number of residents' concerns, the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission unanimously voted in support of the Fuerst Park conceptual plans at last Thursday's meeting.

Residents were invited to

share their input regarding the proposed plans for the 6.5-acre property, located on the southeast corner of Taft and 10 Mile roads.

Although attendees were limited to making comments as opposed to asking questions, Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director Randy Auler attempted to address each con-

cern prior to the commission's discussion and action.

Overall, of the seven residents who spoke during the audience participation, it appeared the conceptual plan was well received.

"It's good to hear we are on track with what the community wants," Auler said.

Historical Commission member Roy Prentice, along with other community members, suggested including a basement in the plans for relocating the old Township Hall, which currently uses its basement for storage.

But according to Auler, Novi's City Council already

approved the contract for relocation and reconstruction of the historical building and it did not include a basement because of additional costs.

Novi residents Cheryl Csordas, Roy Szalony and Ginger Barrons voiced concern regarding the sound disturbances of the proposed amphitheater.

"I have mixed emotions about the concept," said Szalony, who lives across Taft Road from the Fuerst site. "I'm concerned with the amphitheater frequency."

Auler said the amphitheater, which is designed to seat 150-200 people, will be used for

other things, such as storytelling and library programming, and said music events will not be any louder than when the high school band plays on Friday nights.

"I think this amphitheater is going to bring that community spirit to us in Novi," said commissioner Jay Dooley.

Other concerns included the health and safety hazards of the proposed fire pit and if the site will meet ADA standards and be handicap accessible, which Auler assures is the case.

The proposed plans also include natural elements such as pathways, landscaping and seating to create an informal,

passive park.

The next step in moving forward with developing Fuerst Park is the budget and phasing plan, which will be presented to council at the Oct. 20 meeting, 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

"I don't know if I'm pleased with this until I see what it costs," Barrons said. "These are really difficult economic times."

Auler said the city doesn't anticipate the project will require any additional tax dollars to build.

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- U.S. Congress; House of Representatives; U.S. Senate; State Representatives;
- County Commissioners; Novi, Northville, and Walled Lake Public School Boards; Oakland County Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer and Prosecutor;
- County Executive; and Drain Commissioner.

Between now and election day residents may view Candidate Spotlights and hear the candidates' stands on issues, qualifications and how they plan to serve the community.

The programs may be seen in Novi on Channel 13, 5 p.m. Sundays; 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 4:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. These programs may also be viewed on local On Demand.

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TIME/DATE: 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

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Couple Prayer Series
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 15 - Nov. 19
DETAILS: For married or engaged couples. For more information or registration, visit www.coupleprayer.org or call the

parish office.
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
Sunday Worship: 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes for all ages; 10 a.m.
DETAILS: Nursery and other children programs available. Our worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

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LOCATION: 21260 Haagerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 or visit dcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule
 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship
 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments
 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship

6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service
Tuesday Schedule
 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study, through Nov. 18
 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study
 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study
Wednesday Schedule
 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family

7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Daiting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule
 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group
 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
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LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or churchofthe-holycross.com
Sunday Worship



Brass Roots

Ward Church will be hosting a gospel and spirituals concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26 in the sanctuary. The church is located at 40000 Six Mile in Northville. There is no charge. The Brass Roots Trio's "American Vespers" is a heartwarming, and soulful program of gospel, jazz and contemporary sacred music. The trio weaves scripture and meditations together to create a tapestry of music and word. For further information please call, (248) 374-7400.

TIME/DATE: 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

Faith Community Presbyterian
LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.
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TIME/DATE: 4:30 p.m. every Wednesday
DETAILS: For children in kindergarten to 6th grade. Enjoy recreation, Bible study, music and dinner.
Adult Bible Class "Discovering The Psalms"
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. every Tuesday, through Nov. 18

First Baptist Church of Northville
LOCATION: 217 N. Wing
CONTACT: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church
LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-3641 or firstbaptist-churchnovi.org
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.

First Free Will Baptist Church
LOCATION: Corner of 10 Mile and Napier roads

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Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m.
Walking in the Park
TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday
LOCATION: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads)

DETAILS: Group meets for lunch afterwards.
CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0016
Single Place Ministries
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.

DETAILS: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check website for details single-place.org.
Big Band Dance
TIME/DATE: 8-11 p.m. Friday
LOCATION: Christian Life Center at the Church

DETAILS: The Rhythm Society Orchestra will perform as part of the Fine Arts Series of the Church. The band will play Swing, Fox Trot, Latin and Waltz style music with Paul King doing the vocals. Admission is

\$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors.
Three Cedars Farm Dining
TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18
DETAILS: We will go to the farm first for cider and donuts, hayrides and cornmaze, then on to Ruby Tuesdays on Beck Road for dinner. The last stop is at the Starting Gate for some good Karaoke beginning at 9 p.m. All costs on your own. For more information please call Bruce (734) 459-7235.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
LOCATION: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
CONTACT: (248) 349-0565
Sunday Schedule
TIME: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

Gracepointe Presbyterian Church
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Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: The Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers
DETAILS: Nursery staffed by Nancy Poppino.

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LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
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Regular Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Reading Service and Holy Communion
TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

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Local business coaches offer tips to retailers

■ Try seeking out smaller companies that fit your niche

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Novi resident Boni Trush and her colleague Linda Sheppard know retailers are having a tough time these days.

But the two business coaches say there are actions merchants can take to help achieve success even in a down market.

They duo talked to a group of downtown Northville merchants at a "Retailing for Success" seminar last month at Christina's Home Sweet Home Interior.

They said the three things that carry the largest impact on retailing today are e-commerce, wholesale pricing and discount retail pricing.

"There's been a shift in how retail works compared to 20 years ago," Sheppard said. "We're seeing some new trends nationwide."

She said a December 2007 nationwide survey with 20,000 consumers revealed 59 percent of consumers shop online for many of their home needs. When asked if they thought shopping online saved them money, 52 percent said yes. Based on the current U.S. economy, 48 percent of the consumers said they would do more comparison shopping online.

"Retailers who offer online shopping as well as having a brick-and-mortar store will capture up to 95 percent of their potential consumers," Sheppard said.

Another option, wholesale stores, allows consumers to purchase items at about a third of the cost of traditional retail.

"This is cutting into your traffic and your potential customers as an independent



Business coaches Linda Sheppard (left) of Envoy Coaching & Consulting in Northville, and Boni Trush of Final Destinations in Novi.

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retailer," Sheppard said. "Develop relationships with brands that are not selling at wholesale. Look for smaller specialty companies that fit your niche."

The business advisors also recommend joining a small buying group catering to a similar customer base but allowing you to offer unique products consumers can't find everywhere.

BUSINESS ROAD MAP

Trush is familiar with the business environment locally as she has lived in Novi most of her life. She is active in the community as a member of the Friends of the Library for both Novi and Northville since she lives in the city of Novi but resides in the Northville school district.

Although many business owners may feel they need one, she believes having a business plan is important. "I've never seen a business

that couldn't benefit from a business plan," Trush said. "In today's economy, we're constantly reevaluating our strategy. At least have a summary of where you want to go. If you don't have a road map, you won't get there."

A plan doesn't need to be more than three-five pages, starting with an overview of the business that ties into the business owner's experience and past accomplishments.

"Think about your passion and why you started the business in the first place," Trush said.

Consider sales, marketing and something related to personal development. She thinks business systems, such as inventory and purchasing systems, are also essential.

"Past performance is usually indicative of future performance," Trush said. This leads to developing the proper amount of inventory and a more efficient staffing plan.

"Gather data, and use the numbers."

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Surviving a financial crisis

Throughout the past few weeks, the financial news has been almost incomprehensible.

It's hard for many to make sense of the failure of major Wall Street firms and large banks and the \$700 billion bailout of the financial sector.

And it's hard for investors to be calm when stocks have fallen almost 30 percent from their all-time high a year ago.

What can you do to cope? Consider the following "checklist" for surviving a financial crisis:

- Close your ears - but open your eyes. You may hear some so-called "experts" talking about end-of-capitalism scenarios. Try not to listen to these doom-sayers. We still have the most powerful economy in the history of the world and we will recover from these setbacks. However, even if you close your ears, you should keep your eyes wide open. Specifically, look for opportunities. Stock prices are down now, but they won't always be, and, all else being equal, investors who buy into the stock market at lower prices are likely to earn higher returns than those who buy stocks when prices are higher.

