

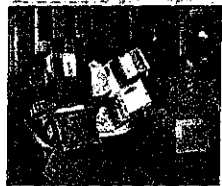
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Land swap for community Signature Park almost inked

City-schools agreement called historic

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL
STAFF WRITER

City residents are very close to facing a future bond proposal for a recreational Signature Park.

Called historic by Novi and school

officials, both entities agreed in principal to swapping land parcels following a request initiated by city decision makers in July.

Although the school board did not officially approve the deal, members said following three contract revisions by city of Novi officials, they will approve the swap and associated development rights at their regular Nov. 6 meeting.

At the center of the land deal is about 74 acres of district-owned property, known as the Bosco property, at the southwest corner of 11 Mile and Beck roads. The land is vacant.

As part of the land transfer, the

city will receive about 68 acres of the Bosco property for the bond-backed Signature Park.

Park plans include the possibility of a senior center, theater, recreational building, outdoor recreation area for events such as festivals and youth ball fields.

The city will also receive 1.8 acres of Fuerst Park land owned by the district.

As part of the swap, the district will receive the roughly 50-acre parcel, known commonly as Wildlife Woods Park, from the city located near the intersection of 11 Mile and Wixom roads. The district will also receive an approximate eight-acre piece of land

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Novi Royalty

2008 Novi High School Homecoming King Chip Switzer and queen Ashley Bush were crowned during halftime of Friday night's football game.

Novi hero pays it forward

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

On July 7, a life was lost on Walled Lake, but two were saved.

To most, Maria Dismondy is a hero, but the 30-year-old Novi resident struggled with the loss, feeling she needed to do more for the family of the late Anthony Curtis, 38.

"I was touched by the community during the drowning and how everyone helped and consoled each other," she said. "Before the tragic event, I knew only a handful of people on my street. I've lived there three years. That was sad to me."

The feeling of disconnect, combined with Dismondy's involvement in Landmark Education in Livonia, led to the creation of her neighborhood's first block party — Priceless Pumpkins.

"I have been taking classes through a national organization called Landmark Education and in July I started a new course called Self Expression and Leadership," she said. "The class teaches you to live a powerful life and one that you love in the face of anything that happens."

Priceless Pumpkins is a neighborhood event, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26.

"This event is about strengthening the community in which I live in, to really see what power there is when people get together to do something good for others," Dismondy said. "If you reach out to other people, you never know when you're going to need them."

About 95 homes were invited to the event, at the corner of Northaven Street and West Lake Drive, to carve pumpkins, which will be donated to the Grand Court of Novi nursing home.

"It kind of just started as let's get everyone together and carve pumpkins," Dismondy said, noting it was fellow neighbor Patty Harvey's idea to donate the pumpkins to the nearby senior housing community. "It's to meet people, network, have friends. To have a good safe environment for family to live and a place where people look out for you."

Local businesses donated items to the raffle, which will raise money for the Tony Roger Curtis Education Fund, Curtis' son who was 17 months old when Dismondy rescued him



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Marla Dismondy, seated, right, and friends Patty and Tom Harvey, Lori Howlett, Dave Boyer and Hugh and Lori Howlett will host the Priceless Pumpkins event benefitting the Tony Roger Curtis Education Fund.

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Donations can be made to Charlene Wagner for the Tony Roger Curtis Education Fund. Send to: Maria Dismondy, P.O. Box 930237, Wixom, MI 48393.



from the waters of Walled Lake.

"I used to feel like I was in the wrong place at the wrong time when the drowning happened," Dismondy said. "It was really hard for me to focus on the fact that I saved a mother and a child and not focus on the loss of Tony. This event has made me focus on the life that lives on in Tony Jr. and how I can help in raising money for his education fund."

Dismondy explains Landmark Education's pay-it-forward-concept as inspiring.

"It's opened my eyes to realize my life isn't just about me. It's about the people I affect," she said.

Dave and Maria Dismondy will host a philanthropic event called Priceless Pumpkins in their neighborhood.

The Novi Fire Department is attending the event and bringing goodies for the children.

Local businesses involved in the event include Costco, Jimmy John's, Dolly's Pizza, Biggy Coffee, B&W Variety, Meijer, Task Karate, Big Boy, Giuseppe's Italian Bakery, Great Harvest Bread and Watkins Flowers.

For more information regarding Priceless Pumpkins, contact Dismondy at mariadismondy@mac.com.

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District funding tops discussion at Novi school board candidate forum

Three vie for two education positions.

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL
STAFF WRITER

Three candidates vying for two seats on the Novi Community Schools Board of Education sounded off on a myriad of topics during

last week's League of Women Voters Oakland Area candidate forum.

Sponsored in part by the Novi PTO Interscholar Council, incumbent Bruce Bagdady, Karl Wizinsky and Dennis O'Connor answered questions during the Oct. 15 forum held in the Novi Schools Educational Services Building.

Both seats are for four-year

terms.

The recurring theme among the questions candidates faced was funding.

Bagdady believes the solution to the decreasing funding dilemma lies in a multitude of actions including continuing the district's energy-savings action plan, staffing the district with qualified applicants

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Lawrence, Patterson battle in race for county executive

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ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM NOVI CITY COUNCIL

• Mayor Pro Tem Kim Capello removed executive session from the consent agenda and councilman David Staudt added Matters for Council Action No. 5 to approve the agreement between the Novi Community School District and the City of Novi for exchange of properties, subject to review and final approvals by the city manager and attorney upon final approval by the school district. Council unanimously approved the land swap agreement to build a proposed signature park, contingent on voter approval of a bond.

• Council approved, by a 5-1 vote, to rezone the property located at the southwest corner of 14 Mile and Novi roads to RM-1, low density, low rise, multi-family residential with a planned rezoning overlay. The 3.88-acre property is currently zoned RA, residential acreage with a planned unit development for a 100-unit congregational care senior housing building.

Novi's Planning Commission made a positive recommendation of the applicant's request to construct a 93-unit, 186-bed, 61,583-square-foot convalescent home. J.S. Evangelista, LLC, owners and operators of Maple Manor of Wayne propose a nursing home will have less impact on the property and traffic. Councilman Andrew Mutch dissented because he believes adding a nursing home in Novi's north-end will heavily impact the demands of city services such as emergency medical service.

• Council approved, by a 6-0 vote, a resolution authorizing a \$432,400 cost share in the Michigan Department of Transportation's 2009 state trunk line projects in the City of Novi. The projects include rehabilitation of interstates 96 and 696 from Novi to Haggerty roads; reconstruction of I-96 and Novi Road ramps; construction of a new auxiliary lane on westbound I-96 from Michigan 5 to Novi

Road; among others. Novi's contribution represents about 1.15 percent of the overall value of construction.

• Council unanimously approved an agreement with the Novi Sheraton to host an appreciation dinner Jan. 9, 2009, honoring boards, commissions, committees and employees for their dedication to the City of Novi. The \$19,325 consent agenda item, approved by council includes food for about 600 people, coat check and audiovisual equipment and set up for the event. The total budgeted amount for the event is \$37,000 and includes linens, floral arrangements, invitations and postage, among other things.

• Council interviewed 10 candidates for positions on various boards and commissions for the City of Novi. The candidates are as follows: Gerald Bauer - Zoning Board of Appeals; Lee BeGole - Board of Review and Historical Commission; Derek Blair -

Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission; David Ghanam - Zoning Board of Appeals; Scott Lewis - Public Access Promotion Commission; Christopher Palmer - Zoning Board of Appeals, Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee and Election Committee; Ram Ramachandran - Housing and Community Development; Laura Schmidt - Beautification Commission; Donna Skely - Zoning Board of Appeals; and Raymond Weidenbach - Election Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Applicants Melissa Pettijohn, Ray Soeters and John Szawt could not be present for interviews.

Halloween Storybook Stroll
From 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, kids of all ages can enjoy trick-or-treating through Lakeshore Park, located at 601 South Lake Drive, with their favorite storybook characters including Cinderella, Peter Pan and Snow White.

Participants will play games, create crafts, enjoy snacks and receive a goodie bag. Register online for \$5 or on site for \$10.

For more information visit www.cityofnovi.org.

BOO! Bash
The Novi Youth Council is hosting a senior-to-senior BOO! Bash at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28 at Waltonwood senior community. Waltonwood residents will be dressed in costume for the bi-annual dinner and dance event with the Novi Youth Council.

R.S.V.P. to Novi Community Relations Department at (248) 735-5628.

Howl'een Parade
The Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is hosting the city's first Howl'een Parade from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. Community members are invited to bring their favorite canine friends to the parade, which includes other activities such as trick-or-treating for milk bones and a costume contest. Pre-parade festivities include vendor booths, bobbing for oranges and preliminary canine costume judging. All canines must be people and animal friendly and have proof of current vaccinations.

