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### A Desert Journey: Death Valley and Joshua Tree

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is proud to feature photography from Novi resident and artist Kim Kozlowski at the Novi Civic Center through Oct. 31. Kozlowski's exhibit, A Desert Journey: Death Valley and Joshua Tree, showcases 24 stunning photographs from her journey to Death Valley.

The Civic Center Atrium Gallery provides local artists the opportunity to display their work and share it with the public. Upcoming exhibits include Aussume Study Group, Nov. 6-28 and Donn Angel Perez, Dec. 10-Jan. 2. The Novi Civic Center is located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road and generally open 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9-5 Friday; and 10-5 Saturday. For more information, please contact the Novi Parks Department at (248) 347-0400 or visit [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org).

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Paraeducator Roseanne Jasmer gets some help from Clarenceville student Randal Wooten, 14, as they fill balloons for an evening event at the Novi Civic Center on Oct. 12.

## Giving students a chance

### Novi partners with Livonia school to help kids with cognitive impairments

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
 STAFF WRITER

Cathy Lowery has always faced challenges when trying to find places for her students to work.

Having taught children with cognitive impairments for several years, the educator knows they have the ability to be good employees.

However, many of the people she meets see their disabilities and are hesitant to give them a chance.

That is until she met with officials from the city of Novi.

"Doors are closed a lot of times for those with cognitive disabilities," she said. "And the Novi City Council approved this without hesitation. We are so grateful."

The partnership between the city and Clarenceville High School in Livonia started in late September and consists of eight students and four paraeducators performing light duties inside and outside the civic center twice a week for a couple hours.

Some of their duties include setting up rooms for meetings or events, basic cleaning, garbage removal, basic office work and more.

Lowery said the students, which have mild to moderate cognitive impairments and range in age from 12 to 19 years old, are told they are doing work for "highly important people" and their jobs must be done a certain way.

"There is a lot more to this than just cleaning," she said. "We are teaching them instructions and job skills so after high school they can get a job."

Through working at the civic center the students are learning embedded math and reading skills when they set up rooms



Clarenceville students David Lovelady, right, and Calvin Doss, both 14, help arrange tables inside the Novi Civic Center on Oct. 12 as part of the Community Based Instruction program for cognitively impaired students.

or complete other projects, while also learning social skills as they interact with others.

Also knowing they are doing something to benefit others is rewarding.

"It gives them a sense of self-worth and satisfaction and accomplishment which is something they don't get every day," Lowery said.

And the students are not the only ones benefiting from the partnership.

Wendy Duvall, recreation supervisor, called it a "win-

win" for everybody, and that the students are helping the city tremendously.

The students are not paid for their work, and all benefits are covered by the school district.

"It has just been wonderful seeing the progress already," Duvall said. "It's been a joy having them and they always brighten my day because the kids are always smiling and happy."

The partnership will run throughout the school year, and Lowery is hopeful it will continue in future years as well.

## Delays hit Novi Road project

Completion still set for November 2011

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
 STAFF WRITER

Prep work on the Novi Road Link project has hit some early hiccups.

The initial plan this fall was to relocate the public utilities, including the water distribution main that serves the majority of Novi south of 10 Mile Road, prior to the end of construction season in mid-November.

However, workers are still waiting on AT&T to finish installing its new service, and dealing with other issues from DTE Energy and current business signs that are in the way.

Craig Bryson, public information officer for the Road Commission for Oakland County, called the situation "frustrating," but was not willing to dish out blame.

"We are going to continue to meet with them and talk with them," he said. "And they are genuinely trying to do what we thought they were going to do."

The project, which is slated for a November 2011 completion, remains on that schedule despite the initial delays.

Bryson said if the contractor is willing to work in the winter "we could catch back

up to where we should be." He expects that answer to come in the next month or so if it turns out to be beneficial to the contractor.

Despite the delays, work on relocating the water main is expected to start around Nov. 1, and some road closures could still take place to "expedite the process."

The \$25 million project, which calls for the widening of Novi Road between 10 Mile 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.

Sheryl Walsh, director of communications for the city of Novi, said the city remains confident the work will meet the scheduled deadlines, and they will continue to update residents and business owners on the project's status.

"It isn't a perfect world and there will be glitches along the way," she said. "This most likely will not be the last of the hiccups. It's a moving target, but all indications are it still will be completed on time."

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## Volunteers stress the importance of sinking fund

Voters to decide on millage renewal Nov. 2

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
 STAFF WRITER

Amy Hepp sees no way she can vote against the sinking fund renewal that will appear on the Nov. 2 ballot.

Not when she has seen its impact firsthand at Village Oaks Elementary, helping the school revamp its cafeteria, getting repairs done on the parking lot and entrance loop and fixing the roof among other minor projects.

Hepp, who is president of the Village Oaks PTO and volunteer for the Friends of Novi Sinking Fund

Committee, called the renewal an "important financial piece for the district," and wants people to understand the tax money collected from it stays in Novi.

"It has been nothing but good," she said. "When you fix the schools and keep up the schools it doesn't just benefit the kids but the entire community."

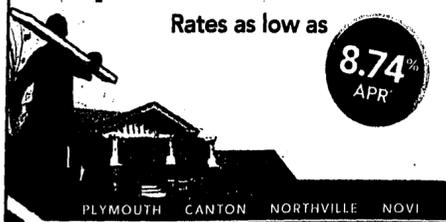
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worth of projects, and \$818,000 is budgeted for projects this year. The fund can only be used for small construction projects and repairs, and not be put toward educational programs or wages and benefits.

Hiri said the committee has been communicating to the public through presentations at PTO and booster club meetings at all the schools, and will be mailing out postcards with more information.

Said Hepp: "Over the past several years, many parents have asked me what they can do and how can they help (with respect to the bridge). This millage renewal is tangible participation. I personally feel empowered through voting that I am helping the bottom line of the Novi Community Schools."

ated \$59 per household per year for a home with a taxable value of \$120,000.

Kathy Hiri, who chairs the committee, said the value of the renewal cannot be stressed enough as "we are in difficult economic times with funding from the state, and this is one way people in Novi can help."

"The most important thing is that the sinking fund allows us to do the necessary repairs in our district without impacting the general fund," she said. "It is something that helps us get the job done without taking away from the classroom."

Since 2001, the sinking fund has been used for \$7.6 million



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**Grand opening**

Orthodontists Scott Tyler, John Dumas, and Brian Reyes (from left) celebrate the grand-opening of their new practice in Novi on Oct. 6. The orthodontic practice of Tyler Dumas Reyes is located at 39500 West 10 Mile in Novi. The event features Chef Paul Grosz, executive chef of Cuisine in Detroit, cooking up specialties for the 160 guest of the event. Dr. Scott Tyler, Dr. John Dumas and Dr. Brian Reyes are serving as his assistants for the evening during the live cooking demonstrations. The patient chair areas were transformed into food and wine pairing stations. The practice has made a donation to Pontiac-based Grace Centers of Hope in honor of their grand opening.

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**Novi looks to install electric vehicle charging stations**

Initial plans call for one at civic center, library

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER



Electric-powered vehicles appear to be the future of the automotive industry. And while the future is still several years from possibly becoming the norm, the city of Novi does not want to be playing catch up.

Thanks to some research by Andy Gerecke, assistant building official, the city could soon be the recipient of two electric vehicle charging stations as part of the ChargePoint America program.

Justin Fischer, Novi City Council member and Ford Motor Co. employee, said he has no doubt this is where the industry is going, and is glad to see the city aggressively pursuing the charging stations.

"It shows that the city wants to be a leader in promoting it and that we support the

innovation," he said.

The program, sponsored by Coulomb Technologies, is using money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act through the Transportation Electrification Initiative administered by the Department of Energy to install these stations in nine select regions in the nation.

"It is going to be the wave of the future at some point," Gerecke said. "We are trying to get ahead of it so when people start getting (the vehicles) around here they have places to go."

Gerecke said he was told there were 280 stations slated for Michigan, including two in Novi — one at the civic center and the other at the library. The only cost to the city for the stations would be for installation, and the user would have to pay a fee to use them.

"If these are available it is something we want to accommodate and encourage," said Charles Boulard, community development director.

The city also is supporting infrastructure installation throughout the city by giving same day turnaround on charger installation permits for private charging stations at people's homes, educating staff on the new technology and working with automotive companies to stay ahead of the curve.

Gerecke was waiting for Coulomb Technologies to contact him regarding the stations and they could be installed some time this fall.

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**Salvation Army drive**

Residents at Fox Run in Novi continue proving the maxim, "It's better to give than receive." Twice a year for the past six years, the men and women who live and work at the senior living complex have donated hundreds of bags of clothing items to the Salvation Army, according to Don Boyd who has helped organize each collection. The one-day drive at Fox Run on Oct. 14 yielded a donation of 300, 30-gallon plastic bags of clothing that came from among the 945 residents as well as staff and family members. Pictured, Fox Run residents Willard Dresser, Alice and Don Boyd pause while receiving clothing donations from residents and staff for the twice-a-year drive for the Salvation Army.

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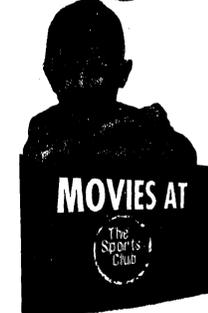
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## A pleasant surprise

Ten Meadows teachers given \$100 each from Sam's Club

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

A usually standard and mundane staff meeting at Novi Meadows received a jolt of excitement Wednesday afternoon courtesy of Sam's Club. Staff members knew something was up when they walked into the media center and saw a cake congratulating them. But little did they know that the cake was the secondary reward to a \$1,000 donation from the business to the school.

Ten teachers at Novi Meadows (Kristen Hurd, Colleen Wandel, Andrea Alspaugh, Terri Garcia, Cary

Grimm, Carri McDonald, Nancy Willis, Brian Felcher, Jill Pennyuff and Dave Cosman) received \$100 gift cards from Sam's Club as part of its Teacher Rewards Program.

The 10 were chosen randomly, and the money is intended to be used toward classroom supplies.

Lisa Fencher, principal at Novi Meadows, said the business's willingness to partner with the school was "very generous of them."

"I'd much rather stand up here talking about giving out money rather than having it taken away," she said staff members.

Walmart stores, distribution centers and Sam's Club locations around the nation are awarding more than 45,000 educators with these \$100 gift cards.

"It's important for the community and important for us to give back to them and the students," said Jim Thomas, membership manager at Novi's Sam's Club. "They are our next generation."

The Novi Sam's Club also is hosting a Teachers Appreciation Open House from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 27 at the location at 27300 Wixom Road.



