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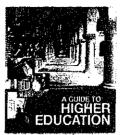
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The Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Weekly Newspapers have an exciting new feature designed to forge a more collab-orative relationship with readers. Get Published, which launched Friday on our Web site, homefriday on our Web site, home-townlife.com, allows readers to publish stories and photos in a special area devoted just to them. "Our newspapers feature more local content than anyone because

we have strong ties to the commu-nities we serve," Publisher Susan Rosiek said. "This takes us to another level. Readers will be able to publish stories that may other-wise not get attention."

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nonetownlife.com is just below the middle of our homepage on the left-hand side. Perhaps the best feature of the service is that it's easy to use. You don't have to register or sign up for anything Just click on the Get Published link and fill in the blanks on a form. Upload a photo to go with the article if you want and submit it for publication. An editor will review the story before it is published online, but the whole process will take just a day. So if you have a story you would like to share, log on to hometownlife.com and Get Published.

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the games of the week. Featured
every Wednesday on our main
carousel will be analysis from the best prep sports writers in the business. Our reporters actually go to the games, so they can offer insight others can't match.

Pumpkinfest!

Look inside today's Novi News for the official guide to the 25th annual



will take place Oct. 3-4. The guide features plenty of stories about this year's festi-val and the Downtown Saturday Night event

Oct. 3. It is also loaded with maps and schedules, and everything else you need to know about the South

Lyon area's biggest annual festival. And speaking of Pumpkinfest, organizers for the festival are still looking for volunteers to run the Hot Dog Eating Contest, which Wal-Mart is sponsoring. If you are interested in being a volunteer, contact Dianne Roest at (248) 486-0450.



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Providence Park Hospital President Jean Meyer, right, talks to Paula Choarzy, M.D. in the Novi hospital's

Providence Park looks to future

First year meets expectations, bar being raised

BY NATHAN MUELLER

Several questions loomed about need when Providence Park Hospital opened its

doors last September.

But judging by the numbers, those ques-tions have been answered. In less than a year, the hospital has had more than 7,000 admissions, done more than 8,500 surgeries, delivered 1,400 babies and had more than 37,000 people visit the emergency department. Add to that the addition of 120 beds since open ing, making the total 200, and hiring 300 more staff members and 300 more physi-cians that work at both Providence Park and Providence Hospital in Southfield, the hospital has filled an important role in the

"A lot has changed since the hospital was planned 10 years ago, but the kind of service we offer hasn't changed," said President Jean Meyer, "It's been fun to see something built from the ground up and we can set the bar as high as we want... There are no old habits to break."

The 500,000-square-foot hospital, which cost \$229 million to construct, is just one part of Novi's Providence Park Campus, located on the southwest corner eck Road and Grand River Avenue Joining the hospital are a medical center. the Assarian Cancer Center, the Novi Orthopedic Center and the Bone and Joint Center of Novi, the Van Elslander Neurosciences Center and Park Medical Office building and the Staybridge Suites

Meyer said in the past four months the hospital has made a profit and "every month we are learning more than the last."

Some of the highlights of the hospital include 200 private rooms that are inten-

Novi's Providence Park Hospital recently celebrated its first full year of operation

sive care ready, no overhead paging for communication, 24-hour visitation, room service when the patient wants to eat, a facility dog, Parker, who visits patients throughout the hospital and much more

Meyer, a former nurse, even makes it a point to travel throughout the hospital, interacting with employees and visiting

"As a leader you get more respect by being seen," she said. "I can see the fruits of my labor when I see success on a unit."

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Theft doesn't ruin wedding

Couple has rings, gifts stolen just days before tying knot

Just days before Chase Chandler and Rachel Kozma were to

be married, the unthinkable happened.

Their newly purchased Novi home was robbed, and taken

in the heist, among several other items, were the couple's 18-karat white gold wedding rings.

But while the suspects got away with several thousands of dollars worth of goods, their act wasn't enough to put a damper on the couple's Sept. 19 wedding day.

The wedding went off without a hitch, as many of the items, including the rings, were replaced by Saturday.

including the rings, were replaced by Saturday.
"Sometimes things happen you have no control over," Rachel
said. "You can't always prevent bad people from doing bad

things to you."

The incident occurred between 1-5 p.m. on Sept. 9 in the Dunbarton Pines subdivision, hours after Rachel left the home. Rachel said she and her husband were doing improve ments on the house and she let the tile contractor into the

ments on the nonse and she let the the contractor into the home before leaving.

When she returned around 5 p.m., she was greeted by two surprises. The first was a notice on the front door saying the home had been winterized as part of the foreclosure process. And the second was finding the gifts for her bridesmaids, Coach wristlets and jewelry, along with the rings, were miss-

ing.
"It was quite the dilemma," she said.

Wendy Kozma, Rachel's mother and realtor, said the fore-closure notice was a mix-up. The couple had bought the home on a short sale on Aug. 2a, which was approved by GMAC, but the company failed to notify Fannie Mae that it was a fully satisfied sale. Fannie Mae was under the impression the house was still in foreclosure and subcontracted Safeguard to man-age the property and winterize it.

age the property and winterize it.
Fannie Mae and Safeguard have issued apologies to the

In regards to the theft, the Novi Police Department is following up with the mortgage company and the contractor that was in the house when Rachel left.



A robbery incident that occurred just days before Chase and Rachel Chandler's wedding on Sept. 19 wasn't enough to damper the festivities.

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Library proves to be valuable resource for unemployed, financially strapped

More people taking advantage of library services

BY NATHAN MUELLER

Novi resident Robert Martin has been out of work since April, and while it would be easy for him to sit at home and search the Internet for jobs, he isn't doing that.

Not when the Novi Public Not when the Novi Public Library has so much to offer. Martin, who is looking for a job in the loss prevention field, said coming to the library has been a benefit throughout his

job search, and the helpful staff makes him feel like he is not on his own.
"I have a computer at home and could do it there, but get-

ting out of the house and making it your job to look for a job and having somewhere to go kind of improves your spirits a bit," he said, "The library has a lot of resources that are useful and I have gotten several tips on links to sites I wasn't aware

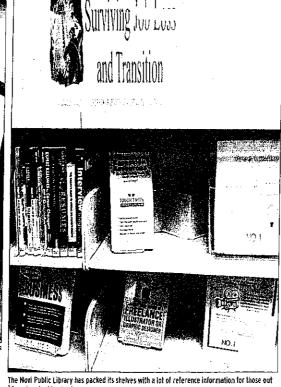
The 10-year Novi resident is one of several people taking advantage of the many free resources and programs the library has to offer, Michele Fuher, adult services librarian, said she cannot put an exact number on how many people use the library for job or finan-

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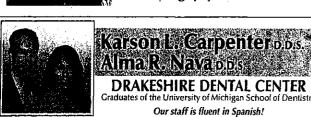
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at the Novi Public Library on a recent Wednesday morning. The library has been noticing an increased need for its services by those out of work - in particular working on resumes and job





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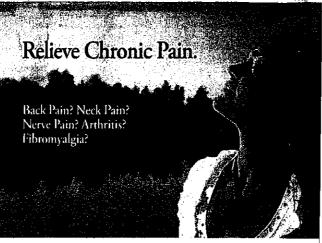
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cial-related issues, but the library is constantly busy. In 2008-2009, the library increase of 8.3 percent to 628,724 and new patrons registered increased by 7.9

percent to 4,169. "We never have downtime anymore," Fuher said.
"Whether that is based on the economy, I'm not sure." In terms of job related ser

rices, the library has several brochures un career advice print materials that cover everything from resume and cover letter writing to interviewing and salary negotiations; databases such as Learn ATest. Brainfuse, Rosetta Stone, Reference USA and information on how start a business; programs about managing unplanned job transitions; and a knowledgeable staff that Fuher said wants to help any way

The databases the library offers are especially help-ful because they cannot be accessed anywhere but at the library. Fuher said Rosetta Stone, a language learning database that covers 13 dif-ferent languages, is especial-

ly popular.
"A lot of people believe
adding another language will give them a leg up," she said. On top of all the library has to help people get back on their feet, it also several free resources individuals and families can enjoy during cash-strapped times. There are book clubs, movie

nights, language clubs, tween and teen programs and much

"Obviously for people struggling financially the services we offer are an incredible resource and we are always thrilled to help, Fuher said.
As for Martin, he is con-

fident he will find work soon "I have had several interiews, but it's a tough market," he said.

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Culinary Extravaganza: New eateries, crowd favorites part of Sunday's event

Culinary delicacies from many new restaurants and returning favorites will be featured at Sunday's Schoolcraft College Foundation Culinary Extravaganza.

The celebration of food and

wine takes place 2-5 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center at the Livonia campus, Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads. New to this year's event are

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several northern Michigan restaurants including cava in Bay Harbor Village, Chandler's A Restaurant and Symons General Store in Petoskey and Piersons at the Village of Boyne Mountain. Also new to this year's event are Cinco Lagos, Brian

Polcyn's new Mexican restaurant in Milford, Claddagh Irish Pub, Henry's of Schoolcraft College, Zerbo's Health Foods, Hotel Baronette and The International & America Cuisine Culinary Arts Section of Schoolcraft

FAVORITES RETURNING Culinary event favorites returning include Joe's Produce and Gourmet Market of Livonia, The Cupcake Station of Birmingham, Steve & Rocky's, Andiamo, Polyen's Forest Grill of Birmingham,

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The extravaganza brings together students, food pro-fessionals and the southeast Michigan community provid-ing patrons with samples of some of the finest from the most notable restaurants, pastry shops and beverage ven dors in the metropolitan area and beyond.

The event benefits the nary Arts Program and Schoolcraft College students by providing scholarships and

Craig Bowles, a Farmington Hills resident and secretary of the Schoolcraft College Foundation is chair of this vear's event Bowles calls the culinary event "an elegant way to help

While sampling food and wine, patrons can bid on din-ing, travel and sports packages at a silent auction "The packages are outstand-ing," said Marge Lynch, of

laura served on Novi City Council 1997-2005 - two years a Mayor Pro Tem. Laura authored "A Fiscol Pledge to the Taxpayers" included in

2005-06 budget, stating City Council would strive to stay within budget

and limit spending of "Rainy Day Funds". (Fiscal Pledge was removed from future budgets in 2008 by City Council at the request of the Mayor).

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Kara Richardson, formally of Gjettos Salon,

Andre staryks, from Gina Agests in Novi,

Michelle Grabill, from Salon Awesome in Plymouth,

Schoolcraft College, a member of the planning committee. Some of items on the auction tables this Sunday include a one-week stay in a threebedroom, three-bath condo

Florida, a 40-inch HD-LCD stay for two at the world-class Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham with dinner for two in the Rugby Grille, a multi-course dinner for four at Hotel Baronette overnight stay at Detroit's Greektow Casino and sports packages to University of Michigan, Red Wings and Detroit Lions

AUCTION ITEMS

Another silent auction

feature will be cured meats from Chef Brian Polcyn, an award-winning chef and and as the visionary behind some of metro Detroit's most acclaimed restaurants. others further their educa-

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\$250 for third and four sixth and seventh places. Tickets for the food and

wine event are still available Tickets are \$50 (\$20 is a char-5ive Restaurant at The Inn at St. John's, American

charcuteric expert. Polcyn is nationally recognized for his creativity and culinary talents

Raffle tickets also help the fund-raising efforts and are available for online purchase at \$5 each or three for \$10. The drawing will be held at Culinary Extravaganza. Ticke purchasers don't have to be

place; \$500, second place; American Harvest for fifth,

table contribution). Call (734) 462-4518 to order tickets or go to www.school-craft.edu/foundation. Other participating restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors include:

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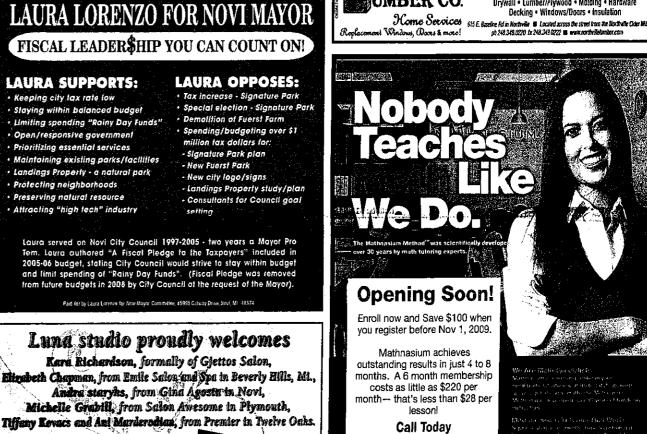
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Gary Weinstein, owner of Novi's Weinstein Jewelers, is organizing an

upcoming fund-raiser for his philanthropy in the Weinstein Theater Enrichment Fund. The fund was established in memory of his wife and two

Making dreams come true

Fund set up in honor of Novi jeweler's family benefits youth

BY NATHAN MUELLER

Gary Weinstein is always "moved, touched and inspired" when he is around the people involved with Weinstein Theatre Enrichment Fund.

The fund, which was set up in memory of his wife Judy and ons Alex and Sam, who were filled by a drunk driver in May 2005, is a scholarship program that is intended to encourage and support children in their theater and performing arts

Weinstein Jewelers in Novi. said he is honored to be making sons who were killed in 2005 by a drunk driver, and the goal of the fund is to "To read the children's appli-

COLF OUTING DETAILS What: Weinstein Theatre **Enrichment Fund Golf** Extravaganza

Where: Links of Novi When: 1 p.m. shotoun on Oct. 3 Other: Cost is \$100 per golfer. Registration can be done online at www.wtefund.com or by calling (248) 921-1865.

the difference it has made is very moving for me," he said.

And Weinstein is sure to be moved again on Oct. 3 when the fund hosts its first golf out ing fund-raiser at the Links of Novi to raise money for the

scholarship program.

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ment from them after seeing

Lisa Muscio, creative direc-tor of the Farmington Hills Youth Theater and organizer their dreams.
"That was something that of the fund, said more than \$22,000 has been given out

in scholarships since the program started four years ago. "We give scholarships to students from elementary to college age, and in today's economy it really helps kids who otherwise couldn't afford to go to camp or take lessons," she said.

The reason the scholarship pertains to the arts is ise Alex and Sam wer actively involved in the youth theater. Three weeks before their death they performed in a show with Muscio, and it only made sense to honor them by helping give other

children a chance to pursue

breathed life into us as a fami-," Gary said about the theater. Muscio said scholarships are given out to students throughout metro Detroit after their essays and applications are reviewed by a volunteering ommittee. The amount per scholarship varies and depends on how much money the fund

has to give away. The golf outing fund-raiser is \$100 per person and includes golf, lunch, dinner, a silent auc tion featuring several pieces of jewelry and raffle prizes. to sign up for golf visit www. wtefund.com or call (248) 921-

She visited the Novi City Council a couple weeks ago and was greeted by rave reviews bers. Mayor Pro-tem Bob Gatt gushed over the services his father received when he spent care was "better than I could ever expect."
"My family thanks you

and I'm sure my story can be repeated hundreds of times by hundreds of families," he said to Meyer.

Now with year one in the books, Meyer said the hospital is looking forward to the future ways to improve.
"In this next year we are

going to focus more on strategy, what gaps up fill and where we want to be in what gaps do we have to the next three-to-five years," she said.





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Four-day program connects students with UM-Dearborn

They came. They paddled. They conquered not only the exhibarating rapids of the Pine River in Irons, Mich. but a four-day outdoor adventure with future classmates and university admin istrators, too.

Ian Cartmill of Northville

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and Dhanya Menon of Novi were two of 19 incoming University of Michigan Dearborn students who said adios to summer last month by joining UM-Dearborn staff for an inaugural canoeing excursion in the heart of western Michigan's Manistee National Forest as part of a new orientation program called Wolves. Orientation

"The intent of the program was to give these students a head start -- a connection -- with the university before the semester started," said Kristine Day, director of student activities at UM-Dearborn, who serve as a group leader during the four-day, three-night activity. "The experience did that and even more, as evident by the relationships that were established at camp, and now strengthened on cam-

pus." Simon Michalik, a freshman majoring in electrical engineering, found that the trip lived up to his expectations of being a great way to meet new people, easing the transition to campus life.

"I was absolutely amazed at how quickly all of us got to know each other," Michalik said. "After only a CONTRACTOR PROPERTY

people you know to hang out with or eat lunch with between classes.

The program, which has been in the works for three years, is a collaboration of UM-Dearborn's Department of Athletics, the Office of and the Student Activities

lan Cartmill (middle row, fifth from right) of Northville and Dhanya Menon (middle row, first from left) of Novi were two of the students who participated in

her way for the trip, which includes transportation

canoe and camping equip-ment and a reflection journal, and provides his or her own personal hygiene items and sleeping bag. University staff members serve as

to/from the site, all meals.

students through canoeing and team-building activities along with active discussion around the campfire about

hopes and fears of starting college and campus life. The outing allows students to make a solid connection with campus staff members and provides an experience that confirms the approachable nature of the faculty and staff at UM-Dearborn according to Steven Rotta, director of athletics at UM-Dearborn, who also served as a group leader for the trip "This was an excellent

opportunity for us as staff to get to know this generation of young adults in a way our regular professional experi-ence may not readily lend itself," Rotta said. "I hope that we can create a way for more staff and faculty to experience this adventure in the future."

Christopher Tremblay, director of admissions and orientation at UM-Dearborn who joined Rotta and Day in leading the group during the

excursion, agrees.
"Until a few weeks ago, they were just an application and transcript that passed through the Admissions Office," said Tremblay. "Now, I know their person ality. It was a wonderful glimpse into their hearts and minds and their hopes, fears and dreams about entering college at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. I was impressed by their attitudes, their interconnectedness

and their focus.



had known each other for

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makes it easier to stay on

campus all day if you have

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classes and already know 18 other freshmen. It certainly

SchoolPictures.com photographer Danielle Huff sets a Novi Meadows student up for her shot at picture day on

Novi schools benefit from picture day

SchoolPictures.com donates money back to schools

BY HATHAN MUELLER

Picture day is always a day full of smiles at the Novi

And since the district joined four years ago, the smiles keep

tography business started by President Skip Cerier to help schools raise money through the school picture program has donated \$200,060 since i started shooting for the Novi schools, and that number will continue to grow after this

"Our mission is all about helping provide funding for schools when our state has had to give cutbacks," he said. "It is very rewarding for me to see how the schools utilized the finding to improve the lives of kids and their education.