Register your canine online at www.cityofnovi.org. Pay an additional \$10 for a Howl'een tee shirt.

For more information visit www.cityofnovi.org.

Things That Go Bump in the Night
The Novi Senior Center is hosting its annual Halloween Party noon Friday, Oct. 31. The luncheon will be at the senior center, located at 25075 Meadowbrook Road, and advance tickets are required.

For more information call (248) 347-0414.

Trick-or-Treating
The Novi Police Department recommends Halloween Trick-or-Treating from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31.

Mezza Mediterranean Grille Halloween Party
Ghoulish festivities are planned for Mezza Mediterranean Grille's pre-Halloween Party, beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30. Adults 21 and older can win cash prizes for best costume. Specials on drinks and delicious Mediterranean cuisine will be offered all night. Musical entertainment provided by singer, JB, who will perform hits from the 70s, 80s, even current song titles, while deejay MoCutz will play song requests throughout the night during the musical dance party.

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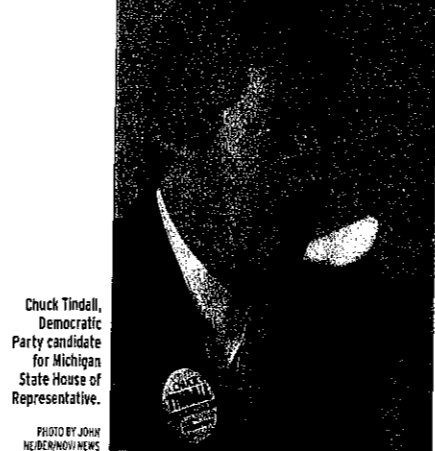
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Democratic state representative candidate represents working class



Chuck Tindall, Democratic Party candidate for Michigan State House of Representative.

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

As a union commercial carpenter, 23-year Novi resident Chuck Tindall, intends to bring a working class perspective to Michigan's legislature as state representative of the 38th District.

"I'd like to get in and try to right a few wrongs and protect working class people," he said.

Tindall, 54, is the Democratic Party candidate, representing the communities of Novi, the Oakland County-portion of Northville, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Wixom and Walled Lake, in the race for state representative Craig DeRoché's (R-Now) term limited seat.

Although Tindall has no political office experience, he

led a grassroots citizens' group in the 1990s, which allowed voters to amend the City of Novi Charter, and stopped that city council from constructing a golf course on city parkland.

"I think getting some people in there that are a little naive might not be a bad idea," he said. "It's not just the district. It's the state, and we're all in this together."

Tindall said the most pressing issue at the state level is the economy and recommends eliminating the outsourcing of services.

"We need to get the whole philosophy and mentality of shopping at home," he said. "Support your local business. It would help Michigan to spend the dollars here."

Cutting spending from the

state's department of corrections and elected officials' lifetime health care are areas Tindall believes are unnecessary considering Michigan's economy.

"We're locking up more people than other surrounding states. I'm fully in favor of justice, but we need to look at ways of being more fiscally responsible in our justice," he said. "The Michigan Legislature is the second highest paid legislature in the nation. I don't think anyone should get lifetime health care as an elected official. I think that's unjustified."

As a representative of the working class, Tindall hopes to repeal taxes on unemployment benefits.

"If your income goes down, your tax should go down,"

Tindall said, explaining in order to keep the budget balanced, the unemployment tax should be replaced by those who are employed. "If you're making money, you're paying the tax. If you're not making money, you're not paying the tax."

Similarly, Tindall supports some tax incentives for businesses, but believes the state needs to be fair about taxing. He is an advocate of environmental issues and supports the state seeking alternative sources of energy.

Tindall has been married to Carleen for 26 years and is the father of two Novi High School graduates, Christopher and Chad.

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Lawrence, Patterson clash in county executive race

BY PAT MURPHY STAFF WRITER

When L. Brooks Patterson went to a Detroit Tigers baseball game a couple of years back, he was approached by a panhandler.

That kind of name recognition is just one advantage Patterson enjoys going into the Nov. 4 election seeking his fifth consecutive term as Oakland County executive.

But name recognition and advantages of the incumbency haven't deterred challenger Brenda Lawrence, the two-electured mayor of Southfield, who insists leadership in the state's wealthiest county has grown "tired" and ineffective.

THE CANDIDATES Brenda Lawrence (D) Age: 55 Residence: Southfield Education: Graduated from Pershing High School, bachelor's degree in public administration from Central Michigan University.

L. Brooks Patterson (R) Age: 69 Residence: Independence Township Education: Graduated from University of Detroit Jesuit High School, bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit; graduated from University of Detroit Law School in 1997.

joint discussion." Patterson is running on his record, which he characterized as 16 years of growth and achievement. During that time, he said, more than 25,000 new jobs have been created with the help of initiatives such as Automation Alley and the Oakland County Emerging Sectors Program.

address problems like home foreclosures, she said. When Patterson counters that Cobo officials had not negotiated in good faith, Lawrence insists good leadership entails developing trust and cooperation to get results, "not walking away from the table."

With these kinds of public-private partnerships, Southfield has emerged as a research center for an important technology, Lawrence insists. She notes the city's AA-plus bond status — one of the highest municipal ratings

NOVI BRIEFLY

Neighborhood Academy At 6:30 p.m. tonight the Neighborhood Academy will meet at Fire Station No. 4, located at Wilcom and 10 Mile roads.

Health fair and flu shots The Novi Senior Center and City of Novi Human Resources Department are offering a brand new health fair 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 24 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

Go For The Gold The 2008 Novi Parks Foundation gala and awards presentation is 7 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 8 at Rock Night Showplace, located at 46100 Grand River Avenue.

Museum Adventure Pass The "Museum Adventure Pass presented by Macy's" program will return for the second year beginning Oct. 25. The program is a partnership between Macy's 179 public libraries located in Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Livingston, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne counties; and 28 local arts and cultural organizations.

County commissioner runs for state representative

BY KELLY MURAD STAFF WRITER

Life-long Novi resident Hugh Crawford believes in reducing taxes, restoring Michigan's business climate and transparency of government.

Crawford, 66, is running for state representative of the 38th district, which includes Novi, the Oakland County portion of Northville, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Wilcom and Walled Lake, representing the Republican Party.

He retired from Xerox after more than 20 years and served four years in the Marine Corps.



Michigan State House candidate Hugh Crawford.

"I enjoy what I'm doing and I think I'm good at what I do," he said. "I know Michigan is going to rebound. I don't have all the answers, but we've got to change

the way we're doing business." Although Crawford said he is not going to Lansing with an agenda, he believes bringing business-friendly and providing jobs is key to turning Michigan's economy around. "It's an opportunity to go to the state level and hopefully make some changes," he said. "I think my philosophies of no more tax increases, in fact tax cuts, need to be seriously considered." One example Crawford suggests is eliminating the 22 percent surcharge on the Michigan Business Tax. "I've always been fiscally conservative as a county commissioner," he said. "We're not in better economic times right now and we need to make some tough decisions." According to Crawford, everything at the state level is up for grabs when it comes to restructuring and making cuts, except for Medicaid and education. Although he doesn't want to abandon the state's focus on the automotive industry, Crawford believes Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson is on track with targeting emerging industries in the field of medicine, research and robotics. Crawford has been married to Novi City Councilwoman Kathy Crawford for 44 years. They have three children and two grandchildren.

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Creative Creations. Ceramic artist Rex Benson of Ypsilanti works on a cartoon-like dragon at last weekend's Sugarloaf Art Festival at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace. Hundreds of artists from throughout the country and Canada displayed their work at the annual event.

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Novi businesses recognized

BY KELLY MURAD
STAFF WRITER

The City of Novi awarded five local businesses at Monday's council meeting as part of the city's first business recognition program.

"This was part of our economic development goals," said Novi Economic Development Manager Art Topozian. "There's a lot of great businesses in the city, both small and large, all doing important things and doing what they need to do to keep their business alive and thriving."

Although all Novi businesses were eligible for nomination, Topozian said the program was looking for well-rounded businesses in the city also involved with helping the community grow. Nominees were judged on workforce development, community involvement, sustainability and innovation.

"In these struggling times, to be able to help recognize businesses that do good things not only in their own work place, but in the community is a plus," Topozian said. "We had a lot of great nominees, but certainly, everyone can't win." Of about 20 nominees, a committee selected five award recipients in three categories: small business, large business and outstanding community leader. There were eight honorable mentions.

"We have a real commitment here in Novi," said Kathleen Shaffer, public and community relations manager of Fox Run, one of the two large business winners. "I think it's great that Novi is recognizing that there are significant businesses in this area that are making contributions to the tax base and to the community."

