

## **NOVI NOW** Delivery delay

With post offices closed Thursday, Nov. 11 due to Veterans Day, delivery of the Novi News will be delayed Juntil Friday. Single copy editions will be available in racks and at stores as usual on

Thursday. Scouting for Food

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Boy Scout troop 407 is asking Novi residents to please be on the lookout for collection bags that are being distributed by Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts starting Saturday, Nov. 6. These bags will be used for the charitable collection of canned goods that will be distributed to those in need. Pickup for the canned goods is set for Saturday, Nov. 13. Donations can also be brought to the Faith **Community Presbyterian** church on Saturday morning, Nov. 13.

"Scouting for Food" is Scouting's community stewardship project aimed at addressing the problem of hunger in the community in which we live and work.

Bag Drop-Off Nov. 6: Boy Scouts of America, Venturers, and Cub Scouts will be distributing plastic grocery bags to homes in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Please help by donating boxed or

# Manar slips past O'Brien for seat on Novi school board

Sinking fund millage renewal gets voter support

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#### **BY NATHAN MUELLER** STAFF WRITER

Jason Manar will finally get a good night's sleep now that he received the backing of the residents to serve on the Novi Community Schools District Board of Education.

Manar, who admitted Tuesday night he was running on a couple hours of sleep, edged out his competitor Brien O'Meara by 344 votes, 52 percent to 48 percent, to fill the lone vacancy on the board.

"I am very appreciative right now and overwhelmed by the support," he

said. "My hat is off to (Brien) and the race he ran, he did a fine job." Manar lost the absentee vote, but was able to claim enough precincts to hold off O'Meara.

This was a first-time race for both candi-

dates, and Manar knows the hard work lies ahead as the school district is in the process of hiring a new superintendent, negotiating contracts with its teachers and facing budget constraints from the state.

"Truly tonight is just the beginning for me to continue to work even hard to make sure I deliver what the people expect," he said.

#### MILLAGE RENEWAL A SUCCESS

The candidates were not the only ones celebrating Tuesday night as 58 percent of voters in Novi approved the 10-year renewal of the school district's sinking fund.

The renewal, at a rate of 0.4932 mills, will allow the district to complete small construction projects and repairs without having to dip into the general fund.

"The school district is thankful the community continues to support the efforts of the district

#### HOW NOVI VOTED

<b>Novi Community Schoo</b>	l District board
*Jason Manar	
Brien O'Meara	
Novi School District mil	llage renewal
*Yes	
No	

and the board," said Novi Board of Education Trustee George Kortlandt.

Kortlandt also promised the board will continue to be fiscally responsible going forward.

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🖌 Rick Snyder (R) ... ... ... ... 13,040 Virg Bernero (D) ... ... ... ... ... 5,714

SECRETARY OF STATE ✓ Ruth Johnson (R).. ... ... ... 10,929

Jocelyn Michelle Benson (D).. ... 7,201

✓ Bill Schuette (R)... ... ... ... 11,168 David Leyton (D) ... ... ... ... ... 6,595

Yes ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 6,341

✓ Yes... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 14,533 No ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 3,350

✓ Thaddeus McCotter (R) (i) ... ... 11,648

Natalie Mosher (0) ... ... ... ... 6,656

John J. Tatar (L) ... ... ... ... ... ... 306

✓ Mike Kowali (R) ... ... ... ... ... 11,277

Pam Jackson (D) ... ... ... ... ... 6,789

STATE PROPOSALS

11TH U.S. HOUSE

15TH STATE SENATE

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

HOW NOVI VOTED

State House 38th District

Jeffrey T. Gedeon ...... 6,072

Tuesday night at a gathering

Financial Showplace. "As an

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of his supporters at Rock

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canned goods only. Nothing perishable, frozen or in glass (ex. peanut butter, tuna, soup, ravioli, beef stew, and other high-protein items). Bag Pick-Up Nov. 13:

Scouts will go house to house collecting plastic grocery bags filled with donated food.

#### Walsh open house

Walsh College is hosting an open house from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4 at its Novi campus, located at 41500 Gardenbrook Road (off of Meadowbrook, just north of Grand River Avenue). A free career development workshop will take place at 5 p.m. Application fees for undergraduate and graduate students will be waived and refreshments will be provided by Sam's Club.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with a Walsh Academic Advisor (no appointment necessary; bring college transcripts); learn about transferring to Walsh College (up to 82 college credits to Walsh); and learn more about academic programs, online degrees, financial aid, student organizations, and Career Services.

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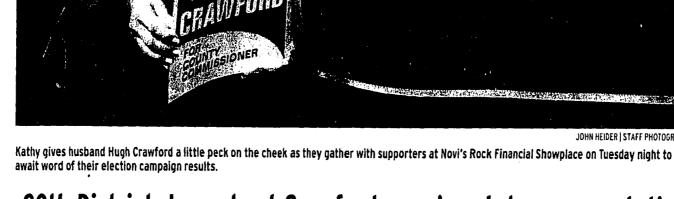
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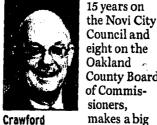
# 38th District: Incumbent Crawford remains state representative

Novi resident vows 'things will be different'

District.

#### **BY NATHAN MUELLER** STAFF WRITER

According to unofficial results. Crawford earned 67 It was business as usual for percent of the vote to Gedeon's Hugh Crawford as he upended 34 percent. He did not lose Democratic candidate Jeff a precinct in Novi and also Gedeon to reclaim his seat claimed the absentee vote. as the Michigan state rep-Crawford said he believes resentative serving the 38th his resume, which includes



Oakland 🖉 County Board of Commissioners, makes a big difference.

"Honestly, it was much easier this time," he said

# Crawford wins big in Oakland Commission race

percent) to

Życzynski's

5,471 votes

(34 percent).

Novi resident

was in her

third year on

the Novi City

Council when

The lifelong

## Novi City Council to address her departure Monday

#### **BY NATHAN MUELLER** STAFF WRITER

Voters left no doubt as to who they wanted representing them on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners as Kathy Crawford overwhelmed Democratic candidate Karen Crawford Zyczynski on Tuesday. Crawford, who will serve the 9th district, nearly doubled her competitor's votes,

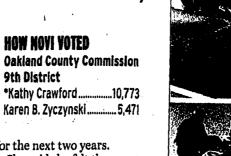
she made the decision to run

#### HOW NOVI YOTED **Oakland County Commission** 9th District \*Kathy Crawford .....

for the next two years.

She said she felt the county was starting to look more at senior programs and services,

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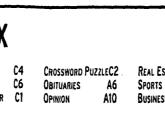
**38TH STATE HOUSE** 🖌 Hugh D. Crawford (R). ... ... 11,987 Jeffrey T. Gedeon (D) . ... ... ... 6,072 8TH COUNTY COMMISSION 🖌 Philip J. Weipert (R) ... ... ... 801 Michele Berry (D) ... ... ... ... 833 9TH COUNTY COMMISSION ✓ Kathy Crawford (R) ... ... ... 10,773 Karen B. Zyczynski (D) ... ... ... 5,471 **NOVI SCHOOL BOARD** 🖌 Jason Manar ... ... ... ... 4,094 Brien O'Meara... ... ... ... ... ... ... 3,750 WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS BOARD ✓ Denise Bither... ... ... ... 1,205 Albert Clawson . ... ... ... ... ... ... 847 ✓ Michael D. Smith... ... ... ... 1,237 Michael Trzos ... ... ... ... ... ... 783 ✓ Hancy van Leuwen ... ... ... 1,264

**NOVI SCHOOL DISTRICT** MILLAGE RENEWAL ✓ Yes... ... ... ... ... ... ... 6,168 No ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 4,457

for the Oakland County seat serving the cities of Novi, Northville and Novi Township amassing 10,773 votes (66 INDEX APARTMENTS C4

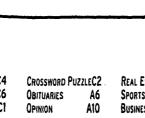


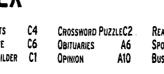
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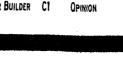


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# **STATE HOUSE**

incumbent you have an edge and experience is impor-Crawford was part of the House's Bipartisan Freshman Caucus, which consisted of 20 Democrats and 22 Republicans, and he said he

intends on continuing the focus of creating relationships across party lines. "I guarantee things will be

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and that fit her background

perfectly. "It was sort of meant to be," she said. "I knew I could make a difference at the county level. and I believe it is the best place for me now to represent Novi." Crawford beat incumbent Kim Capello in the primary election to face off against Zvczvnski who ran unopposed in August. She said the entire process

has been "very stressful and

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#### different this time no matter what," he said. The House district

Crawford serves includes Lyon Township, part of Northville, Novi, Novi Township, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom He has lived in Novi with

his wife Kathy for 67 years and says his knowledge is helpful in Lansing. "I can fight for this district," he said.

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very hard," and is eager to get started with the county. "I was pretty confident, but you never know until you get the results," she said. Crawford will continue in her role on Novi City Council until at least the end of November, and she also wanted to reassure people that just because she is taking a new position she is not leaving

Nov The city council is expected to discuss how they will replace her at Monday's regular meeting.

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## ELECTION 2010



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE Phil Superfisky shakes the hand of a voter outside the Novi Civic Center on

Nov. 2. Superfisky was there to support Brian O'Meara for the Novi school

HOW NOVI VOTED

State Proposal 10-2

\*Yes....

If former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick is planning a political comeback, it appears state voters want to nake sure it doesn't happen

anytime soon. According to returns in key precincts across the state, three out of four

voters supported passage of Proposal 2 – which

some dubbed the "Kwame Amendment." It would

amend the state's constitution by forbidding anyone

... 14,533

..3.350 years after conviction. Kilpatrick pleaded guilty to two counts of obstruction of justice in 2008 for lying under oath during a

police whistle-blower lawsuit while mayor. On the night

convicted of crimes that

betrayed the public's trust

from holding public office

HOW NOVI VOTED **Oakland County Commission** 8th District \*Philip J. Weipert....

Michele Berry....

plant and Lyon Township ndustrial acreage. Weipert, 50, took 67 percent of the vote on Nov. 2, beating democratic challenger Michele Berry of Wixom with 10,739

votes. Berry received 5,153 votes. All vote totals are unofficial "I'm not surprised due to the district lines and the history of district eight and overall I wish him all the luck and we'll be back in 2012," Berry said. "It was poised statewide to go Republican, and I think it is a great thing

that they will take some responsibility now state and federally." Write-in candidate Richard Eynon, Jr. received 61 votes. The county commissioner is elected for one two-year term

and beginning Jan. 1, 2011 will earn \$32,092 annually. District eight includes the cities of South Lyon, Walled Lake, Wixom, a portion of Novi and the Charter Township of Lyon.

# Weipert wins 8th District county commission seat

#### BY VICTORIA MITCHELL STAFF WRITER

South Lyon Republican Phil Weipert is the new **District 8 Oakland County** Commissioner – a landslide zictorv

"I feel very good," Weipert said. "I'm happy all my family and friends helped and their hard work paid off. We're

excited." Weipert's victory means the seat will remain represented by a South Lyon resident fol-

Weipert lowing the June death of former county commissioner Jeff Potter. "I think that for a long time our end of the county has kind of been forgotten, so I think having representation from this corner of the county will help give good representation across the board,"

Weipert said. "There is more to Oakland County than the Pontiac, Waterford area." Weipert promises to remain isible to those he represents. "I want to keep the county

n contact and working for the community," he said. Weipert said he also promises to make the County aware of

district eight resources, includ- vemitchell@gannett.com | (248) 437-2011, ext. 262

Proposal 2: Ban on felons in office passes he resigned, he proclaimed:

"Y'all done set me up for a comeback." The amendment also bars a speedy return for

or certain public jobs for 20 disgraced former Detroit City Councilwoman Monica Conyers, who is in federal prison for bribery.

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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** Thaddeus McCotter expects the first order of business for him and the now Republicancontrolled U.S. Congress will be "jobs, jobs, jobs" and an extension of the Bush tax cuts. The Republican from Livonia was re-elected to Congress for his fifth term

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Tuesday. "We'll see what happens with a lame-duck session," McCotter said about the remaining weeks of Congressional terms through the end of the year.

The GOP won at least 43 seats in the U.S. House and led in 24 others, giving the Republicans a majority again. In Novi, McCotter received 11,648 votes, Democrat Natalie Mosher got 6.656 votes and Libertarian John Tatar had 306. Those numbers reflected

# percentages that were about this election wasn't neces-

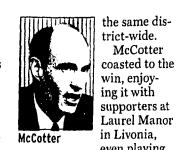
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Bob Roddis . .. .. .. .. .. .. .. 1,357 PROBATE COURT Dana Margaret Hathaway ...... 4,870 

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supporters at Laurel Manor in Livonia. even playing "Johnny B. Goode" on guitar for the audience.

GOP'S 'BIG NIGHT' McCotter called Tuesday night's election a big night for Republicans in the 11th District and nationally, but he also remembers that the political pendulum swung to the Democrats two years ago. "We learned that the American people are still sovereign over their servant government," McCotter said. McCotter hoped that the Republican lawmakers now elected will remember that

sarily about the Republicans. but about the country facing challenging economic times. "It is a country going through difficult times with globalization," McCotter said. "It is wreaking havoc with people's lives."

Michigan residents saw first-hand what globalization did to manufacturing and the auto industry, but are making it through with "heads held high," McCotter said.

Michigan residents had to make powerful decisions with family budgets, McCotter said. "Those are the same decisions that they (lawmakers) will make with budgets because it is your tax dollars," he said. McCotter said in a consumer-driven world with instantaneous communication with cell phones and computers that the world is getting smaller and government needs to respond to consumers "whether government likes it

or not.'

"We have a consumer-driven government and a citizen-governed government to match it." McCotter said. That government can be left for "our children and the greatest

nation on Earth." McCotter believes Democrats went too far to the left since President Barack Obama's election two years ago and that independents vote straight tickets when they aren't happy with the majority party.

McCotter believes the Bush tax cuts should be continued. "I still don't understand why they didn't at least extend it," McCotter said. "It will be the largest issue in the lame duck.

MOSHER APPRECIATES SUPPORT

Mosher thanked her supporters and campaign workers who have volunteered for the

McCotter: Congress' focus will be jobs past 18 months

> Mosher of Canton said she would not have changed any strategy in her campaign nor her approach in running for Congress. "I think (the results) were

the mood of the country and the mood of Michigan, and there's not much we can do to change that," she said. "We have a greater challenge now with the outcome. I see a lot of extremes here. We need to keep our priorities moving forward. I'm interested to see

how they will govern. "We ran a professional campaign. We had an incredible campaign." Mosher was asked what

she learned about residents in the 11th District. "What I took away was that people are really looking for representation and leadership and they want someone to be accessible. I don't think it will be there for Congress 11th District

\*Thaddeus McCotter ...... 11,648 

been there for eight years. People were hungry for this.' Mosher added that McCotter and Republicans

can't continue to vote no on "what's in the best interest of the American people."

