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Workshops on saving college costs

A free workshop on getting money for your child's college education will be hosted at Northville District Library from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28.

The speaker will be Robert Hoger, a certified college planning specialist with Michigan College Funding LLC. He will be discussing such topics as how to send your kids to the school of their dreams without going broke; how to increase your eligibility for aid; how to find scholarships and grants you've never even heard of.

Admission is free but seating is limited by the size of the room, so please call (248) 662-1300 to reserve your seats now.

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Sprucing up

Ayven Evangelista, left, and other Novi Woods fourth graders, help to rake in some mulch in front of the school on Sept. 17. The kids helped spruce up the grounds on that day, planting some mums and spreading mulch provided to the school by the PTO.

School board candidates to face voters at forum

Manar, O'Meara running for lone open seat

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Two Novi residents running for one seat on the Novi Board of Education will square off Tuesday night at a candidate forum being hosted by the League of Women Voters.

Jason Manar and Brien O'Meara, first time candidates, have similar views in that they want to see the Novi Community School District continue its success despite falling on hard economic times. They also want the public to be more involved and engaged.

"We need to focus on what Novi is now and what it can and should be going forward," O'Meara said. "What I want to see is a lot of people interested in what the board is doing."

Manar, who moved his family to Novi in October, said for



O'Meara



Manar

he and his wife "there was no comparison to Novi and the level of service and level of education they give to the child."

His goal is to enhance that level of service through strategic planning and finding more ways to measure success throughout the district.

"What I truly hope... is that we bring forth issues that the board looks at and says, 'We haven't thought of that,'" Manar said of his expectations of Tuesday's forum.

O'Meara has lived in Novi

eight years and was a last minute addition to the ballot. He said he considered running in the past, but did not have the time.

He does now, and said he is going to focus on "creative" ways to improve the quality of education Novi currently provides and do so in "non-traditional" ways.

"We need to look at what we really do well and see where we can collaborate with other school districts to not compete with each other," he said.

Both candidates will expound on their ideas and answer questions at Tuesday's forum which starts at 7 p.m. at the ITC Forum. They are competing for the seat vacated by Katie Raeton, who decided not to run for re-election to continue her education.

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An inside look

Fall for Novi gives intimate access to city operations

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The city of Novi is constantly preaching transparency when it comes to government operations and finances.

And that transparency will be on full display Saturday at the annual Fall for Novi event.

Fall for Novi is a citywide open house that gives residents and business owners an inside look at how the city runs. Every door will be open and the leaders of the respective departments will be on hand to answer questions and interact with the people.

"It's a great opportunity to give people the chance to see behind the walls," said Sheryl Walsh, communications director for the city. "It's an important day and I believe it is very valuable for them."

The newest aspect of Fall

for Novi is a Fun Walk that starts at 9 a.m. There are two walking routes, one that is American with Disabilities Act-compliant and is little over one mile long, and the other is a two-mile route. The first 50 people who sign up for the walk will receive Fall for Novi T-shirts.

The fire department open house and Green Street were added to the event last year and will be back again Saturday. The firefighters will be doing a live burn at 11:30 a.m. to show how fast a fire can escalate in a home that does not have proper safety standards in place, and Green Street is where people can learn eco-conscious tips from talking to experts and taking part in various activities.

Throughout the day, people can take tours of the numerous city facilities, trade

flowers at the semiannual Perennial Exchange and enjoy free food. There also will be face painting, crafts, games and an inflatable bouncer for children.

Removed from Fall for Novi this year is the Household Hazardous Waste Day. That event is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 9.

Walsh said she is hopeful that the residents will want to take advantage of this chance to get more information about the city and its services.

"It's their money at work," she said.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Novi Civic Center. To pre-register for the Fun Walk, call (248) 347-0452. For more information about Fall for Novi, visit www.cityofnovi.org.

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Bracing for impact

Novi Road Link project has business owners concerned

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

City officials and business owners have started preparing for the impact on business and travel as work has begun on the long awaited Novi Road Link project.

The \$25 million project, which calls for the widening of Novi Road between 10 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue from two lanes to five and putting a bridge over the CSX Railroad among other upgrades, will force Novi Road to be closed for nearly seven months next year.

A public information meeting was held last week to share with the nearly 100 people that attended the details of the project and the impact it is going to have on the area.

Ian Somerville, owner of Play It Again Sports at 24287 Novi Road, has been in that location for six years and is "dreading" the pending closure.

He said while it's "comforting to know the details," he is concerned about the health of his business.

"Any interruption in traffic is going to interrupt business," he said. "And when you lose that through traffic, people have other options."

Sheryl Walsh, director of communications for the city of Novi, said the city is "obviously concerned and wants to help."

The meeting Monday featured members of the Road Commission for Oakland County, who spoke about the project and answered questions, as well as Don Tanner from Tanner Freidman who give business owners tips on how to weather the storm.

Walsh said she was encouraged to see business owners

STAY UP-TO-DATE

The city of Novi has created an e-mail list for updates regarding the project at www.cityofnovi.org. Also questions can be directed to the city at (248) 735-5628 or the RCOC at (877) 858-4804.

wanting to help each other, and the city also is going to do its part by offering them free 30-to-60 second spots on SWOCC, the city's government access channel, among other options.

"We understand they are going to be impacted and we are going to do whatever we can to help," she said.

The Novi Road Link project has been in the works for the better part of 10 years, but continued to be delayed because of funding issues and priority. A Transportation Economic Development Fund grant is covering 80 percent of the project, with the remaining 20 percent being split between the RCOC and the city of Novi.

Rob Hayes, city engineer, said the goals of the project are to improve public safety, reduce congestion and improve accessibility.

The majority of the work this fall will consist of relocating the public utilities, including the water distribution main that serves the majority of Novi south of 10 Mile Road.

Those projects could require some road closures on select weekends in September and October, but exact dates have yet to be determined.

Construction season ends in mid-November and the

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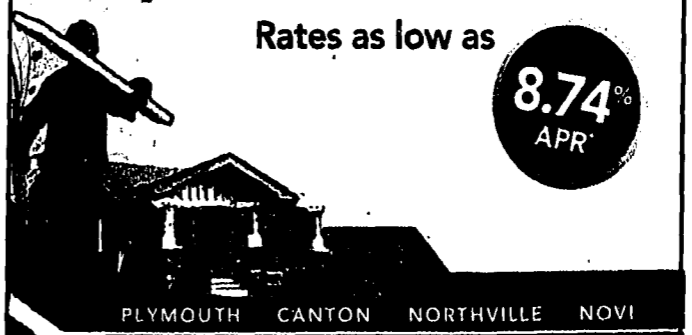
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The Novi Road Link project, which calls for the widening of Novi Road between Ten Mile Road and Grand River Avenue and a bridge over the CSX Railroad, is underway with a full closure of Novi Road coming in May.

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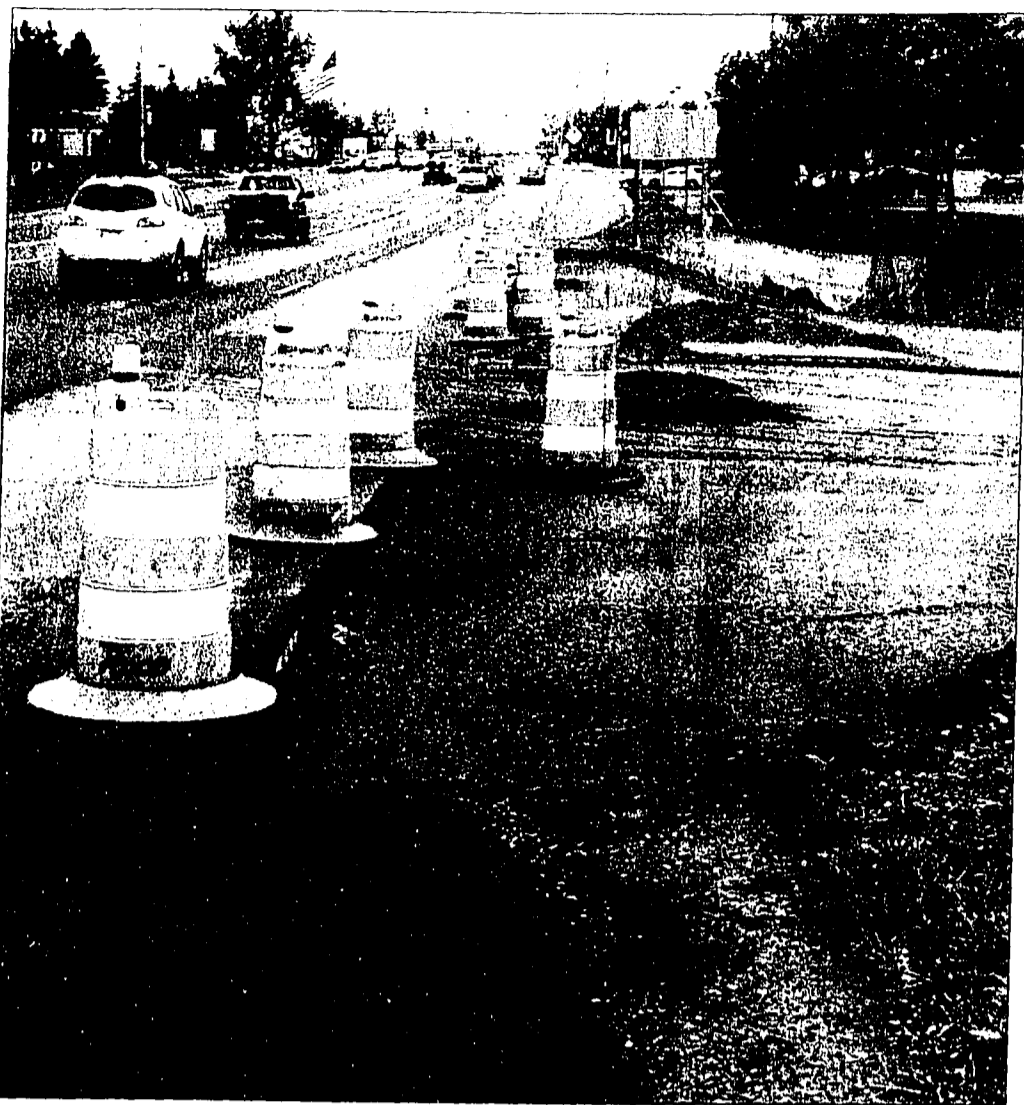
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I-96 project battling delays

Completion is still expected by November

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The I-96 road construction project between Novi and Beck roads has been delayed by roughly one month due to a trio of "real insurmountable" factors.

Initial plans called for a completion date of Oct. 1, but Mia Silver, the Oakland Transportation Center service manager for the Michigan Department of Transportation, said it has been bumped to November.

The construction season ends in mid-November, and weather could play a factor in getting the majority of the project done by then.

"If the weather is good we do intend to have most everything buttoned up before the close out of this season," she said. "However, that is a lot to bank on for this time of year."

The work is part of a two-year, \$46 million investment to rehabilitate four miles of roads and eight bridges on I-

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MIA SILVER, manager Michigan DOT

96 between Halsted and Beck roads.

Silver said the delays on this project were caused by weather, concerns with the road bed not being strong enough to hold the elements being screwed into the ground and changing the design to spread the footings as a precautionary measure following an issue that occurred on I-94 last year that required a two-week closure to repair.

The plan by November is to have the eastbound Novi Road ramp open, and after comple-

tion of the bridge, move the eastbound traffic on I-96 back onto the eastbound roadway. All traffic was shifted to the westbound side and temporary widening of the eastbound bridge was done to keep three travel lanes open in both directions on I-96.

Novi City Council Member Kathy Crawford said her biggest concern regarding the project are the large mounds of dirt near the Novi Road exit ramp.

"I really am disappointed that at our gateway we have this eyesore," she said. "I think people are happy there is a project moving forward that has to do with the road, but it is just disappointing it has taken so long to make it look better."

For up-to-date information regarding the project, visit www.cityofnovi.org.

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Work continues I-96 between Novi and Wixom Roads. Here the exit ramp from I-96 eastbound is under construction, but is expected to be open by November.

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Road and back up Grand River Avenue to Novi Road.

Mike Torres, construction engineer for the RCOG, said Novi Road will be closed shortly after May 10 and is expected to reopen by Nov. 15, 2011.

"It's a dynamic situation where things change drastically whether we like it or not," he said.

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bulk of the project will start in April. When Novi Road is closed, temporary access lanes will be in place for access to local businesses throughout the project. The main detour route is 10 Mile to Meadowbrook

Rain doesn't dampen Fall Fair

Families flocked to annual event at Tollgate Extension Center

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Fall Fair organizers were a tad nervous when rain clouds filled the sky early Saturday morning.

But roughly an hour into the event, the rain stopped and the people came in droves to the annual fair at the MSU Tollgate Extension Center.

"As soon as it got sunny we were just buried in people," said Roy Prentice, farm manager. "I really turned out to be a nice day."

Tom Gray, one of the more than 70 volunteers who helped put the event together, said the day went between "outstanding and terrific," and estimated that despite the initial bad weather more than 2,000 people were on hand to take in the numerous activities.

Gray has been volunteering at Tollgate for the last four years and worked the children's catch and release fishing pond on Saturday. He said more than 100 kids fished and they caught about 20 fish.

"To see a little four or five-year-old child who has never fished before squeal when they or one of the people next to



More than 850 pumpkins were picked in preparation for decoration by children at the Fall Fair at Tollgate Farm.

them catch a fish is just great," the Fox Run resident said. He also recruited 11 people from his complex to volunteer at the event and hopes more get involved.

"We are trying to show the people at Fox Run what a wonderful asset it is to the community and encourage them to enjoy the benefit of a 160-acre farm that is nearby," he said.

Gray was attracted to Tollgate because it reminded him of the 80-acre tree farm he owned in northern



Parents and children worked on autumn-themed crafts at the Fall Fair.

Michigan. He volunteers at the farm year-round, including helping with the maple syrup production and working in the gardens to collect vegetables for the non-profit food bank Forgotten Harvest.

"I think it's just part of my genetics," he said. "My parents were farm-raised people and I always had an interest in the outdoors."

Fairgoers on Saturday also



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Bottle drive

The Novi High School Band Boosters recent Can & Bottle Drive was a big success and a great fundraiser for the band's many activities. "Over 100 NHS band and colorguard students walked house-to-house making collections and our Novi neighbors were terrific in their cooperation," said Cheryl Shepard, NHBBS vice president of fundraising. "We appreciate the continued support from Novi each fall and spring."

NOVI ON CAMPUS

SEMMOA scholarship

The Southeastern Michigan McDonald's Operators Association (SEMMOA) has awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Amanda Klukowski, a graduate of University of Michigan - Dearborn and attending Thomas M. Cooley School of Law. Klukowski is one of 18 McDonald's employees in southeastern Michigan to be awarded a scholarship by local McDonald's owner/operators in 2010.

Klukowski, an employee at a McDonald's location in Novi, was chosen to receive the scholarship because she demonstrated a strong commitment to both her work at McDonald's and her performance in the classroom.



Fall cleanup

Novi Woods Elementary held its annual fourth grade fall cleanup. Each year, all of the fourth graders at Novi Woods Elementary do their best to spruce up the front of their school -- they pick weeds, plant flowers, spread mulch and pick up trash. Shown raking leaves are Blaire Thibodeau and Isabelle Lian.

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Wildcat Tastefest set for Friday

Novi restaurants are putting their best fare forward Friday at Wildcats Stadium as they support all Novi athletic programs through the Novi Athletic Boosters Club's premier fund-raising event, Wildcat Tastefest. Organizers of the fourth annual event are hoping to meet or exceed last year's turnout, so restaurants are planning dinner for at least 2,800 people.

"We are always amazed by the enthusiasm of our restaurant partners for this event and by their commitment and generosity for Novi Athletics," said Angela Brown, who for the second year is co-chair of the event with Andrea Mohr. "When we make our first calls each year to ask restaurant representatives if we can count on them again, their answers are always of course."

In fact, all seven of the restaurants involved in this year's Tastefest are repeat participants. Five of the restaurants -- bds Mongolian Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar, Cold Stone Creamery of Novi, Famous Dave's Barbecue and Subway in West Oaks -- have been involved all four years, while Pizza Marvelous is a three-year participant and Biggy Coffee of Novi is in its second year.

"We're just giving back to the community and the kids," said Mike McKinley, chief operating officer for Famous Dave's franchises in the Detroit and Cleveland area. "We are a big part of the Novi community, and sports programs are an important part of that. (Tastefest) is good for everyone."

Garrett Omernik, general manager of Buffalo Wild Wings, said one of his company's main partnerships in the community is with the schools.

"We always love to get involved with the local schools around us," he said. "It's kind of giving back to the community."

Subway owner Lisa Walker said she enjoys participating in Tastefest because she wants to be involved in the community where she lives and where she has a business.