How the program works is coolPictures.com charges

a fixed fee to the school based on what is purchased and the school receives the balance. ticipate, the more money the

Cerier said the business' philosophy of lowering prices to the families and giving back to the school has grown his busi-ness from an idea four years ago to one that serves more than 200 schools across the state. The business also has donated more than \$2 million to Michigan schools since it was founded four years ago.

SchoolPictures.com started out in the elementary schools in Novi, but the success of the program made the middle school and high school also get

on board.
Picture day was Monday at
Novi Meadows, and Principal
David Ascher said he continues to be impressed by how efficient the day runs since SchoolPictures.com took over. "A concern I have whenever

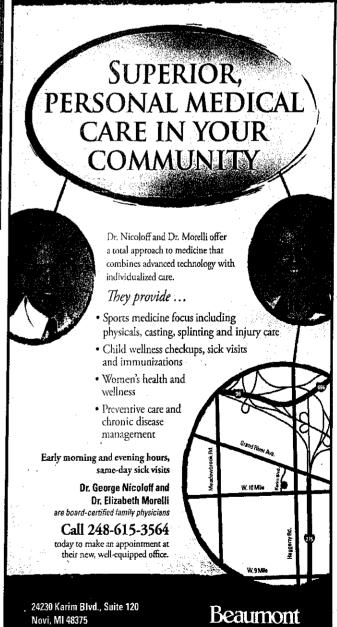
I have an organization like SchoolPictures.com or other people in the building is how much time is this going to take away from my kids' learning?" he said. "We ran 1,000 kids in half hours today and kids were only out of class for a little less than five minutes. That is awe some service.

In the last two school received a total of \$17,000 from SchoolPictures.com to be used toward incidentals of the things purchased with the money were easels for the teachers, books for book study programs, flags that hang in the cafeteria, a scholarship program for kids to go to camp and more.

and more.

Said Cerier: "Sometimes you get goose bumps when you hear what amazing things these people can do with the funding."

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1924 in Jacksonwille, OH to the late 2009. He was 83 years old; born in Sandusky, Ohlo on July 20, 1926. The same of the sam his wife Diana, his sons Bob and Sam Allinder and daughter Patt Fiett, 2 grandchildren, 17 great-grand-children, 19 great-grandchildren and his sister Joan Paul H. PRITCHARD Church in South Lyon on Septembe 23, 2009. Lynn was laid to rest in the Great Lakes National Cemetery. Holly, Mi. Memorial donations may be made to Meats-On-Wheets in name to Meals-un-winees in memory of Lynn Kerber. Please make checks payable to Council on Aging, 215 Antier St., Gladwin, MI 48624, 989-426-5450, Online guestbook: www.phillipstuneral.com





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ELIZABETH POWERS

Age 85, passed away September 19, 2009, Elizabeth was born on April 10. 1924 in Jacksonville, OH to the late land James revers and seven suc-lings. A funerolist service was held on Monday, September 21, 2009 at Phillips Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, Mi. 48207-3498. Online questhook www.phillissitureal.com

Welsh. He was preceded in death by Passed away on September 17, his first beloved wife. Lois Ann 2009, Paul was born on April 10, Powell. A funeral mass was held on 1933 in Detroit to the late Paul and Thursday, September 17, at St. Murtal (Hurt) Pritchard, Paul is sur-

death by his wife Faye Allredrived by her beloved husband,
followed Mass was held at St. Mary's Catholic Kitchen; sons, William, Bradford, Church on Wednesday, Burlal Stanley, Jr.; sister Marilyn Smith Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Twp. Stepsons, John, Andrew Kitchen Memorials may be made in the Tespdaughter, Barbara McLean, 7 anne to The Capuchin Soup Kitchen, gradchildren Stepprandchildren; 2 1820 Mt. Ellioft Street, Detroit, Mt. step-gradigrandchildren. Memorial 48207. For further information Service this Saturday September 26, please phone 248-884-6845 or visit 1 am First Presbyterian Church www.lynchfuseratDirectors.com Chapel, 200 E. Main Street, Northville



Novi Jewelers owners excited about new location

Grand reopening to feature discounts, prizes

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

After 10 years in their building on Main Street, the owners of Novi Jewelers have moved

Erica and Vatche Nadiarian were looking for two things when they decided to make the move. First they wanted to stay in Novi, and second they wanted to be in an area that drew more retail traffic

And after opening the new store on July 1, they are confident they got what they were looking for. The store, located at 25875 Novi Road, is in the same plaza as Panera Bread and features entrances off both Novi Road and Grand River Avenue.

"Before we were right in the middle of restaurants, it wasn't a shopping area," Erica said. "We wanted more visibility and we get it here. Our customers are in Novi and we did not want to go far from them."

Novi Jewelers will celebrate its grand reopening this Saturday. watches and does repairs

grand reopening from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, and dur-ing that time customers will said she enjoys being in the enjoy several special offers jewelry būsiness because she and giveaways. Some of the specials include 10 percent off diamond jewelry, 30 percent off Citizen watches and %50 off Movado watches, Erica also said they will be giving away a pair of diamond earrings. Novi Jewelers features

gets to be a big part of the happiest times in people's lives.
"Our goal is not just to make sales, but make everyone who comes in here happy," she said. For more information, visit www.novijewelers.com.

Find more of everything at the Fall Remodeling & Design Expo

Help is here for homebuyers seeking remodeling and design guidance to enjoying a day of family fun at this year's Fall Remodeling and Design Expo. Here is a list of the great events within the show, taking

place Friday through Saturday Oct. 9-11 at Rock Financial * Enter the 2,400 square

foot Green Living Zone and discover an 880-square-foot structure built to simulate the rooms of an eco-friendly items to save the planet and save money, constructed by various exhibitors from across

Southeast Michigan. * Hear various speak discussing everything from tax credits for homehovers and buying energy efficien products to faux painting echniques to sustainabl landscaping to saving money

* Visit Habitat for Humanity as they sell reusable supplies, learn about volunteering, make a donation and build a wall for homes to be constructed in the area.

DETAILS

The Fall Remodeling and Design Expo is Oct. 9-11 at Rock Financial ihowpłace in Novi, Michigan, lours are noon-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; and 10a.m. 5 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets: \$6. seniors \$5, with kids 12 and under always admitted For more information visit http://

www.novihomeshow.com. * Renewal by Andersen is sponsoring Puppen Meister Productions' Country Kids Jamboree 2009 featuring a live Marionette show, pl games, make a tie-dyed shirt,

see the balloon man and more * Save lots of cash at Big George's 5,000-square-foot appliance clearance sale.

* Live broadcasts with

Glenn Haege heard on WJR-Home Depot Children's Workshop presented by WDVD-FM, where children can make and take home small

uilding projects. * Play "Name That Tool,"

contestants look at photos and buzz in when they recognize the tool, brought to you by WRDQ-FM and register to win a heating/cooling system. * Adopt-A-Pet weekend.

see what dogs and cats from Dearborn Animal Shelter are available for adoption. * Kids can paint and take

home pumpkins, donated by Three Cedars Farm and ente 'Halloweekend," all brought to you by WVMV!

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* Enter-to-win an energy efficient Whirlpool washer & dryer, given away by Wholesale uilder Supply.

* Win lithium ion powered

tools from Home Depot. * Grab a free bag as you enter the show supplied by IKEA to fill with informat and brochures from the exhibitors and \$2 off coupons from

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Age discrimination: Where to turn for help

What constitutes age discrimination in the workplace, and where can I turn to for help if I think I've got a

Demoted Donna

Dear Donna, Most people, when they think of discrimination, think of race, gender or religion. But, if you're at least 40 vears old, and have been harmed by decision affecting your employment, you may have suffered age discrimination. Here's what you should know Aging Defense

The Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) is your first defense against age discrimina-

tion. This is a federal law that says an employer cannot fire, refuse to hire, or treat you differently than other employees because of your age. Here are some examples of age discrimina

 You didn't get hired because the employer wanted a younger-looking person to do the job.

 You received a negative job evaluation because you weren't flexible in taking on new projects.

• You were fired because your boss

wanted to keep younger workers who are paid less. • You were turned down for a

promotion, which went to someone

younger hired from outside the com-pany, because the boss says the com-pany "needs new blood."

· When company layoffs are announced, most of the persons laid off were older, while younger workers with less seniority and less on-the-job experience were kept on.

Before you were fired, your

supervisor made age-related remarks about you, such as you were "over-

Who's Protected

The ADEA, which was created in 1967, protects all workers and job applicants age 40 and over who more employees - including federal state and local governments as well as employment agencies and labor unions. If your workplace has fewer than 20 employees, you may still be protected under your state's anti-age retirement discrimination law. To find out you state law requirements go to w

workplacefairness.org/age - click on "Age Discrimination Claims State Laws" in the left-hand column, or contact your state labor department

or your state fair employment office. Another protection for older workers is the federal Older Workers Benefit Protection Act, Under this law, an employer cannot reduce health or life insurance benefits for older employees, nor can it stop their pensions from accruing if they work past their normal retirement age. It also discourages businesses from

ting staff and prohibits employers from forcing employees to take early

If you think you are a victim of employment age discrimination. your first step is to file a charge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) within 180 day from the date of the alleged violation You can do this by mail or in person at your nearest EEQC office. To find your area office visit www.eeoc.gov/ offices.html or call 800-669-4000. They will help you through the filing process and let you know if you state anti-discrimination agency.

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Legal community laces up skates to help less fortunate

Novi resident, husband organize fund-raiser

BY NATHAN MUELLER

When Novi resident Amy children, ages 13 months and 2 years old at the time, were out a male role mode To help fill that void, Vertes

got her children involved with hockey. The coaches were their mentors, and playing with the children of Detroit Red Vings Tomas Holmstrom and Nicklas Lidstrom gave them other men they could look up

Also at that time, Vertes met other widows who were strug-gling and she made a pact to do her best to help the less

"One day my son was skat ing and he met a 6-year-old irl and she said she wanted to earn to play hockey because she was tired of getting beaten up and thrown into lockers and it really melted my heart,

EVENT DETAILS

The Swords to Plowshares Attorney All-Star Charity Hockey game will take place from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday at Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Arena Road, Tickets are \$5, and all money goes to Wolverine Huma

Vertes then found Wolverine Human Services, a non-profit organization in Detroit that elped children suffering from abuse and neglect, and became actively involved.

Now a couple years later, everything has come full circle. On Saturday, Vertes will be part of the Swords to Plowshares Attorney All-Star Charity Hockey Game at Novi

The hockey game is a fund-

\$1,000 grant from the Kitch



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law firm. Kitch is celebrating firm chose to give 40 \$1,000 grants to employees to give to use for a fund-raiser for a "It's very special to see the legal community come togeth-er and help the needlest people involved in the legal system

hem," Amy said. Attorneys, judges, police officers, Federal Bureau of Investigations agents and more paid \$100 to play in the

game.
All the money raised, a minimum \$5 donation is being asked per ticket, will go to Wolverine Human Services specifically toward the John Vitale Community Center.

The teams will be playing for the Kenney Cup, named after the late Jerry Kenney. Kenney was a pillar in the Detroit legal and hockey com-munities, and a partner at the Kitch and Fieger law firms. There also will be a silent

several guests. For more information or to donate, call Bill at (313) 965



Senior Jon Muncie swings out on his trombone with the Novi High School Jazz Band at the Novi Taste Fest at the high school on Sept. 18. Other members shown are Michael Pasquale on trumpet, Michael Moore, seated



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Driver cuts down tire,

The Novi Police Departmen

arrested a woman on Sept.

17 for drunk driving after she

called 911 to report that her vehicle was disabled.

Around 1:27 a.m. a Novi

stopped in the right lane on

northbound Novi Road at

Nine Mile Road while the

observed the vehicle for a little while longer until he was informed by dispatch the driv-er had just called 911 because

ight was green. The officer

When the officer arrived,

the woman got out of her car and told him she was com-ing from Beaumont Hospital

where a family member was being treated and she was lost. The officer noted a strong

odor of intoxicants coming off

her, and admitted to having one and a half glasses of wine. The woman failed field sobri-

ety tests, quitting the one-leg stand and demanding a breath

test. A preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol

content of .20 percent. The

legal limit for adult drivers in

Michigan is .08 percent. The woman was arrested for

Police Department.

operating while intoxicated

found a black chicken on the

property that had been cut is

everal areas, including the

3A woman's purse was stolen from her mini-van between

1:50 p.m. and 2:10 p.m. on

Sept. 20 while she was clean-ing a business on Magellan

According to the report, the woman received a phone

call around 2 p.m. from a Visa fraud investigator telling her about numerous uses on her

credit cards. When she went to her van, the passenger side rear window was smashed and

her purse was missing. The car

Novi police were able to lift

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check out the numbers in

throat, and had nylon rope

nd transported to the Novi

arrested for drunk

Novi man who gave woman fatal dose says sorry to sister

her system and that the cause

of death was not just from the

hol in Buresch's system and showed that Buresch died of

methadone intoxication.

Schroder's former live

girlfriend testified at a

January preliminary hearing that the 25-year-old man sold

Buresch his prescription meth

adone pills, which a medical

examiner said contributed to

e death of the victim.

Cassandra Redmond. of

Buresch, whom she knew as

She said that on Aug. 5, 2008, Schroder and Buresch

She told police she believed

Schroder sold the 40-year-old

Buresch 15 pills. On that day, Buresch spent the evening with the couple at

Redmond testified that the

next day she and Schroder took

Buresch home, stopping at a bank so Buresch could with-

draw \$90 to give to Schroder

to pay for the methadone pills

made the withdrawal at 5:54

Brighton Police Department

Bank records show the u

Detective Bradley Patton

testified that officers went to

Buresch's home Aug. 9, 2008, for a welfare check, after

Officers found Buresch dead

friends reported not seeing

their Novi apartment.

discussed on the phone the

Tina. at Narcotics Anony

Flint, testified that she me

An autopsy confirmed alco-

methadone use.

methadone to a Brighton woman who died apologized to her sister Sept. 17, saying he was only trying to help the woman. Kenneth Norman Schroder

Jr. said Frances Buresch, who died of methadone intoxication in August 2008, had come to him for help for issues he did oot disclose and he "made a bad decision" in giving her his prescription medication

"I'm truly sorry for every-thing," Schroder said as he addressed Buresch's sister. brother-in-law and mother She called for help. I tried to do everything I could think of .. I made a bad decision." Judge Michael P. Hatty sen-

tenced Schroder to one year in the Livingston County Jail pursuant to a plea deal reached between the defendant and gave Schroder credit for 301 davs already served in fail also ordered Schroder to serve

three years of probation. The plea deal also calls for Schroder, who entered a plea to delivering a controlled substance causing death, not to be allowed to work as a trustee at the jail, but he can earn good time for a possible early

"There is closure," Buresch's sister, Kathy Sleeper, said. "I hope he learns from his mis-Defense attornev Mark

Gatesman said the plea deal came after prosecutors reviewed his expert's report that called into question Buresch's cause of death.

Gatesman said the expert would have testified at trial

on her couch and eight white pills, later identified as methatied around its legs. According to the police done, in a small container. report, the supervisor found the chicken on Sept. 16 on the Contact Daily Press & Argus reporter Lisa Roose-Church at (517) 552-2846 northwest portion of the prop-erty and believed the incident

Former Lion Rogers pleads was laying near two cardboard boxes and additional rope was found nearby on the ground. guilty to drunk driving in Novi Purse stolen from locked

Former Detroit Lion Charles Rogers pleaded guilty Tuesday to operating a motor court-appointed attorney

Rogers, 28, was arrested Sept. 16 in Novi. He appeared 1 District Judge Brian MacKenzie, who took the plea under advisement.

Rogers, who is free or bond, could face up to 93 days in jail, said attorney Justin

"He's accepting full responsibility for his actions," Barnett said. "He understands he broke the law, and he's prepared to face the conse-

Police have said that Rogers - who was sued by his former team earlier this month to recover \$6.1 million of his signing bonus — was found unresponsive behind the wheel

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is unknown. pending blood test results. Rogers, who was cut by the Lions in 2006, was charged in 2008 with assault and battery after an incident with

a woman. He pleaded no gram but later tested positive entered a drug treatment pro-Vicodin, for which he did not have a prescription. In March, Rogers was sentenced to 30 days in jail

 with credit for 15 days served - after he left the drug

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four latent prints but have no

while it was parked in the lot at Lifetime Fitness on Sept. The victim told police that as she was coming out of the

gym she saw a older while Ford Explorer parked next to her vehicle with a man sitting in the driver's seat. She then saw another man jump up from in between the two cars

and get into the Explorer. The 11:49 a.m. on Sept. 18 when SUV then fled the lot immediately onto Haggerty Road and accident after having a heart the woman was unable to get attack. The man was trans orted to Providence Park The suspects gained access to the vehicle by breaking out in Southfield where he was the window and police were

8 Mile Rd

while driving An 83-year-old Novi man Ddied on Sept. 19 after going into cardiac arrest while driv ing southbound on Novi Road north of Twelve Mile Road.

The incident occurred at

unable to gather any evidence

Man has heart attack

12 Mile Rd.

10 Mile Rd.

9 Mile Rd.

Hospital and Providence Main placed on life support until his family took him off it a day

The drivers of the other two vehicles suffered minor injuries, one was treated at the hospital and the other was The Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office was contacted and an autopsy will be performed.



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Fall Fair @ Tollgate Farm



Jacob Fischer, 5, hoists a couple of pumpkins at last Saturday's Tollgate Fall Fair.



Tollgate Farms volunteer Clay Ottoni dishes out cups of fresh-pressed cider during last Saturday's Tollgate Fall Fair. The apples used in this cider were on at Tolloate. The fair featured hav rides, pumpkin decorating, fishing food. live music and kids got a grind and press apples into the cider that



Ahmad Ezzeddine fishes at Tollgate Farm's pond with his son Hassan, 5, during fast Saturday's Tollgate Fall Fair.



Visitors to Now's Compute Farms got to take a look at their Children's Garden during last Saturday's event.



A bunch of sunflowers greets visitors to folloate Farms' Children's Garden during last weekend's

Managers don't have to take SASS from anyone

online at hometownlife.com

of the self-appointed subversive spokesperson (SASS) has taken

place during the most chaotic of times.