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### Taste Fest

Alex Gamm (above), 12, tucks into a hotdog during the Wildcat Taste Fest on Sept. 24. With many local Novi restaurants participating, all proceeds from the event went to the Novi Athletic Boosters club. B.D.'s Mongolian Grill employee Jeff Szalomi (below) disappears under a cloud of grill steam during the Novi Wildcat Taste Fest. B.D.'s and other local restaurants made their fares for the hungry visitors right on the spot of Novi High School Stadium.



### Sis-boom-ba!

The Novi High School varsity sideline cheer squad in action before the Sept. 24 home game.



### Louder!

Members of Novi High's junior class gets into their Oct. 1 homecoming pep assembly. Novi played their homecoming game and named their king and queen at a home football game later that night.

**NOVI ON CAMPUS**  
University of Michigan Sigma Alpha Lambda announced that Andrew Masnari of Novi became a member of the National Leadership and Honors Organization at U-M.

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OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 8 CANDIDATES

Republican Phil Weipert faces Democrat Michele Berry in the race for Oakland County Board of Commissioners District 8. The seat is currently vacant because of the death of Jeff Potter. They are vying for a two-year term, which pays an annual salary of \$79,650.

1. Will you support an all-in or out system for the SMART bus operations?

2. What additional steps can the county take to help promote new business growth?

3. What are the top three issues that the commission should address? What action would you, as a commissioner, take regarding each of them?

4. Do you support the current three-year budgeting cycle? Why or why not?

5. Tell voters why county government is essential to their daily lives.

Michele Berry
Age: 51
Spouse: David A. Berry, married 30 years
Children: Adrienne 25, Jonathan 21
Residency: City of Wixom - 25 years
Community involvement: Friends of the Parks, Precinct Delegate, West Oakland Democrat's Clean Water Action, Sierra Club.



1. I will support an all in system for the SMART bus operations. The greatest hurdle is cost and efficiency in the patch-work nature of the system that exists. Cities that opt out by using laws from 1986 disallow the voter on the ballot from the choice of transportation in their community. Cities that opted out still receive funding from the state that is used in partnership programs (DAR) enabling seniors and disabled. Opening this system to all citizens of District 8 will create the movement needed and cut overall costs.

2. Sustainable business growth can be promoted by creating movement within all communities. I will bring attractive and concise proposals to our cities based upon the historical fact that transportation is key to flourish development. I will support land banks, which more than 50 counties have adopted allowing profit and non profit entrepreneurs to purchase land and buildings for development, cityscapes and gardens while giving opportunity to families to purchase affordable homes. Land banks will take the financial burden of maintenance of these vacant lots and buildings from our cities.

3. Presenting attractive, up to date plans enabling community leaders to incorporate SMART transportation, completing the connection. Furthermore, I will propose a SMART card allowing access to all residents generating revenue and creating sustainable jobs. I will further initiatives to bring an institution of higher learning/annex into our district generating a stronger tax base, utilizing public transportation that will contribute to the success of small businesses, while increasing our property values. Increasing our trail system and nature preserve facilities and proposing a second entrance to Wixom's Habitat Nature Preserve extending the boardwalk and experience of a beautiful site.

4. There are many types of budgets out there Oakland County's three year budget allows for future planning of projects and a balanced sheet. I am working to learn more about how this budget rolls over considering we will have a large deficit by 2013.

5. Government is essential in our daily lives whether city, county, state or federal. Representatives should be working to improve the lives of the voters and the business that have invested their ideas and money into community. Often we see elected officials focusing on one portion or the other. I see a connection between residents, business owners and success overall. City and County officials should be your first resource of information. As county commissioner I will continue to stay connected with all communities in District 8, continuing to learn what your needs and thoughts are to benefits our community.

Name: Philip J. Weipert
Age: 50
Spouse: Married to Pam 21 years
Residency: South Lyon resident 21+ years
Community involvement: Chamber of Commerce, Chairperson - South Lyon Zoning Board of Appeals, Commissioner/Member - South Lyon Compensation Commission, Historical Commission, Building Authority, and Beautification Committee.
Profession: Owner - Law Office of Philip J. Weipert



1. I support the current choice afforded to each community which is that each local municipality has the right to choose whether or not SMART is the right choice for their particular community. The residents of Malind Lake, Wixom, Lyon Township, Novi and South Lyon are in the best position to make a cost/benefit analysis on the decision as to whether or not to be part of the SMART bus operations.

2. I will encourage programs, such as Automation Alley, Main Street Oakland, and Emerging Sectors that maintain property values and stimulate jobs without raising taxes. Oakland County has an economy larger than most states. By supporting, encouraging and marketing these and similar programs such as tax incentives, financing programs, and job training incentives, all types of businesses -- including manufacturing, high-tech and innovative businesses, make Oakland County a friendly place to start, grow, maintain and continue a business.

3. The three most pressing issues are economic -- properly values, the budget, and the ability to deliver services despite declining revenues. My main goals as county commissioner will be to insure that tax dollars are spent wisely and costs are contained while preserving county services. These goals can be accomplished through planning and balancing the budget without tax increases and continuing the 3-year budget cycle. I will cut spending by encouraging cross-training of employees within departments, partnering public departments with the private sector, and implementing technology to pro county services in an efficient manner.

4. I support the 3-year budget cycle process. Oakland County is on the cutting edge using a 3 year budget cycle which has enabled the County to address the current declining economic issues. Better than any other County. All departments are given budget tasks requiring them to submit to the Board of Commissioners their respective budgets for a 3-year cycle. This process leads to departments implementing innovative measures to provide services even with reduced revenues. By using the 3-year budget cycle, Oakland County has maintained its AAA bond rating despite declining revenues.

5. County government establishes and formulates county policies, establishes an annual millage rate, adopts a county development plan and establishes the authority, duties and responsibilities of the county departments and offices. The county form of government includes a Sheriff's Department, Prosecutor's Office, Courts, County Clerk, Treasurer's Office, Water Resource Commission, a Road Commission and other departments. Oakland County provides police, fire, assessing, road improvements, parks, health services, public works and many other services to the county's municipalities. These and other departments of the county government provide services and impact each voter's lives on a daily basis.

Berry touts need for mass transit, hopes to appeal to moderates

Democratic candidate Michele Berry feels serving as county commissioner is a good place to start promoting her independently moderate views. She is stressing her top three priorities of mass transit, creating higher education opportunities and promoting greener communities.

Richard Eymon, Jr., running under no party affiliation. The county commissioner is elected for one two-year term and beginning Jan. 1, 2011 will earn \$32,092 annually.

Berry said attracting a Michigan college or university, or even a community college annex or building to the district is also a tremendous economic booster. "Any time there is any kind of education facility there is investment and money," Berry said.

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JEWELL ROSE
Age 83, passed away, October 12, 2010. She was born on September 29, 1927 in Kentwood, daughter of the late Morton and Effie Taubae. On November 6, 1945, Jewell was united in marriage to Ray Rose. Together they raised a loving family. She is survived by her beloved husband Ray, her loving children, Patricia (James) Deaton, Dannie (Gretchen) Ross, Kenneth Rose and Kenneth (Deby) Rose. She is also survived by her loving grandchildren, Lisa (Dennis) Lynch, Susan (Victor) Arnett, Melony (Tim) Blow, Jason, Evan and Morgan Rose and one great grandchild, Dabra Arnett. Jewell is also survived by her siblings, Vernon Taubae, Christine Childers, Arnold Taubae, Cecil Taubae, Manuel Taubae and Roger Taubae. She was preceded in death by her sons Albert E. and Phillip D. Rose, and her siblings: Gladys Stamper, Thelma Rose, Wilma Clark, Linda Webb, Quentin Taubae and Gene Taubae. Visitation was held on October 15th from 2:00pm-9:00pm at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Funeral service was October 16th at 11:00am. Online guestbook www.PhillipsFuneral.com

CAROLINE HUTTON
Age 56, passed away Oct. 12, 2010. A memorial service will be held at the Upper Peninsula Club, 10770 Calumet, Green Oak Twp, on Sunday Oct. 24, at 1 p.m. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

Weipert promises to keep district's needs on county radar

Republican candidate Phil Weipert is campaigning for the Oakland County Commissioner seat and a promise to remain visible. "I want to keep the county in contact and working for the community," Weipert said. He promises to educate the District 8 communities on available county resources, including the Tri-party program. Weipert said he will also make the county aware of District 8 resources, including vacant industrial property in Lyon Township along Grand River, a corridor he feels is ready to boom with development.

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Weipert, 50, said if elected his first priority would be enhancing his understanding of the commission inner-workings. The candidate said he has a firm understanding of the differing county departments, including the county court system where he frequents as part of his law practice. Weipert said his next priority would be following through with District 8 County Commissioner Jeff Potter's initiative of establishing funding equity associated with state police usage by local communities. Before his June death, Potter began drawing attention toward the free Michigan State Police services provided to select communities, including Brighton, Genoa and Salem townships. Potter felt the state agency should not be providing "free" policing to communities that should either have their own police department or contract with their respective counties. "The eighth district communities are paying for state services going to other towns," Weipert said. Weipert said the issue of back-logging specialized state police services also comes into play when others are monopolizing the state police for patrol. The candidate said his third priority would be to dig deeper into the budgeting process, learning how to provide the same services Oakland County residents have now, while absorbing revenue declines. He applauds the job done by county officials so far and said

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the Huron Valley Trail System connecting many southwest Oakland County communities and parks before his June death. Berry is involved in the Sierra Club and said she facilitated tree donations throughout the district. "I love to be outside. I love the organic-ness. I love nice cityscapes and to put together my political aspirations along with beauty in the community as well as higher quality of life

could have some significance, considering what the lines are for this election," she said. Berry said Wixom has a wonderful habitat and she would work for state initiatives to finish off that project, by adding a second entrance on the other side of Charns Road. "And wouldn't it be lovely if, in the northern end of the district, could take a path inward and go down and walk right into downtown South Lyon," she said. Berry ran for county commissioner two years ago, losing to Potter. She ran unopposed in the August primary, receiving

the Democratic nomination for the Oakland County Commissioner District 8 seat. Berry said she understands the district is primarily known for supporting Republicans, but she wants the job so she sometimes running a realistic campaign, focusing on Democrats and moderate Republicans. For her own campaign, she has been relying heavily on going door-to-door and meeting area residents. "When it comes down to it, it is the voter that really matters," she said.

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the county has utilized attrition to reduce staffing and has only laid off eight people since 2008. He said advancing technology in the courts is a large money-saver, and said he has the knowledge to promote a paperless system. He said he would also cut spending by cross-training employees within departments and partnering public departments with the private sector. Weipert has been campaigning with signs, mailers and personally greeting voters. He received the Republican nod, following a competitive August primary of write-in candidates following Potter's unexpected death in June. Since winning the primary, Weipert said he has attended all county commission meetings and the Republican caucus. "It's not overwhelming, it's what I've been doing," he said. "I've got the knowledge and expertise, and I know how the voter works."