"The Novi school system is close to my heart," she said. "I have a son at Novi High

DETAILS

What: Novi Wildcat Tastefest fundraiser.
Date: Friday, Sept. 24
Time: Gates open at 5 p.m. for restaurant service; varsity football game versus South Lyon East at 7 p.m.
Admission: \$5 Free to all K-8 students when accompanied by an adult.
Food tickets: \$1 each. Items range from one to six tickets.
Rain Location: Field House
Info: www.noviatleticboosters.com

TASTEFEST FUN FACTS

- During the 2009 event, Tastefest attendees consumed:
 - * 16,000 sips of Biggy's BEST Coffee
 - * 150 feet of Subway subs
 - * 38 pounds each of Famous Dave's beef brisket and chopped pork
 - * 100 whole Pizza Marvelous pies
 - * 40 pounds of beef and 60 pounds of chicken from bds
 - * 200 pounds of Buffalo Wild Wings' chicken wings
 - * 250 pounds of Cold Stone ice cream



School, and my two daughters went through there."

Dinner menu items range from Subway's BMT/Turkey subs, Pizza Marvelous' Chicken Bacon Ranch Pizza and Buffalo Wild Wings' Traditional Wings to Famous Dave's Georgia Chopped Pork and b's King Pao Chicken. For after dinner, attendees have the choice of Cold Stone's Sundae Bar treats, Biggy's Strawberry Crème Freeze or Biggy's BEST coffee.

Traditional concession items such as pop, popcorn and hot dogs also will be sold through Boosters concessions. Tickets are \$1 each, and menu items range from one to six tickets.

Like many small-business owners, Biggy Coffee owner Michael Waltersdorf said he has to choose from among many worthy local fundraisers to lend his support, but he likes being involved in Tastefest because it supports athletics.

"Tastefest really seems to bring the community together because it's for the kids," Waltersdorf said. "You have to have those extracurricular activities to stay on edge. They keep kids focused."

Although all of the restaurant representatives agreed it is important to give back to the community, they also said they enjoy participating

in Tastefest because it allows them to make the community aware of their restaurants.

"We are able to enlighten people about who we are and the different types of foods that we offer," said Lori Marchetti, assistant general manager for bds.

Audrey Nofar, owner of the Pizza Marvelous, said this opportunity for exposure is important for small businesses.

"We get to have a lot of people who have never tried our pizza, and they have never met me personally," Nofar said. "Restaurant owners also have appreciated that patrons who were aware of their participation in Tastefest have made a point to frequent their businesses."

"The more I do to benefit the community, the more the community does to benefit me," said Randy Sedmak, owner of Cold Stone. "It kind of goes hand in hand."

In addition to enjoying dinner and dessert, Tastefest attendees will have the opportunity to bid on more than 80 items being offered through the Tastefest Silent Auction in the Field House, purchase "Novi Nation" T-shirts and other spirit wear items and even have their faces painted by Novi students.

- Submitted by Dana Nussio

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Basilian Fathers (front) John Wheeler, Edward Kline, George Smith, Ray Paramo, Richard Ranalletti; (back) Robert Moslosky, James O'Neill, Jefferson Thompson, John Huber and Dennis Kaufman.

New president, principal arrive at Catholic Central

The newly-elected Superior General of the Congregation of Saint Basil (Basilian Fathers), Very Rev. George Smith, C.S.B., installed a new president and a new principal of Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi during the opening school mass of the Holy Spirit on Aug. 26.

Father Smith, a native of Toronto and president of Saint Thomas More College in Saskatoon, was elected as the leader of the Basilian Congregation at the Aquinas Institute of Rochester, St. John Fisher College, and the University of St. Michael's College. He also earned an M.A. from Middlebury College and a doctorate in Catholic educational leadership from the University of San Francisco. Before serving as principal in Houston, Huber

served as campus minister and teacher at the Intercollegiate Saint Denis in Ann Arbor, France. Bishop O'Dowd High School, and Holy Redeemer High School in Detroit. Huber has also recently been appointed to the Board of Detroit Cristo Rey High School.

Father Smith likewise received the re-commitment of the nine Basilian Fathers on staff at Catholic Central during the liturgy. Joining Smith and the co-rector was Fr. Jose del Toro, a Basilian Father who serves at Detroit Cristo Rey High School as well as St. Anne de Detroit Parish, where the Basilian Fathers also serve. The faculty, staff and student body of over 1,000 students likewise committed themselves to give their best efforts in the endeavor to which God has called each of them this school year.

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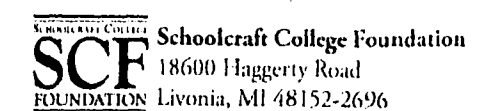
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- Baker at Zingerman's Bakehouse, Ann Arbor
- Black Star Farms, Suttons Bay
- Cadillac Coffee Company, Madison Heights
- Can Wine Distributors, West Bloomfield
- Caterer One, Livonia
- Cava, Bay Harbour
- Central Distributors, Romulus
- Chandlers-A Restaurant, Petoskey
- Cinco Lagos, Milford
- The Claddagh Irish Pub, Livonia
- Coffee Express Co., Plymouth
- Cupcake Station, Birmingham
- Elite Catering Company, Livonia
- Executive Wines
- Galaxy Wine Distributors, Livonia
- Great Oaks Country Club, Rochester
- Henry's Food Court at Schoolcraft College, Livonia
- J&J Importers/Wines of Distinction, Troy
- Jeff Zak Catering, Inc., Plymouth Livonia
- Joe's Produce Gourmet Market & Catering, Livonia
- Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, Birmingham Farms
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- P. F. Chang's China Bistro, Northville
- Pierston's Gulle & Spirits, Boyne Falls
- Red Smoke Barbecue, Detroit
- Schmitt Sohne, Milford
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- Steve & Ruckey's, Novi
- Symons General Store, Petoskey
- Table 5, Northville
- The Biscotti Bar Bakery-Organic & Natural, Plymouth
- The Pastry Palace, Wixom
- Toasted Oak Grill and Market, Novi
- Trader Joe's, Northville
- Veneta Distributors, Warren
- Vineyard Custom Winery of Northville
- Vintner's Canton Winery, Canton
- Walnut Creek Country Club, South Lyon

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Novi Woods and Deerfield schools were identified by the state of Michigan as performing in the top 1% for MEAP scores. Superintendent Pete Dion and School Board Member Ann Glubzinski came over to Novi Woods to congratulate Principal Pam Quittiquit (right) and the staff of Novi Woods Elementary.



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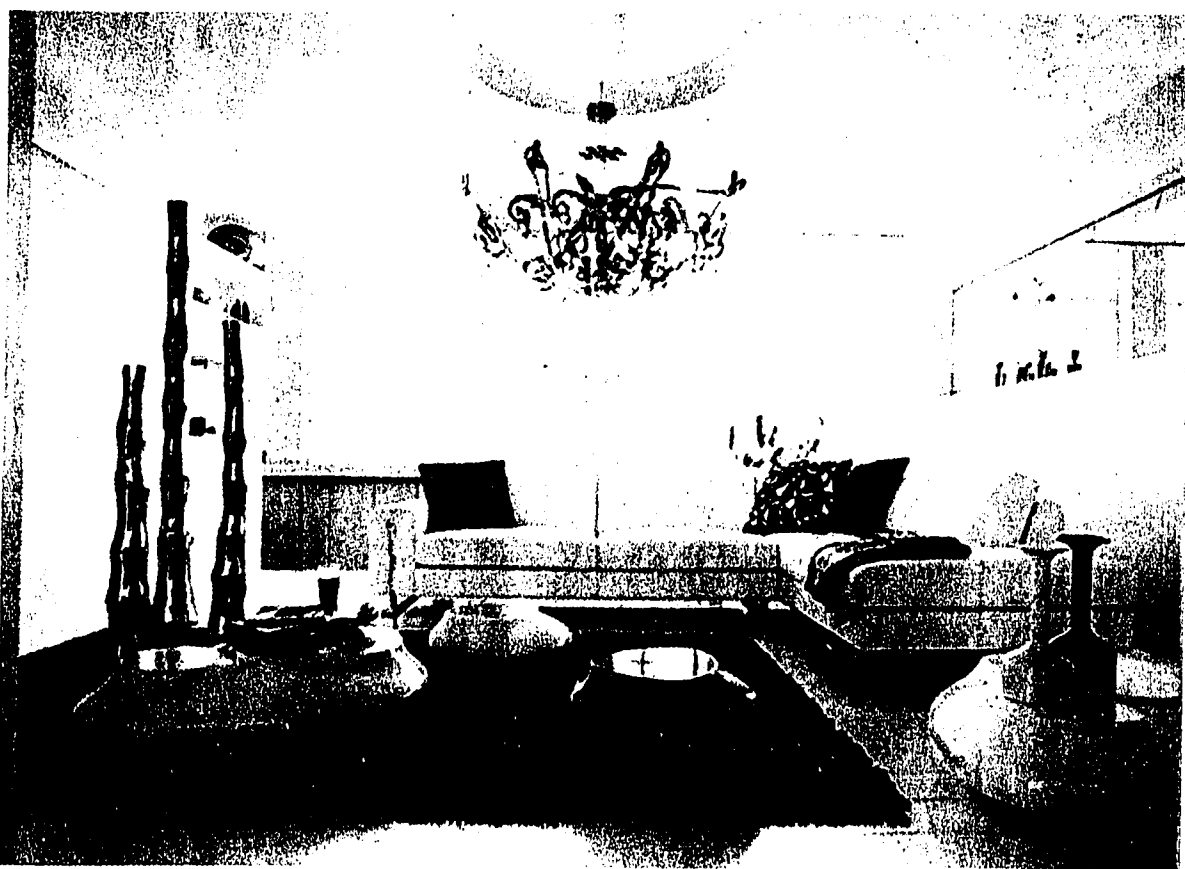
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ALICE L. CHASE
Age 68, of Northville, passed away September 15, 2010. She was born on October 11, 1941 in Detroit, daughter of the late Arthur and Alice Compton. Alice was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother. She cared for and loved everyone that was in her life. She is survived by her loving children, Rick (Katie) Chase and Candi (Joe) Chodacki, her grandchildren, Becca, Abbey, John, Lane and Tristan. She is also survived by her sisters, Pat, Barbara and Rose and her brother Art. She was preceded in death by her husband in 2010 and her sister Mary. A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 23rd at 11:00AM at St. Augustine Church, 4341 Faussett Rd., Howell. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

ROBERT THOMAS "BOB" GHARRITY
A long time resident of Milford, died on Thursday evening, September 16, 2010 after a long illness. He was 86 years old. Born in Savanna, Illinois on October 18, 1923, he was the son of William H. and Antoinette (Brake) Gharry. He was the youngest of seven children. He served in the U.S. Army and worked in the Signal Corp and Radio Communications in the European Theater during the Battle of the Bulge. When the war was over, he returned home and in 1950, the Gharritys moved to Milford, Michigan with their purchase of The Milford Times. It was at the bank next door to the newspaper office that Bob met Mary Louise Favocet. They fell in love and were married on May 10, 1952 in Our Lady of the Lakes Church in Waterford. They took residence in their home on Union Street where they have lived for 58 years of their marriage. From January 1, 1951 until August 1, 1975 Robert Gharry worked at the paper where he would become Editor and Publisher of the The Milford Times, one of the oldest community newspapers in the State. From their offices in the middle of Main Street, the paper published all the news of the growing community, taking on a style like its editor in chief, reserved, intelligent, scrupulous about detail, avoiding "spectacle" in favor of what made our town special - especially the wedding, the bride, the new baby, the big game, and town meeting all got Bob's careful attention. As did the police blotter, the obituaries, the bake sales and obituaries. His quiet wisdom of his town and its "times" were all set in linotype, checked for spelling and punctuation and delivered every Thursday to townspeople who seemed somewhat more interesting and interesting in one another. After a brief appointment as an interim member of the Milford Village Rotary Club, he was elected Milford Township Supervisor, a post that he held for several years. He was the best friend of Gene Lebow. Jeff will be greatly missed by many family members, cousins and dear friends. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 22nd from 3:00PM-9:00PM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, September 23rd at 11:00AM at Cross of Christ Church, 24155 Griswold, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in memory of Jeff to the Erb family c/o Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street South Lyon, MI 48178. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

CARL E. "GENE" DEMAREE
Age 79, passed away, September 20th, 2010. He was born on December 10, 1930 in Ann Arbor, son of the late Garnette and Mary Demaree. Carl was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and an Alumni of Walsh College. He is survived by his loving children, Timothy Demaree, Donna (Keith) Rosvold, Linda (Mike) Gable and Joe (Jeanne) Demaree. He is also survived by six grandchildren, six great grandchildren and his sister Joanne Hill. Carl was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn in 2001 and two brothers, George and John. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 22nd from 3:00PM-9:00PM with Rosary at 7:00PM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, September 23rd at 11:00AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

PAULINE M. DENSMORE
Age 84, passed away, September 15, 2010. Service will be held on Friday, September 24th at 11:00AM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, Online Guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

JEFFREY S. ERB
Age 43, passed away suddenly, September 18th, 2010. Jeff is the loving son of Russell and Carol Erb, the loving and devoted father of Austin Nicholas, who was elected Michon and Jerry. He's the loved companion of Tracie Kolak and the best friend of Gene Lebow. Jeff will be greatly missed by many family members, cousins and dear friends. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 22nd from 3:00PM-9:00PM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, September 23rd at 11:00AM at Cross of Christ Church, 24155 Griswold, South Lyon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in memory of Jeff to the Erb family c/o Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street South Lyon, MI 48178. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

LUCILLE M. FOREMAN
Age 94, passed away, September 10, 2010. She was born on September 25, 1915, in Coral, Michigan, daughter of the late Henry and Nora Lichow. Lucille was a devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother and was a lifelong resident of the South Lyon area and spent many summers in Drummond Island. She was a lifetime member of the Eastern Star. She is survived by her beloved children, Douglas (Denise) Foreman, Sandra Gidos and Michael (Debbie) Foreman. She is also survived by her loving grandchildren, Janet, Joanne, Jean, Douglas Jr., Sandra, Stephen and Cory and her step-grandchildren, Michael and Christian and 11 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Hugh in 1994, her son-in-law John Gidos in 1996 and her grandson Keith. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, September 21st at 11:00am at First United Methodist Church of South Lyon, 640 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers are requested to the Alzheimer's Association. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

DR. LOUIS A. REIBLING, PH.D.
Age 71, of Northville, MI, born September 23, 1939, in Covington, KY, died Monday, September 13, 2010, at Memorial Hospital, Belleville, IL. Dr. Reibling was vice-president emeritus of Scholcraft College, Belleville, IL. He was also a former dean at Belleville Area College, Belleville, IL. Louis was a member of St. James Catholic Church, Northville, MI, the Chamber of Commerce and the Northville Rotary Club. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Mary Reibling. Surviving are his daughter, Kim Reibling of Fairview Heights, IL; his son, Chris (Dana) Reibling of Normal, IL; two grandsons, Michael and Austin Reibling; a sister, Pat Enlman; and two brothers, Michael Reibling and John Reibling. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.rennerfh.com

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JUDITH PRYOR SECHLER
Judith lost her courageous 20-year battle with cancer and went to her heavenly home on Saturday, September 18, 2010. Judith died at her home in the presence of her loving husband, son and close family members. Born April 16, 1929 in Detroit, she was the daughter of Heber and Bernice (Pryor) Wilson. Judith graduated from Greenbrier College for Women in 1948 and Denison University in 1950. Judith retired from Michigan National Corporation where she worked primarily in the field of marketing and training. She moved to Little Traverse in 1996 from Northville, Michigan. Winters were spent in Jensen Beach, Florida. Active in the First Presbyterian Church of Northville where she served two terms as elder before transferring to the Traverse City Presbyterian Church and becoming an associate member of the First Presbyterian Church of Stuart, Florida. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Blair Rossiter Robinson and brother, Gary Pryor Wilson. She is survived by her husband, her son, David, and her daughter, Melissa Pryor Robinson of Jensen Beach, Florida and Mark Barringer Robinson (Susan) of Northville, Michigan; children by marriage: Richard Thomas Sechler of Canton, Michigan, Kathy (Jack) Richards of Indianapolis, Indiana, Steven T. Sechler (Debra) of Commerce Township, Michigan, Michael T. Sechler of Indianapolis, Indiana; brother, Harlan Wilson (Sandy) of Nashville, Tennessee; sisters-in-law, Carol Wilson of Manalapan, Michigan; brother-in-law, Paul H. Sechler and sister-in-law, LaVerne Sechler of Manalapan, Michigan. Judith was blessed with nine grandchildren. Always an advocate of caring environmental stewardship, Judith was active in the Blue Lake-Coldsprings Lake Association, Michigan, and the Michigan Oceanographic Society's Coastal Science Center on Hutchinson Island, Florida. Judith will be laid to rest in her family plot in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville, Michigan.