Fox Run is a full-service retirement community, located

BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARDS

- Outstanding Community Leader - Providence Park
- Large Business - Emagine Theater and Fox Run
- Small Business - Network Source
- Honorable Mention - Advanced Vein Therapies, Art Van Furniture, Goodman Orthodontics, Hoppian World of Rugs, Marketlink Service, Novi Pizza Company, Rock Financial Showplace and Toyota Boshoku America

at 13 Mile and Meadowbrook roads, with about 850 residents and about 400 employees.

"It's really encouraging to be recognized," said Tyler Ross, vice president of marketing and communications for Telecom Credit Union, one of the small business award recipients.

"We've been in business for 72 years, and five years in Novi. We're very proud to be a part of this community." Telecom, located at 12 Mile and Novi roads, moved its headquarters from Southfield to Novi in 2003 and is actively involved with sponsoring community events such as the Michigan 50's Festival and Fall for Novi. Telecom was the first donor for the Novi Parks Foundations raising rights program and runs a literacy program at Novi and Catholic Central high schools.

Other award winners include Network Source One for small business, Emagine Theater for large business and Providence Park for outstanding community leader.

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Novi Fitness Together staff. From left: Terry Poirier, Omnet Boo Sadikot, Lisa Ryan and Ken Jung.

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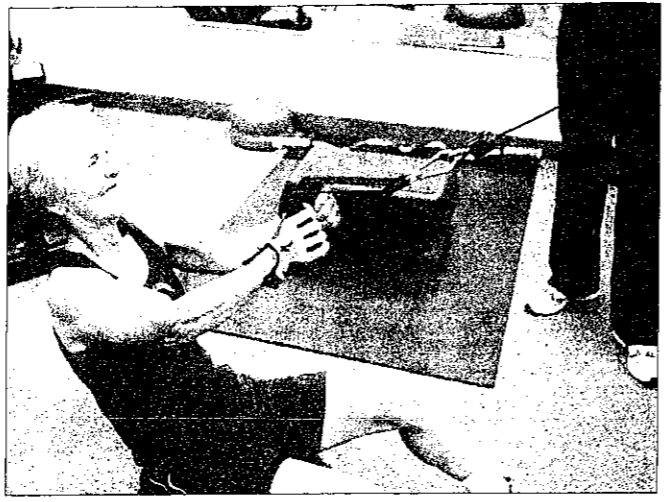
BY VICTORIA MITCHELL
STAFF WRITER

Celebrating five years making a difference in how Novi residents feel about themselves, Fitness Together owner Boo Sadikot is opening his doors to the public tonight to say, thank you.

Operating under the philosophy, one client, one trainer, one goal, the 10 Mile and Beck roads business is hosting a client appreciation open house from 6:30-8:30 p.m. tonight featuring food, drinks and prizes. Bring a friend or family member and receive a \$15 gas gift card.

"Drawings will also be held for a \$100 gas gift card, Fitness Together T-shirts, massages and private training sessions." Sadikot said. "We've had fantastic support from all of our clients."

Fitness Together is a health destination where clients can come to reach their lifestyle goals. Working one-on-one with a fitness professional, clients are assisted with developing a nutritional eating plan, strength training, cardio vascular training and accountability. "The whole idea is we want to create synergy," Sadikot said. The business has grown



Fitness Together client Peggy Shinkel works out at the 10 Mile Road business under the supervision of trainer Ken Jung.

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to 389 clients in the past five years, including multiple members who have lost 100 pounds or more. Client Rick Hammet is one of the 100-pound club members. "Since joining Fitness Together, he went down 100 pound sizes, returned his cholesterol to normal and lost a total of 115 pounds." "The bottom line is the success of our clients," Sadikot says. "At the end of the day the quality of your life depends on the quality of your health."

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OBITUARIES

MARGARET JANKOWSKI October 15, 2008. Age 84. Beloved mother of Nina (Mukul Verma) Preston-Verma. Dear grandmother of Erik Preston and abba-grandmother of Trisha Verma. Sister of Bill Smith. Visitation at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River in Novi 248-348-1800, Friday 10 am until time of service at 1pm. Memorial contributions may be made to Susan G. Komen Cancer Foundation, Greater Lansing Affiliate, P.O. Box 4368 E. Lansing, MI 48826-4368. Online condolences at www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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Drug czar urges 'no' vote on Proposal 1

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Ballot Proposal 1 - permitting the use and cultivation of marijuana for medical purposes - would have bad results in Michigan, according to the nation's drug czar, who was joined by other law enforcement officials last week for a press conference in Southfield. "The marijuana lobby is trying to pull a con on Michigan voters," said John Walters, director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. "This measure would be bad for public health and bad for public safety."

Where "pot shops" have opened in California, one of 12 states to decriminalize marijuana for medical purposes, serious crimes such as robberies, burglaries and aggravated assaults have followed, Walters said. "Proposal 1 will make it harder to protect kids from the dangers of drugs," said Joe Kuchenbach, program director of Psychological Consultants of Michigan. "And for that reason alone, voters should reject it."

Southfield Police Chief Joseph E. Thomas Jr. was one of a handful of law enforcement officials supporting Walters and urging voters to say "no" to Proposal 1. Thomas and others said if approved by voters the law would be abused - with more of the controlled substances going to people who do not have medical conditions. They also insist facts put forth by organizations like the Michigan Coalition for Compassionate Care are inaccurate.

Marjuana grown for medical purposes would inevitably be used by youngsters who have been incorrectly advised where drug use has gone down. "Your body develops a tolerance for marijuana," the Southfield chief said, "and that inevitably leads to other drugs (like cocaine)."

"SCARE TACTICS" Former State Sen. Diane Byrum, spokesperson for the Michigan Coalition for Compassionate Care, however, said law enforcement officials are using "scare tactics" and misinformation to defeat a measure she says voters should support. "They talk about California," Byrum said, "but they don't talk about the 11 other states (that have decriminalized marijuana for medical use) where drug use has gone down." "Michigan's Prop. 1 has specific safeguards to prevent the abuses alleged by the DEA and other law agencies," she said. "One of those present at last week's press conference - and passing out copies of Proposal 1 - was more emphatic. He also distributed leaflets saying, 'Don't believe John Walters' hype and hysteria.'" Law enforcement agencies are "lying about Prop. 1," said William Cheeks of Walled Lake. "I personally know people who risked arrest and prosecution to obtain marijuana for friends and relatives suffering from cancer and other diseases," he said.

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Book Browsing Meadowbrook Commons resident Loretta Heapy checks out some books during the Novi Public Library monthly visit to the senior center. The bookmobile comes to the center on the third Tuesday of each month and features a wide variety of books.

Franklin Road Christian School gives back

SERVE-A-THON '08

Earlier this month, Franklin Road Christian School held its first annual serve-a-thon, FRCS Gives Back, to benefit others in the Southeast Michigan community, and throughout the world.

Each student, kindergarten-12, participated in a service project, and was able to give of themselves, their time and energy to serve others.

Franklin Road elementary students made cards and care packages for American soldiers serving overseas, hospitalized children and their families and homeless children.

"I was excited when we made our soldier packs because I knew they would like them," said third-grade student Vivian James. "I put in stuff like food, letters, Chapstick and gum. Lots of gum. It was so much fun."

High and middle school students went out into the surrounding community to serve.

Some of the projects they participated in were: painting and cleaning at Life Challenge of Detroit, Grace Centers of Hope and Power Company Children's Mission of Pontiac; preparing and serving breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House; providing musical programs at Oakmont Nursing Facility and V.A. Hospital; raking and yard work for Detroit shut-ins; and art projects for students with special needs at Cooke School.

There is no doubt that each student and staff member was blessed to be able to serve, and Franklin Road Christian School is thrilled to make a positive difference in the lives of people in the community, and American servicemen and



Fourth-grade Franklin Road Christian School students Andrew Whitted, left, Robert Porcher IV and Madison Hensley prepare care packages for American soldiers.

servicemen

Franklin Road Christian School is a kindergarten-12 coeducational college-pre-

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MILITARY BRIEFS

Coast Guard graduate
Coast Guard Seaman Richard D. Shull, a 2006 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J. During the eight-week training program, Shull completed a rigorous training curriculum, consisting of academics and practical instruction on water safety and survival, military customs and courtesies, seamanship skills, first aid, fire fighting and marksmanship. A major emphasis is also placed on physical fit-

ness, health and wellness.

Homecoming
Spe. Brian McFarland, son of Rich and Nancy McFarland, recently returned from active duty after a one-year deployment in Iraq. McFarland is a MP with the 300MP Brigade out of Inkster and is a 2002 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School.

Marine Corps graduate
Marine Corps Pvt. Brent A. Barry, a 2008 graduate of Walled Lake Community

High School, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Barry and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a. m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Barry spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

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Historic Visit
Novi Meadows fifth-grade students received a Tuesday visit from Patrick Henry (portrayed by Richard Schuman) who, they learned, uttered the famous phrase "Give me liberty or give me death." Students heard about his advocacy of the American Revolution and his denunciation of corruption in government.

