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## NUTSHELL

### Wildcat Tastefest

Join Novi Athletic Boosters and generous local restaurants on Sept. 18 for a great evening of food, fun and football at the Wildcats Tastefest. Gates open at 5 p.m. for restaurant service, and the Novi Wildcats will take on the Salem Rocks at 7 p.m. Tastefest, now larger than ever, brings together the entire community to support Novi stu-



dent athletes. Proceeds go to the Novi Athletic Boosters General Fund and are used for the needs of all our high school sports teams, as well as assisting Novi Middle School teams. New this year:

- Admission to the game is free for students K-8 when accompanied by a parent.
- Future Wildcats are invited to wear uniforms from their current team and join a victory tunnel for the football team just before the kickoff. Coaches should contact Curt Ellis to arrange for their team to participate.
- Get your new NOVI NATION T-shirt and wear black in the stands to show your team spirit.
- In the event of rain, TasteFest will relocate to the Field House.
- Setting up under the food tents are: bd's mongolian grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Pizza Marvelous, Famous Dave's, and Subway.
- Dessert and coffee will be served by Cold Stone Creamery of Novi, joined by a new addition to the lineup, Bigby Coffee of Novi. Hot dogs, drinks and candy will be available at concessions, so there will be food for everyone. Dinner tickets will be \$1 each, and food items range in price from 2-6 tickets.
- For more information, contact Marcia Boynton at [mboynton@umich.edu](mailto:mboynton@umich.edu). To volunteer to help before or during the event please e-mail Teri Cordes at [decordes@sbglobal.net](mailto:decordes@sbglobal.net).

## Seven break-ins reported since July 30

Majority occurring in southwest part of city

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Police Department is urging residents to take extra precautions when leaving their home for an extended period of time due to a recent rash of break-ins in the southwest part of the city.

Since July 30, there have been seven home invasions reported, mostly in the residential areas near Ten Mile and Taft roads.

Sgt. Matthew Conquest said the crimes are occurring between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., and the suspects are targeting electronics, jewelry and cash when available.

"All the homes have been unoccupied with the homeowners on vacation, or more typically, away for the day," he said.

The most common method for the suspects to get inside the home are by using a tool to force open the back doorwall or a window.

People can protect their homes by making sure the doors are locked, reporting suspicious people or vehicles or signing up with the city's

Home Watch program that tells officers to check their home when they are out of town among other methods.

Conquest said "the Novi Police Department is actively investigating these home invasions," and anyone with information that may help the investigation are asked to contact Detective Kristie Gruenwald at (248) 348-7108 or Crime Stoppers at (800) SPEAK-UP.

## Competition cooks up support for Gleaners

### Hotel Baronette chef competes for second time

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The majority of Steven Grostick's time is spent laboring in the kitchen hidden from the public.

So when the executive chef of Hotel Baronette in Novi can take the kitchen to the public and help raise money for a good cause, he takes advantage.

Grostick faced off against chef Steve Pilon of Brighton's Oak Pointe Country Club in the fifth annual Iron Chef Competition to benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank on Aug. 20, and despite being edged out by Pilon, was ecstatic just to be taking part in the event for a second time.

"I love it," he said. "I love being able to interact with the crowd, which was outstanding all night, and it was just a fun event."

The competition served as the kick-off for a month-long matching gift campaign benefitting Gleaners' Shared Harvest Pantry in Howell. The goal is to raise more than \$200,000 for the pantry, and a group of community leaders have funded the campaign with a matching pool of \$100,000.

The event last Thursday raised \$77,000, which is \$4,000 more than last year's total.

Grostick, who is heavily involved with several food organizations in metro Detroit, said he was touched when he received a tour of the food bank in Livingston County and knew he wanted to be part of the money raising efforts.

"Us as chefs see organizations like this and with our own communities in such dire times we will do anything we can to help and put our hearts into it," he said.

The event was run much like



Hotel Baronette executive chef Steven Grostick plays to the crowd during the Iron Chef Competition to benefit Gleaners. Grostick was edged out by Oak Pointe Country Club chef Steve Pilon.

the Iron Chef television show as Grostick and Pilon were notified of the secret ingredient - cherries - right before the grills were fired up. The two chefs had to make an appetizer, entree and a dessert using the cherries all while a crowd of 368 people watched and emceed Steve Garagiola, News Anchor WDIV-Local 4, and Neal Rubin, The Detroit News, entertained. A panel of six judges chose the winner, with Pilon coming out on top.

"They really get into it," said Anne Schenk, communications director for Gleaners. "They take the competition very seriously, and even though it's a fundraiser, it's also their life's work and reputation, and they put everything into it. It was really a lot of fun."

For more information about Gleaners or to donate, visit [www.gefb.org](http://www.gefb.org).



Steven Grostick competed in the Iron Chef Competition on Aug. 20 to raise money for Gleaners Community Food Bank. It was Grostick's second time taking part in the event since it started five years ago.

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## Fuerst Park project exceeds initial budget

Total cost estimated at 4.6 percent over

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The Novi City Council approved a change order Monday to provide additional money for completion of the Fuerst Park project.

When the park is finished, the final amount for the will be \$674,331.51, which is just \$29,581.51 over the previously budgeted amount. The cost includes park development, demolition of the Fuerst farmhouse and barns and old Township Hall relocation and improvements, which include

bathrooms, air conditioning and electrical improvements.

"These expenditures amount to a 4.6 percent overage and most contracts you assume 10 percent either way," said Mayor David Landry. "It's certainly not shocking."

The council also approved taking \$7,500 from signage allocations because that was already funded in the annual budget and the money has not been designated to a project. The shortfall after that change makes the project \$22,081.51, or 3.4 percent

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# NEIGHBORS

## Local couple makes Michigan dinner

### From Faygo pop to Jiffy cornbread

BY PAN FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

Karen and Michael Paciorek say Michigan-made products make a great meal. The Northville residents discovered this when they

organized a Michigan-themed dinner at a family reunion July 11-18 in Virginia Beach, Va. Karen Paciorek said she got the idea after attending a presentation given by Rep. Marc Currievan (D-Northville).

about the Buy Michigan Now initiative prior to the recent festival in downtown Northville.

Lisa Diggs, founder of the buy-local initiative, was also present. She decided it would be fun to take a bunch of Michigan-made food products to the reunion of her husband's relatives to show them how many wonderful things come from the Great Lakes State.

They even had an oven mitt with the state of Michigan outlined on it and some Potoskey stones, the state

stone of Michigan, to use as table decorations.

"I thought this would be a great way to showcase Michigan," she said. The Pacioreks used the Buy Michigan Now Web site as a guide in purchasing their Michigan food items, and it helped that Hillier's Market on north Center Street flags their Michigan-made products.

#### MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD

Karen Paciorek has been a member of the local school board since 2002, so she knows the importance of education. To help educate the children at the reunion about Michigan, she took the books "M is for Mitten" and "I'm a Michigan Kid" for them to read.

The only things that weren't from Michigan were the chicken and beef kabobs they prepared as the main course. The dessert was cookies shaped like the state of Michigan. Karen Paciorek found the cookie cutter at Your Michigan Connection store on north Center Street in downtown Northville.

"It's been years since they've been here, so we needed to give them a taste of Michigan," she said. "We got rave reviews, and they learned a lot about the state," Karen Paciorek said. "We have so many rich items here in Michigan we need to let people know about, such as our food, music and culture. They were fascinated, for example, about Mackinac Island and the rivalry between the University of Michigan and Michigan State."



Karen and Michael Paciorek of Northville display the items they took with them to a family reunion of Michael's relatives July 11-18 in Virginia Beach, Va., to prepare a Michigan-themed dinner for 16 people. They said the dinner was a lot of fun, and everyone enjoyed learning about the Great Lakes state.

#### A TASTE OF MICHIGAN

Michael and Karen Paciorek prepared the following meal for his relatives: Appetizers: Kellogg's Crispix snack mix made with Kellogg's cereal from Battle Creek; Keebler Crackers from Battle Creek, served with Win Schueler's cheese spread from Marshall; Better Made Potato Chips from Detroit; Detroit Tigers peanuts from Gernack Pistachio Company of Detroit; a selection of Michigan-made wines purchased at various vineyards including the Ciccone Vineyard owned by Silvio Ciccone, Madonna's father. Beverages: Assorted flavors of Faygo pop, started in Detroit in 1907; Vernors ginger ale ("deliciously different," started in Detroit in 1864); Salad: Mixed green salad with Michigan dried cherries, Michigan is the No. 1 producer of cherries in the U.S.; and candied pecans with Mucly Duck salad dressing from Clarkston. Entrée: Assorted grilled items marinated with Michigan-made marinades served with Al Dente pasta made in Whitmore Lake. Bread: Jiffy Mix Corn Bread made in Chelsea at the Chelsea Milling Company. Dessert: Michigan-shaped cookies and ice cream topped with Guernsey's hot fudge made by Guernsey Farms Dairy and Restaurant in Novi. Dinner music was from various Motown artists and other Michigan musicians, including The Temptations, The Supremes, The Four Tops, Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin, Kid Rock, Madonna and Bob Seger.

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### Summer days

The Summer Sidewalk Series continues at 12 Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk with musicians Bobby Lewis and his daughter, Gia Warner, performing Aug. 15. Artists Peggy Kerwan, Tracy Vilkey and Patti Dombrecki displayed their works for people to check out. Grievous Angel performed last Saturday, and from 4-7 p.m. this Saturday, the Spangler/Topo jazz trio will perform; the stage is at the roundabout in the center of the complex. The event will also include an art fair with local artists selling their work; face painting for kids; a kids coloring contest (put on by Family of Faith); a putting contest (put on by Putting Copy); a chalk art competition for kids (ends at 6:30 p.m.; winner announced on stage at 7); and prize giveaways. Bring a chair (if it rains, music and face painter will be inside Lucky Strife).



## Hey, Daddy-O, calling all cool cats

### Fabulous '50s Sock Hop Extravaganza to benefit local senior centers

BY ALLEN WINGLAD  
STAFF WRITER

Break out the poodle skirts and cashmere sweaters, grab some By Jeebus and roll up the T-shirt sleeves. Then cruise over to Bakers of Milford on Sept. 11 for an evening of music, dinner, contests and prizes at the first-ever Fabulous '50s Sock Hop Extravaganza. It's this year's annual fundraiser for senior centers in Highland, Milford, Novi, Northville, South Lyon, White Lake, Wixom and Northfield, which are joining together to host the event. Musical entertainment will be provided by Jimmy James, WYON AM 1460 radio disc jockey. "He has quite a following, so we're very lucky to have him," said Barb Rollin, director of the Highland Adult Activity Center. "And we're opening this to all adults in the area. This is something even the baby boomers will like." People are encouraged to wear '50s attire, but it's not mandatory, Rollin said. Activities will include hula hoop and bubble gum blowing contests, as well as other "blast-from-the-past" competitions. Winners will be awarded prizes. "People who've heard about the contests are getting pretty excited and said they are practicing up already," said Nancy Hinzmann, director of the Milford Senior Center. Vendors and representatives from organizations and groups serving seniors will also be on hand during the sock hop, providing information about their available services. Dinner will be casual fare — hot dogs, sloppy joes and potato salad — and there will be a cash bar. Tickets are \$15 per person, available at participating senior centers. Rollin suggests people buy their tickets in advance. "We'd really like to have a good turnout, and it's going to be an exceptional program," Rollin said. "It will be a great time at a great place." Hinzmann agreed. "Grab your saddle shoes and bobby socks," she said. "Come out and have a good time."

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### NOVI NAMES IN THE NEWS

#### Erickson named VP with Trinity

Catholic health-care provider Trinity Health announced that Beverly F. Erickson has been named vice president of Asset Management, a new position overseeing the system's real estate portfolio and capital spending across Trinity Health's nationwide network of 43 acute-care hospitals and hundreds of out-patient centers, long-term care facilities and home health programs.

Her responsibilities include long-range capital planning, real estate portfolio management, asset management, engineering, construction, and operational engineering. "This new position was created to maximize the value and manage the costs of an increasingly complex array of real estate and capital spending transactions," said Louis Fieroni, senior vice president, capital management and capital projects. "Beverly has an extraordinary understanding of all health care and real estate construction issues and is uniquely qualified to manage Trinity Health's sophisticated mix of fixed assets across our national network."

Erickson joined Trinity Health after seven years at Plante & Moran CRISA LLC in Novi, Mich., where she was vice president of Real Estate Advisory Services specializing in development consulting. Her career also includes other positions in real estate development and asset management as well as positions in health care including The Christ Medical Center where she served as vice president of Business Development and Henry Ford Health System where she held positions in finance, medical group practice and ambulatory care in 2002-2008.

She earned her bachelor's degree in management from Oakland University and an M.S.M. from Wayne State University in Detroit. She is a member of several associations including the Urban Land Institute and The American College of Healthcare Executives. Christ Medical Center lists Erickson in its list of Detroit's Most Influential Women.

### IN THE SERVICE

Army Pvt. Ryan W. Patrosso has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony.

He is the son of Michael Patrosso of Novi and Priscilla Patrosso of Fenton.

The private is a 2007 graduate of Livingston Technical Academy, Howell.

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# Greektown creditors to vote on reorganization plans

## Novi's Celani offers Luna plan

BY GRETA QUEST  
FREE PRESS BUSINESS WRITER

Greektown Casino creditors will soon be able to vote on two reorganization plans that chart different futures.

The plans go out to creditors Sept. 8 with votes due back Oct. 8. Interested parties can object to either plan by Oct. 13 and the plan confirmation hearings are to begin Nov. 9, according to the schedule set Thursday by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Walter Shaper.

The other plan, put forth by Tom Celani, a Novi businessman and former shareholder in MotorCity Casino, and hedge fund Plainfield Asset Management LLC of Greenwich, Conn., would preserve some local control.

Either plan would put the current owner, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, out of the picture. The tribe opened the casino in 2000. Greektown Casino filed for Chapter 11 protection in May 2008 and owes more than \$777 million to various entities.

"The Sault tribe continues to explore all of its options including being part of a plan, and the final deci-

Additional Facts  
Comparing the plans:  
Two plans of reorganization have been proposed for Greektown Casino, under Chapter 11 protection. The casino proposed one, and Plainfield Asset Management LLC has offered another. Here's how the plans stack up.

Debtors' plan:  
- Secured creditors, which are the pre-petition and debtor in possession lenders led by Merrill Lynch Capital Corp., would convert their debt into equity in the new casino.  
- Unsecured creditors, bondholders and the current majority owner, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, would receive nothing under the plan.  
- Trade creditors would share in \$3 million, and general unsecured creditors would have a share of \$200,000.

Luna/Plainfield plan:  
- Secured creditors could choose a combination of cash, subordinated debt and stock in the new casino to settle claims.  
- Unsecured creditors and bondholders would receive a pro rata share of warrants to buy 5% of the equity in the new casino. General unsecured creditors would receive a share of \$200,000 plus the same chance to buy equity in the new casino. The tribe would receive nothing under the plan.  
- Trade creditors would share in \$4 million.

# It's not your father's Lego anymore

When I was growing up the 1960s my parents gave me a set of Lego bricks to play with. My brothers and I spent hours building forts, castles, and imaginary ships.



Jeff Livermore

Today, my boys had a much wider variety of bricks and specialized pieces that enabled them to build much more complicated structures than I was able to build.

## TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

The Lego currently available for sale includes a Robotics series that enables people to build and program relatively sophisticated robots. The Lego "Mindstorms" robotics system runs off a 16-bit processor and can be used to build robots that move, pick up objects, and contain light, sound, touch and motion sensors. Colleges and K-12 school districts use this system to teach robotics and basic programming skills.

# Teamwork and healthy competition

What does a robotics challenge for elementary school students say about the direction of education and society? The first lesson is obvious, technology is here to stay and will have a growing impact on our lives. The second lesson is that the world has changed and what used to be exclusively children's toys has become a robotics platform. It is never too early to get started on learning the technologies of tomorrow.

Jeffrey A. Livermore, PhD is the Chair of Business Information Technology and Information Assurance at Walsh College. He teaches in the B.T. Information Assurance, and Doctorate of Management in Executive Leadership programs and is currently researching the ethics of teaching information security. He can be reached at jlvivermore@walshcollege.edu.



## Reading while he waits

Joey Bertram reads a copy of Charlotte's Web on the bleachers of Novi High's pool while waiting for his sister Becca to finish up with swim practice on Aug. 20.

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# Commercials eyed as boost for Michigan

## Novi group says industry is ready to work

One proponent of Michigan's film-production incentives said the state has a large crop of trained professionals ready to go to work on filming commercials — a \$5 billion-a-year business nationwide, but which is ineligible to receive a taxpayer-funded rebate in the state.

While much of the state's commercial-production industry has gone by the wayside with the decline of Detroit's Big Three automakers, many of those who worked on those commercials and related "video newsletters" remain, and many more are ready to work there, said Mark Adler, director of the Novi-based Michigan Production Alliance, a trade organization for Michigan's filmmaking industry.

# FUERST

over the budgeted amount. Signage allocations, which comes from the general fund, were already accounted for in the city's budget, but by pulling the money from there, less will have to be taken out of the general fund if an amendment is needed in the future.

**MARY ALLEN**  
Age 85, longtime resident of Milford, passed away peacefully July 25, 2009. Beloved wife and partner of the late Swann Allen. Dearest sister-in-law of Rose Vukelich. Loving aunt of Richard (Phyllis) Vukelich. Also survived by dear and special friend Theresa Charnovich, and other nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Steve (Ann) Vukelich, Paul (Elnie) Vukelich, Peter Vukelich, John (Margaret) Vukelich, and her sister Ann Frybyski. She is the last member of her family. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her. Arrangements entrusted to Caslerline Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon • 248-446-1171.

**CHARLES R. "CHUCK" BARANSKI**  
Age 74, formerly of Highland, August 19, 2009. Funeral was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi, Friday August 28, 2009, 10:30 a.m. Burial at St. Joseph's Cemetery, South Lyon, Michigan. Online condolences: www.obitimes.com

**BILL CARNEY**  
Age 83, August 18, 2009. In state at Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi, Friday August 28, 2009, 10:30 a.m. Burial at St. Joseph's Cemetery, South Lyon, Michigan. Online condolences: www.obitimes.com

**CHARLES "ERIN" FORTSYTH**  
Age 68, passed away August 17, 2009. He was born on December 10, 1940, in South Lyon, to late Lyle and Mildred (Spencer) Forsyth. He was a plumber for over 40 years. Charles is survived by his children: Sean, Ronald, and David Forsyth; siblings: Ralph (Georgia) Forsyth, Wanda (Ray) Lee, Nancy (Frank) Olinick, and Dolores Lewis. He was preceded in death by his sister Rosemary Forsyth. Memorial service was held on Saturday, August 22, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

**LOTIE T. McDONALD**  
Age 93, of South Lyon, passed away peacefully Aug. 18, 2009. Funeral Mass was held Sat. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Mrs. McDonald was laid to rest at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Caslerline Funeral Home

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# EDUCATION

## Making some 'Little Friends'

### New preschool geared toward child-centered learning

BY NATHAN WUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Novi resident Marilee Dechart has always dreamt of one day starting her own school.