THOMAS MICHAEL TREMPER
A lifelong resident of Milford, passed away at his home on August 28, 2010. He was 41 years old. Tom is survived by his loving parents, Jerry & Carol Trempier, dear sisters Jean (fiance Robert Dzbanski) Dockett, Donna (Michael) Ryan, and Karen King; nieces and nephews Matthew, Tiffany, Christina, Thomas, James, Bobby & Jena; great-niece Rylie. Also survived by extended family and dear friends. Memorial service to be held on September 15, 2010 from 1-5 pm at the Kensington Heights Co-Op Clubhouse, 711 S. Main St., Milford. For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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Joi Mahon, American Sewing Expo 2009 Passion for Fashion Sewing Challenge winner, will be at the American Sewing Expo at Rock Financial Showplace Sept. 23-26. Crafters will find inspiration, creativity and education for sewing, quilting, home decor, or needle and fiber arts at the 17th annual event. Rock Financial Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck roads in Novi. Show hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Expo admission is \$14 and children 15 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. One-hour seminars are \$14, all-day workshops are \$98 to \$148 and special combination packages are available. Onsite parking is available for \$5. Social networks can become a fan on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AmericanSewingExpo. For more information, visit www.AmericanSewingExpo.com or call (248) 889-3111.

NOVI COMMUNITY BRIEFS
Special event at First Baptist of Novi
First Baptist Church of Novi is hosting a screening of the new full-length feature film "What is Scientific Truth?" produced by Bright Horizon Pictures. The screening will begin at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26 at the Novi Christian Community Center and will be introduced by the film's producer, Keith's Perma. This film has been five years in the making.
Novi Christian Community Center is located beside First Baptist Church, one block south of Grand River on Taft Road.
Catwalk for Cancer
Fashionistas can take in fall's best looks while supporting a great cause when Evolution Marketing and Elizabeth Makeup and Modeling present Catwalk for Cancer on Tuesday, Sept. 28 at Uptown Grille (3000 E. West Maple Road, Commerce). Tickets are \$35 and available for purchase online at www.catwalkforcancer.info and at participating business locations. For sponsorship information, contact Shana Krisan at http://www.evolutionmarketing.co. For more information on Look Good... Feel Better, visit www.lookgoodfeelbetter.org.

Lynch to speak at Novi Public Library
Renowned author Thomas Lynch will be the guest speaker at the Friends of the Novi Public Library's 50TH Jubilee Celebration on Friday, Oct. 8 from 6-9 p.m. at the Novi Public Library. Lynch, National Book Award Finalist, will discuss "Apparition & Late Fictions" and his highly anticipated November 2010 release, a collection of poems, "Walking Papers". Both books will be available for sale and Lynch will do signings. This event is open to the public. Cost to attend is \$10 and includes the presentation by Lynch and book signing, refreshments, strolling exhibits, live music with world musician Ara Toupian, a silent auction and a one-year membership to the Friends of the Novi Public Library.
Current friends members are encouraged to attend free of charge. Contact friends@novipubliclibrary.org for advance membership or more information.

Public input on housing issues sought
Oakland County is hosting a public forum to create a consolidated plan for direction on housing, community development and public service needs for the next five years. The public is invited to attend at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23 at the Oakland County Executive Office Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Building 41 West, Waterford, Michigan, west of Telegraph Road. The consolidated plan establishes priorities for the use of Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Shelter Grant funds granted to the County by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. A consolidated plan is currently being developed for program years 2011 through 2015. The planning process engages the public to help identify housing, homeless, human service and community development needs for low income residents, neighborhoods and persons with special needs. If you are not attending, but wish to submit written comments, address them to: Oakland County Community & Home Improvement, Attn: Carla Spradlin, Oakland Pointe Suite 1900, 250 Elizabeth Lake Road, Pontiac, MI 48341-0414, or email spradlinco@oakgov.com. For more information, call (248) 858-5312.

County urges residents to reserve flu shots now
Oakland County Health Division will provide the 2010-2011 flu vaccine at a kick-off event from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9 at the following Health Division offices:
* North Oakland Health Center, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Building 34 East, Pontiac
* South Oakland Health Center, 27725 Greenfield Road, Southfield
Flu shots will be available at Health Division offices in Pontiac, Southfield and Walled Lake beginning Monday, October 11, 2010. Hours are non-8 a.m. Mondays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays. Registration is now open. Pre-registration is encouraged at www.oakgov.com/health or by calling (248) 858-7350 for North Oakland, 248-424-7120 for South Oakland, and (248) 926-3302 for West Oakland. The registration system will allow clients to select the clinic location, date and time of their choice and will also provide a consent form that must be taken to the clinic where they pre-enrolled. Walk-in clients will be accepted based on availability of appointment times.
Flu shots are available for \$11. Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard, Medicare, and Medicaid. Walk-in payment options are Medicare, Medicaid and cash. There is a limited supply of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and Vaccines for Children (VFC) flu vaccine available for those needing financial assistance.
Flu shots are available to individuals age 6 months or older. Flu vaccine is not recommended for people who are allergic to eggs or flu vaccine, had a serious reaction to flu vaccine in the past, or previously developed Guillain-Barre syndrome within six weeks of getting a flu shot, or have a fever.
For more information, visit www.oakgov.com/health or call the Health Division's Flu Shot Hotline at 1-800-434-3358.

NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannet.com, by fax to (248) 685-2892, or by mail to Church Events/Novi-Nov, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.
Church of the Holy Family
Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
TIME/Day: 7:30, 9, 10:30 am and 12:15 pm. Sunday, 9 am. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 6:30 am. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 7 p.m. Tuesday, 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Crosspointe: Meadows Church
Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road

Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org
Sunday Worship: 10:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.
Detroit First Church of the Nazarene
Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-7600 or visit dcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band; Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service; Children's Church; Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service; Children's program; Youth Worship Service
Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:25-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, 54 per person, \$12 per family, 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Outfitting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
Women of the Word
Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.
Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Ephesians. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia
Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.nwhepocenter.org
Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross
Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com
Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service
Alzheimer's Support Group

Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month
Community Presbyterian
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Genesis Class
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 21-Nov. 9
First Baptist Church of Northville
Location: 217 N. Wing
Contact: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month
First Baptist Church of Novi
Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
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Sermon: Having a Plan
Church School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
Merry Widows Luncheon
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month

Northville Christian Assembly
Location: 4155 Six Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-9030
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Livonia Church of Christ
Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livonachurch.net

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church
Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth
Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891

St. James Catholic Church
Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 347-7778
Mass Schedule
TIME/DAY: 8:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life
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St. John's Episcopal Church
Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth Hills
Contact: (248) 474-0594 or visit stjoh-lutheran.com

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Location: 201 Elm St., Northville
Contact: (248) 349-3140
Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended; 11 a.m. Contemporary

Novi United Methodist Church
Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit noviumc.org

More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

LOCAL EVENTS

Free Varicose Vein Screening at Providence Park Hospital in Novi
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25
Location: The Providence Park Outpatient Center is located at 47601 Grand River Avenue at Beck Road.

Fanfare
Come on out this Saturday for the popular marching band competition, Fanfare 2010. Hosted by Novi High School, the event is held in the football stadium unless rain dictates it being moved into the school.

Rock Financial Showplace
Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi
Contact: (248) 349-5600
Michigan Gun & Knife Show
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26

American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. third Tuesdays



Fanfare

MSU Extension
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Contact: (248) 858-0887, smithlin@oakpark.com; www.msue.msu.edu/oakland

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Novi Farmers' Market & International Street Fair
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, through Oct. 31
Location: Main Street, between Grand River Avenue and Novi Road

Novi Toastmasters Club
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. every first and third Tuesday
Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375

Novi Rotary Club
Time/Date: Noon every Thursday
Location: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information; novioctary.org.

Nightlife
Andiamo Novi / Dirty Martini Lounge / Andiamo Theater
Location: 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi
Contact: (248) 348-3838

Metro Novi BNI
Time/Date: 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday
Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of 8 Mile), Novi
Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other.

Bar Louie
Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44325 Twelve Mile Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 374-3420

Business to Business Breakfast
Time/Date: 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29
Location: Farmer's Insurance, 41850 W. 11 Mile Road, Suite 100, Novi
Details: Networking and a light breakfast; \$5 payable at the door.

After 5 Networking
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23
Location: Tanglewood Golf Course, 53503 W. 10 Mile, South Lyon
Details: Networking and wine tasting; \$15 per person. Pre-registration required; \$20 at door.

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THE NOVEMBER 2, 2010 GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ALL VOTING PRECINCTS OF THE CITY OF NOVI, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES OF ALL PARTICIPATING PARTIES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:
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10-2 Proposed constitutional amendment to ban certain felons from holding elective office and some other public positions.
Proposal to renew building and site sinking fund tax levy for Novi Community Schools.
Full text of the proposals may be obtained from the Novi City Clerk's office, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 or at www.cityofnovi.org
Maryanne Cornelius, MMC, City Clerk
248-347-0456
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'Chance of a lifetime'

Assistant city manager eager to start in Novi

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER



Cardenas

Victor Cardenas said becoming the assistant city manager in Novi would be "the chance of a lifetime."

And now he is getting that chance.

Cardenas, who is currently the village manager of Brooklyn, Mich., was appointed to the position last week by city manager Clay Pearson and will start in Novi on Oct. 11.

He has been in Brooklyn for just over three years, but became interested in the Novi job once former assistant city manager Pam Antil stepped down in April.

"In public administration, all the best practices being carried out by the better cities in the country are being carried out in Novi," he said. "In my professional growth, being the assistant city manager of a city of Novi's size (it) right up there."

Cardenas was the first full-time manager in Brooklyn, Mich., and helped the village develop its first budget document, revised its policy and procedure manual as well as the area recreation plan and aided the development of a digital recovery program.

Prior to working in Brooklyn, he was the assistant to the city manager for the city of Oak Park where he was responsible for the city manager's office budget and oversaw the city's personnel policy and procedure manual.

"Being in Michigan he not only has the existing relationships and knowledge of who the players are in our area," Pearson said, "but he also has the education and drive to be successful. He wants to be

here and be part of the Novi team."

Pearson said nearly 70 people applied for the position and seven were interviewed. He said he was looking for someone who knew public management and also someone that could work well with the other 200-plus full-time employees in the city.

Cardenas' role for the city will be to assist Pearson in oversight of departments and services as well as work with the various labor groups and create partnerships.

He also said he wants to be part of new initiatives and programs that would benefit citizens but save costs.

Cardenas, wife Kathryn and their 8-year-old son Lewis are in the process of finding a place to live in the city. "We are excited to get there," he said.

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Basketball Jones

Entertainer Jim "Basketball" Jones (left) spins a ball on his finger during a Sept. 15 visit to Novi Meadows sixth grade house. Jones brought with him a message of what leaders should be, namely caring, knowledgeable, thinkers, and open-minded. Jones does about 300 shows a year in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. Jones gets a bunch of Novi Meadows students (above) to express their own leadership qualities as they take turns leading the group in basketball dribbling exercises.

Seniors party at Bakers of Milford, in 1950s-style

BY AILEEN WINGBLAD
STAFF WRITER

For Kathy Brune, songs from the 1950s will never get old. "I just love the music — the rhythm, the tunes, the lyrics. That was our time. I graduated from high school in 1956," said Brune. "The music just makes more sense than the music of today."

Kathy and her husband, Ed Brune, Brighton Township residents, were among the 200-some area seniors who partied at Bakers of Milford on Sept. 10 at the second annual "Fabulous 50s Extravaganza."

Hosted by senior centers of Milford, Highland, Wixom and Northfield, the fundraiser included dinner, hula hoop and bubble gum blowing contests, and entertainment provided by radio DJs Jimmy James and Gary Lybren of WPON-AM (1460).

"When my husband heard about it and told me, I knew we'd go," Kathy said. Fellow senior Carol Smith of Bloomfield Hills said she, too, was drawn to the Milford event by the promise of music from her youth. Decked out in a poodle skirt and leather jacket, she had her dancing shoes on — saddle oxfords, of course. "I'm going to dance. That's

what I'm going to do," Smith said, grinning. Bernice Ohannes of West Bloomfield had the same idea after hearing about the extravaganza through the Dublin Senior Center in White Lake.

"I plan to dance. The 1950s was my era," Ohannes said. "I just wish I had saved my poodle skirt — but I didn't." Highland residents Pat and Linda Frazee went all out for the event, cruising to Bakers in their 1966 Ford Galaxy, dressed up in outfits that were unmistakably 1950s.

"We just like rock and roll — and we never grew up," Pat said. Linda, 69, agreed, adding that she had another reason for attending — defending her title of Hula Hoop champion from last year.

"I'm almost 60, so I have to see if I can still do it," she said. Adding to the fun was the chance to get to know seniors from neighboring communities — which can be difficult to do, explained Penny Lewis, owner of Penny Lane adult foster care home in White Lake.

"Seniors sometimes can be alone. With this, they can come out and make new friends, even if they live 20 or 30 miles away," she said. Lewis was one of the vendors who attended the event to market their business and

show support for the various senior centers.

"And this is a great mingling thing. It's a blessing for lots of these seniors to get together again through the Dublin Senior Center in White Lake," she said. "Meet someone in your age group and then make plans to do something."

Jamie James, director of the South Lyon Center for Active Adults, agreed. "This is a great opportunity for all seniors to get together and meet new people," she said. "It's a wonderful evening."

James, along with Dublin Community Senior Center Director Kathy Gordlinear and Milford Senior Center Activity Director Debbie Shew, noted the turnout was better than expected this year.

"It was a great evening. It's a nice night — giving people the opportunity to dress up, have some fun and do some dancing." Proceeds from the extravaganza will be used for senior center programs, Gordlinear added. "But the main reason is to have an exciting evening out and meet new neighbors and friends," she said.

Novi resident Sue Stoico came to the extravaganza last year, and was back for more fun last Friday. "It was very enjoyable, very sociable (last year)," she said. "And good food, too."



CALE STONE

New festival

Main Street Novi was hopping Sunday as the Ethnic Taste and Tune Fest featured entertainers representing over 10 countries, including Mexico (pictured). Food and kids' crafts, combined with the Novi Chamber of Commerce's weekly Farmers Market, helped make this first-ever event a success.

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End of the Bush tax cuts?



Takin' Care of Business

Dan Hoops

It appears that the tax cuts contained in the 2001 and 2003 tax relief bills will be settling like the sun. President Obama recently announced that he had no intention of extending either of these tax bills. It also seems that the proposed bills from the House Ways and Means Committee, that would prolong this relief, are too hot to handle before an election.

This is news for many professionals and may be worth noting for many others. Until last week, there had been little to no guidance for tax and estate planners moving forward from 2001.

Until now, no one knew what the best planning options were for clients. Do we retain certain assets, change investment strategies, establish irrevocable trusts? Any form of planning has been a nightmare.

It is shameful that, since 2003, Congress and the president could not provide some sort of long-term stability in legislation designed to raise revenue for the country; whether these were in the form of tax cuts, tax increases, increased spending or reduced spending, or any combination thereof. Not all of the Bush-era tax revisions are subject to the 12/31/2010 sunset. Some are permanent changes; others will phase out in later years and a few phased out prior to the Obama election.

Don't confuse my message; this is not a Bush/Obama rant. This is a very complicated problem that goes far deeper than two men. It is as complicated as the Internal Revenue Code. So what do we do now? What was the old law? There are so many provisions that may change that could directly affect individuals — of all tax brackets — that I can only go over a few in this short space.

The individual tax rates should return to their prior graduated rates based on taxable income; the lowest rate and income level should be 15 percent for single \$0-\$35,220 or married \$0-\$70,440 individuals and the highest should be 39.6 percent for single or married individuals with taxable income over \$384,860. The capital gains rates are also scheduled to be increased from 0-15 percent to 10-20 percent. The estate tax may also be reinstated for individuals with a gross estate in excess of \$1 million, the rates would also be graduated from 18 percent to 55 percent.

What many do not know is what to do between now and 1/1/2011. There are several planning opportunities that should be considered now before the Bush cuts are sunset. Obviously, you do not want to defer any income in 2011 that you could receive in 2010. Dividends will no longer

be taxed at the capital gains rates; they will be taxed at the ordinary income tax rates beginning in the new year. If you are a shareholder, you will receive as many dividends now rather than next year.

Will it be an incentive for people to invest in tax-exempt bonds and avoid dividend-paying stocks? For some it should. Will it provide an incentive to corporations to increase business expenses (e.g. salaries, shareholder loans)? For closely-held corporations, absolutely. For larger corporations, probably not.

Several of the income tax credits (e.g. that reduce your actual tax dollar for dollar) will be scaled back to 2009 levels, including the Earned Income Tax Credit, HOPE credit, Homebuyer Credit for Veterans. Itemized deductions will also be limited to the prior adjusted gross income amounts, including student loan interest deduction, home mortgage insurance premiums.

When I watch the news I cringe listening to pundits discussing the "Bush-cuts ending" and "Obama is raising taxes." Tax legislation is a lot more complicated than one person making a decision about your income tax rates. For one, tax legislation MUST begin in the Congressional House Ways and Means Committee. Since 2001, this Committee has proposed bill after bill (some have made it to the entire Congress) to fix this "problem" we now face at the year-end. Other than the committee chairperson, nothing has changed; Congress hasn't voted to approve any legislation.

While I am hopeful and believe it is not out of the realm of possibility that some long-term "fix" will be approved, I just don't know. The best advice I can give to clients is to live in the immediate present, but think long-term. Plan for 30, 40 years down the road. Short-term thinking and planning, as we've seen from 2001-2010, does not one any good. Long-term thinking and planning provides stability: paying higher or lower taxes is not the issue (it is in the short-term, yes), certainty of the rules and playing within those rules is without them changing is what we need.