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Your Invitation to Worship

Worship listings for various churches including Brighton, Milford, Novi, Farmington Hills, Highland, New Hudson, Northville, Livonia, White Lake, Plymouth, and Wixom. Each listing includes church name, address, phone, and service times.

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# Novi school board candidates

The face of public education in Novi is changing. And the two candidates for the Board of Education are anxious to be part of it. Jason Manar and Brian O'Meara will vie for the one open seat



**Brian O'Meara**  
Age: 38  
Spouse: Kathy, married 15 years  
Children: daughter, three sons  
Employment: director of finance, PulteGroup, Inc.; certified public accountant  
Education: bachelor's of business administration, University of Michigan (1994)  
How long have you lived in Novi: eight years  
Community Involvement: I have served on the Village Oaks Executive Council and as a Novi Parks & Rec coach for football and girls and boys soccer  
Related experience: various committees and governance roles

will remain challenged, so implementing a three-year financial plan would enable us to better understand our long-term cost structure, especially when negotiating contracts, such as the teachers' contract expiring in 2011. No less critical is ensuring that our culture attracts talent, excites passion for learning, and treats everyone with trust and respect. Morale has suffered, and the board needs to address this immediately.

on the seven-member board at the Nov. 2 general election, and both have diverse backgrounds and detailed ideas for maintaining Novi's status as one of the top districts in the state.



**Jason Manar**  
Age: 34  
Spouse: Angie Manar, married 12 years  
Children: Austin, 6; Kiersten, 2  
Employment: United States Justice Department  
Education: • bachelor of science degree in special education  
• K-12 special education teacher certification  
• K-5 teacher certification  
• completed Federal Law Enforcement Academy  
• completed State Police Academy  
How long have you lived in Novi: one year  
Community involvement: • have faithfully attended school board meetings since choosing Novi schools  
• have met with all principals and toured their buildings to discuss and understand their specific educational needs  
• Committee member on Serve & Outreach at First Church of Nazarene  
• currently sponsoring child in the Dominican Republic through NCM.org  
• football coach - Novi Parks & Recreation  
• baseball coach - Novi Parks & Recreation  
Related experience: • served on the Novi Schools Budget Guidance Committee  
• 10 years serving in law enforcement

expertise, along with my elementary education experience. I protect the public's interest every day and share the passion of our teachers for your children's success. Currently, I work with numerous diverse agencies in group settings and strive to unite them under one common purpose. As for board functionality, I hope to focus on more evaluation. We need to evaluate the effectiveness of the Board and our academic programs, and then make the appropriate corrections as part of an ongoing continuous improvement process.

1. What will be your top three priorities if you are elected to the school board?  
1) Finding and hiring the right superintendent. Hiring the best superintendent for a school district is the most important function for any school board. I have spoken to numerous Novi parents, teachers and building administrators, so I have a clear understanding of our specific educational needs.  
2) Bringing financial stability to our district: The Michigan economy remains a challenge, so we need to maximize every dollar spent in the classroom by analyzing programs to ensure they are positively affecting student achievement. We also must look to save money by consolidating non-instructional services.  
3) Creating strategic planning: The district needs to develop long-term educational and budgetary plans, so we will be better prepared to maintain the high-quality education that Novi parents and students expect from their tax dollars.

2. What makes a good board member? And how, if at all, would you change the functionality of the board?  
School boards require members with unique and diverse backgrounds. I offer both attributes. Uniqueness comes from more than 10 years of law enforcement

1. What will be your top three priorities if you are elected to the school board?  
We need to recruit and hire our next superintendent and cabinet, guide them as to what makes Novi so special, and monitor the impact of the significant changes already made in the district. Revenues

Board members should listen to all positions, require data to validate recommendations, and act after considering all information with an open mind. We need to hire the best administrators, provide them with a clear vision and short- and long-term objectives, and empower them to act while keeping the board informed. The board should actively solicit more public participation at board meetings and demonstrate a strong foundation of trust

and respect. Disagreements on issues will happen, but publicly supporting the efforts of our faculty and the views of our citizens can be done in any fiscal climate.  
3. How would you balance fiscal responsibilities with giving students the best education possible?  
Our limited dollars must focus on the classroom - attracting and retaining the most qualified teachers and ensuring classrooms have the necessary supplies. This involves a thorough evaluation of our programs, identifying those that work the best, reach the most students, and target both college-bound and vocational students while ensuring services for special education students. We have to examine areas outside the classroom for the most cost-effective models that still provide high quality services in a safe environment. This involves exploration of additional areas for collaboration with other districts and organizations, sharing non-core activities, and creatively exploring new areas of revenue.

# Health expo offers advice, testing

## Doctor encourages people to get educated about health care

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER  
Vicky Savas knows the best patient is an educated patient. And that is why for the last 24 years, Savas has hosted an annual health expo to help people increase their knowledge and get tested at the same time.  
The Savas Health Expo

takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 23 at the Civic Park Senior Center in Farmington Hills, and for 825 people can listen to lectures of various health topics, talk with professionals at health care booths, win health-related door prizes, pick-up healthy cookbooks and other free health items and receive tests ranging

from body mass index and blood sugar to blood pressure and hearing.  
"It's healthy and a lot of fun," Savas said of the expo. "We try to teach people about health in a user-friendly way and explain to them that exercise does not have to be miserable."  
The Fred Astaire Champion Dancers will perform at the expo and breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee.  
Extra testing also is available at a low cost including, \$20 for a blood test (lipid profile, PSA and thyroid), \$30 for a carotid ultrasound, \$25 for abdominal aortic ultrasound and \$25 for bone density check.  
Savas said the fees for these tests are lower than a lot of people's co-pays and the whole

testing package can be done in an hour.  
"It's extremely important in today's climate as people have lost their insurance or their co-pays have gone up," she said. "But really (the expo) is not just about the tests, it's about learning fun ways to get healthy."  
"In my mind, that is equally as important as the testing." Savas works out of offices at St. John Providence Hospitals in Southfield and Novi.  
For more information regarding the expo or to pre-register for the extra testing, call (248) 356-5033 or via e-mail at vickysavasmd@hotmail.com.  
The Civic Park Senior Center is located at 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia.

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### NOVI COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### The Last Days of Lawrence High: A Murder Mystery

The Novi Civic Theatre presents a night of dinner, laughs and intrigue with The Last Days of Lawrence High - a murder mystery dinner theatre performance taking place at Lyon Oaks Banquet Center.  
Written by Nancy Edwards, of the Second City, The Last Days of Lawrence High is the story of a high school closing its doors after 100 years of service. One final reunion party is planned and the alumni of every graduating class have been invited. When a murder occurs at the reunion, everyone a suspect! Could it be the ex-homecoming queen turned cosmetics mogul? Perhaps it is the jealous ex-cheerleader going through a divorce? Maybe it's the 2010 class president that doesn't want her legacy to die. Who knows? Performances are 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 22-23. Tickets (\$35) include dinner and show, with a cash bar available. Tickets can be purchased online at cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Parks box office.  
All performances will be held at the Lyon Oaks Banquet Center, located at 52251 Pontiac Trail, Wixom.  
For more information, please contact Lauren Sorrentino of the Novi Civic Theatre at (248) 347-0400 or visit cityofnovi.org.  
City of Novi celebrates M-5 Pathway connection  
The City of Novi will celebrate the completion of the

first one mile segment of the M-5 Metro Bike Path between Thirteen and Fourteen Mile Roads at noon on Friday, Oct. 22. Novi residents and outdoor enthusiasts are encouraged to join in the celebration. The ribbon cutting will include community members, MDOT representatives, Fox Run residents and students from Franklin Christian School. The Last Days of Lawrence High is the story of a high school closing its doors after 100 years of service. One final reunion party is planned and the alumni of every graduating class have been invited. When a murder occurs at the reunion, everyone a suspect! Could it be the ex-homecoming queen turned cosmetics mogul? Perhaps it is the jealous ex-cheerleader going through a divorce? Maybe it's the 2010 class president that doesn't want her legacy to die. Who knows? Performances are 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 22-23. Tickets (\$35) include dinner and show, with a cash bar available. Tickets can be purchased online at cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Parks box office.  
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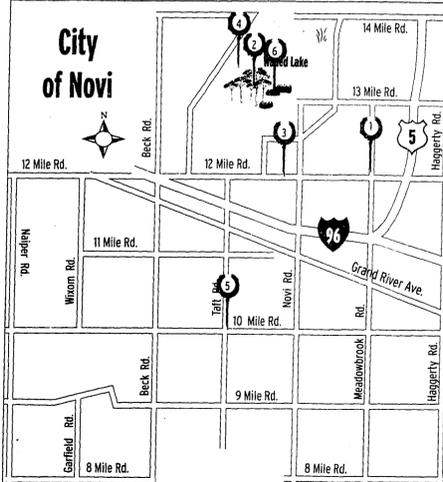
# Novi celebrates public safety staff achievements

The Novi Police and Fire Departments on Oct. 12 held their semi-annual awards ceremony to celebrate accomplishments and recognize professional achievements of those who serve to protect the community.  
Additionally, two Novi residents, Ronald Roberts and Anthony Daniel, were recognized for their life saving efforts at the scene of a house fire on July 4, 2010. Awarded Civilian Citations for their continued volunteer work for the City of Novi were residents Elizabeth and Ron Boron.  
"It is an honor to be able to recognize the dedication and accomplishments of the men and women of the Novi Police and Fire Departments," notes Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police David E. Molloy. "It is these individuals who work tirelessly to protect and enhance the health, safety, and welfare of the Novi community each and every day."  
The City of Novi additionally recognizes Jim Mikula, general manager, Baromette Renaissance, for his continued support and partnership for once again graciously hosting this complimentary event.