But Mosher appreciated the work from her campaign volunteers. "I met a lot of terrific people and forged a lot of friendships," she said. "That's what motivated me to get up, go out and keep working hard "I feel good about the cam-

paign. I gave it my absolute Tatar could not be reached for comment Wednesday on

the results. kabramcz@hometownlife.com ( (313) 222-2591

2010 RESULTS

Richard Zyczynski campaigns for his wife Karen for Oakland Co. Commissioner in front of the Novi Civic Center on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

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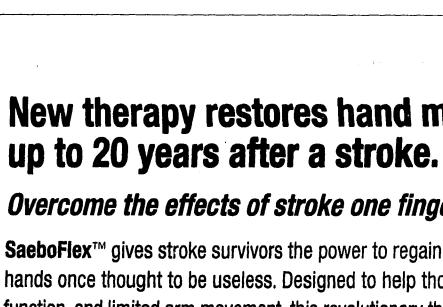
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two more years, and it hasn't

includes Commerce

(part), Novi, Novi Township, Orchard Lake, Rose Township, South Lyon, Walled Lake, West Bloomfield Township, White Lake Township and Wixom. With the victory, Kowall will

succeed current Sen. Nancy Cassis. who is term limited. Cassis, also a Republican,

y Republicaneaning disrict, which Township Highland W S Township, Holly Townshi

eight years ago in a hard fought primary battle. Kowall said he is looking forward to working with Governor-elect Rick Snyder to will work on reducing the tax burden on Michigan businesses, and restructure the state's corrections budget to educe costs.

HOW NOVI YOTED

State Senate 15th District

defeated Kowall for the seat

\*Mike Kowall

Michigan state senators serve four-year terms. They receive an annual base salary of \$79,650.

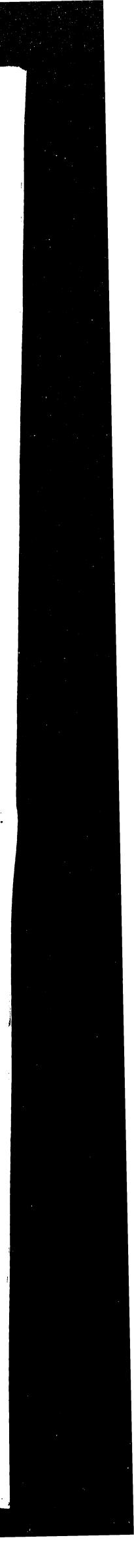
STAFF WRITER Mike Kowall rode the Republican wave to earn a seat in the state Senate on Tuesday, easily defeating Democrat Pam Jackson of Commerce Township Kowall Kowall, 59, who is currently the supervisor of White Lake Lyon Township, Milford Township, Northville city Township, will represent the 15th District in the Senate,

after capturing nearly 62 percent of the vote with just a few precincts left to report. Jackson, a faculty member at Oakland County Community College, earned less than 38

Kowall dominated in nearly every community in the heav-

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER percent of the vote.

Kowall easily tops Jackson for state Senate seat BY KURT KUBAN



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Novi schools begin search for next superintendent

Community voice needed to create best profile

BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

Community input is being solicited through the month of November as the search for the next leader of the Novi Community Schools District is underway.

The educational search firm School **Exec Connect**, which was hired to help the district find its next superintendent, will be hosting five focus groups with various stakeholders all month. Parents and community members are invited to attend two of those, one at 9:30 a.m. and the other at 7 p.m. on Nov. 15.

A community survey, which will help create the profile for the next superin-

Novi High School senior Tommy Brennan proudly shows off the "I voted"

on Monday where students voted on several of the general election races.

sticker on his face after he completed his ballot during a mock election effort

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tendent, also is available on the school district's website until Nov. 26. "We welcome the community to give feedback on what they feel is important to them," said Novi Board of Education President Ann Glubzinski. "Getting a broad response that represents the diversity we have in this district is very impor-

Lant School Exec Connect began accepting applications on Oct. 15 and that will continue through Dec. 6 to replace Supt. Pete Dion who is retiring at the end of the school year. The consulting firm is canvassing the nation for the next superintendent,

by early January.

Forum Forum

and should have candidates selected

FOCUS GROUP SCHEDULE Leadership Team – 9:30 a.m. Nov. 9 ESB

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Robert O'Brien, senior associate with the firm, said honest answers from everyone involved in the process will help them create the best profile

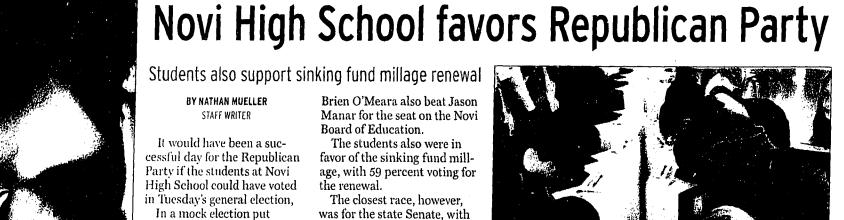
and find the best candidates. O'Brien, who served as the superintendent of the Huron Valley School District for eight years, called this the most challenging time he has ever seen in terms of attracting people to Michigan

"The national view of our state is worse than the internal view and that is a huge hurdle to get over," he said. But he said he can get over it by gloating about Novi's accolades and its standing as one of the best school

districts in the state. "You are glad you have that because it helps sway the conversation," he said

The Novi Board of Education is expected to conduct its first interviews with candidates Jan. 18-20 and hopes to have the next person in place by March 7. Glubzinski said the district is not

going to limit itself by enforcing that start date, but would like to have someone in place early to learn about the district and hire the rest of the administrative team. Leaving this year with Dion, who



In a mock election put ogether by Tom Brenner's AP U.S. government class, Republicans stole the show, headlined by Rick Snyder beating Virg Bernero (51 percent to 32 percent) to be the next governor of Michigan. More locally, Kathy Crawford upended Karen Zyczyski for the seat on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, while her husband Hugh dispatched Jeffrey Gedeon to hold on to his seat in the state House

who helped organize the election and volunteered to work Tuesday's general election in Novi, said the hope is the mock election raises awareness and encourages students to vote when they turn 18. However, she said, there is

a disconnect at times because politicians are much older and young people feel they do not elate to them Sophomore Katie Kerbrat

Mike Kowall edging Pam

Senior Samantha Macy,

Jackson by 2 percent.

echoed her peer's sentiment "We feel like we cannot do inything," she said. "But it is important for us to vote

because we have a voice, too. Brenner said he sees a couple of factors that play into the reason why young people are not avid voters, including the negative connotation that often surrounds politicians

"We try to teach students

## **NOVI HIGH SCHOOL MOCK ELECTION**

Congress 53% Thaddeus G. McCotter (R) 37% Natalie Mosher (D) **Governor and Lt. Governor** 51% Rick Snyder/Brian Calley (R) 32% Virg Bernero/Brenda Lawrence (D) Secretary of State 38% Ruth Johnson (R) 36% Jocelyn Michelle Benson (D) Attorney General 41% Bill Schuette (R) 39% David Leyton (D) County Commission District 9 55% Kathy Crawford (R)

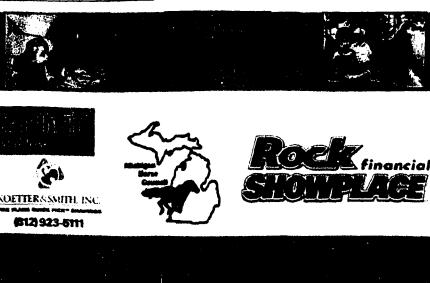
45% Karen Zyczynski (D)

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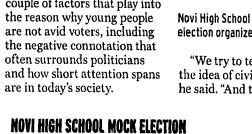
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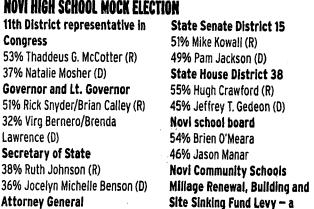
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election organized by Tom Brenner's AP U.S. government class.

the idea of civic responsibility, he said. "And the most basic





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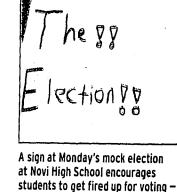
will be in charge until June 30, are assistant superintendents Gail Credit and Bob Schram, both who also are retiring at the end of the year. Gulbzinski called this process "the most critical job of the board," and is confident they will find the best

candidate. "You are selecting your leader, your chief executive officer for your district and it's a huge responsibility," she said. "You want to get the right person for the position because we are an excellent district and want to continue pressing forward."

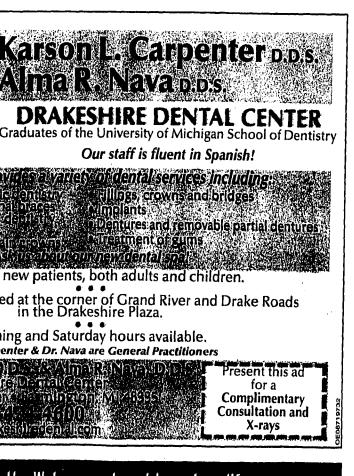
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LOCAL NEWS

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# Take a walk in the garden

Mural gives hospital nursery a peaceful setting BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

The Special Care Nursery at Providence Park Hospital is often a stressful place for everyone who enters.

But thanks to the help of a group of volunteers called The Village Painters, people are now whisked away to a world of blue skies, vibrant animals and calming streams. There are 37 walls in this

area of the hospital that now contain a special painting that coincides with the overall theme of "Come Into My Garden." It took 17 volunteers and 544 hours to complete, but the finished product has been met with rave reviews.

"There are sick babies in here and this just warmed it up tremendously," said nurse Karen Harris. "It was fun to be here during the whole process; everything is so awesome." In just a short time, the mural's impact is already being felt.

Harris said she spent one day with a little girl finding all the animals on the walls, and taking her mind off being in the hospital. Rondi Bur, one of the volunteer painters, said she took time to talk to a father visiting his baby about his 8year-old daughter who was a good artist and wanted to get her involved in painting.

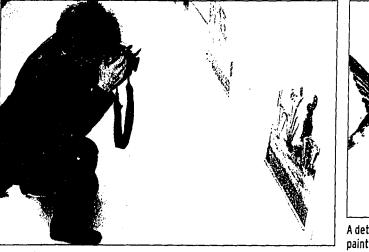
"It was just a very giving thing we were trying to do to support the families," said fellow volunteer Kathy Fischer. Fischer and Pat Butler are both nurses at another hospital and said the environment has a huge impact on everyone

from the sick child to the parents and nurses. "It makes it a more peaceful place to be," Butler said. "We

and the second and



Some of the volunteers who helped to paint the walls of Providence Park Hospital's Special Care Nursery take a look at their work. From left are: Kathy Fischer, Diane Stiller, Rondi Bur and Pat Butler.



Diane Stiller takes some photos of her group's painting efforts inside Novi's Park's Special Care Nursery. Providence Park Hospital.

have so much emotion put into these pictures." As rewarding as the mural has been for those at the hospital, the volunteers also took a lot from it. Diane Stiller said she always

wanted to paint a wall mural To look at a picture and put it and the experience helped her on the wall was a wonderful

find her niche. "When you have nurses and patients watching you and they tell you how great it looks it makes you want to come back and do more," she said. Said Bur: "This was so free.

A detailed look at a hummingbird painted on the walls of Providence

experience. The Village Painters, based out of Livonia, is a chapter of the Society of Decorative Painters International. They meet on the first Thursday of every other month at the Livonia Senior Center.

EXCEPTIONAL

Novi: A four-time gold medal winner!

City is recognized by Governor's Council on Physical Fitnes:

The City of Novi has achieved a Governor's Council on Physical Fitness gold level award through the Promoting Active Communities (PAC) program for the fourth year in a row. By using the online PAC assessment to evaluate local policies, programs, and built environment, the City of Novi has demonstrated outstanding achievements in making it easy for individuals to integrate physical activity into daily routines. Novi is being recognized for using innovative strategies to incorporate active living concepts into community design, which is helping to design for prosperity and create a high quality of life for Michigan residents. Novi was one of only four communities in Michigan to receive the distinction.

Since winning a silver level award in 2006, the City of Novi has carried the momentum forward to receive gold level awards in 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010. Community leaders and citizen-advocates have been using policies and infrastructure to design for physical activity, thus warranting gold level recognition for their efforts again this year. Within the past four years, Novi has become a more pedestrianfriendly and bicycle-oriented community due in part to the implementation of a pathway and sidewalk prioritization and analysis process. Using this process, the Community Development Planning Staff and Walkable Novi committee have worked to provide a ranking of sidewalks. Currently the City is in the process of creating a comprehensive Non-motorized Transportation Plan,

which will be adopted by in Novi.

bers." The PAC assessment tool was developed in partnership with the Michigan Department of Community Health, the Prevention Research Center of Michigan, and the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness. The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports coordinates the Promoting Active Communities program and encourages all communities to begin work-

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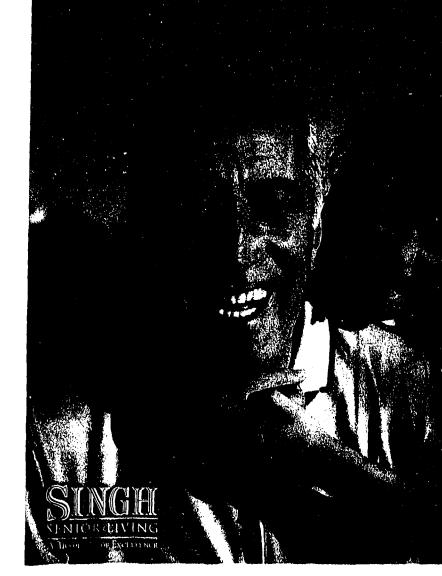
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City Council in early 2011. In addition to pathway expansion and improvement projects, Novi also has added several healthy, active recreation programs for all ages that promote fitness as part of daily routines. All these efforts are helping to make active living the way of life

"It is an honor to be recognized by the Governor's **Council on Physical Fitness** for the work we do every day to enhance the quality of life for citizens and businesses," said Novi Mayor David B. Landry. "From constructing new bike paths to adding new programs for seniors to encouraging citizen engagement in youth, everything we do is about providing the best possible living and working environment for residents and business mem-

Michigan State University ing towards becoming an active Michigan community The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness envisions a physically educated population with the knowledge and skills to enjoy a healthy vigorous, and safe lifestyle in communities designed to support physical activity.

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# Author visit attracts large crowd to Novi Public Library

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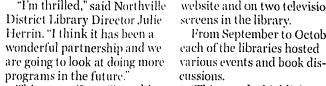
First Community Reads gets rave reviews

#### BY NATHAN MUELLER STAFF WRITER

The future looks bright for continued collaboration between five district libraries as their first event was a major

success. Culminating on Oct. 21 with a visit from award-winning author Steve Luxenberg, the inaugural Community Reads program drew rave reviews and high participation numbers, all revolving around Luxenberg's book "Annie's Ghosts: A Journey Into a Family Secret." Luxenberg spoke, answered

questions and signed copies of his book at the Novi Public Library before a crowd of 187 people Thursday night before making a trip to Novi High School to talk to students Friday afternoon.



This group (Lyon Township Public Library, Northville District Library, Novi Public Library, Salem-South Lyon District Library and Wixom Public Library) makes up the newly formed Neighborhood Library Association, and the Community Reads event was the first step toward its goal of offering expanded programs and opportunities despite funding struggles.

Novi Public Library Director Julie Farkas said the five libraries purchased 183 books and they were checked out 765 times in an eight-week period.