CLASS NOTES

Upcoming Novi High School marching band events

The last home football game is Friday. The evening is also "Senior Recognition Night" where 41 band seniors and their parents will be recognized during halftime.

The Huron Valley Plymouth-Canton Competition is Saturday. The band will compete in two competitions. The first performance will be 2 p.m. at Lakeland High School, and the second performance will be 6:15 p.m. at Plymouth High School.

State Finals at Ford Field will take place Saturday, Nov. 1. The band will perform on Ford Field in their final competition of the season. Flight 1 competition begins at 8 p.m. Novi's performance time is TBD. Tickets are available at the Ford Field ticket office.

Band-O-Rama is Wednesday, Nov. 5. The band will perform music from their marching show "HELIOS" one last time 7 p.m. at Novi High School.

Novi High School Athletics Web site

The Novi Athletic Boosters' new Web site is www.noviahleticboosters.com. The site is the source for upcoming Novi Athletic Boosters events, fund-raising events and Wildcat game schedules. The Novi Athletic Boosters raise money to support Novi Wildcat student athletes at Novi high and middle schools. Proceeds are used to purchase uniforms, equipment, training and so more students can participate at a higher level.

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.

Walled Lake Schools announces candidate forum

Community members are invited to the Walled Lake Schools' PTSA Council Candidate Forum 7 p.m. Oct. 27 at Keith Elementary School, 2800 Keith Road, West Bloomfield. Walled Lake school board candidates running for the two, open, six-year terms include Dr. William Balistreri, Commerce; Kathy Lyall, Commerce; Greg Janicki, West Bloomfield; and Matthew Cornish, Commerce. Peggy Casagrande is the one candidate running for the four-year unexpired term of Amy Peterman.

Nieman named MAPT Supervisor of the Year

Marilyn Nieman, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools' transportation supervisor, was recently named the Michigan Association for Pupil Transportation Supervisor of the Year for the State of Michigan. This is a very prestigious award that is given to one of about 500 transportation supervisors throughout the state based on their excellence and contributions to pupil transportation.

National Cone 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.nationalconeisland.com to enter.

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Thursday, October 23, 2008 CommunityWeeklies

Hugh Crawford for State Representative

Each electoral race should be judged by the merits of its candidates. Through time Hugh Crawford has continuously served our citizens, always showing leadership, fiscal responsibility and care. He has progressed through various positions in the City of Novi government including 15 years on the Novi City Council, serving as Mayor Pro Tem for a number of years. Hugh moved on to Oakland County where he served as Oakland County Commissioner for eight years, serving as vice chairman for a number of years.

Under Hugh Crawford's leadership both the City of Novi and Oakland County have become recognized in their efforts to give their citizens quality service while controlling revenues. I have full confidence that Hugh will continue those efforts at the state level.

I believe that Hugh will be an excellent representative for the 38th district. I encourage everyone who cares about the future of Michigan, reducing taxes, bringing jobs to Michigan and limiting the ability of state government to spend without accountability, to please vote Nov. 4 for Hugh Crawford.

Ed Kramer
Novi

Karen Zyczynski for Oakland County Commissioner

Karen is running for Oakland County Commissioner for Novi and Northville that is part of Oakland County. She has the background, experience, programs, policies, reasons and family values or personal characteristics that are required for any public office that is entrusted by the voting population. Her two degrees from Wayne State University and 25 plus years teaching our kids in public schools and college, president of the Livonia Education Association, board of directors member of the Michigan Education Association, and advisory committee member of the Michigan Department of Education provides the better background and experience for the county commissioner's position. Her hard work on the Novi Recreation Commission and a hockey mom illustrates her commitment to returning something to the community that she has resided in for so long. She is retired, which will permit her full time commitment to the County Commissioner's position and she is not using the position as a stepping stone to a higher political position. Karen's excellent personal characteristics and family values will definitely influence her actions as a County Commissioner and avoid any potential embarrassing legal moments that have plagued her opponent. Therefore, vote for Karen Zyczynski for County Commissioner on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Fred Clampa
Novi

Kim Capello for Oakland County Commissioner

On Nov. 4, I am going to vote for Kim Capello for Oakland County Commissioner. I work for and interact with the commissioners. Let me shed some light on a commissioner's duties. The county budget is about \$700 million. Compare that to Novi's \$30 million budget and you will determine that the County has a great deal of our money to spend. The commissioners approve or disapprove of the way that Brooks Patterson wants the County to operate. The commissioners meet in committees. The committees are finance, general government, personnel, planning and building and public services. Each committee debates county business in their areas. Then the committee approves or disapproves Patterson's requests. Periodically, all the commissioners meet together where each committee reports on what's happening in their areas of County business. The entire board of commissioners votes on the different committee's recommendations.

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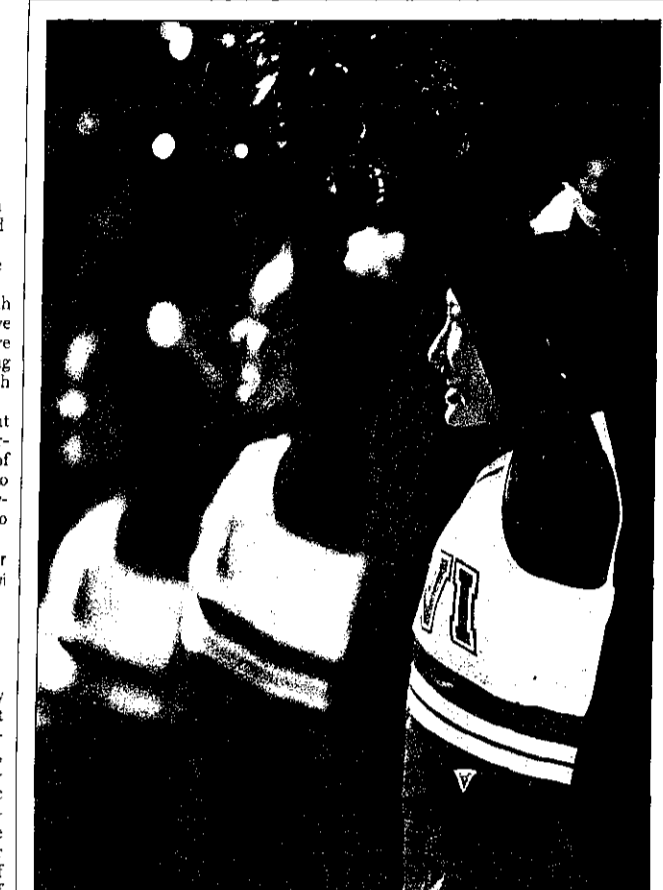


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School Spirit

Novi High School varsity sideline cheerleaders get the crowd into the Wildcat's game against the Canton Chiefs last Friday.

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Jeffrey R. Johnson
Deputy Fire Chief
City of Novi

Support O'Connor and Bagdady

Dennis O'Connor is extremely qualified to serve as a trustee on the Novi Board of Education. He's a smart, independent thinker, who would be a great addition to the board. That's why I'm asking you to vote for O'Connor at the Nov. 4 general election. As a former trustee on the Novi Board of Education, and as a Novi Schools' administrator for 31 years, I have a good understanding of what kind of people are needed to make wise decisions for the students of Novi and taxpayers as well. I've had the pleasure of working with O'Connor and Bruce Bagdady on a number of school-related initiatives over the past six years. They both have a deep understanding of school issues, and they put a high priority on students and academic achievement.

O'Connor's qualifications are very impressive. In fact, besides incumbent Bruce Bagdady, O'Connor has more school district experience than any candidate on the ballot. Currently, O'Connor is a member of the Community Advisory Council. He also served as a member of the School Bond Proposal Citizen's Committee in 2007, a member of the School Redistricting and Facility Utilization Committee in 2006 and a member of the Long Range Planning Committee in 2004 and 2005. Prior to that, he was a vice president and publicity director of the Novi High School Band Boosters for six years.

O'Connor has an MBA in marketing and management. During his undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan-An Arbor, he earned his secondary teacher certification so he's been in the classroom.

I trust both of these individuals with the difficult decisions that must be made to maintain excellence in our school district. Please join me in supporting O'Connor and Bagdady. Thank you.

Dave Brown
Former Trustee
Novi Board of Education

Board issues in preparation for voting on Nov. 4. After reviewing all the information, we are very impressed with Dennis O'Connor, and his 4-point plan to help our school district grow and prosper.