And now after years of teaching and planning, that dream is coming true.

The school, Little Friends Christian Preschool, will welcome its first six students on Sept. 9, and Dechart can barely contain her excitement about getting started.

"I knew there was a need for a faith-based preschool in the community, but it's not like sending your kid to Sunday School; it's a typical school atmosphere," she said. "We want it to be a place where kids build friendships and

where parents can come in the classroom and be involved." Little Friends, licensed by the state of Michigan, is run inside the Community Christ Church on Ten Mile Road. The teaching program is based on the High/Scope philosophy that says children should be actively involved in their own learning.

"The program is very hands-on and focuses on a child-centered type of learning," Dechart said. "The kids get to plan their day and it gives them the idea they can make a choice and make it happen."

Lisa Schafer, a South Lyon resident who will be teaching alongside Dechart, said she is excited to be part of the new school because of Dechart's

methods of teaching and her passion for kids.

"It helps (kids) be better prepared for kindergarten and gives them confidence," she said.

Classes are currently being held for two and a half year olds to five year olds Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon, and those dates will expand as the school grows. Preschool camps, special events, parent/child programs and a 'Little Friend Day Out' also are planned.

For more information about the preschool, visit [www.LittleFriendsNovi.com](http://www.LittleFriendsNovi.com) or call (248) 348-4330. Registration is currently open.

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Preschool teachers Marilee Dechart, left, and Lisa Schafer will begin welcoming students to Little Friends Christian Preschool at Novi's Community Christ Church on Ten Mile Road.

### ON CAMPUS

#### Dartmouth

Alan E. Shaoski of Novi graduated during spring 2009 commencement exercises, one of more than 1,000 students receiving a bachelor of arts degree. He majored in government and minored in Asian/Middle East studies.

#### Loyola University

Jennifer Clemens of Northville was named to the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List for the second

semester of the 2008-09 academic year.

#### University of Michigan

Jonathan Conner Hammond of Northville was recently recognized as a member of Sigma Alpha Lambda, National Leadership and Honors Organization.

#### Purdue University

Lindsay Williams of Northville was initiated into the Barbara Cook Chapter of the university's Mortar

Board National College Senior Honor Society this past April. She also received the College of Engineering, SWE Outstanding Junior Award sponsored by General Motors.

This is the third consecutive year in which Williams has been named the Outstanding Female Engineer in her class. In addition, she earned the Outstanding Chemical Engineer Award for 2009 and has been named for six straight semesters to the Dean's List with semester honors.

# Can everybody else's child really be gifted?

Last week my cousin told me his 5-year-old daughter was gifted. Evidently she tested high on a kindergarten entrance examination. His proclamation of her genius reminded me of a time long ago when my kids were growing up.

In 1988 I took my son to his first day of Novi preschool. The school was located in a trailer off of Taft Road. When we arrived there was a long line of parents and children waiting in line to meet the teacher. The idea was to introduce yourself and your child and try to ease any anxiety your kid was feeling. My son, Danny, seemed excited and nervous as we found ourselves next in line. I couldn't help noticing the woman in front of me. She was very pretty and I recognized her son as a playmate of Danny's. He had been at my house many times before. She greeted the teacher and introduced her boy. Then the fun started. She told the teacher that her son was showing signs of being a great artist and she hoped the teacher would help

him to develop and fulfill his potential. As I looked at the young Picasso I wondered why I never noticed his impending genius. After all the kid had been at my house many times and I consider myself somewhat perceptive. Then I remem-



Steve Cash

### SMART KIDS

I felt so foolish now that I had let that one minor event block me from recognizing this prodigy's gift. Even though I was mad at myself for ever doubting this kid this incident opened my eyes to a painful reality. It seemed that Novi was flooded with gifted and brilliant kids and although I loved my boys very much I had to consider the possibility that my boys were the only mediocre kids in Novi.

As that fear started to take hold, I started recognizing some ominous signs. Not only were the kids smart but so were the schools themselves. I drove by Novi school after Novi school with an exemplary designation etched into the building for good to see.

As an aside, I never understood why so many parents are adamant about their kid attending an exemplary school. All the kids do good there and you are just another small fish in the pond. My idea, (but my wife disagreed) was to send the kids

to a low ranking school so they could excel. Unfortunately my wife got caught up in what I call the (MEAP score conspiracy) and off to become the next Doogie Howser they went. Can you imagine the pressure on my wonderful yet academically mortal children? While my kids were playing sports and Legos I started thinking they were being left behind by kids with the capacity to be future chemists and scientists.

I remember thinking that although my boys were great in two square, their expertise may not help them when they hit the workplace. I panicked and hired some tutors. Why should these other kids have an advantage over mine?

For six months they were tutored in math, science and English, as I desperately tried to help them catch up. We tried, but alas my boys were not interested and although they were the light of my life, I had to accept them for who they were, and had to admit that when the final tally was counted, as painful and demoralizing as it was Novi would have at least three kids who could not memorize the periodic table. (My money was not totally wasted though

because even though my boys were not helped, the tutors became much better at two square).

### GREAT IDEA

Then out of nowhere I had a great idea, I figured out how to raise their self esteem.

I'll let them join the wrestling team or better known as (the great equalizer). That's it I thought. Finally my kids could compete on a level playing field.

You see I wrestled way back when most of the kids only wrestled as part of their probation requirements. To play sports you had to carry a C average at all times.

In order to field a team they had to lower the standard for wrestlers. After some administrative discussions a decision was made that the kids could wrestle, if they kept a D average and agree to only give the vice principle two swirlys a week, and stop pinning the school nurse.

Once again, however, I had miscalculated, this was not 1970 any more and this was just a wrestling team this was Novi's wrestling team. This fact was brought home to me during the team banquet. Each wrestler was asked to say his name and announce his grade point average. My son went first and I was never

prouder. He shouted out 3.1 with confidence.

I looked around the room as if to say, take that you pompous pseudo intellectuals. Then my worst nightmare. They came out fast and furious - 3.8, 3.9, 4.0, 3.9, 3.7, 4.1 (honors classes).

### ALL'S WELL

It's six years later and all has turned out well. My kids are finding their place in the world. As they look back now they realize that although it was tough, graduating from a well respected school like Novi gives you a real advantage to face the future.

Believe me, if I had it to do all over again I would send them to Novi High School and not change a thing. I hope you don't think I am hard on my boys in this column. It's just that I wanted them to follow in their father's footsteps.

I don't mean to brag but I scored a 33 on my college entrance exam. Of course that was before they invented the ACT test and they used my IQ test instead.

Steve Cash lived in Novi for 20 years. He has been selling real estate for 35 years and is also pursuing a writing career. Reader comments are welcome at [SteveCash@hometownlife.com](mailto:SteveCash@hometownlife.com) or [speakingofcash.blogspot.com](http://speakingofcash.blogspot.com).

## Twelve Oaks Mall goes pink: 'Legally Blonde The Musical' presale and contest

At 8 a.m. on Friday, metro Detroiters, theatre lovers and Legally Blonde fans alike will have the opportunity to purchase tickets to the Fisher Theatre's presentation of "Legally Blonde The Musical" before the general public, exclusively at Twelve Oaks Mall.

The Twelve Oaks Ticketmaster Retail Location in Center Court will play host to the "Legally Blonde

### DETAILS

Twelve Oaks is located in Novi, at I-96 and Novi Road. Shopping hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Visit us at [www.shoptwelveoaks.com](http://www.shoptwelveoaks.com) for more information.

The Musical" presale from 8-10 a.m. The first 50 people in line will receive "Legally

Blonde" T-shirts. Breakfast goodies will be available while supplies last. All attendees will receive a Twelve Oaks VIP Pass, with special discounts and giveaways from over 50 stores and restaurants throughout the mall. WNIC 100.3 will be on-site during the event, along with a look-alike of Elle's four-legged friend Bruiser.

Tickets will go on sale to the general public at 10 a.m.

following the presale.

Customers can also enter the "Live Like Elle" contest in Center Court or online at [www.shoptwelveoaks.com](http://www.shoptwelveoaks.com) now through August 28. The grand prize winner will win two tickets to the show, a one night stay at the Hotel Baronette, a \$50 dinner at California Pizza Kitchen and a \$200 Twelve Oaks Mall Gift Card. One runner up will receive two tickets to the

show. Legally Blonde follows sorority star Elle Woods, an underestimated blonde who doesn't take "no" for an answer. When her boyfriend dumps her for someone more "serious," Elle puts down the credit card, hits the books, and sets out to go where no Delta Nu has gone before: Harvard Law. Along the way, Elle proves that being true to yourself never goes out of

style. After turning Broadway and MTV hot pink, this "Feel-Good Song and Dance Juggernaut" (New York Magazine) is "The Best Musical Around" (WOR). The show is scheduled to run October 15-November 1, 2009 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. For more details about Legally Blonde The Musical, visit [www.broadway-idetroit.com](http://www.broadway-idetroit.com).

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Richard W. Paul, CFP® and president of Midwest Financial Consultants will host Ed Slott, CPA, considered "the best" source for IRA advice by "The Wall Street Journal" and "America's IRA Expert," by Mutual Funds Magazine, will be speaking Sept. 16 on the latest IRA and tax reduction topics for near-retired and retired Detroit residents. The event begins at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 6:00 p.m. at the Novi Sheraton Hotel. A book signing will follow.

Ed Slott is most known for his bestselling books on retirement savings accounts and tax reduction strategies for retirement, including "Parlay Your IRA into a Family Fortune," "The Retirement Savings Time Bomb," and his latest release, "Your Complete Retirement Planning Roadmap: The Leave-Nothing-to-Chance, Worry-Free, All Systems-Go Guide." Additionally, Ed is the creator of the nationally televised number one public television special for PBS, "Stay Rich Forever & Ever with Ed Slott." Ed will be enlightening area residents on how to avoid the common tax traps of retirement, the newest tax laws, how to protect an IRA and other retirement accounts from excessive taxation; how to create an "ideal" estate plan; and much more. The presentation is scheduled to last approximately one hour.

The event is free to attend and open to the public, however seating is limited. Please call the 24-hour reservation hotline (800) 426-9402 to reserve complimentary tickets. The first 100 registrants will receive a copy of Ed's book "The Retirement Savings Time Bomb - And How to Defuse It" at the presentation.

**Oakland Leadership fund-raiser**

Join State Rep. Hugh D. Crawford for family fun at Paradise Park from 4-7 p.m. on Friday. Enjoy free burgers, hot dogs and beverages plus one free ticket (per person) for the amusement. Suggested "minimum" donation is \$38 per adult (free for children). Please make checks payable to Oakland Leadership Fund; no corporate checks. RSVP to Ruth Ann Jirasek at rjirasek@hottmail.com

Paradise Park is located at 45779 Grand River Avenue, Novi.

**Sav-On collecting school supplies**

Sav-On Drug stores 21 locations throughout southeastern Michigan, including 24100 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will be collecting notebooks, pencils, crayons, and more to help those children in metro Detroit who may not be able to afford school supplies this year.

There is a box at the front of each store to collect the donated supplies. Simply purchase a folder, pens, or any other school supply item of your choosing. Pay for your purchase at the register when you're finished shopping and then drop your donation in the school supply collection box.

Sav-On Drugs will then match the supply donations collected at all store locations and contribute the same amount. Deserving school districts will be contacted and supplies will be distributed to those Michigan children in need.

**Farmington Players auditions**

The Farmington Players Barn Theater is holding open auditions for its upcoming holiday production, *Miracle on 34th Street*.

Auditions will be held at the Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Times are 6:30 p.m. Aug. 27 for principal characters only: Doris Walker, Susan Walker, Kris Kringle, Fred Gailey, Mr. Shellhammer and Miss Adams; and 12:30 p.m. Aug. 30 for all characters (including principals unable to make the first night).

The play opens with Doris Walker, a no-nonsense special events director for New York's iconic Macy's Department Store, finding the actor hired to play Santa Claus intoxicated moments before the start of the big Thanksgiving Day parade. In a panic, Doris persuades a nice old man standing nearby to take his place. The kindly gentleman proves to be a sensation, and is quickly hired to be Macy's official store Santa. Much to her dismay, Doris soon learns that her new hire claims to be the real Santa. Despite her refusal to believe, many people began to notice there is something very special about the old man, including her young daughter Susan. What ensues is an exciting courtroom drama that quickly tests everyone's belief in the magic and spirit of Christmas.

**What's the 5-Hour Energy Guy's Name?**

Novi's 5-Hour Energy is sponsoring a "Name the Energy Guy" Contest. The public is asked to recommend names for the Energy Guy that can be found running into the sunset on any of 5-Hour Energy's products. The person with the winning "Name the Energy Guy" suggestion will win a free 12-pack of 5-Hour Energy.

"Name the 5-Hour Energy Guy" Contest 5-Hour Energy is proud of their logo. You can see it displayed on their Web site, on any of their energy shots, and in countless other places. The Energy Guy can tirelessly run off into the sunset, fully energized by the 5-Hour Energy shots. But Energy Guy does have one problem: He doesn't have a name. 5-Hour Energy is leaving it in the hands of the fans to come up with a name for the Energy Guy.

**Business Recognition Awards**

The 2009 Business Recognition Awards are back and ready to recognize businesses who give back to the community, provide optimal work environments for employees, or who are committed to helping build an ecologically sustainable economy. Help the City of Novi recognize businesses that encompass these ideals by nominating them for Business Recognition Award.

In order to be eligible for nomination, businesses must be a registered business with the City of Novi. Go to: <http://investnovi.org/DoingBusiness/BusinessRecognitionAwards> for more information and/or to make a nomination.

**Lions golf outing**

The Novi Lions Club is holding its Family Fun Golf Outing on Saturday, Sept. 12. Cost is \$50 per person; \$30 per golfer 15 years or younger accompanied by an adult. For registration and additional information call (248) 960-3092.

**Boys' Bowl**

The 65th Annual Boys' Bowl game between Detroit Catholic Central and St. Mary's Prep will be at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4. Anyone interested in advertising in the program, with a circulation of more than 2,000

copies, should contact Susan Larsen-Hesse at (313) 360-9153 or Mary Nagrocki at (248) 719-1700. The program is distributed at the game, during November Open House and is used as a promotional vehicle for future CC students.

**Road budget hearing**

The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) Board of Road Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on its proposed fiscal year 2010 budget at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27 at the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac.

The proposed 2010 budget, at just over \$105 million, includes plans for approximately \$36.9 million worth of road improvement projects or work toward future road improvement projects. This budget represents an increase of \$6.9 million compared to the \$98.2 million 2009 budget adopted in September of last year.

The 2010 proposed budget is larger than the 2009 budget primarily because of the \$13 million RCOC received in federal "stimulus" funds (being used for 13 resurfacing projects and one gravel-road-paving project). RCOC expects its operating budget, funded primarily through the agency's share of state-collected fuel tax and vehicle registration fees for revenues, will decline in 2010 compared to 2009 (these are the funds used to plow snow, fill potholes, grade gravel roads, etc.). This will be the fourth straight year of declining operating revenues, following 10 years in which the revenues were essentially flat.

The RCOC fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30. Final approval of the 2010 budget will take place in September.

RCOC Board Chairman Richard G. Skarritt will preside over the budget hearing. During the hearing, RCOC Managing Director Brent Bair will provide an analysis of the proposed budget, the agency's financial situation and reductions in staff and services. Deputy Managing Director/County Highway Engineer Dennis Kolar will review the proposed 2010 Road Improvement Program. The Board of Road Commissioners will then receive questions or comments from those in attendance. Copies of the proposed 2010 budget and a complete list of projects proposed for 2010 will be available at the hearing.

**Help 'Make-A-Wish' come true for local teenager**

**Applebee's sponsoring Novi junior's dream**

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

It's the word no parent ever wants to hear from their child's doctor — "cancer." And when Palma and Dan Fouratt were told their son Nathan, 16, had Hodgkin's lymphoma three years ago, Palma called it a "truly devastating" moment while Dan said it was "a miserable thing."

However in just six months Nathan was given a clear bill of health, thanks to the help of chemotherapy and radiation, and more importantly quick detection.

Nathan was going in for his annual physical when the doctor found the lump on his throat, and by the time he started going to the University of Michigan hospital the cancer was barely into stage one.

"By being proactive we were able to catch it in the early stages," Palma said. "You always think 'it will never happen to us,' but it does happen and there shouldn't be any reason parents do not take their kids in for a regular physical."

Nathan said the diagnosis did not really change his life "except twice every three weeks I went to the hospital," but it did give him a different outlook.

"I look at the more positive things in life now," the Novi High School junior said.

His parents, who went from terrified at first diagnosis to relief, said they knew with his personality he would get through it and his positive attitude kept them upbeat.



Novi High School junior Nathan Fouratt will be on hand at the Applebee's fund-raiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation on Saturday. His wish is to meet Steve Jobs, co-founder and CEO of Apple.

with someone locally it makes us want to strive to do extra for them."

"This Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. the restaurant will host a pancake breakfast to raise money for the foundation. There will be games and prizes for kids, cookie decorating, an appearance by Mickey Mouse and a silent auction. The Fouratt family also will be on hand to greet everyone. "It's a very special thing and we are glad the community is doing it," Dan said. Applebee's is located at 47900 Grand River Avenue. [nmueller@planetnet.com](mailto:nmueller@planetnet.com) | (248) 437-2201, ext. 255

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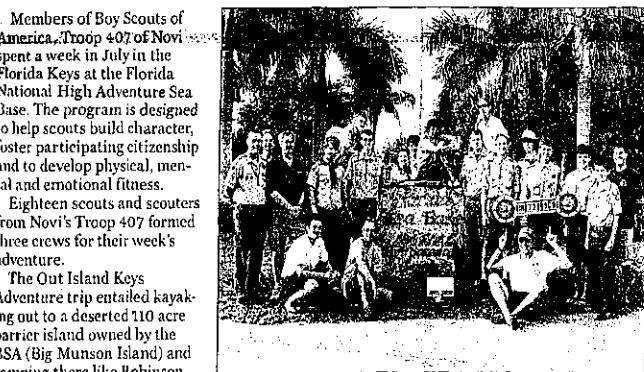
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**Sea Base: Scouts, you're not in Novi anymore**



Members of Boy Scouts of America, Troop 407 of Novi spent a week in July in the Florida Keys at the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base. The program is designed to help scouts build character, foster participating citizenship and to develop physical, mental and emotional fitness.

