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seen in media reports, Ianni Parkview Elementary kindergartners (above, from left) Erika Yu, Damanni Spears and Abby Ernster were among

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hundreds of Novi students who wore pink to school on Oct. 20 to show support for National Bullying Prevention Day, and preach the message that 'bullying stops with mel' Students and staff of Novi High School signed this banner (top) on Oct. 20 as part of National Bullying Prevention Day.

Community shows support for National Bullying Prevention Day

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

It pains Callie Wright to know that some of her classmates skip school because they are tired of being made fun of and picked on.

So it's no surprise that as the community recognized National Bullying Prevention Day by encouraging everyone to wear pink, Wright was soliciting her peers to sign a banner pledging to put an end to the actions that cause pain to many students. "It's one thing to acknowl-

edge a problem but another to have the courage to step up and stop it," she said. "I would like to hope that bringing the topic to the forefront will help, but really it is all in the student's hands."

Novi is the first community in Michigan to participate in National Bullying Prevention Day, according to city of Novi community relations Director Sheryl Walsh, and pink was seen throughout the school district, at the civic center and police and fire departments and even in Novi businesses. Walsh was instrumental in bringing the idea to Novi after hearing about a high school

freshman in Nova Scotia, Canada, who was bullied in 2007 for wearing a pink shirt. Two seniors decided to stand

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up for him and encouraged their friends to wear pink shirts to support him. She approached Novi Community Schools district

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Supt. Pete Dion with her idea and he immediately got on board. "We want to take a preven-

tative approach to it because we don't want our kids to be hurt," he said. "If we ignore it now it could have a drastic impact on them in the future."

School Resource Officer Jeremy Stempien said he sees bullying in variety of forms including verbal, physical,

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allegedly owned a lot of people money and "that could have played a factor."

"We are not going to Anyone with information is exclude anything," he said. asked to contact Novi Police "We will look at everything Det. Kevin Gilmore at (248) in terms of motive and 348-7100 or Crime Stoppers opportunity and why someat 1-800-SPEAKUP. one would want to bring

great bodily harm on him." Information from the Detroit Free Molloy said last Thursday Press contributed to this article. he did not believe Ianni's

death was a "random act."

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The Novi Police Department responded to a homicide at this building on the 23000 block of Portage Way off Novi Road on Oct. 20. Nicholas lanni, 55, was found dead inside his apartment with multiple gunshot wounds to his torso. The investigation is ongoing.

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

There is no end in sight to the alarmingly high unemployment rate in Michigan. But for one day, unemployed job seekers can meet with employers hiring for

more than 3,000 jobs by attending a free career expo Nov. 4 at the Rock Financial Showplace. The career expo, presented

by a new website called hiredMYway.com, is the second one the company has had this year, and organiz-

people to attend and interview with the more than 36 companies that will be look-

ing to hire. "We target companies hiring in the masses," hiredMYway.com co-founder Erinn O'Connor said.

O'Connor, who founded her own private recruiting company The O'Connor Group, has been building hiredMYway.com since February to help put Michigan people back to work.

of need," she said. "We wanted to help people find work

and we could not do it as fast with a private firm." The first career expo in

July helped 380 people get interviews and more than 200 were hired within a couple of weeks.

O'Connor said the website is unique in that it is resultsdriven, and operates like a matching service to find job seekers the right match in a more efficient way.

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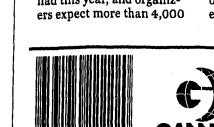
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The new hiredMYway. com website will launch the day before the expo and go national Jan. 1. "Our goal is to put Michigan back to work in masses, not just one job at a time," O'Connor said.

For more information about the expo, contact O'Connor at hiredMyway.com.

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and, growing in popularity, cyber-bullying.

His hope is the students take the information they learned about bullying home to their parents and continue to share it with others. "There isn't one student who is rock solid when it comes to (248) 565-5400 or visit www. emotions," he said. "(Bullying) is definitely an issue." Director of Public Safety/

nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255 Chief of Police David Molloy said the goal is to provide a "safe and healthy" environment for students and generate the discussion that bullying isn't acceptable anytime or any-

where. lesson," he said. Walsh said recognizing

Day is something the community plans to continue in the future.

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Novi High School junior Christa Kondraciuk signs an anti-bullying petition at the school on Oct. 20 on a day students, staff and community members were encouraged to wear pink in solidarity with students, both near and far, who nmueller@gannetl.com] (248) 437-2011, ext. 255 have been bullied. Senior Molly Sutika, left, helped gather signatures on the banner.

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New rehab business preaches family feel

Excel opens ninth location in Novi

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Roger Goble said what makes Excel Rehabilitation Services unique is its family

And that is not surprising, considering the new Novi business is family-owned, run by Goble and his brother Ron.

The two started the physical and occupational therapy clinic 17 years ago in Bloomfield Hills, and since then it has grown to nine locations across the state, including the newest one at 39500 10 Mile Road. "We have that small-town

feel to our services and we try to create an environment where healing can truly take place," Roger said. Goble said he interacts directly with the patients and wants them to see results

immediately. Also one of the perks of having multiple locations is the sharing of information that takes place between the various direc-Adam Homolka, who has

been a physical therapist for seven years, is the director of the Novi clinic. He said creating a fun and positive atmosphere at the clinic is of high importance. "If you can have people feel

comfortable, they will do the things they are supposed to do the right way," he said. "And obviously the positive atmosphere lends a helping hand.'

Goble said the reason they chose Novi for their newest ocation, which also houses their corporate offices, is

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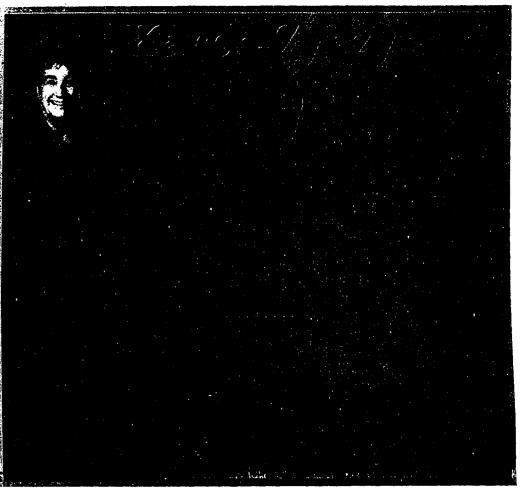
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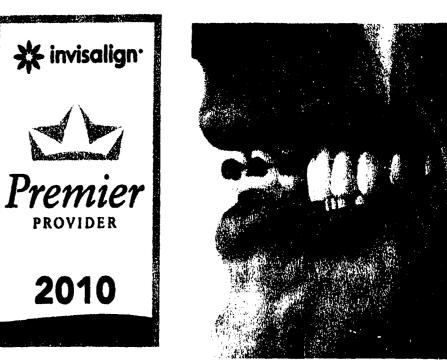
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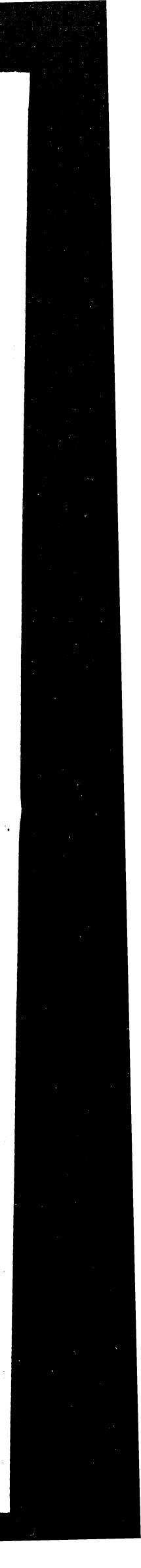
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School district encouraging healthy eating Village Oaks students test group for new foods

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

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It's no peanut butter and jelly sandwich, but the whole wheat wraps with sunflower seed butter and raisins were a minor hit for kindergartners at Village Oaks Elementary. The healthy alternative to a favorite treat was offered to the students as part of an initiative by the School Nutrition Action Committee to give kids healthier options at school. Kindergartners at Village Oaks were the pilot group for the program, which will take place every month with a new grade level at the school. "Our goal is to increase awareness of other foods that are out there," said JoAnn Clements, director of nutri-

tion and food services for the Novi Community Schools District. "This is

when children are forming their habits, good or bad, and we feel it is very important to stress this with the kids in (elementary school)."

With the help of local chef Ina Cheatem and parent volunteers, the students got to learn how to make the wraps themselves, and according to Clements, "some liked it and some didn't.'

Aaron Klenke, who has a daughter at Village Oaks, is passionate about providing students with healthy food choices and is glad the school district is on board with giving them more options

He said he wants to see the district incorporate more fresh and local products, which will not only be better for kids but help the Michigan economy. "If we can get students involved by getting them accustomed to more local nmueller@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 255

fruits and vegetables we can work better health into our community and our country," he said. "And if we can introduce them to it when they are young, we can keep doing it as they grow up

and slowly improve their entire diet." Next up for the program is squash made by the first graders. Clements said the food item made by SNAC will be featured on the school lunch menu for the entire month so kids get reinforcement of having it every week. The program will end in February with the fourth graders. "As a school district we feel we have to start modeling the change we want

to see in the kids," she said. She also stressed that the district can only do so much and it "has to start at home too."

Chef Ina Cheatem supervises Village Oaks kindergartners Josse Drouin-Bain and Tyler Curtis, right, as they prepare a healthy snack of pita bread, sunflower butter, cinnamon and raisins during an assembly on Oct. 19. The school will continue this program of introducing nutritious foods to its students and even allow students in the upper grades the opportunity to cook in the kitchen.

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Library owes 'Friends' for 50 years of success

Volunteers help library prosper

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

A small group of visionaries, dubbed the "Friends of the Novi Library," brought the first library to the Novi area

50 years ago. And that same group, while many of the names and faces have changed since then, has helped shape what the Novi Public Library is today. It was the initial group of Friends that saw a need for a library, securing an old bank building on Novi Road near Grand River Avenue in Novi Township in 1960 to house their operation. They borrowed books, raised money and staffed the facility themselves on a volunteer basis. Within three years, a half-

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tinued to grow. "There has always been a core group of people who were focused and dedicated a great deal of their time and efforts into keeping it a viable place," said Pam Van Houten (Schneemann), who began her volunteer work as a Friend in 1978. "The Friends did what they could at the scale then could do it in, and we always did our best to come up with ways to generate money." In 1976, a new Novi Public Library was built at Ten Mile and Taft roads, operating with an independent one-mill tax. Half of the building was then leased to the city in 1978 for administrative offices at the cost of \$1 per year. Van Houten said the com-

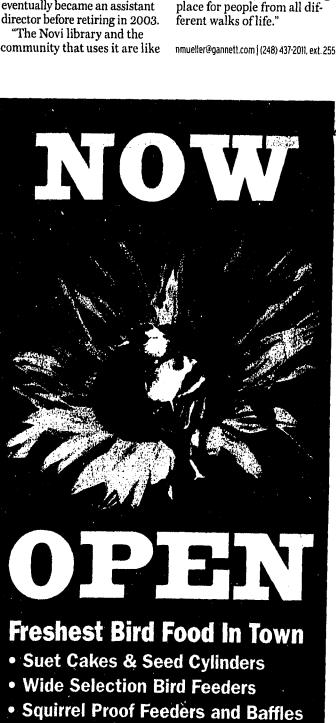
munity was a rural farming community at that time and the needs of the residents "weren't nearly as great as they are now."

There was no technology to work with, and the group focused a great deal of time on children's books and programs.

"It was much more small scale at that time," she said. By 1980 the Friends had increased in size to 20 members, and in 1987, the library once again had the building to itself as the city offices moved into its own facility.

Pauline Druschel started as a part-time reference librarian in 1983 and was part of a group that developed and outreach program for those who could not come to the library. She eventually became an assistant

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a family to me, and I consider it and the people that use it my friends," she said. "It has been such a rewarding opportunity for me to have the chance to be

She said when she first started at the library, people came because it was a place where they could get books and bring children to enrich their reading skills. It has changed slightly over

"always been a support to the educational infrastructure of The 2000s were a big decade for the library as the population in the city continued to grow and the demand for brary services increased. In 2004, the Charles and Myrtle Walker family, who lived in the city for nearly 30 years, saw the need for a larger building and donated \$1 million to start a Library Building Fund. The Friends advocated

for a new library in 2007, helping pass the bond for a millage, and in 2008 ground was broken on the new facility. The new building opened in June 2010, and the community has embraced it, showing up in record numbers to check out books, participate in programs

When asked if she sees the Novi Public Library being around another 50 years, Druschel didn't hesitate. "The image of the library may shift and the resources i provides may shift, but there will always be a need," she said. "It will continue to grow and evolve as resources do. but it will always be a leveling



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OCC board candidates share their views at forum

BY STACY JENKINS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Five of the 11 candidates for the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees shared their views at a recent candidate forum, hosted by the League of Women Voters. Participants were Deborah Macon, of West Bloomfield; Amber Patterson, of Southfield; Anne Scott, of Clarkston; Michele Scott, of Southfield; and Thomas Sullivan, of Oakland

Township. There are three six-year seats up for grabs in the Nov. 2 election. Incumbents are Thomas Kuhn, of Troy; Anne Scott; and Sullivan. The seven trustees serve as nonpartisan volunteers and are not compensated.

Macon is a regular at the OCC board meetings and an active member of several community outreach groups. She's a former classroom teacher, former West Bloomfield Township board member and former Bloomfield Hills school

board member. Patterson has 32 years experience in higher education and corporate education training and is a former adjunct instructor at OCC.

Anne Scott was first elected to the OCC board 18 years ago. She owned a staffing company for 27 years Michele Scott is a student at OCC who is working toward

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a master's degree in business ency is "vital in public office and in your professional life administration. Sullivan is a retired dentist as well." She said the meetings could be podcast or broadcast who was elected to the OCC board two years ago. on the OCC website, so people Other candidates who did could view them day or night not attend the forum are: and be informed. Daniel Kelly, of Clarkston; Sullivan said "this has to Kuhn; Fred Mester, of happen." Bloomfield Hills; Olga Meyer,

of West Bloomfield; John

Reeves, of Southfield; and

Carol Smith, of Bloomfield

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Macon said she's already

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"It builds transparency and

Patterson said she would be

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important.

she said.

Hills.

"The sooner it happens, the better it will be," he said. "Transparency, transparency, transparency is the reason it should be done."

ONLINE CLASSES

Because OCC is facing their thoughts on why the OCC record enrollment levels, online classes are an option that's becoming popular and necessary. Patterson said online learn-

ing is a way to bring students who are not local to the school and could even bring students from around the country to OCC.

"Online learning is the future," she said.

Anne Scott said she favors blended classes, incorporating online learning. Michele Scott said online

"We are all elected officials and should be accountable to courses allow for more options those who voted for us," she for students. said, the reference being if she "Online course expansion is

> vital because that is the standard by which community colleges are measured," she said, noting the courses must be high quality and relevant. Sullivan said online courses, if they're done properly, are

"extremely important," especially with the challenges the school faces with high enrollment, currently. Macon said anything to make education more accessible and flexible is a good thing.

HIGH ENROLLMENT OCC is experiencing high

enrollment lately, largely due to the economy. Many people who are laid off from their jobs are pursuing other fields, such as health care, and need the course work or degrees. Anne Scott said OCC's administration is "thinking outside of the box" in terms of

offering weekend courses at all campuses and determining the best use of space at all build-Michele Scott said all of the

resources that are already paid for must be utilized wisely. She said adding programs and space should not incur

Sullivan said high enrollment presents accessibility challenges and he believes the administration is addressing

the issue. Macon said it is the administration's role to work on these issues, but as a board

member. she would like to be involved in the analysis. Patterson said the situation

is "an opportunity for creativity," including forming partnerships with employers.