Amongst the growing number of tasks, the seamless connection between work and home, as well as the perceived higher levels of stress, the SASS emerges through the multi-col-ored smoke with all the thunder and blunder that would make the Wizard of Oz proud. In the middle of the noise

the SASS proclaims to be the representative voice of a silent chorus numbers and bask acquired from unsus pecting participants.
The SASS understand

that their role is the

unintentional answer to the question "Who died and left you in charge? Armed with an unstated mandate by the equally elusive 'We' group, the SASS finds the cracks in the organization's armor and uses that opening to search for molehills that can be transformed into mountains. Once accomplished, the constant vodeling is a reminder of what happens when con-trol is wrestled from the organization's designated manager by a SASS with an

The emergence of the SASS, typi-cally, begins with an unreasonable request being rejected by someone in a managerial role. The hurt of hearing 'no' is personalized across several dimensions and vented to anyone within the surrounding cubicle. As the childlike, acting out behavior spins toward the surface, it seeks out the passive acquiescence of others as fertil zed soil for the behavior that has taken

The new found role of SASS is the perfect shield for fending off the barbs and banter of managers who are, unwittingly, pulled into a winless, emotional battle. The SASS under stands that the perception of collective resistance sends a powerful message and positions that person to be the first choice for informal advice and misdirected efforts. As time goes on, the SASS is allowed to become louder in tone and delivery as well as demanding

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of time and energy. Now that the SASS has your attention, the expectation is to keep your attention as long as it is needed.

The most important notion for a manager to realize is that the SASS needs a forum in which to spout off.
The most practical and visible setting for the SASS to operate is the team meeting. The SASS can be found at the opposite end of the table from the manager so as to justify their need to yell or directly across the table in order to achieve the 'in your face' intimidation. In any event, this closed setting is the perfect place in which to open the non-agenda related discourse. "We think you should consider...", "We don't understand why you have to..." "We don't like how you...", and the dreaded, "We don't like..."

The SASS feeds off the limited spot

light and unchallenged statements to thwart any attempt to complete a task or facilitate a functional meet ing. The longer the SASS is allowed to control the meeting, the harder it becomes to redirect or extinguish the behavior. The most effective step to challenging the 'We' collective is to ask individuals to voice their own opinion in lieu of the SASS mouthpiece. How often are we led to equate silence with agreement? How often do we confron a group dynamic by calling an individual by their name and, specifically asking, "What do you think?" More often than not, the manager will discover that the things that really bother people are minor, easily resolvable and have nothing to do with the SASS agenda. In fact, as managers and as individuals, in time we come to learn that we don't have to take SASS from

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Michigan's best offer advice for state's budget negotiations

oday's column is an open letter to the leaders of our state: Dear Governor Jennifer Granholm, Speaker

Andy Dillon and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop: The State of Michigan starts a new fiscal year at midnight on Oct. 1, just days from now. As you know, our state constitution requires we start the fiscal year with a balanced budget. The best estimate is that the General Fund and School Aid budgets are running a

combined deficit of around \$2.8 billion As you must know, if a balanced budget is not adopted by the start of the new fiscal year, state government is required to shut down. Yes, you could possibly buy a few days with a continuing resolution, but that would only serve to make matters worse.

To mix a couple appropriate meta-phors, the clock is pretty close to midnight and we're standing on the edge of

Because the situation is so perilous and the politics and personalities involved so complex and sometimes hard to untangle, I asked some of the smartest and most experienced people I know to send me their

My note to them asking for comments read: "There is no strategic plan underlying the budgeting process. Rather, it's largely piecemeal and catch-as-catch can, with the only purpose to comply with the constitutional requirement of a balanced budget."

I received lots of responses; a few asked for anonym-

This is from one of those, a long-term state official who served under both Republican and Democratic governors: "We're dying out here. Our hope is withering. Jobs are disappearing. Schools aren't running enough hours. Local police forces have been decimat-ed. College tuition is increasing. We can hardly afford the basics, much less a bunch of small fees on top of everything we spend. If the plan is to have a state of 7 or 8 million people (down from 10 million) with need for less roads, no more power plants, less congestion at rush hour, fewer school children at risk of accident ... we're well on our way."

Another widely admired former legislator: "While

Lansing is focused on the politics and economic policy of cutting budgets and raising taxes, either alternative or a combination of the two will not address the state's

long term (structural) budget deficit.
"Without fundamental reform of state and local government and education, in the years ahead there will be repeated fiscal crises, political debate and the kind of uncertainty that makes Michigan unattractive to job

Former GOP congressman and long-time State Senator John H. (Joe) Schwarz (R-Battle Creek) put it

like this: "I believe they are trying. That said, unless those that sincerely believe they have a political future are willing to put their political ambitions aside and do what is right and what is sure to be wildly unpopular, we will continue to kick the can down the road." Paul Dimond, an Ann Arbor lawyer and former

White House domestic policy staffer: "The structural problem' is that Michigan has a budget built for a state that is well above the median in average household income, but we're now in the bottom third. And we're nwilling to face this harsh reality by focusing dwin dling state revenues on priorities that matter most to the future of the state."

Mike Jandernoa of Grand Rapids, a member of the executive committee of Business Leaders for Michigan had this to say: "Without a vision for our state, all of the elected officials are restricted in making long-term strategic decisions. And in state budget crises, we need more than ever to make good long-term decisions which create a government with sustainable ongoing

Craig Ruff, overall Lansing wise man and pundit: "For there to be a truly strategic plan for appropria-tions, you'd need a strong, hands-on governor taking the lead and legislative leaders who would set key criteria for setting priorities. I don't see how leaders can raise taxes after appropriations are signed into law. "You'd then have all the focus just on taxes (rather

than linking tax revenue to state services). The public would be horrified."

Richard Cole, currently a department chairman at MSU, and generally recognized to be among the state's most creative political thinkers: "I am getting tired of hearing that we need a strategy to save Michigan. What we need first is a dream upon which to build a

strategy. ... Survival doesn't constitute a dream. "This state needs an investment plan, and that investment plan cannot be based on finding more and more ways to avoid the taxes necessary to make this the kind of place businesses of the future want to

expand and locate. Investment means taxes.
"The stupid notion that this state will regenerate into a great state by finding fewer roads to pave, fewer lakes to protect, fewer children to educate with fewer teachers to educate them, fewer state employees ... fewer police to protect us from the greater number of prisoners we are releasing ... well, this is a stupid

So with all due respect, Governor Granholm. Speaker Dillon and Majority Leader Bishop, in the midst of all the chaos around you, I sincerely hope you will take the time to read this advice from some of Michigan's most capable people

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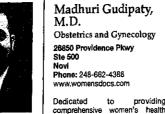


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OUR VIEWS

What is state government health deal now?

House Speaker Andy Dillon's proposal to create a one-stop health insurance shop for public employees in Michigan remains a work in progress. The first bill hit the Legislature two weeks ago, but even more bills are still just in draft form.

Still, it's possible to discern the broad outlines of where Dillon, D-Redford Township, is headed. It's also possible to target a number of key questions to answer as the debate con-

And this is going to be a long debate, not the lightning strike Dillon first proposed this summer with a fully operational plan in

For starters, it's increasingly clear that a big part of the savings Dillon and supporters hope for will come by having public employees pay a greater share of the health-care bill. No doubt administrative efficiencies could result out of a statewide system, as Dillon argues in a new 50-page document on his plan, but not \$900 million worth.

By contrast, having a public employee — say a township employee — pay a significantly larger share of the health insurance premium will mean big bucks, if replicated again and again across the state.

How much savings, though, depends on this state determining a fair deal for public employees. And that depends on knowing Even Dillon's new analysis can't put figures

to the current landscape. Some first questions for Dillon's committee are: What is the premium share average for an employee of Michigan's universities and com-

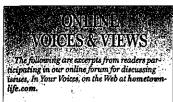
munity colleges? · What is the premium average for insured

city, village and township employees?
The Kaiser Family Foundation said that, in 2008, the average employee premium share in the private sector was 25 percent. In other words, the worker was paying directly \$1 in every \$4 of the initial cost.

But Dillon is saying that he doesn't think his plan should be benchmarked to the private sector, but rather to what's received by public employees in other states. Will that limit the plan's ability to save money for Michigan? That's a fair hypothesis, pending more data on what Michigan employees get compared to

their counterparts elsewhere. House Fiscal Agency Director Mitch Bean told legislators last week that true actuarial work is needed to establish just what government employees receive as a point of comparison to what a new plan would offer.

The first order of business of Dillon's committee isn't to perfect the proposals for change, but, rather, to establish what's going on right now, so that Michigan residents car determine what the deal should be for public



■ Novi Police Briefs: Drunk driver caught with marijuana

*A 20-year-old man was arrested around 2 a.m. on Sept. 2 for operating while intoxicated and possession of marijuana after being pulled over on M-5 south of Fourteen Mile Road. The limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent." The kid was 20, not 21, what his BAC was shouldn't have mattered, even if it was .02 - he was underage.



Cal Stone Community Executive Editor Editor Editor

COMMUNITY VOICE

Fall started Tuesday. What's your favorite part of the season?



l like the weather. Halloween is fabulous, especially in Northville. I fike everything

Shannon Croteau



I love football games, cider mills and the cool nights.

I like the start of school and that the kids get so excited. The colors. Cider

and donuts. Pumpkins.



The leaves. I used to run and love running through the crunching leaves - the sound and the air about it. And getting lost in the

Mary Clough

LETTERS

Pitch the Constitution

To those of you who oppose all or any changes in our present health care system, I ask do you approve of the following char-acteristics of our present governmental

 The Electoral College System for choose ing the president?

The practice of Congress adding "pork barrel" amendments to a bill which will be signed by the president regardless, since he

 The influence and power of specially interested lobbyists in Washington? The uncontrolled spending of million dollars to win or lose elections?

The ability of Congress to approve or disapprove their own compensation pack

 The system of appointing persons to high office, typically a payback for political support (including governors' filling vacan-cies in the Senate)?

• The role of the media in forecasting victors in elections and its influence on the outcome of many elections?

 The amount of money spent on foreign aid and the apparent unaccountability?

The lack of a standardized system of voting and the consequent recurring inci-dents of voter fraud, major discrepancies in results, and drawn-out lawsuits?

 Our current method of regulating Our current system of regulating banks,

and insurance companies?

The list is unending. Most likely many of your replies would indicate serious dissatisfaction with our existing system. Applying the same logic as the opponents of any plan for health care reform, we ought to pitch our Constitution and start over, take more time, and give it more careful analy-sis. Maybe after another two centuries of

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thoughtful consideration we could get it

Patrick M. Downey

What is McCotter afraid of? Rep. Thaddeus McCotter has been busy this summer. According to his official Web site, he gave not less than 29 media interviews during July and August, primarily to right-wing media ontlets. He was so busy "preaching to the choir," he just never found the time to hold a single town hall meeting not one — for the people in his district.
 Apparently he would much rather talk to

people who are not his constituents, instead of the people he was elected to represent. It's no wonder, though. As chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee. McCotter holds the fourth-highest leader ship position in the House GOP minority.

He's been working his way up the party ladder for years now. He won't let a little thing like "listening to his constituents" get in the way of his ambition, even when he claims "I Work For You" on every letter he sends (on the taxpayer's dime) to the people of his

McCotter is not working for you or me when he refuses to hold an open, unscreened, unscripted discussion of any kind for the people of his district. His socalled "telephone town halls" just don't fit the bill. Even John Dingell had the courage to meet face to face with the angry, vocal minority in an open forum. Not McCotter: **
he dicather haten to the voiceman missay of a handpicked selection of voters. What is be afraid of?

McCotter denied you the chance to speak to him in an open forum. Remember this in 2010. We need a representative in Congress who won't "phone in" his obligations to the

> Matt Macchiarolo Lyon Township :

Thanks from Band Boosters

The Novi High School Band Boosters and the students of the Novi High School Marching Band would like to thank Busch's permarket and the local community for their generous support of our recent can and bottle drive. It was a very successful fund-raiser, and all proceeds will fund the many activities of the Novi High School band program. Everyone is invited to see the Novi Wildeat Marching Band perform their competitive marching show during FANFARE at Novi High School this Saturday, Sept. 26, at 9:30 p.m. Hope to see

Experience matters; time to repeal term limits

 about previous or cur-House or the White House. I am speaking limits for

approved in



voters passed

Tom Watkins term initiative by a whopping 59-percent margin. It was a mistake then. If you don't believe me, take a look at what passes as leadership in

The 1976 movie "Network" captured the feeling of state voters in 1992: "I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this any more! As often when people lose their tempers, we made a huge

adding the Astronomy

Michigan term limits put a policy.
cap of three two-year terms • There is a loss of institucap of three two-year terms for the state House and two GUEST COLUMN

four-year terms for the state Senate. After that, the termlife from holding legislative

Michigan citizens got mad at politicians that many felt were self-dealing, partisan hacks, entrenched and looking after the "special interests," not the people's interests. But when Michigan threw out the experienced legislators, we got

Like most quick and easy fixes, term limits have produced unintended conse-

 Government is complex. We now have novices attempt ing to address complex and tough political issues on tax, education and correction

tional knowledge to under-stand the art of the possible and personal relationships and trust between members the other side of the politica collective good. • The nermanent govern-

ment has become the bureau-cracy and lobbyist that do not answer to the voters.

when you have made a mistake and to set into motion From time to time, there are calls for and even some initia tive to modify, if not repeal, the term limit law. But even if Michiganians want to allow more time for legislators to serve in the Legislature, it will require another constitu-tional amendment.

As the current crop of legis-lators wrestle with the budget that in nearly \$3 billion out of whack, and constitution-

, or risk shutting go own, we will once again have a front row seat to what this mistake, called term-lim-So, here is the deal: If you

limits have not produced the desired results, pay attention to how the governor and Legislature resolve their constitutional responsibility to balance the state budget.

If you like the outcome, I

say we stick with term limits. s time we admit our collective mistake and try to repeal term limits in the state Constitution. We need to help repair the damage that inexrience has wrought on our

Tom Watkins, a former state superintendent of schools and mental health director, is an tantin the US and China. He can be online at hometownlife.com

I LOCAL NEWS

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Scotties Kitchen to offer cooking classes at Ephiphany Kitchens

Many sessions include full meal 🖡

teach a sushi class." Spence said. "We're also trying to do something with Simply Wine

next door where we could do wine and food pairings."

Spencer recently gave a pre sentation for members of the Northville Garden Club on

what to do with your garden's

harvest. "I did a ratatorille

she said. She also did a can-

end at Maybury State Park

A native of Detroit and

resident of Northville for 26

years, Spencer grew up watch ing her Polish mother, Helen

Twardochleb, prepare fresh soup daily and make most

"She was a great cook," Spencer said. "We lived in a

small home in Detroit with five kids. I always wanted to

But, since her mom did

growing up, when she got mar

ried Spencer didn't know how

"I took a cooking class, and

said. "I loved it, and I couldn't

She married when she was 23 and started cooking when she

was 24. As the years passed,

everything when she was

I was totally hooked," she

stop. It became a passion."

dishes from scratch.

during the Corn Maze.

A LIFELONG PASSION

ning demonstration last week

Mary Spencer loves to cook so much that she owns 5,000 cookbooks.

them one day.
"They're everywhere," she

Spencer will use her expertise as a culinary instructor to help local people learn to cook through Scotties Kitchen's cooking classes in downtown

The retail cookware store at the corner of Dunlap and Center streets closed at the end of July. But, Debbie Jones owner of Scotties Kitchen, has partnered with Ephiphany Kitchens at 107 N. Center Street and will begin offering

the classes Sept. 30. "The retail end of the business wasn't doing well because of the economy, but the cook ing classes were doing really well," Spencer said.

The biggest problem was finding a place that was appropriate to have the classes. "Hopefully, we'll get enough people to sign up so that we can actually have the classes." Spencer said. Each class mus ave a minimum of 10 people for the class to take place. The are all offered from 6-8 p.m.

and cost \$50 per person. Students will get to enjoy a meal after several of the

"Our goal is not only to teach technique but we want people to have a nice evening and have dinner," Spencer said. "Don't eat before you come. You're going to get your money's worth." Students also get copies of the recipes. Other cooks may teach other classes

'We may have someone

Spencer started sharing some of the things she learned in cooking classes with her mother, and the two cooked a ot together. "It was a lot of fun and

always a learning experience for both of us," Spencer said. She said her mother even started to appreciate innovations in cooking technology, such as food processors and

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Debbie Jones, owner of Scottie's kitchen supply store in Northville, will be teaming up wilh chef Mary Spencer, right, at Center Street's Epiphany Kitchens for a series of cooking classes.

DETAILS

o register for Scotties Kitchen Cooking Classes al Ephiphany Kitchens, call (248) 231-2523 or go to www scollieskitchen.com. Students must register at least three days prior to class. Payment is expected at registr tion. Classes will be cancelled if there are not 10 people registered for a class. All will be notified by phone for

Scotties Kitchen's classes are \$50 per person each, and scottles Artchen's classes are 550 per each one meets from 6·8 p.m. Following is a rundown of the classes:

Sept. 30 - Learn how to replicate Julia Childs' recipes as seen in the movie "Julie and Julia." Dishes will include Artichokes with Hollandaise Sauce, Sole Meuraiere, Beef Bourguignon and a defightful Raspberry Bavarian Cream Oct. 6 - AUTHENTIC MEXICAN MEALS - This class features thentic regional Mexican cuisine. Dishes will include ioasted Tortifla Soup with Cheese and Chili Pasilla, Chili Relleno, a flavorful Red Chicken Mole, and Rustic Cajeta Apple Tarts with Berry Salsa.

Oct. B - SEAFOOD/FISH CLASS - Diverse selection of fish and shellfish will be prepared, demonstrating a variety

of cooking techniques. Recipes will include Pan Roasted Halibut with Toasted Bread Crumb Salad and Green Leptils a San Francisco Cionnino, Crazu Shrimo, Ollve Gil Poached Cat(Ish with Spicy Tartar Sauce.