Eighteen scouts and scouters from Novi's Troop 407 formed three crews for their week's adventure.

The Out Island Keys Adventure trip entailed kayaking out to a deserted 110 acre barrier island owned by the USA (Big Munson Island) and camping there like Robinson Crusoe for the week. Many campers slept in hammocks under the stars, which was quite a change from Novi. The crews experienced activities such as reef snorkeling at Looe Key, which is the third most dived site in the world. In their underwater adventure, the group saw barracuda, sting ray, sharks, zebra fish, and other tropical fish species. The group had other opportunities to snorkel including night snorkeling on the patch reefs which are known as Munson Rocks.

They also enjoyed canoeing, kayaking, deep sea fishing, shark fishing and island nature studies. While deep sea fishing they were able to cool off with a swim in 85.0 feet of water! They befriended "Key Deer", raced hermit crabs, participated in native dances and learned what sargassum was (and its distinctive smell). As a reward at the end of the program, the group participated in a traditional Luau, with savory seafood to feast upon. This was an once in a lifetime experience for these scouts and a memory they will hold with them forever.

- Submitted by Ed Roney

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Fri. 7:30 pm	\$10	\$5,000	20 Minutes	Only 1 Re-buy \$5000 TC's for \$10 Must be \$10000 or less to RB	\$10000 in chips for \$10	\$1200* 1 <sup>st</sup> Place \$520* Pays 8 places
Sat. 5:00 pm	\$125	\$10,000	30 Minutes First 4 levels	No Re-buys	\$10000 in chips for \$10	\$5000* 1 <sup>st</sup> Place \$2000* Pays 8 places
Sun. 5:00 pm	\$100	\$10,000	30 Minutes First 4 levels	Unlimited (all 1 <sup>st</sup> break) \$5000 TC's for \$40 Must be \$10000 or less to RB	\$10000 in chips for \$10	\$7000* 1 <sup>st</sup> Place \$3000* Pays 8 places

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# Event celebrates culture, traditions of India



It was a day of celebration for nearly 25,000 Indian Americans on Sunday as they enjoyed the tastes, sights and sounds of India at the Rock Financial Showplace.

The ninth annual India Day highlighted India's independence which took place on Aug. 15, 1947, and brought together Indian Americans from all over metro Detroit.

"It's a very unique event that showcases India's life, literature, culture, business and performing arts," said Radha Krishnan, president of the National Federation of Indian American Associations.

Krishnan said his favorite part is meeting different sections of people as Indian Americans are "one of the most diversified groups in the world" with 15 major independent languages.

The event featured live music and dance, Indian cuisine, a parade and booths selling jewelry, arts and crafts and clothing.



Area residents celebrated India's independence Day Aug. 16 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.



Some 25,000 Indian Americans packed the Rock Financial Showplace to experience the sights, sounds, food and culture of India.



One of the highlights of India Day was the authentic Indian food from local area Indian restaurants.



Families experienced the spirit and culture of India at the Aug. 16 festival.



Many booths were stocked with authentic Indian clothing.



Friends get a chance to talk and celebrate while visiting the exhibits.



Event goes shopping for Indian jewelry and artifacts at India Day on Aug. 16.

Check out the bargains at area garage sales inside today's Classified section



One of the teams competing in the recent golf outing for the Novi Parks Foundation included (l to r) Accuform's Paul Johnson, Greg Konczal and Jeff Konczal and Sheryl Walsh, City of Novi.

## Chipping for parks charity

Talk about grass-roots support. Over 125 proud supporters of Novi's parks, including numerous Novi business and civic leaders, as well as a few visitors from England, gathered at Links of Novi recently to help raise over \$16,000 for the Novi Parks Foundation.

The funds from the fifth annual event go to support park enhancements, recreation opportunities and scholarship programs for local children in need.

The Novi Parks Foundation is a charitable organization run by local volunteers to help support the city's parks and recreational facilities through fund-raisers like the golf outing and a naming rights program which allows sponsors to purchase the naming rights of city recreational facilities.

Dozens of area businesses donated money, prizes and services to this year's event. Golfers were treated to complimentary chair massages before and after the round, as well as a slideshow video of the day's festivities during the steak dinner. Several area college students, home for the summer, volunteered their time to help out with the event as well.

"It's great to see so many Novi citizens and businesses

getting involved on so many levels," says Novi Parks Foundation President Linda Blair. "Without the help and support of our sponsors, participants, and volunteers, we could not do what we do to help our community."

And it wasn't just Novi and area residents getting in on the action. Novi Mayor David Landry even brought in some "ringers" from across the pond. He rounded out his foursome with a group of friends and colleagues from England.

For more information about the Novi Parks Foundation sponsorship or corporate naming rights opportunities, call 248-347-0400 or visit the foundation's Web site at [www.noviparks.org](http://www.noviparks.org).

Submitted by Derek Blair

### NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

#### Teen arrested for possession of pot

A 17-year-old was arrested at 7:02 p.m. on Aug. 18 for possession of marijuana after initially being pulled over for speeding on east-bound Thirteen Mile Road.

According to the police report, the officer detected the vehicle traveling 55 miles per hour in a 40 mph zone, and the driver was pulled over after turning onto southbound M-5.

During the traffic stop the officer asked the driver if there was anything in the car he should know about, to which the driver said "not that I am aware of" before later admitting to having marijuana in the vehicle.

Found inside the car were two bags of marijuana (7.1 grams), marijuana cigarettes (7 grams) and other drug paraphernalia.

The driver was arrested and issued a citation for possession of marijuana and is set to appear in court on Aug. 31.

#### Windows damaged by BB's

Several windows on the east side of the building containing Oakland Oral Surgery were shot at by a BB gun overnight between Aug. 15 and Aug. 17.

According to the report, the person police spoke with said this is the second incident and the building is still vacant since the second week in September. Only the outer pane of the windows were broken as the BB's were not strong enough to penetrate through the window.

There are no suspects or witnesses at this time.

#### Woman's mailbox damaged a fourth time

A Novi woman returned from an 11-day vacation to find the mailbox for her Cider Mill Drive home lying on the ground and propped up by neighbor so she could continue to receive mail.

The woman said she thinks it was damaged by a vehicle or struck by a baseball bat, and this was the fourth time it has been damaged in the last 15 years. She believes the fact she lives at an intersection may be the reason it keeps getting hit.

She requested to speak to a detective to see if there was an isolated incident and what she could do to prevent it from happening.

#### Cars keyed in apartment complex

Novi police are investigating a property damage complaint that occurred in the parking lot of an apartment complex on Woodland Glen Drive.

The complainant said between 7 p.m. on Aug. 18 and 2 p.m. on Aug. 19, her car and three others in the parking lot were keyed by an unknown person.

None of the people who had damage to their cars saw anything suspicious or have any idea who committed the act.

Compiled by Nathan Mueller

## Novi man sentenced for operating Internet child prostitution ring

BY BEN SCHMITT  
FREE PRESS STAFF WRITER

A Novi man was sentenced to more than 12 years in prison today for operating an Internet child prostitution ring.

Dennis Paige, 35, known as "Detroit Slim" was the manager of an interstate and interstate sex enterprise involving minors, federal investigators said.

"Today's 150-month sentence sends a strong message that those who offer to sell young women and underage girls as commodities in the illegal sex trade will be aggressively prosecuted, and that the United States Attorney's Office will do everything in its power to pursue an appropriately strict sentence," said U.S. Attorney Terrence Berg. "We will do our best to keep the

Internet from continuing to be a haven for those who exploit teenagers and young women through their on-line prostitution businesses."

Paige was arrested last year after an FBI investigation that also led to the arrest of other defendants.

He pleaded guilty earlier this year to two counts of transportation of a minor to engage in illegal sexual conduct.

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LOCATION: The Grapevine of Novi, 43155 Market Street  
DETAILS: Live music on the patio on Thursdays, inside on week ends; no cover. Schedule includes Thursday, Motor City Sneaks; Friday, Pat Prouty Trio; Saturday, Spangler/Tops Trio.  
CONTACT: (248) 344-4044

**BETTER HEALTH MARKET**  
LOCATION: 42875 Grand River, Novi  
CONTACT: (248) 735-8100 or visit www.thebetterhealthstore.com  
Kelly Cassise  
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29  
DETAILS: Kelly Cassise from New Chapter will discuss how to strengthen the immune system for the upcoming school year - great for moms and kids.

**AUTHOR MARIA DISMONDY BOOK SIGNINGS**  
TIME/DATE: Sept. 15  
LOCATION: Border's Bookstore, 43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi  
TIME/DATE: 9-11 a.m. Oct. 11  
LOCATION: Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 17111 Haggerty Rd., Northville  
TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 10  
LOCATION: Walled Lake Public Library, 1499 E. West Maple Rd., Walled Lake  
TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Nov. 21  
LOCATION: Wixom Public Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom  
DETAILS: Maria Dismondly will be on tour at local facilities, reading, selling and signing her book, "Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun." In today's society, it's important to remind children that, although we are very much alike on the outside, we are different on the inside. Unfortunately, bullying has become a major problem in the



### Walk for those you love

Angela Hospice invites friends, families, and community members to the 2nd annual Walk of Remembrance. Experience fellowship in the beautiful outdoors with a common goal in mind -- to honor, remember, and celebrate the loved ones we've lost. The event will be held Saturday, Sept. 12, beginning at Madonna University in Livonia, with registration at 8 a.m. The 3K and 5K routes will weave through the serene and beautiful grounds of the Felician Sisters. Refreshments and activities for all ages will follow. Angela Hospice held its first Walk of Remembrance last September (pictured) with more than 500 participants, and the event was very well-received. Advance registration is now open for this year's event, \$20 for adults and \$5 for children 6-12. Participation is free for those 5 and under. In total, over 900 people are expected to attend. All proceeds will benefit Angela Hospice services, including caring programs for terminally ill adults and children, and loss counseling available to the entire community without cost. For a registration form or for more information, visit [www.AskforAngela.com](http://www.AskforAngela.com), or call events coordinator Barb Ivanan at (734) 953-6045.

United States. It's not only painful for children, but occurring at an increasingly young age. Her book empowers children to positively handle tough situations through its timeless message: have the courage to be exactly who you are, no matter what other people say.

**JAVA AND JAZZ JAM**  
TIME/DATE: 9-11 p.m. Aug. 27  
LOCATION: Biggby Coffee, 43346 Grand River at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road  
DETAILS: Jazz has found a home once a month at Biggby Coffee. Since the New's Years Eve celebration, the Tony Lannen Jazz Quartet has entertained a growing crowd of jazz lovers on the last Thursday of every month. Owner Mike Waltersdorf has committed to continuing the jazz jam through the summer months. \$5 music donation. Musicians - bring your instruments and join the jam. Sign up sheet at the door.  
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## Senior Health & Living Expo

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After 5 Barbecue & Networking  
TIME/DATE: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27  
LOCATION: Financial Planning & Investments, 43390 W. 10 Mile Rd., Novi  
DETAILS: Join us for a summer barbecue sponsored by the Meet's Round Table. Burgers, dogs, sausage, beer and wine. Meet Michigan Nicole Blaszczak, \$15 pre-registration; \$20 at the door  
Membership Luncheon  
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9  
LOCATION: Bonafish Grill, 43304 11 Mile Rd., Novi  
DETAILS: Join us for a delicious lunch sponsored by ACCESS.  
POINTS: \$20 pre-registration; \$30 at door

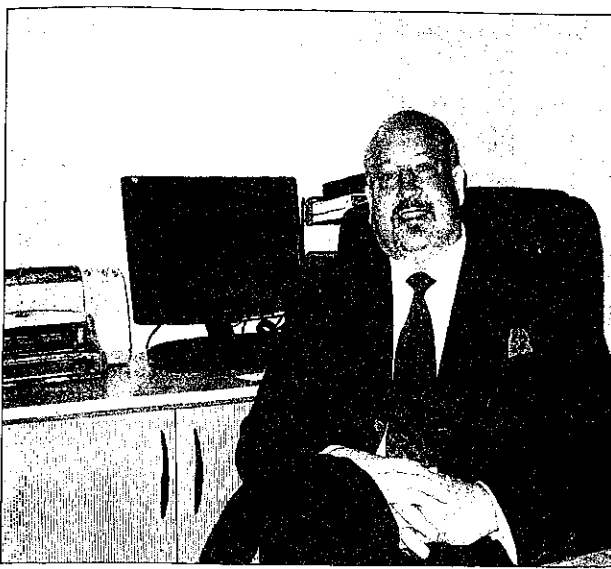
**NOVI ROTARY CLUB**  
TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday  
LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road  
DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information; novirota.org.

**AGWA**  
99 Ways to shop 'til You Drop  
TIME/DATE: 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9  
LOCATION: DoubleTree Hotel, Novi  
DETAILS: The Novi Oaks chapter of ARWA (American Business Women's Association) is hosting this event, with many different vendors on site for an evening of shopping, networking and fun. Admission is 99 cents and includes light appetizers, while they last. A cash bar will also be available.  
CONTACT: [www.agwa-novi.org](http://www.agwa-novi.org)

**LIBRARY LINES**  
NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY LINES  
LOCATION: 45245 W. Ten Mile Road  
SUMMER HOURS: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
STANDARD HOURS (resume after Labor Day): Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m.  
Library will be closed on Labor Day.  
DETAILS: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the Library.  
CONTACT: (248) 349-0720  
WEB SITE: [www.novilibrary.org](http://www.novilibrary.org)  
Story Times: Please see the Library Web site or story line brochure for details.  
Novi Writer's Group  
DATE: Saturday, Aug. 29  
TIME: 10 a.m.-noon  
DETAILS: Inspirational environment for writers to create with other writers. The group is facilitated by local writer, Kathy Mulch. You must be 18 years of older.  
Library Tech Time  
DATE: Monday, August 31 and Wednesday, September 2  
TIME: 7-7:30 p.m.  
DETAILS: Fifteen-minute one-on-one tutoring with either a Librarian or Computer Tech on a topic of your choice. Investigating your family tree? Microsoft Word have you stumped? We have the tools to help. Registration required.  
Libraries and Little Ones  
DATE: Thursday, Sept. 3  
TIME: 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
DETAILS: Come and share some stories, songs, and rhymes with your preschooler! Sponsored by the Oakland County Child Care Council. Registration required.  
Mastering the Mouse for Seniors  
DATE: Thursday, Sept. 3  
TIME: 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
DETAILS: This 100% hands-on class is designed to introduce seniors to using the computer mouse. We will complete a self-guided tutorial on the computer, learning and practicing all of the basic functions of the mouse. Registration required.  
Booked for Lunch  
DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 9  
TIME: noon to 1 p.m.  
DETAILS: Join your neighbors in a lively book discussion during your lunch hour. Bring your lunch and the Library will provide a beverage. Discussing The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls.  
English Conversation Group  
DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 9  
TIME: noon to 1 p.m.  
DETAILS: Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills.

**ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE**  
LOCATION: 45000 Grand River Avenue, Novi  
CONTACT: (248) 349-5600  
Michigan Antique Arms Show  
DATE: Sept. 12-13  
DETAILS: Antique and modern arms and accoutrements, part and accessories, as well as other related merchandise. The show also features historical displays and presentations.  
Brides Day Bridal Show  
DATE: Sept. 13  
DETAILS: This popular bridal event has been a bride's first choice for finding everything she needs to plan her special day.  
[www.thebridalshow.com](http://www.thebridalshow.com)  
American Sewing Expo  
DATE: Sept. 25-27  
DETAILS: The American Sewing Expo is the largest independent consumer sewing show in the country! This show has everything relating to fiber arts including fashion sewing, quilting, needle arts, crafting, and much more. [www.americansewingexpo.com](http://www.americansewingexpo.com)  
International Gem and Jewelry Show  
DETAILS: This is one of the largest exhibitions of gems, minerals and jewelry in the world with one-of-a-kind jewelry creations, estate jewelry, accessories, and deeply discounted products for everyone. [www.intergem.com](http://www.intergem.com)  
Fall Camper and RV Show  
DATE: Oct. 10-11  
DETAILS: The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds present an expansive event featuring all types of recreational vehicles, parts and accessories. campground information on site. RV financing and RV rentals; [www.marvac.org](http://www.marvac.org)  
Fall Home Remodeling Show  
DATE: Oct. 9-11  
DETAILS: The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan offers a wide variety of home improvements ideas, project advice, products and education. [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org)  
Great Lakes Art Fair  
DATE: Oct. 16-18  
DETAILS: Artists from across the region will offer works in the mediums of oil, watercolor, glass, photography, jewelry, fiber, sculpture and mixed media, along with select epicurean items. [\*\*Rock Financial Showplace\*\*  
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NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site, and involvement with local charities.  
LOCATION: 41875 11 Mile Road, #201, Novi  
CONTACT: For more information, call \\(248\\) 349-3743 or \\[www.novi-chamber.com\\]\\(http://www.novi-chamber.com\\)\]\(http://www.greatlake-</a></p></div>
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Gary Reggish, president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, is helping lead the association's push to get government leaders behind the newly created Entrepreneurial Rejuvenation for Unemployed Workers Program.

# Realtors reaching out to unemployed

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The program is what Reggish and the association members are pushing on legislators to help the unemployed find work.

"All those jobs are not going to come back so we have to help," he said.

The basis of the ERUWP would be to help assess unemployed workers for "entrepreneurial attitude and possession of an entrepreneurial skill," provide training for them through small business workshops and assist them in finding funding sources for the small business start-up.

Reggish said while the manufacturing industry has taken the biggest hit, other fields such as medical and alternative energy are growing.

Members of the association met with select state legislators earlier this week, and Smith said they would get a response within 10 days with names of people who could sit down and discuss the project at length.

For more information about the project and program, visit [www.jmpstart-michigan.com](http://www.jmpstart-michigan.com).

(248) 431-2001, Ext. 255

"It may not work, but it's our goal and we want someone to take a look at it," he said. "It's an overwhelming issue and we hope to be providing the footpaths to start solving that problem."

According to the study, the ERUWP could create about 3,500 jobs in a year and help move Michigan toward the national average for new business creation.

Reggish said the reason the realtors association got behind the project was because the "rippling effect" has an effect on everyone, and he wants the public to take a call to action and get involved too.