Dennis O'Connor gets it. He has established strong priorities. He's looking out for our most precious resources - our children. O'Connor has a strong 4-point plan for the school district. 1. Smaller class sizes. Studies show it maximizes student achievement. 2. Attract More Families to live in the Novi School District. Increased student enrollment means more state funding for our district. 3. Shared Government Services. It's time to reduce expenses and allocate those savings back into the classroom. 4. Long-Term Financial Planning. He wants community leaders and local business people (not just board members, teachers and administrators) helping us with difficult financial decisions.

We need this type of critical thinking on our Novi School Board. Please join us in supporting O'Connor at the Nov. 4 general election.

John and Carol Tingwall
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On Behalf of the Novi Fire Department, I would like to thank the following sponsors for making this year's fire prevention open house "Prevent Home Fires" a huge success. Keford Collision Services, State Farm Insurance (Chuck Moran), Novi Community School District, Golden Fry Management, The Icee Company (Novi) and the City of Farmington Hills Fire Department. Additionally, we would

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O'Connor focused on our school priorities

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OUR VIEWS

Patterson best bet to lead county

For the first time in his 16 years as Oakland County executive, L. Brooks Patterson is facing a credible challenge for re-election Nov. 4. And that challenge from Southfield Mayor Brenda Lawrence comes at a time when the state's "economic engine" is starting to feel the same pains as the rest of the region. County officials have had to deal

with declining revenues for three straight years, and home foreclosures are at an all-time high. Lawrence, a Democrat, suggests that new leadership is needed to face these challenges, and that Patterson and his fellow Republican majority on the Board of Commissioners are out of touch with much of the county's needs. While Lawrence brings a legitimate

set of qualifications to her candidacy, she simply cannot match Patterson in either his accomplishments as executive, or his continued vision for the region. For these reasons, we urge Oakland voters to re-elect L. Brooks Patterson as county executive. These are uncertain times for Oakland County, and it makes no sense to change its leadership at this time.

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Novi High School
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TIME: Thursday, Oct. 30 - "Am Pregnant, So Now What?" discusses weight gain, sale nutrition, prenatal tests, labor and delivery and more.
DATE: Thursday, Nov. 13 - "Bringing Baby Home" discusses postpartum and infant safety, sleep habits, fitness, emotional wellness and making a smooth transition for all family members.
TIME: 6-8 p.m.

Novi High School
REMARKS: This series of three pregnancy seminars features an expert team of obstetricians and midwives from Women's Health Services. Learn how to have a healthy pregnancy and how to prepare for baby's homecoming. Future dates to be announced. Sign-ups at the prototype rooms, including labor and delivery, opening Spring 2009, will be available. Light refreshments served. To register call (800) 469-9238 or visit www.noviford.com.

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LETTERS

Hugh Crawford for State Representative

Each electoral race should be judged by the merits of its candidates. Through time Hugh Crawford has continuously served our citizens, always showing leadership, fiscal responsibility and care. He has progressed through various positions in the City of Novi government including 15 years on the Novi City Council, serving as Mayor Pro Tem for a number of years. Hugh moved on to Oakland County where he served as Oakland County Commissioner for eight years, serving as vice chairman for a number of years.

Under Hugh Crawford's leadership both the City of Novi and Oakland County have become recognized in their efforts to give their citizens quality service while controlling revenues. I have full confidence that Hugh will continue those efforts at the state level.

I believe that Hugh will be an excellent representative for the 38th district. I encourage everyone who cares about the future of Michigan, reducing taxes, bringing jobs to Michigan and limiting the ability of state government to spend without accountability, to please vote Nov. 4 for Hugh Crawford.

Ed Kramer
Novi

Karen Zyczynski for Oakland County Commissioner

Karen is running for Oakland County Commissioner for Novi and Northville that is part of Oakland County. She has the background, experience, programs, policies, reasons and family values or personal characteristics that are required for any public office that is entrusted by the voting population. Her two degrees from Wayne State University and 25 plus years teaching our kids in public schools and college, president of the Livonia Education Association, board of directors member of the Michigan Education Association, and advisory committee member of the Michigan Department of Education provides the better background and experience for the county commissioner's position. Her hard work on the Novi Recreation Commission and a hockey mom illustrates her commitment to returning something to the community that she has resided in for so long. She is retired, which will permit her full time commitment to the County Commissioner's position and she is not using the position as a stepping stone to a higher political position. Karen's excellent personal characteristics and family values will definitely influence her actions as a County Commissioner and avoid any potential embarrassing legal moments that have plagued her opponent. Therefore, vote for Karen Zyczynski for County Commissioner on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Fred Clampa
Novi

Kim Capello for Oakland County Commissioner

On Nov. 4, I am going to vote for Kim Capello for Oakland County Commissioner. I work for and interact with the commissioner. Let me shed some light on a commissioner's duties. The county budget is about \$700 million. Compare that to Novi's \$30 million budget and you will determine that the County has a great deal of our money to spend.

The commissioners approve or disapprove of the way that Brooks Patterson wants the County to operate. The commissioners meet in committees. The committees are finance, general government, personnel, planning and building and public services. Each committee debates county business in their area. Then the committee approves or disapproves Patterson's requests. Periodically, all the commissioners meet together where each committee reports on what's happening in their areas of County business. The entire board of commissioners votes on the different committee recommendations.

It's a job that requires skill, dedication, commitment, knowledge, education, experience and tenacity to be successful.



School Spirit
Novi High School varsity sideline cheerleaders get the crowd into the Wildcat's game against the Canton Chiefs last Friday.

Kim Capello possesses all those qualities and has demonstrated his abilities and skills over the past 16 years while on Novi City Council and the planning commission.

Kim Capello is a lawyer experienced in all phases of the law, specializing in property law. His knowledge will be invaluable as the commissioners debate property acquisition and other property matters.

Kim Capello is committed to excellence. He has led the charge to bring senior citizens much needed transport vans, housing needs and other effects that they needed. Mr. Capello is working closely with our city council to secure the property needed for a Signature Park in Novi. Kim Capello works tirelessly with and for the youth in our community and can often be seen at events sponsored by the schools. Kim Capello has partnered with all the departments in our great City of Novi and has addressed their needs at budget.

Kim Capello is the right person at the right time to become our commissioner. Although running as a Republican, Kim Capello has the ability and the wherewithal to put partisan politics aside to do what's best for us. That's why Kim Capello did not seek the endorsement of Brooks Patterson in the primary. Kim Capello is an independent thinker who works for the benefit of the people. He's not beholden to any one person or group. When you vote on Nov. 4, vote for Kim Capello for Oakland County Commissioner. He's the best choice.

O'Connor focused on our school priorities

We've been studying the Novi School District

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like to thank the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, Novi DPW and of course the men and women of the Novi Fire Department.

Jeffery R. Johnson
Deputy Fire Chief
City of Novi

Support O'Connor and Bagdady

Dennis O'Connor is extremely qualified to serve as a trustee on the Novi Board of Education. He's a smart, independent thinker, who would be a great addition to the board. That's why I'm asking you to vote for O'Connor at the Nov. 4 general election.

As a former trustee on the Novi Board of Education, and as a Novi Schools' administrator for 31 years, I have a good understanding of what kind of people are needed to make wise decisions for the students of Novi and taxpayers as well. I've had the pleasure of working with O'Connor and Bruce Bagdady on a number of school-related initiatives over the past six years. They both have a deep understanding of school issues, and they put a high priority on students and academic achievement.

O'Connor's qualifications are very impressive. In fact, besides incumbent Bruce Bagdady, O'Connor has more school district experience than any candidate on the ballot.

Currently, O'Connor is a member of the Community Advisory Council. He also served as a member of the School Bond Proposal Citizen's Committee in 2007, a member of the School Redistricting and Facility Utilization Committee in 2006 and a member of the Long Range Planning Committee in 2004 and 2005. Prior to that, he was a vice president and publicity director of the Novi High School Band Boosters for six years.

O'Connor has an MBA in marketing and management. During his undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, he earned his secondary teacher certification so he's been in the classroom.

I trust both of these individuals with the difficult decisions that must be made to maintain excellence in our school district. Please join me in supporting O'Connor and Bagdady. Thank you.

David Brown
Former Trustee
Novi Board of Education

Peterman for State Representative

As a parent with children in our public schools, it is very important to me that our leaders in the legislature understand the importance of education both to our families and to our community's future.

As a former Wallend Lake School Board president, Amy Peterman is a strong supporter of our excellent schools. I hope every parent with a child in our schools will support Amy Peterman for state representative. I believe a vote for Amy on Nov. 4 is a vote for children.

Alyse Attenison
West Bloomfield

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OUR VIEWS

Patterson best bet to lead county

For the first time in his 16 years as Oakland County executive, L. Brooks Patterson is facing a credible challenge for re-election Nov. 4.

with declining revenues for three straight years, and home foreclosures are at an all-time high. Lawrence, a Democrat, suggests that new leadership is needed to face these challenges, and that Patterson and his fellow Republican majority on the Board of Commissioners are out of touch with much of the county's needs.