### AWARDS

- Police Department**  
Community Policing Citation: Steve Patterson  
Individual Achievement Citation: Kristie Gruenwald  
Lifesaving Citation: Rachel Jones, Keith Sampsel and Micki Drew  
Merit Citation: Paul Leslie, Tim Shea, Mark Boody, Brian Woloski, Keith Sampsel and Todd Ager  
Staff & Command Citation: Michael Warren  
Unit Citation: Allan Hashim, Tim Shea, Randy Minke, Mike Wilson (2), Jason Meier, Andy Hudechek, Chris Frankowski, Adam Elsen and Jerry Stempien  
Commendation Citation: Brian Woloski  
Civilian Citation: Elizabeth Boron and Ron Boron  
**Fire Department**  
40+ Years: Gilbert Vansickle  
30+ Years: Thomas Johnson, Lawrence Reiser and George Pierson  
25+ Years: Donald Christensen, Gordon Poyhonen and Joseph Shelton  
20+ Years: Ramon Alvarez, David McLeod, James Morris, Michael Jacobs, Jerry Holtzman, Joseph Aninos, Robert Stonik, Carlton Korzenowski, Michael Evans, Bradley McFaul, Scott Perry, Michael Morsan and Brian Shea  
15+ Years: Ann Marie Mikolajczak, Richard Schultz, Paul Mullet, Andrew Copeland, Matthew Blamy, Thomas Greenwald, Raymond Moruzzi and Mark Petron  
10+ Years: Todd Seog, Edith Schmieding, Daniel Schultz, Maria Reiser, Charles Roberts, Philip Duczynski, Kevin Pierce, Jeffery Lachman, Michael Smith, Jeffery Johnson, Ronald Blumer, Zahi Kassab, George Paterni and Jonathan Gearnas-Hazlett  
5+ Years: Scott Jenkins, Michelle Koons, Eric Aldstadt, Troy Racicot, Dennis Barratt, John Martin, Todd Lewis, Ian Patterson, Christopher Belyk, Joshua Burne, Remo Oliverio, Jason Thomas and Patrick Deneau  
Civilian Commendation: Ronald Roberts and Anthony Daniel  
Merit Citation: Mark Theras and Mike Smith  
Company Citation: Ron Barratt, Pat Denard, Wassim Farah and Joe Rhame  
Honorable Mention: Gordon Poyhonen, Andrew Copeland and Ryan Byrne

### NOVI POLICE BRIEFS



#### Drunk driver arrested after hitting guard rail

Novi police arrested a woman at 5:06 p.m. on Oct. 12 for drunk driving after she was stopped at Meadowbrook and Twelve Mile Roads after she allegedly hit a guard rail on M-5.  
According to the report, police were notified about the driver by a witness who saw her vehicle stroke the guard rail and then speed down Meadowbrook Road.  
The woman told police she was coming from Providence Park in Southfield, and even though police could smell intoxicants on her breath told them she had not been drinking.  
She failed field sobriety tests, and at one point during the test told police she had a shot of vodka about three hours ago. Police also located a bottle in her car that contained alcohol.  
A preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .10 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.  
She was arrested for operating while intoxicated and open intoxicant and transported to the Novi Police Department. While in transport she admitted to hitting the guard rail.  
The case has been forwarded to the Oakland County prosecutor on the OWI and open intoxicant charges.

#### Novi man attacked by dog

A 57-year-old Novi man was attacked around 5:45 p.m. on Oct. 15 while he was walking his dog on South Lake Drive.  
According to the report, the man said he was passing a residence when a large dog jumped over the fence and began to fight with his dog and lunge at him. The man had a scratch on his hand, but was unsure if it came from the dog or when he fell to the ground.  
He said his dog was bitten by the other dog, but did not appear to be seriously injured.  
The owner of the dog, who lives in Berkley, was visiting his mother at the time and was inside the home when the incident happened. He said he has never had any issues with his dog before, and a CLEMIS check showed no prior animal complaints.  
The report was forwarded to the Oakland County Animal Control Office for further investigation.

#### Parts stolen from inside locked vehicle

A Novi man had his Jeep Grand Cherokee broken into and the complete information and control center was stolen from it while it was parked in his driveway on Bancroft Drive overnight on Oct. 17.  
The man said his right front window was broken out and the suspect took the plastic frame on the front of the dashboard and unplugged and removed the

speedometer cluster, the navigation/stereo cluster and the vehicle's heating/cooling knobs.  
The value of the items stolen is \$1,000. Police have no suspects and the case has been forwarded to the detective's bureau.  
**Bike stolen from library**  
A man had his Schwinn bicycle stolen from the Novi Public Library between 4 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 17.  
According to the report, the man placed his bike on one of the racks in front of the library and when he returned it was gone. He said it was not locked up.  
The bike is valued at \$120, and police are reviewing videos to see if they can identify a suspect.  
**Items taken from car**  
A Novi man had his car broken into on the morning of Oct. 18 while it was parked on South Lake Drive.  
Taken from the car were his alcohol interlock system, apple iPod and a shrub trimmer. The total value of the items was over \$1,000.  
Police have no suspects.

Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

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OUR VIEWS

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Vote Kowall for Senate

White Lake supervisor best fit for 15th District

Voters living within state Senate District 15 have two solid candidates to choose from when they head to the polls Nov. 2. Both Mike Kowall, the Republican, and his Democratic opponent, Pam Jackson, bring their fair share of the table. We feel both are qualified for the seat to replace Nancy Cassis, who is term-limited. However, we believe Mike Kowall, with his experience as White Lake Township supervisor and as a state representative, make him the better fit for the conservative District 15.

While Kowall will say he is an outsider to the world of politics, he has spent a decade as an elected official, beginning with his two terms as a representative in the Michigan Legislature (1998 to 2001). He has been the supervisor in White Lake since 2004. We believe this experience makes him the best candidate in the race. He has worked on both state and municipal budgets, and knows how Lansing works — believe it or not that is an advantage for the district because he won't have much of a learning curve to get his agenda through the political process.



Mike Kowall

Kowall, 59, knows the biggest issue facing the state is getting the economy turned around. He believes the best way to get things moving in a positive direction is to alter the way the state taxes businesses — especially small businesses. He says the state is taxing its businesses to death, and he would fight to reduce that burden, beginning with eliminating the Michigan Business Tax.

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At the same time, however, Kowall believes funding needs to be preserved for public education and public libraries. It remains to be seen how the state will be able to balance its budget and keep funding for public education at current levels without a major restructuring of state spending. Kowall thinks consolidating school districts would be a good first step.

Jackson, 55, also has impressive resume. The Commerce Township resident is highly educated, and is a professor at Oakland Community College, where she teaches mathematics, construction management and concrete construction management. With such a background it makes sense that she is a big proponent of public education. She feels the state must come up with a new model to fund schools beginning with getting rid of Proposal A.

Like Kowall, she believes the state needs to find a better way to tax businesses, because the current way is not working and is actually hurting the business climate. She also has some interesting ideas about investing in a mass transit system, which would create jobs and give residents an alternative to relying on the automobile.

Both Kowall and Jackson would be worthy to receive a vote, but Kowall's experience in government and his conservative credentials make him the better fit for the district. Voters should cast their vote for Mike Kowall.

The 15th District includes Commerce Township, Highland Township, Holly Township, Lyon Township, Milford Township, Northville city (part), Novi, Novi Township, Orchard Lake, Rose Township, South Lyon, Walled Lake, West Bloomfield Township, White Lake Township and Wixom. Michigan state senators serve four-year terms. They receive an annual base salary of \$79,650.

COMMUNITY VOICE

We asked four Novi Woods second-graders what they were going to dress up as for Halloween.



"A mummy. I think it would scare people."  
 Noah Patenau  
 Second grade



"I'm going as a girl ninja because I go to karate and I have a black belt."  
 Lauren Giassco  
 Second grade



"Well, I want to go as a character from 'Toy Story' because I like girl cowboys."  
 Anusha Bayyu  
 Second grade



"I'm going as Mr. Freeze. He's a Batman character, and he's a cool guy."  
 Jared Hoshaw  
 Second grade

LETTERS

Put Jackson in our Legislature

Voting Alert!! To all voters in Novi and Wixom — you have a super candidate for state Senate this year. Her name is Pam Jackson, and she has lived in this area 18 her life. She graduated from Milford High School and taught math at Lakeside High School. She has been teaching math at OCC for 27 years and construction and concrete construction management for over 10 years. She was responsible for developing these two construction programs at OCC. At one time she owned her own construction business. Pam also has studied the state prison system extensively in preparation for earning her Ph.D. in educational policy studies from Wayne State University and completing her dissertation in prison education.

So here we have a person with in-depth knowledge and real life experience in education, small business, concrete construction (think roads, bridges), prison system, budgets, being a homeowner and raising a family. But that's not all. Pam Jackson has a gift for listening — really listening — to people. She doesn't see issues as just two opposing points of view. Pam sees many different aspects to even the most challenging issues and she has a knack for understanding the other person's point of view. What? There's more! Pam Jackson is energetic and enthusiastic about getting Michigan back on the track to productivity and prosperity. She doesn't see the current dismal economic situation as overwhelming; she sees it as a challenge ripe with possibilities.

As voters, we often grumble about the gridlock in Lansing and the need for fresh new faces in the Legislature. Now we have the chance to elect someone who will bring vitality, ingenuity, and a spirit of cooperation to the job of lawmaking.

Pam Jackson — get to know her!! Visit her website: www.PamJackson4StateSenate.com. And vote for Pam Jackson on Nov. 2.

Flo Smith  
 Walled Lake

Business overlooked

I commend the City of Novi for any part it may have had in the preconstruction meeting for affected businesses regarding the bridge project on Novi Road.

However, I'm totally lost why the business most affected by this construction, Raven Investments LLC, was not notified or sent an invitation. This would not have been an oversight, and those from the city involved, including the city manager, should be immediately dismissed.

Novi has always had problems with the business community and incidents like this only compound them. The council should take immediate action to rectify this type of oversight.

Frank Stevens  
 Raven Investments LLC

Zyczynski for commissioner

Two years ago, I recommended that voters elect Karen Zyczynski to represent us on the Oakland County Commission for District 9, Novi/Northville. Instead, the majority chose an unprincipled politician who became an embarrassment to our community. Karen Zyczynski is not a politician. She is an educator and a problem solver.

Robert Fulghum stated that the most important things we learn in life we learn in kindergarten: honesty, responsibility, trustworthiness, respect for others. Karen Zyczynski taught these important life skills to kindergarten and first-graders for 35 years. She was so respected by her fellow teachers that they repeatedly elected her as their union president. When I sat at the opposite side of the bargaining table from her, I clearly saw that she had an excellent understanding that the mission of the total school district: the educational needs of students, was the

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by the president. In their effort to see Obama fail, they are holding back or discrediting our economic recovery and blaming him for not getting us out of the mess they helped to create.

With the right wing media (Fox) spreading their propaganda and big corporate money, the Republicans hope to convince Democrats that all is lost and not bother to vote, letting the angry minority return them to power. But with the Tea Party extremist taking their nonsense and some Republicans again speaking of privatizing Social Security and opening it to the Wall Street gamblers I can't believe any wise voters would vote for them.