"Our role is much greater than helping folks buy and sell houses," Reggish said. "We want to help people keep their homes and thrive in Michigan."

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## CALENDAR

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**Introduction to the Internet for Seniors**  
DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 9  
TIME: 1-3 p.m.  
DETAILS: This class introduces the basics of the Internet in a relaxed, supportive environment. You must know the basics of using a computer mouse OR have taken "Mastering the Mouse for Seniors." Registration required.  
Friends Board Meeting  
DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 9  
TIME: 7-9 p.m.  
DETAILS: Monthly meeting of the Friends of the Novi Public Library. The public is welcome!

**WIXOM PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom  
HOURS: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday  
CONTACT: (248) 624-2512 or visit [www.wixomlibrary.org](http://www.wixomlibrary.org)  
Museum Adventure Pass  
DETAILS: Card holders can check out free passes, for two to four people, to many area museums, cultural centers and historical sites. See [detroitadventurespass.org](http://detroitadventurespass.org) for more information.  
ESL Cafe  
TIME/DATE: 3:30 p.m. every Thursday  
DETAILS: Coffee and conversation. Improve your English speaking skills by speaking with people from other countries trying to improve their English. No tests; instructor help; free. CONTACT: Karin at the Information Desk.

**NOVI SENIOR ACTIVITIES CENTER**  
LOCATION: Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook Road.  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0414  
Massage by appointment: 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday  
Thursday  
9-11 a.m.: Line Dance  
9-11:30 a.m.: Hearing exams by appointment  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Income taxes by appointment  
Noon: Lunch  
12:15 p.m.: Contract Bridge  
Friday  
9 a.m.: Stretch & Strength  
10 a.m.: Body Recall  
Noon: Lunch  
12:30 p.m.: Dupli. Bridge  
1 p.m.: Bingo  
Monday  
9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength  
10 a.m.: Body Recall  
Noon: Lunch  
12:30 p.m.: Pilates Mat Work  
6-7 p.m.: Yoga  
Tuesday  
8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread  
9-11 a.m.: Line Dance

**NOON: LUNCH**  
1 p.m.: Bingo  
Wednesday  
9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength  
10 a.m.: Body Pressure  
Noon: Lunch  
1:30 p.m.: Humana Presentation  
6-7 p.m.: Dancing with the Stars

**WALTONWOOD AT TWELVE: OAKS RETIREMENT CC - UNITY**  
Independent Living Residence; Licensed Assisted Living; Licensed Dementia Care  
LOCATION: 27475 Huron Circle (adjacent to Twelve Oaks Mall)  
CONTACT: (248) 735-1500 or e-mail [wallonwoodtwelveoaks@singmail.com](mailto:wallonwoodtwelveoaks@singmail.com)  
Open House  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily  
DETAILS: Join us for tours and refreshments.

**FOX RUN**  
LOCATION: 41000 W. 13 Mile Road  
DETAILS: More than 800 people live at Fox Run in Novi, an Erickson full-service retirement community that combines a vibrant maintenance-free, active lifestyle with an ever-expanding host of amenities, social activities and wellness and medical centers.  
CONTACT: Please call (248) 926-5200 for additional information on the community's apartment homes. For general information, call (248) 668-8610.

**School & Government**  
Novi City Council Meeting  
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Monday of month  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45105 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0470  
Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting  
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. first Tuesday of month  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45105 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 19 MONTHLY MEETING**  
TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday every month  
LOCATION: Rock Financial Center, East Exchange, 46000 Grand River Avenue  
DETAILS: Comrades and fellow veterans. Attendance is needed to grow our Post. If you are not a member, consider joining.  
CONTACT: Commander Dennis Strikulis (248) 378-7841, [dstrikulis@mlm1111.com](mailto:dstrikulis@mlm1111.com) or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193, [perick@mlm1111.com](mailto:perick@mlm1111.com)

**Regional**  
FARMINGTON PLAYERS  
LOCATION: 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills

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## 'A Sleeping Country' keeps audience awake

BY PAM FLEHING  
STAFF WRITER

"A Sleeping Country," the Tipping Point Theatre's first in the Northville theater's LAUGH 2009-10 season deftly kept the audience awake at one of last week's preview performances.

Written by Melanie Marnich and directed by Julia Glander, the story revolves around a desperate New York City woman who is certain she has the worst case of insomnia in the world. Her affliction every aspect of her life, and especially her impending marriage to Greg, played perfectly by Aaron T. Moore.

Moore has appeared previously on the Tipping Point Theatre stage.

Sarah Kamoo is also excellent as Julia, the woman facing one sleepless night after another.

Kamoo and Moore are both members of the Actors' Equity Association, the union of professional actors and stage managers in the U.S.

In search of answers, Julia travels all the way to Venice, Italy, to chase down a beautiful and sleepless countess who she thinks she may be related to distantly.

Andrea Boswell-Burns also does a fine job playing Midge, the rather irreverent psychiatrist who is trying to find a solution to Julia's constant insomnia to no avail.

Finally, Connie Cowper plays a believable Italian countess who may be the answer to Julia's state of awareness. Even her Italian accent is pretty good.

Although the play is billed as a comedy, some might say it's more of a drama with numerous comedic elements.

In fact, Julia is rather distraught throughout the performance about her insomnia.

And, anyone who has experienced this common ailment knows that it's really no laughing matter.

It's worth to attend the performance to just how you might categorize the action.

"A Sleeping Country" runs through Sept. 27.

For more information about tickets, call (248) 347-0003 or go to [www.tippingpointtheatre.com](http://www.tippingpointtheatre.com).

## Cheer for the hometown read today's SPORTS section



**You're Invited to the NORTHVILLE CO-OP PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**  
Tuesday, September 1, 2009  
5:00 - 7:00pm  
NEW LOCATION  
21355 Meadowbrook Road  
Novi, MI 48375  
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# Novi Strictly Business

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

## Cleaning service cleans up on customer service

Tell us about your business, including types of services and/or products you feature.

We specialize in providing detailed residential cleaning tailored to the specific needs of each one of our clients. We offer a comprehensive list of services in our general clean, as well as a variety of add-on services such as clutter control and home organization.

How did you first decide to open your business?

We purchased the business from the original owner in 2008. We had both worked for her and were impressed by the fact she had successfully managed to compete against the larger franchises for over 20 years.

Why did you choose Novi?

We chose to remain in Novi because we like the location and also the support the city of Novi provides to its business community. We are also members of the Novi Chamber of Commerce and have been quite impressed with the networking opportunities they provide their members.

What makes your business unique?

We are a "one-stop shop" experience. We believe if you are going to invite us in to take care of your home, it should be a total experience. For that reason we have partnered with a few excellent vendors so we

### DETAILS

**Business Name:** The Old Maid Cleaning Service  
**Address:** 2410 Meadowbrook Rd. Suite #102, Novi, MI 48375  
**Your Name/Title:** Tammy Mace & Kathi Farrell / owners  
**Your Hometown:** Northville  
**Business Opened When:** 1984  
**Number of Employees:** seven  
**Hours of Operation:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday  
**Your Business Specialty:** detailed residential and commercial cleaning  
**Phone:** (248) 478-3240  
**Web site:** www.oldmaidservice.com

can provide extra services such as carpet cleaning, chandelier cleaning, and window treatment cleaning. We take responsibility for making the arrangements and making sure the job is complete.

How has it changed since you opened?

In addition to creating more marketing tools, we have added the name Corporate Cleaning Solutions to our business. It became apparent early on that while The Old Maid Cleaning Service was a great name for the residential side of the business, it wasn't exactly the first choice when a business was seeking cleaning services.

Do you have a funny tidbit or story about your experience as a small business owner to share with our readers?

We do. The two of us always

do the initial clean for our new clients. Last year we spent a very long time in the kitchen of a new client's home. It had not been thoroughly cleaned in quite some time, and after many hours, it was shining. Two weeks later this same client was still going out to dinner each evening, as she wanted her kitchen to stay just the way we had left it.

How has the recent economy affected your business?

When we purchased the company, the first thing we did was reduce the cleaning fees. We understand that everyone is feeling the strain of the current economy and our bids for each job are reflective of that.

It has also forced us to become more creative with our marketing choices. We operate on a budget and have become fairly good at



Kathi Farrell (left) and Tammy Mace are co-owners of The Old Maid Cleaning Service in Novi.

getting the most out of each marketing dollar we have to spend.

Any advice for business owners? Build on your strengths; often this is what separates you from the competition.

Network with other business owners, this is where some of the best new ideas originate. Read with a vengeance, the library has a great selection of books on business marketing.

What's in store for the future of your business? Growth. Our goal is to expand both the residential and the commercial sides of our company. And yes, we believe that it's possible, even in this economy.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### SolidSignal among fastest growing

SolidSignal.com, an online electronics retailer based in Novi, has earned a spot on the 2009 Inc. 5000, Inc. magazine's annual ranking of the fastest growing private companies in America for the third straight year. The Inc. 500/5000 is ranked according to percentage revenue growth from 2005 through 2008. Companies must have been founded and generating revenue by the first week of 2005, U.S.-based, privately held, for profit, and independent. Revenue in 2005 must have been at least \$200,000, and revenue in 2008 must have been at least \$2 million. The full list can be found at <http://www.inc.com/inc5000>.

SolidSignal's fiscal sales in 2008 rose to \$14.6 million, a 285.2% increase from 2005 total sales of \$3.8 million and a 104 percent increase from 2007 total sales of \$7.15 million. The dramatic increase in business this year spurred the company's overall ranking to #1,092 on the Inc 5000 list, up from #1,589 in 2008. In the Retail Industry, SolidSignal.com now ranks #40, up from #61 in 2008. Additionally, SolidSignal.com is the eighth fastest growing privately-held company in the Detroit-Livonia-Warren area on the Inc. 5000 list, up from #22 in 2008.

"We're very proud to again be recognized as one of America's fastest growing companies, and are extremely grateful to our customers and vendors who helped us accomplish this tremendous goal," said Jerry Chapman, CEO of SolidSignal. "Competition in the online marketplace increases daily, therefore customer service becomes a big differentiator. We work very hard to maintain a superior level of customer satisfaction, in fact, we've recently launched a new initiative to take SolidSignal customer service to an even greater level of excellence."

In addition to their pres-

gious ranking on the Inc. 5000 list for the third consecutive year, SolidSignal.com has been named one of Internet Retailer's Top 500 internet retailers in 2006, 2008 and 2009.

#### Redford Lock expands

Redford Lock Company, Inc. of Novi announces their expansion into a larger, newly renovated facility. The new facility is located at 46088 Grand River Avenue, Novi (across from Rock Financial Showplace) and is better suited to serve walk-in customers with a large product showroom. Easy access to all major highways makes the new facility ideal for servicing all southeast Michigan customers. Strong sales with existing customers along with a business growth strategy led to the move.

"We're excited about joining the business community of Novi and look forward to continuing to serve our existing customers in Metro Detroit and throughout Michigan," stated Redford's President Rob Massard. Redford Lock Company, Inc. of Novi is a full-service commercial locksmith and security integrator. Their extensive experience includes mechanical security products as well as electric access control and closed circuit television.

#### LaKritz-Weber leases space

LaKritz-Weber & Company, the retail real estate experts, announced a 1,735-square-foot lease in Vantage Pointe Shopping Center at 24276 Novi Road in Novi, Michigan. Gabe Schuchman of LaKritz-Weber & Company represented the tenant, Fitness Together, in this transaction.

Fitness Together is a national chain specializing in certified personal training and has over 500 locations worldwide and 17 in Michigan.

#### Art Van hosting free design classes

Art Van Furniture will once again host its free design classes. This educational program will be presented by Art Van's Visual Merchandising team and the curriculum will cover four main topics: Determining Your Style, The Impact of Color, Furniture Placement, and Accessorizing. The free Tuesday classes in Novi will start in September (15, 22 and 29) and end Oct. 6. The classes will begin at 6:30 p.m. and refreshments and giveaways will be provided. Reservations are requested for the Art Van design classes. To register for this series or for a particular class, call (888) 619-2199.

#### Food vendors sought

The Michigan Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Select Michigan Program is seeking Michigan food and agriculture companies to showcase their products in a special Select Michigan Pavilion at the 2009 Michigan Restaurant Show being held Oct. 20-21 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. MDA's Select Michigan Program is offering exhibit space within the pavilion to Michigan specialty food companies and food processor for a substantially discounted rate. The deadline for reserving booth space is Monday, Aug. 10.

The Michigan Restaurant Show is a two-day event. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20; and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21. Twelve 10-by-10-foot booth spaces are available within the Select Michigan Pavilion. Companies can reserve whole booths or half-booth spaces, which feature a table, wastebasket, backdrops/rails, chair(s), carpeting, parking, exhibitor badges, cooking area, ice, freight handling and limited access to electricity, and company sign.

For more information, contact Erin Groeb, MDA promotional agent, at (517) 373-2469 or [egroeb@michigan.gov](mailto:egroeb@michigan.gov).

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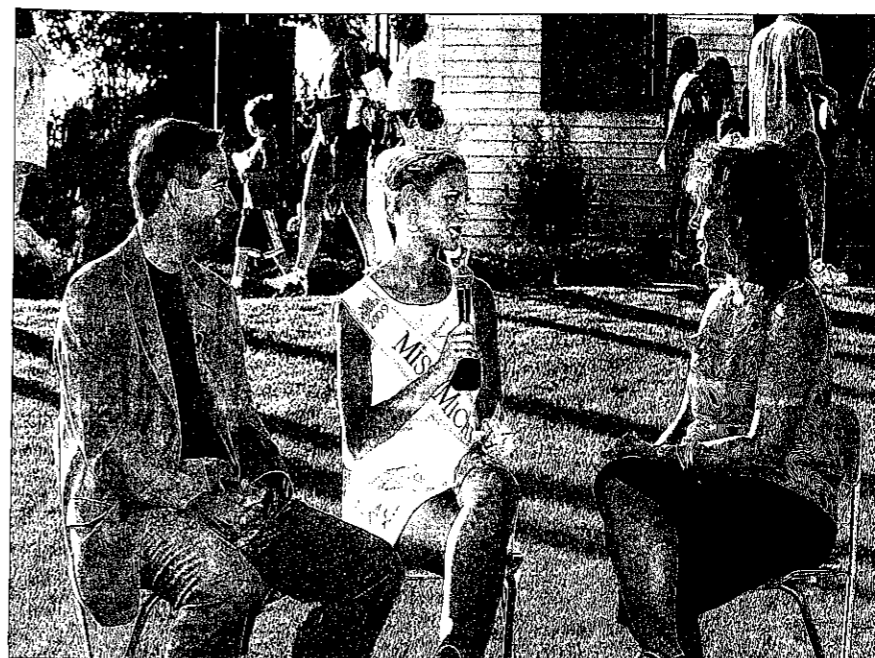
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Miss Michigan 2009 Nicole Blaszczyk, a Novi High graduate, talks with Novi Director of Communications Sheryl Walsh and Mayor David Landry at Friday night's opening of Fuerst Park in Novi.



Novi's Fuerst Park officially opens last Friday night for visitors as this pair stroll along the center of the park where the Fuerst farmhouse used to stand.

## Fuerst look

A little rain couldn't put a damper on the grand opening festivities at Fuerst Park last Friday. The eight-acre park, which took just over a year to complete, is equipped with a 150-seat amphitheater, the old Township Hall, new landscaping, Wi-Fi access and more. On hand at the opening were several local officials as well as Novi High School graduate and 2009 Miss Michigan Nicole Blaszczyk. The movie scheduled to run at 9 p.m. was canceled because of the rain, but city manager Clay Pearson said he received a lot of "nice" feedback from the people who attended. "Everyone was really pleased and could see the way it will turn out, fitting in with the library," he said.



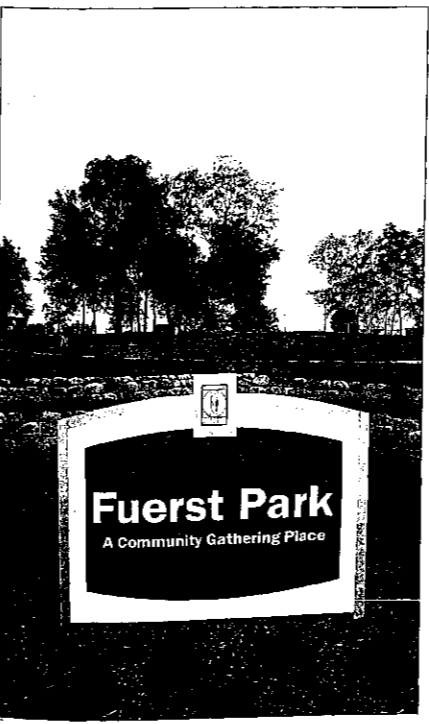
The opening of Novi's Fuerst Park brought lots of visitors to the Novi Township Hall, which was moved about a hundred yards from its previous position near the library.



Jack and Carolyn Bailey walk the grounds of Novi's Fuerst Park on its official opening on Fri. Aug. 21. The Bailey's daughter Lori Singleton helped to design the park.



People and a pet stroll the walking paths of Novi's Fuerst Park on its official grand opening on Fri. Aug. 21, 2009.



Fuerst Park in Novi.



The Novi Community Band entertained at Fuerst Park on the official grand opening on Fri. Aug. 21.

# LOCAL OPINION

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## OUR VIEWS

### Without state health revamp, expect cuts at students' expense

The Michigan Education Association and other state unions have banded together to oppose a bold initiative from House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford Township, to save money on health care benefits for state employees. It's understandable that union leaders will hold fast to what they see as their main mission: Preserve at all costs the compensation packages for those fortunate enough to keep a job on the state payroll. But what about other leadership in Lansing? Will they see past the expected self-interest of employee groups and think about state services and managing a budget during a time when the state is undergoing a continued exercise in downsizing? Don't count on it. Dillon, the second-most-powerful Democrat in state government, took a big risk when he proposed that all state employees — including public school teachers — be included in a single insurance plan. Ostensibly, this would save money through streamlining and volume discounts. But the real savings would come in pulling back on the very generous benefits provided to some state employee groups, particularly the MEA, which is the state's largest teachers' union.

This is a much-needed step as Michigan schools face draconian funding cuts. But there is no heart in the governor's office for such action. There is nothing new about the idea that public education is getting strangled by the escalating costs of teacher health care and retirement benefits.

In 2003, Tom Watkins, who was then the state's superintendent of schools, wrote a position paper that clearly warned that school funding was not sustainable without consolidating the state's 750 school districts and reining in benefit costs. He estimated that two-thirds of every new dollar for school funding would be spent on health care and retirement benefits.