Oct. 16 - TAPAS - Spain's "little bites" are a unique culinar treasure. Learn how to make and sample some of the besi including Garlic Shrimp Tapas, Empanadilas Hilled with Chee: and Olives, Potato Wedges with Aioli , Roasted Pepper Tuna iolis and Spanish Meatballs with Romesco Sauce Oct. 22 · CUPCAKES · Take this class and the world is your cupcake. Learn how to make such detectable creations a Cupcakes, Ice Cream Cone Cupcakes and Banana Pecar

Oct. 10 - CREPES - Crape making is easily learned with

iust a little practice. We will be making a selection savor

Oct. 24 - ROASTING - Scotties most popular class. Learn

ed Pork Roast and a show stopping Prime Rib of Beel Oct. 26 · PIES · Learn the key steps to successful pip mak ing. In This demonstration we will prepare a classic Double Crust Apple Pie, a Banana Cream Pie and a Key Lime Pie Oct. 28 - PIEROGI - Learn old world family recipes. In this hands on class, students will first make a standard pierog dough. The class will then make a selection of traditional pierogi including Cheese and Polato, Kapusta (Sauerkraut) and Apple Pierogi with Caramet Sauce. Oct. 30 - BRUNCH - Sample a diverse array of brunch ideas.

The menu will include Spinach and Cheddar Spulfle a rustic Tomato Galette and Blueberry Scones with an Ozange Glaz Nov. 13 · FRENCH CHRISTMAS

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The Mother's Club of Catholic

Central High School will be holding its annual Rummage & Bake Sale from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27. There will be a \$1 bag sale at noor The school is located on the west side of Wixom Road, just south of Grand

Astronomy at the Beach

The Great Lakes Association of Astronomy Clubs (GLAAC) and Kensington Metropark will be host-ing the 13th Annual "Astronomy at he Beach" public event from 6 p.m.midnight on Sept. 25-26.

onomy at the Beach is specifically designed for kids, students and parents and has introduced thou-sands of participants to the world of ning lectures and hands on observing For more information contact Kensington Metropark at (248) 685-0603 or visit our Web site at www.

onhill net/glaac.

Audiences will witness Kwame out of jail and in exile in Texas, and in his Fall nights a Fuerst Park bsence the unpredictable Monica Conyers has become President of the City Council. Kwame A River 2: The The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is excited to offer FREE entertainment Wrath of Conyers also hilariously chronicles Monica's tenure as head of at Fuerst Park. Come enjoy the beau-tiful evenings of fall, listen to original Council and comically displays everything that happened - from raucou music, watch a movie and see the new park and amphithea incil wars, Cobo contracts, and - Friday, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m. - Movie feuds with 8th graders - and every-thing that you didn't know happened,

Bring blankets and your family and join us under the stars for the charmng, animated movie. Kung-Fu Panda

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 7 p.m. - Eyan Lian This Novi High School student will be playing an acoustic set of songs at the Fuerst Park Amphitheater.

Fuerst Park is located at the corner of Ten Mile and Taft Roads. Parking is available in the west Novi High School lot, off of Taft Road. In the case of inclement weather, call the Novi Parks Hotline at (248) 347-

r more information about Fuer Fall Nights, visit cityofnovi.org or contact Nancy Hayden, Creative Arts Coordinator at (248) 347-0509.

Dinner with a Doctor focuses on arthritis

Each month Providence Park Hospital in Novi hosts a free "Dinn with a Doctor" about current topics in

Please join us for a dinne health presentation and Q & A on Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.. There is no charge to attend

This month's topic is "Arthritis

sented by Dr. Martin Jenter from seeks to recognize businesses who teGrowth Orthopedic Special To sign up, please call 1-866-501-DOCS so that we can anticipate the number of attendees. Dinners are The City of Novi is seeking nominations for the 2009 Business Recognition Awards. Businesses will held in conference rooms A. B and be recognized for giving back to the community, providing an optimal work environment for employees, or for being committed to helping build an ecologically sustainable economy. C on the Providence Park campus at (47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi, 48374). Enter the campus off of Beck Nominations are being accepted through Sept. 30. To be eligible, busi building's Heart Institute entrance. nesses must be a registered business ence rooms will be to you

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e. All performances will be held e Andiamo Restaurant and

nce that it has partnered with

with the City of Novi. This year's awards include: Weinstein golf outing Corporate Citizenship: Business The Weinstein Theatre Enrichment Fund First Golf Extravaganza will be held at 11: 30 a.m. (check-in) on ich partner with others to enhance the Novi community. Partnerships could include involvement with: Novi Saturday, Oct. 3 at The Links of Novi. Since its inception, the WTEF has mirice clubs, non-profit associations and the City of Novi.

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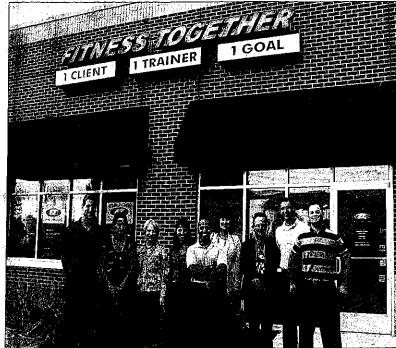
sustainable economy.

Each category will have two win-iers; one for small businesses emplo ners; one for small businesses employ-ing fewer than 50 people and other for loannesses employing over 50. Scomman of the Novi Camber of Commerce that Property Camber of Commerce that Property Camber of Commerce that Property Camber

of Commerce the Economic
Development Corporation, Oakland
County, and the Novi News will review all nominations and select the vinner(s). Winners will be announced sented at a City Council meeting presented this fall.

in 2008, the City of Novi recognition from the City of Novi recognition the first ever Business Recognition Awards. Winners were Providence P. H. Hospital, Emagine Theater,

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Open for business

Andiamo Novi Theatre.

mica's secret therapy sessior with Dr. Phil, her unlikely and pas-

sionate affair with Ken Cockrel Jr.

Detroit into a tourism mecca. Show times and prices for Kwame A River 2: The Wrath of Conyers are:

Wednesday at 8 p.m. - \$15

• Friday at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. - \$20 • Saturday at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

• Sunday at 5 p.m. (beginning Sept.

Tickets are available at the theater's

box office located at 42705 Grand

at www.ticketmaster.com. Dinner

River 2: The Wrath of Convers, call

City recognizes businesses

Helping businesses grow and prosper is a major focus of the City of Novi. Novi is dedicated to helping foster the region's economic base to improve the quality of life for its citizens and business community and cashes to receive the region's community and cashes to receive the region business community and

River Avenue, Novi, Michiganiby phone at 1-800-745-3000 or on-line

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348-4448. Visit www.KwameARiver.

nd her wacky plans to turn Metro

ss Together of Novi celebrates their new location on Novi Road, just north of Ten Mile in the Vantage Pointe Plaza next to Penn Station Subs

InvestNovi.org. Charity hoop game to benefit Paralyzed Veterans of America

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) and Wright & Filippis, Inc will sponsor a charity basketbal game Thursday, Oct. 8 to benefit the Michigan Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA), based

nn Novi.

Teams will be the Ampuffeam

Spartans sponsored by Wright &
Filippis and the All-Star Saints sponsored by the COCC. They will play at
Shrine High School, 3500 W. 13th Mile Road, Royal Oak.

Doors will open at 5 p.m. and the game will start at 6. Halftime activities will include a 50/50 drawing and chased at the door. Suggested donations are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and children and youth ages 11-18. Children 10 and under are free

For advance tickets or furthe of the COCC at (734) 422-0278 or cglobal.net. or Brad paschabooks@speguoacare, Shebib of Wright & Filippis at (248) 829-8327 or bshebib@wright-filippis

Two haz waste days scheduled

Two remaining fall Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Days will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center ated at 45175 West 10 Mile in Novi and on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Recycling Authority head-quarters located at 20000 West Eight Mile, one block east of Evergreen, in

Residents of Farmington Hills, Farmington, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake, and Wixom are all eligible to attend the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Days with proof of residency. Acceptable items include common household products such as cleaners oil-based paints, herbicides, insecti-cides, and solvents. These materials can be safely disposed of by bringing them to the drop-off day in containers that are labeled and do not hold more

than five gallons or weigh more than Document shredding is also available, with a 100-pound or three-box limit per household. Used computers and computer components such as CPUs, monitors, printers, and keyboards are also accepted. The fol-lowing items are not accepted: commercial or business waste, unknowns

radioactive waste, or explosives. For a complete list of items accept ed at the drop-off day, and a list of "green" non-toxic alternatives, call "green" non-toxic alternatives, call RRRASOC (Resource, Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County) at (248) 208-2270 or visit www.RRASOC.org.

Chapatwala chairs benefit gala

Vasant Chaptwala, owner of the Novi McDonald's (12 Mile Road, east of Novi Road) is the honorary chairman of the Ronald McDonald House Gala on Sept. 26 at the Detroi

The black tie event, emceed by WXYZ's Diana Lewis, benefits the Ronald McDonald Houses of Detroit and Ann Arbor, and it will include a strolling dinner, live and silent auctions, entertainment, a casino afterglow party and many surprises

nroughout the evening Tickets are \$250 per person and are or by calling 734-316-2511. Youth panel focuses on obesity

Youth ready to inspire change in

Experience of the second section and the

their communities and speak out about childhood obesity are encour aged to attend a Youth Forum from

5:30-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at Detroit Public Television, located at 1 Clover Court in Wixom. Youth elists include: Austin Miller, 12 panelists include: Austra Mana, 27, Sam Miller, 10, Robert Hsu, 16, Taylor Esther, 14, Dior Mathis, 17 Malcolm

Roberson, 14, and Joseph Duprey, 10. The Alliance for a Healthier Generation, founded by the American Heart Association and the William J. Clinton Foundation, is empov youth around the country to join the fight against childhood obesity and celebrate September's Go Healthy Month at a Youth-Hosted Forum. Tweens and teens are asked to join with their story, and attend or orga-nize a Go Healthy Month event in

their community.
The purpose of the forum is to motivate tweens and teens to eat better, move more and wipe out America's obesity epidemic. This event also features the NFL-wide that encourages kids to get at least 60

minutes of physical activity each day. Youths and parents will be treated to a fun, yet educational evening beginning with a meet and greet with the Detroit Lions at 5:30 p.m. followed by the forum moderated by Sandy Kovach, on-air personality for Smooth Jazz V98.7 and WOMC. Attendees will also have the chance to sample healthy snacks and partici e in fitness drills. Detroit Public Television will record the event for future playback and educational

For more information or to reserve your spot, call Alicia Hoge at (248) 936-5826 or Alicia.hoge@heart.org. Art Van hosting free design

Art Van Furniture will once again host its free design classes. This edu-cational 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 Sentember (15, 22 and 20) and end Oct. 6. The classes will begin at 6:30 p.m. and refreshments and giveaways will be provided. rvations are requested for the Art Van design classes. To register for this series or for a particular class, call (888) 619-2199.

Campuer & RV Show coming

The Michigan Association of Recreation Vehicles and Campgrounds (MARVAC) is spon-Campgrounds (MARVAC) is spon-soring the 20th Annual Fall Detroit Camper & RV Show, Sept. 30-Oct. 4 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi (located on Grand River, just one mile west of Novi Road).

Over 200 new recreation vehicles will be on display including folding campers, motorhomes, travel trailers, truck campers and fifth wheel travel trailers. Special discounts include folding campers from \$4,000 trailers folding campers from \$4,999; trailers from \$8,999; and motorhomes from on select RVs. Booths featuring parts and accessories, campground infor-mation, on site RV financing and RV rentals make this the complete RV show experience. This year's show will ure an outdoor display of new

RVs for an even bigger selection. At the show, enter to win the Ultimate MIS Race Experience package from Michigan International Speedway. Includes tickets, camping and VIP access (valued at nearly

A "select your discount" coupon is available on www.marvac.org and in area newspapers. With this special sumers can choose one o ee discounts offered -- \$2 off adult admission any day; senior admission for \$5 on Wednesday or Thursday, or 2-for-1 admittance coupon on Friday

2-9 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m. The cost for adult admission (ages 13 and up) is \$8; children ages 12 and under are admitted free! Seniors (ages 55 on Wednesday, September 30 and Thursday, October 1 (no coupon necessary). Weekday show visitors can nurchase a hot dog, chips and pop for

only \$3 from 2-4 p.m. Call (517) 349-8881 or visit marvae | Mile roads) ore for additional information on the CONTACT: Sue (734) 459-0016

Second look at your taxes

H&R Block tax professionals found errors in more than 87 percent of returns reviewed for clients last year District Office is holding an Open House and Second Look Rally Day on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.. On this day only, if more money isn't found for you during your Second Look, you will be entered to win a free tax return for this upcoming tax season. "If you plan on getting a Second Look, don't forget to bring your previous year(s) tax return with you," com-

The office is located at 43215 Grand River Ave., Suite C. Novi, MI 48375. You may contact H&R Block Novi at (248) 344-1803.

"Annie Jr." auditions

Be a part of this classic tale as the Novi Theatres brings the story of Orphan Annie to life. Auditions are open to children ages 7-15 and will be held Monday, Oct. 5 and Wednesday, Oct. 7 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile

Road, between Novi and Taft Roads. Based on the popular Broadway musical, "Annie Jr.," tells the story of a spunky, Depression-era orphan who is determined to find her parents, who abandoned her on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage run adventure after fun-filled adventure Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil plans, befriends President Franklin Roosevelt and finds a new family in sonal secretary Grace Farrell, and a loyable mutt named Sandy.

Lauren Sorrentino, Performing Arts ator and director of Annie Jr. is thrilled to bring this delightful production to Novi Theatres. "With the dynamic directing team we have for Annie Jr., and the talented children in the Novi community and surrounding area, we are sure to bring this holiday classic to life". The Novi Theatres is pleased to have Elaine Buck of Performing Arts Academy on board as choreographer as well as Laura Nanes, who holds a Masters of Music in Vocal Performance, as Music Director. Annie Jr. has roles for children of all

ages and abilities.
Two audition workshops are offered to give your actor the opportunity to brush up on his or her auditioning skills. The first is an audition intensive workshop on Sept. 28, 30. and Oct. 1 from 6-8 p.m. The second is an audition refresher workshop offered on Oct. 3 from 10 a.m.-noor Register for these workshops online at cityofnovi.org, or visit the Novi Parks office between 8 a.m.-5 p.m, Monday

through Friday.

Audition packets are available at cityofnovi.org or at the Parks office. Please register for an audition time by contacting the Novi Parks office at (248) 347-0400. Rehearsals begin Oct. 12 and run Monday, Wednesday 4:30-7 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m-1 m Performances are Dec. 11-20 tions, or the show, please contact the Novi Theatres at (248) 735-5615 or

visit cityofnovi.org. Botsford hosts women's fair

As part of National Women's Health & Fitness Day, the Botsford Center for Health Improvement will be hosting its third annual Women's Health & Fitness Fair now through Saturday, sept. 20. The tan, designed to encour-age women to make fitness a lifestyle goal, will include free fitness screen-ings, fitness classes, health and beauty products, scrap-booking supplies, jewelry, healthy snack samples and a raffle for a \$25 Visa gift card.

Monica Pagels, Manager of the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, says, "National Women's Health & Fitness Day focuses on the importance of making time for regular physical activity and learning to make good health choices. This free event gives women a chance to begin or renew their commitment to a

healthy lifestyle. To learn more about the Botsford Center for Health Improvement or for questions about the fitness fair, ease call (248) 473-3100 or log on to ww.botsford.org/bchi. The Botsford Center for Health Improve located at 39750 Grand River Ave. in

Conline at hometownlife.com

LOCATION: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Nov CONTACT: (248) 349-0565 Sunday Schedule

TIME: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 am. Worship

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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

Sunday Worship

DETAILS: Group meets for Junch afterwards.

Single Place Ministries TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday. DETAILS: Informative and entertaining program: of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.

LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org Worship Services TIME: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST OF KORTHVILLE A Stephen Ministry church

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or fumcnorthyllie.org Sunday Worship TIME: 8:30 and 10 a.m. through Labor Day

DETAILS: Rev. Dr. Steve Buck Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m. Healing Service TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month Radical Jov

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of **DETAILS:** All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited

to attend, irrespective of church affiliation.

Crafters and Vendors are needed TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24 **DETAILS:** The annual Community Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at First United Methodist Church Northville, This is a great opportunity to showcase talent or business to hundreds of local customers. As cost is nominal, booth space is filling up fast. CONTACT: for details and reserve a snace e

mail Pat Breslin at: BizarreBazaar@care2.com.

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For more information regarding Village Banking: www.vilfagebanking.org.

NOVI UNITED METHODIST LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com Sunday Worship

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

Peace Vigil TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month **LOCATION:** In front of the church DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace. Advent Service TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamily-

novi.orgMass Schedule TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 7 p.m. Tuesday: 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday

Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by apopintment Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each

DETAILS: Free, informational meeting open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is

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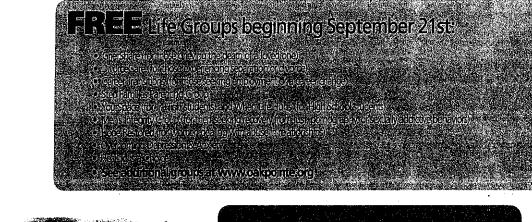
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go to www.oakpointe.org or call 248.912.0043

ReNew Life Ministries is the new Support & Recovery ministry of Oak Pointe Church (10 Mile & Wixom Road in Novi). Life Groups are open to the community and are facilitated from a Christian perspective. Optional corresponding materials available

at an average cost of \$10. All registrations will be kept confidential.

for a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www. hometownlife.com. Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper

Local events

LIVE BLUES & JAZZ @ THE GRAPEVINE TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursdays; 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays LOCATION: The Grapevine of Novi, 43155

Market Street DETAILS: Live music on the patio on Thursdays, inside on weekends; no cover. Schedule includes Thursday, Michael May & The Messarounds: Friday, Kathy Kosins: CONTACT: (248) 344-4044

MOM-2-MOM SALE

TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday LOCATION: Orchard Grove Community Church, 850 Ladd Road, Building C. Walled

Ladd Road)
DETAILS: Sponsored by Orchard Grove Community Church MOPS. Department store layout with over 40 sellers of infant and children's toys, books, CDs, electronics.