WORKING WITH OTHERS Candidates were asked how sensus and using her strong communication skills to work toward getting results. Patterson said listening, understanding and collaborating are keys to being a "team

player" on any board. Anne Scott said all members serve because they want to provide a quality education for students at OCC. Having the same goals makes

building consensus easier. Listening is important, she added. "There's not a clear-cut

answer to some decisions, so it's important to listen," she For more information

about the candidates, visit the League of Women Voters Oakland Area website at www

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Views mixed on Con Con

BY STACY JENKINS GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Voters will decide Nov. whether the state's constitution should be opened

for amendments. Some leaders say holding a Constitutional Convention seems to be the best way to bring the change Michigan

It's an issue that comes up every 16 years, as established in state law. Michigan voters have not convened a Con Con since 1961, when the effort was led by then political newcomer George Romney.

have an open mind, be a good If a majority of Michigan listener and work toward voters casts "yes" votes Nov. accomplishing the goal at 2 on Proposal 1 to hold a Constitutional Convention, Sullivan said he works in a delegates from each House respectful and collaborative

and Senate district would be elected in a partisan election to "When we make a decision. serve on the convention. Once whether we like it or not, we assembled, members would need to speak with one voice," then choose officers and determine the rules of proceedings. Each delegate would be paid,

per state law. The newly written Constitution would then be put up for a statewide vote, as one document. Special interest agendas and

influence concern some people, while the enormous election costs concern others.

Supporters say it seems to be the only way to flip the switch for Michigan to truly be more competitive with other states. Michigan's current

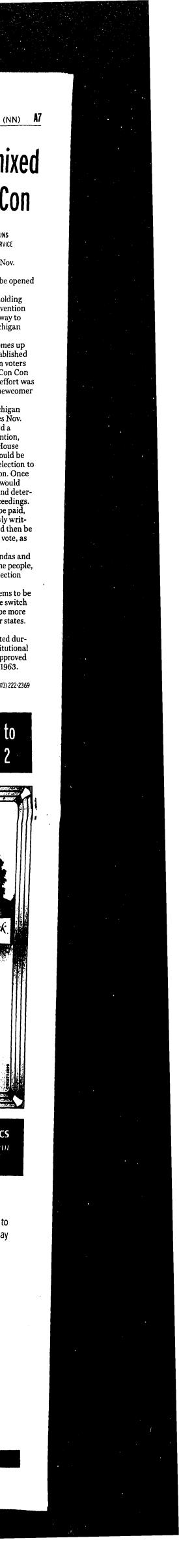
Constitution was drafted during the 1961-62 Constitutional Convention and was approved by Michigan voters in 1963.

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HALLOWEEN

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Law enforcement to put the scare on drunken drivers this Halloween

be the only spooky things on enforcement officers are the streets this Halloween, as drunken drivers will pose the scariest threat of all. That's why more than 200 law enforcement agencies are putting extra officers out on the road through Sunday, Oct. 31

Officers in 35 counties, including Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne, will be conducting drunken driving enforcement through federal traffic safety funds administered by the Office of Highway Safety Planning.

Although there were no traffic fatalities last Halloween, five people died in traffic crashes Oct. 30 and Nov. 1, Two of those deaths were alcohol-related. In 2009, there were 299 alcohol-related traffic deaths, a decrease of 5.7 percent from 2008. Although the number of alcohol-related traffic deaths declined last year, crashes involving alcohol are eight times more likely to be fatal.

"The scariest part of Halloween isn't the costumes or the pranks," said Michael L. Prince, OHSP director. "It's the fact that many drivers don't plan ahead and try to drive while impaired. There isn't a costume clever enough to hide

CARMELLA MARY

"BABE" BUFFONE

Age 84, Oct. 22, 2010. Scripture

service was Oct. 24. Interment

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Ghosts and goblins won't that fact and Michigan's law specially trained to spot and apprehend motorists who are driving drunk."

Last Halloween, 179 drivers were arrested for drunken driving in Michigan and 75 of those motorists had a blood-alcohol content of 0.17 or higher.

A motorist convicted of drunken driving can expect to face serious consequences, including: •Up to 93 days in jail

•Up to a \$500 fine •Up to 360 hours of community service •180 days driving suspen-

sion •Six points on a driver's

license In addition, they will be subject to a \$1.000 fee for two consecutive years, for a total of \$2,000 in additional costs. Anyone who refuses a breath test the first time is given an automatic one-year driver's license suspension. As of Oct. 31, Michigan will have enhanced penalties for anyone convicted of drunken driving with a BAC of 0.17 or above. This includes increased fines, longer jail time, a one-year license suspension and the possibility of a restricted driver's license with the use of a Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device.



Will Bethea, 16 months, of Novi tries out the ring toss game last week at the

BY AILEEN WINGBLAD STAFF WRITER

Pumpkin hunting, hay wagon rides, parading in a Halloween costume — such is the stuff of a great autumn dav

And it was the stuff of a terrific morning party for preschoolers at Kensington Metropark held a few days ago. The annual event was enjoyed by pint-sized fairy princesses, cowboys, cartoon stars and other characters who

came to the park's farm center to celebrate Halloween. And in true Kensington Farm Center fashion, even some of the barnyard animals got involved, including Jazzy the pygmy goat, sporting her cowboy outfit, and Colin the goat, dressed as a devil — a big

hit among the party goers. "He brought his own goatee," said Carol Fink, farm center interpreter, with a laugh. "This is all about kids and families coming out for fun,

and the animals like getting dressed up, too. They really like to show off their costumes." she said. "It's good old-fashioned Halloween fun. Not scary, no ghouls - just fun "

Bryan Morones, 5, and his sister, Sabrina, 4, were among the several dozen youngsters who attended. "I liked the hayride and the

games," Bryan said. His favorite animal costume? "I like the one with

Kensington Metropark farm center during its Fun on the Farm Halloween party. the colorful thing on its head awingblad@gannett.com | (248) 685-1507, ext. 261 Tipping Point presents 'Wiley and the Hairy Man' this weekend

Two special weekends assages of family-friendly theater are coming to Northville's **Tipping Point Theatre just in** Obituaries. Memorials & Remembrances time for Halloween. "Wiley and the Hairy Man," a clas-1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 sic American folk tale by Jack Stokes, takes the stage mail: HTWobits@hometownlife.com Oct. 30-31 at the theater, 361 View Passages Online: www.hometownlife.com E.Cady St. The curtain goes up at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. each day.

> Tickets are \$12 for adults and senior citizens and \$10 for children age 5-16, making this an affordable outing for the whole family. Call the box office at (248) 347-0003 to reserve your seats for this limited run production that's appropriate for all children age 5 and up.

"Wiley and the Hairy Man' is the not-too-scary story of a young boy who lives in the Alabama swamps with his loving conjure-woman mother. He fears the ugly Hairy Man. who has haunted his family. But. instead of running away, he heads out one day with his faithful hound dogs to face the monster head-on, outwit the Hairy Man and learn some

valuable life lessons "It's extremely challenging to find a story that people of all Old South folktale writages can get something out of, ten during America's Great but this is it." said James Kuhl, Depression for the Federal

Novi Concert Band presents A Halloween Concert

The Novi Concert Band will present A Halloween Concert for suitable for all ages at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31 at the Novi Civic Center (45175 10 Mile Road between Novi Road and Taft Road).

Band selections and costumes will celebrate the Halloween season. Concertgoers will enjoy arrangements from orchestral literature including the overture to Bellini's opera Norma, Grieg's In the Hall of the Mountain King from Peer Gynt, and Music for a Darkened Theatre from the films scored by Danny Elfman,

and the classic march National Emblem. Guest singer and Novi resident Patty Jylkka will sing the romantic Gershwin song "Embraceable You". Children who attend can trick or treat with the friendly and harmless, although potentially creepy musicians at intermission.

The concert is free and open to the public, with donations toward music purchases accepted with appreciation. Refreshments are provided at intermis-

Novi Concert Band is a symphonic wind ensemble comprised of an all volunteer group of instrumental musicians from the Southeast Oakland County and Western



Two special weekends of family-friendly theater are coming to Northville's Tipping Point Theatre just in time for Halloween Writers' Project of the Works Tipping Point Theatre's pro-

Progress Administration. It's also a Joseph Jefferson lyrically in an almost Dr. Seuss Award winner for Outstanding style and it's fun for children, Children's Play "Wiley and the Hairy

Man" stars Sandra Birch, Ty Mitchell, Rob Pantano, Kate Peckham and Alex West. It's the Tipping Point's first foray

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ducing artistic director. "It's

rich in imagination, written

parents and grandparents."

The story comes from an

Wayne County area. The band was formed ers at hometownlife.com (see the Reader by the City of Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department in 1982 to provide adults with a musical background an opportunity to participate in musical performances throughout the greater Southeast Michigan area. This talented group of adults performs nearly a dozen annual public concerts throughout the region. Under the direction of Scott Cramer, the Novi Concert Band performs music ranging from standard band literature (Sousa and Karl King marches), to movie music arrangements, big band jazz, and seasonal favorites. New members are always welcome from advanced high school through 80+. Weekly rehearsals are held in the Novi High School band room on Tuesdays, 7:30-9 p.m.

To join the Novi Concert Band mailing list or booking information, send an email to noviconcertband@live.com. For more information, visit the Novi Concert Band website at noviconcertband.org. Share your favorite Halloween

photo on hometownlife.com and win!

Share a photo of your favorite Halloween decoration (your home, your pumpkin, your costume, other) with read-

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Submitted Photo Gallery on the homepage) and you could win a prize! Post your photo and then we will ask hometownlife.com visitors to vote. The top three vote-getters will win a prize. First prize is two tickets (in a suite)

to the Nov. 29 Carrie Underwood "Play On Tour" concert at the Palace with special guests Sons of Sylvia and Billy Currington. Second prize is two tickets to Rock

of Ages, Nov. 9, at the Fisher Theatre, featuring Constantine Maroulis - the American Idol finalist who was nominated for a Tony Award for his starring role in Broadway production. Third prize is four movie passes to Emagine Theaters in Canton or Novi or

the Palladium/Birmingham Theater in downtown Birmingham. Readers can view the Halloween gallery and recommend your photo.

Be sure to include a first and last name and the town where you live (only contestants from Oakland, Washtenaw and Wavne counties are eligible to win prizes, but anyone can recommend a photo). Those who share photos that receive the most "recommend" votes as of midnight,

Oct. 31 win prizes and will be published in the Novi News.

www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com was held in Pennsylvania on BARBARA JEAN MORGAN October 26th. On-line guestbook at Age 48. passed away suddenly, Phillipsfuneral.com. October 19th, 2010. She was born on August 6, 1962 in Detroit, daughter of Margaret and the late Robert Morgan, Barbara loved to garden. loved being outside and enjoyed the evening sky. Her favorite saying was "Life is 10% chance and 90% attitude". Barbara had many interests in life, but her true love was her family and friends. She is survived by her Online condolences www.obriensulloving son, Michael Roy, her beloved livanfuneralhome.com Mother, Margaret Morgan, her siblings, Gail Morgan, Mary Morgan-

Pannette and Bobby Morgan. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews, Nicholas, Samantha, Matthew and Mitchel and her great- October 22, 2010. Memorial Mass nephews, Jordan and Connor. She will be held at St. Mary's Catholic will be sadly missed by her faithful Church in Milford, at a later date. and loving companion, Freeway. She www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com. was preceded in death by her father Robert Morgan. Visitation was held October 21st and 22nd at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. South Lyon. Funeral service was Saturday October 23rd at noon at Crossroads Community Church, 28900 Pontiac Tr., South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Morgan family, c/o Phillips Funeral Home

Online questbook at: www.phillips funeral.com

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STEVEN W. NAGLE

Age 24, October 21, 2010. Funeral was Oct. 25th at Holy Family Church, Novi, Interment at All Saints Cemetery, Waterford. Steve enjoyed playing Yahtzee on Friday nights with his parents. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



PEARL E. NEWMAN

Age 81, of Novi, formerly of Howell, Age 85, passed away October 21, passed away Oct. 6, 2010. Memorial 2010. She was born on November service will be Mon., Nov. 1, 2010 at 26, 1924 in PA. Pearl enjoyed plav-2pm with visitation at Noon at ing Bingo at the South Lyon Nursing Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 Home and visiting with her great W. Dunlap, Northville. Contributions grandchildren. She was also an animal lover. Pearl is survived by her 2 children: Carole (Frank) Urban South Lyon, William (Sandra Newman of PA, 4 grandchildren Denise, Shelley, Frank Jr., B.J. and 8 Resident of Milford and great-grandchildren, Casidy. Hunter Roscommon, Oct. 24, 2010. Journey, Bailey, Autumn, Ethan, Funeral Liturgy St. Mary Genevieve and Zander. She was preceded in death by her husband 28, at 11AM. Information please call Joseph Newman in 1956 and he 248-684-6645 or visit longtime friend and companion, Herbert Niel in 1995. Visitation was held on October 23rd at PHILLIP FUNERAL HOME, A Funeral service

DORIS ELIZABETH

(LEE) SHARBATZ

Age 87, Oct. 23, 2010. Funeral wa Oct. 26th at the O'Brien/Sulliva Funeral Home, Novi. Interment Hol Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield

SAMUEL C. WATSON Age 84 of Milford & Brighton, died

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Kensington Farm and kiddies share Halloween fun

'It's good old-fashioned Halloween fun. Not scary, no ahouls – just fun.'

CAROL FINK, Kensington Farm Center

year, the turnout is always a

interpreter

grinning.

she said.

out pinwheels.

favorite.

- the funny hair," he said, Farm Center Manager Debbie Cavallaro, dressed as Little Bo Peep, said the parties have been offered for the last several years, and like this

good one. "And it's always fun," This year's party had a hand from Milford and Lakeland high school students who are part of the Community Based Instruction program. The students were wrapping up a sixweek session at the metropark "The students were a really big help," Cavallaro said. Some, like A.J. Rivera and Damon Knight, were posted at

the haywagon station, handing "Some of the kids are scared about riding in the hay wagon, so it helps loosen them up," said Kim Fuhs, coordinator for the Lakeland CBI.

CBI student Dori Pinchon, a Milford High senior, said she had a blast at the party. "It was good, it was exciting," Dori said. "I came for the animals - I like working with them - and I like Colin the goat's costume. He's my



into family theater, but it won't be the last, Kuhl said. "As a parent, I'm always looking for good ways to introduce my children to good cultural experiences, and this show is a great way to introduce children to live theater.' he said. This show is funded in part by Targer Corporation.



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W.L. Western one of first to perform 'Hairspray'

Walled Lake Western Performing Arts will be one of the first high schools in the country to perform the Tony Award winning musical-comedy "Hairspray" on Nov. 11-13, 19-20 at 7:30 p.m. and 2 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at http://www. wlwmusical.com or by phone at (248) 956-4625. Prices range from \$16-\$18 for adults and \$12-\$14 for students and seniors. Discount tickets are also available for groups of 20 or more. 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 Aussome 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; 8-5 Friday; and 10-5 Saturday. For more information, please contact the Novi Parks Department at (248) 347-0400 or

visit cityofnovi.org. U.S. Army All-American Bowl to select WLCentral musician

The 2011 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band Selection Tour will

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visit Walled Lake Central High

School at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28 to select an All-American to the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band. Walled Lake Central High School will honor their All-American before his or her band members, classmates, fans and family during an assembly The five U.S. Army All-American Bowl Selection Tour teams travel

across the country from late September to mid December to announce all 90 players and 125 marching musicians to the U.S. Army All-American Bowl and log a combined 30,000 miles. The U.S. Army All-American Bowl

high school football game is held each January in the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas. The game features the top high school football players in the nation, and has helped launch the careers of Adrian

Peterson, Mark Sanchez, Tim Tebow,

Michael Oher (from the movie "The Blind Side"), and many other college and NFL stars since its inception in 2001. The game also crowns the U.S. Army Player of the Year during Bowl Week in San Antonio. Michigan Film Gala

Global Pictures and Michigan Movie Magazine and Specs Howard present the first-ever Michigan Film Gala on Dec. 31 at Sheraton Novi Hotel. The Michigan Film Gala will include a showcase of Michigan films starting with "CornerStore", a Red Carpet, meet and greet, a dinner, special guest speakers and countdown to New Year's.