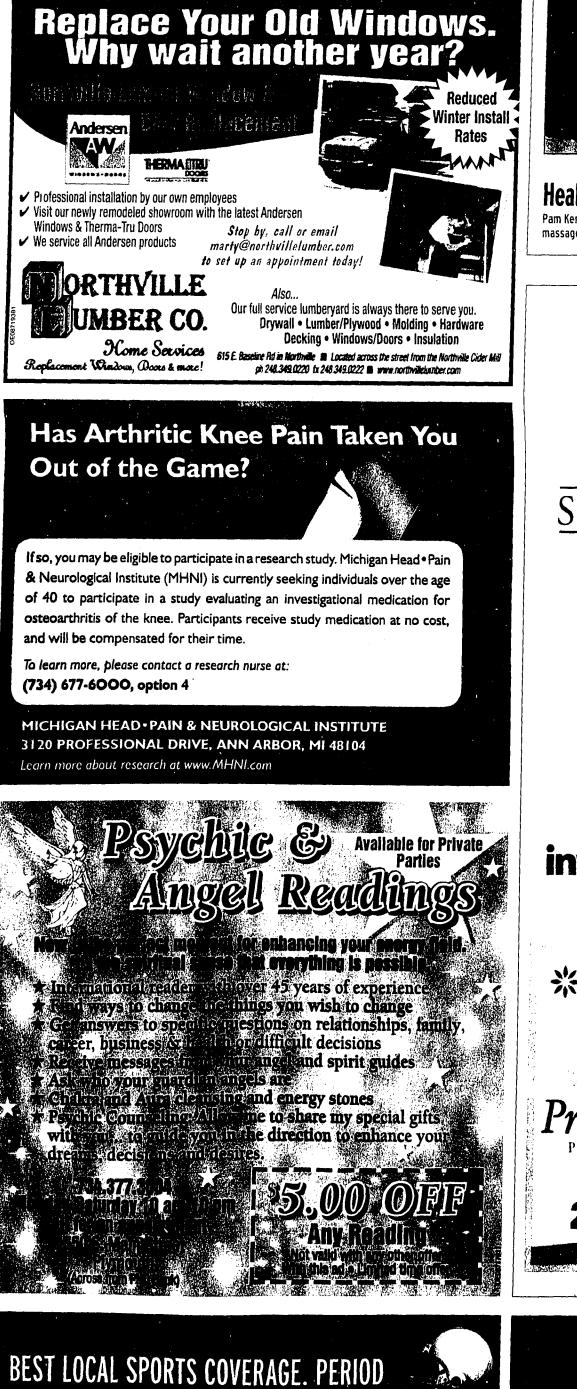
The author visit also was streamed live on the library's

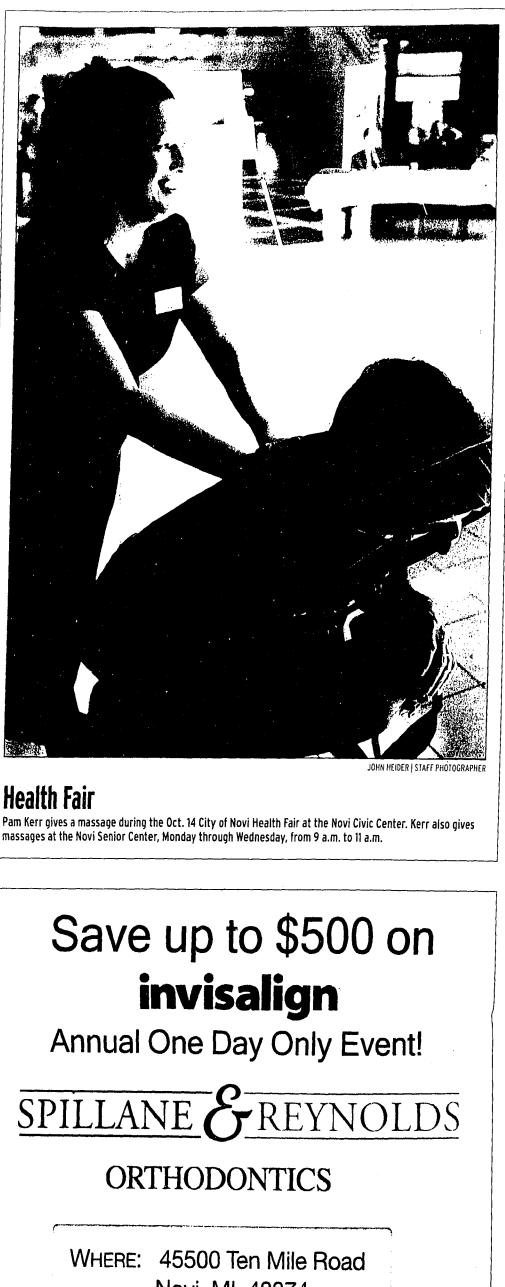
"I'm thrilled," said Northville website and on two television From September to October, each of the libraries hosted

cussions. "This was the highlight program," said Laura Liddicoat, communications specialist in Novi, of Luxenberg's visit. "We were very pleased with all the participation for all the programs at all the libraries. "As soon as the books came back to the library they were

out again. Plans are in works for the 2011 event and the libraries are looking at other ways to work together. Residents also are encouraged to complete a survey regarding the Community Reads event at www.communityreads.org.

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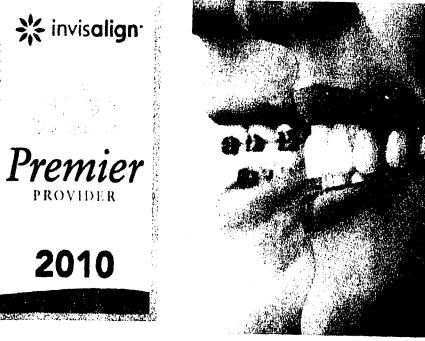




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More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com. Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette,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

# LOCAL EVENTS

included in Thursday's newspaper.

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

garden preparation for wildlife. Family Support Group Meeting Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9 Location: Providence Hospital Outpatient Center, 47601 Grand River, Novi, Conference

Room E Contact: www.namimetro.org or (248) 348-7197 for additional information Michigan Tax Conference Time/Date: 8 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9

Location: Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi Details: Designed for all CPAs, attorneys and tax professionals with 33 topics on tax issues affecting the Great Lakes region. Cost is \$450 for Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants members;

\$650 for others. Contact: Register at www.michcpa.org and use course code MTC; phone 888-877-4273 Roth IRA Tax Seminar

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9 and 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11

Location: Novi Public Library at 45255 West 10 Mile Road Details: Join wealth managers Walter J. Powrozek, CWS and Joseph J. Lezotte, CWS to learn more about the Roth IRA advantag-

es and conversion opportunities expiring at the end of the year. Contact: For free reservations, call 877-557-4462

White Pine Glee Club Concert Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 Location: Novi Middle School Details: Concert with instrumentals and women's chorus; admission is free. **Contact**: eiko@suzukimyers.com or (248)344-0909

Sun, Water & Seeds 4-H Club Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays Location: Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi



## **Restaurant Show**

Disappearing into a cloud of steam from the grill, Philadelphia's Carl Seheifle prepares some of his Charles Ritter cheesesteak sandwiches at the Oct. 20 Michigan Restaurant Show at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace.

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 more. Contact: sunwaterseeds@gmail.com or (248) 956-0029

Borders Events Location: Borders Books & Music, 43075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi (Novi Town Center)

Contact: (248) 347-0780 Lego Party

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Nov. 6 Details: Building activities, games and fun. Scott Seegert signing Time/Date: 3 p.m. Nov. 6 Details: "Vordak the Incomprehensible

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tongue-in-cheek and slightly wicked fun for readers of 8 years old and above. Cat in the Hat Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Nov. 7

Details: Bring your camera as we celebrate a great new PBS series with a visit from the Cat in the Hat! We'll have stories, crafts and fun. (This is a costume character event, best for children 3-8 years old)

Details: "Love that Dog" -- Meet the trainer of such famous dogs as Bo Obama, the

Details: The next installment in the Diary

of Wimpy Kid series.

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Nov. 12

Chrysler Turbine Car project and includes a foreword by Jay Leno.

Location: Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to maintain and grow the

(248) 378-7841 or dstrikulis@twmi.rr.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193

**MSU** Extension

Location: MSU Extension Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Rd,

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 Novi Equestrian Expo

exhibitions and an extensive shopping area will also be presenting valuable information about managing horse health, tips for train-Contact: Visit www.NoviEquestrianExpo. com for a complete schedule plus discount

Metro Detroit Pet Expo

**Details**: The new Metro Detroit Pet Expo

offers pet lovers from across the region the opportunity to interact with adoptable animals and learn more about the responsibilities of pet ownership, training and

heath care. There will also be hilarious petcontests and dazzling feats of dog-daring dock jumping, and extreme pet makeovers, as well as a large shopping area for fans of pets who run, jump, fly and swim. Admission is \$10 for adults: \$5 for children ages 5-12; free for under age 5. Details: Event details and discount coupons for entry at www.MetroDetroitPetExpo.com

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## BUSINESS

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Novi Chamber of Commerce The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active. progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site, and involvement with local charities. Location: 41875 11 Mile Road. #201, Novi Contact: For more information, call (248 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com. Combined Breakfast with Huron Valley Lakes Area and South Lyon Time/Date: 8-9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10 Location: Hines Park Ford, 56558 Pontiac

Details: Networking breakfast; \$5 entry fee will be donated to West Oakland Chapter of Meals on Wheels. Please pre-register on line 2nd Annual Holiday Shopping Bazaar Time/Date: 1-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18 Location: Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi

Details: A festive night out of shopping food and wine; \$7 entry fee includes appetizers and desserts from many local restaurants. Early bird specials, hourly door prizes, live music and cash bar. Entry fee coupon can be found at local Novi businesses

Time/Date: 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of 8 Mile), Novi Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. 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. Guests are invited to attend free of charge Continental breakfast provided. Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepa quette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni com.

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# Equestrian Expo next weekend

Presented by Michigan Horse Council and Rock Financial Showplace

#### The annual fall Novi Equestrian Expo comes to the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi (248-348-5600) on Friday, Nov. 12 through Sunday, Nov. 14.

One of the region's most popular and long-running events for horse owners and fans, the 2010 Novi Equestrian Expo is now being co-presented with the Michigan Horse Council and features riding exhibitions and an extensive shopping area. A full slate of well-known equine clinicians will also be presenting valuable informa-

tion about managing horse health, tips for training and more. (Visit www.noviequestrianexpo.com<http://www. noviequestrianexpo.com/ for a

omplete schedule.) At last count by the Michigan State University Extension Service in 2007, the state was

#### DETAILS Time/Date: noon-8 p.m. Friday,

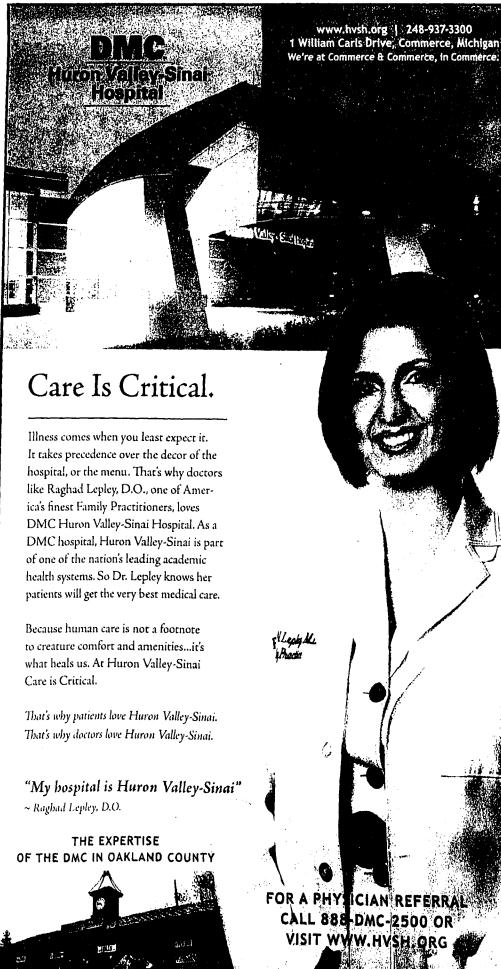
Dec. 11; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 Cost: \$10 per day for adults; free for children 12 and under

home to more than 155,000 horses, with the largest equine population density in Oakland, Livingston and Washtenaw counties in Southeast Michigan. The powerful and internationally renowned regional equestrian com-

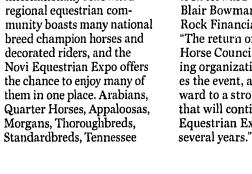
munity boasts many national breed champion horses and decorated riders, and the Novi Equestrian Expo offers the chance to enjoy many of them in one place. Arabians, Quarter Horses, Appaloosas Morgans, Thoroughbreds,

Walking Horses, ponies, donkeys, mini horses and more will all be represented at the Novi Featured elements at the 2010 Equestrian Expo include a new Youth Pavilion, with fun horserelated child activities and

crafts during the show. "This is an important equine community event which has a loyal following and that we look forward to each year" said Blair Bowman, owner of the Rock Financial Showplace. "The return of the Michigan Horse Council as co-presenting organization truly enhances the event, and we look forward to a strong partnership that will continue to build the Equestrian Expo over the next







Equestrian Expo. Trail Riders Area sponsored by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Department as well as the Oakland County 4H

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Nov. 7

White House dog. "The Ugly Truth" release party

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Nov. 9

Steve Lehto signing

Details: "Chrysler's Turbine Car" -- This fascinating book tells the history of the

American Legion Post 19 Monthly Meeting

**Time/Date**: 7:30 p.m. third Tuesdays Details: Comrades and fellow veterans,

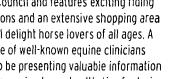
Contact: Commander Dennis Strikulis

or pnerick@aol.com.

Date: Nov. 12-14 **Details**: One of the region's most popular and long-running events for horse owners and fans, co-presented with the Michigan Horse Council and features exciting riding that will delight horse lovers of all ages. A full slate of well-known equine clinicians ing and more. Admission is \$10 for adults; free for 12 and under.

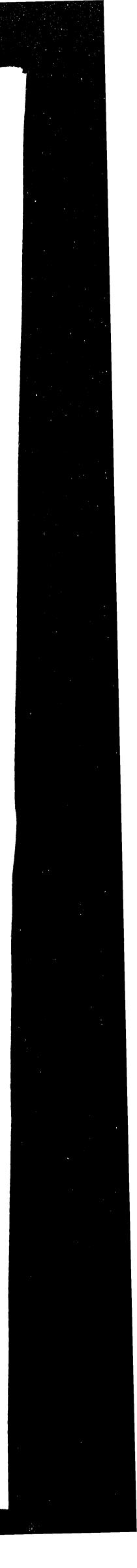
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#### **CARL DUMAS** Age 56, of Milford, died unexpected-

v Janice Dumas, his beloved wife of 21 years; loving mother, Ruth Dumas; sisters, Mary (Michael) Petlichkoff, Liz (Ron) Ellerbrock, Margie (Lance) Marlin; brothers, Vince Dumas and Ed (Karen) Dumas: 24 nieces & nephews and eight great-nieces & nephews. Also survived by many extended family Age 64, of Cheboygan, formerly of Spurgeon, Roger Spurgeon members & dear friends. Carl is pre- New Hudson, passed away Benjamin, Belinda and Patricia ceded in death by his father, Carl F. 10/31/2010. Funeral Service held Loomis; and great-granddaughters Dumas. A Funeral Mass was held at today, 11/4/2010 11am at Caster- Mary, Ruby, Lily, Rio, and Solange. St. Joseph Catholic Church, South line Funeral Home, Inc. of South Graveside Services were held at Lyon, October 29th. For further Lyon. Contributions to American Bono Cemetery in Dana, Indiana on information, please phone Lynch & Cancer Society appreciated. Sons, Milford 248.684.6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

WILLIAM J. EARLY Age 89, died Oct. 27, 2010. A Funeral Mass was held October 30 at St. Ann Catholic Church, in Frankfort. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

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Deadline: Tuesday at 10 am for Thursday Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.