County officials have had to deal

set of qualifications to her candidacy, she simply cannot match Patterson in either his accomplishments as executive, or his continued vision for the region. For these reasons, we urge Oakland voters to re-elect L. Brooks Patterson as county executive.

While Lawrence brings a legitimate

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DETAILS: An opportunity to express yourself artistically in our peaceful and inspirational creative studio. Janis provides guidance in a variety of techniques and projects. \$5 suggested per session.
Explore Fit and Color with Tracy
TIME: 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month
DETAILS: John volunteer artist. Based as she guides you in transforming an ordinary block of wood into a multi-dimensional work of art. Cost is \$5 per session.
John's Fall
TIME: 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10
DETAILS: Sponsored by the American Cancer Society. This is a three program which teaches women who are currently undergoing cancer treatment cope with appearance related side effects. Led by a licensed cosmetologist.
Novi Fall
TIME: 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10
DETAILS: Get fit with a combo of strength and cardio in the lap pool. Pools 100 feet deep providing excellent water resistance while still being able to touch. Free for BCN Members. Non-members may purchase a \$75 10-visit punch card. For information or to register, call (248) 473-3100.
Yoga Balance Basics
TIME: 7:15 a.m.-noon every Tuesday
DETAILS: Create harmony and wellness in your life while becoming stronger, more flexible and balanced. A chair or ballie ball is provided for assistance. Free for BCN Members. Non-members may purchase a \$75 10-visit punch card. For information or to register, call (248) 473-3100.
Heavy Duty Men's Health/Fitness
LOCATION: Henry Ford Design Center, 2000 Davolav Dr., Suite 102, Commerce Township
TIME: 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13
DETAILS: "What's About Making a Baby?"
DATE: Thursday, Oct. 30 - "I'm Pregnant, So Now What?" discusses weight gain, safe nutrition, prenatal tests, labor and delivery and more.
DATE: Thursday, Nov. 13 - "Bringing Baby Home" discusses postpartum and infant safety, sleep basics, kines, emotional wellness and making a smooth transition for all family members.
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DATE: Oct. 20-24 Collection
LOCATION: Items may be dropped off in a box outside the front office of the following schools: American Elementary, Edgewood Elementary, Horton Creeks Elementary, Winchester Elementary and Northville High School
DETAILS: Women with a Purpose charity group is partnering with Westville Schools for their 4th annual cool 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 help family. Clothes closet serving Northville's Children, directly.
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OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi - Oakland County, Michigan: Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in: The City of Novi County of Oakland, State of Michigan TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

The Polls will be open 7 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m. All Polling Places are Handicap Accessible. Braille and Audio Versions of Voting Instructions are Available at the Polling Places Listed Below:

Table with 3 columns: PRECINCT, LOCATION, ADDRESS. Lists various schools and community centers across Novi.

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Maryanne Cornelius, Novi City Clerk Publish: October 23, 2008

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TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday DETAILS: For family and friends of someone with an alcohol problem. No pre-registration required. For information, call (248) 706-1020. Rules Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday DETAILS: Intended for teens dealing with someone with an alcohol problem. No pre-registration required. For information, call (248) 706-1020. KidzCare Support Group TIME/DATE: 2:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month DETAILS: Support group for parents of children with special needs. For information, call (248) 937-4847 for more information. Janney Cancer Support Group TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. first and third Monday of every month DETAILS: Support group for those with cancer or who are related to or know someone living with cancer. CONTACT: (248) 937-5163

City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider: Case No. 08-094 filed by the Manyan Group LLC for Sri Venkateswara Temple and Cultural Center, Inc. to be located at 28223 Taft Road.

- 1) Proposed Main Bajagapuram 35' Variance Requested 37' 4.5" 2) Proposed Decorative Element Height (front) #1 367' 5" Variance Requested 17' 3) Proposed Decorative Element Height (rear) #1 45' 5" Variance Requested 6' 5" 4) Proposed Decorative Ornament Height (rear) #1 50' Variance Requested 15' 5) Proposed Decorative Ornament Height (rear) #2 50' Variance Requested 15' 6) Proposed Brass Pule Height (rear) 287' 1" Variance Requested 159' 1" 7) Proposed Tower Height (rear) 287' 1" Variance Requested 159' 1" 8) Maximum Temple Building Height Allowed 35' 9) Proposed Temple Roof Top Appearance Height Variance Requested 7' 10) Proposed Temple Roof Top Appearance Height Variance Requested 7'

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New Parents Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second and fourth Wednesday of each month LOCATION: Hospital Conference Center DETAILS: A supportive environment for families to share their struggles; learn how to resolve issues after the birth of a child; discuss concerns such as sleep deprivation and coping with the emotions of parenting. CONTACT: (248) 858-7366 Postpartum Depression Support Group TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. every Thursday DETAILS: Postpartum depression can happen anytime within the first year after childbirth. Symptoms include sadness, lack of energy, trouble concentrating, anxiety and feelings of guilt and worthlessness. CONTACT: (248) 937-5220 Support For Smokers TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Monday of every month DETAILS: Provides education and support to quit smoking; no charge; no pre-registration required. CONTACT: Call (248) 937-3334 for more information.

Prechthonery Counseling Services LOCATION: Hortelville Counseling Center, 215 E. Main St., Suite 200, Northville CONTACT: (248) 937-4847 for more information. Janney Cancer Support Group TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. first and third Monday of every month DETAILS: Support group for those with cancer or who are related to or know someone living with cancer. CONTACT: (248) 937-5163

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Neighborhood Baby-sitting Co-op DETAILS: We are looking for men and women willing to help with the many conflicted feelings regarding divorce and separation. Led by a trained facilitator, Andy Mather. Fee is \$5 per session. Pre-registration required. Call (248) 935-3300, ext. 0

Friendship Circle TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Thursday of each month LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Beck roads DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers. CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) 851-6730. Florence Wiley (248) 477-3032. Joy Lindner (248) 348-9138 or joywiley@earthlink.net

Visiting Nurse Association of Southfield DETAILS: Looking for kind, compassionate hospice volunteers two to four hours per week in the Tri-County area; volunteers needed Monday through Friday during day time hours; there is a great need for male volunteers to support male hospice patients; an interview and attendance of three training sessions is required. Call (800) 882-5720, ext. 8361, (248) 967-8361 or visit vna.org.

Widowed Friends Support Group DETAILS: Widowed friends of the Archdiocese of Detroit is a peer support group. CONTACT: For more information, call Marilyn at (586) 739-9405

Class Reunions Preparing High School Class of 1960 DETAILS: A 50 year reunion is planned for Sept. 2010. For information, call JoAnn (Mazie) Harrington at (734) 395-7508 or Sharon (Bailey) Forbush at (248) 594-0664.

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CC runner-up at state; Novi fifth

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Novi tennis proved very strong at the Division 1 state tennis finals with Catholic Central finishing runner-up and Novi placing fifth.

Ann Arbor Huron won the title with 29 points. Catholic Central tied Port Huron Northern with 22. Ann Arbor Pioneer was fourth with 19, and Novi finished with 17 for fifth.

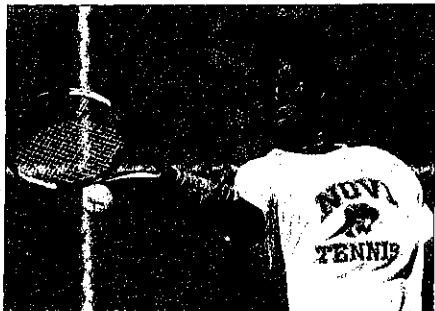
Catholic Central singles players led the way, with Jack Snyder winning a state title at No. 2, and Joseph Dubé finishing runner-up at No. 1.

Snyder, the top seed, beat Tyler Marengo from Port Huron Northern 6-4, 6-2 in the finals.

"It was a great way to cap off his senior year," CC head coach Joe Stafford said. "He was four-time All-State. He was 27-0. It was a great season for him."

Dubé just missed winning No. 1 singles after winning the No. 2 singles state title last year. He fell 7-5, 6-2 to Aaron Pfister from Grand Blanc in the finals.

"His only loss of the sea-



Wildcat Goutham Kondapi in action against Northville's Steven Irvin in tennis regionals.

son came in the state finals," Stafford said. "He played well, but the guy played better. He said he's just going to use it to motivate him for next year."

"Those two were a great 1-2 punch at No. 1 and No. 2 singles. They were a combined 56-1."

Other top finishes for the Shamrocks included Willy Willson making it to the semifinals at No. 3 while Eric

Guindi did the same at No. 4. In doubles play, the No. 3 team of Nick Petrucci and Robbie Guindi and the No. 4 duo of Derek Turowski and Patrick Bowers also made it to the semifinals.