For his candor, he quickly lost his job. The Michigan Education Association strongly rebuked him, arguing plainly that the solution was more funding, not restrained spending. Gov. Jennifer Granholm jumped to the MEA's command and successfully forced him out of his job. Granholm had no direct power over Watkins, but she strongly pressured the eight-member state school board to cut ties with him. She also issued a statement that said he should go, that he was not providing effective leadership for Michigan students.

What's odd about that is that just a week earlier she had called him a "valued member" of her leadership team. A scant few months earlier, she had given him a glowing evaluation. That was part of a state board evaluation that graded him A-minus.

What changed from all that adulation? It seems clear that he upset the union and he had to go. The fact that he was correct was irrelevant. Granholm tried to justify her position by claiming that Watkins had failed to improve education for Michigan youth. Watkins mounted a pretty convincing argument that she was wrong. Besides, he said, she never addressed those concerns with him.

That's because it was a bogus issue. Since Watkins left, the state's largest public school system, in Detroit, has fallen into even deeper chaos. In an interview with a Gannett newspaper two years ago, the governor conceded that Detroit's tragic dropout rate was "unacceptable." Yet there has been no pressure to dump the current state superintendent. Of course, he knows enough to steer clear of the union's sacred cows.

Michigan schools are in a horrible financial situation, and it will only get worse. You will see the ramifications in your local schools. Cutting expenses isn't pretty. But when revenue disappears, there is no choice. Unfortunately, those cuts will all come at the expense of students.

## Texting while driving: The solution is simple and cheap

A recent column by Leonard Pitts ("Put brakes on driving while texting," Aug. 10, 2009) of the *Miami Herald* illustrates the ambivalence we Americans have about government intervention in territory which crosses over between our coveted personal space and responsibility to our neighbors.



Jeff Potter

Pitts claims "texting while driving" is 23 times more dangerous than "regular" driving; that it may soon rival drunken driving as a cause of mishaps. He says that we should "ban" (TVD), but that hopeful legislative beginnings are squandered by bureaucrats and consigned for "more study."

He did not comment on the potential for a technological solution, whether adopted voluntarily or as a government promoted standard or industry norm.

We Americans will argue all the day whether there "ought to be a law." However, there are also already laws against drunken driving, speeding, careless driving — offenses

readily observed from outside of the car — yet these happen all the time. Wouldn't Pitts' solution provide a pretext to pull over anyone, any time?

It is no big leap, instead, to think that industry technology standards could inhibit texting, using an inexpensive chip, switch, or radio frequency generator to cutting it out when the trans was engaged. This could probably be added for well south of \$20, since autos and cell phones have ample electronic architecture on which to graft this technology. The problem would soon nearly vanish, as cars and phones are traded in.

The heart of the question is: Should this be regulated into existence or solved by an enlightened market?

Too often, when government senses a challenge, it sees a threat, but when business sees a threat, it senses a challenge. Therefore, someone will have already invented this system, while government is still channeling voter demographics to see if it is a "good idea."

Frankly, government is not very good at spending money according to the severity of

a problem (in this case, our safety on the road). If, indeed, texting is actually as dangerous as drunken driving, then \$20 is better spent to prevent this accident than billions more for enforcement and more crash safety engineering for cars which will likely never be in a crash to begin with.

Government thinking about regulatory behavior seems to always have a static quality to it, which ignores both of these critical laws: The Law of Unintended Consequences and the Law of Diminishing Returns.

In both pollution and mileage regulation, too much money is spent on too little benefit. In the 1980s, when mileage improved, people did not use less gas; they drove farther and bought bigger cars, creating our present dilemma. Similarly, the thousands we'll each spend on tweaking "new" auto emissions from very good to pristine will only extend the life-cycles of aging road-boats (when only 5 percent of autos already account for 50 percent of our pollution, according to SEMCOG).

Your city's streets will eventually look like a retro version of a Demolition Derby, and we'll be deprived of a once-steady supply of affordable three- to five-year-old cars. Worse, flouting these laws with well-intentioned regulation may well send what's left of Michigan's once-prized industry over the falls, and us with it.

Can't the TVD "problem" be ended by demand alone? It's very cheap, appealing to parents of teens, and probably would secure significant paybacks from insurance discounts.

This same thing happened with air bags. While government played a starring role in kick-starting this technology, the addition of even more air-bags, as costs went down, made further regulation almost an afterthought, as buyers flocked to this option. All government needs is to help prompt a tech standard (like Beta and VHS) and get out of the way. This could be accomplished before the regulatory bureaucrats even form a committee to decide how to tie their shoes, and empty our wallets.

Jeff Potter is Oakland County commissioner, District 8. He can be reached at (248) 981-7597.

## LETTERS

### Fiscal responsibility

After reading the letter "Let Obama fix health care," I feel compelled to answer. The writer has totally missed the mark about those who oppose the president's plan. While there are some rude folks, the majority have legitimate concerns about what is included in the plan. I am not going to comment on the individual items in the plan but on the overall viability of it. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has scored this plan to cost America about \$100 billion per year. This cost already considers all the new taxes the president proposes as well as his estimated savings. Others have estimated the cost to be over \$200 billion per year. The pres-

ident's plan should be rejected on this basis alone.

I am not opposed to correcting issues we have with the current system. I am against any changes to the current system that are fiscally irresponsible. This is not just a Democrat or Republican issue — it concerns all Americans. We cannot accept a plan that will put America in bankruptcy. When the president submits a fiscally responsible plan it should be debated on both sides of the aisle. Every citizen should get involved in this debate since it will impact our future.

Edmund P. Shaheen  
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### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Submit letters via the following formats.  
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**Some residents irked about speed limit change**  
This stretch of road has long been a speed trap. As one who travels this stretch every day, the 30 mph speed limit was ridiculous. All the other north-south roads have higher limits. Increasing to 35 is more than reasonable.  
Dan43

Wow, this is surprising. Meadowbrook is a well known speed trap especially coming from the north.  
In the primary industrial area, 11-12 Mile, the police often sit on the south side of the bridge waiting for speeders to crest the bridge from the North. Unfortunately motorists with a Fed Ex truck following them from 12 face a dangerous Catch-22. The Fed Ex truck will be riding your back bumper if you obey the limit. The Novi PD will be waiting to ticket you if you're over the limit. The motorist must balance cost vs. safety.  
Wonder how many Fed Ex trucks have been pulled over on "Meadowbrook Highway"? I'll bet it's not many if any. Hope Novi fixes this stretch.  
GottsFam

I'm glad that they raised the speed limit. I live off of Meadowbrook, between Nine and 10, and was very happy to see it at 35. Now I can go 35 at ease without worrying about being ticketed in that speed trap. But the city must have heard what my neighbors in this article are saying because the signs now read, "Speed Limit 35" with a little sign under it that says "Temporary." That's the first time in my life I've seen a temporary speed limit. I hope it stays at 35...  
tigersnannov

**Letters to the Novi News editor: Kittens rescued**  
Thank you, Ms. Kennedy, for rescuing the kittens! I believe the owner would have been more humane if they had the kittens put to sleep. You are a good, kind soul! My neighbors and I have rescued cats and purebred dogs that have been running loose in our subdivision. It is really sad to see people abandon their animals. They are innocent and defenseless.  
sorrystate

**Letters to the Novi News editor: Let Obama fix health care**  
Thank you once again, Mr. Tindall, for blindly reciting your party line. Some find it appalling that for one of the first times in history a political party has a wholesale attack campaign against American citizens. Defense of a bill that's too long to read is tough, it's much easier to call your opponents "disgruntled losers" and "so-called protesters."  
The issue with most persons are issues that lead to health care rationing, long waits for procedures and treatments that occur in other public health systems. End of life counseling is another issue. It gives me a  
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Mr. Tindall, you said Barack was elected to fix the problems. No. 1 we will always have problems that will never be fixed if the government was capable of fixing problems the U.S. Postal Service which basically has a monopoly would not be seven billion dollars in the red what us so-called right wing extremists object to is government control over something as individual and personal as government-dictated health management wherein there are family and personal decisions that must be decided. I do not want government which has evolved since our nation began as overinvolved in the daily lives of its people. The government mishandles, and politicizes, everything that it manages, and you want this! Why not fix the current system and make it work rather than starting over from scratch? You talk about being extreme! Read the article in the free press about Canadians coming to the U.S. for emergency procedures because their government system can't keep up! NO THANKS, fix what we already have!  
perfect7

Mr. Tindall just doesn't get it... or more likely, does not want to accept reality. We don't want this bill... PERIOD. He can't stomach the fact that real people have been out in groves protesting HR 3200. Frankly, one only needs to look at the polls to see that a majority of the country are NOT behind the Dems on this issue.  
Mr. Tindall would like the our government to have their hands in anything where they can redistribute wealth.  
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Mr. Obama has certainly done a great job of fixing things for the unions. Tindall is so fond of supporting. Millions of good-paying union jobs have been either moved to Mexico (American Aisle) or replaced with much lower paying jobs that have greatly reduced benefits.  
Those protesting the Obama's health care proposal can read for themselves and aren't the right wing extremists that the Tindall describe them as. Sure the quotes about "death panels" and "end of life counseling" and the "coverage of illegal alien" get the headlines, but that is not the core argument.  
The real issue is the trust American value. CHOICE. Choice of lifestyle, choice of jobs, choice about life and death, choice about health care. When our choices are reduced, American fight back. Chuck, you are on the losing side of this one. If the Dems don't figure that out, elections could look very red in 2010.  
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## St. Mary Golf Classic

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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
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TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. every Monday  
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Merry Widows Luncheon  
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month  
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TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13
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LOCATION: 770 Trayer, Northville  
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TIME: 5 p.m.  
Sunday Worship  
TIME: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.
- ST. PAUL SOUTHERN CHURCH**  
LOCATION: 220 Elm St., Northville  
CONTACT: (248) 349-5140  
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- ST. JAMES CATHOLIC**  
LOCATION: 46235 50 Mile Road, Novi  
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778  
Mass Schedule  
TIME/DATE: 8:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday 9 a.m. Monday: Tuesday, 7 p.m. Wednesday: 5 p.m. Saturday: 7 p.m. The Eucharist  
Mentors Group  
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.  
Monthly, first and third Wednesday, September 16, 2009-May 19, 2010  
LOCATION: St. James Parish Hall A  
DETAILS: We provide mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to grow their faith in order to nurture their children with confidence and Christian values. Through activities such as article discussion, crafts, and speakers, moms are given the opportunity to connect with other moms in support and friendship. Free childcare is available but children are also welcome to join their mothers.  
Bible Study and Prayer Nights  
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TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A01  
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TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult  
Ministry office  
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- UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
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CONTACT: (248) 349-0565  
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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  
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TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time, 7:45 p.m. opening @ 9 p.m. program, every Thursday  
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LOCATION: 50200 N. 10 Mile Road  
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Sunday  
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TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday  
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CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org.  
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TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday  
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Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m. blended 11 a.m. coffee/brunch 11:30 a.m. blended 11 a.m.
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LOCATION: 140 N. Center, above Tuttle's in Old Church Square, Northville  
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Sunday Worship: 11:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service  
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CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or frst@northville.org  
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.  
Family Worship: 11 a.m.  
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m. fourth Sunday of every month.  
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LOCATION: 41555 50 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 348-9030  
MICHIGAN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH  
LOCATION: 23445 Novi Road  
CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hys (248) 349-5665  
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## How to read job market information

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 You may be seeing and hearing job market information on network and cable news outlets, radio programs and other news sources and wonder what it means in terms of your own job search. Sometimes the information can give you ideas and guidance as to where to focus your search, sometimes it is of little value in guiding you, and sometimes, you have to really analyze the information to glean helpful information.

For example, Indeed.com, a job posting site aggregator, recently published its Job Market Competition Index. This index can be found at <http://www.indeed.com/job-trends/unemployment>. This index compares the number of unemployed persons per job posting in 50 major job

markets. The best job market by far was Washington, D.C. which has six job postings per each unemployed person. The worst job market was Detroit, which has one job posting per 18 unemployed persons.

If you are able to relocate, your job search may be much easier in job markets that have a better ratio of job openings to unemployed people. Interestingly, the cities with more favorable ratios were not clustered in any specific region of the country, but instead were scattered about the US. This would indicate that you need to consider where, geographically, you would prefer to relocate, and target specific cities.

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is tougher here than elsewhere. If you are not able to relocate, or prefer to target certain cities that aren't as favorably ranked in this index, you should understand that competition will be tougher for those advertised jobs.

But keep in mind that advertised job openings only account for a small portion of all available jobs. Especially in a recession, employers may choose not to advertise openings because they get swamped with applications from desperate job seekers who are not qualified for the opening but are hoping to get noticed for some other opening in the firm. They may be relying on their own Web site to recruit, or asking employees to refer candidates for openings. Employers may also be laying plans for future hiring once credit improves or some other business condition changes.

There is no way to measure these unadvertised jobs. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (www.BLS.gov) collects data from employers every month on hiring,

but doesn't ask the employer to tell them if they advertised the job opening or not. Our best data from working directly with job seekers consistently shows that 50% to 80% of the jobs landed never get advertised. So, yes, the job market in Detroit is tough, but for every advertised opening there are possibly two to five unadvertised opportunities available now or in the near future. At first glance, these odds are still not very good, because we still have 13 unemployed workers vying for those additional jobs, but here's the advantage you have if you are a savvy job seeker. Most of those other unemployed workers (probably 80% of them) are never going to find the unadvertised jobs, because they only look for the advertised jobs. By emphasizing use of your network and employer research to help you find and meet hiring managers, you will cut down the odds tremendously. You've converted the index to two to five job openings for four job seekers - and you are one of them.

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## How to pick a Medicare supplemental policy

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**ABCs OF MEDIGAP**  
 To choose a policy, consider your health status and family medical history. The

**SAVVY SENIOR**  
 Medigap policies, which are sold by private health insurers, come in 12 standardized benefit packages, labeled "A" through "L." The coverage and price generally increase as you move through the alphabet from the basic Plan A through the more comprehensive Plan L. Plans K and L are high-deductible policies that carry lower premiums but higher out-of-pocket costs. The most popular choice is Plan F, which strikes a good balance between costs (averaging around \$160 per month) and coverage. (Note: If you live in Massachusetts, Minnesota or Wisconsin you have a different set of Medigap plans.)

**HOW TO CHOOSE**  
 To choose a policy, consider your health status and family medical history. The

differences among plans can be small and rather confusing so you'll need to do some homework to pick the right plan. To help you get started go to the Medicare Options Compare tool at [www.medicare.gov/mppf](http://www.medicare.gov/mppf). Once you get there, click on "Find & Compare Medigap Policies" then type in your zip code. It will give you a break down of what each plan covers, along with a list of companies that offer them in your area.

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ing methods which will affect your costs. Medigap policies are usually sold as either "attained-age" policies, which are premiums that start low but rise every year as you get older. "Issue-age" policies, which only increase prices because of inflation, not because of your age (these policies may start out a little more expensive than attained-age policies but may save you money in the long run). And "community-rate" policies, which are where everyone in an area is charged the same premium regardless of age.

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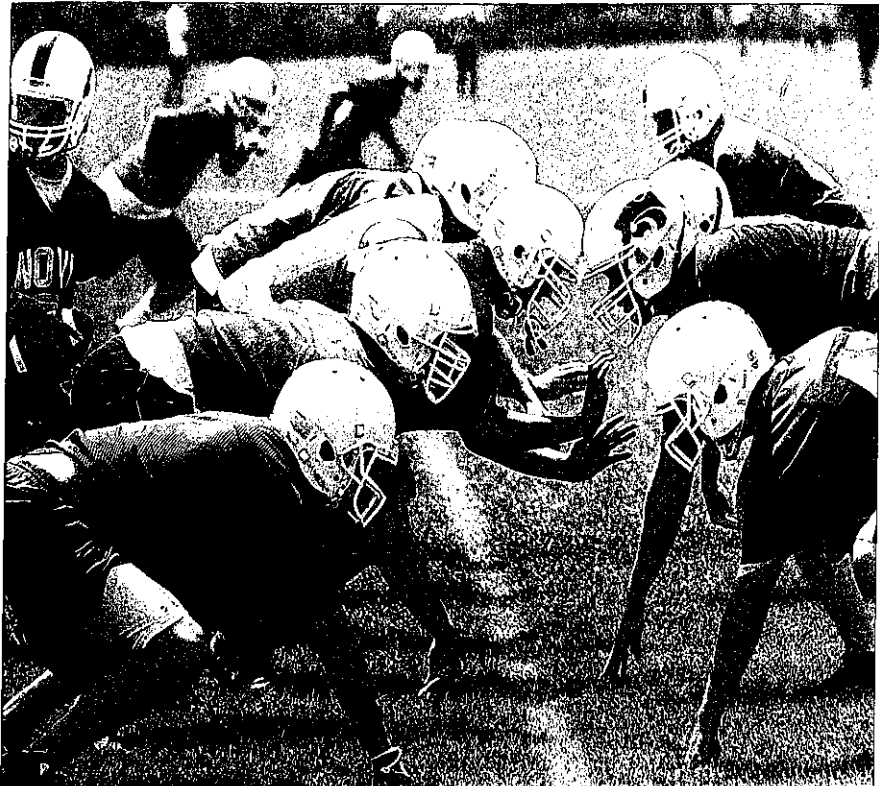
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# FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

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The Wildcats work on their down linemen skills during an Aug. 10 training camp.

## Novi spikers hit on all cylinders

■ Girls team gels for Gulf Lake 3-peat

Although All-Region players Sarah Robb and Kim Hildreth are off to play volleyball at the collegiate level, the Wildcats return three All-Conference team members to their squad.

Juniors Erica Robb and Laura Subject, and senior Julia Thomas all return from a 40-8 team that played in the state tournament's Sweet Sixteen last season.

"They're definitely a big strong force coming back for me. They add a lot of varsity experience to the core," said Julie Fisetle, who enters her 17th season as the Wildcats' coach.

Erica Robb and Thomas hold promise for plenty of points this season, as Thomas is third in the Novi record books for kills in a season and Robb is fourth. With one more year of development, both are likely to lead the team toward another successful season and possibly set a school record for most kills in a season.

Setting up Robb and Thomas will be Subject, who is second in Novi's record books for most digs in a season.

"Laura started out setting and played libero for me," Fisetle said. "Laura's also hitting in the front row for us. She's deceiving at 5-foot-6-and-a-half."