CLEO HATFIELD Age 57. of South Lyon, passed away Age 85, passed away October 31, Age 78, passed away October 27th, suddenly 10/31/2010. Visita-tion 2010. She was born on September 2010 at home, surrounded by her today 11.4/2010 2-8pm at Casterline 9. 1925 in Manchester, KY, daughter loving family. She was born on June Funeral Home, Inc. of South Lyon. of the late Beve and Alabam 3, 1932 in Ann Arbor, daughter of the Funeral Mass Friday, 11/5/2010 Hoskins. Cleo, along with her family, late Charles and Lorraine Hyde. Gail 11am at St. Joseph Catholic Church. have been lifelong members of the was a lifetime resident of the South Contributions to family appreciated. First Baptist Church of South Lyon, Lyon area and was the City of South where she taught Sunday school Lyon Assessor and Treasurer for 30 and cared for the church children in years prior to her retirement. She the nursery for over 35 years. In was a founding member of the South October of 1946, she was united in Lyon Historical Society and the marriage to her late husband South Lyon Historical Commission.

> Fred Hoskins, Junior Hoskins, Frank Smolarz. She is also survived by her Tuesday, November 2nd from 3-8 Lyon, Online Guestbook at: n.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday November 3rd at 11a.m. at the First Baptist Church of South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the James Sprinkles Age 95 and a long time resident

> Lloyd Drive, South Lyon, MI 48178. 2010. She was preceded in death by Online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com

# DONALD K. HENRIKSON

**RONALD J. LADEMANN** Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, or visit: Oct. 30, at St. Linus Catholic Church. www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com Dearborn Heights, MI. Arrangements by Phillips Funeral Home. Online questbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

## DOREEN M. POPE

October 22, 2010. She was born on loving and devoted husband, father November 26, 1964 in Livonia, MI. and brother. When he was younger Daughter of Donald and Elsie he was an avid hunter. He is survived Sedlock of Dearborn Heights, MI. by his loving sons: Scott Vedro and Doreen was a devoted wife and lov-Jason Vedro, his brother Edward ing, caring mother. She is survived (Dolores) Vedro, 6 nieces and by her husband Donald and her two nephews and his loving and faithful children, Darin and Devon. Doreen's companion "Doc". Louis was precedlife was celebrated on Friday, ed in death by his beloved wife Janet October 29, 2010 at St. Joseph's in 2000 and his parents. Visitation Church in South Lyon, MI.

BARBARA ANN SCHIPANI October 29, 2010, age 72. Funeral www.phillipsfuneral.com was November 2 at St. James Catholic Church, Novi. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



LAWRENCE P. DOMINICK Gordon Hatfield. She is survived by, She was a longtime member of the her beloved children: Paul (Brenda) Tuesday Club and remained active Oct. 29, 2010. age 71. Funeral was Sprinkles, Harold (Cheryl) Hatfield, with the Salem-South Lyon Library Nov. 2. O'Brien/Sullivann Funeral Clyde (Debra) Hatfield, Sharon and Active Faith. In her spare time, Home, Novi. Donations to the U of (Cloyce) Herrell, Beth (George) Gail enjoyed antiquing and garden-M Comprehensive Cancer Center or Whyte, Mark Scott and her daughter ing. She is survived by, her beloved Leukemia and Lymphoma in-law Sandra Sprinkles. She is also husband Michael of 59 years, her Online condolences: survived by 16 grandchildren, 22 loving daughter Lorraine Salins and great grandchildren with the 23rd three grandchildren. Christopher expected in February, her siblings: Salins, Lyndsay Smolarz and Michael Hoskins, Roy Hoskins, Marie Abner, sister Elaine Daniel. She was preced-Chris Harlow, Billie Jean Williams ed in death by her son James in and Mary Pelky. She was preceded 2006. Visitation was held on in death by her husband Gordon Saturday, October 30th from 2-8 Hatfield, her first husband Tester p.m. with Rosary prayed at 7 p.m. at Sprinkles during WWII, her son PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South James Sprinkles, her brother Deb Lyon. A Funeral Mass was held on Hoskins and her sister Maggie Monday, November 1st at 11 a.m. at Clayton. Visitation was held on St. Joseph Catholic Church, South www.phillipsfuneral.com

GAIL M. SMOLARZ

#### PEARL FRANCES SPURGEON

October 25, 2010. Carl is survived Memorial Scholarship Fund, 13650 Bono, Indiana, died on October 28, her husband, Ernest, a brother, Keith Martin, and a sister, Norma (the late Grant) Kearns. She is survived by her son, Darrol (Betty Lu) Spurgeon of White Lake, MI; daughter, Sandra Darlene Spurgeon of Stoney Run Pennsylvania; grandchildren, Robert Monday, November 1, 2010. In lieu of flowers, memorials are encouraged to the Bono United Methodist Church. For further info please call Lynch & Sons Funeral Home Age 69, died Oct. 25, 2010. A Milford, Michigan at: 248-684-6645

#### LOUIS VEDRO

Age 70, passed away, October 25 2010. He was born on September 23, 1940, in Detroit, son of the late John Age 45, passed away Friday, and Theodora Vedro. Louis was a was held on Friday, October 29 from 3-6 p.m. with funeral services at 6 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME. South Lyon. Online Guestbook

#### In Memory Of

#### IN MEMORY OF

SHANNON PARTIN March 8, 1971-November 4, 1993 Son, it has been 17 years since God took you home, but it seems like if was yesterday. We miss you everyday and think of you everyday. Rest easy, son.

Love, Mom, Dad, Asher, and Jason.



## Halloween Parade

Village Oaks student McKenna Neff, 5 (above), sports a scarecrow costume during the school's Halloween parade on Oct. 29. Dressed as witches and kitty cats and super heroes, the kids of Village Oaks Elementary (top) take part in their annual Halloween Parade.

#### **NOVI COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

City of Novi receives Distinguished **Budget Presentation Award** The Government Finance Officers

Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) is pleased to announce the City of Novi, Michigan has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget.

"The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award reflects the commitment of the City of Novi to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting," said Finance Director Kathy Smith-Roy "The award represents a significant achievement for the City of Novi." To receive the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, the City of Novi satisfied

nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation which assess how well the City's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget

Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting. The City of Novi has earned the distinction 14 consecutive times. The Government Finance Officers

Association is a nonprofit professional association serving 17,600 government finance professionals throughout North America, and has offices located in Chicago, Illinois and Washington, D.C.

#### Secretary of State offices to close for Veterans Day

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds residents that all branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day. The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or online at hometownlife.com

- license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.
- Motorists renewing license plates can "skip the trip" to the branch office and do business by mail, or if eligible, by Internet. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail
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- For more information visit the department Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos. 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 musicalcomedy "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. 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

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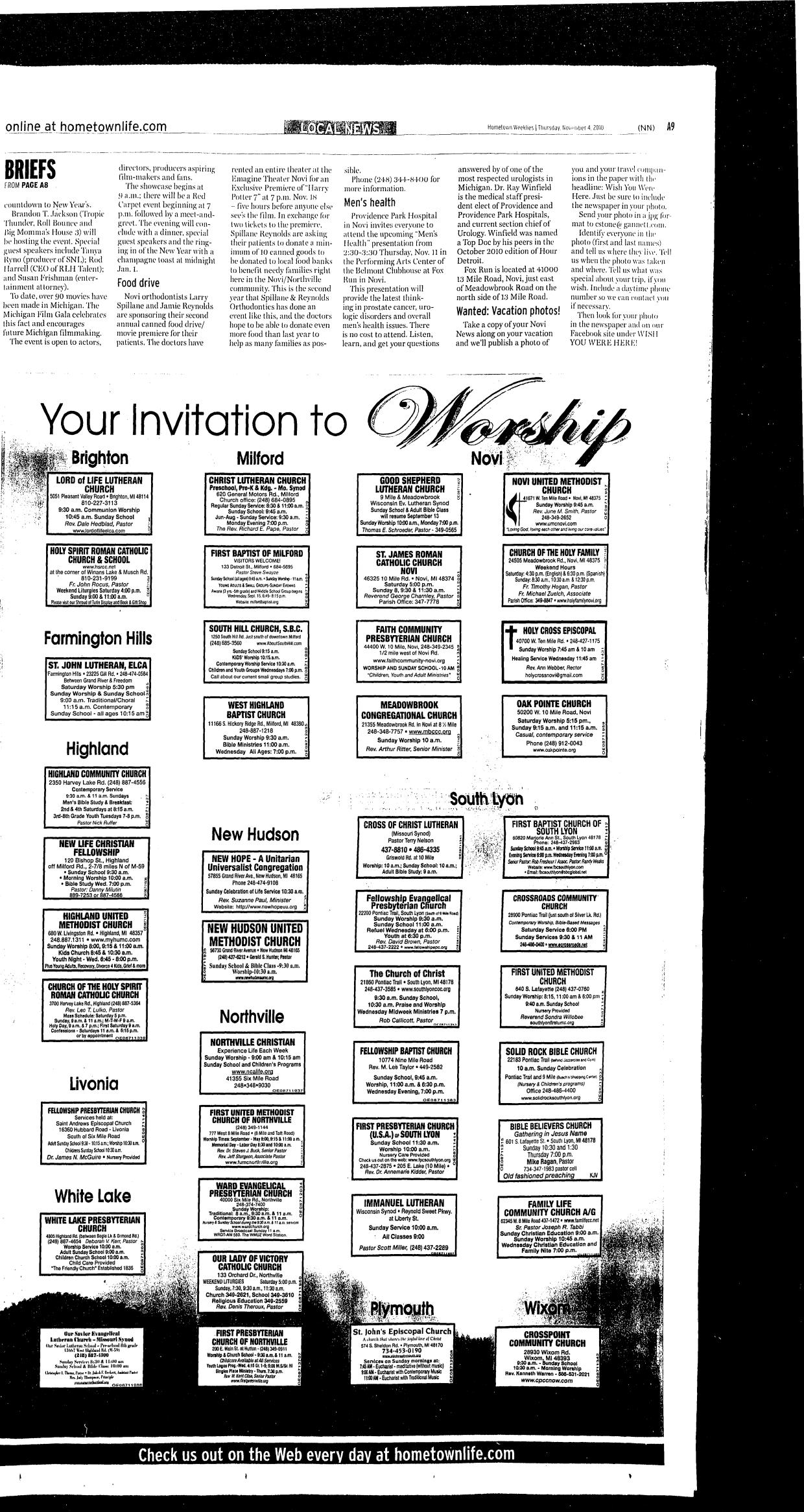
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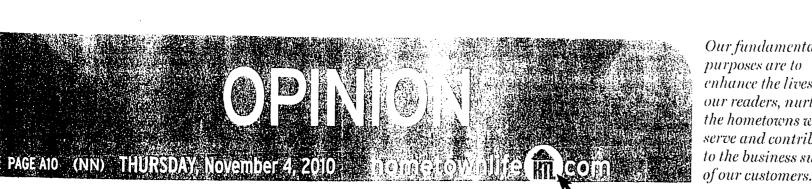
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# **OUR VIEWS** Indigent defendants State must get it right

Michigan is notoriously tough on crime, but no one should want innocent people to go to prison. Nor should anyone condone a system that sentences poor defendants more harshly than those who can pay for competent counsel. That's exactly what's happening in Michigan with an indigent defense system that saddles thousands of poor defendants with inadequate lawyering.

To be sure, it's a national problem. Still, Michigan's defense system for indigents is among the very worst, ranking 44th among 50 states in spending - lower than Alabama, for example. A package of bills now before the state House would go a long way toward fixing the problem. Lame-duck legislators looking for a legacy, or just the right thing to do, should move these bills as soon as possible.

The Michigan Public Defense Act sponsored by Reps. Bob Constan, D-Dearborn Heights, and Justin Amash, R-Cascade Township, calls for adequate funding by the Legislature and a state Office of Public Defense that would provide training and enforce uniform and reasonable standards. It would replace a hodgepodge of poorly funded and inadequate county programs.

Now, court-appointed attorneys must settle for wages comparable to those paid fast-food workers or take on more cases than they can competently handle. It's an immoral, ineffective and ultimately costly system that sends some innocent people to prison, while increasing sentencing errors and wrongful conviction lawsuits. Getting it right at trial is crucial in Michigan, with appellate courts practically rubber-stamping criminal convictions.

Even in these tough times, upholding constitutional rights and keeping innocent people out of prison ought to be a priority.

This editorial is reprinted from the Detroit Free Press, where it first appeared.

# Fall back an hour on Sunday – a perfect time to check batteries

Daylight-saving time ends Sunday, Nov. 7, and marks the 23rd anniversary of the Change Your Clock Change Your Battery program, created by Energizer and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), which reminds people to check and change the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors during the fall time change. This message is simple, and the habit can be lifesaving. Forty percent of fatal fire injuries occur in homes without working smoke alarms, while 23 percent occur in homes in which at least one smoke alarm is present but fails to operate.

Firefighters work tirelessly to help reduce the risk factors by educating their residents on the importance of having a working smoke alarm. In many communities, fire departments are able to distribute free batteries to citizens in need as a result of the Change Your Clock Change Your Battery program. Over the past 22 years, Energizer has donated more than four million batteries to local fire departments. This year, people have an opportunity to get involved in a very simple way to help increase the donation.

In an effort to reach more community members nationwide, Energizer, as part of its new Now That's Positivenergy program, is enlisting people across the country to help double the donation of batteries to local fire departments. When people visit the CYCCYB tab on the Energizer Bunny Facebook page, (www.facebook.com/energizerbunny), they can send a Change Your Clock Change Your Batterv reminder to their friends to trigger a battery donation. In addition, people can make an online pledge to change the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors or develop a home escape plan online to help increase the number of batteries the company donates this year, up to 400,000 batteries.

This year, the public can play an important role in helping to spread the lifesaving message.

Setting the clock and replacing the batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors is quick and easy. In addition to encouraging others to do so, also consider using the extra hour you gain from daylight-saving time to create some positive changes in your community.

One positive change residents are encouraged to make is to use the extra hour "gained" to remind their friends, family and neighbors of the lifesaving habit of changing and testing smoke alarm batteries. The simple reminder is one of the easiest, mosteffective ways to reduce tragic home fire deaths and injuries.

Secondly, you can spend your extra hour spread-ing good in your neighborhood. More than 80 percent of local fire departments are staffed by volunteers. Energizer and the IAFC are encouraging people to use their extra hour volunteering to make a change in their community.