"Everyone contributed," Stafford said. "That was kind of the magic with this year."

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Catholic Central head coach Joe Stafford holds the team state runner-up trophy with individual No. 2 singles state champion Jack Snyder.



Wildcat Brandon Bryant is wrapped up by a Canton Chief.

Canton beats Novi for conference crown

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Canton was almost perfect on offense in a 38-21 victory Friday night at Novi to sew up the Kensington Conference championship.

The Chiefs pounded the ball early and often with the run, scoring on all six of their possessions to put a damper on Novi's Homecoming weekend.

"Congratulations to coach Tim Baechler," Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey said. "They are a good squad and deserving of the championship. We say hats off to them."

The score got a little out of hand late. Novi scored a pair of touchdowns less than a minute apart early in the fourth to pull within 24-21. Canton didn't panic.

The Chiefs took the next possession 80 yards to go up 31-21 with 6:38 remaining.

The defense held and got the ball back deep in Novi territory.

Kiere Daniels scored the final touchdown of the night with 2:54 left, and the game was out of reach.

"We won four (titles) in our 11 years (in the WLAA)," Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "We had kind of a downer year last year at 5-4. It's good to get back on track and get another championship."

Canton started the night with an 80-yard drive, all on the ground.



Wildcat Tyler Wenson reaches up, but can't quite bring in a potential touchdown pass near the end of the first quarter.

Davon Stackhouse rumbled in from the four to put the Chiefs up 7-0.

The lead grew to 14-0 following a pick by Bryan Gerst.

The Chiefs offense mowed down 85 yards in nine plays, again all on the ground. Adam Payter took a handoff up the middle from 20 yards out with 1:03 remaining in the opening quarter.

"That's what we do. We want to

establish the run and pound it, pound it and pound it," Baechler said. "Just like it's concrete. Hopefully, it breaks or cracks or then you can go over the slab, and we were able to do that, too."

The Wildcats got on the board with a long drive that ate up more than seven minutes when Paul Favorite scored on a 14-yard run.

Please see **FOOTBALL, B2**

Title hunting

CC to face DeLaSalle for Catholic League crown

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Shamrocks accomplished one of their goals last week by guaranteeing a spot in the playoffs.

But one of the biggest goals will be on the line Saturday at Ford Field — winning the Catholic League title.

The Shamrocks will have to figure out a way to beat undefeated DeLaSalle to do so.

"The Catholic League is a tough league, and we know exactly what is coming at us," CC head coach Tom Mach said. "Hopefully, we're going to be ready for that and take care of business."

"Our emphasis is to become a Catholic League champion."

The Shamrocks' last Catholic League title came in 2003.

"We haven't had the chance to become a Catholic League champion in a while now," Mach said. "I think it's a great opportunity for us. I think the kids understand that, and they're looking forward to it."

The Pilots knocked off CC 12-7 in a defensive battle back in week five.

DeLaSalle took a 6-0 lead into halftime, but Steve Harding hauled in a 23-yard pass from Sam Landry as CC grabbed its only lead of the game a couple of minutes into the second half.

The Pilots scored toward the end of the third quarter and kept the Shamrocks off the board the rest of the way.

Mach doesn't expect either team to change drastically between the week five contest and Saturday.

"They might change some certain blocking patterns or do a little bit more of something they saw in the game that was successful," Mach said. "Hopefully we've gotten better in the last few weeks and we're going to try and make things happen for ourselves."



Steve Harding and Jon Jakubik celebrate Harding's touchdown against Divine Child.

Mach knows mistakes will be magnified in a big game, but he also sees the special teams as an area that could help swing the game.

"You might break a run here or there or set up an exchange of field yardage," Mach said. "We would like to be able to win the kicking game. It really helps to win the kicking game in a big game."

Since the loss to DeLaSalle, the Shamrocks have reeled off three straight wins and allowed just 14 points during the run.

It will take a fourth-straight victory for Mach and company to be called Catholic League champions again.

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CC's Joe Snyder snags a touchdown pass against Divine Child on Saturday.

Wildcat freshmen fall to Canton

STORY SUBMITTED

The KLA Central Division freshman champion Novi Wildcats paired up against the South Division champion Canton Chiefs for the freshman version of the conference title game recently. This defensive battle offered many scoring opportunities with only two conversions until Canton broke the contest open late in the game for a 14-8 win.

Novi opened up the game in characteristic fashion with its strong defense to force a Canton punt. The first offensive drive appeared destined for the end zone on a 65-yard Michael Jaca reverse but was stopped on an Canton interception.

The Novi defense spent most of the first quarter on

the next Canton possession and denied a score on a turnover on downs. The offense had the end zone in its sights after a 48-yard run by Adam Haynes followed by a series of big gains by Zach Masserant and Brandon Watkins until a fumble on the 75-yard line ended the 75-yard drive, and the teams went into the half scoreless.

Canton received the kickoff and, after a Novi offside call, surprised everyone with a 63-yard touchdown run. The two-point conversion attempt was smothered by a Chris Diacono tackle, making the score 14-8.

Novi fielded the ensuing on-side kick on their own 44-yard line but, on fourth down, came up a football length short of a first down and had to turn over the ball. Canton took possession and took a knee for the last 1:45 to preserve the win.

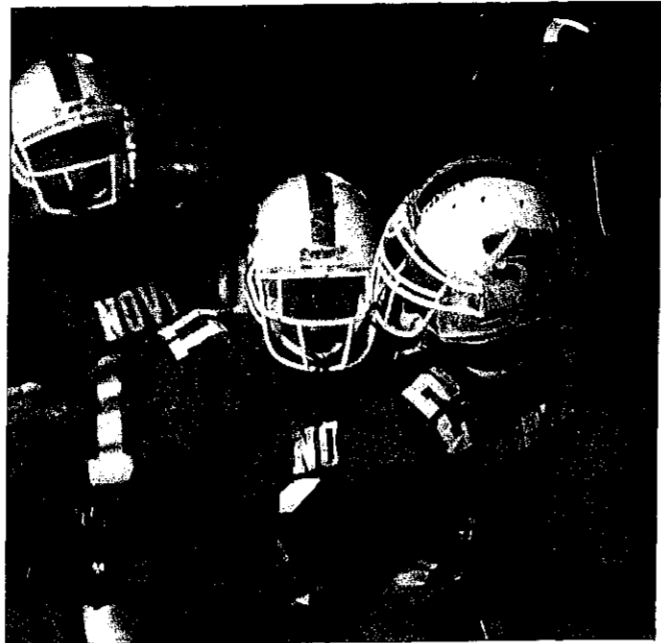
Two plays later, Novi was within three when quarterback Chris Ballany hit Brandon Bradford with a 26-yard score.

But to the Chiefs credit, they went right back to the run to get deep into Novi territory before quarterback Kevin Delapaz found Todd Turie wide open in the end zone for a 16-yard score.

The defense held and the offense put the game away. "They're going to put points up," Kellepourey said. "We knew we had to answer with points ourselves. "We're a good team and we're going to be all right. We've just got to recover from this homecoming loss."

In a season that has had many learning curves due to playing in a new league, Novi will have some familiarity in facing former KVC partner Pinckney at home Friday.

The Pirates have struggled this year with a new offense that is run-heavy. Their only wins have come against 2-6 Walled Lake Central and 3-5 John Glenn. The win against John Glenn is intriguing as the Rockets were the only team to beat Canton so far this year.



Paul Favorite celebrates a touchdown with his teammate Jimmy Pitcher (#11).

FOOTBALL

FROM PAGE B1

The Chiefs added a 31-yard field goal by Daniel Stoney and took a 17-6 lead into the half.

Novi stalled out on the opening drive of the second half, and Canton fired right back down the field.

Dante scored from the five and Canton had its big, gest lead of the game at 24-6, and things looked bleak for Novi.

But how quickly things can change in high school football.

Favorite finished off another long drive for Novi with a six-yard run, and the Wildcats completed a two-point pass to get within 24-14



Having eluded one Canton Chief defender, Wildcat Paul Favorite looks to gain more yardage last Friday night with 10:54 left.

Chief player.

Dan Kilger knocked an on-sides kick straight forward and actually recovered the ball after it bounced off a

Wildcats host familiar foe in Pinckney Pirates

BY JEFF THEISEN SPORTS WRITER

"They're struggling with their record, but they have some things they offer offensively," Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey said. "They run an unusual offense. It's going to be a lot of movement from our kids."

"The Pirate defense has had a few strong games, allowing 10 or fewer points in three contests. They also head into the game with momentum from a 33-7 victory against Walled Lake Central. Novi beat Central by the same score in week two."

Kellepourey and crew will be hoping to head into the playoffs on a happy note. The difference between 7-2 and 6-3 could be a home game versus a road game, depending on how the district breaks out.