- Focus on things you can control. During a financial crisis, your success at weathering the storm depends on your ability to stay calm and concentrate on the things you can control. For example, you can control your emotions so that you aren't panicked into making unwise, short-term decisions, such as putting all your money under your mattress. And, to a certain extent, you can even control your portfolio's ability to withstand volatility. How? By diversifying your holdings as broadly as possible. The wider your range of investments, the less you'll be hurt by downturns that primarily affect one asset class. Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee profits or protect against loss.

- Review and rebalance your portfolio. During this market decline, some of your holdings have probably fallen more than others. As a result, you may now own a lower percentage of a specific asset class than you had originally intended when you built your portfolio. Consequently, you may want to meet with your financial advisor to determine if you should rebalance your portfolio by adding more money to those asset classes that have fallen the most. You may also want to rebalance

if your risk tolerance or long-term goals have changed.

- Look for quality investments. In this economic environment, it's more important than ever to focus on quality investments. If you buy stocks, look for companies with strong balance sheets. If you're purchasing bonds, stick with those that receive high credit ratings. If we are entering a prolonged economic downturn, these types of investments will, in all likelihood, fare better than lower-quality stocks and bonds.

- Be patient. No one can predict when a bear market will end, but history has shown that turnarounds can happen quickly and unexpectedly. So be patient. The most successful investors have the courage to stay the course and take advantage of opportunities while others are "bailing out" of the financial markets.

We may still have some rough roads ahead of us. But if you can check off every item on this list, you may be able to smooth out some of the bumps you'll encounter on your journey toward achieving your long-term goals.

This article was provided by Mark Whitfield, financial adviser, 43290 11 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

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In the spirit!

Staff and students of Novi Woods walk in the rain on Wednesday, Oct. 8 to celebrate Walk to School Day. The march around the school was meant to encourage physical fitness in the youngsters.



Smile

Novi Woods parent Marie Malecki takes a photo of last week's Walk to School activity. Rain made it tricky to photograph.



Walking in the rain

Sharing an umbrella in the rain, Joyce Cucksey and Matthew Yang, both Novi Woods' fourth graders, finish up their Walk to School activity on Oct. 8. The whole school took a walk through the nearby neighborhood to promote physical fitness.

Novi Meadows presents An Evening With Patrick Henry

Novi Meadows fifth-grade teachers and The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation invite the community to attend An Evening With Patrick Henry 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21 inside the Novi Middle School auditorium, 49000 11 Mile Road Novi, Michigan. Patrick Henry, a prominent figure in the American Revolution, will be talking to the audience about his life during the early days of American history.

Henry will be visiting Novi directly from his home in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. The evening's presentation is sponsored by The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation through the generosity of an anonymous donor.

School officials greatly anticipate the event and remain thankful for such a wonderful donation. Richard Schumann will portray Henry for visiting guests of all ages.

Schumann grew up in an Air Force family, having spent the first half of his life throughout the United States and Europe. After graduation from Rutgers University, he studied acting at the Herbert Berghoff Studio in New York City.

An audition brought him to Yorktown, Virginia in 1981 for the Cornwallis Surrender bicentennial, his first foray into Living History. In 1993, Schumann joined the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, and took on the part of Patrick Henry in 1995.

This is an annual event for the district. And as part of the anonymous monetary donation, two teachers from the district are invited to Virginia for a summer learning sabbatical. For more information, call (248) 449-1250, or e-mail ghurst@novi.k12.mi.us.

CLASS NOTES

PSAT this weekend
This is a reminder that the PSAT is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 18, at Novi High School. The PSAT is a precursor to the SAT and is the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test for juniors.

NEF Second Annual Fun Run
Looking for a fun, healthy activity to do with the whole family and raise money for a good cause? The Novi Educational Foundation has just the thing for you. Bring your family to the Novi Meadows fifth-grade parking lot to run the Wildcat 5K Run or the One Mile Walk on Oct. 18. Check-in starts at 7:30 a.m. in the gym with the fun run beginning at 9 a.m. Kids are free and adults are \$20. Advanced registration is required for a T-shirt. Registration forms are available at the NEF website, www.novi.k12.mi.us/nef.

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 school year. Cost is \$50 for individuals or \$140 for a family pass. Contact Michelle Ryzdewski at mrydzewski01@aol.com or visit www.noviathleticboosters.com for more information.

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.

National Coney Island presents Take a Lion to School contest
From Oct. 7 through Nov. 11, six lucky students will win a classroom visit by a Detroit Lion player, including a special "winners" letter, autographed football, four tickets to an upcoming Lions home game, their face on the Ford Field jumbotron, as well as other prizes and gifts. The contest is open to students in third-sixth grades by going online to www.nationalconeyisland.com to enter.

On Campus
Madonna University scholarship: Janet Censoni, endowed scholarship; Megan Daybird, endowed scholarship; Christine Skonberdis, endowed scholarship; Megan Sledz, endowed scholarship; Nancy Zhao, endowed scholarship; MichelleANGESKI, transfer scholarship; Cynthia Burgess, crusader award; and Amy Varhol, transfer scholarship.

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Former educator represents Novi Democrats for county commissioner

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

Novi resident Karen Zyczynski believes the voters of Novi and the Oakland County-portion of Northville deserve a choice.

And with that in mind, the retired Livonia Public School teacher threw her hat in the Oakland County Commissioner race, as the Democratic Party candidate, representing the 9th District.

"I entered this race knowing that it was truly a long shot, this is a very republican community, but the voters have a right to have a choice," said Zyczynski, 66. "It's always kind of been in the back of my mind to run for political office. Unionism and politics is in my blood."

A school teacher for 35 years, Zyczynski served eight years as president of the Livonia Education Association; four years on the Michigan Education Association Board of Directors; two years as secretary of the National Education Association Early Childhood Educators' Caucus; and four years on the State Board of Education Teacher Examination Advisory Committee.

Among other things, Zyczynski feels her experiences as president of the teacher's union and hearing officer for the judicial arm of the Michigan Education Association have prepared her for the role of Oakland County Commissioner.

"I believe there's a lack of ability for people in our legislature, and in politics in general, to work collaboratively to solve the problems that have been very pressing in our state," she said. "I've had some experiences in helping groups solve problems and I feel those experiences will help me in working collaboratively



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Ninth District Oakland County Commissioner candidate Karen Zyczynski.

with people in different situations, as I'm sure will be the case with the budget for the county.

Zyczynski said the county's biggest issue is how the economy, housing foreclosures and loss of businesses will impact its budget. The Democratic candidate doesn't pretend to have an easy solution, but suggests looking at what can be done in the Tri-County area.

"Oakland County tends to take an isolationist policy," she said. "I would like to see us work more collaboratively in the region."

As county commissioner, Zyczynski strives to attract

new businesses to the area, maintain a balanced budget and protect woodlands, wetlands and open spaces.

Zyczynski, who served on the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission from 2005 until this past June, also said she hopes to ensure more county dollars are spent in support of Novi Parks and Recreation.

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Novi councilman Republican candidate for county commissioner

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

After a combined 15 years of serving on Novi's planning commission and city council, Mayor Pro Tem Kim Capello feels it's time to represent the residents of the 9th District at the county level.

"I'm basically still representing the same people," Capello said of his candidacy for Oakland County Commissioner, representing the Republican Party for Novi and the Oakland County-portion of Northville. "I want to see how county government functions and how it impacts our life."

At 56, the Novi resident and business owner is nearing his eighth year on city council.

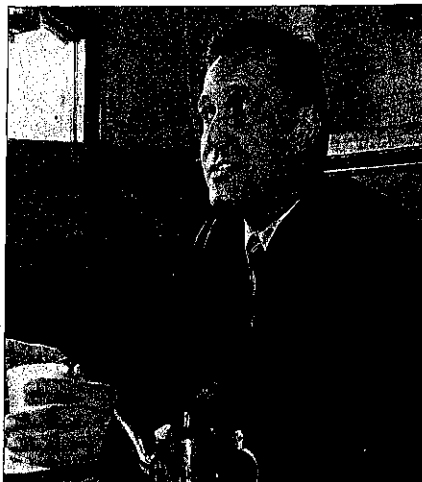
"With experiences on a professional business level and as a council person, I understand how planning and economic development works," said Capello, explaining the biggest economic impact he foresees the county will face is helping quality businesses in trouble, which in turn will maintain the tax base and area jobs.

"We still have a strong enough economy to maintain our tax base. I think (Oakland) county will be safe, at least until the recession is over, because of their ability to tighten their budget."

As Oakland County Commissioner, Capello strives to keep the budget balanced without increasing taxes.

Reducing health care costs and prioritizing public services are other areas of importance to the Novi councilman.

"There's a lot of health care and senior service benefits that aren't making their way



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Ninth District Oakland County Commissioner candidate Kim Capello.

to the west part of Oakland County," he said. "I'm not saying we're neglected, I just think we're not asking for them."