Brandon T. Jackson (Tropic Thunder, Roll Bounce and Big Momma's House 3) will be hosting the event. Special guest speakers include Tanya Ryno (producer of SNL); Rod Harrell (CEO of RLH

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Talent): and Susan Frishman (entertainment attorney). To date, over 90 movies have been made in Michigan. The Michigan Film Gala celebrates this fact and encourages future Michigan film-

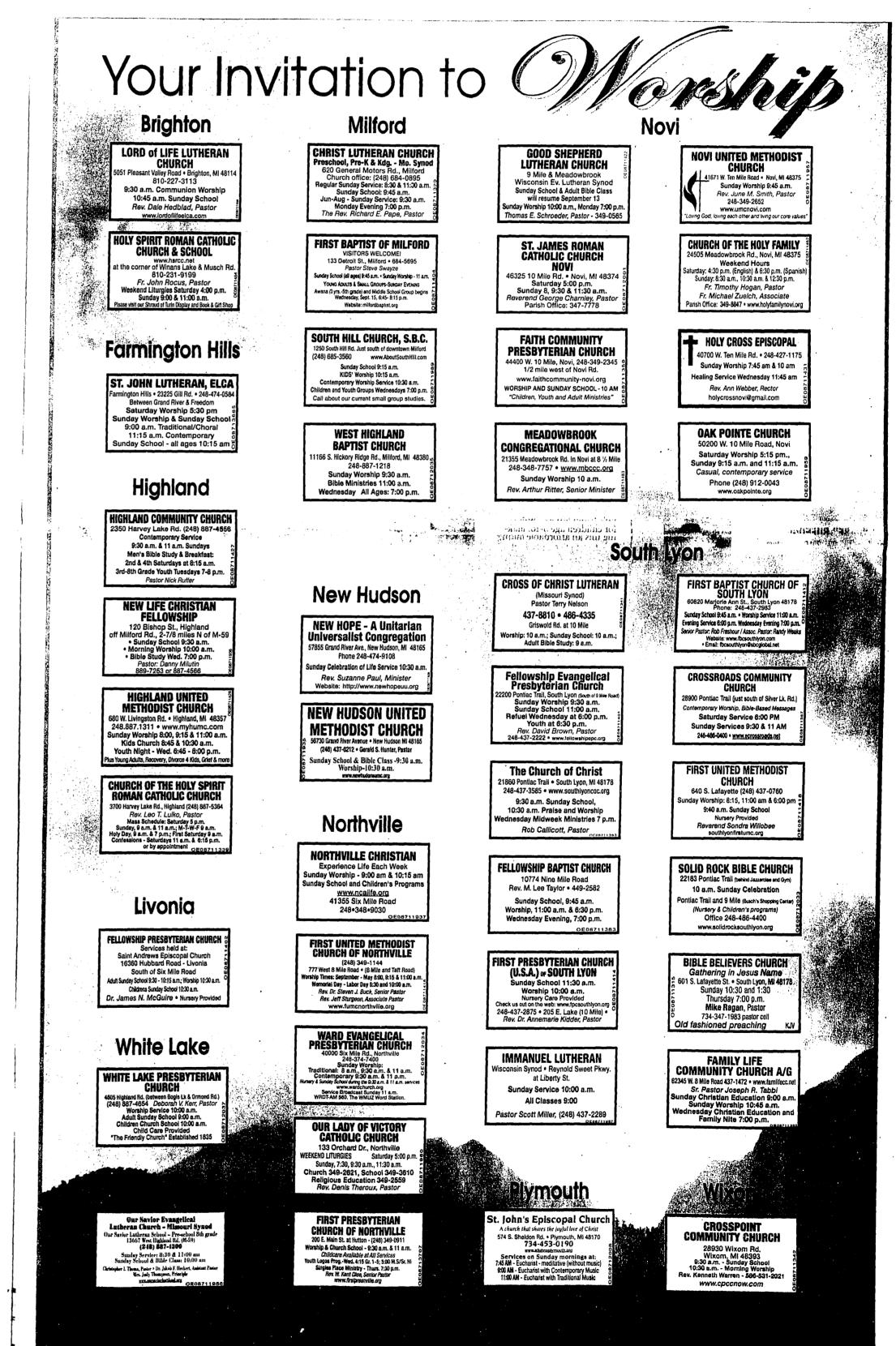
making. The event is open to actors, directors, producers aspiring film-makers and fans.

The showcase begins at 9 a.m.; there will be a Red Carpet event beginning at 7 p.m. followed by a meet-and-greet. The evening will conclude with a dinner, special guest speakers and the ringing in of the New Year with a champagne toast at midnight Jan. 1.

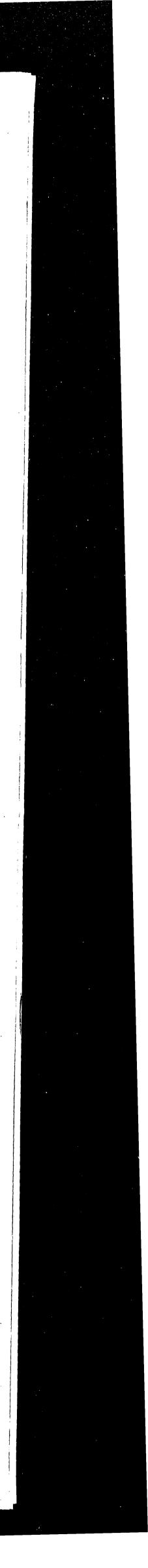
Food drive

Novi orthodontists Larry Spillane and Jamie Reynolds are sponsoring

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Groovin

Linda Daly (second from right), executive director of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, chats with an attendee of last Friday's Grapes & Grooves event inside the Main Street Atrium. Food was served by local restaurants --Buca di Peppo; California Pizza Kitchen; Gus O'Connor's; Carrabba's Italian Grill (shown); and The Toasted Oak Grill -- while The Grapevine of Novi sponsored the wine vendors.

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their second annual canned food drive/movie premiere for their patients. The doctors have rented an entire theater at the Emagine Theater Novi for an Exclusive Premiere of "Harry Potter 7" at 7 p.m. Nov. 18 - five hours before anyone else see's the film. In exchange for two tickets to the premiere, Spillane Reynolds are asking their patients to donate a minimum of 10 canned goods to be donated to local food banks to benefit needy families right here in the Novi/Northville community. This is the secondnd year that Spillane & Reynolds Orthodontics has done an event like this, and the doctors hope to be able to donate even more food than last year to help as many families as possible. Phone (248) 344-8400 for more information. Men's health

Providence Park Hospital in Novi invites everyone to attend the upcoming "Men's Health" presentation from 2:30-3:30 Thursday, Nov. 11 in the Performing Arts Center of the Belmont Clubhouse at Fox

Run in Novi. This presentation will provide the latest thinking in prostate cancer, urologic disorders and overall men's health issues. There is no cost to attend. Listen, learn, and get your questions answered by of one of the most respected urologists in Michigan. Dr. Ray Winfield is the medical staff president elect of Providence and Providence Park

Hospitals, and current section chief of Urology. Winfield was named a Top Doc by his peers in the October 2010 edition of Hour Detroit. Fox Run is located at 41000

13 Mile Road, Novi, just east of Meadowbrook Road on the north side of 13 Mile Road. City survey sent to 1,200 residents

Novi residents are being asked to rate several community characteristics and City services with 1,200 households receiving surveys this week. The City of Novi is conducting the survey to compare 2010 results with those received with the 2006 and 2008 National Citizen Surveys. The survey will determine which services residents use most often, what they think about City services, and how they view general

and traffic. Findings will help Novi gauge budget and service The survey is being conducted by the National Research Center. a Denver firm. The firm has worked with the International City and County Management Association to develop the National Citizen Survey, a stan-

allows cities across the nation to compare results. A report on the results will be presented in early December.

September. The City has no role in selecting survey participants. Participants were chosen at random by the National selected to participate in the

priorities.

Randomly selected residents began receiving postcard notification alerting them they had been chosen to participate in the survey in late

Research Center. Residents who were not mailed survey will still have the opportunity to have their voices heard. The same sur-

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issues such as development, the local economy, parks and recreation offerings, public safety,

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vey sent to randomly selected households will be made available online at cityofnovi.org. Residents who have questions about the survey can contact the Community Relations



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Morgan Parsley, daughter of the Varsity volleyball assistants, Ginette and Brandon has some fun with the Wildcat bench players during their Oct. 19 home game.

Contact: Register at www.michcpa. Sun, Water & Seeds 4-H Club Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays Location: Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. Νον Details: A 4-H youth garden and

farm stand where kids learn about plant science, nutrition and entrepreneurship by raising produce for sale The Club is seeking new members

to join in the planting, planning and tages and conversion opportunities more. Contact: sunwaterseeds@gmail. Contact: For free reservations, call com or (248) 956-0029

American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. third Tuesdays Details: Concert with instrumentals Location: Rock Financia 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. Contact: Commander Dennis Strikulis (248) 378-7841 or dstrikulis@twmi.rr.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or

pnerick@aol.com MSU Extension Location: MSU Extension Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi

Contact: (248) 858-0887; smithlin@ oakgov.com; www.msue.msu.edu/ oakland **Rock Financial Showplace**

Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 348-5600

BUSINESS

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 Time/Date: 7-8:30 a.m. every

involvement with local charities. Location: 41875 11 Mile Road. #201, Novi Contact: For more information, call

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(248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com. Novi Farmers' Market &

International Street Fair Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, through Oct. 31 Location: Main Street, between Grand River Avenue and Novi Road Details: An open-air market featur-

ing fresh and tasty produce, gorgeous plants and flowers, yummy baked goods, honey and jam, sensational crafts and works of art. Presented by the Novi Chamber of Commerce, Bright House Networks and the Toasted Oak Grill. Face painting and artisans. List of vendors available at www.novifarmersmarket.com

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Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of 8 Mile), Novi Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an 'elevator speech,' develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. once again as he chronicles his life Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast

provided. Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.com.

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 Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome - and bring a friend. Visit www.novi.freetoathost.us. Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@novi. freetoasthost.us

Novi Rotary Club Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Location: Novi Methodist Church.

Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting.

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for speaker information; novirotary.

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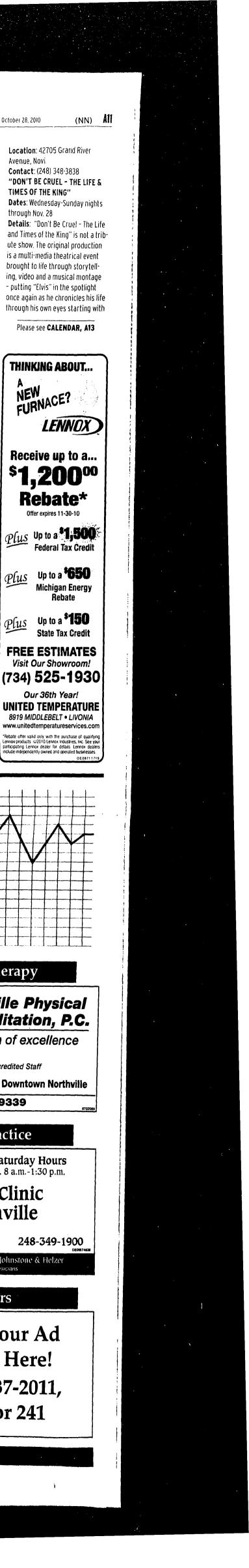


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Proposal 2010-1 asks voters

whether to convene a constitu-

not what Michigan needs at this

latively proposed constitution-

Michigan's Constitution cur-

rently forbids anyone convicted

of a felony involving a breach of

the public trust from serving in

the Legislature for 20 years. The

ballot proposal would add lan-

guage to also put a 20-year ban

on anyone convicted of a felo-

fraud or a breach of public trust

The amendment on the Nov. 2

A candidate's criminal record

Wayne County is asking voters

Proposal P, the millage renew-

In addition, some 15 percent

of the millage has been rebated

back for *local* park improvement

It's a millage that western

oiects.

and benefits.

Endorsements Our choices for Tuesday's election

Congress 11th District: McCotter deserves third term

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter is a politician of principle and integrity who harbors a keen intellect focused on the interests of his constituency. We don't



always agree with McCotter, but anyone who has observed him at a congressional hearing knows that he seeks answers o legitimate and necessary questions.

We believe these characteristics sets him apart from many others who at present serve in Congress and we endorse Thaddeus McCotter's re-election a lot of time at the county comon Nov. 2.

Plyman, ra, redford, College Board of Trustees.

a career politician but we don't regard that as negative. He's salary of \$32,092. smart, principled and knows how Washington runs.

State Senate 7th District: Moderate Stewart best choice

Voters in the 7th state Senate District, which encompasses Plymouth, Canton, Northville and several Downriver commu-

Stewart

It's possible, however, that none of the five Canton, Democrat

ber of solid choices

Kathleen Law of Gibraltar, Libertarian Marlin Brandys of Plymouth Township or independents John Stewart or Plymouth Township and Michael Kheibari of Northville - completely repre-But when narrowing down the choices, we lean toward Plymouth Township attorney Stewart, who pion of senior citizens, she'd also is the moderate in this field.

Stewart has proven he encyvery well. can work with Republicans The lifelong Novi resident is and Democrats. Unlike the committed to being part of realis-Republican and Democratic tic solutions. Her forward thinking candidates in this race, Stewart would be ideal in dealing with the doesn't overreach to the right or 25-member commission's tasks: to the left. Michigan's new gover- establishing/revising county polinor is going to need the support cies; establishing property tax millknow and understand the art of get; and establishing the authorcompromise.

A self-described fiscal conser- county departments. vative, Stewart served the 20th House District for six years, Novi Community School including service on both the appropriations and higher edu- District Board of Education: cation committees. He supports repeal of the Michigan Business Manar's commitment earns Tax and abolishing personal property taxes. He supports con- OUI nod solidation of services used by school districts.

and raised his family in ing the one open seat on the Board Plymouth, so he's familiar with the district from end to end. His experience in Lansing might be eager to guide the district in the of some comfort to voters who future. We feel the edge goes to find the other candidates too Jason Manar. partisan for the new Michigan.

Oakland County Commission 8th District: Weipert deserves vote

Republican Phil Weipert is facing Democrat Michele Berry of 31 Weipert

who died unexpectedly earlier this 🚺 This is his first run at elective This is his first office, which in a year when there is Manar

Wixom. The two

are vying for the

so much anti-incumbent sentiment among the electorate, shouldn't be considered a negative. As an attorney, Weipert spends

plex in Pontiac, especially in the He has served in Congress courts. He promises that he will be since 2002. A Republican, a fixture at local council and board he represents the 11th District meetings to keep himself updated which includes the western on issues affecting communities Wayne and western Oakland in the district - something Potter communities of Canton, Garden was known for. Weipert under-Cit ioni ille, Novi, stands that the commissioner's role is to represent the district's South Lyon and Westland as well interests at the county level and as others. Before being elected to says he won't just be a yes man Congress, McCotter served in the for Oakland County Executive L. state Senate, the Wayne County Brooks Patterson or the commis-Commission and Schoolcraft sion's Republican leadership team. The 8th District includes the cit-

He brings an intelligent, stud- ies of South Lyon, Wixom, Walled ied and principled approach to Lake, a portion of Novi, and Lyon issues. Except for a short tenure Township. Commissioners serve rience in groups working together n the private sector, he has been two-year terms. Beginning in January, they will earn an annual

Oakland County Commission 9th District: Novi would be

well represented by Crawford Although it's on the edge of the

Hospital, great

Financial

tion) have firmly

nities, have a nummecca prime loca-when casting their ballots in the Nov. K. Crawford

are Democrat Karen 🛛 🌅 🎊 Zyczynski and Republican Kathy Crawford, with - Republican the latter earning our endorse-Patrick Colbeck of ment. The Novi City Council member would be a fine choice to fill

the seat currently held by Novi's Kim Capello. Crawford firmly supports County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's "emerging sectors" effort to promote businesses in the health sents the dynamic of the district. services, technology, advanced

electronics and communications industries. As a longtime chamrepresent that growing constitu-

of lawmakers like Stewart who age rates; adopting the county budity, duties and responsibilities of

two candidates – Jason Manar Stewart grew up Downriver and Brien O'Meara - are seek-

The seven-member board will be Mike Kowall challenged with not only a dwin-

a new superintendent.

related events.



the \$100 candidate filing fee, he opted to hit the streets and see if he could gather the necessary signatures.) He feels the district's budget needs to be projected much further into the future, and and when funding is slashed.

