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## Kardashian fashion

The Kardashian sisters are introducing a line of clothing called the Kardashian Collection at Sears, including the 12 Oaks Mall, and are planning a fun event on Friday, Sept. 9 in conjunction with this introduction.

At 6 p.m., the Novi Sears store will be holding a fashion show featuring the new Kardashian Collection.

## Andiamo's opens

The Andiamo Novi Theatre is bringing four new productions to the stage this fall and winter. Three shows in the series will be produced and directed by Michigan's newest professional theatre company, Happenstance Productions. The productions are scheduled from Sept.-Dec.

The first show, "Beehive: The 60s Musical Sensation", takes the stage Sept. 8-Oct. 9 with performances 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 5 and 7 p.m. Saturdays; and 5 p.m. Sundays.

"Beehive" is a high-energy musical revue tracing the coming of age of women's music through dozens of popular hits of the girl groups and solo singers of the 1960s. The Chiffons, The Supremes, Tina Turner, and Aretha Franklin are just some of the '60s pop stars portrayed by the super talented cast.

The remaining three shows will be announced soon. Individual tickets may be purchased at the Andiamo Novi Theatre box office by phone at (248) 348-4448 (theater box office) or 1-800-745-3000 (Ticketmaster) or on-line at www.ticketmaster.com. Dinner & Show packages may only be purchased at the Andiamo Novi Theatre box office.

For more information, visit www.andiamo-novitheatre.com. The Andiamo Novi Theatre is located at 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi.

# Novi schools stay at the top

## Deerfield Elementary among top 1 percent in state

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

The Novi Community Schools district continues to put itself in the discussion as one of the best in the state as its schools scored high on the state's top-to-bottom ranking for a second consecutive year.

There were more than 1,000 schools on the list—Novi had three schools in the top 10 percent and six in the top 15 percent in the state. Deerfield Elementary was one of only 30 schools that ranked in the top 1 percent.

"We are proud of our kids and what we are doing and the progress we are making, but like anything else we have to get better," said RJ Webber, assistant superintendent for academics. The state ranks the schools

### LATE START DATES AND TIMES

There will be five late start days during the 2011-12 school year: Sept. 28, Nov. 9, Dec. 7, March 14 and May 16.

The starting times on those days are as follows:

- Novi High School: 9:45 a.m. to 2:01 p.m.
- Novi Middle School: 10:15 a.m. to 2:21 p.m.
- Novi Meadows: 10:40 a.m. to 2:56 p.m.
- Deerfield Elementary: 11:35 a.m. to 3:51 p.m.
- Novi Woods Elementary: 11:05 a.m. to 3:21 p.m.
- Orchard Hills Elementary: 11:05 a.m. to 3:21 p.m.
- Parkview Elementary: 11:35 a.m. to 3:51 p.m.
- Village Oaks Elementary: 11:35 a.m. to 3:51 p.m.

based on academic achievement on standardized test, academic improvement, graduation rates and more.

Webber said while the rankings are nice, the results have taken too long to tabulate and the district is searching for data that is more timely.

"What we put a lot of stake in is the individual progress of our kids and working with our teachers to see how we can help them," he said.

### Late start

Students will have five days this school year where they can get a little extra morning sleep

as the district is incorporating late start days into the schedule for the first time.