Saginaw Valley State University-bound Sarah

**NOVI VOLLEYBALL**  
Coach: Julie Fisetle  
Last year's record/accomplishments: 40-8, lost in the Sweet Sixteen Match, Gulf Lake Tournament Champions, All-State Team Academic  
Key returnees: Junior Erica Robb, junior Laura Subject, senior Julia Thomas  
Biggest internal challenge: Getting them to play together

Robb set the school record for blocks last season, while Eastern Michigan University-bound Hildreth set the records for most aces and assists in one season. Their graduation leaves two big holes in the Wildcat lineup.

Seniors Anne Irv, Cristine Maeh and Ally Hoomaia were on varsity last season, but look to take a larger role and fill the void left by Sarah Robb and Hildreth this season. Sophomores Molly Marzonia, Katie Enright, Anna Lu and Victoria Rose join the varsity squad, looking to make an impact alongside juniors Erin Hoomaia, Kaley Bowles and Savannah Green.

"Our biggest challenge right now is getting them to play together. They all played in different programs at different levels. It'll just take some

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## Wildcats shoot for division title repeat

■ Season opens Friday at Milford

The gridiron stars from Novi High open their season at Milford with plenty of familiar faces.

Although many of those faces didn't see much field time with the varsity squad last season, the team is deep with several players ready to contribute in multiple positions.

"We need to get game experience to learn how to play the game," said coach Tab Kellepourey. "We need to work on consistency on offense and defense."

The 10th-year coach expects seniors Ryan Margrave and Ryan Jok to step up to create such consistency by anchoring the offensive line.

"The offense from there is basically turning over to new people," Kellepourey said. "There's about seven or eight offensive linemen we expect to contribute."

Seniors RB/LB Jim Pitcher, WR Justin Hopton and WR Jimmy Gurney bring experience to the field from last season's

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COACH TAB KELLEPOUREY

KLAA Central Division-champion squad that finished 7-3 overall (5-0 KLAA Central) after a 15-12 playoff exit against nearby Catholic Central.

Brandon Rydzewski, a senior, gets the nod at starting quarterback, with Hopton, Gurney, Margrave, Jok and junior Joe Mikkelsen all looking to help put points on the board.

Senior WR/CB Jordan Scheffler will punt to the Wildcats' opposition under the experienced coaching eyes of special teams coordinator John Osborne.

Six-foot, two-inch junior WR/DB Jeremy Mims will bolster Novi's defense alongside fellow

### NOVI FOOTBALL

Coach/Sport: Tab Kellepourey

Last year's record/accomplishments: 7-3 (5-0 KLAA), KLAA Central Division champions

Key returnees: Seniors OL Ryan Margrave, OL Ryan Jäck, RB/LB Jim Pitcher, WR Justin Hopton, WR Jimmy Gurney, WR/DB Jeremy Mims, OL/LB Tom Symansky, OL Ryan Margrave and junior FB/LB Krister Engja

Biggest internal challenge: Consistency on offense and defense

returning starters of seniors OL/LB Tom Symansky, OL Ryan Margrave and junior FB/LB Krister Engja.

"These are two areas I feel great confidence in," Kellepourey said of the Wildcats' defense and special teams. "(Mims) is a veteran player back there and he just knows what's going on."

Mims and crew will be aided by senior Jordan Jabbari, juniors Dakota Budde, Mike Michniak, Ben Farley, Dan Burris and Joe

Burris, who are all looking to make an impact on the varsity squad.

One of the top area schools for the past several years, Novi should once again fair well this season, although they will need to mature quickly during the first two weeks of the season against Lakes Conference foes Milford and Walled Lake Central before kicking off division play.

"Each division game you take one at a time. First and foremost, you know Northville is a team you have to be ready to play against," Kellepourey said. "Livonia Stevenson is another tremendous school with one of the premier running backs in the state with Austin White."

Novi kicks off at Milford tomorrow at 7 p.m. before hosting Walled Lake Central 7 p.m. Sept. 3. Other key matchups will come in the final two home games of the season, an Oct. 2 homecoming against Livonia Stevenson and an Oct. 9 outing against Northville.

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Returning seniors, Ally Hoomaia and Julia Thomas, celebrating at the net.

Wildcat Mike Case hustles after a ball during Novi's game against Pinckney.



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## Wildcats reload for soccer season

■ New defense not a worry

Following a senior-driven 11-7-3 program last season, Novi's boys' soccer team will look to a new core of upperclassmen to step up this fall.

With 12 seniors graduated and eight of last season's 11 starters gone, the Wildcats will look to senior midfielder Jon Bauer and senior goalkeeper Tommy Duquette to lead the team.

"Jon brings a lot of leadership to the team. He's been on varsity for three and a half seasons. He has an incredible fitness level. He never stops running and will be playing center midfield for us," said coach Brian O'Leary, who takes the helm for the 13th season.

Although much of last season's team is gone, eight seniors and five juniors help the team retain a veteran status.

Junior midfielder John DeLeon and sophomore forward Chase Jabbari also return from last season's squad, which made it to the district final before losing to Northville.

"Our biggest challenge of the season will be replacing our entire starting defense. We graduated every single defender we had in the program," O'Leary said. "Getting the new players to play as a unit will be a challenge and the sooner they become a unit that is difficult to score on, the sooner we will be successful."

Bauer, DeLeon and senior forward Doug McGinn will

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### NOVI BOYS SOCCER

Coach: Brian O'Leary

Last year's record/accomplishments: 11-7-3, lost district final to Northville

Key returnees: Senior Jon Bauer, junior John DeLeon, sophomore Chase Jabbari, senior goalkeeper Tommy Duquette

Biggest internal challenge: Replacing entire starting defense, getting new players to play as a unit

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## Novi's 2nd-year program to compete for division

■ Field hockey returns most of team, expects big things

Entering the school's second season with a field hockey program and returning most of last season's players, the Wildcats are looking to improve upon their 6-9 record and third-place finish in Division 4.

"The team only lost three seniors, so it's returning most of the players from last year, plus some new additions," said parent-volunteer Tom Pollard. "Last year the sport was totally new to every girl on the team, so having that year of experience will help this season."

The team graduated last year's center midfielder, co-captain and All-Division first-team member Christine Zagora, but returns several other valuable pieces, including 10 starters.

Senior tri-captains Chrissy Looney (defense), Trinity Louis (forward) and Kaitlyn Sheelar (defense) will lead the team with help from junior midfielder defender Tia Hansen (All-Division first team) and junior midfielder Nikki Greenhalgh (honorable mention for All-Division). Senior Amanda Pastor (forward/midfield) will also contribute on offense.

"Looney is a big girl, heavy hitter and anchor on defense. (Louis) is more of a goal scorer and plays up top around the net and is good around the goal," Pollard said. "Sheelar is probably a little more versatile. She can play anywhere in the field. She's a good stickhandler."

Fanon and Greenhalgh will both use speed and power to command the field as they look to expand on last season's All-Division honors.

"Tia Fanon is very fast and usually plays the top center-mid defender or midfielder. She uses her speed all over the field," Pollard said. "(Greenhalgh) is a very intense player. She'll go into battle with anyone."

Second-year coach Amy Kilgore also brings her collegiate playing experience from the University of Michigan and state championship experience from Ann Arbor Pioneer back to the team. Pioneer has won the last four state championships and 20 of the past 24 since 1984.

Novi's primary competition will be other schools in their second year with the sport. The 22-team Michigan High School Field Hockey Association is

### NOVI FIELD HOCKEY

Coach: Amy Kilgore  
Last year's record/accomplishments: 6-9 record, third in Division 4

**Key returnees:** Senior tri-captains Chrissy Looney (Defense), Trinity Louis (Forward), Kaitlyn Sheelar (Defense). All-Division first team junior Tia Fanon (Midfielder/Defense) and All-Division honorable mention junior Nikki Greenhalgh (Midfielder).  
**Biggest internal challenge:** Build on last year's experience and compete with the teams from the higher divisions.

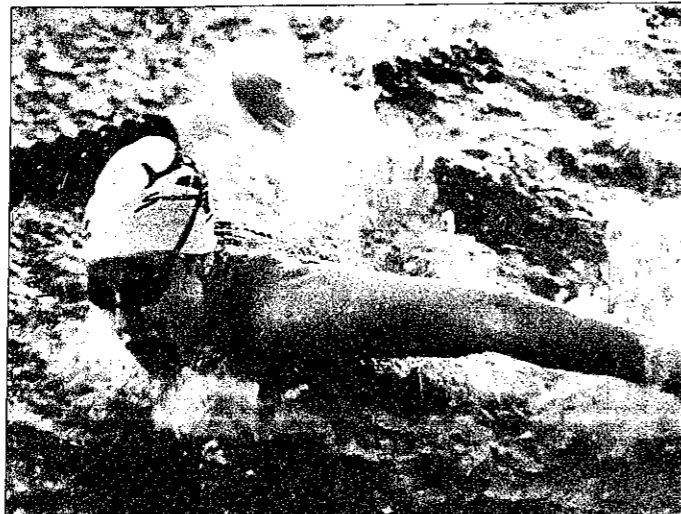
**"Last year the sport was totally new to every girl on the team, so having that year of experience will help this season," coach Amy Kilgore.**

broken down into four performance-based divisions. Novi will compete with second-year teams from Grand Rapids Forest Hills, Farmington United and Ann Arbor Skyline, and a first-year Regina team, in Division 4 this season. Last year's top two Division 4 teams, Saline and Grosse Pointe North, moved up to Division 3 this season.

Novi was 6-4 in their division, coming in third place. Last year, there were four new field hockey programs added in the state, and Novi went undefeated against the other three new schools," Pollard said. "Based on last year's performance, Novi should be the team to beat in their division. Overall in the state, Ann Arbor Pioneer won the state championship last year and should be just as good this year."

The Wildcats will try to do so tonight before their home opener at 8:30 p.m. Sept. 1 against Grosse Pointe North at the Soccer Field South Complex. The team opens Division 4 play Sept. 9 at newcomer Regina High School before traveling to defending state champion Ann Arbor Pioneer for a 4:30 p.m. match the following day.

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Novi Wildcat varsity swimmer Andrea VanderMey practices her butterfly during a Thursday morning practice in late August.

## Wildcat girls moving swiftly in the pool

■ Tankers not short on talent

The Novi girls swim and dive team has so much talent that it may not miss the seven state-meet swimmers and 12 students who graduated and will be unable to help repeat a third-place state finish.

More likely, those swimmers will be missed, but third-year coach Scott Teeters is confident his core of returnees and newcomers have what it takes to maintain the high level of performance he instilled in the program, which also placed 11th at the 2007 state meet.

"We're very young and the biggest thing is we need kids to get a clue in a hurry and we'll be good," Teeters said. "We get a lot of kids that have been with me for two years now getting what we're all about."

Senior captains Sarah Berman, Heather Schraun and Maria Foley will lead the team into the pool along with All-State senior Meredith Cole and All-American junior Becca Berman.

As a sophomore, Becca Berman earned her honor as part of the 200 medley relay with graduates Ashley Bush, Laurin Kalinosky and Kerry Abel, who set a school record in the event in 1 minute and 49.25 seconds. Berman was also a member of last season's 200 free relay and 400 free relay teams, which set records in both events.

Cole was a relay teammate of Berman's in both free relays; in addition to her own

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5:05.98 record in the 500 freestyle. Kalinosky and Abel hold five school records each, taking stake in records for eight of the 12 events.

"We let Lauren Kalinosky, she's got a bunch of school records and was All-State in two events," Teeters said. "Kerry Abel, one of the best swimmers to come through Novi. We lost some relay punch."

With the loss of such vital team members, freshmen Maranda Buha, Kelsey Schraun and Andrea VanderMey are expected to contribute immediately, bringing swim midget school times that would have been respectable at the high school state meet.

"Andrea VanderMey is one of the best freshmen in Oakland County. She's one of the better backstrokers in the state," Teeters said. "Our young kids really need to step up for us to be competitive."

Novi hopes to repeat as KLA Central Division Champs en route to the state meet, but will not be short on competition.

### NOVI GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

Coach: Scott Teeters  
Last year's record/accomplishments: 7-1, third in state, KLA Central Division Conference Champs, MISCA top-ranked academic team with 3.84 overall GPA.

**Key returnees:** Seniors Meredith Cole, Sarah Berman, Heather Schraun, Maria Foley and junior Becca Berman.  
**Biggest internal challenge:** Getting kids to step up to the level we'd like to stay at.

"Our conference is nuts. Northville, Stevenson and South Lyon have received a state meet trophy in the last four years. Salem's not so bad either," Teeters said. "We've got the top swim conference in the state. Our division meet is nuts. Four girls out of our division were top eight in state meet."

Teeters said the team's biggest challenge will be getting everyone to step up to the same level as last season, which they'd like to maintain.

Novi needs to do so quickly, as Marian swims into town 6 p.m. Sept. 2 and the West Bloomfield Laker Invitational takes place Sept. 12.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

## Novi girls tee off season with improvements

■ Golfers looking for league title

Novi's girls' golf team may be young, but they're quick learners.

Three of last season's returning golfers have already beaten their best scores from 2008.

"Megan Henry has worked on her game all summer and is playing very well. She has taken 10 strokes off her 18-hole scores from last year," said 17th-year coach Debra Harris. "Brooke Collins and Stephanie Hrit have beat their low 18-hole score from last year twice already this season."

Senior Hrit and Collins, a Junior, will captain a team hoping to improve on last season's 8-2 record that left the team second in the league behind Northville. Along with junior Henry and a several others, the team should have no problem dealing with the loss of graduate Natalie Krick.

"Krick, who went to states last year as an individual, gave us a low score that we could count on," Harris said, adding that graduate Alex Palmer was a good leader and team motivator.

Henry, Collins and Hrit have their work cut out for them, but won't be alone. Sophomore Kathleen Koomen, senior Morgan Adams, junior Alyssa Miller, sophomore Jessica Tally and junior Victoria Tomkinson have all returned with improvement in their games, Harris said.

The team has already seen this improvement through their first meet at the Traverse City Central Lober Classic, where they competed at the Spruce Run and Wolverine courses Aug. 19-20. Several team members shot personal

**NOVI GIRLS GOLF**  
Coach: Debra Harris  
Last year's record/accomplishments: 8-2 record, second in league  
**Key returnees:** Junior Megan Henry, senior Stephanie Hrit and junior Brooke Collins  
**Biggest internal challenge:** Young players with little varsity experience that need to develop consistency in their games

**"I'm looking forward to the season, hoping to make it to states as a team. We hope to give Northville a run for their money. They're beatable."**  
COACH DEBRA HARRIS

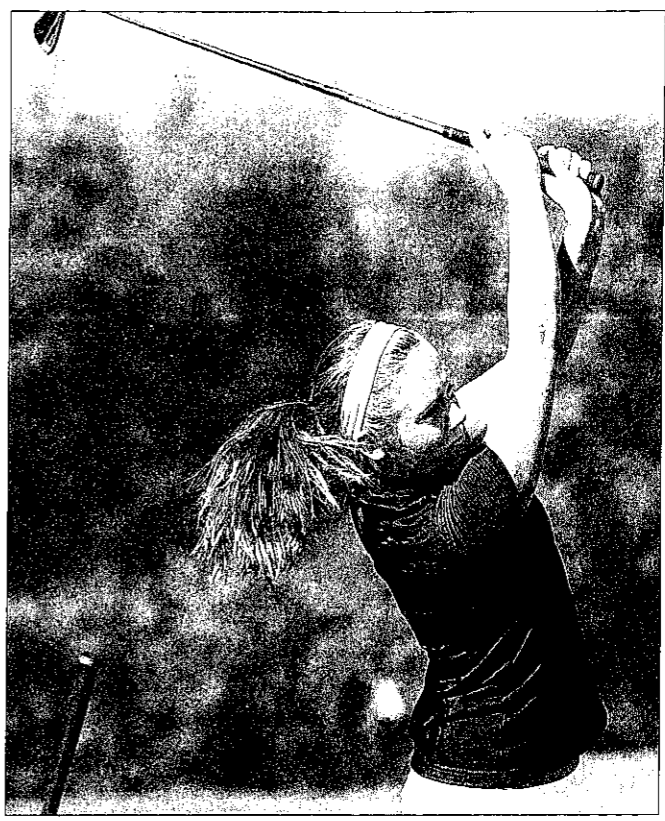
bests and Novi was only nine strokes behind division-rival Northville on the second day. The team placed ninth of the 16 Division 1 teams competing.

"We were up at Traverse City and did pretty well. We were in the middle of the pack and are usually in the bottom third," Harris said.

Henry shot an 84 and 83 in Traverse City, scoring in the 80s for the first time in her career, while Koomen and Hrit each scored a 99, the first time either had broken 100. Collins, who had a previous best of 98, scored a 92 in Traverse City.

Harris expects Novi and Northville to be the top two contenders for the league title.

"I'm looking forward to the season, hoping to make it to states as a team. We hope to give Northville a run for their



Wildcat Megan Henry tees off at South Lyon's Cattails Golf Course in August as she and other Novi High athletes prepare for their first meet.

money. They're beatable," Harris said. "We had good numbers for tryouts this year and (I'm) looking forward to developing some of the new players. Young players with little varsity experience that need to develop consistency

in their games (will be a challenge)." The Wildcats will tee off at the Livonia Stevenson Spartans' course 3 p.m. Monday before two meets against the South Lyon high schools. Novi will then have

their first home meet of the season 3 p.m. Sept. 11 against Northville at Cattails Golf Course on Nine Mile Road in South Lyon.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

## 'Cat tennis boys ready for season

■ Shift positions to account for loss of graduates

The boys' tennis team at Novi High graduated their top three singles players and their top doubles tandem from last season, but return six starters from a squad that went 10-1 and claimed the KLA Central Division Conference Championship on the way to a fifth-place finish in the Division 1 state finals.

Although the losses of such key players will need to be accounted for, Jim Hanson enters his 15th season as Novi's coach confident his team can still compete for the Central Division title and make its way to the state finals.

"We had a veteran team last year and did extremely well. We finished fifth in the state and that's the best we've ever done with the boys," Hanson said. "Our non-league schedule is loaded. You need to play these teams. They will make you improve your game. We want to improve each match and be playing the best tennis at the end of the year."

Leading the way will be senior Carson Crandell, who went 28-3 as the KLA and Regional champion at four singles last season in preparation for taking over the one singles position from four-

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captain Novi's boys' soccer team through a tough schedule.

"DeLeon is a great leader type of player," O'Leary said. "I've never had a junior be a captain for my team in 13 years. He has a strong upper body - he wrestles - and has great footwork."