Injured drunk driver arrested

A woman was arrested for drunk driving at 8:18 a.m. on Sept. 19 on Thirteen Mile Road near Novi Road after a witness called police because the woman's car was on the side of the road and she said she had been assaulted.

When an officer arrived, he observed two flat tires on the passenger side of the car and

Robber caught with heroin

Novi police arrested a man around 7 p.m. on Sept. 16 for retail fraud, possession of heroin and destructing of evidence following an attempted theft at Dick's Sporting Goods.

According to the report, police were notified of a possible retail fraud in process at the store, and when they arrived one of the suspects had already left the scene.

The other suspect was walking out the front doors when the officer approached him and found two pairs of Nike shorts in his shorts and under a jacket. He also had wire cutters which were possibly used to remove the sensor tags.

He was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department. When the officer was taking inventory of the suspect's belongings, he found a folded lottery ticket containing a white powder that turned out to be heroin.

The suspect said it must have been dirt and would not admit to it being the drug. While the officer was waiting to confirm it was heroin, the suspect reached over the booking counter and grabbed the lottery packet. It appeared as though he was trying to ingest it, but was quickly detained by two officers.

Police were still able to test what remained of the drug and it proved to be heroin.

The suspect was fingerprinted and released, and the case has been forwarded to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office for review.

Teen caught with blunt

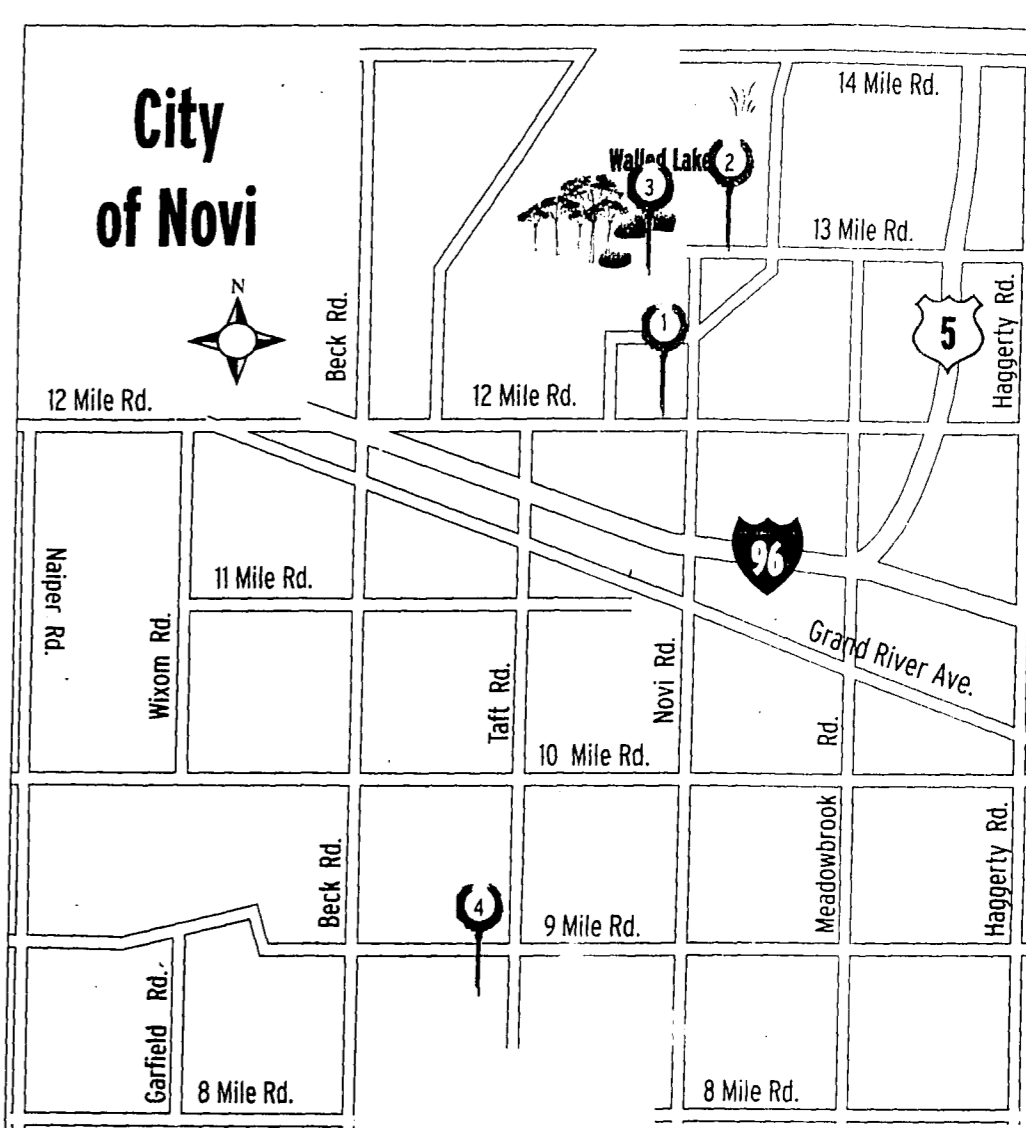
A 17-year-old man was arrested at 2:27 p.m. on Sept. 20 for possession of marijuana after he was caught rolling a marijuana blunt in his parked car at 2150 Old Novi Road.

According to the report, the officer saw the car occupied by three teens sitting in the parking lot and observed the driving rolling and licking a marijuana blunt cigar.

The driver tried to leave, but could not. The officer also witnessed him brush seeds and leaves off his lap.

He also had small plastic bags on him usually used to sell the drug, but said the only drug in the car was in the blunt. He was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department and the car was impounded.

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS



and driving while license suspended.

Items stolen from locked SUV

A Novi resident had his SUV broken into overnight on Sept. 18 while it was parked in the driveway of his home on Worcester Drive.

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The suspect was fingerprinted and released, and the case has been forwarded to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office for review.

When an officer arrived, he observed two flat tires on the passenger side of the car and

and driving while license suspended.

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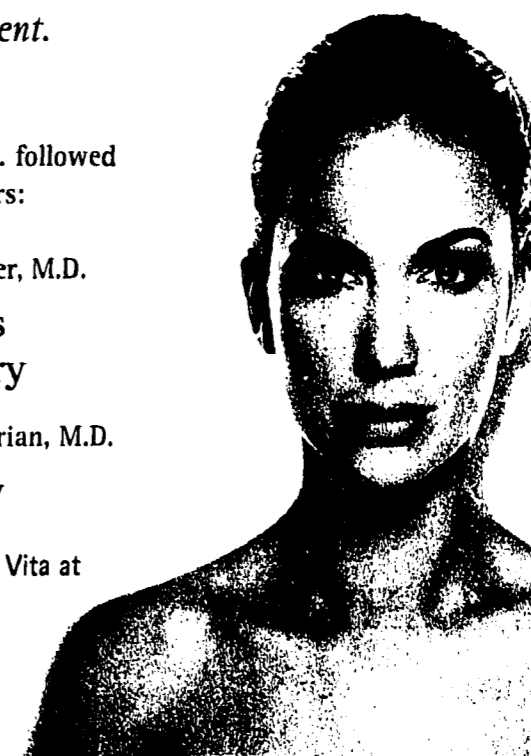
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CITY OF NOVI VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be interviewing applicants for appointment to the Beautification Commission, Board of Review, Election Commission, Historical Commission, Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee, Public Access Promotion Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

If you are a registered voter and interested in volunteering to serve on a Board or Commission, information about the various Boards and Commissions is available at www.cityofnovi.org or at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, 248-347-0456.

The deadline for filing an application (available on the website or at the City Clerk's office) is Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. All applicants will be required to be present at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 11, 2010 in the Council Chambers to be interviewed by City Council. All City Council meetings are televised.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

Published: September 23 & 30, 2010

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OUR VIEWS

Playing it safe
 We all have a responsibility to be cautious around schools, bus stops

With summer vacation in the rear view mirror and the kids now in their first full week of school, we wanted to remind all motorists there will be a lot of pedestrian activity around schools, in neighborhoods and at bus stops.

It is very important that, when behind the wheel, we all need to take a little more precaution when driving through these areas, especially in the morning and afternoon when students are going to and from school. Let's face it, children don't always pay attention to what is going on around them. It is a driver's responsibility, however, to recognize when in a pedestrian area, especially one where there are schools and bus stops.

In addition to driving too fast, law enforcement officials say too many drivers "roll through" stop signs in school zones and neighborhoods. Despite the obvious dangers, studies suggest as many as one-third of motorists do it. It is very important to make complete stops at all stop signs - it is the law.

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Whether they have children or not, all motorists should figure out where bus stops and school zones are along their regular commutes. And remember, school zones have reduced speed limits during school hours. If you fail to obey them and get caught, speeding fines are doubled. It is also unlawful to pass any bus when its lights are flashing. This includes at all railroad crossings.

If you do have children, you also have a responsibility to remind them to be aware of their surroundings, especially when walking in roadways and areas where they are susceptible to moving vehicles. Make sure they follow general safety when they are at bus stops or walking to school. Here are some tips they should follow:

- Walk safely to the bus stop and stay three giant steps away from the street.
- While waiting for the school bus, stay away from the street and private property.
- When your school bus arrives, never move toward the bus until the doors open. Line up single file, and stand well back from the edge of the road.
- While buses are equipped with mirrors, there are blind spots where the bus driver may not see you near the edge of the bus.
- When getting off the bus at the end of the school day, make sure you take "10 giant steps" straight ahead on the shoulder of the road, then stop and look at the bus driver. The driver will signal when it is OK to cross the road.
- Avoid strangers while waiting for the bus and never go anywhere with them.
- If both drivers and students follow these general tips, it will insure a safe school year for all. The tragic consequences of not following them are too much to ignore.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Wal-Mart could be moving into the Novi Town Center, so we asked people their thoughts on that possibility.



"It just feels wrong. It doesn't fit."
 Linda Barsaman
 Novi



"I'm hoping it will bring business to the area and hope it will affect our business in a positive manner."
 Karen Kowalski
 Novi



"I love Wal-Mart. I'm a Wally's World girl."
 Amanda Mack
 Wixom



"I really wouldn't mind it. Wal-Mart is a good store with good prices."
 Traceena Henderson
 Southfield

LETTERS

Remember in November

Kudos to letter writer Chuck Nichols for his conclusion that some voters are acting as though they have amnesia and have already forgotten the results of the last time the Republicans were in charge. Some have even written letters blaming the Democrats because they now hold the majority and have not yet fixed all the damage done to our country and our economy. This is exactly the kind of shortsightedness that Republicans are counting on to regain power, which explains why they refuse to work with our current president and Congress. They have expressed their wish for President Obama to fail from the beginning with the intent that unhappy voters would blame those in charge and not those who got them there.

Some have used numbers and dates to try to make their claim of where to place blame - and there are names of those from both parties that have been tagged to legislation for the cause of our current state - but you can't change the fact that it is the Republican Party that has run and still runs on the call for deregulation. Now we have all seen results of this deregulation when Wall Street gamblers and the Big Banks are allowed to operate unregulated and we've also seen the results of reduced safety and environmental requirements (mining disaster, gulf oil spill).

Don't forget it is the president who leads our country so let's review the two most recent with one from each party. Bill Clinton with a Democrat Congress raised taxes on upper incomes and ended his administration with a growing economy and the first budget surplus in 30 years. George W. Bush with a Republican congress cut taxes for the rich and before leaving office initiated a bailout for Wall Street and the Big Banks giving us the Great Recession, not to mention two unfinished wars. Corporate America and the corporate media may not want to remind voters of the facts, but they show the Republican plan a total failure for most Americans.

As the president said, if the economy were a car, those who ran it into the ditch are now tapping him on the shoulder and saying they want the keys back.

I would add that as he tried to fix the brakes (financial reform) they said, "Don't bother, we'll take it out again without."
 I sure hope voters get their memory back.
 Chuck Tindall
 Novi

A Bourne Again Economy

Chuck Nichols' letter, "The Bourne Identity for Voters" (Sept. 16, 2010, page A12), compares a Hollywood fictional movie to the Bush-Cheney administration. The letter is deeply flawed. The comparison takes it on faith its truthfulness. Chuck criticizes President Bush but offers nothing but unsubstantiated allegations. Whether true or not, the commentary is irrelevant to the economy. We face today - Obama's straw man.

The blame-Bush crowd needs a lesson in history. Bush had a Republican Congress for six years, 2001 to 2006. We enjoyed economic prosperity and low unemployment then. From January 2007, the Democrats controlled congress and the legislative process. In late 2007, the stock market began its downward slide and the financial meltdown began.

The Bush unemployment rate in 2006 was 4.7 percent. Ending 2008, after two years of Democratic congressional majorities under Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid, the unemployment

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seen a huge decrease in cell phone usage during class. This allows us to text someone and get it off our mind and focus on what needs to be focused. With most classes being a red or yellow room it has helped keep the texting to a limit from class to class. Electronics are all around us, leading to many distractions - but now we have less distraction knowing we only have to get through 55 minutes without electronics. This new pilot seems to be a luxurious new privilege. With this great new solution Novi High School should be able to meet the requirements asked for and take a new approach on this opportunity.

Thank you, Novi High School staff, for putting your trust in us and taking bigger steps into treating us more to the logical level of our environment and society with what is around us - soon, hopefully, making this pilot into an official rule of Novi High School.
 Allison Tschirhart
 Novi High School sophomore

Better off with conservative leadership

Last week, Mr. Moreillon of Northville indicated we shouldn't turn back to "Republican greediness" in the November. He starts off with Michigan politics and then rambles into a variety of national issues. I have only one comment. The Congressional Budget Office (nonpartisan source states that the current government spending levels are unsustainable. Under the current Democrat administration the annual deficit is over \$1.4 trillion per year. Amazingly, it is not predicted to return to \$400 billion level until 2013. By the way, \$400 billion was the size of the deficit of the previous administration.

If the Republicans spent our grandchildren's future, just what are the Democrats spending?
 Edmund P. Shaheen
 Novi

The other half of the story

Bob Moreillon, on your Sept. 9 Opinions page, tells only half of the story, and it's slanted at that.

Here are some inconvenient facts for Mr. Moreillon to check out. Consider when he says, "1 percent of Americans own 34 percent of the wealth in this country" that the top 10 percent of the wealthiest Americans pay 60 percent of the income taxes and 10 percent of Americans don't pay any taxes at all.

Consider when he says, "Bush started a war under false pretenses" that all of Congress, including John Kerry and Hillary Clinton voted for it based on everyone having the very same CIA info.

Consider when he says, "going back to the glory Republican days when big oil backed the Republicans" that gas prices were half of today's gas prices, unemployment was half of today's numbers, and homes were worth twice that of today's prices. Yes, I would like to go back to the Bush days. And by the way, big oil gives big to both parties.

Consider when he touts Bill Clinton's federal spending that Clinton signed into law the free trade agreement called NAFTA, which cost tens of thousands of American their jobs, and Obama has spent more than all the presidents from Washington to Bush combined.

Need I say more about the other half of this story?

Paul Thal
 Novi

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues. In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

Novi: City, school district look at shared services

Sounds like a great idea. But I have to ask: Why is it that every time the city or school district wants to do something, they have to hire a consultant? We have highly paid and highly educated and highly intelligent (presumably) people in the city and in the schools. So, why, when looking at something as simple as shared services, do we need a consultant? I think this project should be done by the salaried people we already have in both places, not by additional spending outside.

WelcomingChange

Wine expert entertains, educates at Schoolcraft culinary event

BY BILL EMERICK
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Lee Hershey is into wine. He teaches a class about wine. He has experience as a retail consultant for wholesalers, wine shops and restaurants. He hosts wine-tasting events at homes and businesses. He reads about wine, writes about wine and extols the virtues of the drink at every occasion.

Mostly, though, he just wants to get people to taste the ancient fermented-grape beverage. Most anyone who does, Hershey feels, will be hooked.

Hershey, 74, will be conducting a wine-tasting seminar at the 19th annual Culinary Extravaganza, a food and beverage event to benefit the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Program. The event, scheduled for 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, is at the college's VisTA/Tech Center.

More than 50 vendors, featuring the area's leading restaurants and pastry shops, will be on hand to offer samples of food and beverages, including wine and distilled spirits. Tickets are \$50, \$20 of which is tax-deductible.

Hershey's role at the Extravaganza is the same one he's pursued for the last 35 years - entertaining and educating about the wide world of wine. "I'm kind of like this conduit for wine," he said in describing his avocation.

For the past 23 years, Hershey has taught classes on wine at Schoolcraft College as part of the school's personal enrichment program. His fall schedule includes Wines of the Southern Hemisphere and The Heart of Great Lakes Wines, both five-week courses that introduce students to the history and significance of the wine-making tradition in those regions - as well as

ALL ABOUT WINE

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Hershey is also teaching two classes this fall as part of Schoolcraft's personal enrichment program. Wines of the Southern Hemisphere starts Sept. 20 and The Heart of Great Lakes Wines starts Nov. 8. Each meets 7-9 p.m. Mondays for five weeks and costs \$169 (\$135.20 for seniors). To enroll, call (734) 462-4448 or go online at www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd

plenty of tasting.