Although he works in law enforcement now, Manar has a degree in special education, giving him a unique perspective and understanding. He would like to see the district develop a mechanism for evaluating programs and services to consider consolidation opportunities. He also supports the concept of joining other districts to Heise create a large pool to take advantage of better health care rates.

Manar realizes there is a lack of trust between the board/administration and staff, and feels his expeto focus as one will benefit all.

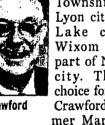
He would like to see each school in the district form a committee of community members to regularly review programs and decisions that effect that particular school and see if there are ways to tweak and ensure they are properly functioning.

county, Novi's assets (Providence House of Representatives 38th schools, Rock District: Crawford deserves

Lyon Township,

Showplace, retail second term in House Republican Hugh Crawford

Novi city, Novi Townshin South

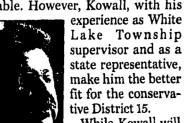


years and is a well-known figure library - such as closing the facilof capacities - local City Council, drastically cutting the budget for the Southwest Oakland Cable books, DVDs and other materials;

Crawford became part of a bipartisan Freshman Caucus of 24 If the millage increase passes, Wayne County Parks The class pledged that which-The class pledged that which-\$200,000 home (\$100,000 tax-Millage: Yes on Proposal P Democrats and 20 Republicans. the cost to a homeowner with a ever party is in control after this able value) would be about \$20 upcoming election, things will be a year - a small price to pay for to renew, for another five years. done differently in Lansing.

State Senate 15th District: Experience makes Kowall best

Republican, and his Democratic for young readers. opponent, Pam Jackson, bring their fair share of qualifications to the

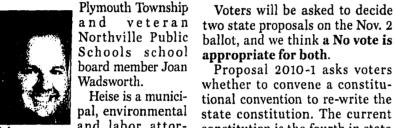


to the world of poli- expire in 2011, is for another 10

dling budget, but also with con- tics, he has spent a decade as an years at the same millage rate of tract negotiations and the hiring of elected official, beginning with his 0.4932 mills. That tax equates to two terms as a representative in an estimated \$59 per household Manar has a jump start. He has the Michigan Legislature (1998 per year for a home with a taxattended most board meeting since to 2001). He has been the super- able value of \$120,000. moving his family to Novi a year visor in White Lake since 2004. And that's tax money collected ago; he has been in every district We believe this experience makes in Novi and staying in Novi to be building; talked with the princi- him the best candidate in the race. used for necessary repairs in the pals; and been to countless school- He has worked on both state and schools without impacting the municipal budgets, and knows how general fund or taking money He felt he could Lansing works - believe it or not, away from the classrooms. bring a better that is an advantage for the district The sinking fund has been used and budget process because he won't have much of a for \$7.6 million worth of projects after serving on learning curve to get his agenda the 2010 Budget through the political process. since 2001, and \$818,000 is bud-geted for projects this year.

Committee. State House of Representatives 20th District: Heise has the edge

Incumbent Democrat Marc Corriveau's decision not to seek rethe board must know what to cut if election prompted a race for the State Proposals 2010-1 and open seat in the 20th state House District between Kurt Heise of 2: Vote no on both



Heise is a munici- tional convention to re-write the pal, environmental state constitution. The current and labor attor- constitution is the fourth in state ney at Hemming, history. Voters overwhelmingly

Polaczyk, Cronin, Smith, Witthoff rejected proposals to rewrite it Bennett in Plymouth. He is a for- in 1978 and 1994. Voters should mer director of the Wayne County say no again and reject Proposal Department of Environment in the 2010-1. Ficano administration. Heise lost The estimated \$45 million cost that job when County Executive along with two years of political Robert Ficano shuffled depart- and economic uncertainly are

ments last year. Heise is a candidate who will time. provide something voters want - Changes can be made by the lawmakers of both parties finding state Legislature and voters centrist ideas and working togeth- without a significant rewrite of er. His work with Democrat Ficano the basic government document. shows his willingness and ability to Proposal 2010-02 is a legisdo just that.

What sets Heise apart in this al amendment that would add race is his experience with local a Section 8 to Article XI of the governments on policy details, and 1963 Michigan Constitution. his knowledge of western Wayne County.

Northville District Library milland Democrat Jeff Gedeon are vying to represent constituents in age: Increase needs yes vote

The decline in property values is Township, South hitting everywhere, including your ny involving dishonesty, deceit, Lyon city, Walled local library. A decrease in revenue Lyon city, Walled Lake city and Wixom city and part of Northville part of Northville the source of the Northville District cut the materials budget, increase fines and become more afficient the source of the Northville District cut the materials budget, increase fines and become more afficient the source of the Northville District cut the materials budget, increase fines and become more afficient the source of the Northville District cut the materials budget, increase fines and become more afficient the source of the Northville District the source of the Northville District the source of the Northville fines and become more afficient the source of the Northville District the materials budget, increase the source of the Northville District the source of the Northville District the materials budget, increase the source of the Northville District the Northville Distr city. The clear fines and become more efficient choice for voters is - moves that just about every busi-ballot was reported to have been H. Crawford — a for- ness and individual has had to face drafted to preserve public trust

in government. retired from Xerox Corp. after 20 But it may get worse at the Although the proposal sounds like a good idea, we agree with in Oakland County politics. The ity for one day a week or reduc- the MCRC that points to "the Novi native has served in a variety ing evening and weekend hours; vagueness of some of the language.

Commission, Novi's Parks and and eliminating programs such as is generally an issue in any electoral contest and elected officials To avoid drastic steps, the who appoint people with crimibers of commerce and the county library's Board of Trustees voted to nal records know they will be

years on the election ballot Tuesday. We encourage you to vote yes. what this fine library represents a tax levy for parks that comes to our community: free access to in at just under 0.25 (0.2459) of a full array of resources, including a mill. research subscription databases for

homework, meeting room space al, is projected to generate and group study rooms, latest best \$10.62 million in 2011 to operate Both Mike Kowall, the sellers and DVDs, and programs several parks and related facilities, including major improvements to Hines Park, Elizabeth Although we're surprised only table. However, Kowall, with his Novi Community Schools dis-Park, Chandler Park and Fort Wavne.

experience as White trict Sinking Fund Renewal: supervisor and as a Vote ves to maintain facilities

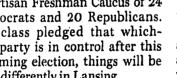
Think the school district is facing some tough financial situations Wayne County residents can right now? You don't want to be While Kowall will around if this renewal fails to pass. say he is an outsider The sinking fund renewal, set to

actually see and enjoy their tax dollars at work. Vote Yes on Proposal P.

Lansing in 2008.

mer Marine, who in this economy.

Recreation Commission, the Novi Storytime for children. Lions Club, several area chamcommission - before heading to request a .2 -mill increase for five held accountable.



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COMMUNITY VOICE

What is motivating you to get to the ballot box on Nov. 2?

OPINION



I'm looking for something different as my dad fought for us to have -- for change."



that right. I think the officials I Matt Ostermeyer really want to get in will be those Northville who can change things." Wendy Duvall

Commerce Township

"I'm going to look at who's running "Throw the bums out - if they're and see how they've represented themselves. The economy's terrible, but I'm not sure they can do anything about it." Carol Nea

an incumbent. Sometimes enough

Novi

Norm Martin

is enough."

they need and deserve.

Manar's qualifications are very impressive. As a former school teacher he understands the inner workings of schools and gives this perspective that some aspiring school board members cannot offer. As a law enforcement professional, Jason also understands the importance of making sure that our students learn in a be a sign that we shouldn't put such a drastic change safe and secure environment.

Jason has the gualifications and knowledge of school issues, and offers the type of independent, criti- sive. cal thinking that would be an asset to the Novi Board of Education. That's why I ask you to join me in voting for Manar at the Nov. 2 midterm election.

Manar cares about education

Mena, we would like to add the following support. This upcoming election, which includes filling a trustee position for the Novi Board of Education, there is one candidate who stands out in regards to his dedication to his community. Jason Manar has been active in our school district continuously since first joining us in here in Novi. He is extremely interactive and

an important goal of putting quality of education firs even with our troubled economy. ulp, speaking, with Jason, we have found his belief and desire that brighter days are ahead working with our

that many of us appreciated when we first selected Novi as our home town.

and has been serving on the 2010 Novi Budget Guidance Committee where he has had to deal with today's budget issues.

Edward and Mary Ann Roney

Novi

The section of Novi Road between 10 Mile and Grand River needs a little work. I do support the widening of the road from two to five lanes, but putting in a bridge over the railway is highly unnecessary.

that pass through our city it's costly to put this bridge

Time/Date: 5-5:45 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3 Hammerstein's Cinderella will be presented by the Novi Civic Theatre. Beautiful scenes and lively music will excite you to smile, tap your Details: Join the TAB as we create and plan programs for teens at the library. Meeting attendance will count as volunteer time.

supplies that we will provide. We may get child must be accompanied by an adult helper. Registration is required.

Details: Each time we meet you will get a chance to listen to some great stories and cook up a tasty snack. For kids in grades K-1. Registration required.

Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9 Microsoft Word have you stumped? We have your English pronunciation and conversa-

\$25 million. The state could use this money to improve other roads. Also it would take less time to complete the project if we cut out the bridge construction and give the city its main road back.

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We should just repair and expand the roadway. There have already been "hiccups" in this project and it may in our city. This lane expansion is necessary; however, I believe building an overpass at this railway is exces-

Eric Ballard

Dave Brown CROP Hunger Walk thanks

The Novi/Northville CROP Hunger Walk was held on Sunday, Oct. 10. It was a beautiful day, and there were over 100 walkers participating in the six-mile trek. Together the walkers raised money and awareness in the fight against world hunger.

The Walk's Planning Committee would like to thank the sponsors, walkers, donors and volunteers for their participation. Special thanks to Linda McGuire from Guernsey Dairy who provided ice cream and cones; Bill Carbott from Absopure Water for water and cups: Sgt. Terry Whitfield and the officers from the Novi and Northville Police Departments who kept the walk ers safe at major road crossings; and First United Methodist Church of Northville for hosting the event. ** Thanks to everyone's participation, the Novi/ Northville CROP Hunger Walk was a huge success. Many people around the world and in our local community will benefit greatly from your support of the walk.

Pam Fritschen, Logistics coordinator Novi/Northville CROP Hunger Walk

Which gubernatorial candidate can turn us around fastest?

After watching the gubernatorial debate (Oct. 10), it would seem that voters have to decide the following question: Do they want a competent businessman with no political experience, or do they want a man with political experience from the municipal to the legislative level to lead Michigan in this time of crisis?

In other words, in these dire economic times, do voters want another inexperienced Granholm type who still seems to be learning on the job after eight years, or do they prefer an Engler type off man who thoroughly knows all the bells and whistles of the legislative process and how to operate the levers of change? While both candidates appear sincere in their desire to turn Michigan around, the question for voters now is - Who knows how to do it the fastest?

tion skills. No need to register.

Walter Sobczak South Lyon

CALENDAR FROM PAGE A11

LETTERS

and administrators.

Manar prepared and open minded

This coming January, our newest Novi school board

member will be voting on the most important position

in our district, the superintendent of Novi Schools.

Shortly after he will be voting on the next year's bud-

get and our next contract with the bargaining units.

ber be fully aware of the issues and be prepared to

ings in the last year than three of our current board

I have had the honor and sincere privilege of rep-

years and can tell you that we have a precarious time

Novi Community Schools district board member

Brian O'Meara is an outstanding candidate for the

Novi Community Schools district Board of Education.

Nov. 2. Brian has been a member of our community for

eight years and understands the needs of our schools

because he has children in our district and he under-

stands our community needs because he is actively

involved in both school and community life.

- he understands the educational needs of our children

The very basic function of an elected school board in

any community is to provide opportunities for teachers

and their students to be successful. This can only be

accomplished by working collaboratively with district

administration on policy implementation and through

the fiscally responsible management of limited funding

to maximize the educational impact in the classroom.

Brian O'Meara has a background in accounting and

financial management that, in these difficult times,

we most certainly need. He is a "big picture" thinker

who seeks out collaboration and consensus in deci-

sion- making. He understands the needs of children,

all children, and the expectations we as parents have

As a former assistant principal at Novi High School,

a current high school principal, a resident of the Novi

community and, most importantly, the parent of two

students enrolled in the Novi Community Schools

district, I have an unique understanding of how our

when we send them off to school each day.

I encourage you to support Brian with your your on

facing us. We need someone who is prepared and open

George Kortlandt

resenting you on the Novi school board for near 16

minded and that person is Jason Manar.

O'Meara for school board

These critical decisions require that the new mem-

take informed action immediately. Jason Manar is pre-

pared to do this. Manar has attended more board meet-

the day he died. Show times are: 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 7 p.m. Saturday; and 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$25 Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; \$35 Friday-Saturday and available at the theatre box office, by phone at (248) 348-4448 or 1-800-745-3000 (Ticketmaster) or on-line at www.ticketmas- Mixx Lounce

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Oct. 29 - Don Swindell Quartet; Oct. 30

The Post Bar Location: 42875 Grand River Avenue, Novi Contact: (248) 465-9600 Wednesdays: WYLD" Wednesday with DJ Joey "A" & mc Jevon Hollywood

Thursdays: DJ Tommy Holiday Fridays: Famous Friday with DJ iMix & mc Jevon Hollywood

Location: 43155 Main Street, Novi Contact: (248) 347-6499 or mixxnovi.com Thursday-Saturday: DJ

LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library Location: 45255 W. Ten Mile Road Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the Library.

Contact: (248) 349-0720 Website: www.novilibrary.org

Five communities united by 1 book! Join the Great Read by reserving your copy of Annie's Ghosts by Steve Luxenberg and registering for a great variety of related events at the Novi, Northville, Lyon Township, Salem-South Lyon Township, and Wixom libraries. See website for more details. 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 Details: Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills. No need to register. Tech Time

Time/Date: 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? Details: Make friends while you practice

on Nov. 2

Kiddie Crafts

For grades 9-12 Details: Toddlers and preschoolers will have the opportunity to create a work of art using their imaginations and the messy so please dress accordingly. Each

English Conversation Group

Movie and Munchies Time/Date: 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9 Details: Enjoy a recent release. Movies shown will be rated G, PG or PG-13. Snack provided! For grades 5 and up. Tax Law Changes to Roth IRA's in 2010 Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9; 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11 Details: Walter Powrozek and Joseph Lezotte, independent wealth managers from SIGMA Financial Corporation of Novi,

will educate us about the new tax law changes that have been introduced. This can affect all of us since everyone qualifies in 2010 only.

E-mail Instruction for Seniors Time/Date: 11-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10 Details: This half-hour session provides personal instruction by a Librarian on email basics such as how to create an e-mail account and how to type and send a message. If time allows, creating folders and an address book will be discussed. Please

Booked for Lunch

register

Time/Date: 12-1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10 Details: Join your neighbors in a lively book discussion during your lunch hour. Bring your lunch and the library will provide a beverage. Today we will be discussing Brooklyn: A Novel by Colm Toibin. No registration required.

Randy Gawel

Manar seeks fiscal responsibility of have been a part of the Nowischool system for over 40 years as a school board member, school administrator, teacher and grandparent of four Novi students. Hopefully, these qualify me as someone knowledgeable

of what a school board member should be. During these difficult economic times our schools need leaders that are honest, wise, informed and people of integrity. We have those kind of persons serving now.