Chuck Tindal  
 Novi

What Tea Party stands for

Chuck Nichols, in his Oct. 7 letter to the editor, dips deep to find things to try to discredit the Tea Party. He claims that Tea Partiers believe that "witch worship has merit and mice have been transformed to have human brains." This approach of cherry-picking some fringe comments to characterize a whole group could be done with any organization. Even, say, the Democratic Party. The difference is that with the Democrats there's no need to cherry-pick. All you have to do is look at their mainstream policies.

Health care "reform," the financial bailouts, the pork-laden and completely ineffective stimulus package, and the failure to enforce immigration laws are all policies promulgated by the current administration that polls indicate are not supported by 60-75 percent of voters. I don't mean to suggest that good leadership is a popularity contest, but you would think that once in a while Obama and the Democrats would pass something supported by the people they were elected to serve.

It must also be stated that the Republicans have been guilty of all this (with the exception of health care reform) and deserve the voters' wrath in proportion to their contribution to this mess.

As to what the Tea Party stands for, if you were to ask random members it would not be witch worship or ending social security, but something like the following:

Enforcing the law, especially as it pertains to immigration. We are not anti-immigration, we are against ILLEGAL immigration. Subtle distinction, but hang with me. If immigration needs to be reformed, great. Pass new laws. Until it is, enforce the ones we have.

Spending within our means. The Bush administration and Republican-controlled Congress set spending records until "Hope and Change" came along. Despite the unforgivable sins of the financial sector, it is preposterous to hear Senators lecture them and us about fiscal responsibility.

Stop rewarding bad behavior. Bailouts of the financial firms and peoples mortgages are examples. Anyone with an iota of understanding of human nature understands what you get when you reward bad behavior. Answer: More of it.

Be true to the Constitution. Especially the 10th Amendment: "All powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." In other words, get the federal government off our back, whether that intrusion originates from the Republicans or the Democrats.

If these four simple principles, all of which are much more representative of what the Tea Party thinks that anything Mr. Nichols can conjure up, are "off-the-charts nutty", then we might as well sit back and enjoy our transition from the most prosperous country in the world to a banana republic. We're well on our way.

Richard J. Werther  
 Novi

Macon for OCC board

Ever get the non-partisan portion of your ballot and wonder, "Who are these people? I've never heard of them."

Well let me help a little with one of those names that may not be known to many in southwest Oakland County. That name is Debbie Macon and she is running for a seat on the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees.

Debbie Macon was a township board member in West Bloomfield, where I work as a firefighter/paramedic. As a board member Debbie always worked on the issue at hand not the politics. She is always the consensus builder and never the roadblock builder. She is a passionate advocate for workforce development.

Debbie has taken the time and effort to become certified as a board member (yes, there is a program for that) and now, as the community advocate that she is, she is using that training to train others to be leaders in their communities.

I support Debbie Macon because I believe she is the right person to help guide OCC's Board. I have nothing to gain from this public support (remember, she is no longer my boss).

You don't have to take my word for it — look for yourself. Here is a link to the League of Women voters questionnaire: <http://lwvoo.org/files/VG2010OCCBoardofTrustees.pdf>

Dave DeBoer  
 New Hudson

The Friends actively advocated for a new library. The beautiful, new building was opened June 1, 2010, with a wonderful Friends' Book Nook used book store.

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This week we are celebrating the National Friends of Libraries Week by hosting the FOML (Friends of Michigan Libraries) "Linking" workshop.

Vicky McLean  
 President, Friends of the Novi Public Library

Manar passionate about Novi schools

Every time I watch a school board meeting, I see Jason Manar in the audience. He has attended just

about every school board meeting, committee meeting and workshop over the past six months. He knows and understands the issues that face the Novi Community School District. He has the passion, dedication and desire to make a difference in our classrooms.

It is for these reasons that I'm voting for Jason Manar on Nov. 2 to serve as the newest Trustee on the Novi Board of Education.

Manar's qualifications are very impressive. He is a former special education teacher and has served on the 2010 Novi Budget Guidance Committee. He is also a law enforcement professional, so he understands the importance of making sure our students learn in a safe and secure environment.

With eight months remaining before our current school administration is replaced, it's important that we have another individual on the board who will demand accountability and won't be shy of asking tough questions.

I've met Jason, and he truly offers the type of independent, critical thinking that would be an asset to the Novi Board of Education. That is why I ask you to join me in voting for Jason Manar on Nov. 2.

Willy Mena  
 Novi

An empty house

The 2010 Novi High School homecoming has come and gone. Many of the students had a great time and a lot of fun. Yet there were others who, because of this year's no guest policy, were not able to go. This included the alumni. I understand the reasoning behind this policy was an attempt to prevent any unwanted circumstances from occurring, but I strongly feel that alumni should have been granted permission to attend.

The idea behind homecoming is to celebrate the school community and spirit with fellow classmates and alumni. It was totally wrong to

exclude the alumni from this celebration. As a consequence of this policy, my brother, an alumni who graduated with the class of 2010, and his girlfriend, a present student at Novi High School, were not able to participate in this annual celebration. I firmly believe that school officials need to amend this policy to allow alumni to be able to attend Homecoming.

Allowing the alumni to attend will only strengthen their bond to the school and reinforce the school "community".

Nick Gasparotto  
 Novi High School Student

Backing O'Meara

On Nov. 2, residents in the Novi Community School District will have the opportunity to vote for a new trustee on the Board of Education. As former board trustees, we believe that the best board members are those that bring an open mind to the board table and an

unfailing willingness to collaborate and work as a team with fellow board members, administrators, staff, students and the community. In the upcoming election, one candidate has clearly demonstrated these necessary characteristics for successfully representing the best interests of our community.

We fully endorse Brien O'Meara as the best candidate for the Novi Community Schools Board of Education. With four children in Novi schools, Brien will bring his passion for educational excellence and his desire to work as a team to continue to ensure that Novi schools remain at the top of public education in Michigan.

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**Kenney & Schmidt**  
Erin Kenney, of Canton, and Brandon Schmidt, of Oregon, are engaged to be married Oct. 23 at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in Plymouth. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Michael and Cheryl Kenney, of Canton. The groom-elect is the son of Tracy Schmidt and LaRae Taylor, of Oregon. The couple plan to honeymoon in St. Lucia.



**Wooderson & Keane**  
Natalie Wooderson and Patrick Keane, both of New York, N.Y., are engaged to be married Feb. 11, 2011, at St. Barts and the Waldorf New York. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Tom and Laurie Wooderson of Northville. She is a 2000 graduate of Northville High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University. She is an event planner for Carlson Marketing in New York. The groom-elect is the son of Frank and Anne Boyle of Grosse Pointe. He graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and Michigan State University, and he is director of Global Meetings and Events at Morgan Stanley.

# Author Tara Michener grows up in latest book

'Who I am not What I am!' author graduates from picture books to chapter books

BY VICTORIA MITCHELL  
STAFF WRITER



Michener

"She becomes a little more victorious," Michener said. "The author wants fans of her picture books to know Janelle will be back."

"People love her, she's not going anywhere," she said. Michener said she is using the release of her new book to talk with area young adults about breaking the pattern of bullying. She also works with adults and corporations on the same topic through her consulting business, Tara Michener Industries.

"It doesn't stop when you get older," she said. Michener also carries the discussions on through Facebook and Twitter.

"We're really trying to have a conversation about it," she said. "We're trying to see what to do to make a difference." In addition to her role as author, Michener is actively involved in her consulting business and charitable organizations including, Be a Part of Their Story literacy project, Operation Kid Equip and she is a member of the Princeton Prize in Race Relations committee.

For more information, visit [www.taramichener.com](http://www.taramichener.com).



Michener

husband, Jason, grilling food at the Ann Arbor bd's Mongolian Grill, 200 S. Main St.

Attendees will receive a copy of *Summer Camp Survival* along with participating in a silent auction. The cost is \$29.99, and a portion of event proceeds will benefit Be a Part of Their Story literacy project. The price includes meal, soup, salad and a beverage.

"It's a whole program and it will be a lot of fun," she said. Michener will also sign copies of her new book Nov. 27 at Borders in Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

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LOCAL EVENTS

**Northville-Novi Garden Club November meeting**  
Date: Monday, Nov. 8  
Details: Joyce Shelkie speaking on "Winter garden preparation for wildlife."

**Michigan Tax Conference**  
Time/Date: 8 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9  
Location: Rock Financial Showplace, 4600 Grand River Avenue, Novi  
Details: Designed for all CPAs, attorneys and tax professionals with 33 topics on tax issues affecting the Great Lakes region. Cost is \$450 for Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants members; \$650 for others.

**Novi Toastmasters Club**  
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday  
Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375  
Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International.

**Roth IRA Tax Seminar**  
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9 and 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11  
Location: Novi Public Library at 45255 West 10 Mile Road  
Details: Join wealth managers Walter J. Powrozek, CWS and Joseph J. Lezotte, CWS to learn more about the Roth IRA advantages and conversion opportunities expiring at the end of the year.

**American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting**  
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. third Tuesdays  
Location: Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads  
Details: Comrades and fellow veterans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to maintain and grow the Post.

**MSU Extension**  
Location: MSU Extension Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi  
Contact: (248) 858-0887; [smithin@oakgov.com](mailto:smithin@oakgov.com); [www.msue.msu.edu/oakland](http://www.msue.msu.edu/oakland)

**Rock Financial Showplace**  
Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi  
Contact: (248) 348-5600

**Brighton**  
2 p.m., Nov. 23; 11 a.m., Dec. 14; 11 a.m., Dec. 29  
Brighton Library, 100 Library Drive

**Clarkston**  
2 p.m., Nov. 8  
Independence Library  
6495 Clarkston Road

**Clinton Township**  
10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Nov. 4  
Clinton Macomb Library  
40900 Romeo Plank Road

**Dearborn**  
10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Nov. 17, Nov. 30 and Dec. 15  
Henry Ford Centennial Library  
16301 Michigan Avenue

**Grand Blanc**  
10 a.m., Nov. 15  
Grand Blanc McFarlan Library  
515 Perry

**Grosse Pointe Shores**  
10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Nov. 11, Nov. 23, Dec. 7 and Dec. 21  
Edsel and Eleanor Ford House  
1100 Lake Shore Road

**Hamburg**  
10 a.m., Nov. 8  
Hamburg Library  
10411 Merrill Road

**Novi Chamber of Commerce**  
The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site, and involvement with local charities.

**Metro Novi BNI**  
Time/Date: 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday  
Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Hagerty Road (north of 8 Mile), Novi

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**Story Times:** Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details.

**Tamil Story Time**

**Time/Date:** 10:30-11 a.m. Monday,

**Oct. 21**  
**Details:** Tamil volunteer storytellers read Tamil picture books to preschool aged children.

**Author Steve Luxenberg visits NPL**

**Time/Date:** 7-8:5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21

**Details:** Author of this year's Community Read, Annie's Ghosts will share his amazing stories of how the book came to be. Soft and hardcover books will be available for sale and signing. Registration required.