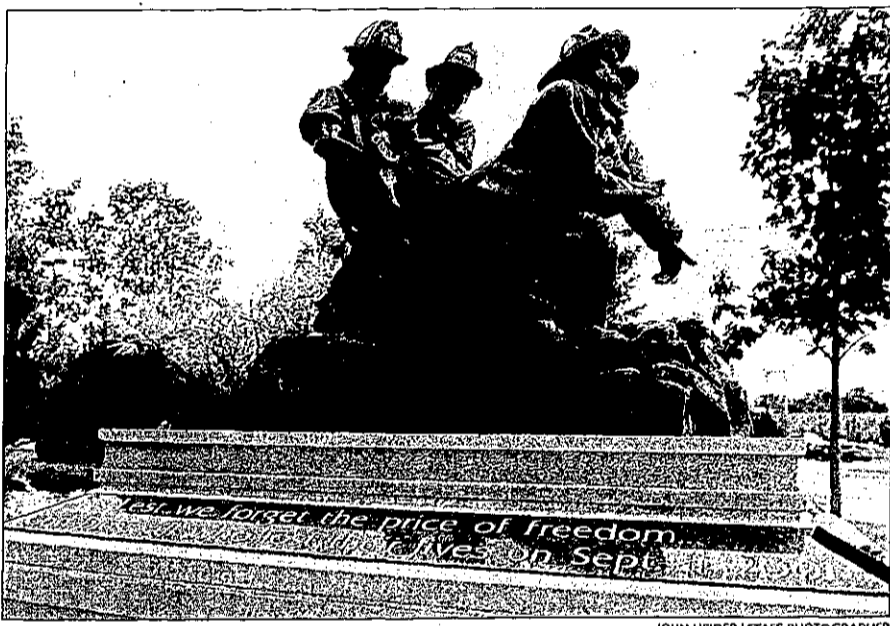
The five days were part of the Novi Educational Association's new contract and will allow teachers from all the schools to meet and discuss instructional ideas.

Webber said it should help bring all the teachers and schools closer together.

"We asked ourselves 'Are we communicating and collaborating as well as we could?'" he said. "And our answer was 'No, we could be better.' We want to use all of our resources together to be better."

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Novi's 9/11 firefighter monument in front of the Civic Center. It was placed there in memoriam of those firefighters who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, and in honor of former Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan.

## Singers to pay tribute to 'Heroes of 9/11'

Free concert takes place Sunday at Fuerst Park

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

The events of Sept. 11, 2011, will forever be etched into the minds of those who witnessed the planes crash into the World Trade Center and the tragedy that ensued.

Sunday marks 10 years since the attacks, and now there is a generation of people who do not remember that day and the effect it has had on the United States.

So for Jim Farkas and the rest of the Harmony Town Barbershop Chorus, the focus of their hourlong free concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday at Fuerst Park is on making sure the memories live on.

"I think it's very important for people like myself and others my age to make sure each year there is a memorial to that event so the younger generations who weren't there to experience it know what we went through," he said. "Our hope is that we get people to think about it and remember it."

The title of the show is

# 10 years and still not forgotten

Events of Sept. 11 remain fresh in people's minds

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Jim Farkas, like most people, remembers exactly what he was doing and where he was when the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, took place.

Watching on television as the second aircraft headed for the south tower, Farkas yelled when it exploded into the side of the building.

At the time, the Novi resident and Air Force veteran was in his mid-60s, but that didn't keep him from calling a recruiter to see if he could help in any way. He said she didn't laugh at his request, but politely turned him down because of his age.

"I was so mad I was ready to go back into the service to do what I could to get even. I was ready to go to war," he said. "It still bothers

me to this day."

Sunday marks the 10th anniversary of the attacks on New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania that killed almost 3,000 people, and to many, it feels like just yesterday.

Novi Police Department Detective Sgt. Matt Conquest said it's amazing how fast the 10 years

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The HarmonyTown Barbershop Chorus, pictured here at the Farmington Founders Festival, will be hosting a free tribute concert to the 'Heroes of 9/11' at 3 p.m. Sunday at Furst Park in Novi.

**TRIBUTE**

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"Special Musical Tribute to the Heroes of 9/11," "American the Beautiful"

and the group will be singing several patriotic songs including "God Bless America," "You're a Grand Old Flag," "American the Beautiful"

and more. There also is a sing-along portion, and if there is a good response from the crowd, the concert may extend past its hour time slot.

The group, which practices in Westland, has been around since 1941 and normally sings typical barbershop style songs from the early 1900s to the 1950s and '60s. They do an annual show as well as making appearances at various events in the area. Farikas said for Sunday's show he will give an introduction that will

talk about the events of the day and highlight those who saved others, and in between songs other members of the group will share their memories from 9/11.

"We want to make this felt by the people in the community so they know they have these kind of people (in their police and fire departments) working for them," he said. For more information about the group, visit [www.WeSingBarbershop.com](http://www.WeSingBarbershop.com).