Jason Manar fits that description. I know him, have discussed educational issues with him and believe that he would be the best choice for a school board member

in the Novi school district. His faithful attendance at most school board meetings and his involvement in finding out the educational goals and priorities of each school are certainly proof enough that he is committed to faithfully carry out his civic and educational responsibilities to the parents,

students and staff of our wonderful school district. Jason Manar supports fiscal responsibility on major school budget issues and has served on Novi's 2010 Budget Finance Guidance Committee; therefore, he is aware of the financial challenges that we face. He

believes that we must generate new sources of revenue in I have lived in Novi most my life and have only been for our school district so that our children can be guar-

anteed to have all the materials and equipment that

The Pleasuretones

E-mail: cstone@gannett.com members. Manar has met with every building principal, **Blog**: You may also let your opinions be heard with toured every building, and talked with the current your own blog at hometownlife.com. board members to get to know the issues and hear all **Deadline:** Letters must be received by 9 a.m. sides of them. I've seen him at practically every school Monday to be published in the Thursday edition. event I've been at listening to our residents, parents

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schools currently operate; moreover, I understand how they must adapt in the coming years to continue the tradition of excellence for which they have become known. I feel strongly that by electing Brian O'Meara to our school board we are giving our district the opportunity to not only move forward, but to thrive. On Nov. 2 please vote for Brian O'Meara, for our community, our schools and, most of all, for our children.

To add to last week's letter to the editor from Willy

personable with everyone that he meets; and has set

teachers, parents, and administration as we all get focused on the same objective - providing a high level of education to our children - a very important quality

Jason Manar is a former special education teacher,

We hope and ask that you join us in voting for Jason

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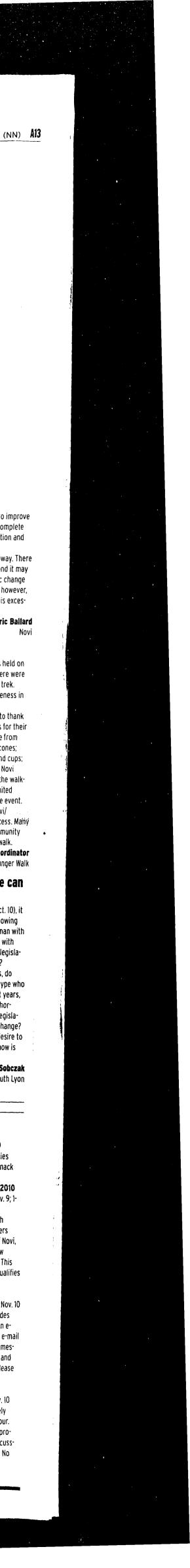
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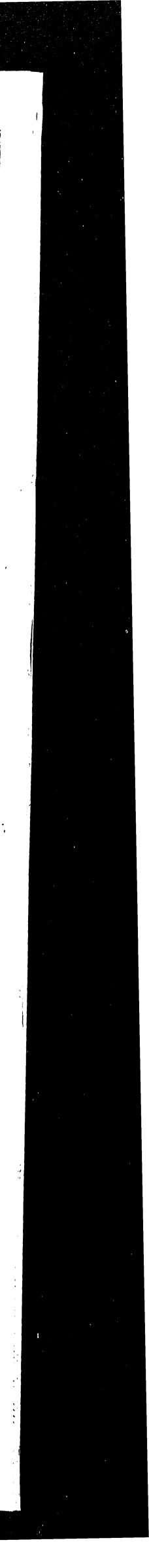
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High School.

BY NATHAN MUELLER

STAFF WRITER

David Anolick had little

time to think when he was the

first one to arrive on the scene

of a boating accident near his

All the Novi resident could

northern Michigan cottage.

do was react and rely on the

member of Novi's Community

And thanks to that knowledge

Anolick was able to analyze the

scene and help both kids get out

· "First and foremost, (being

dence," he said. "And in a situ-

ation like this, (my training)

The CERT program is a

volunteer organization that

departments in the event of

supports Novi's emergency

a disaster that overwhelms

local response capabilities.

of hands-on and classroom

Members undergo 24 hours

instruction over a seven-week

period, being trained in areas

such as disaster preparedness,

emergency medical response,

fire safety, search and rescue

At the end of the training,

the volunteers take part in a

and more.

absolutely helped me."

in CERT) builds your confi-

of the situation safely.

Emergency Response Team.

training he received as a

CERT volunteers provide behind-the-scenes help

Tim Paulk, left, playing the role of a disgruntled citizen at a public emergency, is met by Community Emergency Response Team member Nick Vernier during a training session held at Novi High School.

out a fire and handle a rowdy crowd, among other disaster simulations. "We thought it was really

chaotic," new graduate Janet White-Stayler said of the mock crowd control exercise. "But our instructor said it was going to be a thousand times worse if it really happens."

White-Stayler is one of the 16 residents who graduated from training two weeks ago, increasing the team to more than 200 people with various backgrounds. She said even though she has experience helping people as a retired nurse, the skills she learned in

mock disaster where they put CERT allow her to be better ada harres and a and span best aft to assist one -

Waltonwood at Twelve Oak's Ind independent lifestyles while prov

and help others. Richard Kos, emergency management coordinator, said it cannot be stressed enough how important CERT is to the city. "It saves a lot of hours, whether it's police, fire or public services, to let them perform the more mission critical

prepared to protect her family

the manpower and people to assist when we need it." The CERT team has not been thrust into action during a disaster yet, but members attend various community events to provide security and

support. The group meets quarterly to brush up on information and new members are and he believes an unknown always needed. In the event of an emergency, members could search

for people, monitor emergency operation centers, manage volunteers and assist other organizations. "It's an absolute win-win for

us," Director of Public Safety/ Chief of Police David Molloy said. "Without them, our resources would be even more

CERT starts Feb. 28, and is free to attend.

tact Kos at (248) 347-0556.

overwhelmed." The next training session for his glass door while he was

For more information, con-

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Independent Living in Novi

Ioman caught with weed

Novi police arrested a 26ear-old Northville woman at 11:37 p.m. on Oct. 23 for ossession of marijuana after she was pulled over for speeding near Grand River Avenue

and Taft Road. The officer observed her vehicle traveling 54 miles per hour in a 40 mph zone before initiating a traffic stop. When the officer approached the car, he could smell a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside. The driver told police her

and the passenger were coming from a restaurant and one of her friends was smoking marijuana in her vehicle prior to that.

She consented to a search of the vehicle, and police found a bag of marijuana in her purse and inside the vehicle. Police found a total of two grams of marijuana during the search. The woman was arrested and transported to the Novi

Police Department where she was issued a citation and released after posting bond. Tools taken from truck

• Several tools were stolen from a Dodge Sprinter functions," he said. "It gives us parked at a Jo Road business

overnight on Oct. 18. According to the police report, the complainant found the vehicle with its door ajar. When he checked inside he discovered that some tools were missing.

None of the employees admitted to taking the tools, person was responsible. He also was not sure if the vehicle was locked.

Police have no suspects. Glass door shattered at apartment

➔ A 24-year-old Novi man was woken up around 5:45 a.m. on Oct. 23 after an unknown person threw a large piece of cement through

the seat, was missing. Inside her purse was her driver's license, debit card, camera and

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police.

The woman then found out her credit card was used at

complex but was unable to provide a clear description to

Suspect smashes window to steal purse

drinking.

The man was arrested and

rant for operating while intoxicated second offense.

review Driver does donuts, caught drinking A 28-year-old man was

Parrested at 3:30 a.m. on Oct. 24 for his second drunk driving offense after he was

caught by police doing donuts in the parking lot at Rock Financial Showplace. Police saw the white Corvette spinning in the park-

ing lot before coming to a stop. When police approached the car, they smelled a strong odor of intoxicants but the man said he had not been

He failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .17 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

transported to the Novi Police Department and released pending the issuance of a war-

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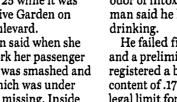
Police searched the area of the Waterview Farms apartments but could not locate anyone.

a gas station in South Lyon. When police arrived, the gas station was closed.

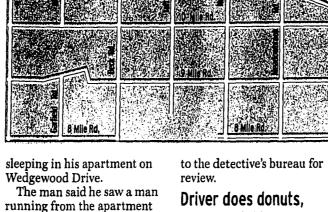
The case has been forwarded - Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

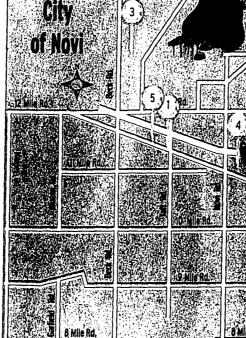
4 A woman had her purse stolen from her locked car between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 25 while it was parked at Olive Garden on Crescent Boulevard. The woman said when she got out of work her passenger side window was smashed and her purse, which was under

other personal items.









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Advertising Feature

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GINA AGOSTA HAIR COLOR . DESIGN & SPA RANKED AMONG TOP SALONS

BY ALISON ACCAVITTI ADVERTORIAL WRITER

One local salon owner recently took his status from exceptional to

John Agosta, who co-owns Gina Agosta Hair Color • Design & Spa, was inducted as a member to Intercoiffure Mondial, a collaborative group of the world's premier salons

Formed in Paris in 1912, Interediffure is an international organization that recognizes the most esteemed artists of the hairdressing profession. Membership is extended based upon talent, visionary sense of style, dedication to providing exceptional service and professionalism within the industry. John co-owns two Gina Agosta salons in Novi and Brighton with Joseph and Gina Agosta, known to many clients in the West Oakland area for their expertise. The three owners are well known locally and

regionally. "Our staff at Gina Agosta Salon is committed to bringing clients fun, fresh and modern fashion in all areas of the beauty industry and to all age groups," Gina said. "Let us be your salon of choice, because you deserve the best!"

The Specialists

Celebrating 15 years in Novi and four years in Brighton, Gina Agosta Hair Color • Design & Spa has set itself apart by implementing a concept known as departmentalization. This structure ensures that clients see only a specialist in hair color, cutting, styling, skin care, nails or massage. Only a handful of salons in Michigan are structured this way. "When stylists get a cosmetology license, they are licensed to do



John Agosta, co-owner of Gina Agosta Hair Color • Design & Spa

everything," John said. "At Gina Agosta, we are specialists in what we do. We have a 52-week training program for new talent." In their commitment to excellence, the Agostas provide their staff with continuous education in the salon and at professional academies and events. Refining their skills in creativity, color technology and styling techniques allows the Agosta staff to provide unequaled personal service.

The Salon

With an expanded location in Novi, another location in Brighton and 70 employees, Gina Agosta is one of the largest salon and spa businesses in the Metro Detroit area. A talented design team works with each client to craft the perfect look — whether that be a shampoo, haircut and blow-dry or a Keratin straightening treatment for a glamprously polished look

Gina, Joseph and John carry more than 100 years of experience compined. Their leadership combined with continual training and education allow Agosta colorists to take

the guesswork out of the hair color. Partnering with L'Oréal Professional, the Agostas stay ahead of the trends and offer permanent or demi-permanent color, customized highlights, double process lightening

with toner or shading and more. L'Oréal Professional's INOA, the first ammonia-free permanent hair color range, delivers all the benefits of traditional hair color without the smell or irritating itchy scalp.

"We were a preview salon for INOA," John said. "It was tested here before it was released to other salons. We are always embracing new technology"

Hair, skin and massage services are available to men in a private salon setting exclusive to them - located directly next door to the Agosta Novi location.

"I don't know of any other salons that have an area designated strictly for men with stylists that focus on men's haircutting," John said.

A full line of hair care products is available at the salon, including the salon's signature Agosta product line, featuring sulfate- and parabinfree shampoo and best-selling Gina Agosta hair powder. Jewelry, hair accessories, candles, purses and more make shopping and gift-giving fun

The Spa

Skincare, massage and nail services are offered in a relaxing spa area designed to help each client rejuvenate, de-stress and refresh. There is nothing so glorious, delightfully soothing and wonder-

cleansing, sensual and revitalizing, Gina Agosta delivers facials that will have you looking and feeling your very best. Clients look forward to acne clearing treatments, pumice peels, alpha hydroxy glycolic treatnents or facials for sensitive skin or rosacea The Agosta Signature Facial is

ful as a professional facial. Deeply

designed to match each clients' exact omplexion and is a custom blen of deep pore cleansing, exfoliation and massage of the face, neck and shoulders followed by a therapeutic mask and serum designed to correct specific problems. Massage is a natural rejuvenator

for sore, stressed muscles and weary spirits. "We see massage therapy as a

necessary accompaniment to living in the world today," Gina said. "Our signature massage goes from 30 minutes up to 120 minutes. We also offer deep tissue, hot stone, chair and prenatal massages, along with reflexology on hands or feet. These wonderful treatments are designed to promote relaxation, relieve tension and improve circulation." For a truly polished look, clients

treat themselves to manicure and pedicure services at Gina Agosta. Services range from a basic polish change to a Shallac manicure that lasts 2-3 weeks without dulling or chipping.

Hair cuts and styles from \$31. Gina Agosta Hair Color • Design & Spa Novi is open six days a week, Monday through Saturday. Appointments are recommended.

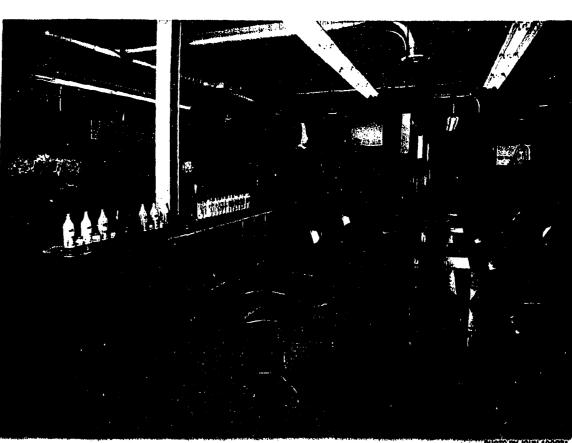
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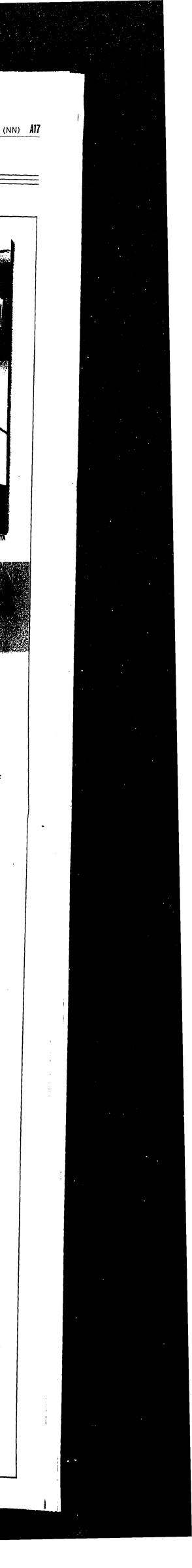
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The Brighton location opened four years ago, offering the same premiere services and specialized staff.





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SPORTS

Northville girls rule conference

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

There were a couple of subplots to Thursday's KLAA Kensington Conference girls cross country meet.

battle for the team title - and they did. The individual race honors also turned out to be a duel between an up-and-coming freshman and two seasoned seniors. Northville, placing five in the top 14,

scored an impressive team victory with 49 points, avenging a razor-thin KLAA Central finished with 66. Rounding out the top five teams were Novi (87), Livonia Churchill (104) and Livonia Franklin (116). Canton senior Bianca Kubicki also sur-

Kubicki clocked a blistering 18:25.8 on the

5,000-meter Huron Meadows Metropark course in Brighton. Kavulich as runner-up in 18:26.0, while Livonia Franklin senior Megan McPherson, the pre-race favorite, took third in 18:29.4.

in 18:56.3. Rounding out the Mustangs' contingent were two other freshmen, Nicole Mosteller

"It pretty much went according to plan," Smith said. "Our ideal thing was to 'pack' just like we needed to do. We went out a lot harder than we thought we'd do, and we had

"Our target was to win the conference all

weeks ago."

"I just really wanted to win," Kubicki said.

"It means like a lot because it's my last year

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Northville and Salem were expected to

dual meet loss last month to the Rocks, who

prised when she nipped Salem freshman Kayla Kavulich in the final five meters for the individual title.