**Japanese Story Time**

**Time/Date:** 10:30-11 a.m. Monday,

**Oct. 25**  
**Details:** Japanese volunteer storytellers read Japanese picture books to preschool aged children.

**Lego Club**

**Time/Date:** 6-6:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25

**Details:** Join us for Lego show-and-tell and building activities. We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination. For K-4th grade.

**Spanish Story Time**

**Time/Date:** 10:30-11 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26

**Details:** Spanish volunteer storytellers read Spanish picture books to preschool aged children.

**Tech Time**

**Time/Date:** 3-3:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27; 7-7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2

**Details:** One-on-one tutoring with either a librarian or computer tech on a topic of your choice. Investigating your family tree? Microsoft Word have you stumped? We have the tools to help. Please register.

**Novi Writers' Group**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Oct. 30

**Details:** Writers' groups can be a great way to make connections in the writing and publishing world and to get critiques that will improve your skills as a writer.

Come to the Library for an inspirational environment where you can create and share ideas. The group is facilitated by local writer, Kathy Mutch. Please register.

**Creepy Cupcakes 101**

**Time/Date:** 1:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30

**Details:** Halloween's afoot, and along with jack o'lanterns burning bright and ghosts a haunting in the night you're invited to create a creepy cupcake at the Novi Library. Let your imagination run loose to decorate cupcakes to take home -- the creepier the better! Registration required.

**Monday Evening Book Discussion Group**

**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1

**Details:** Join your Novi neighbors in a great discussion of People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks.

**English Conversation Group**

**Time/Date:** 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2



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**Dance fever**

Gratitude Steel Band member Chaz Russell, left, gets a bunch of feet, both young and old, moving to a tune during their Sept. 29 visit to Novi Meadows Elementary School.

**Details:** Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills. No need to register.

**Cinderella Preview**

**Time/Date:** 5-5:45 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3

**Details:** A preview of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella will be presented by the Novi Civic Theatre. Beautiful scenes and lively music will excite you to smile, tap your feet and clap your hands. Fun for all ages.

**Walled Lake City Library**

**Location:** 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake

**Phone:** (248) 624-3772

**EDUCATION**

**Novi Community Education**

**Contact:** (248) 449-1206

**Web:** www.novicommunityed.org

**Elementary Italian**

**Time/Date:** 5:30-8 p.m. Mondays through 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 1**

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 p.m. Thursdays through Nov. 18 (omit Oct. 28)

**Location:** Novi Middle School

**Details:** An introductory German class for those who have never had German before and would like to start to learn this language and culture at any age and any speed! Learn basic expressions and topics to get you around in Germany for travel, fun, and social communication. Understand the culture and its differences in social and business settings. This class will focus on speaking the language, but you will also learn grammar, reading, and writing to help provide for well-rounded language proficiency. Fee is \$84 (information about book purchase will be given at first class).

**German- Level II**

**Time/Date:** 6:30 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:** 7-7:30 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).

**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).

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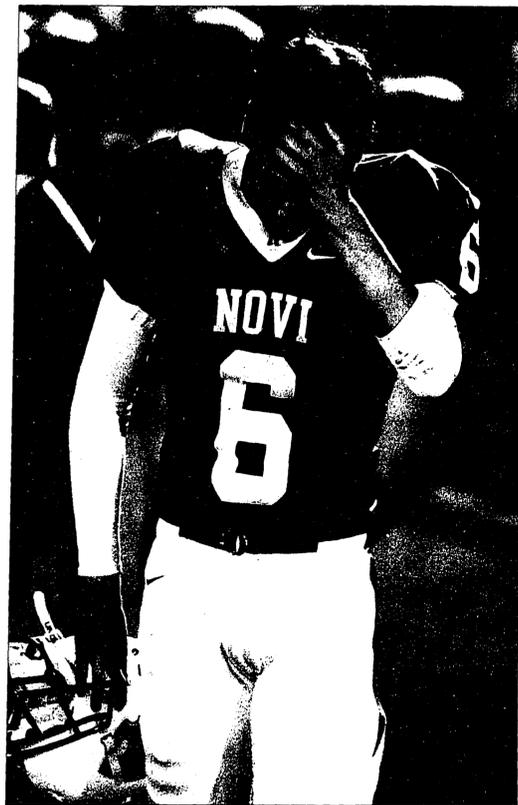
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NOVI BOBCATS ROUNDUP, B5

BUSINESS, B6



Wildcat Scotty Stanford shows obvious frustration after Novi lost to Plymouth on a last-second field goal on Oct. 15.

## Plymouth defeats Novi with dramatic fumble, field goal

Battle of Wildcats ends with 25-22 come-from-behind decision

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

A pair of Wildcat football teams took the field Friday night and Plymouth prevailed 25-22 on a field goal with two seconds remaining.

Plymouth (6-2, 4-1 KLA A South) punched their playoff ticket with the dramatic come-from-behind victory, while host Novi (4-4, 4-1 Central) is left out of the playoff picture for the second-straight year.

Novi's Wildcats took an early 15-0 lead in the first quarter, scoring on both of their first two drives. Junior Derek Ince connected with senior Alex Willson for a 52-yard touchdown reception 4:07 into the contest. Senior Scotty Stanford connected for the point after attempt.

"Ince made some big key throws and we made key catches and had big blocks so he could make those throws," Novi coach Todd Penney said.

After a Plymouth fumble was recovered by Novi at Plymouth's 47, Novi junior Zach Masserant ran the ball six of the next seven plays and capped the drive with a five-yard run into the right side of the end zone. A flag on the extra point pushed Plymouth back to their 1-yard line, so Masserant punched the ball in for a two-point conversion and 15-0 lead with 3:39 left in the quarter.

Plymouth would bounce back, however. Ince had a pass



Zach Masserant picks up some yards against Plymouth.

ON TAP

After dropping back to .500, Novi (4-4, 4-1 KLA A Central) is looking to finish with a victory as a hungry Flint Carman-Ainsworth (3-5, 3-2 Big Nine) team visits 7 p.m. tomorrow. Carman-Ainsworth is coming off a 22-20 loss to Davison (7-1, 5-0 Big Nine). "They're going to be a spread team with speed all over the field," Novi coach Todd Penney said of the week nine opponents. The Wildcats, praying for an victory and ensuing at-large playoff bid like Livonia Franklin received with a 5-4 record the past three seasons, will have to watch out for Carman-Ainsworth's Shane Barron, who had 326 all-purpose yards and four touchdowns - including two punt return scores from more than 55 yards away - just two weeks ago.

picked off by Plymouth senior Philip Emminger at Plymouth's 37 with 29 seconds left in the quarter. After a few big gains, junior Shaun Austin connected with senior Brennan Beyer for

a 12-yard touchdown reception and a kick by senior Kyle Brindza narrowed the deficit to 15-7 early in the second quarter. Please see WILDCATS, B2

## Catholic Central loses second game

Shamrocks fall to Orchard Lake St. Mary's; Now out of CHSL running

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

Last week's loss by the Catholic Central Shamrocks football team snapped a 20-game winning streak. This week's loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 14-7, is hopefully not the start of a losing streak.

ON TAP

The Shamrocks (6-2) will be back in action when they play DeLaSalle for the second time this season. The Pilots are 6-2 on the season and have wins over Detroit Henry Ford (50-12), Flint Carman-Ainsworth (54-21), London Clarke Road (46-6), Brother Rice (7-0), Inkster (17-6) and University of Detroit Jesuit (29-22). They have losses to Orchard Lake St. Mary's (21-3) and Detroit Catholic Central (27-7).

6-2 and removed them from the championship hunt. Catholic Central did have a bright spot in the loss, which was a 38-yard scoring sprint by Anthony Darkangelo on a sweep play that found the end zone to cut St. Mary's lead to 14-7 before halftime.

Neither team managed much offense in the second half. The Shamrocks will be looking to getting back to basics and focus on what lies ahead of them still.

"Our first goal is to win the Central Division, our second is to win the Catholic League, with that loss we lose of both those opportunities," Catholic Central coach Tom Mach said. "We have to reset goals and go for them."

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

## Shamrocks win Division I state tennis title

Catholic Central proves No. 1 ranking right with impressive victory

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

All season long, the Catholic Central Shamrocks tennis team has been consistent with three things: First, the squad has been ranked first in the state since the beginning of the year; second, the team has dedicated their season to Jim Zupton, an assistant varsity and head junior varsity coach who died before the start of the season; and, third, they have said that the team results outweigh individual results.

Being consistent paid off last week for the Shamrocks, who captured the Division I state championship with 32 points, staying just ahead of Ann Arbor Pioneer, which finished with 30 points.

After the first day of competition in Midland, Catholic Central and Pioneer were tied for first with 23 points each. Not far behind was Brother Rice, the defending state title, with 19 points and Ann Arbor Huron with 18.

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## Wildcats hit 30-win mark

Marian defeats Novi volleyball for third time this season

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Novi's volleyball team had a huge week, racking up seven victories as they tied for third among 30 teams at last Saturday's Beat of the East tournament.

The Wildcats, ranked No. 6 in Class A, improved to 30-4-1 after rolling over most of the competition.

The girls started the day with a 25-10, 25-14 win over Auburn Hills Avondale (9-8-2). Senior Erica Robb had seven kills and eight digs, junior Katie Enright had six kills, and senior Laura Subject had 17 assists and four

aces to lead the Wildcats. The team followed the win with a 25-16, 25-14 victory over Dearborn's Jun Divino Child (14-12-0). Junior Victoria Rose had nine kills and Subject had 24 assists and eight digs to lead the way.

Next was a 25-16, 25-17 win over Macomb Dakota (16-14-4). Enright and junior Aly Ryan each had four kills, while Subject added six aces and 16 assists. Senior Savannah Green had seven digs.

Wyandotte's Roosevelt High (15-4-0) was the first victim in bracket play, falling 25-15,

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Later in the quarter, Stanford had a punt blocked at his own 30 by Beyer. Plymouth junior Tyler Goble snatched up the ball and carried it 30 yards up the left sideline for a touchdown which, after Brindza knocked a kick through the uprights, put the score at 15-14 Novi.



Wildcat Lucas Buck carries the ball against Plymouth.

left in the game, but he was unable to recover a low snap, which Plymouth knocked away and covered up at Novi's 7-yard line with 0.2 seconds left.

Brindza easily booted the ball through for a field goal as time expired and Plymouth completed their 25-22 comeback.

"If we would've played like that the whole game, we would've dominated," Sawchuk said. "I'm glad it's over."