Lake (off Maple between Pontiac Trail &

clothing (infant to size 14), outerwear and boots, maternity, baby equipment, furniture and large play toys. Admission is \$1; half price sale at noon. CONTACT: Keri Cleasby at (248) 926-6584

AUTHOR MARIA DESMONDY BOOK SIGHINGS TIME/DATE: 9-11 a.m. Oct. 11 LOCATION: Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 17111 Haggerly 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 Dismondy will be on tour at local facilities, reading, selfing and signing her book, "Spaghetti In A Hot Dog Run." In today's society. it's important to remind children that, although we are different on the outside, we are very much alike on the inside. Unfortunately, bullying has become a major problem in the United States, It's not only painful for children, but occurring at an increasingly young age. Her book empowers childrei to positively handle tough situations

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courage to be exactly who you are, no

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DATE: Nov. 6-8

DATE: Nov. 14-16

BMW and Guzzi.; www.motorcycleswap.com

DETAILS: This show offers all the latest in

sleds, gear, clothing, accessories, perfor-

the new season; www.snowmobileusa.com.

DATE: Oct. 16-18

lakesartfair.com.

DATE: Nov. 1

LOCATION: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi CONTACT: (248) 348-5600 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 every thing relating to fiber arts including fashion sewing, quilting, needle arts, crafting, and much more; www.americansewingexpo. nternational 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. Fall Camper and RV Show

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

DETAILS: The Michigan Association of

DATE: Oct. 9-11 **DETAILS:** The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan offers a wide variety of home improvements ideas, proiect advice, products and education; www.

Reloading Equipment, Gun Cases, Pistol & Rifle Magazines, Military Surplus, Collector Items, Archery, Fishing Supplies, Safes, Custom hand made oun cabinets, Wild Game Jerky, and much more; www.migun

online at hometownlife.com

Michigan Family Pet Expo DATE: Nov. 20-22

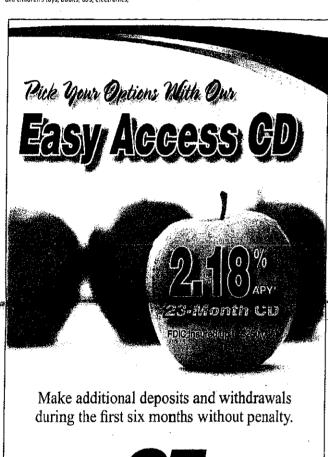
DETAILS: The Michigan Family Pet Expo will showcase more than 150 exhibits of pet-related products and services; www. petmichigan.com. Michigan Antique Arms Show

Motorcycle Swap Meet! Thousands of bikers DATE: Nov. 28-29 **DETAILS**: Antique and modern arms and will be buying, selling, and swapping: bikes, accourrements, part and accessories, as well as other related merchandise. The show also feature historical displays and

presentations. North American Horse Fest DATE: Dec. 4-6

DETAILS: Everything Equestrian! Horses. tack, training, breed clubs, trailers, stables, riding exhibitions, nutrition and much more: www.northamericanhorsetest.com Great American Train Show mance products, trailers and equipment for DATE: Dec. 12-13

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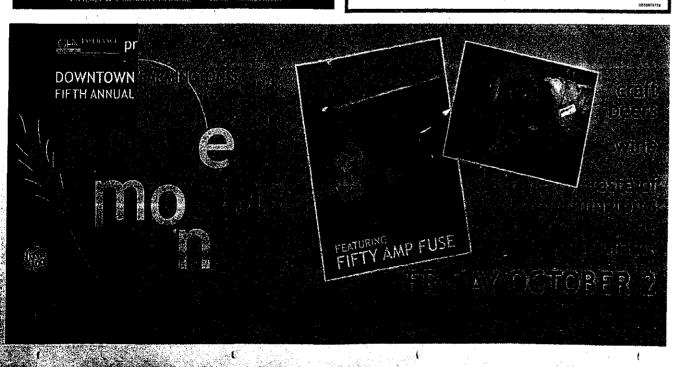
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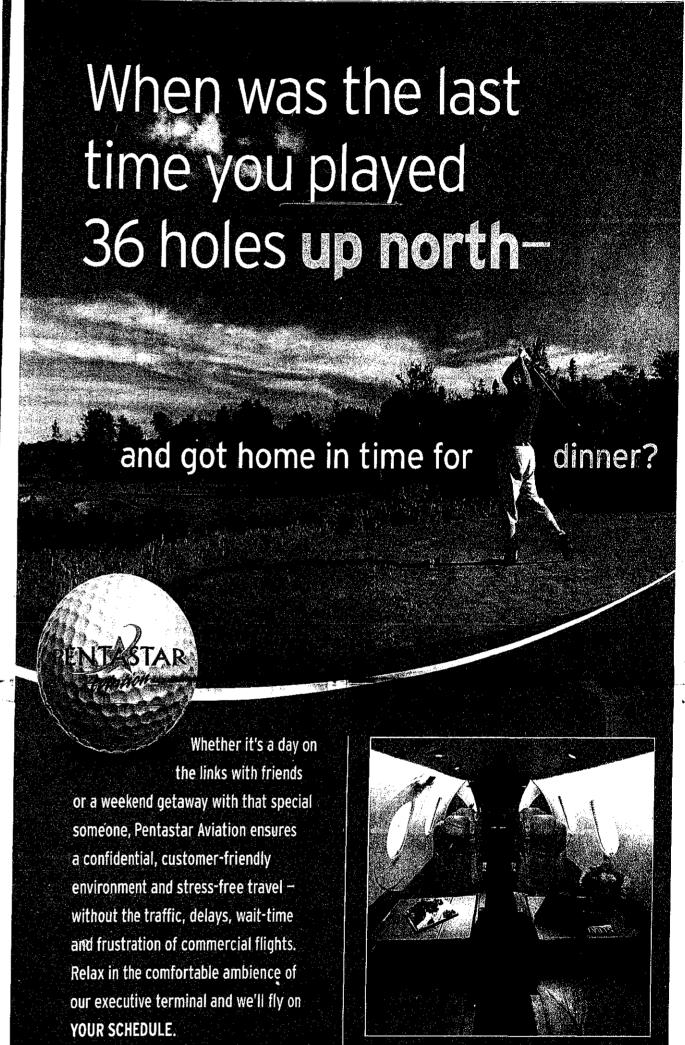
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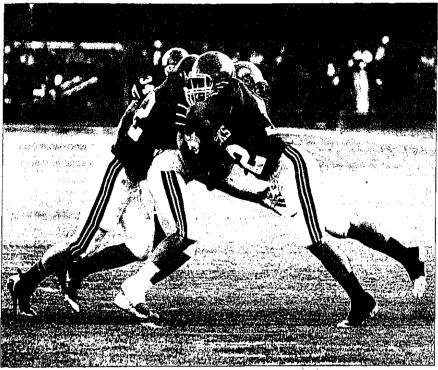
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Revenge is a dish best served ... well,

with a 24-7 whipping.
The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks has been on the wrong end of their rivalry against Birmingham Brother Rice for the past five years, but turned the tide and earned revenge with a victory over the Warriors last Saturday.

"The players were really geared up this week," said Catholic Central head coach Tom Mach, "The school was just electric." And so were the stands, Between the Shamrock faithful and those donning the orange and black of Brother Rice, nearly

orange and black of brother rice, near, 5,000 people were packed into the stadium to see the showdown.

In the end, however, it didn't matter how pumped up the stands were, or how charged the student body was. All that mattered was the scoreboard, and

that mattered was the scoreboard, and Catholic Central owned it. "We played real well," admitted Mach. "Our defense did a great job, our offense played well and even our kicking was

The going doesn't get any easier for the Catholic Central Shamrocks, 4-0. They are slated to take on Divine Child, 4-0, Saturday. Divine Child comes into this week after a 41-6 drubbing of Livonia Clarenceville last week. The Faicons have outscored their opponents 148-38 this season; while Detroit Catholic Central has outscored their foes 157-7. "We try to keep it all in perspective," said Catholic Central coach Tom Mach when asked about Divine Child perhaps not being as strong as Brother Rice was. "If a team is 4-0 and they are scoring a lot of points, we know we're going to have to play them at the same level as we play a team like Brother Rice."

right on. It was a great game all around." It appeared to be a close game early in the fourth quarter after Brother Rice drove down the field and scored to make it a 10-7 game. The Shamrocks, who are ranked No. 2 in Division I teams by the Associated Press, didn't panic. They

didn't shudder. They simply picked up the football and went to work. On their next drive, Catholic Central marched 80 yards and put the ball into the end zone on a three-yard play action pass from senior quarterback Sam Landry to tight end George Darany to push them back into a comfortable lead, 17-7, with just under six

minutes left in the game.

"We just played our game," said Mach.

"Brother Rice is a very talented football
team and we knew we had to keep playing
our style of football. That's what we did."

The Shamrocks proved that they are
act in fallible horsewer and allowed the

not infallible, however, and allowed the first points of the season to be scored against them by the talented Warriors. Brother Rice's lone score came in the fourth quarter when quarterback Frankie Popp found Nick Dunn with a 14-yard touchdown pass. It's not as though the Shamrocks defense looked weak though, forcing three straight three-and-punt situations in the Warriors' opening drives. Not to mention the Shamrocks

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Defense leads Novi 14-10 over Salem

Wildcats grind way to .500 with win

Novi's football team evened its record out at 2-2 following a hard-fought 14-10 victory over Plymouth Salem Sept. 18 in one of the most evenly matched, but impressive, performances for the Wildcats this season.

Both teams took the first five minutes off from solid play, as each team fumbled and lost the ball once, and Salem's Alex King intercepted a third-down pass from senior QB/WR Jimmy Gurney, returning it 37 yards to Novi's 37-yard line.

The Rocks (0-4) struck first with a 37-yard field goal by Ethan Walsh with 6:11 remain-

ing in the first quarter. Senior RB Jim Pitcher made several effective runs up the middle throughout the quarter, including a fourth-and-one play at Salem's 31-yard line with 1:43

at Salems 31-yatto fine with 1-ya-remaining in the quarter, where Pitcher pushed through the middle for a seven-yard gain. The play put Novi's offense into striking mode, as Gurney completed a 23-yard pass to sophomore WR Mike Joca at the one-yard line with 6.8 seconds left.

"Our passing attack is get-ting better and better week by week. (Gurney) is learning the reads. For the amount of time he's had, he's done an outstanding job for us," Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said. Junior RB Mike Brant

Junior Ris Braint Started the second quarter with a run to the right corner of the end zone and senior RB Brett Kuhn kicked the extra point to give the Wildcats a 7-3 lead.

Pitcher has the ability to carry and we. Brauth had a few

carry and go. Brandt had a few good carries around the out-side," Kellepourcy said. Pitcher and Brandt finished

with 39 and 27 rushing yards, respectively.
Salem QB Brian Maksimovic

regularly found his passing options well covered by the Wildcats, causing him to make several desperation dashes, accumulating 32 yards (69 gained, 37 lost) throughout the

"We were getting hurt with their quarterback getting loose," Kellepourey said.

Novi will travel to South Lyon High 7 p.m. tomorrow to take on the Lions (0-4) before hosting Livonia Stevenson for a 7 p.m. Oct. 2 homecoming. "South Lyon is always a traditional game for us, a border rival. You've got to throw out their record and be ready to play a good game " Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said. "Stevenson's going to be tough and Northville is getting up there."

Novi's defense forced Maksimovic to fumble the ball at the midline, but Salem recovered.

Junior CR Brian Bush intercepted a 23-yard pass from Maksimovic at Novi's 17-yard line a few minutes later, putting the chains back in motion for the Wildcats.

The next two drives by each team only resulted in one first down, but Novi scored on one of their drives thanks to a huge defensive error by the Rocks. Wildcats' senior Jordan

Scheffler punted to Salem from Salem's 46-yard line with 26 seconds remaining, but it slipped through the hands of the Rocks' Evian Pardo at the 10-yard line and was covered in the end zone by senior Masaru Nogami for a touch-down. Kuhns kick after put the Wildcats up 14-3 going into the

Wittens up 1-0 gained Salem half. Novi had out-gained Salem 149-80 in total first-half yards, but was also penalized nearly twice as much as Salem, 66-35

yards.
Realizing their passing game was failing, the Rocks hopped on the back of sophomore RB Marcus Houston, who burned the Wildeats for 91 rushing yards, including a touchdown 6:10 into the second half.
Following the kick by Walsh, Salem had cut the lead to 14-10.
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As the teams traded quick unsuccessful drives, Salem spent the final 4:04 of the third quarter and first 3:08 of the

Please see NOVI, B2

Wildcats win Central Division

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Win over Northville puts Novi in the driver's seats

CORRESPONDENT

Novi's boy's tennis team won the KLAA Central Division title Sept. 15 with a 6-3 victory at Northville.

The Wildcats (6-1, 5-0 KLAAC) ousted the

Mustangs (4-1 KLAAC) quickly last Tuesday, sweeping all five doubles matches, as well as "(Alex) Brizard at four singles had a tough match and pulled it out. He was behind in

Please see WILDCATS, B6

The Wildcats now face off against the other three KLAA division champions and three state-ranked opponents in a seven-day span. Following a match Monday at Detroit Country Day (No. 1 in Div. 3), Novi was slated to visit South Division-champion Plymouth Tuesday before hosting North Division-champion Walled Lake

"The key for us is to not get ahead of ourselves, mistakes we're making," Hanson said. "The team that makes the fewest mistakes is going to win the match." Novi will host an invite 8:30 a.m. Saturday featuring Ann Arbor Huron (No. 2 in Div. 1), No. 4 Brother Rice and No. 8 Troy before visiting KLAA West Divisionchampion Grand Blanc on Tuesday.



Novi's Wes Smith goes to head a ball in an away game at South Lyon East.

Feisty Wildcats and Mustangs battle to draw

Novi allows rare goal early in 2nd half

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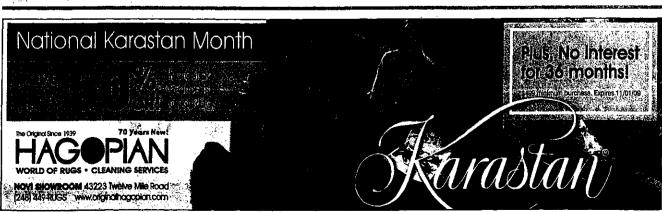
The highly-anticipated border battle between Novi and Northville's boys soccer teams was nothing short of intense. Both teams played physically in a 1-1 draw last Thursday at Meadows Stadium.

"In general, this one was pretty exciting. Each team could have done seven or

ON TAP Novi now prepares to face Livonia Stevenson tonight and Eisenhower tomorrow both 7 p.m. at Meadows Stadium.

cight goals," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said. The tie put the Wildcats'

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NOVI

fourth quarter handing the ball off to Houston on nine of 12 plays, out-gaining the Wildcats 99-19 in total third-quarter

Novi's Bush ended the Salem drive with his second interception of the night on a 24-yard

pass from Maksimovic, tak-ing the ball five yards out from Novi's one-yard line.

"Both were great catches," Kellepourcy said. "Salem really did control the game in the second half. Our backs were against the wall really through the second half. It put a lot of pressure on defense. We were punting the ball right back up there." Novi found themselves on

the wrong end of some ill-timed

penalties in the fourth quarter, but put a cork in Houston's running game while maintaining their dominance in pass defe

> ers and safeties made some adjustments," Kellepourey said of stopping Houston. "We had 12 penalties. We're getting a little concerned about it. The reason they're jumping offside is because they're trying to make a play, but its hurting the team."

Neither team was able to get another first down the final 8:52 of the game.

Kellepourey credited senior LBs Tim Kolis, Ryan Jok, junior LB Nick Littleton and sophomore LB Alex King with keeping Salem from a late-game come-

King led the Wildcats with 13 tackles, followed by Kolis with eight and Bush, Jok and Littleton with six each.

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down. Senior punter Jordan Scheffler punted for 264 yards, two kicks which were downed

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On the offensive line, senior

Jon Fields and junior Joe Mikkelsen made several good

blocks, while senior Ryan

effective pass protection for

169 in total offensive yards.

The Wildcats also benefited

inside Salem's red zone. "Jordan Shuffler really has a Margrave, junior Alan Mencer and senior TJ Karaisz provided endous leg when he punts the ball," Kellepourey said. "Our Gurney (9-for-22, 95 yards). The kicker. Tommy Duquette, is doing well kicking the ball up field." Wildcats out-gained Salem 181-

from strong special teams, which provided the second Novi touch-Chris Jackett is a freelance writer

My favorite courses in Michigan

By David Graham

In my position as Executive irector of the Golf Association of Michigan, it is probably a politically incorrect position to express what golf courses make my personal list of favorites for obvious reasons. But like you, I do have favorites around the state of Michigan and I am willing to provide my two cents on the topic. This list is courses that if edule to play in a heartbeat. I must also state up front that I have not come close to playing all of the fantastic courses in this state. We are so fortunate to have so many great options. Also, I believe there is a bit of a halo effect on ones likability assessment based on how well one plays and scores at a particular course. I suspect that influence has impacted my selections. So this assessment is very subjective, and

while it will include some obvious courses on everybody's list, it probably is not your list. It does

Dave's Faves in

• Arcadia Bluffs – speciacular links style course along Lake Michigan. As the wind blows, so will one's score. No. 17 is an awesome par 3 when played with a breeze in your face it can be particularly difficult to score.

· Belyedere - Tom Watson spent his summers on this gem in Charlevoix. No. 16 is a shorter par 4 with the green wedged into the side of a hill. Great fun particularly if the hole location is on the right side of

aggressive putt.

• Crystal Downs - Alistair

Mackenzie design with support from Perry-Maxwell recognized as one of the finest courses in America. No. 10 is a great par 4 that demands an approach shot kept below the hole. If

not, 50/50 chances you may putt off

the green.
• Eagle Eye - Newer course with a lot of great holes including an exact replica of the 17th at the TPC at Sawgrass (Island Green). One of my favorites is no. 15 which is a par 4 that has a raised green with severe slopes around with collection areas for any wayward shots.

 Franklin Hills – A great Donald Ross design. No. 2 is a superb par 4 with a severely slanted green... do not be above the hole on your The Galles - One of three courses at Lakewood Shores Resor

it is a very challenging links layout with hidden fairway pot bunkers throughout. Bring your "A" game

with a severely sloped green. Hands of a surgeon instead of a blacksmith

· Oakland Hills South -Spectacular host course to countless major championships as well as the Ryder Cup. No. 17 is a really cool par 3 uphill to a green surrounded by deep bunkers and equally challenging rough. A par on this hole

The above is a sampling of the great courses in Michigan. If a friend should extend an invite to play any of the above, don't hesitate to accept and keep me in mind if you need someone to fill out your group.

is a great achievement.