"We've got to rebound," Kellepourey said. "That's the name of the game. When you get knocked down, are you going to get up or stay on the ground?"

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Varsity Bobcats lose close game to Walled Lake Braves

STORIES SUBMITTED

The Walled Lake Braves varsity football team earned a hard fought 19-8 victory at Walled Lake Western stadium against the Bobcats recently.

The Braves led 3-0 when the Bobcat offense came to life. The second quarter began with an 11-play, 85-yard Bobcat touchdown drive led by quarterback Blake Boron. Key plays in the drive included a 35-yard run by Phil Ritchie, a critical 9-yard run by Lucas Buck and a 12-yard scamper by Boron. The drive was capped by

a 15-yard Boron to Grant Wheeler touchdown pass for the lead.

The Bobcat defense played tough all day and kept the score close. Ben Landry and Michael Metz came up with critical interceptions that stalled Braves drives.

The Bobcats final drive came up just short and Braves ran out the clock.

The Bobcats play the Northville Colts Sunday in their final regular season contest.

FRESHMAN BOBCATS CAN'T HOLD OFF BRAVES

The Novi Bobcats and Walled Lake Braves entered Saturday's

game with excellent records and a chance to solidify their postseason playoff position.

The Bobcats were undefeated in the WLJFL, and the Braves had only lost to the undefeated Livonia Orioles.

The Braves defense led by Anthony D'Annibale, Michael Ulle, Connor Moore, Kameron Hankerson and Lincoln Cleary held the Braves scoreless in the first half.

After a key punt block by Ulle, the Bobcats scored with D'Annibale carrying the work load setting up Jan Patterson's 2-yard

touchdown for a 6-0 halftime lead.

The Braves opened the second half with a huge kick return, setting up the Braves first touchdown, tying the score at 6-6.

The Bobcats responded with a touchdown by D'Annibale after Moore broke free for a 25-yard gain down to the 2-yard line for a 12-6 lead.

The Braves consistently tested the outside contain of the Bobcats, which eventually yielded, allowing the Braves to pull ahead 13-12 with four minutes left in the game.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Braves recovered the onside kick and eventually scored to put the game out of reach 20-12. If the Bobcats focus on defeating the Northville Colts on Sunday, they could get the chance to avenge this loss by facing the Braves in the first round of the playoffs.

"We must reduce our mental mistakes, improve our open field tackling and defensive intensity, to earn the opportunity to defend our Super Bowl championship," coach Hixson said.

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The Catholic Central tennis team shows off its State Finals runner-up trophy.

TENNIS

FROM PAGE B1

"Our goals were to win the Catholic League, regionals and finish in the top two at states. We got to do all of those things. Don't expect a big falloff from the Shamrocks. They only graduate Snyder and Turowski from the squad.

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For Novi, the Wildcats scored points throughout the lineup, with Gotham Kondapi leading the way with a runner-up finish at No. 3 singles. The No. 6 seed fell 6-4, 6-4 to No. 5 seed Russell Kovar from Port Huron Northern.

"He had an excellent tournament," Novi head coach Jim Hanson said. "He's only the second Novi boy to make the finals at the state tournament. That's quite an accomplishment." Other top finishes for the

Wildcats included semifinal finishes by No. 1 doubles Justin Farooq and Ameya Sohani and No. 4 doubles team of Nikhil Devarakonda and Nathan Farooq.

"Both doubles teams have had excellent seasons. They proved again at the state tournament they are quality doubles teams," Hanson said. "No. 1 doubles made the state semifinals two years in a row. They were one of the best doubles teams I've had here in Novi." Carson Crandell made it to the quarterfinals before losing to Guindi from CC. The No. 2 doubles team of Greg Richard and Peter Zhang also made it to the quarterfinals.

"We had four quality singles players and four quality doubles teams," Hanson said. "We didn't have the superstars. Everybody won at least one match at the state tournament. To be top five at the state meet is an excellent accomplishment."

Novi soccer ends at district finals

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

The Wildcat soccer season came to an end Saturday with a 2-0 loss at Northville.

The Mustangs pulled off their third win this year against Novi to win the district.

Novi had a few quality chances, but the game was pretty much dominated from start to finish by the Mustangs.

"They were the better team today, no doubt about it," Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said. "They did everything well today.

"Even though they beat us two times (before Saturday), I thought they were pretty even games. This game, they deserved to win this game."

Northville's Alex Marilley sent Latif Alashe on a long breakaway he capitalized on with 11:04 remaining in the first half.

Alashe came in to the right of the goal and sent a low shot past Novi's Tom Duquette to open the scoring.

The second goal came early



Novi's Dan Kilger tries to avoid a Mustang player Saturday in the district final.

in the second half. Alashe turned the tables and sent in Marilley for a short break. Duquette came out to try and cut off the angle, but Marilley chipped it over him and in for

a 2-0 lead that stood.

Novi's best chance came off a long throw in by Dan Kilger with just less than 16 minutes remaining. The ball wound up just in front of the Northville

goal and was knocked on net before it was cleared off the line by a defender as goalie Jarrod Daul came out to try and punch away the throw in but missed.

"They did a good job of getting a lot of guys behind the ball and then counter-attacking," O'Leary said. "We couldn't get possession. They just seemed to be more on their game today."

The Wildcats finish 11-7-3. "We had a big senior class," O'Leary said. "They worked hard all year, which is how seniors should play. No complaints from me about the season they had."

NOVI 4, PINCKNEY 2

Garrett Gauruder continued to have the hot foot for Novi, scoring his second hat trick of the district. He scored the lone goal of the first half, and poured in two more after the break. Miles Reichley scored the other goal on an assist from Gauruder.

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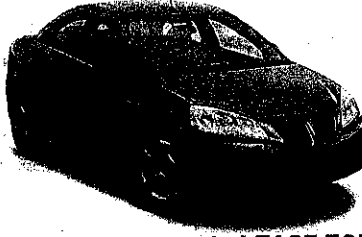
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\$195** PER MO.
\$0 Down Payment

2009 PONTIAC G5 XFE

Order #NBJGWK



Was \$17,725 **OR- LEASE FOR**

NOW

\$13,937*

\$203** PER MO.
\$0 Down Payment

2008 PONTIAC G8

Stk. #6630



Was \$27,595 **OR- LEASE FOR**

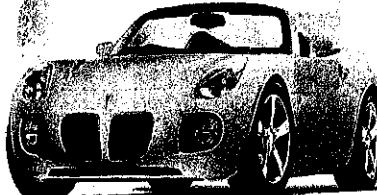
NOW

\$20,995*

\$289** PER MO.
\$0 Down Payment

2008 PONTIAC SOLSTICE CONVERTIBLE

Loaded! Stk. #6429



Was \$28,915 **OR- LEASE FOR**

NOW

\$21,995*

\$279** PER MO.
\$0 Down Payment

2008 BUICK LACROSSE CXL

Stk. #2186



Was \$28,255 **OR- LEASE FOR**

NOW

\$19,995*

\$289** PER MO.
\$0 Down Payment

0% Financing available 72 months on select models

2008 BUICK LUCERNE CX

Stk. #2029



Was \$26,995 **OR- LEASE FOR**

NOW

\$16,495*

\$232** PER MO.
\$0 Down Payment

2008 BUICK ENCLAVE CXL FWD

Stk. #2188



Was \$39,680 **OR- LEASE FOR**

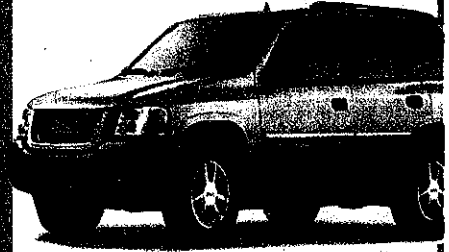
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\$28,995*

\$364** PER MO.
\$0 Down Payment

2008 GMC ENVOY

Stk. #95013



Was \$30,965 **OR- LEASE FOR**

NOW

\$19,695*

\$299** PER MO.
\$0 Down Payment

2008 GMC ACADIA

Stk. #4425



Was \$33,925 **OR- LEASE FOR**

NOW

\$25,601*

\$330** PER MO.
\$0 Down Payment

2008 GMC YUKON

Stk. #4234



Was \$42,645 **OR- LEASE FOR**

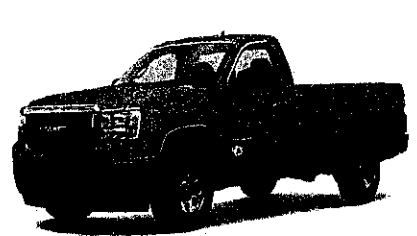
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\$28,995*

\$429** PER MO.
\$0 Down Payment

2008 SIERRA

Stk. #4246



Was \$19,685 **OR- LEASE FOR**

NOW

\$9,156*

\$131** PER MO.
\$0 Down Payment

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