## **COMMUNITY VOICE**

What's your favorite thing about fall?



"Looking at the trees and their colors, especially in the sunshine." Marianne Schmid

LETTERS

The Bush tax cuts

it is not the entire story.

control.

The midterm elections are over, but

They could use this lame duck session to

legislate Obama's agenda, such as end-

ing the Bush tax cuts. President Obama

has argued that increasing taxes would

reduce the federal deficit and help the

economy recover. When President Clinton

raised taxes, the economy grew creating

a record budget surplus. This is true, but

According to Woodward, Greenspan

and others, Clinton's economy was due

unemployment-inflation trade-off, the

dot-com bubble taking off during the

1990s and the Republican takeover of

Congress in 1994. The historical budget

surplus was not until 1998, well into the

influence of factors outside of Clinton's

If Clinton's tax increase was effective.

then a dynamic comparison between

President Reagan's economic ascent to

Clinton's would show Clinton's numbers

to be at least on par with Reagan's.

Sources used are from the Bureau of

Labor Statistics, the U.S. House Joint

Economic Committee, U.S. Department of

to the Federal Reserve reducing the

the congressional Democrats will still

be in control for another two months.

# "College football! You

betcha - we've got season fall." tickets to MSU." Betty Brzezniak



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the Treasury, PriceWaterhouseCoopers and others: Reagan's GDP growth rate was three times greater than Clinton's, and Reagan added 15 times more new jobs than Clinton. Reagan's accelerated rate of income increase was four times greater than Clinton's. Adjusted for inflation, Reagan added \$2,683.33 to the pockets of Americans while Clinton decreased income by \$2,127.00. Obama contends that reducing taxes

decreases federal revenues and increases the deficit. Dynamic comparison, however, says otherwise. Starting off, Reagan's accelerated rate of federal revenue increase was 9.5 times more than Clinton's. Entirely, Reagan's rate was three times as much as Clinton's. The 1994 Republican Congress' initial

"I love the way the wind

they're dancing.'

blows the leaves down the

Donna Kraska

economy was stronger than Clinton's by 60 percent. Overall, the Republican Congress' average economic strength was better by 50 percent. The acceleration of Americans' incomes averaged 6,000 times greater as a result of the congressional Republicans' tax cuts than under Clinton's tax increases. The Republican Congress beat Clinton's average real GDP growth rate by 30 percent and real wage growth by tenfold. Capitalization was greater under the

Republican Congress by 30 percent. The Reagan numbers are starker considering that he was reviving the economy just after President Carter's failed economy. The dynamics from the Reagan and the 1994 Republican Congress illustrate that reducing taxes and spending is key to a flourishing economy. Congress must extend the Bush tax

cuts.

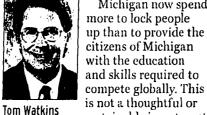
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# **GUEST COLUMN** Lansing needs Reinvent Michigan Caucus

ichigan continues to disinvest in the very things we need to invest in to make us strong and com-

petitive on the world stage. It is ironic and frightening that we find the resources to lock up not just the people we should be afraid of, but also the people we are mad at, when there are other effective and less costly

punishments, all the while we cut funding for higher education. Michigan now spends



sustainable investment to get our people work-

cation, it is hobbled by unsustainable legacy health care and pension costs, and not invested in new technology, professional development or curriculums that would prepare our children for the hyper-competitive, disruptive, global knowledge economy they will

If there were a truth in advertising law in this state, we would be forced to change the name of the Department of Education to the Department of Health Care and Pensions, because without a change, that is where any new resources that might be directed to K-12 education will end up. (See: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ michiganschoolfunding\_110803\_ 7.pdfx)

We need our new governor and Legislature to work together as a team and do away with the old so we

can invest in the new. Michigan cannot simply cut or tax its way out of the hole we are in. It will take the new 3 R's - Reform, Restructure and using our creativity and innovative skills to Reinvent this great state.

The incoming governor must not crow, as the outgoing governor and Legislature have done, that they cut more out of state government than all previous administrations combined. Rather they should jointly develop a plan of action to make Michigan competitive and grow the economy, creating an environment where jobs

The new governor will need the patience of Job, the political skills of Karl Rove, Machiavelli and James Carville, plus the leadership of Abe Lincoln and FDR all rolled into one in order to bust through the toxic partisanship that has become a fixture in the Michigan state Capitol. I encourage our new crop of politi-

cal leaders who are waiting in the wings to do more than collect a paycheck while camping on their respective sides of the political aisle, carping at the opposing side to form, not the Republican or Democratic caucus, but a "Reinvent Michigan Caucus." Let's come together to form a shared vision and common agenda

to get this state working again. Michigan, more specifically the citizens who have seen their livelihoods pulled out from under them, cannot

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afford more of the same shenanigans kins@aol.com.

from our elected leaders at any level. There is an advantage to being No. 1 in nearly all the wrong things, but only one option: Stay at the bottom or rise from the ashes.

Michigan, the state that put the world on wheels, is capable of shifting gears, moving into the fast lane, and surpassing our global competitors.

THE BRAIN BANK OF THE WORLD Rather than continue gutting education in the state, we need the courage and leadership to make Michigan the Brain Bank of the World – a place where people want to come for deposits and withdrawals. Michigan - a place that again attracts, fertilizes, develops and nurtures innovation and entrepreneurship that will help

us thrive in the 21st century. This will require bold leadership and a new team spirit of cooperation and collaboration. A new beginning that recognizes we need to stop doing what we are currently doing and instead redirect our precious resources to new priorities with the goal of making us stronger in this

ever-changing world. It can be done. Democracy, and the election of a new crop of political leaders gives us fresh opportunity. Time will tell if we collectively decided to die, simply

survive, or thrive. Tom Watkins is an education and business consultant in the U.S. and China. He served the citizens of Michigan as state superintendent of schools, 2001-05. He can be reached at tdwat-

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#### NEIGHBORS

# Soon to be Eagle Scout paves the way New sidewalk aids paralyzed veterans

**BY NATHAN MUELLER** STAFF WRITER

Andy Bakerjian admitted here were several times over the years that he wanted to quit Boy Scouts. But now that the

Farmington Hills teen is on the cusp of earning Eagle Scout honors, he is glad he stuck it out So is Michael Harris, executive director of the

Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, as Bakerjian's Eagle Scout project consisted of making a larger sidewalk in the rear of the building on Grand River Avenue that was wheelchair accessible "It was ironic the director was in a wheelchair and he

could not use the back walkway," Bakerjian said. "It was

out and it gives hem more reedom. Bakerjian has been working on the project since Bakeriian summer, getting several items donated including the concrete from Piedmont Concrete, equipment from Chet's Rent-

nice to be able

to help them

All and items from Eagle Landscape, among others. He worked on the project with fellow scouts and volunteer Bill Helwig, who said he has worked with three other Eagle Scouts and put Bakerjian right with them in terms of his leadership skills. The teen said one of the

traits he learned from being

"you have to try to help people as much as you can because there are a lot of less fortunate people in the world." His father, Ramon, said he was proud his son will be getting the Eagle Scout honor because he knows all the hard

in Scouting for so long is that

work he has put in. "This may be just a sidewalk behind some little building in Novi, but I am incredibly proud of Andy for having brought it all together to help our disabled veterans," he said Bakerjian said he takes a lot of pride in earning Eagle Scout honors because not many Scouts accomplish it. "It just represents how much hard work I have done," he

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Eagle Scout candidate Andy Bakerjian helps finish the new concrete sidewalk at the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America building off Grand River Avenue on Oct. 28. Bakerjian, of Troop 263, organized the effort to replace and widen the sidewalk leading into the building so to give wheelchair users access to the rear of the building.

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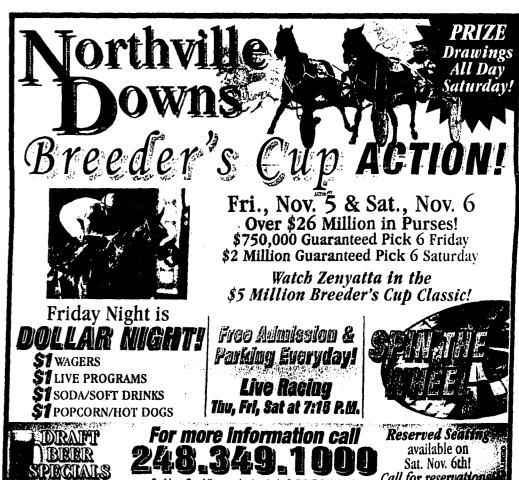
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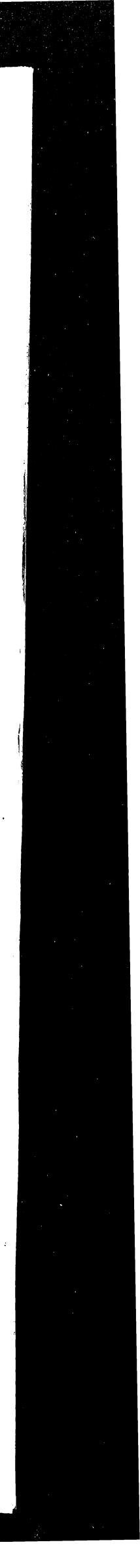


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**NOVI POLICE BRIEFS** 

# Man will face charges in fatal car accident

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#### BY VICTORIA MITCHELL STAFF WRITER

A Novi man will face charges following an Oct. 31 fatal crash resulting in the death of South Lyon resident Donald Dinatale.

Derrick Jackson, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office community engagement director, said on Tuesday they are waiting for the 54-year-old Novi man to be released from the hospital before he is arraigned and his name is released. "We are not sure at this

point how serious the charges will be, but there definitely will be some charges," Jackson said.

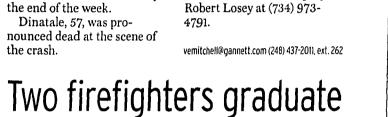
Deputies said alcohol use and high speed by the Novi man appear to be a factor in the crash. Jackson said on Tuesday blood alcohol level results should be available by the end of the week. Dinatale, 57, was pronounced dead at the scene of

According to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, a 2008 Chevy truck driven by the Novi man was traveling eastbound on Ford Road approaching Plymouth Road at about 6:30 a.m. at a high rate of speed when he was unable to stop, striking the rear of the 2010 Ford driven by Dinatale. Deputies said the South

Lyon man's vehicle was pushed upon impact into a 2010 Chevy driven by a 56-year-old Whitmore Lake woman. The Whitmore Lake woman

and Novi man were transported to St. Joseph Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The woman was treated for minor injuries and released. The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Traffic Division asks that anyone with information about the accident call the

County's confidential tip line at (734) 973-7711 or Deputy Robert Losey at (734) 973-



The Novi Fire Department announced the recent graduation of Fire Protection Officer II (FPO II) Ramon Alvarez and Training Officer John Martin from the School of Fire Staff and Command at Eastern Michigan University. FPO II Alvarez and Officer Martin successfully completed over 350 hours of competency-based managementoriented education during the 10-month Staff and Command program.

The School of Fire Staff and Command takes the fire officer beyond traditional operation methods and exposes them to conceptual thinking and problem solving. The knowledge, skills and abilities learned assist students in problem analysis, management situations, project management, grant funding projects, managing fiscal budgets, and managing personnel matters. "I am particularly proud of these two outstanding members of the Novi Fire Department and their significant academic accomplishments," said Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police



to strengthen their leadership capabilities with the Novi because she would not leave Fire Department and ensures the establishment.

enhanced resources to the citizens of Novi." Officer Martin has served as a member of the Novi Fire Department since 2003 and was promoted to Training Officer in 2005. He has an associ**ate's** degree in Fire Science from Macomb Community College and is working toward his bachelor's degree at Eastern Michigan University.

Officer Alvarez began his career with the Novi Fire Department in 1987. He is currently working towards his bachelor's degree at Eastern Michigan University.

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Noman arrested after making scene at bar A 25-year-old Clinton Township woman was

David E. Molloy. "The program arrested at 1:31 a.m. on Oct. provides fire officers with the 31 for disorderly conduct after education and training needed police were called to MBargo in Twelve Mile Crossing

> Police were providing extra patrol in the area due to the Halloween holiday when they heard a loud dis-

turbance coming from inside the bar. When they entered, they saw coming from inside. The driver the woman screaming and trying to pull down a large set of drapes that were connected to

the ceiling. She was told several times to stop but did not listen. Eventually an officer removed her hands from the drapes, but the woman then got into a fighting stance facing the officer. Two other officers stepped in to take control of her and were able to put handcuffs on her.

The security officer at MBargo said the woman and her fiancé were causing a disturbance and thus were being

was issued a citation. A pre-liminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .146

Teen arrested for MIP **7** Novi police arrested an 18year-old man for minor in possession after the vehicle he was riding in was pulled over for having a defective plate light at Novi Road and Grand River Avenue at 3 a.m. on Oct.

When the officer approached the car, he smelled **J**stripped of its rims and a strong odor of intoxicants

had not been drinking and blew zeros on the preliminary breath test. The backseat passenger was the teen and his PBT regis-

tered a BAC of .16 percent. He was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where he was issued a citation for MIP. Bike stolen at Subway **A** white Subrose boy's

**J**bicycle was stolen from the Subway in the Beck Village Plaza between 2:50 p.m. and 3:05 p.m. on Oct. 28. According to the victim,

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The front bumper was taken off a Mercedes Benz while it was parked in front of the dealership on Grand River Avenue over the weekend of Oct. 31-Nov. 1.

All that was taken from the vehicle was the front bumper, valued at \$2,000. Police have no suspects at this time.

Rims taken off Cadillac A 2012 Cadillac CTS was tires overnight on Nov. 1 while it was parked in the parking lot of a residence on Wellington Drive.

The victim is an employee of the General Motors Proving Grounds and the vehicle is a concept car owned by GM. He said he found the car in the morning on landscape bricks, and damage was done to the rocker panels between the front and rear doors.

Police could not find any evidence to process and have no suspects at this time. Driver hits car, arrested for being drunk

on Oct. 31 for drunk driving after he backed into a neighbor's car that was parked on Independence Drive. According to the police

report, the man told police he was backing his vehicle down the street to park in the driveway when he hit the parked car. He left his phone number

that drove at a high rate of speed out of the parking lot. The situation also was caught on the mall's closed circuit television and it showed the two commit the act and drive away. Police were able to decipher the license plate number and called the owner. The call went to voicemail, and as of Oct. 30, the woman has not returned

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on the car so the owner would know who damaged it. The victim gave the number to police who called the man outside. He smelled strongly of intoxicants and admitted to He failed field sobriety tests and a PBT registered a BAC of .13 percent. The legal limit for

adult drivers in Michigan is The man was arrested and taken to the Novi Police Department where he was issued a citation for operating Masked duo wreak havoc

**T**wo people dressed as Batman and Robin ran through Twelve Oaks Mall around 4 p.m. on Oct. 29 damaging a sign and causing a scene before fleeing the area by car. Police arrived at the scene and spoke with security who said they observed the duo purposely knock over a large director sign near the food court. They then ran out the door and into a car

the police officer's message.