Aside from dealing with issues covering a broader area than just Novi, Capello anticipates the adjustment of partisan politics.

"The county, over the years, has gotten more and more partisan," he said. "And on certain principles and policy matters that may come into play, but most of the issues should be voted based on the facts and not based on the party."

Capello looks forward to having a hand in the future of the 52-1 District Court, which currently resides on Grand River Avenue in Novi.

"They've outgrown that building. We need to ensure it stays in Novi," he said.

Capello said it's important for the district court, which serves surrounding communities, such as Wixom, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Milford, to stay within the city because the Novi Police Department generates a lot of its activity.

Capello's current term on Novi City Council expires November 2009. In the case of a seat opening up before the term expires, council members would interview and appoint, by a majority vote, a candidate to complete the remainder of the term.

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Lauren Elizabeth Helke
Bart and Michelle Helke of Novi are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Elizabeth Helke on August 28, 2008, at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19.5 inches tall. She joins big brother Luke, 3. Grandparents are Dan and Mary Ann McQuaid of Northville and Patricia Helke



Lauren Elizabeth Helke of Novi. The great-grandmother is Janice Sinclair-Bradenton of Florida.

Tire stolen

The front tire and rim were stolen from a vehicle parked at Dan's Auto on Grand River Avenue, east of Novi Road, between 12:30-9 a.m. Oct. 5, reports said.
The Honda Civic, which belongs to the business owner, was parked, locked and unoccupied in the rear lot of the building, reports said.
When the owner noticed what happened, the vehicle was situated on a cinder block and the driver-side front tire, rim and lug nuts were stolen.

Golf ball shatters window

A window of a residence on Trent Court, near Nine Mile and Novi roads, was shattered between 2 p.m. Sept. 28 and 3 p.m. Sept. 30, reports said.
The glass from the window, which is on the east side of the residence facing Chase Drive, was shattered from the frame and found throughout the mulch in front of the window, reports said.
A white, Top-Flite golf ball was found in the bushes near the window, reports said.
According to the complainant, the golf ball was not there the week prior when she was working in the garden.
There was no damage to the screen or inside window, reports said. There are no suspects at this time.

Mirror broken off vehicle

The driver-side mirror of a tan Lincoln was broken off the vehicle between 12:30-8 a.m. Oct. 4, while parked in the carport of a residence on Haggerty Road, reports said.
According to police, the mirror appeared to have been pushed down slowly to break the interior bracket without damaging other car parts.
The damage is estimated at about \$100.

Stolen bike

A bike was reported stolen from outside the Novi Public Library, at Taft and 10 Mile roads, between 5-7 p.m. Sept. 2.
According to the victim, he parked the bike in front of the entrance at the bike rack, but did not lock it. When he returned, it was missing.
The silver bike had black handlebars and "SG" written on the back behind the seat area, reports said. It was an older Rhino brand BMX, worth \$100.
The officer searched the surrounding areas of the library, but was unable to locate the bike.

Debates available On Demand

Bright House Networks' customers have access to view the presidential and vice presidential debates as aired on C-SPAN through On Demand programming. All debates will be accessible as they air and will be available until Nov. 6.
The third presidential debate which was expected to air yesterday, Oct. 15, is available starting today.
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2008 Presidential Election

The Botsford Center for Health Improvement, located at 39750 Grand River Avenue in Novi, is hosting a University of Michigan-Michigan State University tailgate event focusing on fitness Wednesday Oct. 22. Participants will earn touchdowns, field goals and conversion points for the team of their choice by working out for free at the facility. Points are awarded for attending group fitness classes, using fitness equipment and showing team spirit.
The winning team's colors will be displayed throughout the facility and their flag waved at the entrance for one week.

Health fair and flu shots

The Novi Senior Center and City of Novi Human Resources Department are proud to offer a brand new health fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 24 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.
Everyone is invited to check out displays, participate in hands-on testing, take home materials, and enjoy light refreshments. Additionally, flu shots will be offered and given on a first come, first served basis. Flu shots are \$25 without insurance or free with Medicare Part B, including all HMOs under Medicare Part B, Blue Care Network, HAP Priority Health and Railroad Medicare.
For more information about the event contact (248) 478-3100 or visit: www.botsford.org/bchi.

Go For The Gold

The 2008 Novi Parks Foundation gala and awards presentation is 7 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 8 at Rock Financial Showplace, located at 49100 Grand River Avenue.
The annual event includes hors d'oeuvres, a strolling buffet, live entertainment, silent and live auctions, casino games and more. Black tie is optional, but preferred.
Tickets for the event are \$125 per person or \$200 per couple. R.S.V.P. no later than Oct. 31. For more information call (248) 455-2908.

Novi Public Library

The Novi Public Library Groundbreaking Ceremony will be 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Novi Public Library, located at 46245 W. 10 Mile Road.
Continental breakfast will be served. R.S.V.P. by Monday, Nov. 3 to Marcia Dominick at (248) 349-0720 Ext. 111 or via e-mail at ndominick@novilibrary.org.
The new Novi Public Library will feature larger collections for more books; multimedia and resource materials; a computer lab for instruction; teen reading and social space; quiet study rooms; small and large meeting room spaces; a full-service cafe; youth reading and activity rooms; and an outdoor reading and programming patio.
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"Corporate Review - JPS Marketing" won honorable mention interview/talk show.
"Novi State of the City Montage" won second place promotion of a city/county.
"Down to Earth" won second place public education.
"Fall for Novi - Promo 2007" won third place event/program promotion.

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COLD CASE

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manner of death as homicide, caused by head and neck trauma. It was determined Tamara died three days earlier.
Molloy was a sergeant at the time and recalls working on the case for the first month or so.
"It's cases like this you never forget because there's always a family — the victim's family," he said. "We've cried with them, we've argued with the prosecutors with them. It's a great feeling of relief right now, knowing the efforts have paid off."
The case
At the time of the murder, Tamara and Daniel were separated and going through divorce proceedings. Even though he was the only suspect who was not cleared by police, there were no hairs or fingerprints belonging to Pittao

found at the scene of Tamara's death.
"Granted we did not have a lot of direct evidence in this case, but we had mounds of circumstantial evidence that all led back to Dan Pittao," Molloy said. "This was a very objective and unbiased investigation by our men and women, and I'm very proud of them."
The investigation revealed Daniel's history of domestic violence with his son from his first marriage, ex-wife and Tamara, who had a personal protection order against him.
Witnesses said they saw Daniel at the apartment complex the Monday Tamara was reportedly killed, and he could never account for his actions during the estimated time of death. But the defense claimed there was a lack of evidence and said Daniel was a good father.
The case had been open for nearly a decade when Daniel Pittao attempted to collect \$180,000 in his wife's life insurance in May 2006 and made statements that conflicted with prior testimony. Investigators were able to uncover new information, which facilitated the issuance of an arrest warrant of Daniel Pittao, who has been in the county's custody since January 2007.
The trials
There were close to 40 witnesses who testified in the Pittao case, which went to trial twice, due to a hung jury in February.
Warren ruled a mistrial Feb. 7 after the jury spent two weeks in deliberations, following a five-week trial, only to reach a split vote with seven jurors suggesting Daniel Pittao as guilty and five saying he was innocent.
The second trial commenced Sept. 2 and the jury began deliberations Oct. 9.

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Japan studies Oakland jury trial system

On Oct. 20, the 6th Circuit Court of Oakland County will host Judge Daitsuke Takahara of Japan as part of a 12-month overseas training program sponsored by the Supreme Court of Japan.

The program provides judges a sabbatical to do detailed research of court operations in various countries. Takahara, along with 40 of his colleagues, have been sent abroad

to observe trials and proceedings and learn about jury trial systems. Takahara was assigned to Detroit to observe the 3rd Circuit Court of Wayne County through June 2009.

During this study period, he will conduct research and write several papers and on occasion, speak to interested faculty and students about the differences in the legal training programs in America and Japan.

Takahara received his Bachelor of Law degree from Japan's National Law Institute in 2004 and specializes in criminal law and intellectual property.

For his visit to Oakland Circuit Court, his focus will be on the behind the scenes "nuts and bolts" aspect of its jury process.

Takahara will have the opportunity to see how jury pools are created, the mechanics regarding the questionnaires, the voir dire (jury selection) process, as well as the

opening of a jury trial and initial instructions to the jurors.

Typically new judges in Japan are younger than the attorneys appearing before them.

At only 29 years of age, Takahara has already served with the courts of Japan for five years. Judges are appointed by the Judicial Cabinet and remain under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Japan.