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have gone by, and believes the event continues to have an impact on this day.

"We always believed we were invincible and it was a good example that our country isn't invincible and we had to make some changes," he said. And while Novi has not experienced terror threats, the public safety department has changed the way it operates.

One of the biggest changes getting police and fire personnel on the same radio frequency so they can communicate directly to each other during an emergency, and also improving relationships with the business community and residents.

Conquest noted that Novi has some "critical infrastructures" that could be the target of attacks such as Twelve Oaks Mall, Suburban Collection Showplace and Providence Park Hospital, and the department's partnerships with those places have gotten better.

"We have stepped up our way of policing as a result of what happened on 9/11," he said, noting that it's more intelligence-based, and that more information is being shared among departments in the surrounding areas.

Jerry Holtzman, a physician assistant and paid-on-call firefighter in Novi, was part of the Disaster Medical Assistance Team that spent two weeks in Midtown and at Ground Zero just a week after the attack to support the workers.

Looking back on it, he says it was a "somboring experience" and something he will never forget.

"It definitely changed me," he said. "But as time goes on people tend to forget, unfortunately, and we need to be vigilant of the things around us and our surroundings. I don't think we can let our guard down at any time."

Novi Fire Marshal Mike Evans echoed Holtzman's sentiments, saying it's important people honor the responders and civilians who died by never forgetting.

"We cannot afford to forget about the lessons learned on that day," he said. "Those images must stay etched in our minds because as soon as we forget those images we drop our defenses and make ourselves vulnerable again."

Novi resident Bruce Jonasz said what has stood out to him over the years is the way the American people have responded and rebounded.

"I think the strength of our country has shown through and we have been able to rebuild," he said. "It shows that they are not going to hold us down."

And while most people believe they are safer today than they were yesterday, it doesn't mean they are relaxing.

"As a citizen I think we are safer, but that doesn't mean the bad guys aren't going to stop trying," Evans said. "We need to constantly be trying to hone our skills to be prepared."

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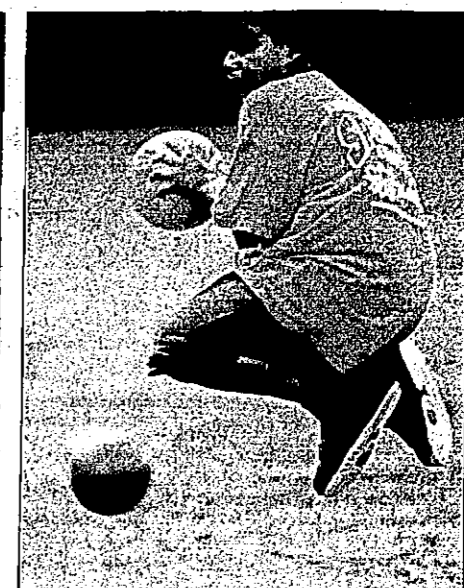
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**Camp Lakeshore tag**



Camp Lakeshore camper (above right) Christian Colon, 11, leaps high into the air to avoid a tag during a July 29 game of dodge ball. The camp, which utilizes Novi's Lakeshore Park, continues through mid-August. It's staff vs. campers (above left) during a July 29 game of dodgeball at Camp Lakeshore. (Below) Keryn Jaimes, 12, attempts to swerve away from a tag during a fast game of dodge ball at Novi's Camp Lakeshore on July 29. The camp, situated along the southern end of Walled Lake in Novi's Lakeshore Park, has a series of one-week camps through the summer until mid-August.



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## Local leaders don't share U-M survey views on Lansing gridlock

By Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

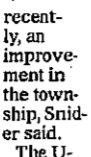
A recent University of Michigan study found unhappiness among local officials with state government, but Northville Township Manager Chip Snider isn't among them. "At the level this Board of Trustees operates, you don't see partisan politics," Snider said. "Each and every municipal entity gets what I think they create. This township board does not plan by accident." Township leaders build for the future financially, working collaboratively, Snider said. He cited the Arboretum Parkway to run north from Six Mile's township hall to Seven Mile; it's to open in November and stop at the racetrack in Northville. "We view the city as

the third leg in the stool," along with Northville's schools, Snider said. "That's a prime example of a million dollar pathway" with significant funding from the county and state through the Michigan Department of Transportation, he said. "These board members have been focusing on results and they do plan their vision." Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, a local Republican, found money for the pathway. "We're doing pathways when some people aren't even patching roads and I'm proud of that," Snider said. The 21 acres of the former psychiatric hospital were bought with bond money. "It has capabilities for retail, open space, recreational, whatever. Despite of the econo-

my, we're holding our own," the township manager said. Northville's schools have accommodated with privatizing, and township has used attrition and furlough days. "Nothing pulls a small community together like economic strife. It causes everybody to sharpen their pencils," Snider said. "Lansing has impacted us certainly but we've taken what's been given us. We've weathered the storm as best we can." Public safety went to full advanced life support



Snider



Pearson

recently, an improvement in the township, Snider said. The U-M state-wide survey was conducted as part of the ongoing Michigan Public Policy Survey by U-M's Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (CLOSUP) at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy. Local officials are divided about Gov. Rick Snyder's job performance, with 37 percent rating him as good or excellent and 22 percent giving him a poor rating. "I think he's making difficult decisions," Snider said. Snyder must remember "many communities have done a tremendous amount to save money and cut costs,"

both in salaries and benefits. "He needs to be reminded, many communities (are) making difficult decisions on their own. He needs to give credit where credit's due," Snider said. The new Michigan emergency manager law emerged earlier in 2011 and is included in the U-M survey. "A lot of people are scared to death of emergency managers," Snider said. If the township needs "an outsider with a briefcase to solve that problem then shame on us. We knew we were in a financial decline and we had to accommodate it." Snider said dealings with state Rep. Kurt Heise and state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, both Republicans, are cordial. The two recently help to put the closed Scott Prison, which had fallen into disrepair, up for sale. "So we are happy with the state representation we are getting here." County Commissioner Cox was a great help with the pathway funds. "She had to hold onto that money and she did at some discord," Snider said. "She worked diligently to see that this pathway became a reality."

Novi view  
Novi City Manager Clay Pearson isn't irate over Lansing's direction. "From my perspective, the governor's done a fine job," said Pearson, citing a passed budget and good appointments. "I think he's off to a good start." Pearson agreed Novi works well with Lansing legislators, noting "I think it's still developing," with Kowall new to representing the area. Hugh Crawford is "very involved in Novi events. We know him and he knows us well." Pearson cited the Detroit-Windsor bridge crossing as a major development regionally, and as a positive. He doesn't have much experience with emergency financial managers, but said, "They need to have the right tools to get them on the right footing."

Friendly ties  
Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan said, "We have good relations with those folks also." Heise and Colbeck represent the Wayne County portion, with Mike Kowall the state senator and Hugh Crawford the representative for Oakland County's portion that includes Northville. "A manager's position is sort of unique. We have to work with people from both parties. We have had an effective relationship. When Marc Corrivreau, a Democrat, was our representative, we had a great relationship," Sullivan said. "Gov. Snyder was the first governor who spoke to our city managers' conference," in St. Joseph. "I was impressed with how he seems to be running the state like a business. He actually has a schedule." Snyder has monthly topics such as taxes, Sullivan said. "It's a time of change," Sullivan said. "There's an opportunity for change." Local officials are saying: "Let's try to get our changes thrown in the hopper."

Northville has employed Snyder's "best practices" such as defined contributions like staffer 401(k)s starting in 1996. "You have to start setting money aside," he said. Until all retire, the city is funding both pension-like systems in parallel. "It's definitely the right thing to do in the long term," Sullivan said. He and other Northville leaders think communities should have ability to sell bonds to get those savings, and are working with legislators to bring that about.