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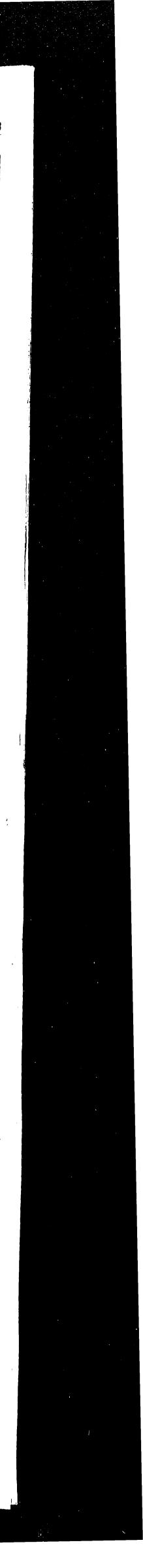
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# CALENDAR

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

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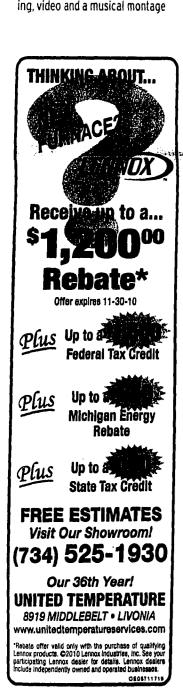
Time/Date: Noon every Thursday Location: Novi Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information; novirotary.

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Andiamo Novi / Dirty Martini Lounge / Andiamo Theater Location: 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi

Contact: (248) 348-3838 "DON'T BE CRUEL - THE LIFE & **TIMES OF THE KING"** Dates: Wednesday-Sunday nights through Nov. 28 Details: "Don't Be Cruel - The Life and Times of the King" is not a tribute show. The original production is a multi-media theatrical event brought to life through storytell-



- putting "Elvis" in the spotlight once again as he chronicles his life through his own eyes starting with 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. ticketmaster.com Contact: (248) 348-4448 **Liquor Store** 

Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44325 Twelve Mile Road, Novi **Contact**: (248) 305.8135

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Bar Louie Location: Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 4437 12 Mile Road. Νου

#### Contact: (248) 662-1100 The Grapevine of Novi Location: 43155 Market Street, No Contact: (248) 344-4044; www. thegrapevineofnovi.com Live music Fridays and Saturdays: 8:30-midnight Nov. 5 - The Messarounds; Nov. ( - The Okie Dokie Stompers 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 Mixx Lounge Location: 43155 Main Street, Novi Contact: (248) 347-6499 or mixx-

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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. Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting Time/Date: 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4

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English Conversation Group Time/Date: 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9 and Tuesday, Nov. 16 Details: Make friends while you

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Time/Date: 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9 Details: Enjoy a recent release. Movies shown will be rated G, PG or tage of our video games for an PG-13. Snack provided. For grades open gaming day, too. Ages K-12. 5 and up.

lax Law Changes to Roth IRA's in the "Time/Dute: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9; 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, 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. Please egister.

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age. Today we will be discussing



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features fabulous photos and underwater video. Library Board Meeting Nov. 17

Details: The Library Board meets the third Wednesday at the Novi **Civic Center- Council Chambers** starting at 7 p.m. All are is welcome

Novi Historical Commission Meeting Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m. Wednesday, Nov 17

Details: Public is always welcome. Meetings discuss ongoing and future projects of the Novi Historical Commission. Walled Lake City Library Location: 1499 E. West Maple Road,

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EDUCATION

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

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Sept. 23-Nov. 18 (omit Oct. 28) Location: Novi Middle School Details: A continuation of German I for students who have completed at least one introductory course in German. Fee is \$84 (information about book purchase will be given at first class).

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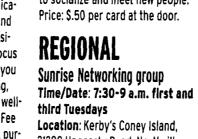
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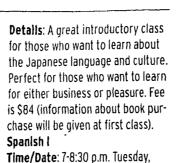
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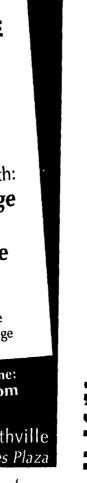
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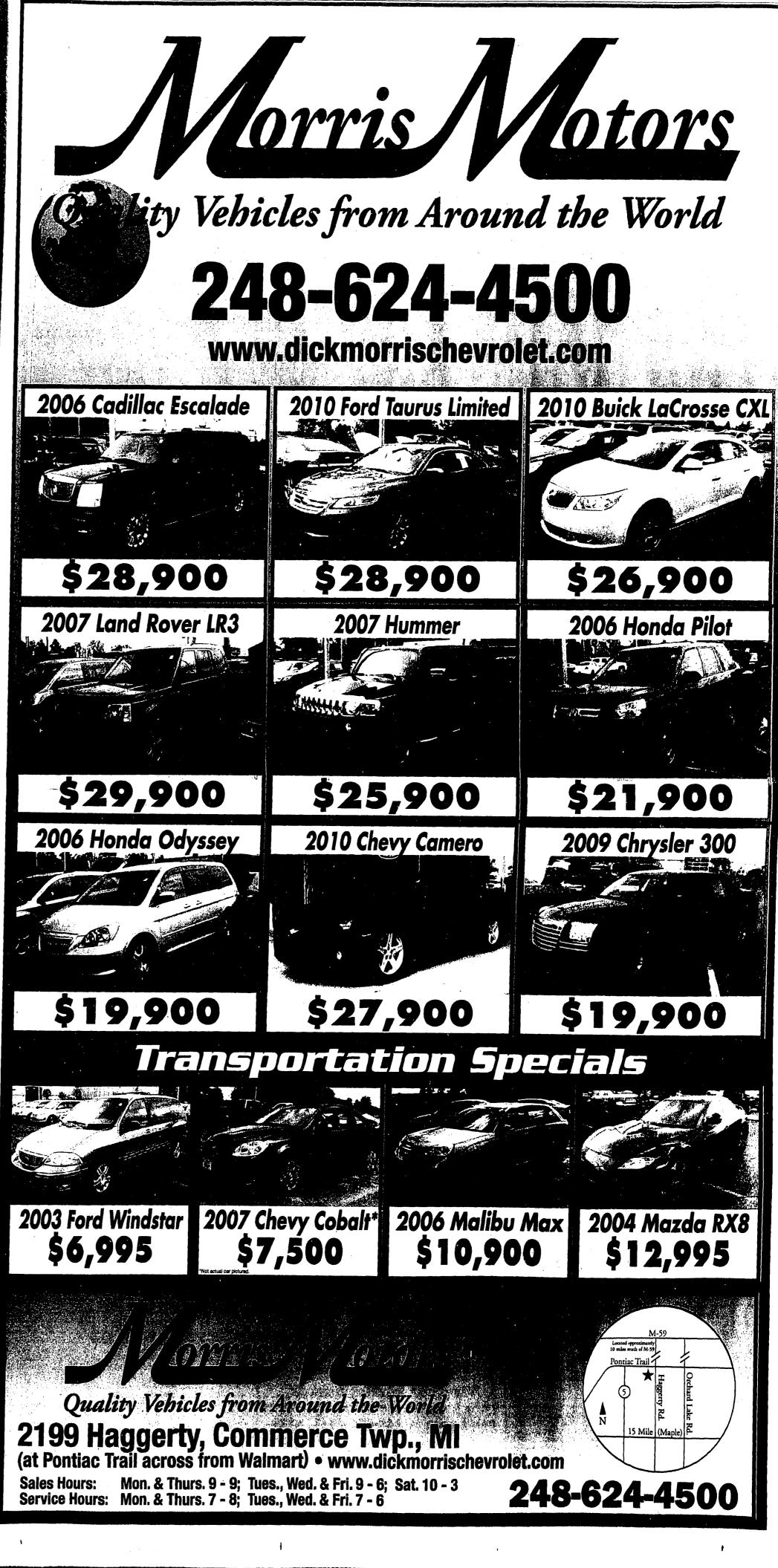
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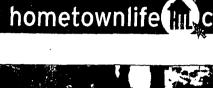
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Shamrocks would let the Mumford gridders see the end zone as they went on an absolute march to victory. They extended their lead to 14-6 on the next drive, scoring on a 15-yard pass from Birney to runtwo touchdowns, each from a vard out, and carried the ball two other

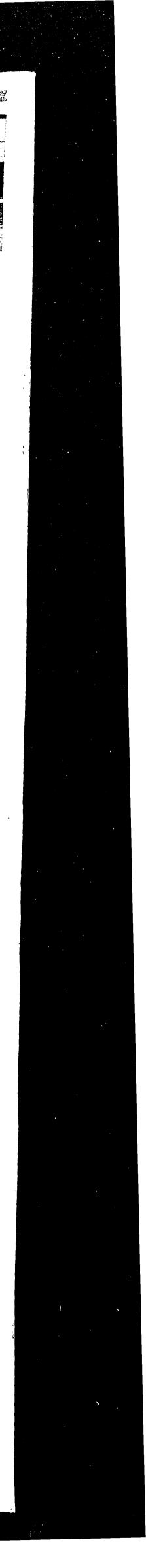
Cooper, who snagged a 38-yard toss for a 35-6 advantage heading into

Shallman's touchdowns in the third

three-yard run by Andrew Erickson

Mumford was allowed just four first

more Kara Berg to complete the 400



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# Chiefs put tomahawk in Novi's season

Canton kickers edge Wildcats 1-0 in state guarterfinal

#### BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

A pair of KLAA Kensington Conference division champions faced off in a Division I regional final last Saturday and Canton defeated Novi for he third time this season. No. 6 Canton (20-3-2) struck irst and held on to defeat No. 13 Novi (20-5-0) 1-0 at Dearborn Edsel Ford. In addition to earning a regional

championship, the Chiefs also qualified for the state semifinals with the victory. A steady wind blew autumn leaves across the turf as Canton pressured the east goal in the first half, earning a free kick at the top right corner of the goal box 9:15 into the game. With the wind and sun in their favor, sophomore Bobby Budlong tapped the ball off to his left and junior Tyler Winningham followed through with a 20-yard blast that skipped once in front of the goal before slipping into the lower left corner netting past diving Novi senior netminder

Wes Smith. "We just hoped for the best on that free kick and it came to Laabs, but Jabbori took the us," Winningham said. "They came out a lot tougher this game. We got a lead and they staved in it."

Canton maintained an edge over the Wildcats through much of the first half, but Novi goal. battled back in the second half once the wind and sun were in their favor.

Novi junior Chase Jabbori quickly got two golden opportunities within the first six minutes of the second half. Jabbori broke through the defense up the left side 4:45 after the break and hit a low shot that skipped past diving Chief senior netminder Brandon Laabs, but rolled just wide of the right post. Just 50 seconds later, a



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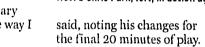
a one-bounce ball back to ball off the bounce and chipped The ball had too much speed on it and was helped by the crossbar and landed past the

"Chase Jabbori is an outstanding player. Second half, with his speed combined with the wind speed, he got some opportunities," Canton coach George Tomasso said. "Lady luck was on our side today." Laabs came up with saves time after time in the second half, grabbing balls away from Jabbori and stopping a pointblank opportunity by Novi

said. "It went about the way I

Budlong paced Canton's opportunities on the counterattack. With Novi's defense connected with a 20-yard shot from the left side to the top right corner of the goal midway through the half, but Smith grabbed the ball before it could hook down into the net or Canton junior Nathan Bergeson could redirect it with a header.

With 17:34 remaining, the Wildcats took Smith out of goal to be helped off the field. and put junior Ricky Stone in net so Smith could get his tall and powerful frame in on Novi's offensive attack. "He scores goals, he throws

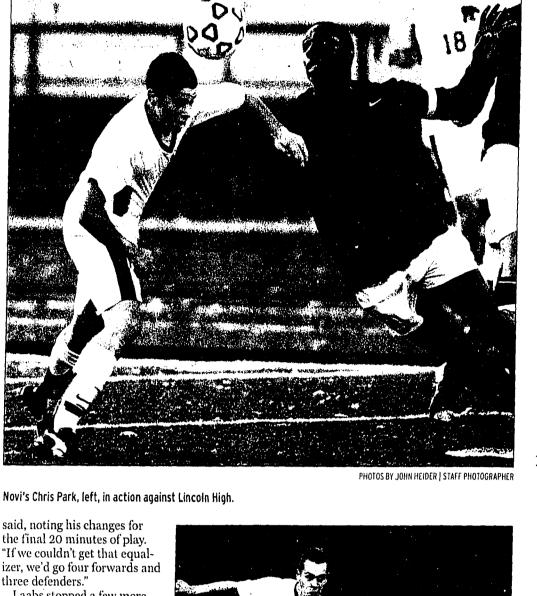


izer, we'd go four forwards and three defenders." Laabs stopped a few more high shots and headers by nail in Novi's coffin with 93 left side and flicked it over a ball wide left of the goal as

of eight shot attempts for the net. Novi had four of nine nith made two saves and Stone had one, both for Novi. "This game was going to be close," Tomasso said. "We

today Canton was scheduled to face No. 1 East Kentwood (23-1-1) yesterday in a state semifinal at Holt, while unranked for the Division I state title

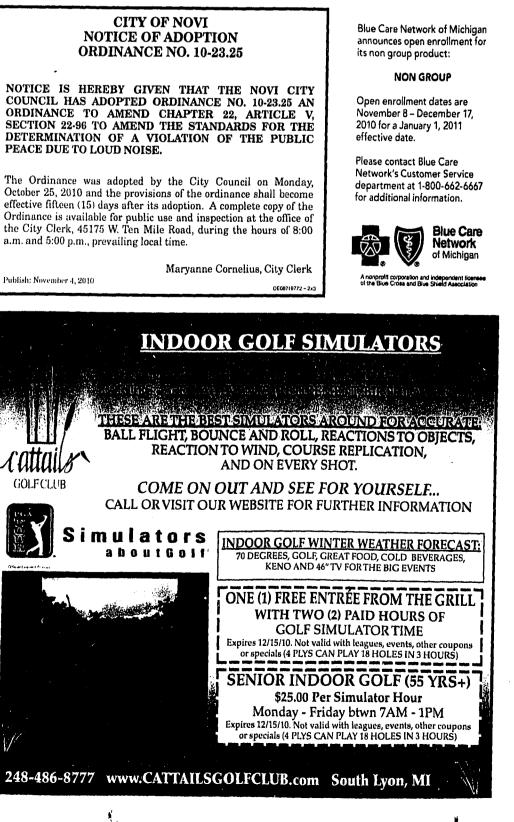
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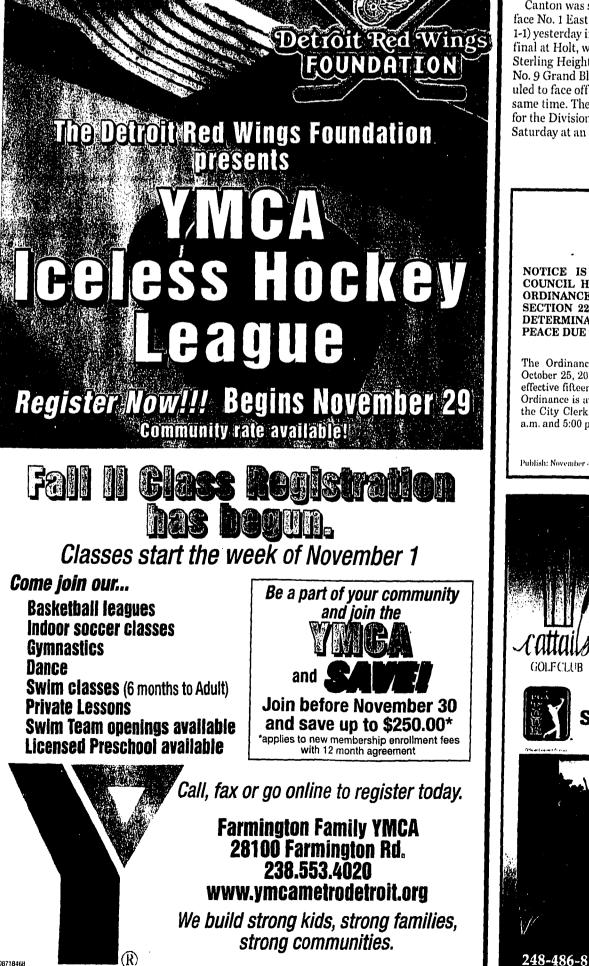


Wildcat Brian Herron boots the ball out of Novi's defensive area in their Oct. 26 game against Lincoln High

The Chiefs initially made their way into the state quarterfinal against Novi following a 1-0 victory over No. 11 Ann Arbor Huron (17-3-1). Novi had defeated Ypsilanti Lincoln (19-5-0) by a 2-0 score as both "It was a fairly one-sided well, other than our finish-

utes left on a through pass from senior Rob Razburgaj. Chris Jackett is a freelance writer





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Wildcat Aaron Quinley heads the ball during Novi's Oct. 26 game at Edsel

Canton defender tried to head Novi coach Brian O'Leary it over Laabs from close range. offense, which got a few quality

wind as it went just behind the hanging back, Budlong nearly

sophomore Matt Wilson with 11 minutes remaining.