"(McGinn) and Chase have been doing a great job working together as a pair of forwards. Chase was a freshman and tied for the lead in goals (12) last year. He has great speed and great quickness."

The second season for the Kensington Lakes Activities Association is sure to be just as interesting as the first, as many statewide powerhouse schools will face each other in league play.

"Our league is wide open," O'Leary said. "Last year it had four of the top 10 teams in the state in Livonia Stevenson, Northville, Plymouth Salem and Novi. South Lyon had a good team as well and they probably could have come in first in many other conferences. But each team had many seniors, so this year should be very interesting, but still very competitive."

"We lost seven games (last season) and four or five were to teams ranked No. 1 at the time. All (seven) were to top five

**SPIKERS**  
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time," Fissette said.

Although Fissette expects Novi to lead the league again this season, they should see strong challenges from Plymouth Salem and Livonia Churchill.

"It was pretty close playing neck and neck with Salem last year," Fissette said. "I think this team is going to surprise a lot of people. They're young, but I think they're going to surprise a lot of people."

Following a trip to the Airport Varsity Volleyball Invitational this weekend, the Wildcats will roam on the road in South Lyon and at Lakeland until they play Northville 7 p.m. Sept. 24 at Novi High School's Performance Gym.

**THREE-PEAT**  
The team kicked off the season Aug. 21 with a 7-0 weekend, winning the Gull Lake Invitational for the third-straight year.

The Wildcats beat Allegan, Portage Northern, Comstock, Caledonia, Lakeview and Portage Northern again in the semifinals before defeating Delton-Kellogg in the final.

"Some were really close, really competitive. It was a good tournament for us. It came out in our favor," Fissette said.

Subject paced the team with 115 assists, 18 kills and 13 digs throughout the tournament, setting up Erica Robi and Ally Hoomaian for 31 kills each. Hoomaian also had 22 aces, while Thomas took over the net with 34 kills and 24 blocks.

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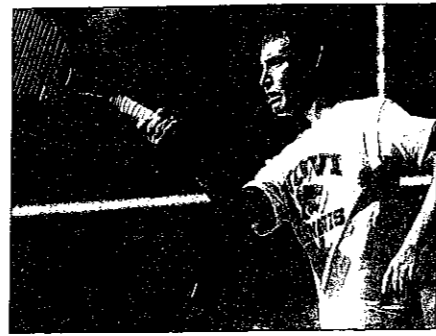
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TENNIS

time conference champion and All-State Wildcat alum Mani Mahadevan this fall. "He's the best player on the team. He's worked extremely hard for this opportunity over the summer," Hanson said. The 2008 two doubles team of senior Peter Zhang and junior Greg Richard also return from a 25-5 K.L.A.A. and Regional Championship season that earned them All-State honorable mentions. Hanson expects the team to do well at one doubles, although Zhang may be moved to two singles. "What Peter plays will dictate the rest of the lineup," Hanson said. "He's a good tennis player. He has a good serve, good volley and is fast on his feet." The team will also look for returning varsity seniors

freshman Jason Carless at two doubles. Venugopal, who Hanson called a "versatile and experienced doubles player," was a K.L.A.A. champion and Regional runner-up at three doubles with a 21-6 record last season. He will pair with junior Chaitanya Kanitkar at three doubles. Sophomores Bill Bell and Andrew Chu will pair at five doubles for league meets while freshman Pavan Rao will play two doubles if Zhang plays doubles and three singles if Zhang plays singles. Junior Alex Brizard will play singles behind Rao and, if Zhang plays doubles, Kanitkar would fill the four singles position. "We've got a good team, a good competitive schedule," Hanson said. The two freshmen and several others will look to make their mark for the Wildcats, who



Novi's Greg Richard in action with his doubles partner Peter Zhang in tennis regional in the fall of 2008.

NOVI BOYS TENNIS Coach: Jim Hanson Last year's record/accomplishments: 10-1 record, K.L.A.A. Central Division Champion (8-0), K.L.A.A. Kensington Conference Champion, second at Regional, fifth at Division I State Finals Key returnees: Senior Carson Crandell, senior Peter Zhang, junior Greg Richard, junior Nathan Farooq, senior Kyle McGuire, senior Vishnu Venugopal Biggest internal challenge: Replace top three singles players and top doubles team.

move 12 players up from last season's junior varsity squad. The varsity tennis team looks to repeat last year's success against powerful Northville and Plymouth Salem teams. "Northville will have a very good team returning their top three singles players, about half of their doubles lineup and some good players from a strong JV team," Hanson said. "Salem has their top three singles players returning and many of their doubles teams." The Novi team is spending the day at the Port Huron Northern Invitational before hosting South Lyon East in the season's home opener, 4 p.m. Sept. 1. Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

Novi runners eye boys state title

Blaszczyk, cross country team looking to build on 2008 success



The Novi High girls start the course at Huron Meadows during the MHSAA regional cross country meet.

Young Wildcat girls moving as one

Young Novi girls' cross country team finished 10th in the state last year and return a core of juniors looking to take the next step this fall. "We're small this year. Participation is down," said fifth-year coach Marsha Reid. "The nice part about cross country is you only need five girls. You don't necessarily need a ton of runners to be successful." Despite the losses of Elle Robinson and Laura Sheeran to graduation, the remaining four runners from Novi's top six return. Robinson led in minutes and 20 seconds. "We did better than we had ever done," said Reid. "I had a lot of young athletes and I graduated my number one girl, so that'll hurt a bit." Returning are juniors Brooke McMahon (94th at states in 19:07), Kelsey Hodges (57th, 19:31), Molly Sutka (31st, 20:35), Alyssa Murray (168th, 21:25) and sophomore Abby Chandler (37th, 19:10). "I don't have a solid number one runner. I have four or five who can compete for number one on any given day," Reid said. She also expects good times from freshman Jackie Mullins, who set middle school records in the one- and two-mile runs last year.

Novi's boy's cross country team ranked 13th in the state last season behind the speed of All-State junior Mike Blaszczyk. With Blaszczyk returning as a senior, the Wildcats have a strong foundation for building another successful season. Blaszczyk was 19th in the state last season with a 5-kilometer time of 15 minutes and 45 seconds. Four other returning runners run times in the 16-minute frame last season and should improve this year. Seniors Dan Egner (16:32), Alex Minghine (16:48), Geoff Giese (16:48) and junior Joe Schurbring (16:55) look to speed up and fill the roles left by graduating JT Butler (16:29), Jake Carless (16:55) and Andrew Burkhardt (17:30), all three of which maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA and are headed to the University of Michigan this fall. "I anticipate them closing the gap between them and Mike," said Robert Smith, who returns for his 28th season as Novi's coach. "What always concerns me is the risk of injury. If we lose a few key guys early in the season, it'll be tough. We ride these runners to the edge and sometimes they run off the edge." COACH ROBERT SMITH

NOVI BOYS CROSS COUNTRY Coach: Robert Smith Last year's record/accomplishments: Won K.L.A.A. divisional meet, South Lyon Invitational, Anchor Bay Invitational, Spartan (MSU) Invitational, Undefeated in dual meets (5-0), 13th in the State Key returnees: Senior Mike Blaszczyk (K.L.A.A. Divisional Champion, 19th in state) Biggest internal challenge: Staying healthy predictions, the team has adopted the motto "tradition is back" for the season, referencing the 1998 and 1999 state titles that were followed up by 2000 and 2006 state runner-up finishes. The 1998 state title was the first in any sport at Novi High School. "We're looking to at least duplicate what we did last season. I'm looking at top 10 in state, if not better. It all depends on if we stay healthy," Smith said Aug. 22, noting the team has been in the state's top 10 rankings nine or 10 times. "We started 10 days ago. These guys came in ready to compete." Both the boys' and girls' cross country teams will kick off the season 10 a.m. Saturday defending their title at the South Lyon Invitational before taking two weeks off to rev up for the first dual meet of the season, 4:30 p.m. Sept. 15 against South Lyon East at Cass Benton Park in Northville. Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

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Catholic Central hopes to repeat cross country titles

Champions. That's a word that goes well when describing the Catholic Central Shamrocks cross country team. The Shamrocks, coached by Tony Magni in his 36th year at the Catholic Central helm and 44th year coaching cross country, know what it takes to be a champion. Last year, the squad finished as Oakland County champions, Catholic League champions and took all of those titles and turned them into a sixth-place finish in the state finals. Repeating as the crown holders in those fields, however, isn't an easy task. "Our league is very good and the Oakland County area is one of the top areas for cross country in the state," said Magni. The key to earning a chance at those coveted titles again? Magni said it was simple: the squad needs to stay healthy. The Catholic Central squad is staggering in size, but the top runners for the Shamrocks are familiar names to those who follow the sport. Senior Ricardo Galindo, an All-State runner from last season, returns to lead the Catholic Central barbies again this year while Viktor Puskorius, a senior, and senior Sean Carney also return from last year to lead the team. Juniors John-Paul Zebrowski and Austin Zebrowski join junior Andrew Garcia-Garrison as returning runners to help the Shamrocks in their hunt for titles this year. In order to be competitive, Magni said the squad will have to reach deep inside



Novi Wildcat competes in a regional cross country run in October of 2008.



NOVI HIGH SCHOOL

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All games are at 7 p.m. Fri 08/28/09 @ Millford Thu 09/03/09 Walled Lake Central Fri 09/11/09 @ South Lyon East Fri 09/18/09 Salem Fri 09/25/09 @ South Lyon Thu 10/02/09 Livonia Stevenson (Homecoming) Fri 10/09/09 Northville Fri 10/16/09 @ Kensington Conference crossover Fri 10/23/09 @ Pinckney HS (at Palmyra MS)

Boys soccer

All games 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated Home games at Meadows Stadium Thu 08/27/09 @ Canton Mon 08/31/09 @ Brighton Thu 09/08/09 @ Livonia Stevenson Thu 09/10/09 @ South Lyon Thu 09/15/09 @ South Lyon East Thu 09/22/09 Northville Thu 09/29/09 @ Salem Thu 10/06/09 Livonia Stevenson Fri 10/16/09 @ Brighton Thu 10/22/09 @ Livonia Stevenson Thu 10/29/09 @ Salem Thu 11/05/09 @ Livonia Stevenson (Homecoming) Thu 11/12/09 @ Salem Thu 11/19/09 @ Livonia Stevenson Thu 11/26/09 @ Salem Thu 12/03/09 @ Livonia Stevenson

Boys tennis

Thu 08/27/09 @ Port Huron Northern Inv. (8:30 a.m.) Thu 09/01/09 South Lyon East (4 p.m.) Thu 09/08/09 @ South Lyon (4 p.m.) Wed 09/09/09 Salem (4 p.m.) Thu 09/10/09 @ Ann Arbor Pioneer (4 p.m.) Sat 09/12/09 Novi Quad (8:30 a.m.) Mon 09/14/09 @ Livonia Stevenson (4 p.m.) Sat 09/15/09 @ Northville (4 p.m.) Thu 09/17/09 @ Salem (4 p.m.) Thu 09/22/09 @ Crossover #1 Central @ South (4 p.m.) Thu 09/24/09 @ Crossover #2 North @ Central (4 p.m.) Sat 09/26/09 Novi Invite (8:30 a.m.) Thu 09/29/09 @ Kensington Conference Meet (TBA) Wed 09/30/09 "Scrimmage" - Greenfield School (4 p.m.) Sat 10/03/09 K.L.A.A. Kensington Conference Meet (TBA) Thu 10/06/09 Association Crossover Lakes @ Kensington (4 p.m.) Fri 10/09/09 MHSAA Regional Tennis (8 a.m.)

Boys cross country

Sat 08/29/09 @ South Lyon Invite (10 a.m.) Fri 09/15/09 South Lyon East (4:30 p.m.) Fri 09/18/09 @ Spartan Inv. (TBA) Fri 09/22/09 @ Northville (5 p.m.) Fri 09/25/09 @ Anchor Bay Inv. (TBA) Sat 09/26/09 @ W. Wadsworth Inv. (9 a.m.) Tue 09/29/09 @ Salem, Cass Benton Park (4:30 p.m.) Tue 10/06/09 @ Livonia Stevenson (4:30 p.m.) Sat 10/10/09 @ Oakland County Inv. (TBA) Thu 10/13/09 @ Oakland County Inv. (TBA) Sat 10/17/09 @ AA Gabriel Richard Inv. (TBA) Thu 10/22/09 @ K.L.A.A. Conference Championship (TBA) Fri 10/30/09 @ Redford Union Inv. (TBA) Sat 10/31/09 @ MHSAA Regionals (TBA) Thu 11/03/09 @ Lakeland 9th @ 10th Inv. (TBA) Sat 11/07/09 @ MHSAA State Finals (TBA)

Girls cross country

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Girls swimming and diving

Wed 09/02/09 @ W. Wadsworth Inv. (1 p.m.) Sat 09/12/09 @ CMSAA Catholic Tournament (9 a.m.) Thu 09/24/09 South Lyon East (6 p.m.) Thu 10/01/09 @ Northville (6:30 p.m.) Thu 10/08/09 Salem (6 p.m.) Thu 10/15/09 @ Livonia Stevenson (6:30 p.m.) Thu 10/22/09 @ Walled Lake Northern (7 p.m.) Fri 10/30/09 @ Division Meet-diving (3 p.m.) Sat 10/31/09 @ Division Meet (5 p.m.) Fri 11/06/09 @ Conference Diving (5 p.m.) Sat 11/07/09 @ Conference Meet Incent Thu 11/19/09 @ Regional Diving (TBA) Fri 12/01/09 @ MHSAA Finals (TBA) Sat 11/21/09 @ MHSAA Finals (TBA)

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Sat 09/12/09 Meet #1 @ Millford (7:15 a.m.) Sat 09/19/09 Meet #2 @ Millford (7:15 a.m.) Sat 09/26/09 Meet #3 @ Millford (7:15 a.m.) Sat 10/03/09 @ MHA Regional @ Shawanee (TBA) Sun 10/04/09 @ MHA Regional @ Shawanee (TBA) Thu 10/15/09 @ MHA State Championships (TBA) Fri 10/16/09 @ MHA State Championships (TBA) Sat 10/17/09 @ MHA State Championships (TBA)



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Football

All games start at 7 p.m. Fri 08/28/09 @ Pinckney Thu 09/03/09 Grand Blanc Fri 09/11/09 @ South Lyon Fri 09/18/09 @ South Lyon East Fri 09/25/09 @ Salem (Homecoming) Fri 10/02/09 @ Novi (Homecoming) Fri 10/09/09 @ Novi (Homecoming) Fri 10/16/09 @ Ann Arbor Pioneer (4 p.m.) Fri 10/23/09 @ Conference Crossover Fri 10/29/09 @ WL Northern (Senior Night)

Volleyball

Sat 08/29/09 @ Saline Inv. (8 a.m.) Thu 09/10/09 Stevenson (6:30 p.m.) Sat 09/12/09 @ Berkley Inv. (9 a.m.) Tue 09/15/09 Salem (6:30 p.m.) Sat 09/19/09 @ Renaissance Inv. (8 a.m.) Thu 09/24/09 @ Novi (6:30 p.m.) Thu 09/29/09 South Lyon Inv. (6:30 p.m.) Thu 10/06/09 Stevenson (6:30 p.m.) Sat 10/10/09 @ Berkley Inv. (9 a.m.) Tue 10/13/09 @ Salem (6:30 p.m.) Thu 10/15/09 Novi (6:30 p.m.) Sat 10/17/09 @ Hartland Inv. (9 a.m.) Tue 10/20/09 @ South Lyon (6:30 p.m.) Thu 10/22/09 South Lyon East (6:30 p.m.) Sat 10/24/09 @ Conference Tournament (TBA) Tue 10/29/09 @ Association Crossover (6:30 p.m.) Mon 11/02/09 @ MHSAA Districts (TBA)

Girls swimming and diving

Thu 09/01/09 Intersquad Scrimmage (6:30 p.m.) Thu 09/03/09 @ Ann Arbor Huron Inv. (2 p.m.)

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

Sat 10/10/09 @ Oakland County Championship (TBA) Sat 10/17/09 @ Sturgis Inv. (10 a.m.) Sat 10/17/09 @ Gabriel Richard Inv. (1:30 p.m.) Sat 10/24/09 @ Catholic League Championship (TBA) Tue 10/27/09 @ Operation Friendship (TBA) Fri 10/30/09 @ Redford Union Open (TBA) Sat 10/31/09 @ State Regional Championship (TBA) Sat 11/07/09 @ State Championships (TBA)

Soccer

Thu 08/27/09 Clarkston (7:30 p.m.) Tue 09/01/09 @ Notre Dame Prep (7:30 p.m.) Fri 09/04/09 @ Brother Rice (7:30 p.m.) Wed 09/09/09 @ Orchard Lake St. Mary's (7 p.m.) Fri 09/11/09 @ U. of D. Jesuit (7 p.m.) Tue 09/15/09 @ Divine Child (7:30 p.m.) Thu 09/17/09 @ D.L.A.A. Pontiac (7:30 p.m.) Tue 09/22/09 @ Brother Rice (5:30 p.m.) Tue 09/29/09 @ U. of D. Jesuit (7:30 p.m.) Thu 10/01/09 Ann Arbor Pioneer (7:30 p.m.) Fri 10/02/09 @ Divine Child (5:30 p.m.) Tue 10/06/09 DLS (7:30 p.m.) Fri 10/09/09 @ Livonia Franklin (5:30 p.m.) Mon 10/12/09 Catholic League (TBA) Wed 10/14/09 Catholic League Championship (TBA)

Football

All games at 7 p.m. unless noted Fri 08/28/09 Detroit Cody Thu 09/03/09 Hudsonville Fri 09/11/09 @ Monroe Fri 09/18/09 Brother Rice Sat 09/26/09 @ Divine Child (Crestwood) Sun 10/04/09 Orchard Lake St. Mary (11 p.m.) Thu 10/09/09 @ DLS Warren Fitzgerald Sat 10/10/09 @ DLS Warren Fitzgerald Sat 10/24/09 @ Prep Bowl (Ford Field) (TBA)

Girls cross country

Sat 08/29/09 @ South Lyon Inv. (9:30 a.m.) Sat 09/03/09 @ Rochester Adams Inv. (6 p.m.) Tue 09/15/09 @ K.L.A.A. Inv. (9 a.m.) Tue 09/15/09 @ Salem (3:50 p.m.) Tue 09/22/09 @ Novi (5 p.m.) Sat 09/26/09 Catholic Central Inv. (9 a.m.) Tue 09/29/09 @ South Lyon (4 p.m.) Thu 10/06/09 South Lyon East (5:35 p.m.) Sat 10/10/09 @ Portage Central Inv. (TBA) Tue 10/12/09 @ Conference Meet (TBA) Thu 10/22/09 @ MHSAA Regionals (TBA) Sat 10/24/09 @ MHSAA State Finals (TBA)

Boys soccer

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Girls golf

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Boys tennis

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# Senior midfielder Josh Gatt leads CC soccer

## ■ 2-1 so far in 2009 season

The familiar blue and white of the Catholic Central Shamrocks proved to be busy this weekend as they earned two wins and a loss to start off their soccer season.