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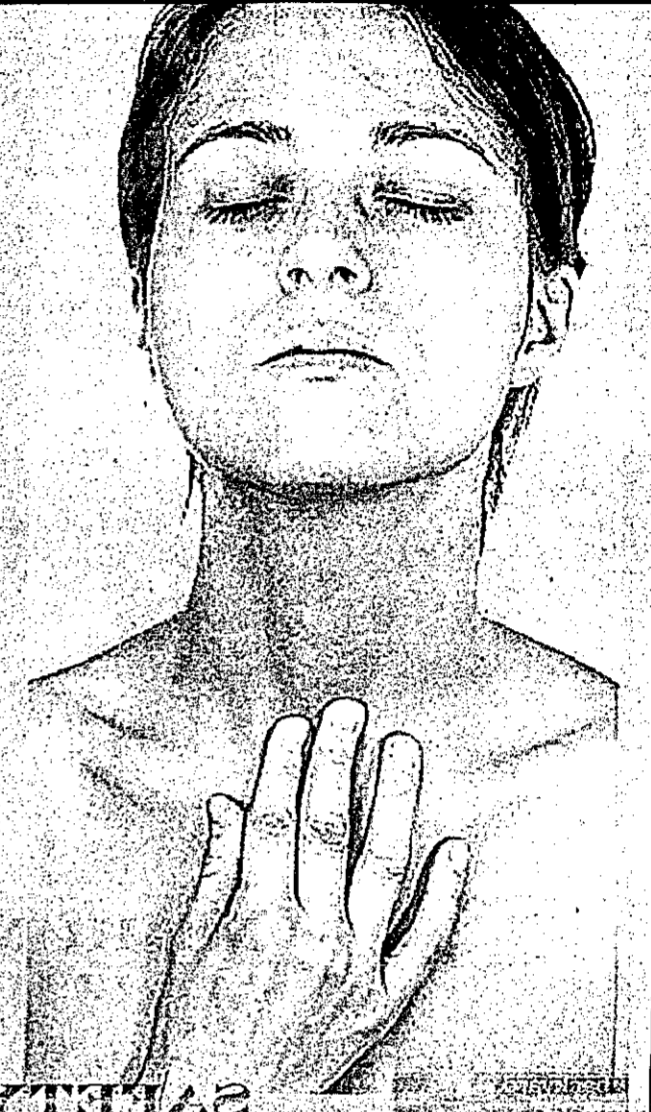
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Democratic officials were most likely to be critical of the state's direction. But even among local Republican officials, fewer than half (46 percent) believe the state is going the right way, the poll says.

"Local governments are key players in implementing state-level policy decisions, so this high level of concern about the state's direction among local officials should be on the radar for the governor and state legislators," said Brian Jacob, professor of public policy and director of CLOSUP. "Local officials know the conditions on the ground, where the policy rubber meets the road, so their views can provide important guidance to state policy makers. Ideally we would see a high-

er level of alignment in the views of our state and local policy makers." In the first half of 2011, significant policy changes have reshaped the relationship between Michigan's state and local governments. Major developments include the new emergency management law and revenue sharing changes to incentivize local government reform.

"This study finds mixed-reactions among Michigan's local government leaders to these changes," Jacob said.

**Snyder vs. Granholm**

There was also a change in the governor's office, with Republican Rick Snyder replacing Democrat Jennifer Granholm.

Local officials are divided about Snyder's job performance, with 37 percent rating him as good or excellent and 22 percent giving him a poor

rating, the survey says. Republicans are more supportive of Snyder, but only 52 percent say his performance was either good or excellent.

Local officials are also critical of the state legislature. Only 21 percent of the officials rate its performance as either good or excellent, while 36 percent say it's poor.

The poll, conducted from April 18 to June 10, involved online and hard copy surveys sent to the top elected and appointed officials in all counties, cities, villages and townships in Michigan. A total of 1,272 jurisdictions returned valid surveys, resulting in a 69 percent response rate. The margin of error was plus or minus 1.5 percentage points.

The report is available online at <http://closup.umich.edu>.

in the wrong direction. I suspect their views on the state's direction are tied to their views of the high profile policy changes coming out of Lansing."

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**Schoolcraft's Culinary Extravaganza set for Sept. 25**

The Schoolcraft College Foundation presents its annual Culinary Extravaganza, a premier food and wine event that highlights the culinary talents of metro area restaurants, pastry shops and beverage vendors.

This year's event, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, marks two special anniversaries — the 20th year of the food and wine event and the college's 50th.