PASSION FOR WINE

Hershey has also been involved in various consulting positions, including with the famed Beaulieu Vineyard in Rutherford, Calif., located in the legendary Napa Valley. He's spent time as a sommelier at the Bay Harbor Yacht Club near Petoskey and most recently was instrumental in building the wine collection at The Grapevine restaurant in Novi.

It's his passion for wine, though, that's evident after even a short conversation about his beverage of choice. Hershey looks forward to his seminar at the Extravaganza as a way to widen the cult of devotees.

"It introduces people to me and, if you like my presentation, you may take my wine class," he said. "That benefits the school, it benefits me and it may benefit them in the end. We never know what you learn, but we all learn a little bit from each event."

Hershey will be offering samples of some of the half-dozen wholesalers and vintners expected at the Extravaganza, including Black Star Farms from Michigan's Leelanau Peninsula, J&J Importers and Ann Arbor Beverage. The idea is to give patrons a taste of different varietals and vintages in the

that abound about wine and wine drinkers.

"The problem with people getting involved (with wine) is the amount of pretension in the world," he said. "A Frenchman or an Italian thinks of wine like we think of groceries - you know, pick up a loaf of bread, a salad and a bottle of wine. In this country, there's a standoffish attitude about alcohol. I think from in the prohibition days."

"There's an aura that's been created and people are intimidated. It's hard to get people into (wine) because of this attitude. In a class like mine, we try to show people it's fun and something they can enjoy. It's very enjoyable and approachable. That's the biggest hurdle to getting people into the wine world."

Hershey's seen a lot of trends in his years in the industry, but

the current economic downturn has actually contributed to some positive aspects in his mind.

"The economy is such that you don't have a lot of enthusiasm for getting into wine like it once was," he said. "People are very cautious and becoming better wine buyers. We're putting pressure on wine makers to produce better wines. It doesn't matter if it's cheap - if it's no good, you won't buy a second bottle. If it's garbage, it's garbage."

"A lot of retailers don't necessarily know their market. If you've got a stack of \$4.99 bottles of wine, you're going to end up marrying them," he added with a laugh.

The sale of \$25-\$30 bottles of wine haven't changed that much. The people who spend \$40 on a bottle of wine with dinner haven't been affected

by this economy. They never moved like a forest fire, but they haven't been hurt."

Hershey still attends several dozen trade tastings a year and estimates he tries up to 5,000 different wines each year. He doesn't have a favorite ("My favorite wine is the one someone else pays for"), but he will offer this allegory.

"If I was stranded on an island and a voice from above said you can have only wine one for the rest of time, but you can have as much as you want for the rest of your life, for me it would be a red Burgundy from France," he said.

It might not be the same for everyone, but Hershey would like to help his students find out for themselves - one glass at a time.

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Mix Lounge
Location: 43155 Main Street, Novi
Contact: (248) 347-6499 or mix-novi.com
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LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library
Location: 45255 W. Ten Mile Road
Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m.
Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the Library. Contact: (248) 349-0720
Website: www.novilibrary.org
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Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details.
Your Money Bus is coming to the Novi Public Library!
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23
Details: It's never too late to secure your financial future. Drop by the Money Bus anytime between 10-5 in the library parking lot to get free professional advice - no strings attached!
Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting
Time/Date: 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24
Details: Join the TAB as we create and plan programs for teens at the library. Meeting attendance will count as volunteer time.
Genealogy for Beginners
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25
Details: Genealogy for Beginners is being presented by the Northville Genealogical Society. It can be a day long experience, or you can come just in the morning.



Dispose
Residents of Farmington, Farmington Hills, Lyon Township, Novi, Southfield, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom have two opportunities to dispose of household hazardous waste this fall: Oct. 2 at 20000 W. Eight Mile Road in Southfield and Oct. 9 at Novi City Hall (45175 W. 10 Mile Road). Both are 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Accepted items include: oil-based paint, automotive fluids, aerosols, corrosive cleaners, pool chemicals, photo chemicals, computers, televisions, batteries, mercury, CFLs, pesticides, expired medications and more. Items not accepted include: latex paint, business waste, unknowns over 5 gallons, flares, and ammunition. Paper shredding will be available onsite. There is a 3-box or 100-pound limit per household, please. For more information please visit www.RRRASOC.org or call (248) 208-2270.

Bring a bag lunch, and use this time to have your individual questions answered. After lunch, you can receive help on databases in our new computer lab. Registration required.
Celebrate Banned Books Week
Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26 through Saturday, Oct. 2
Details: Banned book week celebrates our freedom to read all types of material. Youth, teens, and adults can read a banned book, fill out our banned ticket, and return it to the information desk for a banned goodie.
Tech Time
Time/Date: 11:15 a.m. Monday, Sept. 27; 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5
Details: Presenter Irv Rabideu returns for the third of four sessions on genealogy research. Registration required.
Monday Evening Book Discussion Group
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4
Details: Join your Novi neighbors in a great discussion of *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Diaz.
English Conversation Group
Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5
Details: Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills. No need to register.
Walled Lake City Library
Location: 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake
Phone: (248) 624-3772
"Where Does the Road Go? Early Roads of Oakland County"
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23
Details: presentation by local historian Glenn Ruggles. Admission is free.
German - Level I
Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23-Nov. 15
Location: Novi Middle School
Details: A continuation of German I for students who have completed at least one introductory course in German. Fee is \$84 (information about book purchase will be given at first class).
Japanese I
Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21-Nov. 23 (omit Oct. 26, Nov. 2)
Location: Novi Middle School
Details: A great introductory class for those who want to learn about the Japanese language and culture. Perfect for those who want to learn for either business or pleasure. Fee is \$84 (information about book purchase will be given at first class).
Spanish I

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21-Nov. 23 (omit Oct. 26, Nov. 2)
Location: Novi Middle School
Details: This class will focus on helping students learn how to pronounce words, exchange greetings and names, ask questions, thus practicing vocabulary and sentence structure. Cultural information will also be part of the curriculum. No prior knowledge of the language is necessary. Fee is \$79 (information about book purchase will be given at first class).
Dutch I
Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21-Nov. 23 (omit Oct. 26, Nov. 2)
Location: Novi Middle School
Details: The perfect introduction to the Dutch language and culture! A great class for travelers or for business. Fee is \$84 (information about book purchase will be given at first class).
French I
Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21-Nov. 23 (omit Oct. 26, Nov. 2)
Location: Novi Middle School
Details: Bonjour! Join us for an introductory lesson in the French language and culture. Ideal for travel or business! Fee is \$84 (information about book purchase will be given at first class).

SENIORS

Novi Senior Center
Location: 25075 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 347-0414
Blood Pressure Checks
Time/Date: 11-11:45 a.m. Wednesdays
Details: Every Wednesday blood pressure checks are offered. Check yourself regularly and stay healthy. Your blood pressure record will be on file at the Senior Center so you can track your health. No charge.
Panera Bread
Time/Date: 8:15-9:30 a.m. Tuesdays
Details: With thanks to Panera for a great partnership, every Tuesday is Panera Bread Day. Enjoy bagels, rolls, bread, sweets, coffee and conversation. No charge.

EDUCATION

Novi Community Education
Contact: (248) 449-1206
Web: www.novicommunityed.org
Elementary Italian
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27-Nov. 15
Location: Novi Middle School
Details: This class will introduce students to the Italian language and culture. Students will learn basic Italian grammar and sentence structure, while acquiring useful vocabulary for travel and conversation. No previous Italian experience required. Please bring a three-ring binder; fee is \$93.
German Intro - Level I
Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23-Nov. 18 (omit Oct. 28)

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 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider:
Case No. 10-040 81546 Novi Rd Stricker Paint
The petitioner is requesting variances to allow installation of a maximum 50 sq. ft. tall pole sign located on the Stricker paint property and an off-premises monument sign of 50 of maximum in addition to existing signs with the exception of those to be removed from the Right of Way to address the reduced visibility for existing non-conforming signage that would result from the additional highway easement for the new railroad bridge on Novi Rd. The property is zoned I-1 and is located west of Novi Rd and south of Grand River.
Case No. 10-047 801 South Lake Dr
The petitioner is requesting variances to construct an open deck extending 12' into the required front yard and an additional 5' into the required exterior side yard from the existing residence at 901 South Lake Dr. The petitioner is also requesting variances to allow construction of a storage shed located within 8' of the existing residence, within 4' of the rear property line and extending into the exterior side yard increasing the total lot coverage to 27%. The property is zoned R-4 and is located east of West Park Dr on the corner of South Lake Dr and Maudlin.
Case No. 10-048 21800 Meadowbrook Rd
The petitioner is requesting a variance to permit the construction of a 1,152 square foot addition at the existing Grace Immanuel Bible Church located at 21900 Meadowbrook Road without installing any additional parking spaces as required by the Zoning Ordinance. The property is zoned R-3 and is located on the east side of Meadowbrook Rd, between Eight Mile Rd and Nine Mile Rd.
Case No. 10-050 1517 Paramount
The petitioner is requesting a variance of 3.5' from the minimum required aggregate side yard dimension to allow construction of an addition to an existing non-conforming residence. The property is zoned R-4 and is located north of Thirteen Mile Rd and east of East Lake Dr.
Case No. 10-051 26850 Taft Rd
The petitioner is requesting a use variance to allow an extension of an expired Temporary Use Permit beyond the timeframes allowed in the Zoning Ordinance for outdoor storage for a concrete crushing operation. Property is zoned I-1 and is north of Grand River and east of Taft Rd.

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Maybury Farm Corn Maze, other activities now open

BY PAM FLEMING STAFF WRITER
One of Northville's family-friendly places, Maybury Farm, is now in the midst of its fall festivities.
The annual Corn Maze opened Sept. 17, and the Welcome Center also features fresh vegetables for sale, including summer squash and spaghetti squash, green pepper, zucchini, jalapeno peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes, eggplant, pumpkins, gourds, popcorn, hot dogs, beverages, honey, hard candy and more. T-shirts are available, plus peacock features, and visitors can enter a drawing to win free farm passes. Visitors can pick their own pumpkin from the pumpkin patch starting Oct. 1.
The farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road between Beck and Napier roads ¼ mile west of the Maybury State Park entrance.
This year's Corn Maze was designed by Floyd Watkins and is in the shape of a tractor that says Maybury Farm. Those who can find all

nine wooden animals hidden in the maze can enter a chance to win one of five \$100 Meijer gift cards for those age 16 and older.
For guests age 9 and under, the farm features a Kiddie Corn Maze.
CORN MAZE THROUGH NOV. 8
The 14-acre Corn Maze includes a wagon ride with Farmer Bob out to the maze and will run through Nov. 8. Weekend hours are 1-10 p.m. on Saturdays and 1-7 p.m. on Sundays. Beginning tomorrow, the farm will be open from 6-10 p.m. on Fridays. Weekday hours are noon to 4 p.m.
A grant from Ford Motor Co. is going toward a small area for young children with a sand box, playhouse, wooden horse and carriage and picnic tables.
"We'll probably have a 'Name the Horse' contest," said Shari Peters, director of the Northville Community Foundation.
Rickie Lynn Rundell and her two sons, Brody, 2, and Drew, 9 months, of Harrison Township, came with her husband's parents, Howard and Jacquie Rundell of Northville, to the farm on

Sept. 15.
"We haven't been out here since our son, Bill, was little," Howard said. "This is a third-generation visit. We bring our grandsons out here to show them that food doesn't come from the grocery stores."
FARM IS 60 ACRES
The 60-acre farm features Polish ducks, goats, sheep, cows, a pig, chickens, geese, rabbits and horses. Other features are bee hives, a bat house, black walnut trees and sugar maple trees.
"It takes 40 gallons of maple sap to make one gallon of maple syrup," said Farmer John.
Parking is free, with admission to the farm at \$7 for children age 3-9 and \$9 for others. Age 2 and under are admitted at no charge. Group tours can be arranged by calling (248) 374-0200. For more information, visit www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org. The price of the tickets is tax deductible.
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Farmer Bob (Zaetta) walks in Maybury Farm's Corn Maze on Sept. 15. The maze and all of the farm's property is now open for visitors.

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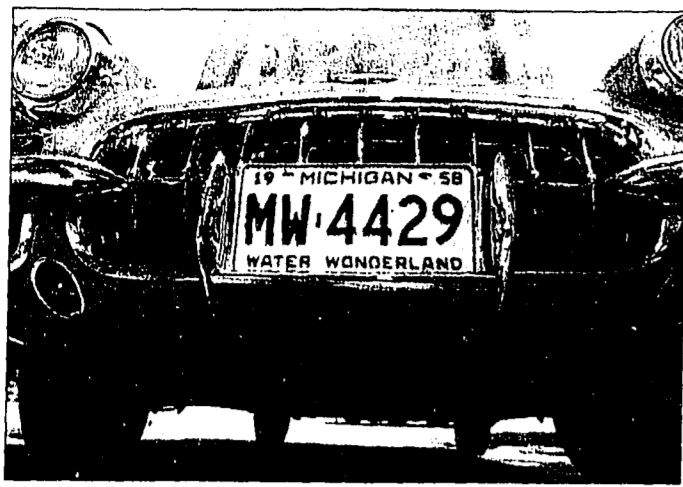
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The front grille of Bob Bennett's 1958 Corvette.

Entries are still needed for Car Tunes Festival

BY PAN FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Bob Bennett of Livonia will be cruising to Northville Oct. 2 in his 1958 red-and-white Corvette for the Car Tunes Fall Festival.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce is bringing this new one-day event to the community from noon to 9:30

p.m., with several activities planned.

Car entries are still needed for the event, with only a \$30 entry fee.

The car show from noon to 5 p.m. will be the main part of the festival. All entries will receive a souvenir dash plaque.

From 1-3 p.m. the Kris K Band will play, and from 5-8 p.m. another band will perform at Town Square. Food will be available throughout the event, along with DJ entertainment.

The movie "Cars" will be shown outdoors from 8-9:30 p.m.

Bennett also has a 1977 black Corvette that he purchased before the 1958 convertible. He said the 1958 run totaled about 9,200 cars.

He and his wife, Marcia, enjoy going to local car shows, and will go to the Corvette Concours at the Les Stanford dealership in Dearborn on Sept. 18.

The Bennetts even had some postage stamps made with their 1958 Corvette featured on it when they were at the Michigan International Speedway.

"It's got plaques all over one of our bedroom walls," Marcia Bennett said. "I have one 5-foot trophy," Bob Bennett said.

He bought the car in 2000 from a fellow car enthusiast in Napoleon, Ohio. "I went back there twice to get it," Bennett said.

The Bennetts think moving the Chamber of Commerce car show from the former Oktoberfest at Community Park to downtown Northville for the new Car Tunes Fall Festival is a good move.

"It will bring business downtown," Bob Bennett said.

For more information about the Chamber of Commerce's Oct. 2 festival, call (248) 349-7640 or go to www.northville.org.

WORKED FOR FORD MOTOR

Bennett worked for Ford Motor Co. for 30 years as a machine operator and later as a high-low driver. Marcia worked in human resources for General Motors.



Livonia resident Bob Bennett with his 1958 Corvette which he'll bring to the Oct. 2 Northville Chamber of Commerce Car Tunes Fall Festival.

IN THE SERVICE

Navy Seaman Joshua D. Bridgeman, 21, of Northville, Mich., recently completed his Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Bridgeman completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is Battle Stations. This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly Navy flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor.

Bridgeman is a 2006 graduate of Greer High School of Greer, S.C.

Novi residents get taste of Hollywood

Couple to appear as extras in 'Real Steel'

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Novi residents Patrick and Anne Logue were only extras filling out the crowd during recent filmings of the movie "Real Steel" in Detroit.

But they sure didn't feel like it. An affectionately referred to as the "VIP couple," the Logues said they were treated like stars by the production staff, fellow extras and everyone involved with the film.

"I gave me an education and appreciation for what goes into making a movie," Patrick said. "Everyone was so polite and did everything to accommodate us."

The couple, who have been married six years, were two of the roughly 1,000 people hired to serve as extras in the movie starring Hugh Jackman, Kevin Durand and Evangeline Lilly. The movie is about Charlie Kenton (Jackman), who is a washed-up fighter who lost his chance at a boxing title when steel robots took over in place of humans.

Kenton is now a small-time promoter who, after hitting rock bottom, teams up with his estranged son to build and train a championship contender.

The Logues served as fans sitting ring side in shoots at Cobo Center and at the Renaissance Center. Ann said she is hopeful she will be seen in the movie as she was sitting next to Lilly for several of the takes.

Patrick also got the chance to meet Jackman, saying he was "very approachable" and "just like any other person."

While taking in the Hollywood experience, the Logues also noticed how many of their fellow extras were relying on the movie for money and how happy they were to have jobs.

"I think it is great for those who are unemployed because this is how they make a living,"

Anne said. "I'm concerned if the film industry leaves Michigan they would have nothing."

And those people are the ones who helped make Patrick's first movie experience a good one.

"The best part was meeting the cross-section of people," he said. "It was very exciting. I didn't expect it to be, but it was."

"Real Steel" is expected to hit theaters in November 2011, but in the meantime Anne said she wants to get on the set of the new television series "Detroit 1-8-7" as well as other movies filming in the metro Detroit area.