Novi dominated the clock with possession for 30:01 of 48 minutes, and also outgained Plymouth 348-310 in total yardage.

Plymouth had a 149-110 pass yardage advantage however, behind 14-for-18 passing from Austin. Ince was 3-of-7 for Novi, but gained 49 yards on the ground. Buck and Masserant also gained 99 and 95 yards on the ground, respectively.

"Buck played real well. He's going to be a great one in the future or us," Pennyneff said.

Jenkins led Plymouth's ground game with 144 yards on 21 attempts.

Junior Alex King was huge for Novi's defense, amassing 13 tackles, eight more than any of his teammates. Goble had 10 for Plymouth and Fox added eight.

"They were much calmer and I think the experience they gained last year really helped," Novi coach Debra Harris said.

Senior Megan Henry led the Wildcats throughout the tournament with scores of 83 and 79, combining to finish 10th overall as an individual with 162 strokes to earn All-Tournament honors.

Junior Kathleen Koomen had a strong showing with scores of 92 and 88 to finish with 180 after an early mishap. Koomen hit an eight and 10 on two holes, but followed them with 10 straight holes she hit either a four or five on.

"They knew there were a few really tricky holes," Harris said. "Kathleen really blew up on one hole and then turned it around. She really kept her composure."

Keeping both scores under 100, senior Victoria Tomkinson hit a 98 and 99 to

Novi golfers finish ninth in Division I Henry earns All-Tournament honors to cap Wildcats' best season

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Novi girls golf program just wrapped up their most successful season ever.

The key word is ever, as the Wildcats handed Northville their first-ever KLA A Central Division dual meet loss, shared the division title with a 9-1 record, won the Kensington Conference title and made their second-ever trip to the state meet this past weekend.

Novi's 734-stroke finish Saturday at Eastern Michigan University's Eagle Crest course was a big improvement over last year's 824-stroke finish at Michigan State University's Forest Akers West.

"They were much calmer and I think the experience they gained last year really helped," Novi coach Debra Harris said.

"Everybody played better than they did last year at States. I'm very pleased with their composure and the way they handled themselves."

With Henry, Tomkinson, Collins, Miller and Kaitlin Hogan all graduating in the spring, the Wildcats will look to Koomen and freshman Lauren Cojci to lead the way next fall.

"She's just been a really awesome, pleasant surprise as a freshman. She's been a match medalist for two months, which is just unheard of," Harris said of Cojci.

Sophomore Allie Krick, freshman Hannah Wagenberg and juniors Amber Papa and Carly Healy are also expected to compete for varsity time next year.

"We're hoping to be as strong as we can," Harris said.

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

Senior harriers finish 16-4 in duals Wildcats ready for conference title run

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Novi's boys cross country team wrapped up the dual meet season at 4-1 after defeating Livonia Stevenson 24-31 on Oct. 12.

"It was the closest meet that we've had all year," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "On paper, Stevenson was supposed to beat us by three. When Eric Gardner came up injured just prior to the meet, I thought we may be in even more trouble. Eric is usually in our top five. When you remove one of your top five in a three-point meet, you are asking for trouble."

But Novi prevailed as seniors Joe Schubring and Brett

two top guns (Schubring and Giampa) set a fast pace from the start. The intent was to pull Livonia's top two runners out of their comfort zone and to separate them from the rest of their team," Smith said. "At the same time, our next three runners (Vera-Burgos, Tgros, Pravato) also took off fast to get ahead of the dangerous pack of three runners from Stevenson. Our guys worked together to hold off the hard-charging Spartans throughout the course."

"Our three pack ran between 17:35-17:37, while the Spartan runners ran 17:38-17:44. Had those three Stevenson runners gotten ahead of our three runners, we would have lost by

eight points. Six guys within 10 seconds, it was incredible. I am very, very proud of our team."

The final meet also served as senior day for many runners outside of the four who placed in the Wildcats' top five. Other seniors included Chase Conrad (12th in 17:50), Garrett Murphy (18th in 18:03), Nirguna Thalla (19th in 18:37), Sahil Mehta

(42nd in 22:04) and Kuni Hotta (58th in 22:49).

Novi's senior class has only last four dual meets during the past four years, with three of them coming as freshmen and one this year against Northville. This means they were undefeated division champions in both their sophomore and junior years.

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

The girls cross country team defeated Livonia Stevenson 16-40 to finish the season 3-2 in the KLA A Central Division. The Spartans finished 1-4.

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NOVI SPORTS ROUNDUP

Field Hockey
The Wildcats' field hockey team hosted Grosse Pointe North (2-10-0, 2-7-0 Division III) last Thursday and prevailed for a 2-0 victory.



Novi's Maranda Buha in action against Northville on Oct. 14.

Novi added to their lead five minutes later when senior Angelica Minissale scored off a rebound from a shot by junior Amanda Kadykowski.

Girls Swimming

Novi's girls swim and dive team defeated Northville 104-82 last Thursday to improve to 4-3 (2-2 KLAACentral).

The Wildcats are scheduled to host Walled Lake Northern (2-0) at 6 p.m. today before the Oct. 29 division diving meet.

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

Shamrocks have interesting week thanks to depth

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Catholic Central Shamrocks cross country team had the kind of week that most teams could never imagine.

Clarkston and Wayne Memorial in the event. Pinckney took first, while Plymouth was second and Saline was third.

In the Sturgis Invitational, the Shamrocks took first in the varsity and junior varsity races.

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Varsity crushes Colts, 24-6

The Varsity Colts 24-6 defeated the Northville Colts 24-6 to capture a crucial win or go home game against the Commerce Chargers Sunday.

On the Colts' second possession, Nick Meadows and Christian Durhan combined to stop the Colts on fourth down and one yard to go at midfield.

With the Colts' defense committed to stopping the run, Billy Ullie completed two passes to Moore for 18 yards.

Moore had 5 carries for 31 yards followed by Spencer VanKirk with 6 carries for 29 yards.

Christian Durhan led the defense with 5 tackles and 4 assists. Ullie had 5 tackles, followed by Pinkerton with 4 tackles and 4 assists.

With both teams tied at 6-6, and with time running down late in the fourth quarter, the Colts took over on downs, but were forced to punt after another strong defensive series by the Bobcats.

Rakin Parker flushed the quarterback with a hard rush, and the Colts' quarterback was finished off by a big hit near the sidelines by nose guard, Keegan Houseworth.

Following the punt, the Bobcats took over on their own 27 with under 2 minutes left to play in the game.

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NOVI BOBCATS ROUNDUP

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Conner Moore and the JV Bobcats knocked off the Northville Colts 12-6.

Bobcat Durham leads the varsity squad with 5 tackles and 4 assists against Northville last weekend.

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Novi netters finish fifth in state for second year

'Cats crowned KLAAC champions

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Despite a young core of singles players, Novi's boys tennis team repeated their performance from last year's state tournament.

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Port Huron Northern 6-4, 6-1 before top-seeded Huron knocked them out 7-6(4), 6-2 en route to the flight's state title.

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TENNIS

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"This is how you want it decided," said CC coach Joe Stafford, "having the title on the line on the final day."

Stafford made no qualms about what this season meant for his team.

"Two weeks before the season started, one of our coaches, Jim Zupton, died, and we dedicated this season to him," he said.

"This is our first title since 1986. Everyone contributed throughout the season, and this group was so unselfish. We thought we could do it, and we did it together as an association championship," Hanson said.

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Novi kickers drop two heading into district play

Wildcats rest up during KLAAC crossovers, hope for deep playoff run

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 2010 FOR THE CITY OF NOVI, SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Qualified Electors of the City of Novi - Oakland County, Michigan. Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010. The Polls will be open 7 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m. All Polling Places are Handicap Accessible. Braille and Audio Versions of Voting Instructions are available at the Polling Places Listed Below:

Table with 3 columns: PRECINCT, LOCATION, ADDRESS. Lists various polling locations and their addresses.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES OF ALL PARTICIPATING POLITICAL PARTIES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

STATE: Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Two Members of the State Board of Education, Two Members of the University of Michigan Board of Regents, Two Members of the Michigan State Board of Trustees, Two Members of the Wayne State University Board of Governors

CONGRESSIONAL: United States Senator, Representative in Congress

LEGISLATIVE: State Senator, State Representative

COUNTY: County Commissioner, District 8 (precincts 11, 12 and part of 13) County Commissioner District 9 (all other precincts)

JUDICIAL: Justices of the Supreme Court (Incumbent Positions) (Vote for Two), Three Judges of the Court of Appeals - 2nd District (Incumbent Positions), Six Judges of the Circuit Court - 6th Circuit (Incumbent Positions), One Judge of the Probate Court (Incumbent Position), Judges of the 52-1st District Court (Vote for Two)

LOCAL: Three Members of the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees - Precincts 1-14, part of 17, 18-21

Two Members of the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees - All of Precinct 15, 16 and part of 17 BOARD MEMBER - NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT - ONE 4 YEAR TERM BOARD MEMBER - NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS - TWO 4 YEAR TERMS BOARD MEMBER - WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT - THREE 6 YEAR TERMS

AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS:

10-1 Proposal to convene a constitutional convention for the purpose of drafting a general revision of the State Constitution.

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 www.cityofnovi.org or www.michigan.gov/elections or NOVI CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 248-347-0456, 45175 W. TEN MILE RD., NOVI, MICHIGAN 48375

INFORMATION ON OBTAINING AN ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION

Absentee ballots for said election are available to qualified electors at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The deadline for the City Clerk's Office to receive applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 30, 2010. The City Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absent voting on Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot may obtain a ballot in person at the City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 1, 2010. Ballots obtained in person on Monday, November 1, 2010 must be voted in at the City Clerk's Office.

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC City Clerk

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## Two Sundays left

The Novi Chamber of Commerce's weekly Farmers Market only has two Sundays remaining for this season. The market is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and is located on Main Street just south of Grand River Avenue and east of Novi Road. Purchase in-season fruits and vegetables, pumpkins, hot cider, doughnuts and caramel apples. There will be a chef demonstration by Chef Paul of HAP on Oct. 24; and Henry Ford Health Center health screenings for cholesterol, blood pressure, etc. will be featured Oct. 31.

## Oakland County offering business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months. Seminars are held in the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road (west of Telegraph), Waterford unless otherwise noted. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit oakgov.com/peds/calendar, or call (248) 858-0783.

**(AM) Morning Class**  
9 a.m.-noon/12:30 p.m.  
**(PM) Evening Class**  
6 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

**Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan** is a workshop for small business owners who are developing a plan to serve as their road map to success. Workshop participants will learn what elements are commonly found in effective plans and will work on developing each of these for their own business. Assistance in the process as well as information on resources will be provided.