The extravaganza allows guests to sample a variety of fine food, wine, beverages and desserts in one afternoon, while at the same time support student scholarships. Proceeds from the event provide scholarships and grants for students. Individual tickets are \$50 each and available at the college or online.

Food and beverage vendors include Sive Restaurant at St. John's Inn in Plymouth Township, Toasted Oak Grill and Market in Novi, Old World Olive Press in Plymouth, McCormick Distilling Co. and many more.

Highlight of this year's raffle is a Hearts on Fire Diamond necklace from Orin Jewelers in Garden City and Northville valued at \$3,400. Other raffle prizes include \$500 cash, \$250 cash (two winners) and dinner for two at the American Harvest Restaurant at Schoolcraft (three winners).

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**Start of school means start of future**

By Steve Matthews  
Guest Columnist



Super Talk  
Steve Matthews

When I was growing up both of my parents were teachers. My mom taught for 36 years, 35 years as a first grade teacher and one year as a second grade teacher. She taught for 33 years in the same classroom. My dad taught for 33 years, either fifth or sixth grade. His classrooms moved around a bit, although he did confide in me one time that he liked being in the portable classrooms because principals did not seem to visit as much out there.

The start of school was just a part of the rhythm of our house. Every August we would spend a few days getting ready — clothes, supplies and a new lock for the bike because I couldn't remember the old lock's combination. The week before school we would check to see who my teacher was going to be. Then it was time for school and off I went.

For the most part I liked going to school. I liked being around other students and I generally liked my teachers. There were times when I would struggle or when I didn't like my teacher all that much or when I wished summer would have last-

ed just a bit longer. But, all in all, school was a good experience.

Now it is more important than ever for school to be more than just a good experience. School needs to prepare students for opportunities as never before. Education has become a priority for our nation and state as we seek to remain competitive, provide good jobs and look to the future.

Michigan Future, an organization designed, not surprisingly, to look to the future, suggests that education must be one of the key engines in helping our state remain competitive. If Michigan wants to continue to provide good, high paying jobs for the people who live in our state, we must have an educated population. Companies will find talent and move to where the talent is located. School has taken on added importance. Schools now are a key player in economic development. Educated workers attract high quality companies

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The Novi Community School District is committed to making sure that our students are prepared for the next step in their lives. We want to make sure that our students have the knowledge and skills to succeed after they graduate from high school.

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Steve Matthews is the superintendent of the Novi Community Schools district. He can be reached at [smatthews@novi.k12.mi.us](mailto:smatthews@novi.k12.mi.us), (248) 449-1204; [www.twitter.com/dcsmatthews](http://www.twitter.com/dcsmatthews); or [www.novisuperintendent.blogspot.com](http://www.novisuperintendent.blogspot.com).



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Novi High School Student Ambassador Kelly Lewis, left, gives some helpful directions to incoming freshman Sam Troher during registration day on Aug. 25.

**A welcoming sight**  
Student Ambassadors help freshmen, transfers get used to high school

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer



The bright green shirts worn by the Student Ambassadors at Novi High School made them stand out during freshman registration on Aug. 25.

But for the nearly 100 upperclassmen who signed up for the volunteer opportunity, their role is the exact opposite. They want the incoming freshmen and transfer students to not stand out, but seamlessly transition into the environment at the school and not feel out of place.

"I think it means a lot to them to have someone there for them," said junior Nikhil Kadakia. "I don't know a lot of schools that have something like this."

All 506 freshmen at the high school received a hand-written letter from their ambassador this summer, and the students will be available on the first few days of school to help them get acclimated.

Junior Usha Gullapalli said she remembers being overwhelmed as a freshman, and believes having an upperclassman to talk with will help a lot.

"They don't feel like they have to have their

own clique to fit in," she said.

And the ambassadors also are taking something from the experience as well.

Junior Larry Rubel said he likes it because it has given him the chance to meet new people, while sophomore Brooke Calhoun said she knew what it was like to be a lost freshman and wanted to give back.

The Student Ambassador program started last year and was such a suc-

cess that school officials wanted to bring it back and get more upperclassmen involved.

Principal Carol Diglio said the response from the upperclassmen was "fantastic," and called it a "tremendous support to our overall culture."