There are no separate law schools as in the United States.

To become a judge, prosecutor or attorney, applicants must take a tough entrance exam to Japan's National Law Institute.

Only 2 percent, or 1,000 out of every 50,000 applicants, are accepted into the program.

Newly appointed judges wait five years before getting their own courtroom and, under the authority of the Supreme Court, are transferred to courts across Japan every three years.



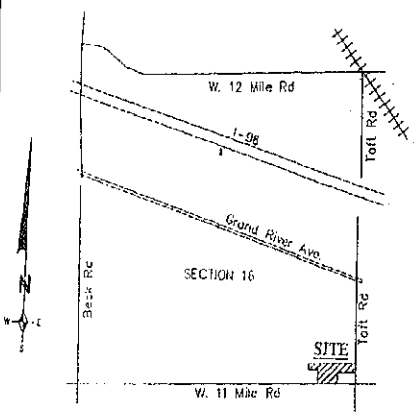
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Extreme Meeting

Novi resident Maddle Schultz (left) stops for a photo with celebrity designer Didlayer Snyder on the set of the TV show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **BASILIAN FATHERS RESIDENCE WETLAND PERMIT, SITE PLAN NUMBER 07-59B, FOR WETLAND PERMIT APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 16, AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF TAFT ROAD AND ELEVEN MILE IN THE R-1, LOW-DENSITY, LOW-RISE MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT WITH A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY.** The subject property is approximately 4.15 acres and the applicant is proposing the development of a residence for 14 Basilian priests.



All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 22, 2008.

Novi Planning Commission
Andrew Gutman, Secretary

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PROVISION OF THE SNOW EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Chapter 33, Article III, Division 5, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Novi, Michigan, a snow emergency shall be deemed to exist whenever: (1) freezing rain, sleet or four (4) or more inches of snow has been forecast for the area by a newspaper circulated in the city, or by a radio or television station with a normal operating range covering the city; or (2) freezing rain or sleet has fallen or four (4) or more inches of snow have accumulated in the city.

Whenever any vehicle without an operator is found parked or left in violation of any provision of this division, the Director of the Department of Public Services, or his designee, or the Police Department may immediately remove the vehicle or cause the vehicle to be removed to a place of safekeeping at the expense of the registered owner of the vehicle.

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LOCAL EVENTS

Art Show Presents "Creation, Libation, Miracles"
TIME/DATE: 5-9 p.m. Friday
LOCATION: Main St.
DETAILS: A new twist on happy hour: art, music, prizes, no cover. The Grapevine hosts Ralph Topp Duo-jazz and Epiphany Glass art. Gus O'Connor's hosts Sarana Verlin and David Nefesh-folk and Dan Angel Perez-art. Mixx Lounge hosts Miguel Mickey-DJ and Michelle Moore-art. The Post Bar hosts Randy Brock Group-rock and Barred Deneau-art.

"Diamonds and Denim" Angela Hospice Benefit Gala
TIME/DATE: 6-11 p.m. Saturday
LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace
DETAILS: Event features dinner, raffle, silent auction, performance by Neil Diamond tribute artist David James and dancing to the music of the Rick Lieder Band. Ticket are \$100 per person. Proceeds benefit Angela Hospice. To make reservations, call Barb at (734) 953-6045, or visit angelaospice.org.

Energy Efficiency Forum
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Saturday
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: DTE Energy offers this free forum to help home and business owners learn how to save money on their energy bills. Please preregister. CONTACT: cleenergy.com

Win, Body and Soul Teen Night
TIME/DATE: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday
LOCATION: Sheraton Hotel, 2111 Haggerty Road, Novi
DETAILS: For teen girls, aged 12-18. Panel of teens asking the tough questions to a panel of professionals. Sponsored by V's Red Tent. Cost: \$5. CONTACT: (248) 974-7654, vredtent@novi-way.com or www.vredtent.com

Go the Game Store Grand Opening
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday
LOCATION: Twelve Oaks Mall
DETAILS: Register to win prizes between 11

a.m.-noon. Free gifts, donuts, subs and cider.

Democrats of West Oakland County
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday
LOCATION: Maple Restaurant and Golf, 31260 Wakefield Dr., on 14 Mile Road between Novi Road and I-480
DETAILS: Speaker Ron Dzwonkowski, editor, Detroit Free Press Editorial Page, presents "Fourteen Days to Go: Who will Win and Why." Bring a can of food for the Oakland County Foodbank. CONTACT: Jim (248) 624-7228

"Removing the Mysteries of Probate Court"
TIME/DATE: 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesday
LOCATION: Walled Lake Villa Senior Apartments, Walled Lake
DETAILS: Free seminar for senior citizens and their families explaining the Probate Court's role in wills, estates, trusts, guardianships and conservatorships. To register, call the apartments at (248) 699-0908.

Chablis Drive to Benefit Battered Women
TIME/DATE: Noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday
LOCATION: Kroger, 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills
DETAILS: Two Men and a Truck Wixom location teams with Kroger for this event. Collecting gently used women's business clothing for Holy Family Wardrobe Closet and monetary donations for Haven Shelter. Donations help battered women entering the work force.

An Evening with Patrick Henry
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday
LOCATION: Novi Middle School Auditorium
DETAILS: Patrick Henry, as portrayed by Richard Schuman, prominent American Revolutionary figure, will speak about his life during the early days of American history. Sponsored by The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. CONTACT: Novi Meadows (248) 449-1250

Life Story Writing Workshop
TIME/DATE: Oct. 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 Witay 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.novibrary.org or call (248) 349-0720.

MSO/UM Taijchi
DATE: Wednesday
LOCATION: Botsford Center for Health, 39750 Grand River Ave.
DETAILS: Earn touchdowns, field goals and conversion points for your team by working out for free at Botsford. Points awarded for attending group fitness classes, using fitness equipment and for showing team spirit. Winning team will have their colors displayed at the facility for one week. Raffle prizes and more. CONTACT: (248) 473-3100 or botsford.org

Lenafest: Short Films By/Far/About Women
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. VIP Reception, 7 p.m. Film Showing Thursday, Oct. 23
LOCATION: Emagine Theatre, 44425 West 12 Mile Road
DETAILS: This National Touring Film Festival promotes awareness about women's issues, highlighting women filmmakers and bringing women together in their communities. Nine short films hosted by One of Us Films. Proceeds benefit the Breast Cancer Fund and One of Us Films. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$15 at door or \$25 for VIP and can be purchased at oneofusfilms.org. CONTACT: (313) 567-4778

Health Fair and Flu Shots
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: Free event. Includes displays, hands-on testing, take home materials and light refreshments. Flu shots are \$25 without insurance or free with Medicare

Part Band are on a first-come, first-served basis. CONTACT: Linda Berla at (248) 347-0550

Dead Man Don't Die Health and Wellness Seminar
DATE: Saturday, Oct. 25
LOCATION: Sheraton Detroit Novi
DETAILS: Dr. Pete Coon, forensic scientist, discusses the damage poor nutrition and disease can do to the body using slides from autopsies. Discussions of anti-aging, obesity, colon issues, diabetes, high blood pressure and cholesterol and much more. CONTACT: Dolleen (866) 588-5433

Michigan Tax Conference
TIME/DATE: 7 a.m. Registration, 8 a.m. to 5:20 p.m. Conference, 5:30-7 p.m. Reception Wednesday, Nov. 5; and 7 a.m. Registration, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Conference Thursday, Nov. 6
LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace
DETAILS: Presented by the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants. Timely topics including latest on new WET. Recommended CPE credit: up to 18 hours. Cost for one day: MACPA Members \$275, Registrant \$375. Both days: MACPA Members \$495, Registrant \$595. Register at (888) 917-4273 or michpa.org. Course Code MITC.

Go for the Gold
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Nov. 8
LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace, 46800 Grand River Ave.
DETAILS: This Novi Parks Foundation gala and awards presentation includes hors d'oeuvres, strolling buffet, live entertainment, silent and live auctions, casino games and more. Black tie optional, but preferred. Tickets are \$125 per person or \$200 per couple. RSVP by Oct. 31. CONTACT: (248) 455-2608

"Weekend Canoeing in Michigan" Book Signing
TIME/DATE: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8
LOCATION: Border's Books and Music, 43075 Crescent Blvd.
DETAILS: Doc Fletcher, author of "Weekend Canoeing in Michigan: The Rivers, The Towns, The Taverns" signs copies of his book.