The squad, which returns a slew of talented players from the 2009 campaign, dropped a tough 3-2 contest against the Salem Rocks before nothing too convincing wins over Midland Dow, 3-0, and Walled Lake

Northern, 4-0. Catholic Central is now 2-1 on the season.

Scoring for the Shamrocks in their season-opening loss was senior midfielder Josh Gatt and junior midfielder Jon Malecki.

The Shamrocks were able to turn their luck around with three goals against Midland Dow for the shutout victory. Gatt, once again, scored for the Shamrocks while Ryan

**CATHOLIC CENTRAL SOCCER**  
**Coach:** Joe Nora  
**Last Year:** 10-8-3  
**Key Players:** Josh Gatt, Brandon Hess and Christian Arthur  
**Biggest Challenge:** Staying healthy all season

for Gatt to continue his outstanding play that brought him honors all last year. Gatt earned 2008 Dream Team, All-State First Team, All-Region, All-District and All-Catholic League first team honors as well as a finalist for the Gatorade Player of the Year award.

Joining him as a returning player is Hess, who earned All-District and All-Catholic League first team honors last year. Coach Joe Nora, who is in his eighth year as the Catholic Central Shamrocks' head soccer coach, also pointed out senior defender Christian Arthur as a key component

returning to this year's squad.

The key for the Shamrocks in their hunt for success this season will be keeping healthy as they look to improve on their 10-8-3 record from 2008 when their season came to a close against a very tough Northville Mustangs squad, 3-2, in the district tournament.

Captains on this year's squad are Arthur, Hess and Gatt. They are joined on the field by senior defender Brian Treanor, goalie Wes Harding, midfielders Jake Hodge, Cole Boriand, Dylan Hagan and Giovanni Sturla.

Also on this year's squad are junior defenders Garrett Biddinger, Gino Pulice and Christian Burke as well as junior midfielders Jon Malecki, Mike Tolkaez, Josh Gatt and Ryan Majasac. Junior forwards on this year's team are Dominic Salinas and Billy Riga as well as goalies Alex Lang and Kenny Hintze. The lone sophomore on the Catholic Central Shamrocks varsity soccer squad is forward Andrew Boch.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former Northville Record/Novi News staff sports writer.

# Shamrocks want league title and playoff berth

## ■ Mach's team returns six on both sides

Defense has been the name of Tom Mach's Catholic Central Shamrocks' football program since he first stepped onto the sidelines as the head coach in 1975.

Come the 2009 kickoff, things are still going to pretty much be the same on that side of the football. The offensive schemes, however, have changed and will likely continue to do so.

"You can't just run the ball on everyone anymore," said Mach. "We still focus on that aspect of the game, but we can run a variety of offenses, including the spread."

The Shamrocks, who finished 6-4 last year with an eight-game regular season schedule and two games in the playoffs, will open up this Friday against Detroit Cody at home at 7 p.m.

"The Detroit schools are tough," noted Mach. "It's a good game to start the season with."

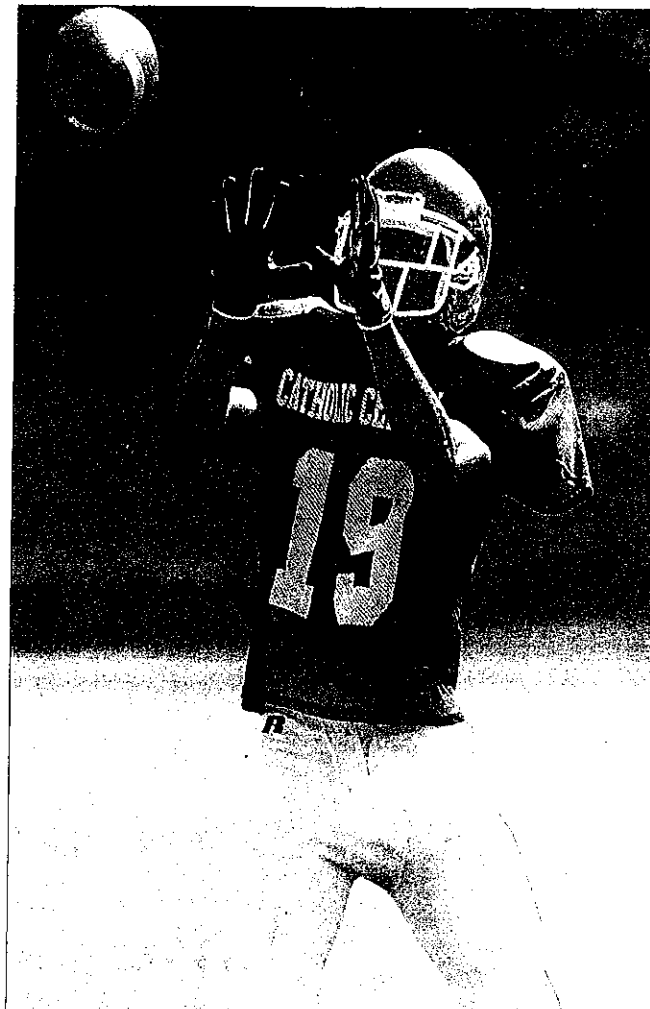
This year, like every year past, Mach and the Shamrocks will be focusing on two very important goals: First, they want to win the Catholic League title; second, they want to earn a berth in the state playoffs.

Experience will help the Shamrocks reach that goal, with six players returning for positions on both sides of the football.

Senior Niko Palazeti will be returning in the backfield along with Butch Herzog. Both players are expected to be impact running backs for the Shamrocks this season.

Quarterback Sam Landry, who saw playing time as a junior, will be back this season as well with running backs Anthony Capatina, a senior, and senior Jon Savakus.

Jeff Sherman will anchor the line this year at center, returning from a good junior year, while senior Mike Still returns at right guard and Joe Snyder,



JOHN HERBER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A Detroit Catholic Central varsity football player looks the ball into his hands while practicing with other receivers on Aug. 19. CC is preparing for its first game on Friday, Aug. 28th - at home.

a senior, is back at left guard. Receivers John Jakubik, Josh Kyles and Tom Voutsos - all seniors - will be back as receivers for the Shamrocks and looking to take advantage of Landry's arm strength.

"We put a lot of emphasis on our defense," said Mach. "You have to have a good one in order to win it."

Playing linebacker will be seniors Herzog and Mike Kinville, while junior Justin D'Agostino will reprise his role as a linebacker as well as the team's kicker.

**CATHOLIC CENTRAL FOOTBALL**  
**Coach:** Tom Mach  
**Last Year:** 6-4, State Playoffs  
**Key Returning Players:** Niko Palazeti, Butch Herzog, Sam Landry, Anthony Capatina, Jon Savakus, Jeff Sherman, Josh Kyles, Mike Still, John Jakubik, Tom Voutsos, Mike Kinville and Justin D'Agostino  
**Biggest challenge:** A tough central division in the Catholic League, getting experience for backups

The Shamrocks will be looking to Savakus to stop the pass as a cornerback, as well as Jakubik to roam the defensive secondary as a safety.

"We've got a lot of players that will be playing both sides of the ball at this point," said Mach. "We have backups and will spell them during the game, but we need to build experience with our other players."

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**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, September 16, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **MAPLE MANOR, SITE PLAN NUMBER 06-00C AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18-882 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR REVISED CONCEPT PLAN ASSOCIATED WITH A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM R-1, RESIDENTIAL, LOCAL, WITH A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD), TO RM-1, LOW-DENSITY, LOW-RISE MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL WITH A PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY (PRO), AND REVISED PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, REVISED SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, REVISED WOODLAND PERMIT, REVISED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND WETLAND PERMIT APPROVAL IS REQUESTED.** City Council previously granted tentative approval of the Concept Plan and Rezoning Petition. The subject property is located Section 2, at the southwest corner of Fourteen Mile and Novi Roads on 3.88 net acres. The applicant is proposing a 76 unit 56,643 square foot convalescent (nursing) home building.

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, September 16, 2009.

Novi Planning Commission  
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**FOOTBALL**  
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players as the season goes along." "The goals for the Shamrocks this year, which features nine games instead of the eight they played last year, is to win the Central Division of the Catholic League and make the state playoffs yet again. "There are a lot of great teams in our division that will

be making the state playoffs," said Mach. "Maybe even a couple of them good enough to go to the finals. "Through the competition will be stiff once again this year. Mach is confident in his players' abilities. "I like the way they look and am happy where they are at so far this year," said Mach. "We've had great attendance in our running and lifting all year and these kids are ready

to play." Seniors on this year's team are: Josh Kyles, Sam Landry, Kamal Mbeisen, Tom Voutsos, Anthony Capatino, John Jakubik, Jon Savakus, Corey Smith, Sean Flowerday, Tyler Broughton, Michael Kinville, Benjamin Diaz, Dylan Young, Joe Walters, Butch Herzog, Joseph Pacente, Niko Palazeti, Andrew Johnson, Anthony Seling, Kyle Tarter, Richard Heise, Jake Liphart, Mike

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COACH TERRY WACH

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former Northville Record/Novi News staff sports writer.

**TEE TIME** *Your local golf guide*

**Playing from outside the teeing ground**

By Jeanné Myers

The teeing ground is defined as a rectangular area two club-lengths in depth, the front and sides of which are defined by the outside limits of two tee markers.

In match play, if you play from outside the teeing ground, you do not get a penalty, but your opponent may immediately require you to cancel that shot and play from inside the teeing ground. He is not required to do so, and I suspect if you hit that tee shot out of bounds, he will be very silent! On the other hand, if you have a career shot, I'm sure he will ask you to cancel and re-play correctly.

Suppose you are playing a match and hit your tee shot out of bounds from the wrong teeing ground. This

is easy to do on many of our courses with unmarked holes. Obviously, a wrong teeing ground is outside the teeing ground. If your opponent does not recall your shot and require you to play from the correct teeing ground, your ball was put into play, but is now out of bounds. Under penalty of one stroke, you are required to play from where you last played, so you must play again from the wrong teeing ground. And interestingly, you may not tee the ball because the original ball was not played from the teeing ground of the hole being played. Therefore the wrong teeing ground is really part of it being through the green and the ball must be dropped. That's adding insult to injury, isn't it?

In stroke play, the situation is very different. The penalty for playing

from outside the teeing ground is two strokes, and you must correct the mistake by playing from within the teeing ground. If you do not correct the mistake before teeing off on the next hole, you are disqualified. In the case of the 18th hole, you must declare your intention to correct your mistake before leaving the putting green. The tee shot played from outside the teeing ground and all subsequent shots before the correction is made do not count.

Let's look at an example of the correct way to deal with this situation if it happens to you. You and your fellow competitors, after finishing the 10th hole, play from the teeing ground of the 15th hole instead of the 11th hole. You realize your error before finishing the 15th

hole, and return to the 11th tee and complete the round. Each of you adds two strokes to his score for the 11th hole. All the strokes made on the 15th hole do not count. But remember, if you didn't realize your mistake before teeing off on the 16th hole, you are disqualified.

Many competitions are played on golf courses that do not have hole signs. A Committee in charge of a competition should put some identifying marker on the holes so that players do not play from wrong teeing grounds. However, it is the responsibility of every player to know the stipulated round which is one of the conditions of the competition. A stipulated round consists of playing the holes of the course in their correct sequence, unless otherwise authorized by the

Committee. Therefore, a lack of hole signs will not absolve a player from penalty.

A further word about tee-markers -- Before and during the first stroke from a teeing ground the tee-markers are fixed, and may not be moved. After that, they are obstructions. Therefore, if by chance, your tee shot caroms off a tree and comes to rest next to a tee marker, you will get relief from the tee marker for your second shot under the movable obstruction rule.

Jeanné Myers is currently an Assistant Tournament Director for the Golf Association of Michigan and also served as the Chairman of the USGA Women's Committee and is a Past President of the G.A.M.

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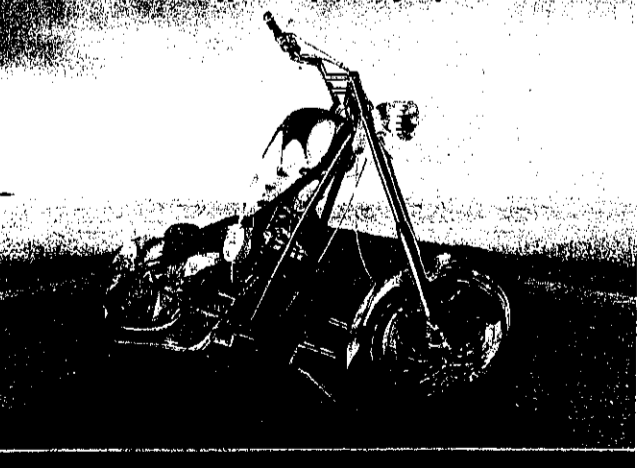
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## Spotlight on Dance



Gayle's Dance Phase dancers show off trophies earned at a national dance competition in Tennessee this June. The studio is currently hosting auditions for its Competitive Dance Program for ages 5 through 18.

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER  
ADVERTORIAL COORDINATOR

With Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Technique, Lyrical, Hip Hop, Pointe and Tumbling, Gayle's Dance Phase is West Oakland County's premiere studio for boys and girls ages 2.5 through 18.

For dancers looking to turn their hobby into a year-round competitive sport, Gayle's Dance Phase offers a competition program for dancers as young as age 5.

"There is a lot of discipline in our competition program," said Instructor Nina Yurkunas. "It's more of a fast-paced, structured environment. We're offering auditions through September for dancers who want to compete with us this year."

The studio offers three levels of commitment at the team level — Novice with less than three hours per week; Line with less than four hours per week; and Elite with five or more hours per week.

All teams participate in a fall weekend camp that develops leadership skills, team skills and competition choreography.

"After your audition, we place you where your commitment and dance level fit best," Nina said. "There are a lot of opportunities for dancers who want to be in the program."



### Awarding winning dance teams

Gayle's competitive dance teams consistently win state and national awards for their performances.

At a national competition in Tennessee this June, several teams, small groups and individual dancers brought home awards.

"This was the studio's most successful nationals in terms of awards," said Gayle Winnie, who co-owns the studio with her sister, Tina Bishop. "We are really proud of all the awards and overalls the dancers won and the dancers for their sportsmanship, conduct and effort."

On alternating years, competitive dancers compete at state or national competitions. The local competition has been held in Sandusky in recent years, and dancers have traveled all the way to Las Vegas, Florida, Chicago, Toronto and New York for national competitions.

The staff at Gayle's Dance Phase encourages dancers to pursue their dreams after high school. Many dancers pursue college degrees in dance.

"We had quite a few dancers audition for So You Think You Can Dance," Nina said. "We really encourage our dancers to continue their dreams after they dance here. We help them get set up with programs to learn from other instructors and professional choreographers in different places to enhance their education."

### Team unity

Being responsible, accountable and organized are just a few of the skills competitive dancers pick up throughout the year at the studio.

Flexibility, coordination, exercise and friendships also make the list of the many benefits associated with dance.



"There is a lot of team unity amongst our competitive dancers," Nina said. "Not only do we have kids that are friends, they become more like family. Normally your best friends come from school. Some of these kids are best friends because of dance."

Dancers and parents interested in auditions for the Competitive Dance Program are encouraged to call 248-305-5600 to set up a time.

The studio is accepting auditions until the beginning of the season in September after Labor Day.

For those interested in the Non-Competitive Dance Program at Gayle's, walk-in registration is welcome from noon to 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays as late as December.

Gayle's Dance Phase is located at 51770 Grand River Ave. in Wixom.

Gayle's Dance Phase offers award-winning Competitive Dance Program

### Congratulations National Dancers!

Gayle's Dance Phase is excited to share the results from its 2009 National Event. This was the studio's most successful nationals in terms of awards.

#### Small Group Awards

- Wonder Woman, Platinum & 8th Overall
- Funky Town, Platinum & 9th Overall
- The Incredibles, Platinum & 10th Overall
- Dream On, Platinum & 3rd Overall
- Mermaid, Gold & 8th Overall
- Distortion, Platinum & 4th Overall

#### Solo Gold Winners

- Alyssa Winnie "Colors"
- Fallon Johnson
- Hally Marrocco & 3rd Overall
- Alex Turner & 10th Overall
- Zoe Fish
- Hayley Midea
- Lisa Loeschil & 3rd Overall
- Cassidy Church
- Kelli Jo Coarez "Army"
- Audrey Carson
- Stephanie DeClark "Make Nice" & "Paris"
- Brittany Burns
- Elizabeth Roy & 2nd Overall
- Cassidy Church "Look At" & 5th Overall
- Jamie Limbright
- Lauren Sandell

#### Duo & Trio Results

- Hay Bitty Platinum & 4th Overall
- Wracked Platinum & 6th Overall
- 2 Kool Gold
- 5-6-7-8 Platinum & 8th Overall
- Time After Time Platinum & 10th Overall
- Together Again Platinum & 8th Overall
- Perfect Timing Gold Platinum & 4th Overall
- Star Struck Gold
- Just Dance Gold
- Hi Gold
- Shameless Gold

#### Solo Platinum Winners

- Brittany Evans
- Emma Gessert & 10th Overall
- Alyssa Winnie "Daddy" & 9th Overall
- Kylie Douglas & 8th Overall
- Jenna Davis & 2nd Overall
- 3rd Overall "Big Show"
- Lauren Wylie "Give It Up" & 5th Overall
- Julia Gessert & 5th Overall
- Lauren Wylie "Mad"
- Naomi Nakamura & 4th Overall
- Tessa Brinza & 3rd Overall
- Shelby Bishop "Susie" & 4th Overall
- Danielle Evasio "Rain" & 1st Overall
- 3rd Overall "Big Show"
- Kelly Munzenberger & 7th Overall
- Laura Hall & 7th Overall
- Shelby Bishop "No Man"
- Danielle Johnson & 5th Overall
- Lauren Cole "Warrior" & 5th Overall

Several Level 1 and Level 2 teams also won awards.

Great Job Dancers!!!

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