"I just love it," she said.

Novi couple Anne and Patrick Logue talk about their experiences being extras in the movie "Real Steel" starring Hugh Jackman that was being filmed in Detroit.



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Anne Logue talks about being an extra in the movie "Real Steel" while at her Novi home.

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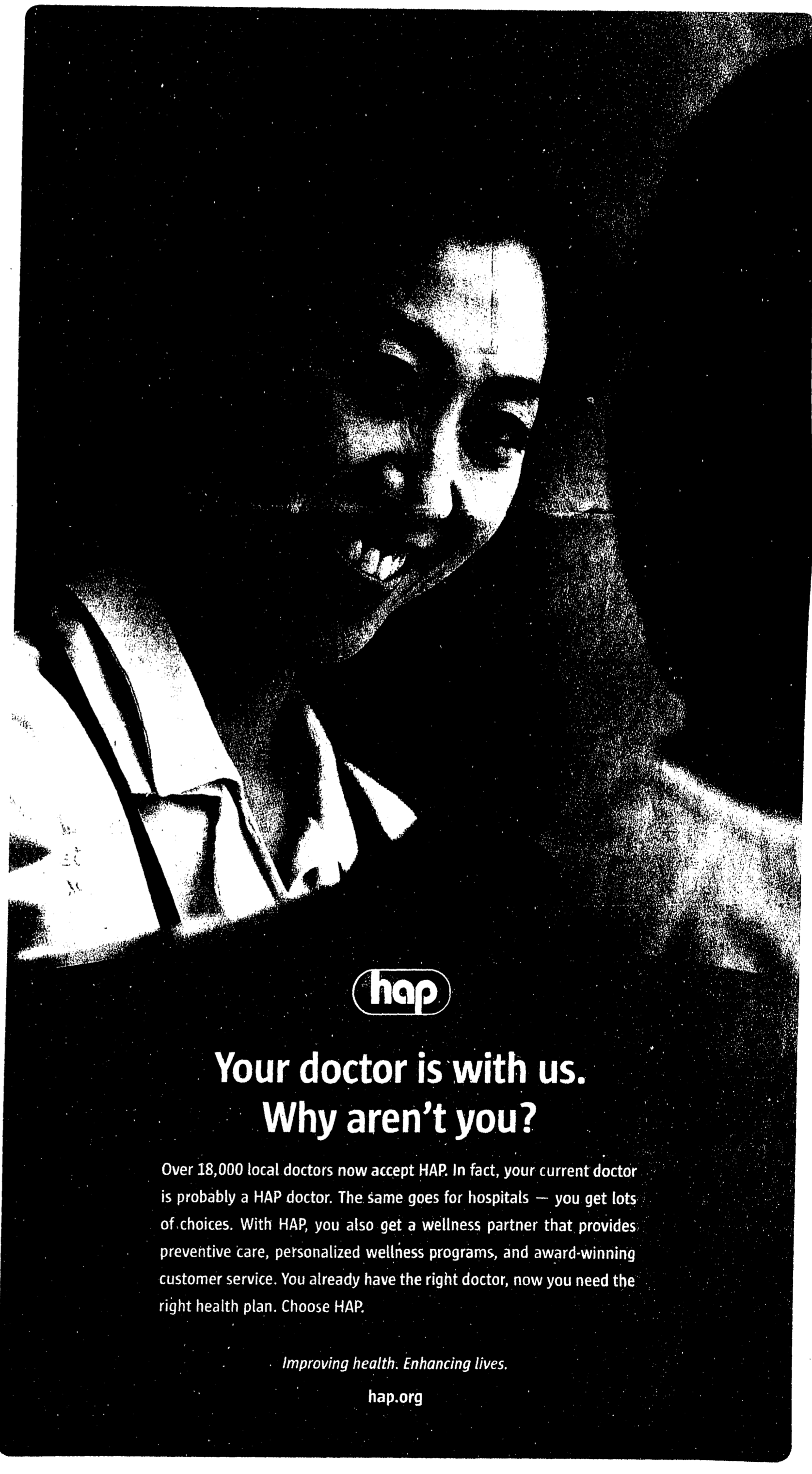
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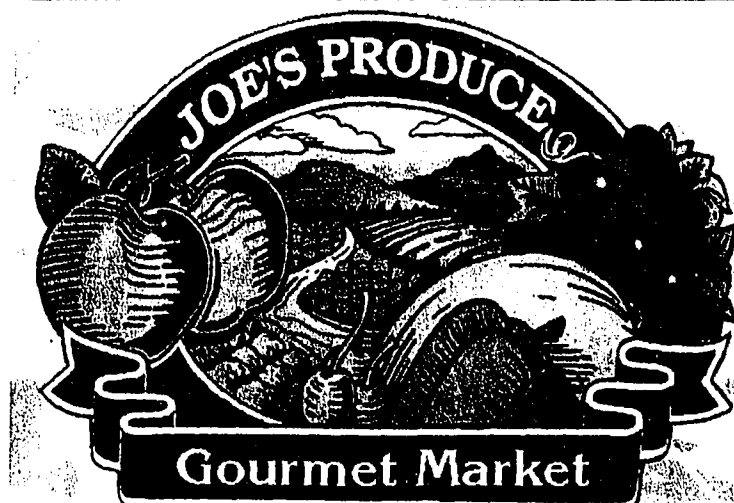


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Field hockey in new division's title hunt

'Cats in race for second-straight championship



PHOTOS BY JOHN HELDERS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
 Samantha Lindberg, right, gets a congratulatory high-five from teammate Angelica Minissale after scoring a goal in the Wildcats' Sept. 7 field hockey game against Cranbrook.

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

ON TAP
 The Wildcats (3-4-1, 2-1-1 Division III) continue division play this week with a 7:30 p.m. visit to Grosse Pointe North (0-3-0) tonight before hosting the Washtenaw Whippets (0-4-2) Tuesday.

Novi's field hockey team is putting their foot square in the middle of the Division III title race after a strong set of performances last week.

The Wildcats' week started last Thursday with a come-from-behind win over Dearborn Edsel Ford.

The Thunderbirds (2-3-1, 1-1-1 Div. III) got on the board first by converting a penalty corner opportunity 13 minutes into the game.

Novi senior Tia Faraon passed to wide-open senior Katie Murphy on a penalty corner of their own, as Murphy lifted a shot over the goalkeeper to tie the game 1-1 heading into the break.

Another penalty corner opportunity by Edsel Ford three minutes into the second half gave the Birds a 2-1 lead.

Novi (3-4-1, 2-1-1 Div. III) took control and carried play from there, getting the tying goal with nine minutes left in the game during a scramble in front of the goal where Edsel Ford's goalkeeper was called for illegally covering a loose ball. Murphy converted a

penalty shot by beating the goalkeeper with a hard slap shot to the left corner for her second goal of the day.

Five minutes later, junior Natalie Paul moved in on the right side and sent a hard shot between the netminder's legs to give Novi a 3-2 win.

The Wildcats traveled to division-leader East Grand Rapids (5-3-0, 3-1-0 Div. III) for a doubleheader last Saturday.

Novi came from behind again to claim another 3-2 division victory.

The Pioneers' Alex Kuske scored eight minutes into the match before a defensive standoff by both teams where Novi outshot their opponent 4-2 before Novoski scored.



Novi's Kyjie Okrowski and the ball arrive at the same time at the Cranbrook netminder.

Please see HOCKEY, B5

Catholic Central shuts out Divine Child Falcons, 35-0

Defense as tough as last year's state championship squad

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

ON TAP

"Defense wins games," said Detroit Catholic Central coach Tom Mach. "Each week will be getting harder for us and we have to be ready."

It's something Mach has been repeating for three decades as the head coach at Catholic Central. Defense, defense and more defense. That's what he wants to see.

Thankful for Mach and the Catholic Central fans, his team listens and they not only win games, they win championships. This year, no one knows what the final score in the state championship game will be, but if the Catholic Central Shamrocks make it to the game and they have their say, their opponents won't have much of a score to talk about.

That's how they treated the Divine Child Falcons last week as they stomped on them, 35-0, in a Catholic High School League contest.

The Shamrocks improved to 4-0 overall in front of their fans on Parent's Night. It is their third shutout

game this year.

As usual, the Shamrocks relied on their running game as they pounded out over 300 yards rushing. They started the game off with a 20-yard run by Anthony Darkangelo in the first quarter and followed it up with a screen pass to Justin D'Agostino who rumbled 72 yards for the score.

The defense came up big in the second quarter, blocking a Falcon's punt to give the Shamrocks the ball from in the red zone, where they took advantage of their field position and Darkangelo flew into the end zone from five yards out to put his team up, 21-0.

Catholic Central added



CC's Alex Kozlowski (25) gets around the end for a 28-yard run gain.

another score when quarterback Mike Birney's fleet feet helped him across the goal line on a 15-yard run set up by a big 61-yard play by Andy Erickson moments before Erickson's number got called for the final touchdown of the game as he ran 30 yards to cap the scoring at 35-0.

The defense held the Falcons to less than 45 yards rushing and allowed just 61 yards passing.

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

Wildcats slam Salem, 35-12

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER/STAFF WRITER

For the first half Friday, Salem hung tough against Novi in a KLAACentral football game at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's JV field.

It was just a 7-6 Novi lead at the break, although the Wildcats' points were gift-wrapped.

Instead of Novi attempting a 43-yard field goal with the game scoreless, an encoachment call kept the Wildcats on the march. Senior Brady Shelton then ran it in from 5 yards out.

Salem (0-4, 0-2) came right back to score and make it 7-6. But the second half was something else altogether, much to the dismay of Rocks head coach Kurt Brinell.

The Wildcats outscored his team 28-6 over the final two quarters, giving Novi (2-2, 2-0) a 35-12 win.

"We did OK score-wise (in the first half)," Brinell said. "But we're making the same mistakes we did in Week 1. It's just awful, terrible. Our guys aren't

STATS

TEAM STATS	Novi	Salem
First Downs	14	8
Rushing Yards	335	81
Passing Yards	19	140
Total Offense	354	221
Rush/Pass Ratio	38:12	22:29
Tackles	48	46
Time of Possession	27:39	20:21

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Rushing: Dominic Sabo (117 yards on 15 attempts, two TDs); Brady Shelton (82 yards on five attempts, two TDs)

getting better."

Novi head coach Todd Pennycuff wasn't sure his squad came to play, either. And he let his team know at halftime.

"We told them, 'Hey, you're going to have to punch people in the mouth or be punched,'" Pennycuff said. "Our kids came

Passing: Scotty Kempa (2-for-7 for 11 yards, one interception); Derek Ince (2-for-5 for 8 yards)

Receiving: Mike Jocz (one 8-yard reception); Derek Kim and Alex Wilson (one 4-yard reception each)

Tackles: Derek Cingel (3 solo, 5 assists, 1 sack); Brian Bush (4 solo, 3 assists)

ON TAP

Novi (2-2, 2-0 KLAACentral) defeated Plymouth Salem 35-12 on the road last Friday as the Rocks fell to 0-4 (0-2 Central). The team hosts South Lyon East (1-3, 0-2 Central) at 7 p.m. tomorrow after the 5 p.m. TasteFest event at Novi High School.

out and had a couple breaks and the floodgates opened in our favor and we're fortunate to get out of here with a victory."

"Trailing just by a point, Salem started the second half with possession inside its own 15-yard line, but couldn't move the

Please see FOOTBALL, B4

CATHOLIC CENTRAL ROUNDUP

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

Catholic Central stays the winning course

The Detroit Catholic Central tennis team, currently ranked third in Division I in Michigan, collected a huge win at the CC Quad Invitational last week.

The squad earned 21 points, beating out Forest Hills Central's 14, Troy's 11 and Clarkston's two points. Catholic Central swept the singles flights and won three of the four doubles flights.

"I was really proud of how we competed," said coach Joe Stafford. "There was a lot of intensity in the doubles matches and senior No. 1 singles Joe Dube had a good straight set win against Grant Voltman from Forest Hills Central. Joe has now beaten two of the best

players from the west side of the state this year in Voltman and Mitchell Petersen (East Grand Rapids)."

The victories in the tournament put Dube at 108 wins in his high school career. He has just seven losses over four years.

"He is really focused on ending it with an individual and team state championship," said Stafford. "Joe makes the game look so easy. It has been a real honor to coach him. His sportsmanship on the court is tremendous, but one thing many people do not realize about him is that he is the most coachable player on our team."

"In four years of high school tennis, when I have called him over to the fence he always looks me straight in the eye and really goes out and does what I have asked of him. Never once has he been disrespectful. All of the wins and championships

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Novi junior Victoria Rose (left) and sophomore Kacey Sheldon block a hit from the opposition at the Rockford Invitational.

Novi spikers defeat No. 2 Rams

Upset victory over host leads to invitational title

BY CHRIS JACKETT
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21, 25-23 victory. After defeating the Rams, Novi rolled over their final two opponents from Middleville-Thornapple-Kellogg and Fenton to claim the invitational title.

Subject had eight assists, Robb had six digs and Hoomaia had seven returns against Kellogg (seventh of Grand Rapids), but the work of sophomore Kacey Sheldon (seven kills), junior Anna Lu (13 assists) and junior Victoria Rose (eight digs) is what really helped the Wildcats past the Trojans by a 25-11, 25-11 decision.

Against the Tigers, Novi rolled to a 25-15, 25-12 victory behind seven kills and 11 digs from Robb. Junior Katie Knight added five kills, while Subject had 18 assists and Hoomaia had 16 digs.

Throughout the five matches, Subject (79 assists, eight aces), Robb (36 returns, 33 digs, 27 kills, seven aces), Hoomaia (48 kills, 39 returns) and Green (32 digs, 15 returns, 12 kills) were all vital to the Wildcats' success.

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NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Girls Golf

Novi's lady golfers continued their impressive pace with two KLA A Central Division wins last week.

The Cats defeated Plymouth Salem 184-218 on the road at Fox Hills Sept. 14 as freshman Lauren Cojeli led the way with a 43. Senior Megan Henry followed with a 47, while seniors Brooke Collins and Kaitlin Hogan each shot a 49.

The girls followed the performance with a 180-215 home stand Sept. 15 against Livonia Stevenson at Cattails. Henry led the way with a 42, followed by junior Kathleen Koomen (43), Collins (46) and Cojeli and senior Victoria Tomkinson, who both shot a 49.

The junior varsity squad also pulled out a 203-344 win over Stevenson, as Hogan led the way with a 47, followed by junior Carly Healy's 52 and freshman Kristen Schubbings 52.

Both varsity and junior varsity are 6-0 in the league as they prepared to host South Lyon (4-2) Tuesday and South Lyon East (2-4) today. The Oakland County meet was also scheduled to take place yesterday before the team competes 9 a.m. Saturday at the Bedford Invitational and Tuesday at Northville (9-1) 9 p.m. at Tanglewood before hosting Plymouth South (0-6) 3 p.m. at Cattails.

Cost to participate in the clinic is \$50 per cheerleader and \$40 shirts are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Other items will be available for \$5-15.

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Varsity

The Wildcats were scheduled to visit South Lyon East Tuesday before competing in Saturday's Walled Lake Western Invitational 9 a.m. Saturday at Gilbert Willis Park and then hosting Northville 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Cass Benton in Northville.

Varsity sideline cheer coach Ashley Karinen and the Wildcats are hosting another set of cheerleading clinics for girls ages 5-12. The clinic takes place 5-7 p.m. Oct. 13-14 at Orchard Hills Elementary's gym, 49500 Quince Street. It will culminate in a first-quarter performance at the varsity football game 7 p.m. Oct. 15 at Novi High School during the Wildcats' KLA A Kensington Conference crossover game.

Due to slippery conditions, Novi had a fumble and Salem took control. Lowery made an outstanding sack during the conversion to regain the momentum for the Cats. This play was followed by another sack by Figurski and the third quarter ended without additional scoring.

Novi started the last quarter strong with tackles by Roy, Ben Wright, Klosterman, Ryan and Holder. Derek Schlach blocked a punt attempt by Salem, leaving Novi in great field position. Taha brought the ball into the end zone with great defensive help from the team and then carried the ball in again for the two-point conversion, making the score 21-9.

Roy had another great sack and Scott McClure had a couple of great short runs with a handoff from Klosterman at quarterback. Jonathan Nofar made the last tackle of the game as there was a flag on the play followed by an incomplete pass as Novi's freshman squad got their first win of the season, 21-9.

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to keep Salem quiet, as they scored their first touchdown on a punt return, but missed the extra point, cutting the lead to 7-6.