Containers and Hanging Baskets for Outdoor Winter Interest
TIME/DATE: 6:30 social, 7 p.m. program, Monday, Nov. 10
LOCATION: Northville City Hall
DETAILS: Gardeners of Northville and Novi present this program with Gina VanHorn. Public welcome. CONTACT: gardenersnorthville-novi.org or Marla (248) 349-2352

Comfy Couch Concerts
TIME/DATE: Doors open 7 p.m. for potluck, concert begins 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22
LOCATION: Newport Furnishings, 29240 Lyon Oaks Dr., Wixom
DETAILS: Monthly concert series featuring live acoustic music. Casual, comfortable, smoke-free family friendly event. Bring a dish to share and join the potluck before the show. Nov. concert features Jill Jack and Billy Brandt. CONTACT: comfycouchconcerts.com

"Face the Yellow" at Second City
TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; 8 and 10 p.m. Friday; and 7 and 9 p.m. Saturday through Nov. 23
LOCATION: The Second City, 42705 Grand River Ave.
DETAILS: Enjoy this all-political revue with customized comedy for the election year. Tickets are \$15 except on Friday and Saturdays they are \$20. CONTACT: (248) 348-4448 or secondcity.com or ticketmaster.com

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DATE: Today through Oct. 27
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DATE: Saturday, Oct. 25
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After 5 Event
TIME/DATE: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23
LOCATION: Famous Dave's, 43350 Crescent Blvd.
DETAILS: \$15 pre-registration, \$20 at door. Membership Luncheon
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5
LOCATION: Bonefish Grill, 43304 11 Mile Road
DETAILS: \$20 pre-registration, \$30 at door. Please register. Business to Business Breakfast and New Member Reception
TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11
LOCATION: Courtyard by Marriott, 42700 11 Mile Road
DETAILS: Register online or call the chamber. No cost.

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I don't even want to open the envelop with my 401K statement. I can feel the value of my home sinking under my feet. I worry about losing my income. And I don't know if I am madder at the greed on Wall Street or the incompetence in our nation's capital let the Robber Barons - well, be robbers!



Tom Watkins

getting battered by the economic tsunami that has been washing over our shores. Many are angry and feel helpless as we watch what feels like the disappearing act of the American Dream.

Many of my friends and colleagues from around the state and nation are angry and fed up with a financial and political system that seems to have economically abused the ordinary, middle class people who helped build this great nation of ours while enriching themselves. The anger is at a boiling stage and many want to grab our collective pitch forks and make someone "pay" for the damage they have caused to so many people and the very

foundation of our country! Yet, while the anger is palpable, there is also a yearning to try to create something positive out of this mess.

Look, I am far from an economist - but, I am an American and I don't like the helpless feeling that this huge fiscal crisis has placed upon me, my family, and country. I am finding myself complaining to anyone who will listen. While that may be good therapy, it won't "fix" anything.

As President Franklin Delano Roosevelt said at the height of the Great Depression, "Do something and if that does not work, do something else, but for God's sake, do something!"

Here is an idea: Invest in American Bonds.

I say we call for issuing "Invest in America Bonds." They would be similar to the "War Bonds" last issued dur-

ing World War II. We have an economic Pearl Harbor facing our nation and it's time to come together as a country and reinvest in America.

Rather than issuing these bonds to finance military operations during war time, they would be used to invest in creating jobs for the 21st century hyper-competitive, disruptive, transformational, technologically driven economy. No, this idea is not going to solve our problems - but it would engage the spirit of the American people and the resources can be used to help stimulate job creation here at home:

- alternative energy - to get us off dependence of foreign oil
- rebuilding our infrastructure; building roads, bridges, schools and hospitals.
- innovation to make us safer in world full of global terror.

■ new manufacturing technology to recapture this vital industry for America.

■ Invest in talent/education from the cradle to the grave to make us once again the "brain bank of the world" - where everyone comes for deposits and withdrawals.

Americans are looking for safe havens for investment. They are also looking for ways to help lift up our nation and spirits. What better way to do so than creating a campaign that allows all of us, from school-age children to adults, with inflation, imagine the money that could be generated to put American back to work!

I believe America is worth investing in - do you?

Tom Watkins is a business and educational consultant in the US and China. He served the state as superintendent of public instruction (2000-2005), mental health director (1996-1999) and an elected member of the Wayne County Charter Commission (1980-1982). He can be reached at: tomw@att.net.

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Favorite books: In Nov. the list of Wisconsin Top Ten will be posted.

Shel's Express Book Club
TIME: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29
DETAILS: "The Anatomy of Deception" by Lawrence Sanders.
Fall Festival
TIME: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25
DETAILS: Brad Lowe's Fantasy Free Puppets perform "The Country Mouse and The City Mouse". For ages 2-10. Please register.

Novelists Discussion
TIME: 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17
DETAILS: For teens in grades 6-12. Reading "Lies" by Scott Westerfeld, Register before Oct. 1 and Nov. 12. Refreshments provided.

Go-Spoke Party: Pumpkin Patch
TIME: 4-5:30 p.m. or 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5
DETAILS: Complete an autumn plate. Free for residents. \$5 materials fee for non-residents. Register, now.

NOVI SENIORS

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

Novi Senior Center
TIME: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Tuesday, Friday and 9 a.m. - noon Saturday
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

Novi Youth Assistance Center
Meeting
TIME: 6 p.m. First Tuesday of each month (Nov. 4)
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has been an advocate for children, for teachers, and for public education. She would like to advocate for the community she has lived in for thirty-seven years as County Commissioner for District 9 which includes Novi and the Oakland County portion of Northville.

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Ask The Nurse About the Retirement Options of Today

Dear Nurse Lisa,
My family is considering moving mom into a retirement community or bringing home health care into her home. The problem is mom is extremely lonely, has some hearing loss and quite frankly doesn't seem to be eating well. Do you have any suggestions as to what may be the best solution for our mom?
Confused Karen.

Karen,
Home health care definitely has its place, however if your mom is lonely she would benefit greatly from the social aspect of a retirement community. So many problems can stem from not eating well, it is scary. Retirement communities offer meal plans that would insure your mom is getting the necessary nutrition she requires. Unless you plan on having home health care 24 hours per day, which is costly, I worry that your mom may not hear an intruder or alarm which could be a safety hazard. Again, in your mom's case I recommend checking out a retirement community in your area.

Nurse Lisa

Email your questions to Nurse Lisa to: lvw@wellness@bcbl.net

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Jan McAlpine (left) and Marilyn Taylor take a look at some of the quilts that Taylor and other Novi Needlers have created in the past weeks. All the quilts seen here will be donated to veterans at the V.A. Hospital in An Arbor.

Novi Quilters
LOCATION: Novi Meadows Sixth Grade House
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Are Michigan teachers ready for pay-for-performance?

BY ALEEA HUREAN
SPECIAL WRITER

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
For more information on the teacher merit pay plan, visit www.mackinac.org.

Incentive pay plans have been around a long time in the form of commissions for those in sales. They reward aggressive sales men and women while encouraging the more, well, sluggish.

Now the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, headquartered in Midland, wants to bring a pay-for-performance plan to Michigan teachers. The Mackinac Center is a nonprofit, nonpartisan research center designed to improve state and local policy issues affecting the citizens of Michigan. In essence, they are known as the "think tank" for public schools in Michigan.

"Other countries are not waiting for us to get our educational system right," said Joseph Lehman, president of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, speaking at a forum on a merit pay pilot program, held at Laurel Manor in Livonia last Tuesday. Lehman also said that outsourcing jobs to other countries that are on steroids, in regard to their educational system, has to stop.

In an economy where education is the most crucial industry, teacher quality is the most important factor for student achievement. According to the merit pay pilot plan, approximately \$10,000 would be added on to existing salaries of teachers whose students' performance

proves high. Less effective teachers would either ramp up their skills in order to reap the financial benefits or drop out of the profession all together.

Members of the panel last week concluded that research has shown that "a teacher's years of experience and advanced degrees do not generally enhance his or her ability to improve student achievement." That said, studies show there are exceptions, however minimal, in that teachers do tend to become more effective over their first five years, and science degrees in math and science fields produce slightly better student test scores.

Districts would volunteer to participate in the pilot program and funding would, hopefully, come from private sources. Otherwise, governmental aide would be used.

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"Everyone goes to Paul with their history questions," states Barnes & Noble Community Relations Manager Betsy

Storrs. "We have several customers who ask for him by name because they know he will find the right book and suggest good alternatives. You can tell he genuinely enjoys helping our customers find just the right book. And the girls who attend our Tea with

Felicity events are fascinated by his presentation. We are so fortunate to have him." For more information about this event, or about other events at this Barnes & Noble location, please contact Betsy Storrs at (248) 348-1274 or crm2648@bn.com.