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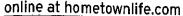
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Novi Varsity Bobcats celpast Sunday with an unfortunate loss to Commerce Chargers in the last 41 seconds of the game. The teams battled one another all afternoon. Bobcats had the lead at halftime, 13-8. In the third quarter Chargers took the lead 13-16. It all came down to the last 41 seconds in the fourth quarter; everyone was on their feet. Novi jumped ahead 19-16, but the next play, a kick return touchdown, scaled it for the Chargers.

Varsity falls short to

Commerce Chargers, 19-24.

Novi's offensive line -- Charlie Ryan, Ethan Roy, Graham Gausden, Jack Twomey, Brett Guiboux and Keith Pravato -- paved the way for the three Bobeat touchdowns, The Bobcats' first numbers on the board resulted from a 69-yard pass by Joshua Schiesler to Austin Racicot, set up by a Michael Ninkovich and reco by a slew of Bobcat defenders. The extra point ran in by Kieth Pravato was good. The second scoring opportunity was an 85-yard run by Jeffrey Baker in the second quarter. The last touchdown with 41 seconds on the clock was a three-yard run up the middle by Austin Racico

Joshua Schiesler played well in the pocket all afternoon Leading rushing yards by Jeffrey Baker with 117 followed by Keith Pravato, 26; Austin Racicot, 17; and Jalen Ward, 9.

tions by Michael Ninkovich and Jack Pinkerton. The defense did not go unnoticed, Mark Ryan lead with seven tackles: Ethan Roy, Joshua Helfer with four each; and Michael Ninkovich and Nick Meadors with three each. Jack Twomey, Brett Guiboux, and Charlie Ryan each had key tackles taking the

The Bobcats' next game is under the lights at 7 p.m. Saturday against Livonia Orioles at Livonia Churchill High

JV Bobcats ground Chargers, 28-6

The JV Bobcats (3-0) were homecoming hosts to the Commerce Chargers (O-3), Both Commerce Chargers (O-3), Both with the Bobcats victorious in a battle that was much closer than

After forcing the Chargers to punt on their first possession, the Bobcats' offense drove 62 yards in 13 plays with Andrew Schroeder scoring from six yards out on a powerful run carrying defenders into the end zone for a 6-0 lead. On the drive, 25 yards; Christian Durham ught a 16-yard pass from Ryan Moore and also delivered a huge block to help Moore run over the Chargers' defense on fourth-The Chargers' first possession of the second quarter ended with Schroeder blocking a fourthdown punt and Colton Neisius scooping the ball up and run-ning 22 yards to the end zone. Bobby Fox kicked the PAT for a 14-0 second quarter lead. On the ensuing drive, the Chargers drove 60 yards and completed a of the end zone, resulting in a halftime score of 14-6.

The second half was a battle of field position, with excellent punting from Fox shortening the field for the Bobcats' offense. to 50 total yards of offense led by Durham's five solo tackles Both defenses played strong forcing seven consecutive four and ons keeping the 14-6 until five minutes were left assists. Fox played lock down in the fourth Quarter, Durham corner, with four open field solo intercepted a fourth-down pass tackles preventing what would

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copen field. The Bobcats face the
Livonia Orioles (3-0) Saturday at
Livonia Churchill.

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Chargers wasted little time and
on their opening possession
scored first with a 42 yard run by

Freshmen fail to Commerce, 37-19

22-yard line. On third down

and 15 to go, Moore hit Fox for

a 22-yard pass and a first down but a block in the back penalty

backed up the offense to the

20-yard line. After nine-yard

runs by Schroeder and Andy

Mizerowski, Spencer VanKirk

used his speed and sprint into

the end zone untouched for an

eight-vard touchdown extending

the lead to 20-6. With less than a

minute remaining, the Chargers

threw a desperate pass over the middle, and Durham picked off

his second pass of the game, and

returned the ball 35 yards for a

The Bobcats generated 101 total yards of offense, with 75

on the ground and 26 through

the air. Schroeder led all run

ning backs with 11 carries for

34 yards and a touchdown, fol-

lowed by Moore with six carries for 21 yards, and Mizerowski

earning 16 tough yards on four

and five assists, followed by

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The Bobcats held the Chargers

PAT for a 28-6 final score.

After a weekend filled with off-the-field homecoming tra-ditions, the Bobcat freshmen started the football action at 11 a.m. Sunday. The weather was perfect with partly sunny skies and 65 degrees

Novi's Eric Budd started

32 giving Commerce a six-point Novi's Caleb Lewinski fielded

the ensuing kickoff giving the Bobcats the ball on offense. The Cats drove the ball down the field led by Trendon Hankerson but eventually turned the ball over on downs. The following series, the Chargers struck again with a sweep by 21 Pierson Hoy, resulting in a 46-yard touchdown. The Bobcats would shut down the extra point leaving

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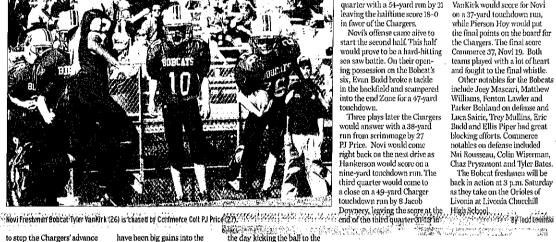
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Novi's Josh Schiesler (16) gets ready to pass while Jeffrey Baker (32) blocks in the Bobcats 19-24 loss to the Chargers.

the only scoring in the second quarter with a 54-yard run by 21 wing the halftime score 18-0 n favor of the Chargers. Novi's offense came alive to start the second half. This half would prove to be a hard-hitting sea saw battle. On their opening possession on the Bobcat's in the backfield and scampered into the end Zone for a 47-yard

the score 12-O ending the first

The Chargers accounted for

Three plays later the Charger would answer with a 38-yard run from scrimmage by 27 PJ Price. Novi would come right back on the next drive as Hankerson would score on a nine-yard touchdown run. The a close on a 49-yard Charger touchdown run by 8 Jacob

favor of the Chargers. The final quarter would be just like the third with both teams trading touchdowns. Tyler VanKirk would score for Novi on a 37-yard touchdown run, while Pierson Hoy would put the final points on the board for the Chargers. The final score Commerce 37, Novi 19. Both

teams played with a lot of heart and fought to the final whistle. Other notables for the Bobcats include Joev Mascari, Matthew Williams, Fenton Lawler and Parker Bohland on defense and Luca Saicie, Trey Mullins, Eric Budd and Ellis Piper had great blocking efforts. Commerce notables on defense included Nai Rousseau, Colin Wiserman

Chaz Pryszmont and Tyler Bates The Bobcat freshmen will be back in action at 3 p.m. Saturday as they take on the Orioles of Livonia at Livonia Churchill

with the the same of the same





LOCAL SPORTS

Jaguar champs

The Michigan Jaquars U16 Girls MRL team were the Champions of the Vardar Elite Cup Soccer Tournament that took place Aug. 21-23 in Troy. The team won games against the MI Burn 94. MR Rush Northville Mike, and OPSA Breakers Green to make it to the finals where they beat Variar to win the championship. The feam consists of girls from around the metro area. The players are Lexe Walker, Rachel Good, Katie Bounds, Victoria Pepper, Charlotte Burns, Maddie Ethridge, Laura Austin, Sasha Gardner, Sam Jarrett, Nikki Greenhalgh, Rachel Junn, Allie Smith, Hallee Kansman, Maddie Haustein, Alyssa Cabelof, Katie Seelenbinder, and Lexie Schmidt. The team s coached by Paul Tinnion and Beni Karamuco. Not shown is Tara Gessler.

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y wife has spent the last two months caring for and helping her sister through a major health challenge. This oud, independent, single mother finds herself today in a tiny room in a nursing home totally at the mercy of the staff for her every need, staring at the prosnect of never walking again at the ripe old age of 57. (In fact, today is her birthday – Happy Birthday, dear sister-in-law!) The irony of this story is at the end of the day the stroke she endured is only a partial blow: the real killer enemy obesity. These last two months have given us a small glimpse into not only the devastating world of stroke victims but the life of an

bese person: Stroke is the third leading se of death and the leading cause of serious long-term dis-

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ability in the U.S. A quarter of all strokes occur in people under 65. The after-effects vary across the board from total paralysis to total recovery. A recent study sites only 26 percent became nursing home residents. While her sister is showing good signs of recovery on her totally paralyzed left side of her body, added in the equation is was tagged with the words "she the obesity factor. From the very weight and lack of any physical movement increased her odds of being in the 25 percent of high risk stroke victims under age 65. Her right knee (supposedly the good knee) is nearly gone from years of over use due to her weight

along with her shoulder. Prior

to the stroke, her weight alone

posed barriers to mobility now

In addition to the reality of we lived it first-hand as nursing home after nursing home declined her entry due to her obesity. She needed a larger bed special equipment, special wheel-chairs, etc. Every call about her is a bari-patient," meaning a bar-iatric patient requiring special considerations for everything due to her weight. Watching her deal with the reality of years of poor choices has been sobering. I am certain if given the chance she would have made a few different, small choices over the last 20-30 years. In fact, she has already lost

task when there is no mobility compounded to total disability by the right knee, shoulder and the seconds someone in the U.S. has

a stroke and about every 20 seconds someone has a heart attack and the list goes on and on. Life will bring us challenges; let's fight with all we have not to add to it with obesity. Next time I face a seemingly small choice -- walk or take the escalator, park near the door or further away -- I will think of that nursing home and the very hard challenges of this

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Catholic Central kickers keep up winning ways

■ Two more victories tallied by Shamrocks

BY SAM EGGLESTON

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks soccer team just keeps finding ways to win. The squad, coached by Joe Nora, earned two more wins last week as they blasted Divine Child, 7-1, at home before edging DeLaSalle,

2-1.
Against DeLaSalle, the Shamrocks found themselves in a position they are not used to, trailing 1-0 at the close of the first half. Nora noted that his squad "didn't really play that well" in the first half, but found their game plan for the second

ON TAP

The Shamrocks will play host to University of Detroit Jesuit High School Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. before hosting from today at 7:30 p.m.

Ryan Majsac notched the game tying goal off an assist from Josh Gatt to knot the game up at 1-1. As the game continued in its intensity Gatt showcased why he is consid-

way he is considered one of the top players in the state as he punched home a free kick from 25 yards away to win the game, 2-1. Nora noted his team's strong defense helped earn the win over rival DeLaSalle.

"Gina Pulice, Christian Arthur and Brian Treanor were stellar in the back for us and Wes Harding made six saves for the win in net and

had a very strong game," said Nora. The victory put the Shamrocks at a 7-1-2 record so far this season and a 3-0-1 standing in the Catholic League's Central Division.

Against Divine Child, the Shamrocks couldn'

seem to do anything wrong. The squad followed the lead of Mike Tolkacz, who scored a hat trick with three goals in the contest. Gatt, Majsac, John Malecke and Cole Borland each notched a single goal in the game Gatt led his team in assists, earning three on the night, while Brandon Hess, Gerrett Biddenger, Dylan Hagan and Josh Gage each had one assist.

Alex Lang earned the victory in the goal, stopping three shots.

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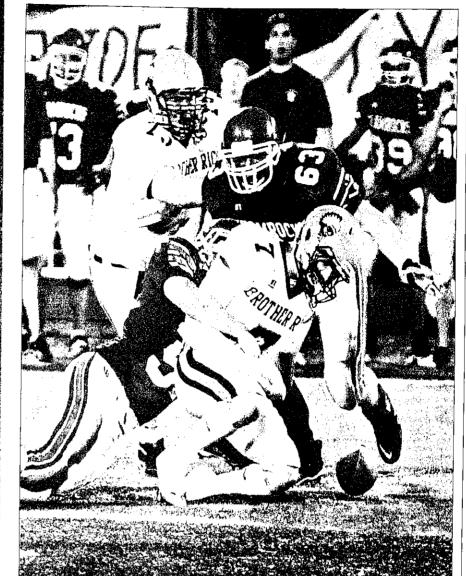
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UNDEFEATED

held Brother Rice's top run-ning-back, Jim Pickens, to zero vards on six carries following wo 100-yard-plus games from

"No one wants to be scored on," said Mach. "Honestly, we never talked about keeping everyone scoreless. It was never a conversation we had. I think the team was aware that was the case, but they were to stay that way."

Catholic Central sealed the victory by forcing a turnover on downs late in the fourth marter that led to their final touchdown of the night, which was scored on a four-yard umble from fullback Niko

In a chauge of pace, Palazeti did not lead the Shamrocks in rushing, instead turning the torch over to Anthony Capatina, who went 102 yards on 14 carries. Palazeti added 68 yards in the game,

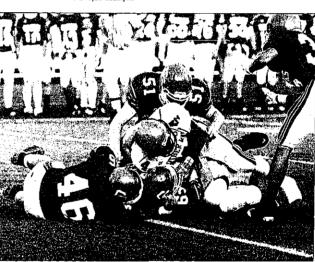
Catholic Central's defense held Brother Rice to 152 yards of total offense and controlled

he ball for 34:10. "They tried a few different things and tried running the ball a bit, but our defense did a real good job of shutting them down," said Mach. "Our preparing the defense, showing them a lot of things that they were going to see. The players went out and executed and overall did an excellent job."

With a 4-0 record, the Shamrocks are just two wins away from guaranteeing a playoff berth. There are five games remaining in the sea-son, including undefeated Divine Child this Saturday, as well as Orchard Lake St. Mary's, which is currently 2-2; DeLaSalle, which is currently 3-1; and University of Detroit Jesuit High School, which is currently 2-2.

"We're in a league that is very tough and full of very talented teams," said Mach. "This is a team that seems to improve every week, and that's ething we're going to have ning in this league.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer Northville Record and Novi News.



he Shamrock defense, which allowed just 10 yards rushing against Brother Rice, stiffens with senior Niko Palazet 46; junior Brandon Tammaro, 51; and senior Mike Still, 62.



CC's George Darany hauls in a TD pass



in the second half against Brother Rice. Butch Herzog gives CC the early lead with a first quarter touchdown



'alazeti carries in the fourth

Catholic Central dominates quad tennis meet

■ Shamrocks ranked first in state

BY SAM EGGLESTON

Four more teams challenged and then fell to the power of the Detroit Catholic

Central tennis team last weel The squad, coached by Joe first in the state of Michigan for Division I schools and the showed exactly why as they won their fourth tournament and earned four more victo-

ries last Saturday. Catholic Central earned 18 oints in the Catholic Centra Hills Central and Troy High School earned 11 points each for a second-place tie. Taking fourth was Northville, which earned eight points on the

1ay. Individually, the Shamrocks were able to beat Northville, 7-1; Troy, 6-2; and Forrest hills Central, 5-3.

Catholic Central earned four flight victories in the tournament, snatching chan pionships at first, third and ourth singles as well as third

Joe Dube', Catholic Central's premiere first singles player, defeated Northville's Melvin Jose 6-1, 6-3, before topping Troy's Brett Forman, 6-4, 6-2, and Forest Hills' Grant Veltman,

undefeated freshman Brett Forman, is going to help him mine the top seeds at the stat finals," said Stafford. "I will not be surprised if Brett is a top four seed at states. Joe did a nice job of moving him around the court and not let-

At third singles, Willy Willson took down Northville's Stephen Irvine, 6-0, 6-1, Troy's David Caldwell, 6-4, 6-1, and defeated the player from Forest Hills, 6-0, 6-0.

be back in action today when they visit Ann Arbor Pioneer for a dual meet at 4 o.m. The tennis team will then travel to the Essexville Garber Tournament on Saturday.

Shamrocks' fourth singles standout, took down Northville's Nick Calweit 6 0, 6-1, Troy's Ray Chen, 6-4, 6-1, and defeated Forest Hills

ayer, 6-0, 6-0. The results were much the same for the third doubles duo of Nick Petrucci and Robbie Guindi, who carned a 6-2, 6-4 win over Northville. a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Troy and edged out Forest Hills in

three sets, 4-6, 6-4 and 1-0. "Our No. three doubles have been hot and cold all year, in terms of their play, and it is nice to see them grind out a three set victory against Forcest Hills Central," said Stafford. "FHC's team has been the only team to beat them this year and I know they really wanted this win.

Another standout perfor-

mance came from Catholic Central's second singles play er Kevin Hodges, who ended up 2-1 on the day but managed to defeat Northville's Tim Wasielewski, 6-2, 6-3.

"Joe's victory over Troy's

lineup: To play smart, solid tennis and let the great points take care of themselves." Catholic Central is now 7-

"This was a big win for us," said Stafford. "We look at

Northville's Tim Wasielewsk

as on of the top players in the

played a really smart match

and did not give up many free points. That's what we're real-

y looking for from our singles

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi

Catholic Central harriers take second in Holly Invitational

Shamrocks finish behind Ann Arbor Pioneer

BY SAM EGGLESTO

The Detroit Catholic Centra Shamrocks, currently ranked first in Division I, may not Saturday, but they aren't com-

The squad, coached by Tony Magni, took second place with 86 points while Ann Arbor Pioneer ran away with the meet with just 34 points. Taking third was Plymouth with 120 points while Lake Orion was fourth with 140 and Milford was fifth with 160. Rival Brother Rice was sixth with 196 points. In total, there were 20 teams at the

event. While the Catholic Central harriers are no doubt looking at their times and trying to figure out how they could have shaved off a few seconds here or there, they have a reason not to fret about the secondplace finish. In 1983, 1989 and peted in the Holly Invitational and came up with a second-, a second- and a third-place finish, respectively. Those were the years the Shamrocks went on to win the state champion-

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The Shamrocks will be running this weekend when they host the Catholic Central Invitations at 11:30 a.m. at Cass Benton Park. The squad will then return to action Monday when they visit University of Detroit Jesuli High School at 4:30 p.m.

While a state champion continuing to show signs of strength, stamina and team. Individually, Ricardo Galindo led his squad with a time of 16:16 and finished in sixth place, while Andrey in 16:20. The squad's pack time was impressive, with Viktor Puskorius finishing i 14th with a 16:38 and Austin Zebrowski taking 18th in

Carney was 41st in the meet with a time of 17:37, while Peter Cernak finished in 18:02 for 62nd and Steve Turzewski took 86th in a time of 18:40

The overall winner of the race was Ann Arbor Pioneer' Nathan Karr, who finished in 15:45 on a photo finish over teammate Nick Kern. Pioneer also took third with Adam

Kern in 15:50.