"We had some good chances," far and he's tall." O'Leary

expected."

# "If we couldn't get that equal-

Novi, and Canton sophomore Scott Piwowar nearly put a seconds remaining when he received a through ball up the diving Stone at the left corner of the goal box, forcing the Piwowar was injured and had Piwowar's attempt was one Chiefs, four which were on

shot attempts land on target, as Laabs made all four saves. defended at a very high level

# Sterling Heights Stevenson and games were played back to No. 9 Grand Blanc were sched- back on Oct. 26 at Edsel Ford. uled to face off in Fenton at the same time. The winners battle match and we played very

time and location. had two," O'Leary said of the Lincoln contest. Junior Chris Park played a pass over top of the defense to Wilson, who just barely beat Lincoln's goalkeeper to the ball for a goal 13 minutes into the game Jabbori scored with 10 min-Saturday at an undetermined ing. We had 20 shots and they and former Novi News staff writer.



both a privilege and delight to spend the last six years watching these players play football. By Ken Hixson

JV storms back to earn fourth consecutive Super Bowl trip

The "never say die" JV Bobcats came back from an early deficit to defeat the Walled Lake Braves 25-12 in a firstround upset of the Western Lakes Junior Football League playoffs on Saturday at Walled Lake Western.

After fumbling away the ball on their first play on offense, the Bobcats were stunned by the Braves. On just their own third play on offense, the hosts threw a pass to their halfback, who broke a couple of tackles

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#### Varsity falls to Falcons, 20-35

their best football of the season

to defeat the heavily favored

Falcons, but big plays by the

The Falcons received the

opening kickoff; three plays

a deep pass that hung in the

a 65-yard touchdown comple-

tion. The PAT kick was wide

The Bobcats offense took

passed to Ryan Moore in the

flat for a 15-yard completion

for a first down. Several plays

tackle for a 20-yard run down

Ulle ran a quarterback keeper

Durham, Connor Howell and

snapped the ball and Jack

the Falcons to a three and

out punt, but the offense gave

screen pass. Two plays later the

Falcons scored and converted

the PAT kick for an 8-14 lead.

sion of the first quarter ended

when Gausden and Pinkerton

recovered the fumble to end the

The second quarter time of

possession was dominated by

the Falcons, with the key play

pleting a 35-yard bomb to the

5-yard line. Two plays later the

lead to 8-20 at halftime.

Falcons scored to increase their

The Bobcats received the sec-

ond half kickoff. Ulle completed

a 14-yard pass to Moore for a

first down. Facing a fourth-

and-10, the Bobcats' offense

saw an opportunity to get big

Falcons' defense read the play

and intercepted the pass to end

the Falcons' returned the favor

Weis' pass, but a pass interfer-

ence call negated the play. Three

With the same score to start

the fourth quarter, Ulle dropped

back to pass and hit Moore on

a 60-yard bomb for a Bobcats'

touchdown. The PAT kick was

blocked making the score 14-28

The Falcons scored again and

converted the PAT to increase

Bobcats' final possession of the game, Ward busted through the

middle then outside for a 55-

vard touchdown run to end the

Ward lead the running attack with 17 carries for 124 yards and

a touchdown, followed by Moore

with 9 carries for 26 yards.

Quarterback Ulle was 7 for 17

passed and ran for a touchdown.

Moore was the leading receiver

with 3 completions for 89 yards

VanKirk lead the defense with 7

tackles and 4 assists, Ulle had 5

Gausden and Pinkerton all had

tackles and 2 assists. Durham,

ers who are moving on to high

record setting win-loss total and

two Super Bowl Championships

They are not only great football

players -- they are an awesome

group of young men. It has been

school leave with a Bobcats

4 tackles and 3 assists. The sixth year Bobcats play-

and a touchdown. Spencer

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Nick Meadors open, but the

being quarterback Weis com-

stripped the ball and Moore

first quarter.

the ball back to the Falcons

when Petrie intercepted a

The Falcons final posses-

8-6 Bobcats' lead.

Graham Gausden for a 4-yard

touchdown. Addison Lonergan

Pinkerton kicked the PAT for an

The Bobcats' defense forced

behind the blocking of Christian

later, Jalen Ward broke off

to the Falcons' 6-yard line.

over and quarterback Billy Ulle

right and the lead was 0-6.

wind but Austin Petrie out-

Super Bowl.

Falcons and missed opportuni-

derful season a week before the

later quarterback CJ Weis threw

fought two Bobcat defenders for

play into a score with a 40-yard scamper to the end zone and The varsity Bobcats lost to the an early 6-0 lead after the PAT undefeated, defending chamfailed pion Livonia Falcons in the The Braves took over after WLJFL playoffs on Sunday. The the Bobcats' next possession, Bobcats knew they had to play and in good field position drove

the ball on nine plays. It was capped by a 2-yard run by running back Cody White for his second touchdown in the first 6 Leone, who then rambled 28 ties by the Bobcats ended a won- minutes of the game. Following yards to the Bobcats' 30-yard another missed PAT, the Braves were suddenly holding a commanding 12-0 early lead. This was a seemingly remarkable start since the two teams played to a scoreless standstill during the regular season until late in the fourth quarter when Braves finally scored and eventually defeated the Bobcats 12-0. That earlier victory ensured that the Braves, at 7-1, were the higher

> playoffs. It was beginning to look ominous for the Bobcats after they were once again stymied on their next offensive possession. The Braves took over again in excellent field position inside the 30, poised to score again. However, the Bobcats' defense

vard line It was at this point that the game changed abruptly. Following outstanding blocks inside by tackle Jack Krill and guard Phillip Calhoun, and running behind fellow back Dominic Colaluca, Bobcat speedster Anthony D'Annibale cut inside and broke away from the entire Braves' defense for an electrifying 74-yard touchdown run. Following a successful PAT, the Bobcats were suddenly only trailing 12-7 and very much

back in the game. The tide continued to turn. An excellent kick-off by Jarrett McKnight pinned the Braves down at their own 24-yard line. After three plays, the Bobcats struck again when cornerback quarterback of the football and stunned the entire stadium by returning the play 42 yards for another Bobcat touchdown and a 13-12 Bobcat lead.

seed over the 6-2 Bobcats in the showed strong resolve, holding the Braves to four plays, taking over on downs on their own 26-

Ryan Welch stripped the Braves' yard line for first and goal, the The Bobcats began to

methodically take away the

with defensive ends Michael Leone Lincoln Cleary forcing the plays wide where Conner Moore and Welch were there to contain the Braves speedy backs. The first half ended with the Bobcats nearly scoring again after the teams traded fumbles. Quarterback Mike Ulle threw a pass in traffic to Michael line. Although the Bobcats drove to inside the 5-yard line, an untimely penalty ended this

scoring threat. The second half saw the Braves continuing to struggle against a surging Bobcat defense, as tackle Rakin Parker began to pressure the Braves inside and became a presence in their backfield, disrupting play. Meanwhile, the linebacker corps last offensive possession. of Ryan Conlon, Colaluca, Scott Latham and Ulle shut down the running lanes, forcing the Braves to the passing game with a strong wind at their backs in the third quarter. Following the Bobcats taking over on downs on their own 33, the offense struck again. D'Annibale, motioning right, took the hand off from Ulle. Cutting off of Colaluca's block at the line of scrimmage, and then following a crushing block by Moore to the inside, D'Annibale broke to the sidelines. End Welch, turning downfield, took out a pair of pursuing Braves defenders to guarantee no one would catch D'Annibale, who scored untouched on a 67-yard run to

put the Bobcats up 19-12. The Braves continued to try to pass their way back into the ballgame, but a heavy rush, led by Parker, menaced the Braves' backfield resulting in the Bobcats taking over again on downs at their own 36-yard line. Now with the Braves' defense clearly keying on D'Annibale, the Bobcats turned the tables, running Moore left for a 45-yard dash to the 19-yard line. After D'Annibale carried it to the 5-Braves anticipated a running play wide. The Bobcats executed a quarterback sneak by Ulle right up the middle to the left side, behind great seal blocks from McKnight and Latham, to score and make it 25-12 with

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and turned a routine short pass Braves' off-tackle running lanes, 2 minutes to play in the thir quarter. From there, the Bobcats' defense dominated, stopping the Braves on fourth-down-andshort on two consecutive Braves' drives to end any further threat from the Braves.

> Offensively, the Bobcats were once again led by D'Annibale, who amassed well over 150 yards rushing and by Moore, whose hard running contributed over 50 yards rushing and whose blocking helped spring D'Annibale and punished Braves' defenders all game long. Defensively, the Bobcats entire defensive unit performed well, with particularly strong play from Parker, whose tenacity methodically wore down the

their fourth consecutive Super Bowl to face the undefeated and reigning champs, Livonia rematch of last season's champi-

#### Freshmen avenge earlier loss to Blue Jays, 30-19

By Eric Smith

The Livonia Blue Jays found against the Novi Bobcats frightening as they were on the losing moments of the second quarter. son and were desperate to prove alty. Showing great poise, the The Blue Jays received the Striving against great individual the ball. After a couple of plays,



Braves, resulting in a sack of the Freshman Bobcat Ashton Smith runs Braves' quarterback to end their 46 yards for a "Go" team touchdown their point total to 19. The Novi at the beginning of the second half.

> Blue Jays, big defensive plays, including a key fourth-and -inches stop, shut down the Livonia offense and the Bobcats took over at the Livonia 32. Big runs by Evan Barthlow and Brendon Downs allowed the Bobcats to get into prime scoring position. The Bobcat drive was capped by an artful

a touchdown. At the end of the first quarter, the Bobcats led 12- ing clock. After another failed 6 and would not relinquish their Livonia drive, the Bobcats lead for the rest of the game. A stingy Bobcat defense forced a punt in the first Then, a 52-yard run for a touchdown by Trendon Hankerson was nullified by a holding pen-

Bobcats bounced back when Andrew O'Connor ran 65 yards to the house to put the Bobcats up by 12. The Bobcat machine continued to roll when the Blue Jays fumbled the ensuing kickoff and

Novi's Austin Turner recovered the Bobcats' Eric Budd made his way out of the backfield and sprinted 75 yards for the score.

Brendon Downs recovered an onside kick for the Bobcats, but the Novi drive fizzled without By Andrew Matas U.S. BASEBAL ACADEM

adding to the lead. Showing some resolve in the midst of defeat, the Blue Jays were able to march down the field and score with 19 seconds in the first half. The Bobcats lead the Blue Jays 24-13 at the half

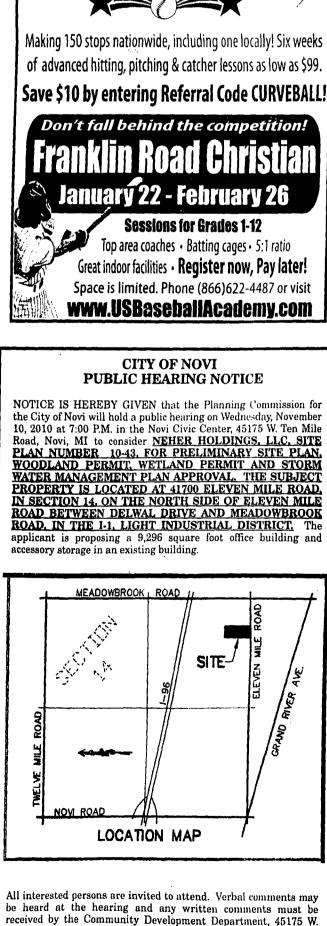
The Bobcats' "Go" team took the field to start the second half and easily moved down the field with a pair of great runs by Michael Lynch, Ashton Smith then broke a huge run of 46 yards for a touchdown to put the Bobcats up 30-13.

Novi recovered yet another fumble when Livonia bobbled the ball on the ensuing kickoff. Brendon Downs recovered for the Bobcats.

The Blue Jays scored late in the third quarter to bring offense couldn't put any points on the board on the next possession and the Blue Jays took over at the start of the fourth quarter. Just when it looked like Livonia might make a game of it, the Bobcats defense made a big defensive stop, giving the offense a chance to run the clock.

The Bobcat offense did not score again on its drive, but Trendon Hankerson scamper for was able to successfully eat up a large chunk of the remainmarched down the field with the aid of a long Parker Bohland run and were poised to strike for another touchdown. However, in a classy move, Novi Coach Barthlow called on his players to take a knee and run off the remaining time.

The freshmen finished the season 5-4. Also contributing to the success of the team were Ryan Twomey, Logan O'Connor, Caden Mosley, Ellis Piper, Trey Mullins, Dylan King, Jared Sharnowski, Adam Burgol, Jason Robson, Alexander Choma, Daniel Erno, Matt DeSarno, David Karlavage, Sawyer Sargent, Domenic Delibero, Scott Slater, Ryan Bacon, Joshua Erno and Luka Saicic



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The JV Bobcats return to Falcons, at Eastern Michigan University on Nov. 6 in a onship game.

their Halloween playoff game end of a 30-19 rout. The Blue Jays narrowly defeated the Bobcats during the regular seathat they were the better team. opening kickoff and began their first drive from their own 48-yard line. The Bobcats "Go" team saw great tackles by Ryan Farris, Jonah Matas, Anthony Mascari and Michael Lynch. defensive efforts by Eric Budd, Austin Turner and Andrew O'Connor, the Blue Jays were able to drive down the field and

score to lead 6-0. Being down to the Blue Javs apparently didn't sit well with the Bobcats, who scored on a 61-yard kickoff return by Evan

Budd on the next play. On the ensuing drive by the



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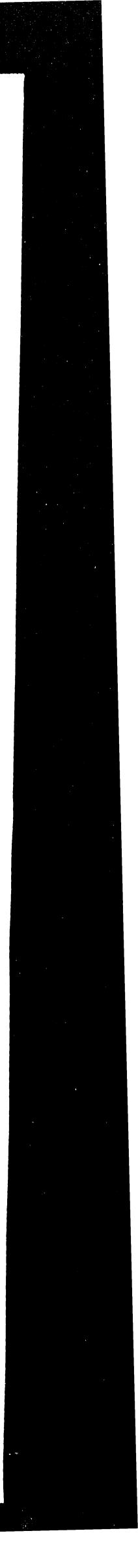
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the talented field after using a strong start and trying to maintain his pace at the front

of the pack. "This was a brilliant racing strategy on his part," Smith said. "I am very proud of Joe for realizing that he needed to be up in front from the beginning. It may have cost him a few seconds and places, but he couldn't take the chance of letting the pack slip away. Leading a race is very difficult. The pack just settles in and lets the top guy do all of the work. Joe knew this, but he also knew he had no other choice. It was very satisfying to see the plan work out so well.'