"It gives them a level of confidence that they know the upperclassmen are there to help them," she said.

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**Experts recommend taking practice ACT/SAT tests**

By Linda Ann Chomin  
Correspondent

Students will soon be sitting anxiously, No. 2 pencil in hand, to take the ACT. While Michigan requires all high school juniors to take the standardized test, it's especially important if students plan to attend college. Seniors can retake the test to increase their score. The higher the score, the better chance they will be admitted to the university of their choice.

There are actually several tests and strategies college admission officers shared as high school students head back to the classroom. Along with the ACT, students may take the SAT, an aptitude test, and the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) that qualifies them for

National Merit Scholarships.

Colleges accept both ACT and SAT scores. Anxiety is common during the timed tests, but can be avoided by hearing counselors' advice and taking a prep course, if necessary. ACT test dates for the 2011-12 school year are Sept. 10, Oct. 22, Dec. 10, Feb. 11, April 14 and June 9.

Audrey Telfer, 17, of Plymouth won't be taking the ACT this year. She will be hard at work in her freshman year at Northwestern University in Illinois. The Salem High School graduate increased her score by taking a seven-week ACT prep course in Ann Arbor after a cousin successfully completed the same sessions that consisted of two-hour classes and six hours of practice tests

every Saturday and Sunday. Telfer's goal is to go to law school.

"I thought the practice session was cool to know what to expect," she said. "It highlighted my strengths and weaknesses and directed my studying. We went over math that I had forgotten. It was a good refresher. The tests were just perfect."

**ACT or SAT?**

The ACT (American College Testing) assesses knowledge of math, science, reading and English and writing (optional). Some colleges place weight on the writing section. Others test this skill after admission.

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10 North waitress Mandy Laberge takes a customer's order by iPhone on Aug. 12 at the bar and restaurant, located at 24555 Novi Road. It recently opened after a major renovation to its premises and now offers WiFi service to its customers and the ability for waitstaff to display menu options via iPad to its visitors.

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TESTS

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The scores are a major part of what Kathryn Orscheln looks at when considering a student's application. Eastern Michigan University recently received 12,566 applications for the fall semester and admitted about 60 percent.

"We consider the GPA, ACT or SAT score, and also curriculum they've taken," said Orscheln, director of EMU's Office of Admissions. "For ACT, we suggest students prepare by being engaged in their learning throughout school, do the work, learn as much as they can. It's an accumulation."

Orscheln has noticed scores don't always coincide with GPAs. She appreciates guidance counselors who contact the college and advocate for students when this is the case.

"We've seen a rise in students getting very anxious," Orscheln said. "We used to assume GPA and test score would match, 4.0 to 28 to 30 on ACT. Now with a 3.8 GPA, they score 20 on ACT or even lower. Counselors say, 'This is a great student, but she does terrible on tests.' We need to listen to high school counselors, teachers. They care about these students and make time to take these calls."

Don't wait. One of Lisa Kujawa's sons was not a good test taker and decided to take a prep course for two summers. She tells parents, "Don't wait 'til your kid is a junior." ACT offers a calendar that recommends a path of action beginning as early as the freshman year.

Apply early. Applying early is important as well. The scholarship deadline is Dec. 15 for UM-Deerborn, which offered \$16 million (154 full-tuition scholarships) to freshmen this year.

Michigan State University recommends taking the test as many times as possible as well and to include all scores. MSU received 28,000 applications for fall. About 70 percent were accepted.

Other factors. "The ACT/SAT score is one factor in the application review process," said Gabe Santi, director of communication at MSU's Office of Admission. "We do not attach specific weight, but it is a key factor. Along with GPA, trends of grades, increasing or decreasing, and the personal statement, these provide our office with a degree of knowledge about preparation and aptitude of success."

Santi grew up in Pontiac and graduated from high school in 1993. He can remember the score being a significant part of the college application process.

"The college admissions world is more competitive now," he said. Like MSU, Oakland University factors in a number of considerations. This fall, 10,277 students applied for the fall semester; 6,658 were accepted. The advice is similar: Take the test as many times as possible.