Northville also had a freshman, sixth-place finisher Rachel Coleman, lead the way

(eighth, 19:05.5) and Erin Zimmer (10th, 19:09.1), along with two sophomores, Alex Rodriguez (11th, 19:09.5) and Gina McNamara (14th, 19:24.6). It was the first conference crown for Northville under 10th-year coach Nancy

five PRs. season long and get Salem in the end. We lost to them by one point in the dual meet and we knew what we had to do. If we stayed together and 'pack' like we've done all season long, we'd knew we could get them. It was

our goal." Familiarity with the flat and fast Huron Meadows course also helped. "It's our regional course," Smith said. "We raced here last year at the regionals and we raced here at Ypsilanti Invite and won three

Meanwhile, the race to the wire for first between Kubicki and Kavulich was decided by only two-10ths of a second.

"I knew I could do it. I just sprinted my all. I was just trying to keep up with them and not fall behind so at the end I could try and push it because I know I can sprint.

Please see GIRLS, B4

Catholic Central gridders get back on track

Chad Cini was Northville's top finisher in Thursday's

KLAA Kensington Conference boy cross country meet

in fourth place with a time of 10:17.6. The Mustangs

Squad earns shutout win over Cody, looks to playoffs

captured the team title.

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks football team had a little trouble over the course of two weeks, dropping two games unexpectedly and losing their No. 1 ranking in the

After the first loss to Brother Rice three weeks ago, Catholic Central didn't respond the way the pundits had expected and went on to lose to Orchard Lake St. Mary's the following week. That took the team out of the running for the Central Division and the League title in the Catholic High

School League. Yet who can blame the players? Taking a loss was something the Shamrocks hadn't experienced in 20 straight games, so losing was some-

thing completely new at the varsity level for this squad. The Shamrocks realized after their second loss that something had to change, and they went to work getting

back to the basics. Blocking, tackling, running, defense, running and more running. That recipe led to a 37-0 victory over the Detroit Cody Comets last

The Shamrocks followed the lead of Wyatt Shallman and Justin Messner



nthony Darkangelo plunges over the goal line for a touchdown.

up 105 yards and found the end zone three times for the Catholic Central offense to secure the victory. Messner added 46 yards on five carries. And Mike Birney, the team's starting quarterback, proved that it's not just the ground game that can get yards as he went 6-for-10 for 74 yards

to help keep the ball moving.

The defense was led by Brandon

Evan Andreski snagged an interception of his own for the Shamrocks and added three tackles. Now the Shamrocks (7-2) will be looking to Detroit Mumford (5-4) as their foes for the first round of the MHSAA playoffs. The Mumford Mustangs had an up-and-down

season that found them barely scrap-

Sullivan, who had four tackles and an

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The Catholic Central Shamrocks (7-2) will host Detroit Mumford (5-4) at 1 p.m. Saturday in the first round of the MHSAA playoffs. The winner of the game will play the winner of the Northville-Livonia Franklin game, being played in Northville tomorrow at 7 p.m.

ing into the playoff picture this year thanks to all of their losses coming to

playoff-bound teams. Mumford fell to Detroit Central, 38-0, Detroit Martin Luther King, 52-0, Detroit Crockett Tech, 19-0, and the undefeated Detroit Cass Tech Technicians, 34-6. They earned wins over Detroit Pershing, 8-0, Detroit Denby, 48-0, and then went on a tear for three straight wins to end their season with victories over Detroit Southeastern, 30-26, Detroit Renaissance, 12-6, and Detroit

Finney, 54-12. The last time the Shamrocks and the Mustangs met was in 1992 in the playoffs. The Shamrocks earned a 28-12 victory on their way to the state championship.

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

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BUSINESS, B5





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Novi's Joe Schubring (left) outkicks Plymouth's Joseph Porcari in sprint for the finish for first place in last

Thursday's KLAA Kensington Conference boys cross country meet held at Huron Meadows Metropark.

Mustangs gallop to boys title

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The last time Northville brought home a conference boy cross country title the Mustangs were part of the old Western Lakes Activities Association

On Thursday, the Mustangs earned their first-ever KLAA Kensington Conference crown by edging Plymouth for first place, 63-70, at chilly, windy and overcast Huron Meadows Metropark in Brighton.

Canton placed third with 87 points, while defending champion Novi settled for fifth with 96. The Wildcats were followed by host Livonia Stevenson with 118 and Salem with 119. See complete meet results.

"We figured we had a good chance, but you're always surprised when you run against the kind of competition that's in this conference," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "We knew who the players were going to be. Plymouth was good, Canton was good. Novi's good. They're good teams, so you have to bring your 'A' game. It was close, a lot closer maybe what people expected, but we expected it to be that close." Senior Chad Cini led the victorious Mustangs

with a fourth-place finish in 16:17.6. He was followed by senior Christian Guenther, ninth (16:43.3); senior Neson Nesmith, 13th (16:50.0); junior Ed Clifton, 18th

(16:55.9); and senior Robert Singletary, 19th (16:57.0)"Chad Cini, our number one, has been run-

Please see BOYS, B4

Wildcats take district title against CC

Trio of shutouts leave boys soccer team four wins from state championship

> **BY CHRIS JACKETT** CORRESPONDENT

Novi and Detroit Catholic Central's boys soccer teams met in districts for the secondstraight year and, like last year, the Wildcats won and were crowned district champions. The big differences between the two district titles were that No. 13 Novi (19-4-0) dominated in a 2-0 victory last Saturday at Northville, while, last year, CC was stronger, but fell 1-0 in

the opening round at Meadows Stadium. "This is probably the biggest game of our season so far," said Novi junior Alex Ferrini, who notched the game-winning goal. "That's what got it started, got the momentum going." Junior Chase Jabbori did a lot of the footwork on Ferrini's goal, taking a ball into CC's zone in the first half before crossing it to Ferrini on the left side for a quick 1-0 lead heading into the half.

"Chase cut wide and checked in with the ball at his feet. Chase got the ball to the end line and sent a great ball over the top, over the goalkeeper, to Ferrini," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said.

Despite the first-half goal, CC netminder Alex Lang kept the Shamrocks in the game for a full 80 minutes with 10 saves.

"The first 15 minutes, we would've been down 4-0 if he didn't make those saves. He was our best player on the field by far. He stood on his head, by far," CC coach Joe Nora said. "We had a game plan and I don't think we followed it very well. We didn't feel com-

Please see SOCCER. B3



Novi Wildcats and Northville Mustangs meet at the net after Novi won all three matches in their Oct. 19

Novi wins division, conference titles

Wildcats eye association, district championships BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

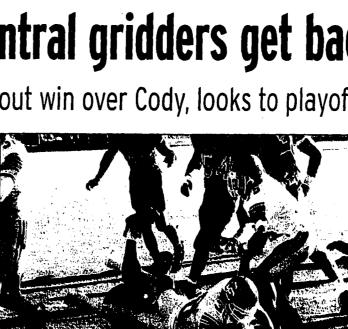
With eight victories in five days, Novi's volleyball team won both the KLAA Central Division and Kensington Conference championships

The Wildcats, ranked No. 6 in Class A, improved to 38-4-1 (10-0 Central) after a successful week set them up to host rival White Lake Lakeland (31-10-4) at 7 p.m. tonight for the association title.

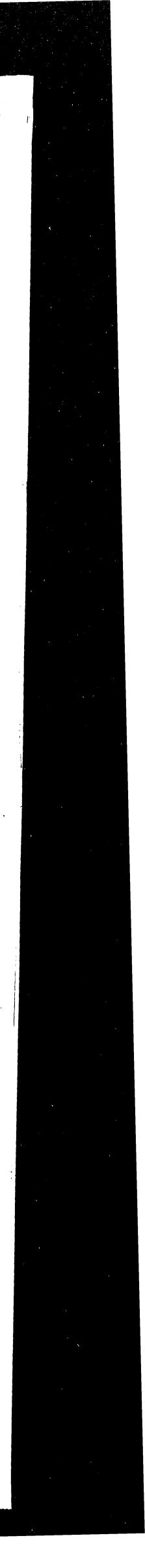
"The girls pulled it out. It was a great day. We didn't play our best volleyball that day up 'til the end there," Novi coach Julie Fisette

A rivalry contest against visiting Northville (22-14-5, 4-5 Central) started off last week with a 25-10, 25-12, 25-9 win Oct. 19. Senior Erica Robb led the offense with 11 kills, as juniors Victoria Rose and Katie Enright had seven kills apiece. Rose also had five solo blocks, while senior Laura Subject got 29 assists on 52 attempts. Subject also had 13

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on the ground attack. Shallman put interception to stymie a Comets' drive.



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Varsity tops Commerce, 32-24

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The Varsity Bobcats (6-2) beat the Commerce Chargers (5-3) on Sunday to secure their spot in the WLJFL Super Bowl playoff. The Bobcats received the opening kickoff, but fumbled on the return and the Chargers recovered. On the Chargers first play from scrimmage, cornerback Michael Ninkovich intercepted the Chargers quarterback at the 30-yard line. Both teams exchanged punts on their next possessions, with the Chargers pinning the Bobcats deep at their 2-yard line. Jalen Ward earned a first down on three consecutive runs to give the Bobcats' offense breathing room, then broke wide for an electrifying 80-yard touchdown. Jack Pinkerton kicked the PAT for an 8-0 Bobcats lead to end the first quarter.

The Bobcats' defense forced the Chargers' pass oriented offense to punt on their next two possessions. The Bobcats Meadors who was knocked took over at their own 35yard line, and called on Ward line. Two plays later, Ulle dove and two interceptions. Moore, out to a quick 7-0 lead. who delivered again, this time into the end zone on a quarbreaking open for a 65-yard touchdown. Pinkerton converted the PAT kick extending the Bobcats' lead to 16-0. With the Bobcats' offense facing a fourth-and-four, Billy read the pass play from his Ulle completed a 21-yard pass safety position and picked to Nick Meadors down to the off Krumm's pass to keep 4-yard line. Ward punched the ball into the end zone for his third touchdown of the game and a 24-0 lead.

Bobby Beard squib kicked the ball and Andrew Hixson dove into a pile of players to recover for the Bobcats. The Chargers scored on their final fourth quarter was in the possession of the half and converted the PAT for a 24-8 Ulle blocked a Chargers punt Bobcats' halftime lead.

The Chargers received the second half kickoff and guarterback Krumm (son of Todd Krumm, 1987 MSU Captain and Rose Bowl Champion) drove the field for another Chargers touchdown. The PAT kick was good and the score was 24-16. The Bobcats' offense answered with an 11-play, 51-yard drive that featured a 15-vard sweep by



JV Bobcats (I to r) Lincoln Cleary, Anthony D'Annibale, Conner Moore, Ryan Welch, Michael Ulle, Jack Krill, Dominic Colaluca and Phillip Calhoun.

Ryan Moore and a 15-yard Ulle pass on fourth down to out of bounds at the 1-yard terback keep and Pinkerton converted the PAT kick for a 32-16 lead.

On the ensuing Chargers possession, Spencer VanKirk the score 32-16 to end the third quarter. The Chargers scored again on a reverse pass that was completed over the outstretched arms of the Bobcats defender, the kick was good and the lead was cut to 32-24. The rest of the hands of the Bobcats' defense. and Ninkovich picked off Krumm's pass on their final possession to end the game with a 32-24 Bobcats victory. Ward lead the offense with 26 carries for 231 yards and three touchdowns, followed by Moore with 9 carries for 35 yards. Ulle completed 2 of 4 passes for 36 yards and scored a touchdown. Meadors on 4 attempts, including 25 had two fourth down recep-

up two touchdowns. On defense, VanKirk had 6 total tackles and an interception, Ninkovich had four tackles Meadors, Ulle and Pinkerton had three tackles and excellent defensive performances.

the Walled Lake Braves or the Livonia Falcons in the first round of the Super Bowl playoffs. Both teams are undefeated, and the Bobcats look to avenge earlier regular season losses to return to the Super Bowl game at Eastern Michigan. By Ken Hixson

JV caps regular season with 26-10 victory

The junior varsity Bobcats improved to 6-2 with a season with Scott Latham making finale win over the visiting Commerce Chargers, 26-10. The Bobcats were lead offensively once again by Anthony D'Annibale, who rushed for over 100 yards on 11 carries, and by the strong

inside running of Conner Moore, who gained 43 yards yards on the Bobcats first possession that resulted in

tions for 36 vards setting

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Moore scoring their first touchdown. The point after

attempt by D'Annibale was good and the Bobcats jumped Penalties on the Chargers'

next possession hurt the Bobcats, but their defense The Bobcats will face either stiffened in the red zone, and held the Chargers on downs, taking over at their own 15yard line, following a long Chargers' drive into the second quarter that ended when Moore made a fine defensive play on a pass attempt that was nearly picked off. The Bobcats gave up a safety to make the score 7-2, and the ensuing kickoff from their own 20-yard line gave the Chargers the momentum they were looking for to take the lead in the game before half. The Bobcats stormed back a big defensive play on third down, dropping the Chargers for a 3-yard loss and forcing them to punt. After another series exchange between the teams, the Chargers took over on the 42-yard line with under 3 minutes to play before the half, and went to the air looking for the quick strike. A head's up play by ive end Lincoln Clea knocking down a pass was followed by an interception by Michael Ulle, when Ryan Welch delivered a perfectly timed hit to separate the Chargers' receiver from the ball. The Bobcats made one final attempt to score, with D'Annibale throwing a long completion to Welch, but time expired at the half with the Bobcats leading by the margin of 7-2.

The tenor of the second half was set from the outset when the Chargers elected to kick it deep to D'Annibale, who electrified the stadium with a 70-yard return for a touchdown, and ran in the point after attempt to make the score 14-2. On the ensuing kick-off, Jarrett McKnight kicked left and placed it perfectly between the Chargers' lines, enabling the speedy D'Annibale to outrace the Chargers to the ball and recover the kick-off for the Bobcats. Beginning from the 39-yard line, the Bobcats

Varsity Bobcat Jack Pinkerton lowers his shoulders against Commerce. nounted an impressive drive, entire game to try to end their with Moore running hard inside on third-and-four from victory. The high tension of the 20, taking it all the way to the game was demonstrated

the 8-yard line. The Bobcats by hard hits and several injusecond offensive unit, led by quarterback Tyler VanKirk, ran inside with Chad Howell, and capped off the drive by running back Brendan Smith, the boys were able to shake following good interior block- off their injuries and walk off ing on the left side by Graham the field. Schock and Christopher Fisher, taking it in for the score to increase the Bobcats' lead to 20-2.

The Chargers answered back with a score of their own Chargers scored the first following a long pass completion on their next drive, but on the Bobcats very next possession, D'Annibale, enjoying good blocking all day from Jack Krill, Phillip Calhoun, Welch, and Moore, rushed off tackle and then cut outside, outracing the Chargers' defensive backfield for a 37 yard touchdown scamper to make the final score 26-10.