Finishing in the top three individually were CC senior Andrew Garcia-Garrison in 15:35, Pinckney senior Cal Magier in 15:38 and Pinckney junior Eric Fegan in 15:39. Schubring's top-15 finish

was 49 seconds ahead of fellow senior Brett Giampa, who finished 40th in 16:49. "This region is actually a double insult since the individual qualifiers must come

out of the pool of the top 15," Smith said. "The state puts an unbalanced number of top teams in the region and then they add insult to injury by not team members.

having real provisions for top individuals to make it out." Smith said a runner who ran a 16:13 would miss the state cut in Novi's region, but could win the entire event in another region.

"I feel especially bad for Brett Giampa. Brett ran a 16:49. I can almost guarantee vou that runners in the 17s and maybe even the 18s will make it out individually in other regions," Smith said. "I am finding it difficult to explain to Brett that the system is inherently unfair and that he has to just accept it. I am having a difficult time accepting

"There are relatively easy solutions, but the MHSAA doesn't seem to care if the top athletes qualify or not. Yes, I am quite disappointed and frustrated with this system that we are stuck with." The large field of state

meet-bound runners pushed several Wildcats further back in the pack. Juniors Ryan Tgiros (50th in 17:01) and Eric Gardner (64th in 17:16) set career bests, as junior Dan Lee (65th in 17:18) was just behind them.

Senior Chris Vera-Burgos had a strong personal race, finishing 76th in 17:42, although four other Wildcats set personal bests ahead of him running as junior varsity

Those four were junior Mike Benkarski (17:33), junior Travis Trainor (17:34), senior Garrett Murphy (17:35) and sophomore Josh Squires

(17:38). Trainor beat his previous best by 15 seconds and Squires beat his by 21 seconds. "We had 23 guys set career personal records today, and this is on top of the 29 that we had the week before," Smith said. "I was concerned that after all of the personal bests we had last week, that we may have come up flat. Quite the contrary, some of the guys had huge improvements today, including Brennan Giese, who broke his previous best by a whopping 1:39."

Giese finished 31st among Novi runners in 18:35. Sophomore Mitch Hall improved by 54 seconds to 18:24, sophomore Allen Potter improved by 50 seconds to 18:08, freshman Paul Hoag improved by 42 seconds to 18:40 and freshman Cameron Richman improved by 16 seconds to 18:32, as some of

the most significant Wildcat improvements. "This is a nice way to finish. It gives our seniors some nice times to graduate with, and it gives us a solid foundation

for next year for all of the guys coming back," Smith said.

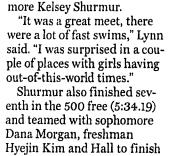
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## and 400 free relay

Sultana was fifth in the 200 individual medley (2:20.73), eighth in 100 back (1:05.72) and ninth in 400 free relay (4:05.78) along with seniors Jacques Carless, Kelly Savela and sophomore Janice Burnett.

Burnett was also part of a 200 free relay team that finished seventh with 1:50.86 alongside junior Amanda Guttman, Carless and sopho-



ninth in 200 medley relay in 2:03.25.As an individual, Hall was third in the 100 free (57.26

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seconds) and fourth in the 50 free (25.82).

#### Morgan finished fourth in the 100 back (1:03.68) and 10th in the 100 free (58.99), while Carless was sixth in the 500 free (5:33.24) and senior Abby Glenn was eighth in the 500 free (5:34.30). Sophomores Rachel

Aepelbacher and Lina Davis finished seventh (312.40 points) and eighth (281.70) in the 1-meter dive, respectively. For detailed meet results,

visit www.noviswim.com. Chris Jackett is a freelance writer

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Wildcats, including Kacey Sheldon and Catherine Enright, leap to their feet to celebrate a point for their team during the Oct. 28 home game

# Wildcat girls win first **KLAA** volleyball title

#### **BY JEFF THEISE!** SPORTS WRITER

Novi and Lakeland had split their matches earlier in the season. But Thursday's KLAA title before getting a kill in to get back the serve. game was all Wildcats. The Wildcats played strong at home, winning

25-22, 25-16, 25-22. It was a highly unusual match for Novi as head coach Julie Fisette missed almost the

entire match because she was at a religious confirmation for her daughter. Fisette arrived just in time to see her team

earn its first KLAA Association title. "They said, 'You showed up got a trophy, isn't that great?" said Fisette with a smile. "They've gelled and play so well together. We're such a complete team."

The first game featured back-and-forth play throughout, but also an unusual amount of mistakes from Lakeland. The Eagles committed six Lakeland, and Bridget McBride followed with service errors, four coming on the team's first seven serves.

"Novi played a great game. They're a great team, so hats off to them," said Lakeland coach Jen Cottrill. "We played scared. We played intimidated. When we served aggressively it went out. You can't miss six serves and expect

to win against Novi. "I believe it will motivate us. I think we needed it to realize we do have to work hard and we do have to play as a team and do the things

we've been working on to win." But Lakeland (35-10-4) still managed to lead 22-21. Novi got the ball back on an Erica Robb so hard all year in our conference, going 30-0. kill. She also went back to serve and didn't stop until the game was over. Aly Ryan hit a perfect shot into a vacant back corner to end it 25-22.

Novi (39-4-1) took control of the second match on another string of serves from Robb. She took over trailing 7-6 but didn't let up until kills, 28 assists and 12 digs. the Wildcats led 12-7. She had an ace, and Ryan had a pair of kills in the run.

Lakeland showed some grit later in the game. Trailing 18-11, Kacey Sheldon took over serve and started with an ace on the way to pulling within 18-15. Robb misfired on a pair of attacks Novi finished the 25-16 win on a 7-1 run. The Eagles were pushed to the brink, but

still struggled to get anything going offensively Novi led 11-7 before the Eagles got its first point with the serve. Despite the struggles, the Eagles managed to pull within 11-10 before Novi pulled away for good. Kills from Robb, Ryan and Katherine Enright helped push the lead to 18-12 for Novi.

Lakeland used three-straight hitting miscues by the Wildcats to get within 18-16, but the teams would trade points back and forth with Novi leading 22-19.

Maggie Hannon knocked down one of her 13 kills on the night to get the ball back for an ace, drawing a timeout from Novi fill-in coach Ginnette Parsley.

The move worked as Novi settled down and got the ball back on a Robb kill. The teams again traded sideouts before Novi's Molly Marzonie served up the final point, with the game fittingly ending on a miss-hit by Lakeland.

Robb finished the match with 13 kills, and Ryan right behind with 10. Setter Laura Subject dished out 39 assists. "We've never done it before so it was a great

accomplishment," said Robb. "We've worked We wanted to finish it out with the association (title). We just want to keep pushing as far as we can in the tournament.

Hannon led Lakeland with 13 kills. Ciara Schultz had a strong all-around game with 10

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# Wildcats win district opener

Could play for district championship tonight

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Novi's volleyball team is on a roll After winning the KLAA title 25-22, 25-16, 25-22 last

Thursday over No. 11 White Lake Lakeland (31-11-4), the No. 7 Wildcats (40-4-1) defeated Canton 25-4, 28-26, 25-17 in a district quarterfinal last Monday at Northville. Novi had defeated Canton for the district championship last year. Senior Erica Robb had 14 kills, while juniors Victoria Rose and Katie Enright had five kills apiece against Canton (26-9-3). Rose also had four blocks, three which were solo Against Lakeland, Robb had 13 kills, 13 digs and seven receptions, while junior Aly Ryan had 10 kills, senior Laura Subject had 39 assists and 10 digs, senior Erin Hoomain had 16 digs and 18 receptions, and

has shown great leadership this year, in addition to con-

next across the line for Novi,

potential," Reid said. "This has probably been the most cohesive team I've had as far as everyone getting along and the seniors being leaders." Senior Molly Sutika wrapped

49th in 20:19.3. Alyssa Murray, who finished the junior varsity race in 19:54, which would have been good for 32nd place in the varsity race.

meets, but you look at the other athletes head to head and they've been beating her all year," Reid said. "The biggest thing is staying healthy.' Foreshadowing for the future, seven of the top nine freshmen finishers in the regional meet were from either Novi or Northville, who also combined to account for the second and third best sophomores in the race. Chris Jackett is a freelance writer

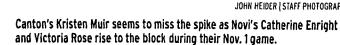
senior Savannah Green had nine digs and seven receptions. Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer. GIRLS FROM PAGE B1

sistency." Senior Kelsey Hodge was

finishing 37th in 20:07.2. She was followed by three freshmen, Victoria Cortez (39th in 20:09.1), Kari Grandstaff (40th in 20:10.3) and Karissa Koomen (42nd in 20:12.0). "I'm excited that we have a

up Wildcat scoring by finishing Grandstaff, Koomen and Sutika all set personal bests, as did senior

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Monday's victory put No. 7 Novi (40-4-1) into a district semifinal with

ON TAP Plymouth (19-11-2) Tuesday night. A victory would place the Wildcats in a district championship last night at Northville against either Northville

(26-16-6), No. 26 Plymouth Salem (14-7-0) or No. 27 South Lyon. (18-8-1). From there, potential matches include a Tuesday regional guarterfinal and regional semifinal next Thursday. young team that's got a lot of

and former Novi News staff writer. "She ran well the last two



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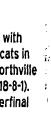
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# **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### **NAI Farbman leases**

NAI Farbman's Laney Cavazos represented Lewis MOC, LLC in the lease of 10,234 sq. ft. to Envision Diagnostics, P.L.L.C. at 39475 Lewis Drive in Novi.

Jeff Cavazos, agent for NAI Farbman represented, Orix in the lease of 28,004 sq. ft. to Cassell and Associates at 40020-40024 Grand River in Novi.

Administrative Professionals to meet Western Wayne Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

The meeting will open with dinner at 6 p.m. At 6:30, Marilyn Suttle will present Providing Excellent Service for Internal Customers. Nov. 5 is the registration deadline with payment of \$10 for guests and members who bring a guest (includes dinner) or \$20 regular meeting fee, sent to Liz Cunningham, CPS at 32091

Glaser Road, Brownstown, MI 48173. IAAP is a not-for-profit professional association with about 40,000 members and affiliates and nearly 600 chapters worldwide. It works in partnership with employers to promote excellence among administrative professionals. Founded in 1942 as the National

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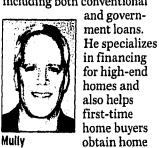
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# **NEWSMAKERS**

Mully joins Charter One David Mully of Novi, has joined Charter One as a senior mortgage loan officer. His

office is in Novi. He originates a wide range of home financing programs, including both conventional



Mully has been in the mortgage business for 21 years. He came to Charter One from Midtown Financial, where he was a senior loan officer. He has been a volunteer youth football and baseball coach in the Novi community for several years.

financing.

Lotus Bancorp appoints new president/CEO

Lotus Bank and its holding company, Lotus Bancorp Inc. announced the hiring of Neal J. Searle as president and CEO.

Searle brings extensive banking experience to Lotus Bank, and will oversee all aspects of the financial institution. His job responsibilities will include supervising the day-to-day operations of the bank, investor relations,

overseeing the adequacy and soundness of the organization's financial structure, and representing the bank in the region "I believe there is resurgence in the value to the client of

nesses.

excellent customer service and the benefits of having a trusted financial partner, and Lotus Bank is perfectly situated to fulfill that role for our clientele," Searle said. "In business, to a significant degree, the true assets of a company are the people that provide the services and products. The 'human capital' at Lotus Bank is outstanding. My job is to keep the organization pointed in the right direction and offer my expertise and support. This team has the professionalism,

acumen and drive to do the Searle has a bachelor degree in finance and business administration from Western Michigan University. He also participated in a variety of leadership programs includ-

ing the Midwest School for Managing, the Worldwide Transformational Leadership and the Wharton School's "Creating The Future" program A Michigan native, Searle

has a wife and two children. Searle is very involved in the community, including acting as current Chairman of the Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce. He was also a charter member of the Lake Orion Sunrise Rotary

Club, a market leader for the Sunrise Networking Group of Auburn Hills, a participant with Habitat for Humanity, Junior Achievement, as well as the Oaklawn Hospital

Development Council. Searle was also a Planning Commissioner for the City of Marshall, a founding member of the Marshall Diversity Roundtable, chairman of the Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the board of directors of Junior Achievement - South-Central Michigan.

Prior to joining Lotus Bank, Searle was community president of Michigan Commerce Bank in Auburn Hills and founding president, CEO and director of bank of Auburn Hills, until the merger of the two financial institutions. He was also first vice president of Midwest Business Banking for Standard Federal Bank in Troy.

"After an extensive search, we are very pleased to announce the addition of Neal Searle to the Lotus Bank executive team," said Bala Setty, chairman of the Board of Lotus Bancorp, Inc. "His level of experience and passion for community banking brings a new energy to our organiza-

Lotus Bank is a community bank owned and operated by people living and working in Southeast Michigan. Lotus Bank is headquartered at 44350 W. 12 Mile Road, Novi.



## **Michigan Restaurant Show**

Zach Carron of U.S. Food Service (Wixom) prepares a barbecue chicken sandwich at the Oct. 20 Michigan Restaurant Show at Novi's Rock Financial Showplace. The two-day event featured food and beverages, food preparation devices and all sorts of services that restaurants and kitchens need. There were more than 250 booths and 180 different companies at the event put on by the Michigan R that first-day foot traffic at the event was up 20 percent over last year.

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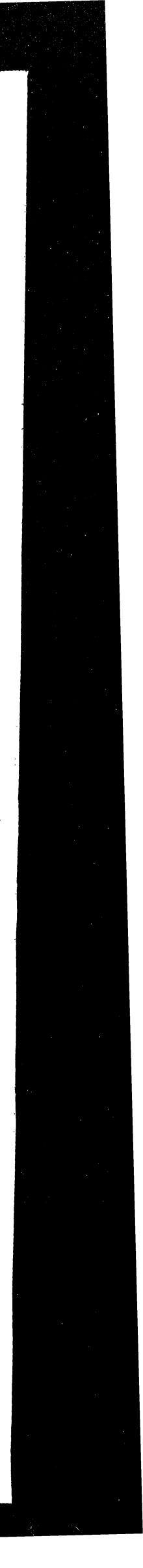
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