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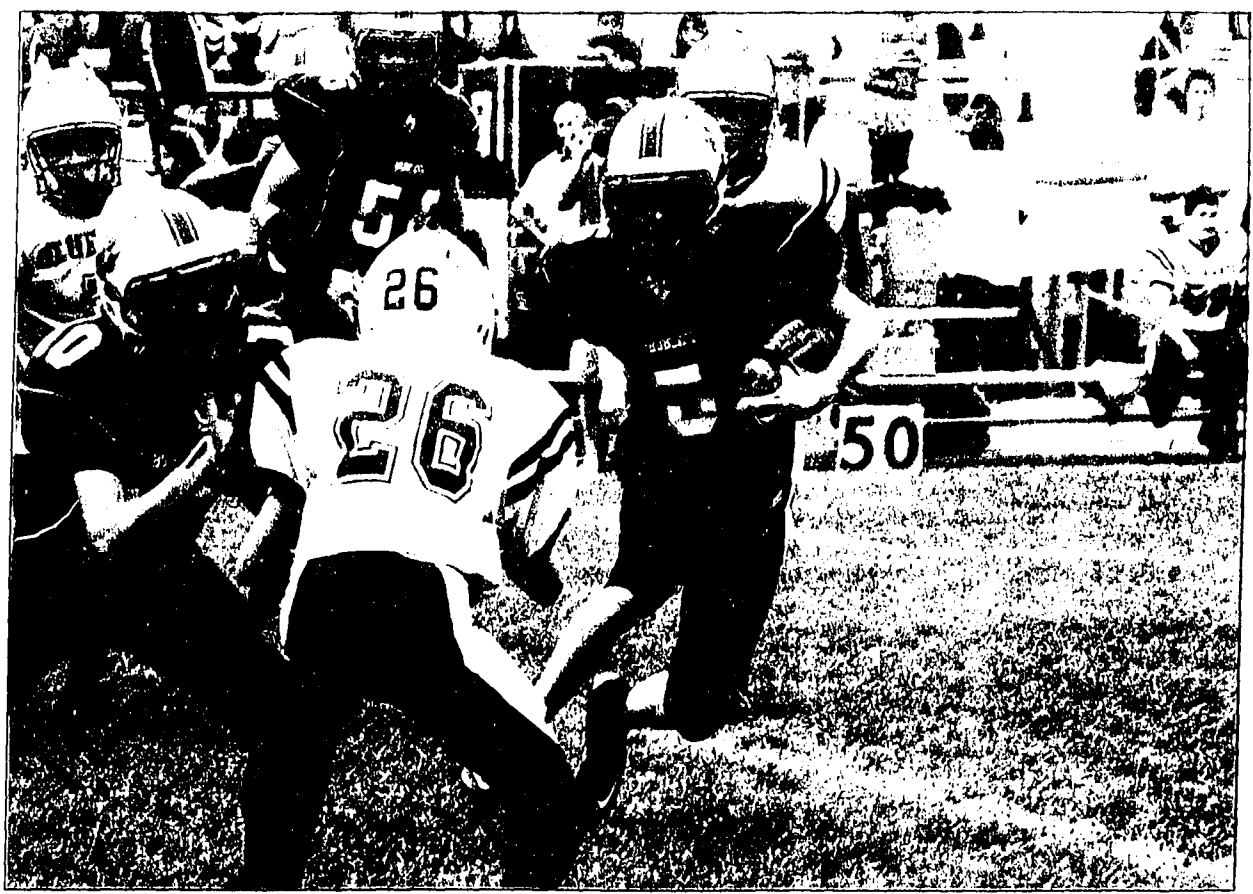
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Novi's Ryan Moore (5) reads the block of Michael Ninkovich (10) in the varsity Bobcats matchup Saturday against the Livonia Blue Jays.

Varsity defeats Blue Jays, 13-6

The varsity Bobcats improved their record to 3-0, defeating the Livonia Blue Jays 13-6 by scoring two fourth quarter touchdowns in a very physical contest.

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strong play on defense all game long were Brendan Smith, Ryan Conlon and R. J. Moran.

The victory leaves the junior varsity Bobcats at 3-0 heading into a big divisional showdown with the rival Walled Lake Braves next weekend.

By Eric Smith

Freshmen fall to Livonia, 20-18

Despite a strong effort by the freshmen Bobcats, the team came up short in Saturday's loss to the Livonia Blue Jays.

The Go team started the game on defense with great tackles being made by Adam Burgol, Jonah Matas and Anthony Mascari. The Bobcats were presented with their first challenge of the game with 11:07 to go in the first quarter when the Blue Jays scored their first touchdown. The extra point was no good, making the score 6-0 Blue Jays. The Bobcats, however, responded quickly by running a reverse play resulting in Andrew O'Connor scoring the first touchdown. The Bobcats extra point attempt was no good, keeping the score tied at 6-6. With 8:10 left in the second quarter, the Blue Jays scored their second touchdown. Their extra point was good after the touchdown, making the score 13-6 Blue Jays going into the half.

With 7:52 left in the third quarter, Evan Badd sustained a long drive setting up his brother, Eric, for the Bobcat touchdown. The Bobcats missed the extra point making the score 13-12 Blue Jays. Despite strong defensive efforts by the Bobcats the Blue Jays offense could not be contained. At 4:00 remaining in the third quarter, they made their third touchdown as well the extra point, putting the score at 20-12 Blue Jays. Despite pressure from the Blue Jays the Bobcats defense would not concede. With 8:30 left in the fourth quarter, Austin Turner stripped the ball from the Blue Jays and ran it all the way back for a touchdown. The Bobcats were unsuccessful in making the extra point resulting in Saturday's final score 20-18 Blue Jays.

Despite their loss both offense and defense played aggressively, with Trendon Hankerson, Blake Turner and Parker Bohland making some good plays. Also contributing with great effort in the game were Luka Saicic, Alexander Chuma and Dominic Delibero.

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have been nice, but when I look back at his high school career, I will remember the class, character, and integrity that he demonstrated at Catholic Central during his four years.

Earning flight victories were Dube' at No. 1 singles, Michael Dube' at No. 2 singles, Eric Guindi at No. 3 singles, Michael Trupiano at No. 4 singles, Willy Wilson and Kevin Hodges at No. 1 doubles, Brandon Koskinski and Derek Mumaw at No. 3 doubles and Zach Wisniewski and Matt Hermiz at No. 4 doubles.

Catholic Central is now 4-0 overall, 3-0 in the Catholic High School League and has won all four of their invitational this year.

Shamrocks win Holly Invitational

For just the sixth time since the team started running in the Holly Invitational in the early 1970s, the Shamrocks walked away with a first-place finish.

"Despite the rain delay and wet grounds, we ran a pretty good race as a team," said coach Tony Magni. "We packed well for our first four men, but we have to get our fifth man closer to our fourth man."

Catholic Central won the event in 1984, 1985, 1987, 1988 and 2000 before winning this season. The Shamrocks collected 53 points to win the event while St. Francis DeLassies of Ohio took second with 81, followed by Grand Blanc's 87, Lake Orion's 130 and Plymouth's 150 for fifth. Overall there were 17 teams in the event.

Against DeLaSalle, the Shamrocks found themselves on the road and in unfriendly territory and couldn't come back from the 1-0 difference.

"It was a good, hard-fought game," said Nora. "Both teams had some chances on goal. They finished and we didn't."

Against U of D, the Shamrocks were pressured from the beginning of the game to the end, giving up two nice goals in the second half to lose the game.

"Yeah, it's a loss and no one was happy," said Nora. "But we learned some good lessons today that will help us later in the season and in the playoffs."

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Pack mentality pushes 'Cats to success

Novi boys runners improving as a group

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

The Wildcats have a pack mentality when it comes to boys cross country dual meets.

Running as a group helps the young student-athletes pace one another and push opponents to the back of the group, improving the team's score. This plan worked well Sept. 14 as Novi claimed its first dual meet victory with a 20-41 win against South Lyon at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

Five Wildcats took second through sixth place at the meet with only five seconds of separation. Three other Wildcats finished 10th through 12th with just three seconds of separation.

"Blake Yard (from South Lyon) was the individual medalist for the meet, but the Novi squad just let him go. The strategy was for the Wildcats to run in a pack up in front of the Lions' number two man," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "The plan worked to perfection as the pack of five easily cruised in with a five-second pack time."

The Wildcats led Yard run out front, finishing first in 17 minutes and nine seconds. But 40 seconds later, six Novi runners began to cross the finish line ahead of the Lions' next student-athlete.

Junior Eric Gardner (17:49), junior Ryan Tgiros (17:50), senior Steve Pravato (17:53), senior Brett Giampa (17:53), senior Joe Schubring (17:54)

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After visiting South Lyon East last Tuesday, the Wildcats have two invitational races in the next two days. Novi runners will race tomorrow at the Anchor Bay Invite and 9 a.m. Saturday in the Walley Lake Western Invitational at Gilbert Willis Park. The 'Cats are back in dual meet action 4 p.m. Tuesday as they host rival Northville at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

and junior Dan Lee (18:51) took second through seventh place as all five ran personal season bests. The places for Novi's top five were added together to create the team score. The Lions' top five finished first, eighth, ninth, 14th and 15th.

Tgiros' time was a career best and Gardner, Pravato and Lee had course bests for the Wildcats' home grounds. Senior Garrett Murphy (18:38), junior Michael Benkarski (18:39), junior Travis Trainor (18:41) and sophomore Ben Jenkins (18:53) finished 10th through 13th overall, contributing to pushing South Lyon's high score back, as all four Wildcats had season bests and Benkarski ran a career best. Jenkins ran a course best time.

Novi rode the momentum of their season-opening dual meet victory into the Spartan Invitational at Forest Akins Golf Course in East Lansing.



COURTESY OF ROBERT SMITH

Novi's boys cross country team finished second of 32 teams at the Spartan Invite last Friday in East Lansing. The team consisted of (back, left to right) coach Robert Smith, Steve Pravato, Joe Schubring, Garrett Murphy, (front, left to right) Ryan Tgiros, Brett Giampa, Eric Gardner and Dan Lee.

The 'Cats were unable to defend their title, but finished second of 32 teams with 175 points, six ahead of third-place Northville. Caledonia won with 136 points.

"For the fifth straight year, the Novi men's cross country team has placed either first or second at the prestigious Spartan Invitational," Smith said. "Thirty-two teams from across the state came to race in what has become one of the premier invitationals of the season."

Schubring led the Wildcats, finishing fourth overall in 16:30. Giampa followed with a

seventh-place finish in 16:36. Pravato was 48th in 17:27, Tgiros 55th in 17:30, Lee 61st in 17:36, Gardner 69th in 17:40 and Murphy 99th in 18:01. Giampa, Pravato, Tgiros and Lee all had career bests, and Murphy's time was a season best.

"It is very important that teams run their best while racing in invitationals. A 10-second differential in time proved to be about 20 places in some instances. The Novi thinclads all brought their

A game to the competition," Smith said. "Both Joe and Brett were awarded medals in a nice ceremony after the race. Besides the obvious front-runners doing their part, the key to the success of the team was the right pack

time for runners three to six." The 17:07 five-man average time for the Wildcats' top five was just 13 seconds slower than last year, while there was a 1:06 spread between Schubring and Lee.

The performances last week pushed the Wildcats' composite record to 4-2-3 this season. "Graduated Novi athletes Alex Prasad and Scott Wagner (both University of Michigan students) raced in the collegiate division, adding a bit of nostalgia to the day," Smith said.

Prasad finished 109th in 26:59 and Wagner was 218th in 29:22 among a 288-runner field. Michigan State University's Aaron Simmoneau won the men's collegiate division in 24:28.

FOOTBALL

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Senior Ethan Walsh — who did have a 60-yard punt during the game — dropped back to kick, but Novi's pesky Derek Cingel got in front of the ball and it bounced into the end zone.

Both Brady Sheldon and Alex King were there for Novi, and King finally fell on it for the six points.

"I rolled over it and missed it," Sheldon said. "But my friend (King) was there. My teammate, my best friend got it."

Pennyuff said the play pumped up the team. "There's no question about it, that was a game-changer," Pennyuff said. "That changed the whole momentum, got the sideline going and got our kids thinking. They were going to be all right."

Salem responded, for the time being, with the big play by Morton and up-the-middle surge by Houston finishing the drive.

FINISHING UP

But the Rocks' bid to tie the game with a two-point conversion didn't hit paydirt and the Wildcats took over.

Novi senior tailback Dominic Sabo (15 carries, 118 yards) made it a 21-12 game with a 6-yard carry through the line. A tackle-breaking 36-yard run by senior Zach Mohr set up that TD.

When Novi did have some adversity, fumbling the ball to Salem's Brian Aquier in the stages of the third, the Rocks could not cash in.

The Wildcats then finished off the job with touchdown runs of 58 and 63 yards by Sabo and Sheldon during the final eight minutes of the game.

Of no help to Britnell was Novi winning the battle of the trenches. The Wildcats out-gained Salem 354-221, with the Rocks managing just 81 yards rushing (all by Houston).

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HOCKEY

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In the first half, Nine minutes into the second half, the Pioneers' Hanna Schneider put her team ahead 2-0 with a goal, but the Wildcats came back with three goals in a five-minute span during the final 10 minutes of the game.

Junior Emma Walter started the scoring surge by redirecting a pass from Paul into the net.

Two minutes later, freshman Megan Paul took a pass from senior Angelica Minisale and beat life goal-keeper on the right side.

Natalie Paul set up Walter again a few minutes later for the game-winning goal in the 3-2 victory.

The Wildcats couldn't keep the offensive pace up in game two of the double-header, as the Pioneers' Alexa Smeby scored seven minutes into the game. East's Alex Kuske put another one in for a 2-0 half-time lead.

The 'Cats stepped their game up a notch in the second half, as junior Sam Lindberg took a pass from Faraon and scored at the 15-minute mark.

Novi rode the momentum from the goal and pressured the Pioneers, and looked as though they were on the verge of mounting another comeback when East cleared the ball quickly and moved it up the field to Erica Rankin on a breakout. Rankin scored to seal the 3-1 victory for the Pioneers.

JUNIOR VARSITY

The JV Wildcats beat East Grand Rapids' squad 1-0. Jessica Ansara scored the lone goal and goalkeeper Lora Teran earned the shut-out. The team now leads the JV Division III with a 5-1 record.

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



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Tia Faraon.



Novi's Andrea MacDonough.

'Cats claim division tennis title

Novi defeats two top teams in the state at dual meets

BY CHRIS JACKETT
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Novi's boys tennis team clinched the KLAAs Central Division title last week with a dominant 9-0 victory Sept. 14 against over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

The Spartans (1-4, 1-3 Central) were no match for the Wildcats 6-0 (5-0 Central), who are ranked sixth in Division I.

The strength of Novi's doubles was evident again, as the five pairs combined for a 60-2 game advantage over the Spartans.

"Doubles looked very strong. We rolled pretty easily through them," Novi coach Jim Hanson said.

Sophomore Jason Carless and senior Greg Richard earned a 6-0, 6-1 victory at one doubles, while juniors Stephen Kovacinski and Brandon Sanders posted the exact same score at four doubles.

The two doubles tandem of junior Bill Bell and senior Alex Brizard, along with three doubles seniors Nathan Farooq and Chaitanya Kanitkar and five doubles sophomores Nishant Kaker and Jon Thompson, all came away with 6-0, 6-0 victories in their respective flights.

The Wildcats got more resistance from Stevenson's singles players, but still came away with four victories. "Saline is a quality program," Hanson said.

Sophomore Pavan Rao led the way with a 6-1, 6-1 win over senior Kevin Francisco at one singles.

"I was pleased with how Pavan played," Hanson said. Freshman Andrew Ying followed suite with a 6-0, 6-0 win over senior Josh Rochette at two singles.

Junior Andrew Cho continued his adjustment to playing as a singles player, defeating Stevenson senior Vina

Sabatini 6-1, 6-3 at three singles.

"He had a little slow start, but he's starting to play much, much better," Hanson said.

Freshman Michael Chang provided the toughest match of the day with a 6-4, 6-3 win over sophomore Marcus McCarthey at four singles.

"Michael Chang pulled out a close match. Those young kids are getting more experience each time out," Hanson said. "You don't practice a lot this time of year."

The Wildcats had two more matches last week, but one was an exhibition scrimmage last Wednesday at Ann Arbor Greenhills and the other was rained out last Thursday at Saline.

Had the scrimmage been an official match against the Div. IV No. 1 Gryphons, Novi would have won 5-3 behind four straight doubles victories and a three singles win from Cho.

"It was a good practice match," Hanson said. "If you cut down on your unforced errors, you have a very good chance of winning."

Novi played the rain-out match at No. 7 Saline Monday, battling to a 5-4 victory. Saline swept the four flights in singles, but the Wildcats swept the five flights in doubles.

"Saline is a quality program," Hanson said. Rao dropped a 6-1, 6-1 decision at one singles; Ying dropped a 6-0, 6-0 match at two singles; Cho dropped a 6-1, 6-2 contest at three singles; and Chang dropped a 6-1, 6-1 decision at four singles.

In tandem action, Carless and Richard won 6-1, 6-2 at one doubles; Farooq and Kanitkar won 6-3, 6-4 at three doubles; Kovacinski and Sanders won 6-2, 6-2 at

ON TAP

The Wildcats' (5-0 KLAAs Central) will put their No. 6 ranking in Division I to the test this week. Novi was scheduled to compete against the three other KLAAs division champions and then three of the best teams in the state.

After hosting Canton (4-0 South) last Tuesday, the 'Cats visit Walley Lake Central (4-0 North) today at 4 p.m.