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



Novi's Rob Razburgaj.

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record at 5+0-3 (1-0-3

2-1-1 KLAAC. Although Northville kept the ball in deep in Novi's early in the game, the Wildcats came away with a few quality scoring opportunities early, as both sophomore Chase Jabbori and senior Dong McGinn found themselves breaking free of the Mustang defense.

"McGinn and Jabbori bring many positives on offense, O'Leary said. "You can't stop them with one person. (But) we push the issue instead of getting out of there.

Just 5:36 into the game. Novi junior John DeLeon hit a pass to McGinn, who was 15 vards out from the right post.

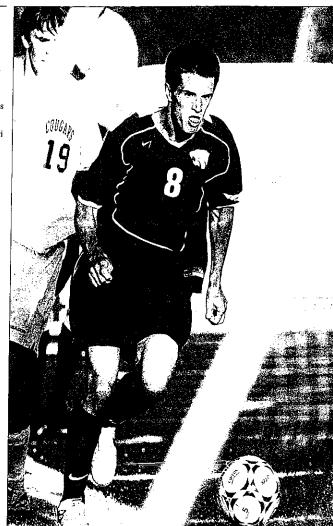
the element, within the net to give the Wildcats an early 1-0 lead. "We did a real good job in the upper third of the field, John DeLeon played a real nice pass and got it to McGinn, who hit it near post. O'Leary said.

Northville adjusted and got several open looks from junio Fatai Alashe and senior Doug Beason, but Novi senior goal keeper Tom Duquette dazzled the crowd with an array of div ing blocks and punches over the crossbar. Novi's defense wards goal side of them too often, did well in blocking shots and catching up to the

Retween the saves by Duquette and the blocked shots from Novi's defense. Northville gained a quick advantage with several corner kick opportunities.

One of the scarier moments for Novi's defense came in the 18th minute, when sophomore Phillip Soong attempted to clear the ball out of the goal box 10 yards off the line The clear was blocked by a Vorthville player and the deflection hit the crossbar and inches in front of the goal line as Duquette turned and dove oackwards to make the sav

The two squads went back and forth with headers and chest-high shots alike both missing wide or being saved by the goalkeepers, Jabbori and senior Nick Bowser had a few chances for Novi, while Beason and junior Nick Peper



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHS

Novi's Doug McGinn races towards the South Lyon East goal.

nearly got Northville on the

Novi outshot the Mustangs 5-4 in the first half, but Northville had five corner kicks, compared to none for the Wildcats.

Less than a minute into the second half, Duquette was forced to punch the ball over the crossbar for a save, giving the Mustangs their sixth corner kick of the night.

The Mustangs crossed the ball in from Novi's right side, hitting junior Joey Zywoll at

the back post for a header. The 1-I tie Sept. 8 at South Lyon. "To start, we were worried about our defense and to give header went to the ground and the ensuing clear attempt went to Northville's Peper, who was up two goals in eight games is amazing," O'Leary said. running up from 20 yards off the right post. Peper blasted a low shot home to tie the game defensively. At this point, I'd

"It basically went through about 10 people. It was perfectly placed, low and hard," O'Leary said.'

The goal was only the second scored on Novi in eight games, with the only other coming on a penalty kick in a

and both defenses got sloppier, allowing more scoring

Northville's Beason had one of the best chances in the 65th minute when a rib-high cross to him 10 yards off the left post found the forward wide open, but Beason missed his mark on an attempted sciscleared the box.

With 1:30 remaining, Novi's Andrew Lumley split two defenders in his own goal box and carried the ball untouched up 40 yards to the half line before setting McGinn up for a breakaway in the goal box. A Northville defender was able to run in and deflect McGinn's shot into the left corner, per-

As the clock ran down, both ning high in what had become a physical contest supported by large and loud student sec-tions from both schools. The I-I tie didn't settle much in the standings either, as Northville maintains a slight lead over Novi, while both teams are stuck behind Plymouth Salem. who played Novi Tuesday. Northville outshot the Wildcats 8-7 and outdid Novi 10-0 on earning corner kick opportunities.

The teams play again 7 p.m. Oct. 6 at Northville "I would think it'll be the ame kind of game," O'Leary said of the rematch. "That's th sey to our season at this point. upper third, we'll get some oals and some wins

Junior Varsity

Although Novi's JV team ay have been outmatched in the game, they weren't in the result, as the Wildcats stole a 1-0 win from the Northville

ustangs. With 17:28 remaining, Northville's goalkeeper mis-handled a bounce under him and Novi sophomore Aaron Quinley ran in behind the goalkeeper from the right side and hit the ball into the left side netting for the lead.

Although Northville pressured hard, outshooting the Wildcats 8-2 and earning corner kicks 5-0 over Novi, the Mustangs couldn't seal say we're more organized in the defensive third than we are the deal with a goal, as Novi sophomore goalkeeper Ricky Stone made several great save

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



Wildcat John Del eon moves un field

against the Cougars of South Lyon

Wildcat Jon Bauer in action against South Lyon East.

NOV! SPORTS BRIEFS

Novi Cats travel hoop tryouts

All 5th-8th Grade Boys that are attending Novi schools are invited to tryout for the Novi Cats Basketball Club. Players will be competing at the higher level of area competition. This is an AAU program that is very

competitive.
* 5th Grade: Oct. 5, 6-8:15 p.m. @ Meadows 5th Grade gym (call backs on Oct 8) 6th Grade: Oct. 5, 6:30-8:48 p.m. @ Novi Middle School

Aux gym (call backs Oct 8) * 7th Grade: Oct. 5, 6:45-9 p.m. @ Novi Middle Schoo * 8th Grade: Oct. 5, 8-10:15 p.m. @ Meadows 5th Grade

gym (call backs on Oct 8) com for further info. along with pre-registration form. New volleyball club

Great opportunities are coming up for fifth through eighth

grade girls who are interested in volleyball. A new travel volleyball club has formed, targeting girls in west Oakland County, The Sisu Volleyball Club is just getting started and they are actively looking for

players.
Sisu Volleyball Club will practice at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Brighton. It is conveniently located off of I-96 near the Pleasant Valley Road exit. The next club meeting for play

ers and parents is Sunday, Nov. 15 in Wixom at the VFW Hall on Loon Lake Road. For more information, please call (248) 757-1631 or go to www.eteamz.

com/sisuvolleyballclub. Ring of Honor coming to Rock

Due to the possible closing of the Michigan State Fairgrounds related to budget issues in the state of Michigan, Ring of Honor has moved the event originally scheduled for Dec. 4 to Friday, Nov. 13 at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100

Grand River Avenue, Novi. All tickets for the Dec. 4 date will be honored on Nov. 13. As a result of this development he Nov. 13 event in Windsor Ontario has been canceled. For

those who purchased tickets please contact rohtickets@aol.

WILDCATS

said. "That was one of our goals this year. Now we have to play the crossovers so we're looking forward to

Northville senior Nick Kalweit 7-6(1), 6-4 at four

All five of Novi's doubles squads won in competitive the division title for the

Wildcats. Juniors Nathan Farnon and Greg Richard defeated senior Evan Gatz and sophoand senior Kyle McGuire defeated senior Albert Chen

Venugopal defeated sophomore Matt Satterfield and junior Phil Lee 6-1, 6-1 at three doubles. Sophomores Bill Bell

seniors Jordan Blough and Alex Hsu 6-3, 6-0 at four Seniors Ani Ravi and

Zhao Wang defeated junior Austin Weaver and fresh-man Rahul Raj 6-1, 6-3 at five doubles

always indicative of how a match went," Hanson said. Northville won the first three singles flights. That's three kids they had coming

and also an 8-1 win last Thursday against Salem. Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff

eighth to ninth in the

Division 1 state rankings, as

Novi maintained its posi-

tion at seventh following the victory over Northville

both sets. Overall as a team, we played extremely well that day," coach Jim Hanson

'We're staying very organized

in the offensive third. We've

played too inconsistently on

Although both teams were

noticeably tiring, their hearts were in the rivalry, as the

tied game got more physical

that. We've got a good start. We've got a lot of tennis to Brizard, a junior, defeated

more Anthony Rossi 6-2, 6-0 at one doubles.

4, 6-2 at two doubles.

Junior Chaitanya

and Andrew Cho defeated

"Sometimes scores aren't

back from last year. Novi freshman Payan Rao

lost to senior Steve Irvine 6-0, 6-0 at three singles and senior Peter Zhang lost to senior Tim Wasielewski 6-0, 6-7(4), 6-3 at two doubles Senior Carson Crandall lost to senior Melvin Joseph

6-1, 6-2 at one singles.
"He gives 100 percent on the court every time out. He has not played a bad match. Hanson said of Crandall. What he does is "indicative of what I'd like all flights to emulate." Northville dropped from

espective markets In addition to the regional announcements, CHL clubs including autograph sessions, open practices, local press ferences, and various com nunity endeavors at which

EDGE Uniform System, the CHL joins both the National tion of the game. The NHL. and Reebok first launched All-Star Game, before going league-wide for the start of the 2007-08 season.

In addition to ierseys, the CHL currently uses The Hockey Company products

evelusively in the following cat hockey socks, performance underwear, and all under-protective equipment.

No CHL team will be wearng an alternative, third iersey wear a special game jersey on Sat. Oct. 24 against Belleville in their annual Pink Out! For jerseys will be predominantly pink in acknowledgement of

Plymouth started the npuware Arena.

ticket packages or to plan a group event, visit plymouth-whalers.com or call 734-453-

NHL prospect Seguin to set pace for Whalers UP-THE-MIDDLE STRENGTH

For two decades, it's been Hockeytown thanks NHL draftee). The netminder had a 3.04 goals-

Season 20 for the Whalers started last week and head coach Mike Vellucci is as enthusiasti

mobile defense that Vellucci expects will reduce the number of pucks entering the Plymouth net. Back on the blueline will be 6-5 bruiser Leo Jenner, not to mention 6-4 Levi, 6-3 Colin McDonald, 6-2 Anthony Donati and 6-1 Clarkston native Josh Bemis.

league and we've only Add to that group two players who also have been with the Carolina Hurricanes NHL camp 6-3 Michal Jordan and 5-10 Beau Schmitz

> Vellucci said. "I wouldn't say we have any big names other than Jordan and Schmitz, who are touted as blue chippers. But I like the way our defense is rounded out."

Jordan has offensive punch, too, as demonstrated by last year's tally of 12 goals and 30 assists. Schmitz collected 37 points.

Up front, Compuware fans will be thrilled all and make Houdini-like passes on the fly.

veteran coach said. "He has exceptional speed, he sees the ice very well. He's just an all-around player who's been compared to Steve Yzerman.

Tyler-made

online at hometownlife.com

BY TIM SMITH

ORSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Whalers of the OHL also stringing

together season after season of playoff-brane

missed the playoffs one time and that was the

offs, nobody's even come close to that (in the

Spearheaded by playmaking center Tyler

Seguin (described by hockey experts as another Steve Yzerman), Livonia forward Austin

Mattson, Farmington Hills defenseman Austin

Levi and goalie Matt Hackett, Vellucci has ple

Another plus is that Vellucci is behind the

a sluggish start, with Vellucci replacing Greg

Stefan as head coach at mid-season and ulti-

The Whalers last year managed to overcome

mately leading a mini-playoff run before bowing

out in six games to eventual OHL and Canadian

Hockey League champion Windsor.

"Now they know exactly what my system is

ng to have a good start this year and we'll be

That nucleus hopefully will spur improvement from last year's fourth-place record of 37-26-5 in the OHL Western Conference.

ty of talent on the 2009-10 roster.

Nineteen straight years of making the play-

first year we had a franchise.

"Every year they

middle of the pack

the top of the pack," Vellucci said during

a recent interview at

Compuware Arena Twenty years in the

and we end up at

nick us for the

It all starts in goal, of course, with the 6-foot, 2-inch, 170-pound Hackett (a Minnesota Wild to the dominance of the Detroit Red Wings.

But it's also been Hockeytown-West with the against average and 34-15-3 ledger last season and sparkled with a .913 save percentage.

"I see him making the NHL, definitely," Vellucci said. "What makes him so good is his poise and his size. He is very calm in there, he doesn't get rattled very often. He's just a very ound, technical goalie.

Backing him up is 17-year-old Scott Wedgewood, who picked up plenty of experience during training camp while Hackett suited up in the Minnesota camp. The goalies will benefit from a big, strong and

"I'm very excited about our defense this year,

FUTURE STAR

winter by the wizardry of Seguin (21 goals, 46 assists, 67 points), who can skate like the wind

Vellucci said Seguin is projected to be an early pick in the first round of the 2010 NHL Entry "He's going to be talked about quite a bit." the

and what I expect from them," he said. "I'm hop-Even Yzerman was here last year to watch him play and expressed what a good player he is. Those

Here's a player to watch this season at Compuware Arena — center Tyler Seguin, one of the Whalers who attends high school at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Terry (39 goals) and Matt Caria (34 goals), other players have the ability to pick up the slack. Those include wingers AJ Jenks (a Florida draftee) and team leader Ryan Hayes, who last vear tallied 2I and 26 goals, respectively

Livonia's Mattson and Westland forward Tyler Brown provide homegrown talent.
Vellucci has high hopes for Mattson, a free-

agent signing who played last season with Sioux City (Iowa) of the USHL. Tyler J. Brown scored 13 goals last year, but faded down the stretch. The Whalers are hopeful he will be able to put a full season together

this time around. Another Tyler Brown (Tyler G., from Ontario) is yet another forward who could have a breakout season, while fourth-round draft pick Stefan Noesen (who is living in Northville after mov-

ing with his family from Texas) will be "a good

player for us."

The Whalers boast a fifth player logging NHL camp time this September in left winger Jamie Devane (Toronto). Plymouth perhaps drew the short straw as far

as the schedule goes, opening up Thursday night against the champion Spitfires in Windsor (115 points last year).

But Vellucci knows his squad enters that

game knowing it can hang with that jugger-

"Windsor lost 12 games all year and we beat them four out of the 12 times. We gave them all we could." Vellucci said, "So I went into the summer and we knew we were losing a few players and I tried my best to replace them.

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players (from

Arena by

left) Josh

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Sequin and

the Plymouth

"I feel very good about our team going into the start of the season."

tsmith@hometownlife.com

Whalers to don sleek new uniforms

The Plymouth Whalers — in association with the Ontario Hockey League, Canadian Hockey League and corporate partner Reebok — unveiled their new jerseys after at

The new Plymouth jerseys are on display in the Compuware Pro Shop and can be purchased by fans.

Each of the CHL's 60 teams introduced new home and away EDGE jersey designs for the All 120 jerseys were modeled

and on display during three from each regional league Wednesday, providing the Ontario Hockey League and Western Hockey League and Quebec Major Junior Leagues the opportunity to introduce the new designs to their

hosted a variety of local events they unveiled their team's new

Reebok EDGE designs.

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Reebok Hockey has been the exclusive jersey provider for the CHL since the 2003-04

egories: helmets, gloves, pants,

this season. But Plymouth wil Breast Cancer Awareness, The the event.

2009-10 season on Sept. 17 in Windsor with the home opene Sept. 19 against Oshawa at For information on Whalers

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The 35th District Court is accepting sealed bid proposals for its Assigned Counsel Program (Public Defender Program). The contract(s) will be awarded from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011. The successful bidderfs will be compensated in equal monthly installments upon submission of an affidavit of service and order for payment covering all cases acted upon for that month's time. The current docket requires two Court Appointed Attorneys to appear on Monday mornings, one person on Tuesday morning and one person on Wednesday morning (until docket i completed). However, the bid should include an hourly rate, should the Court required hours be increased or decreased during the term

Qualifying conditions set forth in the bid are:

- If the bidder is a single practitioner, the names of two alternate attorneys must be provided. These two alternates must be available to serve during vacations and weekdays where the docket requires two Cour Appointed Attorneys to be available (currently Monday mornings).
- The Attorneys are expected to be at the 35th District Court no later than 3:15 am each scheduled day a minimum of three times per week (currently Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday). . The bid must contain an actual monetary bid. Any bid

submitted that contains a percentage under the lowes bid, or similar language, will not be considered. The bid must contain a billable hourly rate for those case: that are appealed or docket overflows or otherwise outside of the regularly scheduled docket.

The successful bidder will be expected to be available for each day's docket until completed. In the event that a statewide Public Defender Office is made available through the State of Michigan or any other organization, this contract may be terminated. One copy of the sealed bid should be forwarded to Debra Kubitskey, Court Administrator, 660 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, MI 43170. All bids for consideration must be received no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, October 30, 2009.

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION THESDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2009 for the

Notice is hereby given that the Novi City Clerk's office, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 will be open: Tuesday, October 5, 2009 LAST DAY TO REGISTER

In Person:

At the Novi City Clerk's Office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road Monday-Friday, 8-5 p.m.

At any of the Screedary of State Branch Offices located throughout the State during normal business hours.

By obtaining and completing a Mail-In Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the Novi City Clerk's office by the close of registration deadline, OCTOBER 5, 2009.

0456 or by email to: mcornelius@citvofnovi.org THE NOVEMBER 3, 2009 ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN

MAYOR - VOTE FOR ONE - TWO YEAR TERM

COUNCIL MEMBERS - VOTE FOR THREE - FOUR YEAR

Also, Novi voters residing in the Novi, Northville and South Lyon School Districts will be electing candidates for School District

Maryanne Cornelius, CMC City Clerk

Publish: September 24, 2009

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of

Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to Case No. 09-038 25300 Constitution The petitioner is requesting an extension to variance ZBA08-034 to allow the continued placement of the existing real estate sign located south of Potomac Drive in Main Street Village. The property is zoned TC-1 and is located south of Grand River Avenue and east of Novi

Case No. 09-039 26050 Novi Rd The petitioner is requesting a variance to allow installation of one (1) additional 58 square foot wall sign on the east elevation of the multi tenant building located at 26050 Novi Road for AT &T. The property is zoned TC and located north of Grand River and east of Novi Road.

Case No. 29-041 44455 Grand Bive Avenue.