Twenty lucky girls from the ages of 8 to 12 will attend the 5th annual "Tea with Felicity" event based on the popular bestselling American Girls Club series at the Barnes & Noble bookstore in Northville. Girls and their American Girl dolls will take tea in the best 18th century manner just as character Felicity and her friends would have done. Barnes & Noble bookseller Paul Cirocco and Mrs. Karen Hines Ditttrick with daughters Catherine, Emma and Caroline Ditttrick, all be costumed in authentic 18th century attire, will play host to this event.



Karen Hines Ditttrick with daughters Catherine and Emma.

The Tea with Felicity event will take place at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25 at the Barnes & Noble store located at 17111 Haggerty Road, on the northwest corner of Six Mile and Haggerty, in Northville Township.

Before refreshments are served, Cirocco will discuss the history of the traditional afternoon tea as well as give a brief lesson on proper etiquette for young ladies in the 18th century. The guests will enjoy delectable homemade gingerbread and sugar cookies to nibble while tasting freshly brewed hot tea. Following the tea party, Cirocco and the hostesses will treat the young guests to a special presentation of period toys and games, as well as a quill and ink writing lesson with authentic goose feather quill pens. Space is limited to 20 participants, but observers are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Please call the store at (248) 348-0996 to RSVP.

A LOCAL TRADITION
Bookseller Paul Cirocco began hosting this popular annual event in 2003. Cirocco and friend Ditttrick are members of "The Brigade of the American Revolution" and "British Brigade," which are international organizations devoted to researching all aspects of life during the Revolutionary War era. The organizations also recreate Revolutionary War scenes at museum programs and historical reenactments throughout the Eastern United States, Canada and abroad. Cirocco and Ditttrick have also participated in both the Bicentennial and 225th anni-

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TIME/RATE: 6:30-9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, through Dec. 17 (no class Nov. 26)
LOCATION: Community Education (ITC) Building
DETAILS: Prepare to answer help wanted ads for job as an administrative assistant, manager, supervisor, receptionist, coordinator and more. Learn Microsoft Excel and Word fundamentals and get an overview of PowerPoint. Produce business documents, maintain computer records and track expenses, services, product, customers and staff. Increase keyboarding skills and computer procedures. Prerequisite: Must have some basic experience with a computer. Certificate awarded. Fee is \$299 plus a book fee of \$59 payable at first class.
Movie Maker
TIME/RATE: 6:30-8 p.m. Today
LOCATION: Novi Meadows Sixth Grade Computer Lab
DETAILS: Learn how to download or scan your photos and create a movie with them. Also learn how to add music to your movie. Fee is \$25.

REGIONAL

Michigan Out-of-Power Presidential Forum
TIME/RATE: 7 p.m. Tonight
LOCATION: Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road, Clarkston
DETAILS: Town hall discussion with the campaigns of Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. John McCain on issues important to sportsmen. Please preregister by calling Dave at (517) 346-6462 or dnyberg@mucc.org.

As the Page Turns
LOCATION: 149 North Center Street, Suite 102, Northville
CONTACT: (248) 912-0085 or www.assthepage.com

Girls Night Out
TIME/RATE: 7-9 p.m. Friday
DETAILS: N. Boggs shares "A Rainbow of Browns" and one other book. Refreshments served.

Cancer Awareness and Book Signing
TIME/RATE: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday
DETAILS: Featuring John Ricco and John O'Shaughnessy, local authors of two inspiring books.

Author Meet and Greet with Lem Barney
TIME/RATE: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28
DETAILS: Pro-Football Hall of Famer and author of "The Supernatural", Lem Barney will visit with customers.

Book Signing with Lisa Wolfe
TIME/RATE: 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7
DETAILS: Author shares her first novel, "The Journal of a Lifetime".

Book Signing with Versandra Rowan
TIME/RATE: 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14
DETAILS: Kennebrew's book, "Thank God for the Shelter - Memoirs of a Homeless Healer" details her time living in a homeless shelter. Portion of sales goes to support COIS.

"Barfoot in the Park"
TIME/RATE: Performances are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16-18.
LOCATION: The Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32332 West 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills
DETAILS: This romantic comedy by Neil Simon is the opening production of the 2008-2009 season. Please visit the Web site for the complete audition notice and role descriptions at www.farmingtonplayers.org.
CONTACT: For information, call Alison after business hours at (734) 546-5341.

Inner Engineering Class
TIME/RATE: 7-10 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19-21
LOCATION: Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills
DETAILS: Isha Foundation presents this 7-day program. Free introductory talk 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15. Learn practices and techniques that are an antidote to stress. Designed to purify the system, increase health and well being, and strengthen the mind and body for optimum function.
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St. Alexander's of Farmington Hills Annual Auction
TIME/RATE: 1-7 p.m. Sunday
LOCATION: Vladimir's of Farmington Hills, 28125 Grand River Avenue
DETAILS: Event will feature appetizers, silent auction, family style dinner and a live auction. Tickets are \$45 per seat and must be purchased in advance.
CONTACT: Trish Heffernan, (248) 449-1987

Spreading the Warmth to the Heedy Coal Drive
DATE: Oct. 20-24 Collection
LOCATION: Items may be dropped off in a box outside the front office of the following schools: Amerman Elementary, Ridgewood Elementary, Thornton Creek Elementary, Winchester Elementary and Northville High School
DETAILS: Women with a Purpose charity group is partnering with Northville Schools for their 4th annual coal drive. We are collecting new and gently used coats, hats and gloves. Items benefit the PB & J outreach program which directly helps the homeless, and Holy Family Clothes Closet serving Northville's Civic Concern clients.

Daughters of the American Revolution, Northville/Plymouth/Westland/Canton/South Lyon
TIME/RATE: 6:30 p.m. Monday
LOCATION: Canton Library, 100 South Canton Center Road
DETAILS: "Reflections of the Shearer Cemetery" with speaker Sanford Burr, Plymouth.
CONTACT: (734) 459-4764

Jackie's Honoring Hoagendyk
TIME/RATE: Noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday
LOCATION: Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills
DETAILS: Fund-raiser for Jack Hoagendyk (R), U.S. Senate Candidate. Featured speaker is Gov. Mike Huckabee. Sponsorship, photo opportunity and luncheon is \$500. Luncheon only per

person is \$100. Please RSVP to Liz at liz.targett@yahoo.com or (248) 363-1677.

Oakland County Youth Assistance Mentor Plus Volunteer Training
SCHEDULE: 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25; 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8; 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6
LOCATION: Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac
DETAILS: Become a Mentor Plus volunteer and provide a positive adult role model for someone 5 to 16 years old.
CONTACT: (248) 858-0841

Healing Tea Party
TIME/RATE: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26
LOCATION: Holy Trinity of the Virgin Mary Church Hall, 39951 Five Mile Road, Plymouth
DETAILS: Enjoy teas, finger foods and words of wisdom from specialists teaching us how to release tension and gain inner peace through breathing and yoga. Cost is \$7
CONTACT: (248) 974-7654, vreditent.com or vreditent@wowway.com

Oakland County Probate Court Volunteer Opportunities
DETAILS: Help the Court monitor guardianships of the most vulnerable members of our community. Caring adults are needed to be the eyes and ears of the court. You set your own schedule to visit at least two individuals per month and review their guardianship situation. The next training session is scheduled for Nov. 21. Call (248) 858-0288 for more information.

2900 Celebration of Slaves Annual Gala
TIME/RATE: 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7
LOCATION: The Henry Ford, Dearborn
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Wildcats win Jug, Central Division



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Nov Wildcats celebrate with the Baseline Jug, which Novi has won every year since 2000.

Pitcher picks off two-point attempt in 14-12 win

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Baseline Battle which had so much on the line, lived up to its billing Friday night in Northville.

Novi held off a late two-point conversion and kept the Baseline Jug for the eighth straight year with a 14-12 win against rival Northville.

The victory gives the Wildcats the outright Central Division title. A Northville win would have forced a three-way tie with Novi, Northville and Stevenson.

"The Jug is a great thing, just in terms of Northville and Novi is such a special rivalry," Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey said. "Northville had a great offensive and defensive plan against us. We were fortunate tonight."

Northville struggled to put together an extended drive most of the night, but put together the best drive when it had to.

The Mustangs took over from their own 6-yard line with 7:25 left and trailing 14-6.