Defensively, the Bobcats were lead by good interior play from defensive linemen Rakin Parker and Krill, and solid tackling from its linebacker corps of Ulle, Ryan Conlon, Latham, and Dominic Colaluca. Offensively, DAnnibale and Moore led the Bobcats, while in reserve, running back Ricky Turner displayed good speed and some exciting moves in his first season play- Bobcat touchdown with 5:00 ing for the Bobcat. victory for the JV Bobcats should secure them a the third quarter ended at playoff berth in the Western Lakes Junior Football League, with an opportunity to compete for the championship and return to the Superbowl for the fourth consecutive

year By Eric Smith Freshmen lose to

12-18 Novi's freshman Bobcats suffered a disappointing loss of 12-18 to the Commerce Chargers in their last regular game of the season. But the Bobcats didn't lose without a fight as the last touchdown

until the fourth down of the Charger's second overtime possession Both the Bobcats and the Chargers appeared to be equally matched against each other as both teams were

fighting hard throughout the

of the game wasn't scored

for 50 yards for the second left in the third quarter. The extra point was stopped and It was an exciting fourth guarter as both teams strugcheerleaders were cheering on their team to get another budge and the game was forced into overtime as the Commerce Chargers,

score still at 12-12. The Commerce Chargers had the first overtime possession and the Bobcat's held them off for the first four downs. The Bobcat's got the next two possessions, but they were unable to get a touchdown against the Charger's tough defensive line. All of the fans were on the edge of their seats as the Charger's took their second possession The Charger's scored on the fourth down of their second

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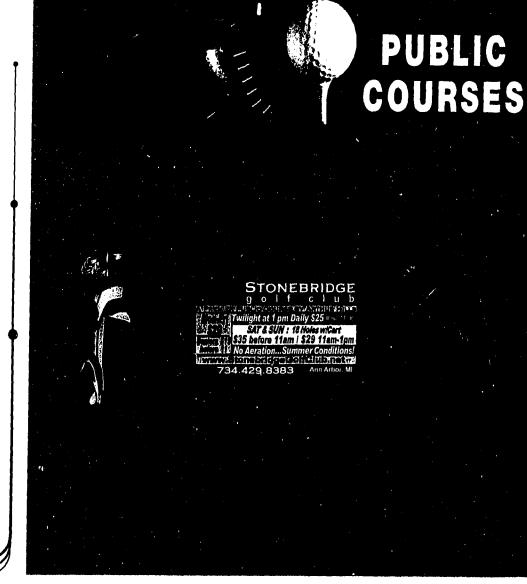
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regular seasons with another ries that were suffered by players on both teams during the entire game. Fortunately, though, all of

Strong defensive lines by both teams resulted in a scoreless first quarter. But with 8 minutes left in the second quarter the Commerce touchdown of the game. And

with just 15 seconds left in the

second quarter the Chargers scored another touchdown. The attempts for extra points were stopped by the Bobcats and the first half ended at 12-0 in favor of the Chargers. The Bobcat fans were hopeful for a better start for the second half. And the freshman Bobcats didn't disappoint their fans as #33 Andrew O'Conner broke a tackle and ran 50 yards for the first Bobcat touchdown of the game. The extra point was

unsuccessful and the score was 12-6 with 8 minutes left in the third quarter. The possibility of another Bobcat victory was growing as Austin Turner ran up the middle and through traffic

gled to gain yards. The Bobcat fans and the freshman Bobcat touchdown. But the defensive lines for both teams wouldn't

fourth quarter ended with the

overtime possession to end the game at 12-18.



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Shamrock harriers win CHSL

League crown in fourth in a row ON TAP for cross country team

BY SAM EGGLESTON CORRESPONDENT There isn't a senior on the

Catholic Central Shamrocks cross country team that knows what it's like not to be a Catholic League champion.

VOLLEYBALL

digs, just behind senior Erin

"Robb is always our top

of the line go-to girl when we need a kill," Fisette said.

stepped up her game and

in blocking, but hitting."

(13-9-0, 6-3 Central) last

Thursday was the lone trip

Wildcats prevailed 25-15, 25-

title. Enright had eight kills,

had 20 assists while a trio

of 'Cats earned double-digit

returns. Hoomaian (17 digs,

16 returns), Robb (10 digs, 16

returns) and senior Savannah

Novi got a scare Saturday

morning in their first of

six conference tournament

matches. Plymouth took the

first game 25-22 before Novi

ounced back to win 25-27

15-9. Robb and Enright had

Marzonie had six solo blocks

nine digs. Hoomaian added

17 returns and 16 digs, while

Robb also notched 15 returns

"The conference champion

ship, when you go in as the

top-ranked team, you have to

play teams who had a medio-

cre season. No one ever says

'Hey, you can just slack off,'

it their all," Fisette said. "It

but, mentally, they didn't give

may have been the best thing

for them because they thought

they were invincible. We pretty

Things were close in the sec-

much woke up. They kind of

ond contest as well, but Novi

prevailed with a 25-23, 25-21

returns, Subject had 15 assists,

Hoomaian had 12 digs and 13

returns, and Green had nine

a bit smoother after a lunch

break. The Wildcats defeated

Wayne Memorial 25-12, 25-16

behind five kills from junior

Lesley Harrington, 18 assists

from Subject and 10 returns

In pool play, Novi defeated

Plymouth Salem 25-14, 28-

26 with 12 serving aces split

between five players (four

apiece for Hoomaian and

Rose). Subject had 11 assists,

Green had 10 digs, and Robb

and Hoomaian each had 10

from Hoomaian.

returns.

The girls' third contest went

win over Livonia Stevenson.

Robb had 11 kills and 11

came in rough.

and 11 digs.

nine kills apiece, junior Molly

and Subject had 24 assists and

each solid on defense.

figures in both digs and serve

while junior Aly Ryan contrib-

"Victoria Rose has just really

became a force for us not just

A trip to Plymouth Salem

had 11 serve returns.

FROM PAGE B1

For the fourth straight season, the Catholic Central Shamrocks proved why they are feared in the CHSL with a title run. The squad earned 26 points to beat out Brother Rice (72), University of Detroit Jesuit (76), DeLaSalle tively, in 16:19 and 16:23. (89), Divine Child (91), Notre Next in for the Shamrocks Dame Prep (197) and Orchard was Mackenzie Boyd, who Lake St. Mary's (198).

"It was a nice way for our seniors to go out," said Catholic Central coach Tony Magni. "They were Catholic League champs for four years, as well as being undefeated in Fagan finished 15th and Jack dual meets for the four years." Leading the way for the Shamrocks was Andrew Garcia-Garrison, who ran a 16:07 to take second place overall. Not far behind were twins John-Paul Zebrowski and Austin Zebrowski in fourth and fifth, respec-

ran to sixth overall in 16:34,

The Shamrocks will be running in the MHSAA regional this weekend with hopes of qualifying for the state finals.

followed by Ryan Boyd in 16:55 for ninth. Thomas Malinowski was 19th with times of 17:25 and 17:38, respectively.

This victory is the 21st CHSL championship for the Shamrocks, who won it in 1973, 1982-1984, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1994-2002 and 2007-2010.

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



Novi's boys soccer team poses with the district championship trophy last Saturday at Northville after the Wildcats defeated Detroit Catholic Central 2-0.

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The Wildcats hit the left post six minutes into the second half on a free kick by sophomore Matt Wilson, but Lang would foil several other Novi opportunities throughout the half until Novi senior John DeLeon knocked a two-touch volley into the net from 18 yards out after Jabbori flicked a throw-in to him, giving Novi a 2-0 lead with 18:34 to go in the game.

Novi senior netminder Wes Smith was able to clear the zone each time as he made seven saves to record a third-straight shutout in district play. Smith had three saves in each of the first two games, spanning 270 minutes total.

contest Oct. 20 and Plymouth Salem (9-9-3) 4-0 on Oct. 18. "After a scoreless first half, Chris Park scored on a Rob Razburgaj through ball and, with 10 minutes left in the game, Chase Jabbori scored on a nice give and go with Matt

Junior Dan Lumley scored the first goal against Salem on an assist from junior Aaron Quinley to build a 1-0 halftime lead. Senior Brian Herron scored his first goal of the season on a Lumley assist five minutes into the second half and, 10 minutes later, Lumley scored again on a cross from junior Chris Park. Ferrini capped the scoring on a split pass from

The Shamrocks' (9-6-3) road to the title game included a 2-1 win Oct. 18 over Ann Arbor Skyline (9-11-4) and a 2-0 win Oct. 20 over North Farmington (16-4-1).

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





Mustang Megan Gertley in action on Oct. 19.

ON TAP The No. 6 Wildcats (38-4-1, 8-0 KLAA Central) host rival No. 14 White Lake Lakeland (31-10-4) at 7 p.m. tonight for the association title before districts begin Monday at host Northville. "We're going to practice hard for the next Thursday match against Lakeland," Novi coach Julie Fisette said. "They're a tough competitor, they always come in strong against us. It's going to

be a big rivalry match." Novi plays Canton (26-9-3) 5 p.m. Monday and then Plymouth 5 p.m. Wednesday in a district semifinal at Northville if they win. Another victory would put Novi in yet another district championship game against either Northville (22-14-5) or Plymouth Salem (13-9-0) 7 p.m. next Thursday. Novi defeated Canton for the district championship last year.

25-16, 25-13 in a much less stressful contest than they had earlier. Subject, Harrington, Enright and Ryan each had four kills to lead the offense. Subject also had 14 assists, while Robb (11 digs, 10 returns), Hoomaian (10 digs, 11 returns) and Green (10 digs, five returns) were also solid. "We actually played Plymouth in a much better

More awake than they were for the first match of the day, match than we gave them Novi dispatched Plymouth earlier," Fisette said. "We're fortunate we're so deep and so big in everyone that we've got. The greatest part about these kids is everyone can do everything." The victory set up a contest

with South Division champion and then-No. 17 Livonia Churchill, who had defeated Canton in the other semifinal. Churchill had defeated Novi for the conference title last season and knocked the Wildcats out of regional play en route to a Class A state title in winter 2007.

"They destroyed us," Fisette said of last year's conference championship match. "This year was kind of redemption

After dropping the first game 25-20, Novi thundered back for a 30-28, 15-11 victory over the Chargers last Saturday. Robb had 13 kills and 14 returns, while Rose made five solo blocks and Subject had 34 assists on 99 attempts. Primary contributors to Novi's 64 digs were Robb (20), Subject (15) and Hoomaian (15).

"Churchill's a phenomenal defensive team. Nothing was hitting the floor. I think we were a better offensive team. They did a lot of tipping and got a lot of points. We played

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them point for point and played up 'til point 17 and let them go," Fisette said. "It was a great ending to a very, very long day."

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and it's the first time I've ever won a big race." There will be many more big races for Kavulich, who is just starting to blossom as one

of the state's elite ninth-grade runners. "I thought she ran almost 5,000 meters well, just got beat right at the end there," Salem coach Dave Gerlach said. "She learned a valuable lesson. You've got to run 5,000-and-one meters to get through there. Beyond that, what a tremendous race. She was right where we wanted her to be at the mile mark — seventh place - and just continued to move running a great pace race, then it becomes very competitive from there. For her setting a school record today, very proud of her, running relaxed, running aggressive. And that's what we asked

Gerlach also congratulated

BOYS FROM **PAGE B1**

ning great for us all year,' Cronin said. "He's really kind of led us from a running standpoint, but we had a make a change with a guy from our JV squad today - Neson Nesmith. He was awesome. He finished third for us, ran a 16:50. You can't ask for more than that. I'm deep and that's the luxury I have. His finish was fantastic.

"And the guy who finished ninth for us, Christian Guenther, he's a captain. He's had a little bit of an up-anddown year, but he was outstandi: : today."

Plymouth was a loy sensor Joe Porcari, who was edged out at the finish line for first place by Novi senior Joe Schubring.

Schubring ran the 5,000meter course in 15:59.3, while Porcari's runner-up time was 16:00.6.

"It's a personal best by 22 seconds." Schubring said. "I've run this (course) twice before. I love it, it's just so flat compared to our home course that," Cronin said.

MHSFCA Wall of Fame opens

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association (MHSFCA) held opening ceremonies for its Wall of Fame Oct. 7 at the University of Michigan. The Wall recognizes over 600 high school football coaches that have earned recognition as members of the association's Hall of Fame since the first class was inducted in 1982. Current year inductees are repre-This year's inductees include Rick Coratti, Detroit Catholic Central.

Minimum requirements for induction into the Hall of Fame are replaced by next year's inductees in 20 years and/or 200 wins coaching the spring.

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the Mustangs for their effort "It takes a team to win a team event," he said, "Today four of our seven had really good races, the other three being just OK races - nothing real special. We had two of our athletes go down in the first 150 meters of the race and there's no recall. They bounced back up and fought, but that took us out of it real early. "Beyond that, my hat's off to Northville. They ran incredible. As I told my team, we

didn't lose this meet, we got beat by a great, great team in Northville. And I'm happy for them. Rounding out the top 10 individually were Churchill's

Kerigan Riley and Bethany Pilat, who placed fourth and ninth, respectively, in 18:41.9 and 19:06.6; and Novi's Kerri McMahan and Jackie Mullins, who finished fifth and seventh, respectively, in 18:42.4 and 19:01.3.

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we come here we post fast times and it's great. "I really wanted to get out front early and lead that pack and set the pace. I wanted to run my own race. Last year I think I was fifth. I couldn't have raced a better race." Plymouth's other four finishers included junior Derek Gielarowski, sixth (16:21.5); iunior James Maciag, 12th (16:48.3); freshman Liam

Cardenas, 24th (17:05.6); and sophomore Brandon Dalton, 26th (17:09.7). Others in the top 10 individually included Blake Yard (South Lyon East), third, 16:06.6; Miles Felton (Canton), fifth, 16:20.4; Steve game. I'm ecstatic he went out McEvilly (Salem), seventh, 16:34.0; and Brett Giampa (Novi), eighth, 16:34.7; and Mitch Clinton (Canton),

16:20.4. But the day belonged to Northville, which garnered its first conference crown since 2007. "This is the first KLAA banner in the gym, and obvi- lead at the break.

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Seniors go out on high note, but fall short of playoffs

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

The phrase "defense wins games" didn't come from nowhere, and Novi's football team proved it last Friday as the defensive line shut out Flint Carman-Ainsworth 25-0 to finish the season.

Two Wildcats (junior Alex King and senior Krister Engja) recorded double-digit tackles on defense and Novi's offense got on the board 20 seconds before halftime to get the offense rolling steady. "Defense played real well

again. It's a tribute to our defensive coaches. They shut a Division I recruit down." Novi coach Todd Pennycuff said. "Offensively, I thought we finally put things together." Leading up to the score, the first half was fairly uneventful. Ainsworth (3-6, 3-2 Big Nine)

turned over the ball on downs, Novi (5-4, 4-1 KLAA Central) recovered their own fumbles and neither team could move the ball more than nine yards at a time in the first quarter. Novi senior Scotty Stanford missed a 43-yard field goal wide

left 1:01 into the second quarter, but, despite a 23-yard run by Ainsworth's NCAA Division I recruit, Shane Barron, the Cardinals turned the ball over on downs 5:14 later at Novi's 42-

yard line. Junior Zach Masserant led the ensuing drive with runs of 10, 22, nine, 10 and nine yards to set up a one-yard touchdown run to the left side by senior Kyle Edwards with 20 seconds remaining "Kyle Edwards had a great

on a high note," Pennycuff said. An offside penalty on Ainsworth during Stanford's successful point-after kick pushed the Cardinals to their own 1-yard line and allowed Masserant to punch in a twopoint conversion with a rush into the end zone just before the half, giving the Wildcats an 8-0

Masserant kept up his mpressive effort to start the at Cass Benton (Park). The bemons@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-6851 and eight yards on runs before brooking free for a 59-vard breaking free for a 59-vard

touchdown up the right side. Stanford's kick made it 15-0 at the 9:53 mark. "Masserant had some great runs," Pennycuff said. "(Junior the inside face of the new southeast Derek) Ince did a great job gettower of Michigan Stadium will be ting him the ball on the outside.

The third quarter was filled with fumbles by both teams, but most were either recovered or landed out of bounds before

anyone could recover. A 24-yard run by senior Zach Mohr and 22-yard run by Masserant helped put the Wildcats in position for Stanford to nail a 21-yard field goal with 1:34 remaining in the

quarter. Mohr had another big 35-yard rush up the left side through

down run into the right side of ing yards were the most by a



Brian Bush (#1) tries to bring down a Carman-Ainsworth runner.

the end zone. Stanford's success- Wildcat since Kevin Cislo got ful kick made it 25-0 Novi 1:15 183 yards against Lakeland in into the fourth quarter. Three plays later, Novi senior Brian Bush jumped in front of a pass from Ainsworth senior guarterback Allen Overton and made a diving grab for an interception after the ball hit him in the chest and bounced off his fingertips at the 50-yard line.

Neither team could put together another scoring drive, but the Wildcats got a strong 27-yard rush up the left side by junior Justin Brooks late in the final quarter.