"They all won their divisions, so you can't overlook anybody," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. The final association contest is against No. 10 Grand Blanc (4-0 West) Tuesday, but not before the Wildcats host No. 2 Ann Arbor Huron, No. 4 Birmingham Brother Rice and No. 5 Troy 8 a.m. Saturday for the Novi Invitational.

"That is going to be extremely tough. Basically, four of the top six teams in the state are going to meet head to head," Hanson said.

Novi will visit Div. III No. 2 Detroit Country Day 4 p.m. next Thursday before the KLAAs Kensington Conference tournament Oct. 2 and association crossover Oct. 5, which could serve as a rematch with Grand Blanc for the KLAAs title.

"They have a quality program and were a good addition to the KLAAs," Hanson said. "The 'Cats will wrap up their season hosting the Region 4 meet Oct. 8 and, if they advance, competing at the Division I state tournament in Midland Oct. 15-16."

four doubles; and Kakar and Thompson won 6-0, 6-1 at five doubles.

The real deciding contest for both squads came at two doubles, where Bell and Brizard won 7-5, 5-7, 6-4 to sway the meet in Novi's favor.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Workshop focuses on time management

Gerald W. Bricker, managing principal and founder of business consultancy Advise Consulting, LLC (Northville, Mich.), will conduct a six-week workshop on how to become more productive through effective time management strategies. The first session will be held 8-10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28 at the Charlevoix Room of the Sheraton Novi, 1111 Haggerty Road, Novi. The next five sessions will be held on Tuesdays as follows: Oct. 5, Oct. 12, Oct. 19, Oct. 26, and Nov. 9, at the same location, starting at the same time.

"This workshop will help individuals develop time-conscious techniques and attitudes to help accelerate accomplishment of their goals," said Bricker. "By overcoming procrastination and effectively investing time wisely, we can all improve personal productivity by at least 15-20 percent with reduced stress and a greater sense of accomplishment."

Bricker is a 30-year professional in general and sales management, having served most recently as vice president and general sales manager of a major global automotive electronics firm.

Cost for the six-week workshop is \$375 per person; \$295 for members of Local Business Network, Michigan Business & Professional Association, INSB, the Society of Automotive Engineers and the Novi Chamber of Commerce. Course materials and breakfast are included. To register, go to www.aadvisconsultingllc.com/Seminars, or call 248-974-1537.

WordCamp Detroit Conference offers web software boot camp for entrepreneurs and enthusiasts

A new entrepreneurial workshop takes place on Oct. 9-10 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. The conference, called WordCamp Detroit, will help small business owners, bloggers, and Internet enthusiasts get the most out of WordPress software.

As the Internet replaces and enhances traditional print and telephone media, it also provides a platform to voice ideas and a way to bring together people with common interests. WordCamp Detroit will share tips for applying this powerful media tool to grow a business or promote one's passion on the Internet.

WordPress is a user-friendly, free platform for managing a website's content. Attendees will learn how to employ WordPress tools and technology to their own circumstances and easily translate these new skills to grow their Internet presence. The seminar curriculum covers a wide range of topics, addressing both those who currently have little or no internet experience as well as those seeking to improve their existing skills.

"Small businesses should be able to maintain their own website without having to call their webmaster for every little change. I like WordPress because it provides a professional, stable platform that is easy for people to update," says WordCamp Detroit co-founder, Todd List. List, owner of Clarkston-based Maxim650 is among five entrepreneurs and Internet developers organizing the conference.

Featuring both local experts and talent from around the country, sessions include all key aspects to creating a website or blog in WordPress. It starts with an introductory application, moves into choosing themes for websites and blogs, finding affordable plugins to extend your site's functionality, search engine optimization, social media and more. The conference has two tracks or parallel sessions, one for users and the other for developers.

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Nominations for the awards can be submitted online through the MSED website at www.msedet.org. Nominations must be received by Oct. 20.

According to Dave Harries, chairman for the 2010 MSED Platinum Awards and president, Spartan Marketing Services, the Platinum Awards celebrate the area's marketing and sales professionals with recognition and publicity from their peers in the industry.

"In these very challenging economic times, this is a platinum opportunity for individuals and teams from Southeast Michigan-based businesses to showcase how their sales and/or marketing initiatives made a meaningful difference to their companies' bottom line," Harries said.

Nominees will be evaluated by MSED judges based on their achievements in increasing or maintaining sales, using creative problem solving methods, reaching or exceeding company goals, impacting a business or industry and involvement in community activities (individual award only) between Jan. 2009 and July 1, 2010.

A group of finalists will be selected from the nominees and interviewed by the MSED nominating committee. All finalists will be announced in early November with the winning individual and team being identified at MSED's November dinner meeting.

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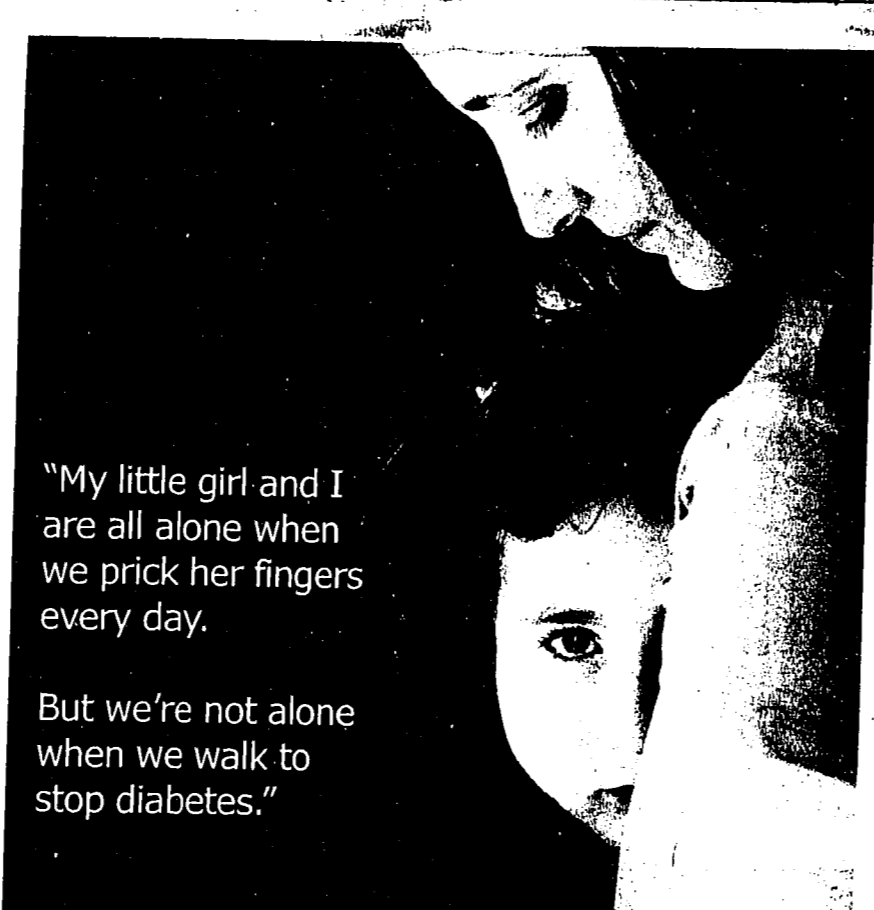
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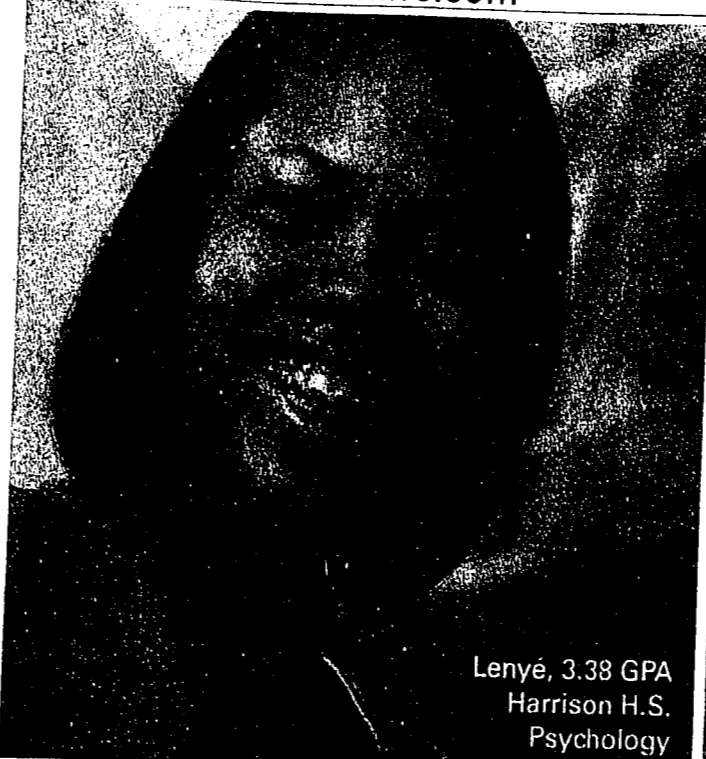
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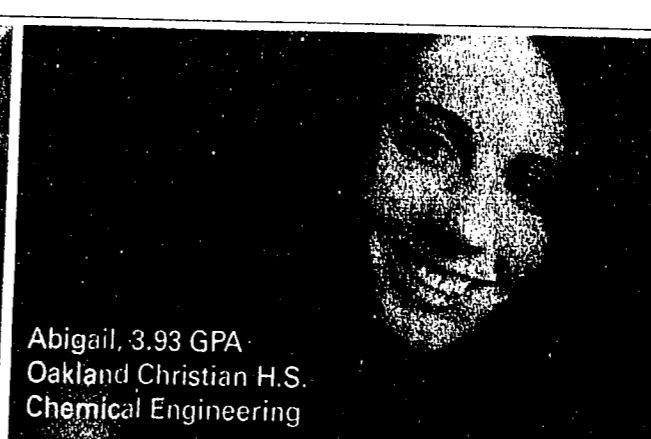
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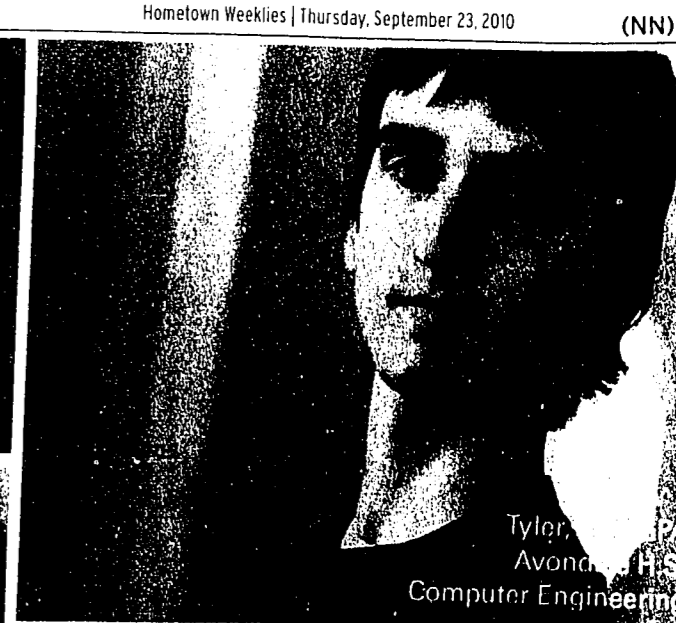
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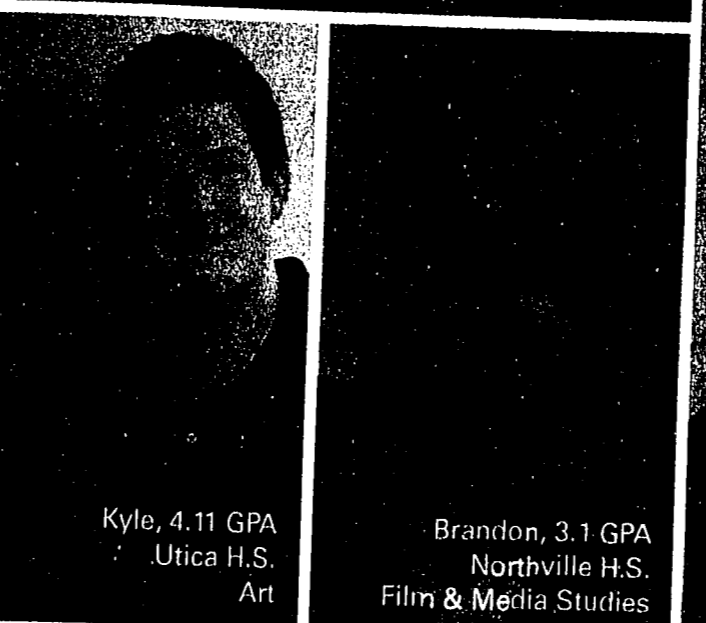
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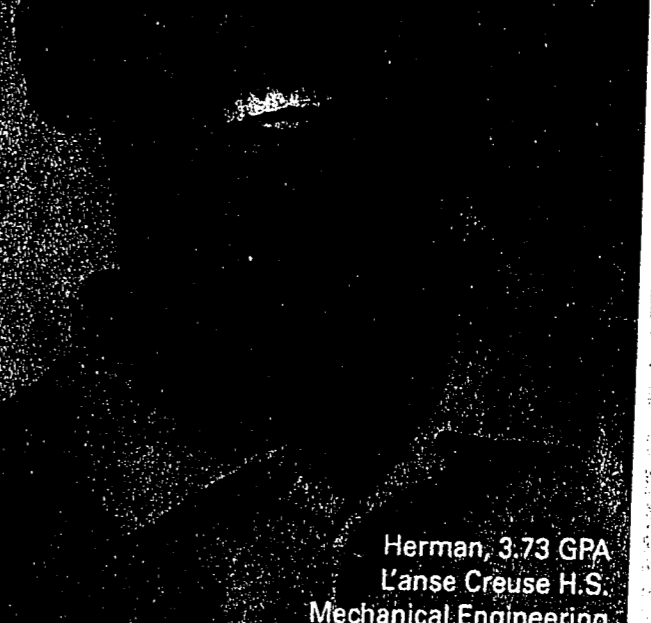
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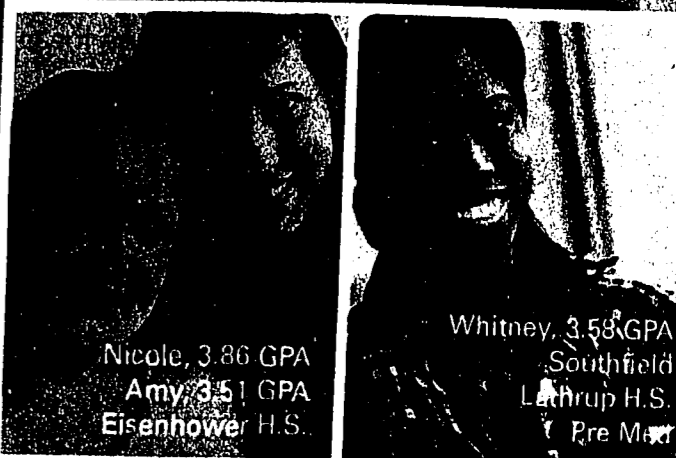
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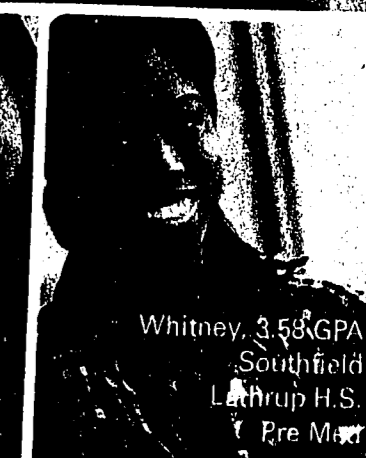
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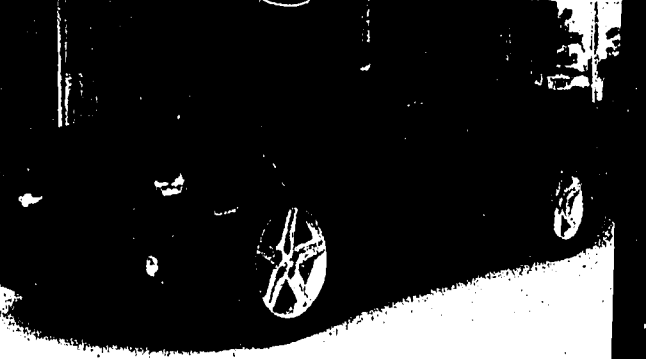
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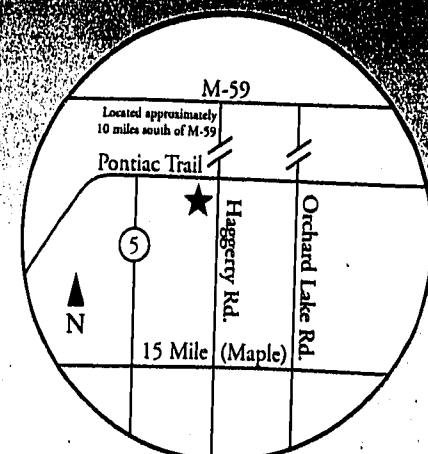
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