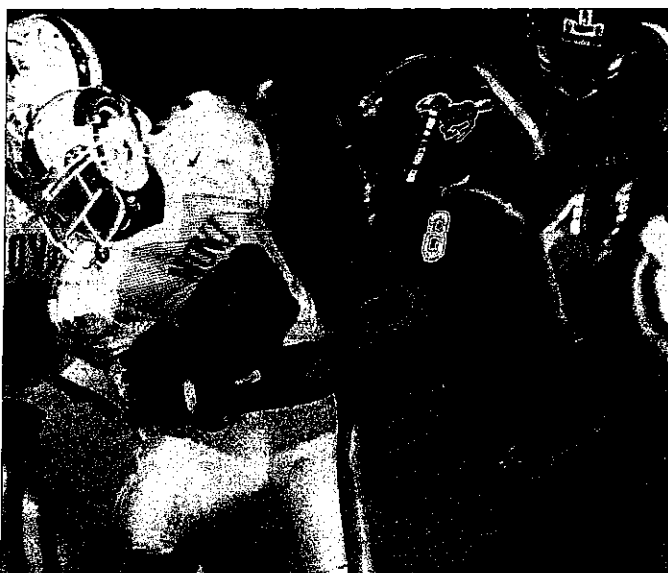
After overcoming a pair of fourth-down conversions, Mustang Jake Weddle scored his second touchdown from the three with 58.8 left.

Northville was forced to go for a two-point conversion after having an earlier point-after blocked.

Coach Matt Ladach called for a pass attempt on the two-point try. Matt Kraeger rolled left before sending a pass over the middle, but Novi's Jimmy Pitcher stepped in front of the ball and picked it off.

"We had man coverage but no guy showed for me so I just went to the middle," Pitcher said. "The quarterback threw it a little over my head and I just jumped up and got it."

"It felt amazing. I knew we were going to win."



Mustang Ryan Gerblick, right, tries to bring down Wildcat Randall Moore.

Northville attempted an onside kick and appeared to recover it, but it was ruled to not have gone 10 yards, and Novi took over and ran out the clock.

"They defended it well. My hat goes off to them," said Ladach of the two-point play. "Our guys played well. There is no question about it."

"We executed our gameplan. We just made a couple of mistakes on offense that Novi capitalized on."

The Wildcats took the lead with a 20-yard keeper by Andy Donatto on a quarterback draw with 9:09 remaining in the first half.

"They threw me in as quarterback for the first time in a game," Donatto said. "The line made a

nice wall and I cut it up. There were two defenders but I got in."

Northville responded on the next drive with a 1-yard plunge by Weddle, but only cut the lead to 7-6 after a blocked kick.

The Wildcats added to their lead with a similar score to their first touchdown. This time it was Chris Bellamy who took the quarterback draw in from 23 yards out with just 1:43 left in the half and a 14-6 lead that stood until the final minute.

"I dropped back and faked a pass and followed my blocks and found a hole," Bellamy said. "I had one guy to beat and beat him."

"We won the Jug, we got in the playoffs and won the division. We

did everything."

Both defenses stood strong throughout the night. Novi was limited to 200 total yards, and Northville produced 255, but 96 of it came on the final drive.

The Mustangs coughed up the only turnover of the game with a fumble on its opening drive.

"We said this was a great opportunity," Kellepourey said. "You get this win and it's a divisional championship. It's six wins and now you're a playoff team."

"Ultimately, it comes down to the Baseline Jug. You saw how excited that we get when we get our hands on it."

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Catholic Central's Jack Snyder returns a shot against Northville's Melvin Joseph during tennis regionals.

CC edges Novi for tennis regional title

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central edged Novi 26-25 to win Friday's regional tennis championship at the Novi Middle School.

The two schools advance to the state meet, along with Northville, which scored 19 points.

Novi and CC were deadlocked at 25 points with one match remaining, No. 3 doubles.

All three schools were huddled around the court, cheering on the deciding match.

CC's Nick Petracci and Robbie Guindi won the match 6-4, 7-6 (6) to claim the title.

"It was a great win," Shamrock head coach Joe

Stafford said. "Novi has a great team and a great tradition. They've won the last three regional championships."

"It's a team effort and collectively our guys brought energy, enthusiasm, spirit and some great tennis."

The Shamrocks, Wildcats and Mustangs dominated the finals. Catholic Central won four of six matches in the finals, Novi won three of six and Northville claimed one title in four final matches.

The Shamrocks scored 25 points, one better than Novi to win the regional. Any team with 18 points or more also advances, and Northville did so with 19.

Regional singles champions were Catholic Central's

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Novi soccer team advances in districts

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Novi soccer survived a scare from South Lyon on Monday in the first round of districts. The Wildcats won 4-2 in a game much closer than the score indicates.

Garrett Gauruder scored the first of his three goals midway through the first half off a Roland Razburgaj cross.

The Lions scored the equalizer following a scrum after a free kick, and it remained deadlocked at one into the half.

The Wildcats went ahead in the second half when Chase Jaborri was taken down and given a penalty kick, which Gauruder converted with 12 minutes remaining.

The lead grew to 3-1 four minutes later when Gauruder completed the hat trick off a feed from Miles Reichley.

South Lyon didn't nail it in and pulled within a goal with four minutes left.

The Lions pushed everyone forward hoping to pull even, but Jaborri scored on a breakthrough following a Dan Kilger clear to put the game out of reach.

The Wildcats improve to 10-6-3.

Novi played in the semifinals Wednesday. A win would put the Wildcats in the district finals noon Saturday at Northville.

Check hometownlife.com for results from Wednesday's game.

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Wildcat Garrett Gauruder, shown against Northville, scored three goals in Monday's district opener.

'Cats face Canton for conference crown

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Novi has shown it can stand up to bigger teams, but Friday's tilt for the KLAAs Kensington Conference title will be the best test yet.

The Canton Chiefs have overpowered all but one team with a high-powered offense that has averaged more than 50 points in its last three games.

"Canton runs a full-house T and all kinds of stuff," Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey said. "Their tremendous offensive line can come off the ball. They have a really strong offense. They're a very, very good team."

The Chiefs shored up the South Division with a 57-43 offensive-showcase victory against Churchill last week.

Canton's only slip-up was a

36-35 loss to John Glenn in week four.

Novi and Canton have played each other twice under Kellepourey's reign, with each team winning once. The winner of Friday's game will be the first-ever KLAAs Conference Champion.

The Wildcats have shown the ability to win in various ways. They've won a game by scoring a two-point conversion. They've won by stopping one. They've gotten it done through the air and on the ground.

But the Novi defense will have to bring its A game if it wants to win a conference title.

The game will also be homecoming for the Wildcats. Expect an even bigger crowd than normal for the biggest game in Novi in a long time.

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Northville's Kris Baumgardner runs into a host of Novi tacklers.

Novi Freshmen ride to 26-0 win over Northville

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FOOTBALL

The Novi freshman football team started the game against the Northville Mustangs in characteristic style with three first quarter scores on the way to its seventh win in as many starts. 26-0. Novi capitalized early on the missed execution of Northville to pile up the points and establish a half time lead that lasted for the rest of the game.

Michael Jozec got things started with a tackle and fumble recovery as Northville took the game's first possession. The fumble recovery set up a 17-yard run for Brandon Watkins, who finished the day with three touchdowns and more than 125 rushing yards. The extra point was blocked.

Novi's defense was solid in the shutout, producing three fumble recoveries and one interception. Leading tacklers for Novi were Tre Harlin, Jozec, Watkins, Jimmy Eloff and Chris Diacino.

Novi's second score was set up by a 55-yard Watkins run after Novi stopped Northville on the Novi 15-yard line. Two runs by Adam

Haynes and a Northville penalty moved the ball to the 6-yard line, where Watkins fell in behind the wall of Novi's offensive line for the score. The two-point conversion failed, making the score 12-0.

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After an exchange of possession, Northville fumbled a Haynes punt on the 35-yard line. Two rushes by Haynes as Novi took possession put the ball on the 6-yard line. Four plays later,

Watkins rolled out right and picked his way around the end for the score. Haynes kicked for the last point of the game to make it 26-0 with a little more than two minutes left in the first half.

The defense, aided by an Alejandro Albuera interception in the second half, kept the Northville offense in check. The offense could not get on track as it was hampered by penalties and execution.

The offense did manage to control the ball for most of the fourth quarter but ended the second half as it began at 26-0 to secure the Freshman Jug.

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Novi soccer fends off Lions

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Novi girls put the hammer down on Stevenson, 120-66, to pull ahead in the race to win the KLAAC Central Division.

The Wildcats won all events other than diving and the 500 and 800 freestyle.

They also showed how important depth was by taking several second and third-place finishes.

Novi head coach Scott Teeters wanted to thank his seniors, including Mary Anolik, Kerry Abel, Lauren Kalmosky, Ashley Bush and Annalisa Morgan for helping to lead the team.

"The seniors stepped up," Teeters said. "Everybody did what they had to do."