Novi senior Austin Wertheimer put the nail in the coffin when he intercepted an 11-yard pass at the Ainsworth 45 and returned it five yards. A face-masking penalty on Ainsworth put the ball on Ainsworth's 24 and the Wildcats ran out the clock. Masserant's 202 rush-

added 61 yards on the ground for Novi. NCAA-bound Barron put together 104 yards for Ainsworth, 29 of which came on two kick returns. Gerald Holmes led the Cardinals with 114 total yards, 80 which came on the ground. The game was very rush

heavy, as many Novi contests have been this season. Overton went 4-for-14 for 53 yards and two interceptions as the Cardinals got 154 yards on 31 rushes. Novi rang up 339 yards on 50 carries, while Ince was 1-for-3 for nine yards. After spending much of the season with the scout team, senior Gage Liberati brought his playcalling to the quarterback position for Novi Friday, but didn't have any pass attempts. "Liberati, talk about a pro-

former Novi News staff writer.

Pennycuff said.

the helm.

Novi field hockey wins young program's first playoff game

'Cats finish above .500 in new division BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

A 7-6-1 record and second-round playoff exit doesn't sound impressive on the

The Wildcats finished 6-3-1 in Division III after winning Div. IV last season. The girls capped their regular season Oct. 20 with a 1-0 victory over the Washtenaw Whippets (0-12-2, 0-9-1

"Novi controlled the flow of the play for most of the game, but was only able to put one goal on the board," parent Tom Pollard said after the contest.

The lone goal came eight minutes into the second half when junior Lauren Pollard passed to open freshman Megan Paul, who put a shot on net. Washtenaw's goalkeeper made the initial stop, but could not control the rebound and junior Sam Lindberg snatched the

ball up and put it in the corner of the net for the goal for a 1-0 lead that would Novi with a goal set up by senior hold as the final result while Novi junior Becky McKinley. netminder Shelby Henley earned her

third shutout of the season. The victory geared 13-seed Novi up for their first-round playoff game last Friday against 20-seed Dearborn (2-9-3, 2-5-3 Div. IV). The Wildcats roared to the program's first playoff victory in its surface, but it was the highlight of a suc- three years of existence with a 7-0 score. Novi got on the board in the first five

minutes when senior Nikki Greenhalgh scored off a pass from senior Angelica Minissale. Greenhalgh scored again three minutes later on a pass from senior Katie Murphy. Greenhalgh completed the hat trick just before halftime, scoring her third goal of the game in the final minute of the half off a pass from senior Tia Faraon.

The Wildcats continued the offensive onslaught in the second half, as junior Emma Walter scored off a pass from Greenhalgh. Paul added a goal after being set up by senior Naomi Kiura before Greenhalgh scored her fourth goal of the game off Murphy pass a few minutes later.

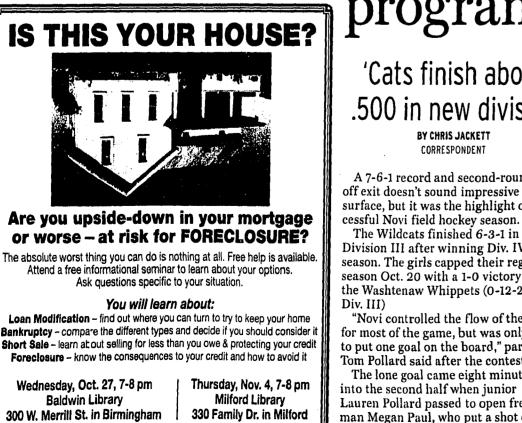
Murphy closed out the scoring for Henley earned her fourth shutout of

the season and third in a row, setting the stage for a second-round contest last Monday at four-seed Academy of the Sacred Heart (8-4-2, 3-4-1 Div. I). Sacred Heart had too much offensive firepower for Novi to deal with, scoring three goals in each half to keep the Wildcats out of the state "Novi was able to generate some

quarterfinals. scoring chances of their own, but could not do enough to capitalize,' Tom Pollard said. "Sacred Heart was the better team and they showed it." The loss ended the high school careers for seniors Megan Burkhardt Faraon, Greenhalgh, Kiura, McKinley, Minissale and Murphy, but the 'Cats' have a lot of promise eligible to return in the form of juniors Henley, Natalie Paul, Lauren Pollard, Lindberg and

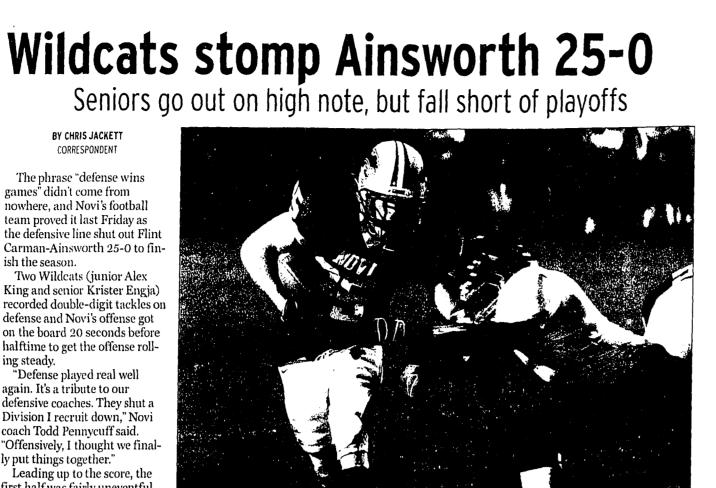
freshman Megan Paul.

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for the Division I state playoffs

at 5-4, but Detroit Mumford and Ann Arbor Pioneer (both 5-4) got the two at-large bids and the Wildcats are left out of the playoff picture for the second-straight year. Mumford had 63.889 playoff points and Pioneer had 61.556 playoff points, while Novi had 57.222. Without the playoffs, seniors

Bush, Richard Burr, Stanford,

Sheldon, Dakota Budde, Mohr

Robinson, Mike Brant, Engja,

Ince, Derek Cingel, Mike Jocz,

Kempa, Adam Haynes, Brooks

Liberati, Edwards, Jonathan

Derek Kim, Alex Willson, Brady

Dominic Sabo, Greg Kolis, Mike Michniak, Wetheimer, 2004. Masserant got them on 18 Nick Littleton, David Sparling carries without any losses. Mohr Alan Mencer, AJ Sarangi, Matt Bonnell, Joe Mikkelsen and Ben Farley went out on a high note against Ainsworth, although Brant was sidelined with an injury all nine games this fall. However, with the likes of juniors King, Masserant,

> and sophomore Buck eligible to return next season, the Wildcats have a strong core to work with in Pennycuff's second season at "I'm hoping that, this offseason, kids are going to start buying in. A little hard work won't hurt anyone. We got some kids walking the halls who aren't playing and should be,"

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100 communities in the State of Michigan who

are home to 128,242 entrepreneurs who earned

\$3.4 billion in annual income. These communi-

ties also had \$1.2 billion in commercial devel-

opment last year and account for nearly half the

looking at such factors as clustering, incentives,

importance to expansion and diversification of

Michigan's regional economies and the impact

"The City of Novi has partnered with the

eCities research project since its inception in

Development director. "Being honored as a five

star community is a reflection of the total com-

mitment the City of Novi has to bringing-in and

retaining quality development within our city."

David C. McKnight, owner of Emerald City

McKnight opened Emerald City Designs

over 17 years ago, at age 22, and has grown his

servicing thousands of special events through-

Boutique, will consist of fresh flowers, custom

accessories and gifts. A wire service, for send-

will be available for sale to customers wishing

to establish a regular delivery of fresh flowers

sent to home or office on a weekly, bi-monthly,

"For years, our clients have asked for a retail

Shoppe is definitely a fresh new concept for floral

-- along with local Michigan based designers cre-

ating one-of-a-kind piece's for all to enjoy! This

new retail store is filled with enthusiastic lines, as

well, client services like no other." said McKnight

Hours of operation are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11-6 Sunday; holiday hours

Visit www.thepoppyshoppes.com for more

outlet for fresh floral designs, for gift giving,

and for their own personal pleasure. The Poppy

The Emerald Club, a Poppy Shoppe exclusive,

fresh and silk arrangements, and table top

ing flowers out of town, is also planned.

company into a thriving special event floral

tique at Twelve Oaks Mall on Oct. 25.

out its 17-year history.

monthly, or quarterly basis.

small businesses have on job creation.

Center for Innovation Research (iLabs) at their

community for fostering entrepreneurial

City of Novi recognized for fostering

to enter this new relationship"

entrepreneurial growth

state's commercial property.

46100 Grand River Avenue Novi.

ships with all the fine hotels in the Novi area

events at the Rock Financial Showplace.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Staples launches food, toy drive

Staples Advantage, the business-to-business division of Staples Inc., announced the launch of a local holiday food and toy drive taking place until Dec. 12 to support children and families at Orchards Children's Services, a non-sectarian child welfare agency licensed by the state of Michigan and nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Children and Families.

The Staples Advantage office located in Novi will collect food and toys to be donated to Orchards Children's Services. Food and toy donations can be dropped off at the business office between 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the reception desk. Food donations must be non-perishable items. Examples include canned vegetables or fruit, canned or packaged gravy, dry goods including flour, sugar, stuffing, cake and muffin mixes, canned frosting, dried spices and seasonings. Donated toys should be new and unwrapped. The children's ages range from newborn to teenagers. Spread the joy of the holidays by inviting family and friends to donate food and/or toys. Staples Advantage is located at 41541 11 Mile Road in Novi. Contact Kelly Mann at 800-693-9900, extension 444 or Stephanie Bessen at 800-

693-9900 extension 387, for more information. Novi chamber elects new board; revises bylaws

The election for the Novi Chamber of Commerce 2011 Board of Directors will take place at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 3 at the Networking Luncheon at Rock Financial Showplace. A ballot will be emailed to all primary members on Oct. 27. Those elected will serve a two-year term. The Nominating Committee has submitted the following members to run for a Board position: Leigh Byrd, Bright House Networks

Satish Jasti, Credit for Biz, LLC Sam Morgan, Gasiorek, Morgan, and Greco, P.C.

Ara Topouzian, City of Novi Beth Yarmak, Yarmak & Co. Certified Public Accountants

Jeff Wilk, Carrabba's Italian Grill For questions regarding the Board of

Directors election, please contact Executive Director Linda Daly at (248) 349-3743. The Novi Chamber of Commerce will also hold a membership vote on edits to its bylaws

on Nov. 3. Members may vote at this meeting. For questions or concerns about the edits to the ByLaws, please contact Linda Daly, Executive Director, at (248) 349-3743. Lakes Area Chamber hosts 2nd Annual

Business EXPO & TASTE Fest

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce members have joined together as participants in the Chamber's 2nd Annual Business EXPO & TASTE Fest to be held at Walled Lake Central High School from 11 a.m-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6. The event is open to the public.

The \$5 admission price includes 10 TASTE tickets. Children under 12 are admitted for free. Additional taste tickets can be purchased at the event. TASTE Fest participants will include Bayside Sports Grille in Walled Lake; Buttercream Bakeshop in Wixom; CJ's Brewing Company in Commerce; Comfort Suites in Wixom; Grand Dogs (catering) in Commerce; Happy's Pizza in Commerce; Uptown Grille in Commerce; The Lakes Bar & Grille in Walled Lake; and Willson's Pub 'n Grill in Commerce. In addition to hourly prize drawings, this

year new cars and trucks will be on display in the school's parking lot and, indoors, there will be an activity area for children featuring a clown, face painting and craft projects. The Kids' Corner is sponsored by Travel Plus/Travel Leaders in Commerce. Informative workshops will also be hosted by Lakes Area Chamber members. Topics include Identity Theft - What You Need to Know, presented by James Szegi, Pre-Paid Legal Services, Highland; and Green Office Technology, presented by the The Digital

Document Store, Milford Discount coupons for 50 percent off the admission price are available at participating businesses, as well as at the Lakes Area

Business owners and entre-

preneurs 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

Executive Office Building

Conference Center, 2100

Pontiac Lake Road (west of

Telegraph), Waterford unless

otherwise noted. For pre-reg-

visit oakgov.com/peds/calen-

dar, or call (248) 858-0783.

(AM) Morning Class

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November 2 - Pre-Business Research Workshop (AM)

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- 4 Small Business Loan Workshop 10 - Fundamentals of Starting a Business (AM)
- 18 Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (AM)

will vary.

information.

- December 2 - Fundamentals of Starting a Business (PM)
- 8 Sales 1: Effective Networking 9 - Pre-Business Research Workshop (PM)

16 - Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (PM) The Web site address for Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services Workshop's is oakgov.com/peds/calendar.

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 prod-

target audience. Presented by The Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC). Thursday, Oct. 28 from 9noon The fee is \$40. No refunds. ucts and services to the most

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Fighting cancer

Novi-based Premier Relocations, a local agent for Mayflower Transit has partnered with the Karmanos Cancer Institute. If someone moves locally (within 40 miles of their existing home) with Premier during the month of October, Premier will donate 5 percent of the total cost to Karmanos for cancer research. The donation will be made in the customer's name if they desire. The entire crew will be decked out in pink t-shirts to help increase the awareness of breast cancer. "I was watching a YouTube video about a Pink Glove Dance and wondered how we could make a difference in cancer research. Everybody knows at least one person who has been impacted by cancer and this was an opportunity to give to an awesome organization to help fund research for a cure," said Kirk Hensler, general manager of Premier Relocations.

The data supplied by the participants as well as other public records to assemble a six-factor, 30-Karson L. Carpenter.p.p.s. Alma R. Nava D.D.s. item index to encourage entrepreneurial activity, growth, policies, community and education. The study focuses on entrepreneurship because of its **DRAKESHIRE DENTAL CENTER** Our staff is fluent in Spanish! 2007," said Ara Topouzian, City of Novi Economic Our office provides a variety of dental services including Bleaching and cosmetic dentistry Invisalign and traditional braces Alrabrasion "Drilless T dentistry Laser dentistry Cerec one-visit porcelain crowns Treatment of gums Emerald City Designs adds retail boutique Ask us about our new dental spat Designs, the Special Event Group, expanded to Accepting new patients, both adults and children. include the opening of a fresh floral retail bou-Conveniently located at the corner of Grand River and Drake Roads in the Drakeshire Plaza. Evening and Saturday hours available. Dr. Carpenter & Dr. Nava are General Practitioners company employing over 25 team members and Karson L. Carpenter D.D.S. & Alma R. Nava, D.D.S. Present this ad Drakeshire Dental Center 35223 GrandiRiver & Farmington, MI 48335 248:474:4600 www.drakeshiredental.com for a Complimentary The Poppy Shoppe, an Emerald City Designs Consultation and X-ravs THINK SPECIAL INVITATION PINK Hear Better in October & The revolutionary new hearing Support Breast Cancer Awareness device that helps you understand more with less effort. Please join us for refreshments and a demonstration of the newest digital technology from Oticon. Receive a bag of Agil is one of the most advanced hearing goodies and a chance to win a variety of prizes, including instruments on the market. Superior our grand prize...TV Ears! technology takes the work out of hearing and listening, so you can hear clearly and Schedule Your Demonstration in October and Be Eligible to Receive: effortlessly, even in difficult listening situations. As a result, you have more RISK-FREE 2-week trial-try it at home and at work! energy to understand and reconnect wit \$200 OFF entry-level technology or \$400 OFF the voices, music and sounds that color your world and enrich your life. Agil come:

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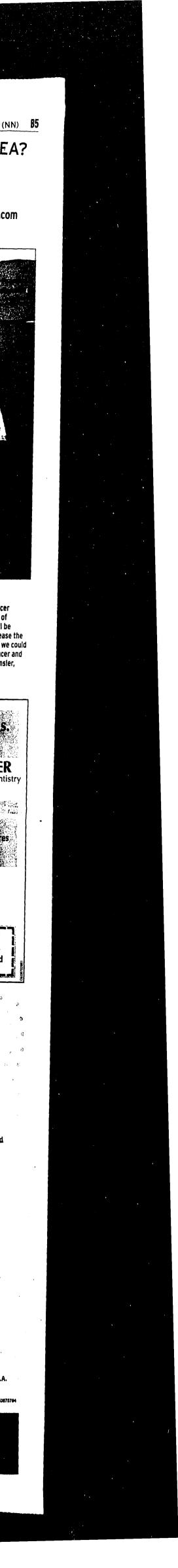
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