Thursday, Oct. 21, from 6-9 p.m.  
The fee is \$40, which includes all materials. No refunds.

**Sales II: Is Following Up Your Best Sales Strategy?** - Learn what questions to ask to

### FUTURE WORKSHOPS

- November:
  - 2 - Pre-Business Research Workshop (AM)
  - 3 - WBE Certification Orientation
  - 4 - Small Business Loan Workshop
  - 10 - Fundamentals of Starting a Business (AM)
  - 18 - Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (AM)
  - December:
  - 2 - Fundamentals of Starting a Business (PM)
  - 9 - Sales I: Effective Networking
  - 16 - Business Research Workshop (PM)
  - 16 - Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (PM)
- The Web site address for Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services Workshops is oakgov.com/peds/calendar.

help the prospect discover why to buy from your company. Better understand why companies buy from you, and why they don't. Presented by Gerry Weinberg & Associates

Wednesday, Oct. 27, from 9-noon  
The fee is \$45. No refunds.

**Ceed Microloan Orientation** - Many small businesses face obstacles when trying to obtain a busi-

ness loan. The recognition of the serious need for working capital for existing businesses, start-up or expansion, equipment purchases, and job creation is not the priority it once was. If you have a need for alternative financing programs for the microloan program. Discover the requirements and process necessary to apply and obtain a microloan. Program presented by Center for Empowerment & Economic Development (C.E.E.D.)

Wednesday, October 27, from 9-11 a.m.  
Southfield Public Library, 26300 Evergreen Rd., Southfield

This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

**Fundamentals of Marketing Your Business** - Marketing is an essential of business success. All products/services must be sold to well-targeted audiences with a wide-ranging marketing mix. Our staff/SCORE counselors can guide you through successful techniques and marketing principles helping you to promote your products and services to the most promising customers - your target audience. Presented by The Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC).

Thursday, Oct. 28 from 9-noon  
The fee is \$40. No refunds.

## HAVE A STORY IDEA?

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### First in world at Emagine Novi

D-BOX Technologies Inc. announced a new agreement with Emagine Entertainment to equip three auditoriums within two of its movie theatres with D-BOX MPX seats.

The new Emagine Rochester Hills, scheduled to open later this fall, and Emagine Novi will both feature the ground-breaking entertainment of D-BOX motion technology just in time for this year's holiday movie blockbusters. The Novi location will be the first theatre worldwide to have the capabilities to screen two new movie releases at the same time featuring D-BOX Motion Code(TM).

This allows the theatres to screen these films for longer periods of time while offering moviegoers more opportunity to live the action of each D-BOX embedded picture.

"This is a great achievement for D-BOX," said President and Chief Executive Officer of D-BOX Technologies, Claude McMaster. "As we continue to provide more and more exciting movie content from the studios, Emagine Novi will be the first to offer more than one D-BOX movie. This is a giant step toward our company's expansion plans and we're proud to make this announcement with Emagine Entertainment."

With the addition of Rochester Hills and Novi, Emagine will have four locations in Michigan equipped with D-BOX motion technology.

"We are thrilled with the turnout we've experienced so far and it only made business sense to add more theatres with D-BOX motion systems," said Paul Glantz founder and owner of Emagine Entertainment.

### Bright House launches racing package

Bright House Networks sports enthusiasts will soon be able to take off with SPEED2.com, a broadband video network designed for racing fans of all ages and interests. Bright House Networks has launched SPEED2.com nationally and the online network will be available to all of the company's Sports Pack customers with Internet accessibility at no additional monthly charge.

"The launch of SPEED2.com exemplifies our ability to integrate our robust technology to provide customers unique experiences like live and interactive TV they can watch on their PC, anytime, anywhere. This is TV on the move, and it's exciting," said Robert McCann, president, Bright House Networks Detroit Division.

SPEED2.com is a new FOX Sports online video network featuring high quality motors-

ports programming with exclusive live races, on-demand international racing and more. Access to SPEED2.com will give Sports Pack customers the ability to tune in to racing content from any Internet based connection, whether they are at home, at work or on the road.

Bright House Networks Sports Pack customers will have the ability to watch both standard and high definition content on SPEED2.com, which will include popular series such as American Muscle Car, Behind the Headlights, Back in the Day with Dale Jr. and Victory by Design, in addition to more than a dozen Marquee Racing Series events.

Bright House Networks Sports Pack is an optional package available to customers with Digital Service for a low monthly cost. An HD TV and HD converter are required to view HD programming. Internet service is required to view SPEED2.com. To access Speed2.com coverage once available, Bright House Networks Sports Pack customers will visit www.speed2.com and follow the instructions to log in using their Bright House Networks My Services account.

### Business Recognition Awards deadline extended to Oct. 25

The Novi Chamber of Commerce and City of Novi have partnered to present the 2010 Business Recognition Awards.

Businesses will be judged based on the categories below. Separate awards will be given to small businesses (under 50 employees) and large businesses (over 50 employees). Please choose one or more categories and provide information supporting the nomination. A business can only win in one category.

1. Community Builder: Businesses which partner with others to enhance the Novi community. Partnerships could include involvement with: Novi Schools, Chamber of Commerce, local service clubs, non-profit associations and the City of Novi.

2. Superior Business Practices: Businesses which create an optimal working environment for their employees. Businesses that have undertaken efforts to help boost productivity, innovation, and career advancement.

3. Customer Service Excellence: Businesses that demonstrate exemplary customer relations.

For more information and a nomination form, go to: <http://www.investnovi.org/News/News.asp?ID=9888>

Completed nomination forms can be emailed to [info@novichamber.com](mailto:info@novichamber.com).

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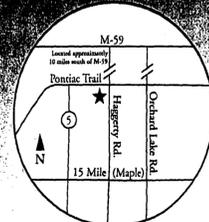
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## Northville attorney springboards from local football coach to high profile criminal defense counsel

BY ALISON ACCAVITTI  
ADVERTORIAL WRITER

Metro area residents, including Detroit political consultant Sam Riddle, are choosing Attorney Mark Mandell for quality legal representation.

Earlier this year, Mandell stepped up as defense counsel for Sam Riddle, a Detroit political consultant charged with allegedly assaulting his former girlfriend, Detroit City Council Member and State Representative Mary Waters. Mandell's aggressive defense and effective management of the media and public perception brought order to a case that made the daily 5 o'clock news for six weeks in a row.

After thorough research and countless hours representing local residents on a number of issues including divorce, adoption, criminal law and political consultation, Mandell and the associates at Fausone Bohn, LLP, recognized the trend that fraud charges are taking point in local court rooms.

"Fraud is an epidemic in America," Mandell said. "As a result of the great recession, people have resorted to embezzlement, fraud and retail fraud. With the amount of governmental resources stacked against you, the need for a great defense attorney is more crucial than ever."

Mandell spent time in Wayne County courts, where he discovered a special deeds fraud unit was created specifically to prosecute mortgage fraud. This unit is becoming more common in courts across the country. He also took a look at Oakland County, where he found that larceny from a building charges were an increasing concern.

"So many people are laid off, and as a result of losing their jobs, they're walking out with computers, cell phones and other property from the company," Mandell said. "People from all walks of life are stealing property anywhere from Meijer to Saks Fifth Avenue."

### Top notch defense for white collar crimes

In Michigan, if you're facing fraud, embezzlement or any other type of white collar criminal charge, turn to Mark Mandell and the associates at Fausone Bohn, LLP, who bring decades of criminal defense experience, renowned reputation and discreet services to each and every client.

Mandell launched [www.michiganfraudlawyer.com](http://www.michiganfraudlawyer.com) to assist in the growing need for experienced defense representation on a number of allegations.

White collar crimes can refer to fraud, embezzlement, money laundering or a variety of other criminal charges.

"If you are charged with a white collar crime in Michigan, or even simply believe you are under investigation, you need to begin building your defense as soon as possible," Mandell said. "Many business owners who are very good at what they do may not be as good at managing their books. Especially if you're dealing with any funding from the government, if you fail to integrate your accounting appropriately, you could be inadvertently exposing yourself to the possibility of white collar criminal charges."

Charges of embezzlement (dishonest taking of funds or property) can be devastating to a person's reputation and career. Mandell helps his clients quickly build a strategic defense in the courtroom and in the community — working to control the information that becomes part of public discourse to maintain his clients' privacy.

Mandell and his associates also represent clients facing mortgage fraud, a term not very common before the recent economic crisis.

"Numerous authorities have begun paying more attention to

the real estate market and allegations of fraud regarding home values, mortgages and other home loans and real estate transactions," Mandell said. "Loan fraud and mortgage fraud cases can include complicated investigations of records that span over many years. Many of us at Fausone Bohn are former prosecutors ready to deal with a large volume of documentation."

Homeowners and automobile insurance fraud, public corruption, Internet scams and wire fraud, check fraud, financial fraud, health care fraud, personal fraud and theft are among the allegations that Mandell offers a free consultation to any resident in need.

### Respected community leaders

Mark Mandell and his associates carry 40 years of combined experience and understand the strategies that prosecutors employ to reach a conviction.

Mandell is not afraid to try a case in court. He's an experienced trial lawyer in both civil and criminal law. He's also a township prosecutor who's earned awards for trail advocacy during his time at the Thomas Cooley Law School and later became an adjunct professor in trial workshop.

Continuing to serve as the defensive coordinator for the junior varsity Mustang football team at Northville High School, Mandell has taken his devoted small-town reputation into the spotlight, representing a number of high profile officials. He's made television appearances on Fox 2 News, WDIV Channel 4 and WXYZ Channel 7; taken radio interviews on WJR 760 and WWJ

### Fraud Overview

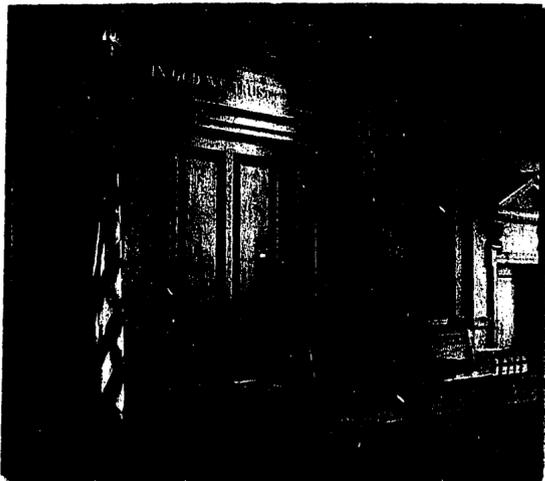
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In staying committed to the community, Mandell has hired long-time Northville resident Melissa Cox as his associate.

950; and has been quoted often in newspapers including the Detroit Free Press, Detroit News, Oakland Press and the Observer, Eccentric & Hometown Newspapers.



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