"I didn't expect the score to be like that. Our kids were really pumped."

The Wildcats are 4-2 overall and 4-0 in the division.

the line in 16:48. He was followed by TJ Butler (17:00) and Dan Egner (17:04).

South Lyon took the next three spots, but Novi finished out the scoring with Alex Minghine in seventh (17:24) and Joe Schubring in eighth (17:30).

Both Wildcat cross country teams will compete at the KLAAC Conference race Saturday afternoon at Postum Hollow in Kensington Park.

83 at Friday's regional meet at Tanglewood to advance individually to the state meet.

The Wildcats missed out as a team, finishing seventh with a 384.

Northville captured the title with a 340, followed by Walled Lake Central (361) and Brighton (364). The top three teams qualify for state, along with the top three individuals not on a qualifying team.

Rounding out Novi's scorers were Megan Henry (94), Brooke Collins (101) and Alex Palmer (106).

The state finals are Oct. 17-18 at Michigan State University. At the KLAAC Conference meet last Tuesday, Krick fired a 77 to win medalist at Pheasant Run.

Krick's round helped the Wildcats place second overall with a 363. Northville placed first with a 354.

Joining Krick with All-Conference status are teammates Henry (93-10th), Kelli Timar (96-13th) and Palmer (97-14th).



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Wildcat swimmers get fired up before a home meet against Northville.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Mike Blaszczyk started a Wildcat 1-2-3 finish by crossing

Novi's Natalie Krick shot an

The Wildcats knocked off Farmington United 4-0, getting goals from Trinity Louis,

Zugaro played their last home game.

VOLLEYBALL
The Wildcats placed second at the Madonna Tournament on Oct. 11.

Novi went undefeated in pool play, beating Ann Arbor 25-10, 25-5, 25-9; Lahser 25-17, 26-24, 15-10 and Farmington 25-12, 25-17, 16-14.

In tournament play, the Wildcats beat Lahser 25-11, 25-15; Seaborn 17-25, 25-16, 15-10 and Mercy 24-26, 25-20, 15-13 to reach the title game.

Salom won the title with a 25-22, 25-18 victory.

The Wildcats also blasted by South Lyon East 25-8, 25-5, 25-14 in league play.

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TENNIS
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Joe Dubé at No. 1, CC's Jack Snyder at No. 2, Northville's Steve Irvine at No. 3 and Novi's Carson Crandell at No. 4.

Doubles winners were Novi's Justin Ferooq and Aameya Sohani at No. 1; Novi's Greg Richard and Peter Zhang at No. 2; CC's Nick Patrucci and Robbie Guindl at No. 3; and CC's Derek Turovski and Patrick Bowers at No. 4.

Novi head coach Jim Hanson was thrilled for his three regional champions.

"Carson has played well all season long," Hanson said. "Our No. 1 doubles have been playing extremely well."

"The No. 2 doubles gutted it out. That was a battle out there with CC."

Hanson was happy the biggest goal of advancing was accomplished.

"It was a tough regional," Hanson said. "I thought the kids, overall, played well. All three teams are deserving to go."

The teams advance to the state finals Oct. 17-18 at the Midland Community Tennis Center.



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Novi's Greg Richard delivers a shot along with No. 2 doubles partner Peter Zhang during regional play.

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Niko Palazeti sets up his blockers as he heads upfield.

Shamrocks need win to make CHSL title game, playoffs

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central can shore up a bunch of loose ends with a win Saturday night at home against Dearborn Divine Child.

The Shamrocks would guarantee a playoff spot and lock in a date with DeLaSalle for a shot at the Catholic League title game the following week.

"We're happy that we put ourselves in this position," coach Tom Mach said. "We hope that we're up for the challenge."

"It's in our hands, and that's the way you want it. At the end you have nobody to blame if you don't perform. I think we're going to come to play a football game and come to play hard."

The Shamrocks enter Saturday's game as favorites, but Mach and his coaches just want the team to go out and continue to do what has gotten it to this point.

"Our seniors so far this year have done a good job for us," Mach said. "They've done a good job of making sure we are mentally prepared."

The Falcons are fresh off a 45-7 loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary's, but they have shown the ability to put points on

the board. Divine Child beat a Canadian team 49-0 in week three, U-D Jesuit 28-25 in week five and Bishop Foley 39-20 two weeks ago.

"Divine Child is going to come ready to play," Mach said. "We have a long history with Divine Child. They've always played us a very hard football game."

The Shamrocks pounded the Irish with 361 yards of rushing last week.

On the season, Anthony Capatina leads the team with 452 yards on 85 carries for a 5.3 average per carry.

Niko Palazeti is next with 312 yards on 53 carries (5.8 per carry). The two have combined for 10 touchdowns with Palazeti leading with six.

John Jakubik and Steve Harding have become the go-to-guys for quarterback Sam Landry. Jakubik has 169 yards receiving, while Harding has 124.

The defense has been the constant, allowing an average of just less than a touchdown over the last three games. That includes games against high-powered offenses DeLaSalle and St. Mary's.

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Shamrocks hammer Notre Dame 42-0

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central wasted little time in jumping on Notre Dame Prep on Saturday and never let off in a 42-0 thrashing.

The Shamrocks move within one win of guaranteeing themselves a spot in the playoffs.

"We scored on our first three possessions and shut them down in the early part of the game," Shamrock head coach Tom Mach said. "It continued throughout the game. A lot of guys did a very good job."

Anthony Capatina started the scoring less than three minutes in with a 41-yard run.

Kinville pushed the lead to 14-0 with a 35-yard pass from Sam Landry.

The lead grew to 21-0 late in the first quarter when Niko Palazeti scored on an 11-yard run.

"I thought we executed well in the first quarter," Mach said. "We made plays, and that's what we were

preaching all week."

The one score of the second quarter came on an 8-yard run by Greg Ford, for a commanding 28-0 halftime lead.

The final points came in the third quarter with Butch Herzog scoring from a yard out and Andrew Erickson running it in from six yards out.

The Shamrocks racked up 361 yards on the ground and 452 total.

"We got a lot of kids in the game, and everybody that went in there had the same attitude about doing their job and doing it well," Mach said. "I'm proud overall of all the kids. They came to play."

Mach was proud of his defense for allowing just seven first downs and 106 yards of offense.

"Our defense has been playing very well this year," Mach said. "We did a real good job of bottling them up and giving the offense a chance to score points."

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Catholic Central players celebrate a touchdown against Notre Dame Prep.

Catholic Central's soccer season ends with Northville loss

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Northville soccer head coach Henry Klimes doesn't like having to beat Catholic Central, but it's sure better than the alternative.

The Mustangs moved to the district semifinals with a 3-2 win Monday at home.

The reason for Klimes' heavy heart is the Shamrocks are coached by Joe Nora, a former player for Klimes when he coached at Catholic Central.

"It was tough to beat a good friend and end their season," Klimes said. "I respect CC and Joe, with the former ties I had with the school."

The action was fast and furious, with both teams getting big efforts from their stars.

The Mustangs were first to score when John Hatzis found the net from a Cam Burdette feed with 29:11 remaining in the first half.

The Shamrocks quickly answered with a Josh Gatt goal five minutes later.

But before the half ended, Northville would retake the lead. Nate Hrivnak scored off a header with Alex Marilley getting the assist, and Northville led 2-1 at the break.

The Mustangs pushed the lead to 3-1 early in the second half with Marilley scoring off a John Donikian feed.

But again, Gatt answered with a goal, setting up an exciting finish that saw the Mustangs hold off the Shamrocks to move on.

"It was a great game," Klimes said. "CC played very well, and Josh

Gatt was real good.

"It's game one of seven to win to be state champs."

The Mustangs faced Brighton last night for the right to move to the district finals noon Saturday at Northville.

Check hometownlife.com to see if the Mustangs won.

CHSL TITLE GAME

The Shamrocks lost out in the CHSL title game 2-1 to DeLaSalle before winning big on senior night.

In the league title game, DeLaSalle scored the first two goals before the Shamrocks fought back with a second-half goal from Josh Gatt off a free kick from 35 yards out.

Nick Kristock almost scored the equalizer, but a kick save of his header denied the goal.

"I was very proud of the effort we gave and we fought hard," Shamrock head coach Joe Nora said. "DeLaSalle is a real strong team, and they make things tough

on you when they can get the lead."

The Shamrocks (10-7-3) had little trouble with Livonia Franklin on senior night, running away with a 7-0 victory.

Eric Ryan led the way with two goals and an assist. Edwin David also notched a pair of goals.

Giovanni Stuita, Mike Tokacz and Gino Pulice scored the others.