The petitioner is requesting minimum lot area, front and side yard parking, overhead door facing major road, parking setback and parking space variances to permit an automobile service facility in an existing tenant space in a building located at 44455 Grand River Avenue. The in a building focases at 44400 Grand lives Avenue. The property is zoned I-1, Light Industrial and is located at the southeast corner of Grand River Avenue and Lannys Road. The building is designed to accommodate more than one tenant and is currently partially occupied by Tim's Glass and Marino Cutlery.

com for refund information. Freshman Jason Carless

BID PROPOSAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES Novi Community Schools is accepting sealed bids for district-wide

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Four (4) copies of the sealed bid along with one (1) original and (1) electronic copy should be submitted to: Gail Credit, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48374 by 2:00 p.m., Local Time, Tuesday October 15, 2009. The bids will be publicly opened at this time and the proposals must contain the wording, "PROPOSAL STRANSPORTATION SERVICES" on the eavelope-package. Bids Proposals and the proposal of the service of the proposal of the proposals will get be considered or emailed Proposals will get be considered.

A mandatory vendor's conference will be held on September 25, 2009, 9:30 am local time, at Transportation Building, 45505 Eleven Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48374.

Bid documents may be obtained and/or eramined at Novi Community School District, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48374, and are also available on the district web site at http://

NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT TSLUP 09-033

writer.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for Florence Cement Co is requesting a Temporary Special Land Use Permit for placement of a batch plant to be located South of Thirteen Mile Road and West of Haggerty Road on parcel 5022-12-200-023 from October 15, 2009 through December 31, 2009. A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permi

This request will be considered at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 12, 2009 at the Novi Civic Center, 46175 West Ten Mile Road, Ali written comments should be directed to Malinda Martin and must be received prior to October 11, 2009. Malinda Martin Senior Customer Service Rep. (248) 347-0459

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CITY OF NOVI and NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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If you are not currently registered to vote in the City of Novi at

Mail-in votor registration applications may be obtained by visiting the city's website at www.cityofnovi.org and click on forms, then click on Voter Registration Form.

For more information contact: Novi City Clerk's Office, 248-347.

ALL VOTING PRECINCTS OF THE CITY OF NOVI FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

The Wildcats improved to 17-

Novi traveled to the Lakeland Quad last Thursday

Milford in a grueling five-set match before falling to both

Lakeland and Salem in three

sets each.
The girls beat Milford 25-

19, 21-25, 25-15, 17-25, 15-8 as

ior Erica Robb and senior

Ally Hoomaian each scored 10

Molly Marzonie's 20 digs. Novi didn't do as well against

Lakeland, as the Eagles wor

25-21, 25-20, 25-22. Robb put up a great match with 10 kills, four blocks, 11 digs and two aces while senior Julia Thomas added 10 kills, two blocks and

two aces. Hoomaian had five

Novi then lost a two-of-three

aces, seven kills and 10 digs.

set contest against Saline 21-

The quad came two days

Lyon East 25-18, 25-19, 25-12

omore Victoria Rose six kills,

"(It was) another exciting

hard and played well," coach

Novi's golfers took 14th of

"The competition was very

23 schools at the Grosse He

competitive. (There were) 14

14th place," said coach Debra

Harris. "Novi scored 367 as

a team, which was close to a school record (four strokes).

team with an 89, while junior Brooke Collins had 92, senior

sophomore Kathleen Koom

93 (career low) and Jessica

Tally 104 (career low).

Novi Field Hockey

Novi improved to 3-2-1 (1-0-

n Division 4) with a 4-0 win at Farmington United (0-4, 0-3

Stephanie Hrit 93 (career low),

Junior Megan Henry led the

Invitational Saturday.

after Novi defeated South

25, 25-19, 16-14.

three blocks.

Novi Golf

kills, supported by sophomore

where the team defeated

architect or interior designer was co-coordinating that process. Now, in the fourth

quarter of 2009, with less that 600 building permits pulled in all of southeast Michigan

year-to-date, every project is a

custom design no matter what

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EW Kitchens helps with great designs

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We also work with many allied professionals - such as architects, interior designers, home builders and remodelers - as a consultant or partner t provide cabinetry design and or procurement of product in er to enhance their client's

I can't take credit for lecision was made to enter spending the first few years of my business career as a and early '80s, with prime work for my dad in order to

We chose Novi in 1984 after moving our current offices, showroom and distribution facility from northwest Detroit. In 1982, there was only one new home built in the city of Detroit. Traffic in our showroom was pretty sparse. Most of our clients ere from the west side but they preferred to visit our competitors' showrooms located in Farmington Hills and Brighton. Our product is very much a touchy-feely type of thing, and most people won't buy cabinetry without seeing how a drawer slides open or a cabinet door closes They want to see what's new and exciting. And while I feel we have created a destination type of showroom here in vi, with the exception of vacation homes in northern Michigan, south Florida

extra mile for the company Jeff not only worked harde but faster than anyone, he took on more responsibilities positive addition to our staf at least until one day. That day, in an effort to move som of our delivery equipment to keep things running fast and smooth, Jeff managed to drive one of our delivery vehicles through a slightly opened warehouse door, virtually exposing our entire ventory and fixtures to th elements. It was late in the day and someone had to stay to "guard the ship" until a door repairman could be located. With a pregnant wife at home

I have always had a you brought to the prom." What I mean is, be patient and dinner waiting on the table, I had to inform my make fast changes without wife I wasn't going to make it home for dinner, and more likely the entire night. I swore that would be Jeff's last day. changes as a small business arrived by 7 or 8. Dinner was placed in the refrigerator for by 9, we ordered a pizza, got a good night's sleep, and I decided to give Jeff one more chance. Since that day, Jeff

saying, "Dance with the girl strategically thinking through there is no other alternative. Trust your instincts, stay on Invisible Fence Brand by PerSafe.

create a space to enhance their living environment. Granted, today we now employ less than 20, but there is certainly more satisfaction when we actually client is totally satisfied. 8. Any advice for business owners?

effort is in remodeling, and generally that initiative occur only after a family has actually had some time to live in the home. The client knows what kitchen or bath and probably has a wish list of exactly wha hey want for their new space. As a kitchen designer, that process becomes much more exciting and fulfilling because you actually get a chance to erform the work you were trained to do. You can actually spend time with every client, listening to what they want or need in order to help them

9. What's in store for the future of your business?

sale nowadays, more than eve our industrial park location is not very visible. What I mean is that very seldom are you out for a family ride and drive past West and Beck roads, see our kitchen and bath showroom, and stop to see what's new Several years ago we made preliminary plans to relocate to a more visible location on Grand River near Napier in Novi. However, the realities of the current economy made

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE that decision an easy one to our showroom in Novi in 2002

Jim Eathorne, president of EW Kitchens, sits in their showroom in Wixom off

owner faster than your larger competitors. Do one thing well for your customers and be the best at it you can be. I believe a business is much like a marathon — it progresses over a long period of time. Seldom does the first guy out of the pack win the race, and it's perseverance that counts not only in running a company

With consumers driving the

postpone. After remodeling and developing another in the Michigan Design Center in 2006, we now know of better ways to merchandise our product to enhance our forward to a state-of-the-art showroom, a cooking stage for demonstrations, co and charity events, and more selections of products for all budgets to provide a better way to visualize what your room will look like after the project is finished. In the meantime, if you are thinking about a remodeling project, kitchen, a bathroom, a family recreation room, home office or garage, check us ont by stopping by our Wixom or Michigan Design Center location, visiting us on the web at www.ewkitchens.com or making an appointment for a no-obligation consultation

Strictly Business

As a cabinetry specialist, ommendation hased und

2. How did you first decide to open

opening the business because my father made that decision before I was a twinkle in his eye. What I can tell you is my his business in 1979 after it was very difficult to earn a

transition the business into 3. Why did you choose Novi?

ind the Carolinas, most of our business is for homes

6. Do you have a funny tidbit or modeled or built within a 4. What makes your busines:

We have been doing kitchen and bath design since 1979. We employ three certified kitchen designers, which is the highest industry certification around for over 60 years

story about your experience as a small business owner to share with Early in 1985, virtually the

after our move to Novi was a young man with a family who had just graduated from Walled Lake Western High School into a warehousing sition in Novi. As any 18 or 19-year-old with all those

employed with our company. Jeff is a friend to hundreds of our customers; truly a thoughtful and courteous man. I'm sure his family is proud of what he has become I am proud to work with Jeff. But thank God I had a

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responsibilities. Jeff was

very anxious to impress upon

us his willingness to go the

has evolved into one of the

best sales representatives eve

chance to sleep on the decisior to terminate Jeff and that

the door repairman arrived

by 7 instead of 12:30 in the

7. How has the recent economy

As late as 2005, with a

national housing boom and (certainly in our case) many

new homes being built in

firm employed almost 50

on the road virtually every

offered a standard design

center. Our job was basically

to make sure the cabinetry for

the home was delivered at the

proper time as to not delay the

only custom design was when

people and regularly delivered more than 300-400 kitchens

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Your Name/Title: Jim Eathorne/president

Saturday; always available by appointment

design, installation and warranty services

Your Hometown: Northville, 45 years

Number of Employees: 17

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and have enough net worth

n our business to weather

The products we provide

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and a willingness to back that up with worry-free warranty

installation. The people that

work at EW are people I have

known and have worked with

5. How has it changed since you

industrial park location when

we needed a large warehouse in order to provide adequate

turnaround on our projects

and needed to inventory

product. That was when

even the most primitive of

o manufacture and deliver.

Back then, a kitchen was up

to-date and state-of-the-art

if the cabinetry was either

light or dark oak, white or

almond. We inventoried all of that and could provide

over 100 kitchens in less

to satisfy the eventual

than a week's time in order

demand that occurred. Today

even the lower-end cabinet manufacturers build 60-

80 different styles in many

medium-dark tone -- may

the market, with the other

wentory a broad eno depth of product with all those offerings. As a result,

we get most of our product

from one manufacturer in

less than seven business days

cabinetry to choose from for

your kitchen or bath, you have one hundred or more you can

get really, really fast.

Rather than have five styles of

account for only 5 percent of

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In 1984, we picked an

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conditions of the late '70s living as a banker with those economic realities. I went to

Kamal added the extra point and Kamal notched his fourth extra point for the 28-0 lead.

play from scrimmage, Havnes took his second touch of the game 68 yards through traffic, outracing the secondary to the end zone. Kamal capped off his 5-for-5 extra points for the day, making it 35-0 with 20 seconds ticked off the third

the ensuing kickoff, the offense was unable to convert. Novi spent most of the second half on the defensive side of

Novi has some ground to cover during the day-long final meet 8 a.m. Saturday, as Milford leads the division with renson at 234, Holly Aranda stood out 188, Mercy 187, Walled Lake For the game, Chris Northern 167, Plymouth 84, Novi 77 and Salem 19.

the hands of the offense. The efficiency of the offense was team got their first dual meet apparent as the Wildcats aver aged five touches per score 102-84 win over visiting Grosse and the longest runs of the Pointe South last Thursday.
Novi improved to 1-1 while season. RB Alex Davis led all rushers with 104 yards on taking first place in eight of 12 events. The Wildcats swept three carries. The Wildcats won the tos and, after the defense pro-200-yard individual medley with strong swims from senio Mercdith Cote (two minutes, duced a quick three downs

for the fourth game of the sea-

the field to keep their record intact at 4-0 after a 35-16 win.

The dominant defense did

their part to keep the ball in

4:30 p.m. today and Ann Arbor son and where they controlled

Greenhills 4:30 p.m. next

The girl's swim and dive

victory of the season with a

the top three places in the

13.49 seconds), freshman

(2:27.07)

Andrea VanderMey (2:13.53)

Junior Becca Berman took

first place in four events. She

style (2:02.03) and 500-yard

freestyle (5:18.93) individua

events. Berman was also par

of winning 200-yard medley (1:53:10) and 400-yard free-

style (3:48.11) relay teams.

www.noviswim.com/ MEETRESULTS/2009/grosse-

The tankers host South Lyon

East 6 p.m. tonight and travel

The equestrians lost a sec-

ond horse due to injury last weekend, forcing the team to

compete with just five horses

contributed to Novi's fall to

seventh in the eight-team B-

ing Saturday's meet at Milford

behind Plymouth and hope

to regain some momentum

in our final meet at Huron

High point earners for

the second meet were junior

Pollock said.

We are only seven points

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Novi Equestrian

swam the 200-yard free-

Novi Swimming

PHOTO BY LISA POLLOCK

and a punt, the offense go warmed up with a 32-yard Davis dash to set up a Jim Eloff two-yard run for the first score. Joey Kamal and the extra-point team conlinued their consistency to deliver the extra point. After another defensive three and out, a Justin Brooks 26-vard punt return put Derek Ince and Eloff in gear for a combined 43 yards of rushing before Adam Haynes rushed the final yard for the score.

er three and out, helped by sack. On the next play, Ince found wideout Zack Vidra for The Kamal extra point made it 21-0 and the clock had yet to run out the first quarter. After the Novi kickoff, the defense forced a turnover of downs and put the ball back in the hands of the offense. On the next play. Davis won a 46-

The second half started with a Tyler Schwanz kickoff Valley Equestrian Center this weekend, Sept. 26, coach Lisa

Whitney Pollock (14 points) and senior Monica Murphy (12 Although Novi recovered Whitney Pollock and Murphy the first meet Sept. 12, earning 19 and 15 points, respectively. Murphy won first in equitation

Although Salem was able to take advantage of some size mismatches with the defense for two scores, the defensive play of Steven Dickmann, endan Finnerty and Tyler

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

Novi JV Football The Novi JV football team

acono and Derek Poppenger led the team with tackles along with Cormac Littleton, Derek Cingel, Eloff, Giddiani Albuerne, Lance Lilla, Derek Edwards and Dickmann. vi's freshman team tied the Rocks 20-20.

By John Haynes



Wildcats Julia Thomas, left, and Erin Hoomalan go up for a block

D4) last Thursday. Novi conmid-way through the first half Novi went up 1-0 by halftime. The Wildcats came back

hard in the second half, as sophomore Emma Walte tipped the ball to junior Nikki enhalch for a goal during a scramble in front of the net 13 minutes into the second half. Senior Lindsey Johnson scored the third goal assist from sophomore Sam Lindberg. Sophomore Andrea Wildcat tally at the 25-minute mark on a nice pass from senior Lindsey Johnson. Senior goalkeeper Sara Johnston



Novi's Madeline Buha swims in early August.

the season.

The Wildcats had a tougher Sept. 14. losing 2-0 to the

Blazers. Ladywood (2-2, 0-2 D2) scored twice in the first put on consister the second half.

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top 10 Trinity Health was named

one of the top 10 heath sys-tems in the United States by The study was the first of its kind to rank health sysems based on their hospitals

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percent fewer patient safety patients were sicker and their average hospital stays were shorter than the worst per-

Trinity Health, based in

cheese curds and other treats. A&W All American Food is Reuters reported in August. Its researchers analyzed the quality and efficiency of 252 located on the lower level in the health systems and found that the best performing health

Novi, is the nation's fourth larg-



Monica Murphy (on her horse Sampson) was Novi's second top point earner in their first meet with 15 points. She placed first in Equitation Over Fences

Novi's Amanda Pastoor controls the ball during a game against Farmington United.

trolled the play for most of the game as junior Katie Murphy got the Wildcats on the board with a goal off a penalty corner. Senior Trinity Louis assisted as

Last Wednesday, the Wildcats improved to 4-2 in dual meets with a 175-243 low 42, followed Collins with 44 (career low), Hrit 44, Alvssa Miller 51 and Victoria Tomkinson 53. The girls host South Lyon East 3 p.m. today at Cattails Northville 3 p.m. Monday.

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There's always something going

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Main Street a happening location for families and shoppers. With access peaceful parks and sidewalks of endless shops, Northville is the perfect place West Oakland County's newest senior living community, Northville Senior Living. "Northville is looking for more

people to live downtown," said co-owner Rodger Barton. "Our residents will be part of the real world, not just a nursing home. We are going to have the most affordable housing in the area."

The 7,000-square-foot center is located at 311 Main St. on the second floor above Dr. Phillip Mayer's office and adja-cent to Northville Physical Rehabilitation, which will be offering free fitness memberships to all Northville Senior Living residents.

"The residents will have access to free fitness membership with us and will be able to stroll into town for coffee, the nearby Marquis Theatre, other doctors and more," said Dennis Engerer, Director of Rehab at Northville Physical Rehabilitation.

An intimate setting with curb appeal

Comfort, convenience and a scenic view of downtown Northville make Northville Senior Living an attractive place to live. The facility will host living



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Northville Senior Living, located on the second floor of 311 Main St., opens January 2010.

arrangements for 17 interactive seniors looking forward to meet-ing new friends and building lasting relationships



"Residents can feel at home with their personal belongings in their private bedrooms while sharing multiple warm family living spaces including a dining area, two sundecks and a private library," Barton said. "Everyone will know everyone in an intimate setting. It's like a big family."

Floor plans include nine pri-vate bedrooms with individual bathrooms, and eight private bed-

rooms with shared bathrooms.
"The elderly congregate where they can feel the most comfort-able, and that is where the sun-shine is," Barton said. "All of the outside windows fall into the hallways, and most of the bedrooms have windows. We've maximized wall space to let natural light into the rooms."

Personalized, affordable care

The smaller number of residents at Northville Senior Living allows extremely personal oneon-one care and assistance

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keeping — all at a flat rate.
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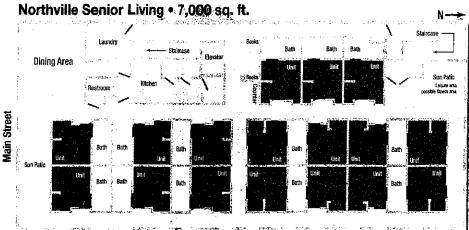
personal service," Barton said. "Everything is included in one

price across the board." Visiting nutritionists, physical therapists, podiatrists, medical doctors and nurses will visit the

facility on a regular schedule.
"We have a full kitchen that can cook anything from scrambled eggs in the morning to a full Thanksgiving dinner," Barton said. "We can meet any special diet needs. It comes down to find-ing out what the residents want, and we'll get it, as long as it's nutritionally balanced."

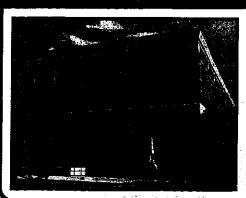
Senior transportation will be scheduled on a regular and semi-regular basis, depending on the needs of residents.

"We're already getting applica-tions and a few new residents," Barton said. "We look forward to welcoming our seniors to down-town Northville and offering a family-friendly, scenic place to



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