The ACT/SAT score counts about 50 percent toward admissions at the University of Michigan-Deerborn. Christopher Tremblay, executive director of enrollment management, tells parents to encourage their children to take challenging courses as early as middle school, and the ACT as a sophomore.

Tremblay wishes he'd scored higher than average on the ACT. The Canton resident believes strongly in higher education and is currently in a doctorate program.

"Every day they are preparing," Tremblay said. "Commitment to their course work plants seeds for success. We want to see as many academic or college prep courses, honors and trend of their grades. We don't like to see declines in performance. We like to see upward trends."

Tremblay recommends students and parents visit the state of Michigan's College Access Portal (www.michiganacp.org). Under planning for college is a test preparation section. Use it not only to gain admission, but help finance education.

Bundy suggests students have someone time their test. Use it not only to give a minute warning as if they were actually taking the test.

"Prep courses can be beneficial, particularly if a student has a lot of anxiety about taking that test," Bundy said. "I went to the bookstore over the weekend and there are quite a few guide books and some courses have been around a long time (like Kaplan, Princeton).

Bundy, who's been in admission work for 25 years, has advice for parents. "Enjoy this experience," she said. "It's an exciting time for students and parents. Keep lines of communication open. Parents might want them to go to one college. It can be an overwhelming process whether to choose small, large, close to home, religion or faith-based. Rely on college professionals."

Visit campuses. Ask questions — why students chose that certain school. Prospective applicants will have the opportunity to tour UM-Deerborn from noon to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, during an open house that allows them to apply in person and meet with an admissions representative.

The ACT test costs \$49.50 with writing section, \$34 without. The test starts at 8 a.m. and finishes 12:15 p.m. (non-writing) or 1 p.m. Deadline for registering is approximately one month earlier. Visit www.act.org or actstudent.org.

The SAT test dates are Oct. 1 and Nov. 5. Cost is \$49. Visit www.collegeboard.com. PSAT testing to qualify for National Merit Scholarships takes place Oct. 12 and Oct. 15. Cost is \$14. Fee waivers available for juniors from low-income families. See SAT website.

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OLESSON, JAMES D. Age 50, August 31, 2011. Funeral was Sat. at St. James Catholic Church, Novi. Donations to St. John's Hospice. Condolences: obituaries@hometownlife.com

PREUSS, ARTHUR J. Age 96, He was born in Detroit Nov. 17, 1914 and died in Brighton Sept. 1, 2011. He was preceded in death by his wife Henrietta (Pasinski) and his siblings Clara, Bruno, Edward, Wanda, and Edna. He is survived by his children: Robert (Wanda), Kathleen (Eugene) (Christine), and Fr. David OPM CAP; 10 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren. He was a WWII veteran who fought in the Pacific and occupied Japan. He was a member of the Preuss Furniture family. He graduated from Wayne State University with a B.S. degree in Pharmacy and owned Preuss Pharmacy in Detroit. He enjoyed golf, bowling, fishing and travel. Visitation was held on Monday, September 5, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 1222 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, September 6, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Online guestbook at: www.phillipsfuneral.com

CZEKAJ, STELLA R. Age 89, August 15, 2011. Funeral was Friday at St. James Catholic Church, Novi. Donations to St. John's Hospice. Condolences: obituaries@hometownlife.com

EVANS, GLADYS LAPHAM Age 89, passed away peacefully on September 5th, 2011 at Geriatric Hospice in Livonia, Michigan with her daughters (Stacey and Suzie) at her side. Glad was born in Moosejaw, Saskatchewan, Canada on January 13, 1923 to Walter and Elizabeth Lapham. After moving with her family to Mendota, Illinois where she graduated from high school, she then attended the University of Illinois where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Fine and Applied Arts Music and Speech Arts. While in college, she was a member of the Zeta Phi Eta Speech Arts Fraternity and the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority. Upon graduation, Glad became a flight attendant for American Airlines where she subsequently met the love of her life (Howard) G. Santi, Jr. ("Dad") who was a pilot for American Airlines and had just finished his service as a World War II Air Corps Captain and E-17B-24 pilot in the European Theatre with the 8th Air Force. Glad was actively involved in many activities throughout her life with her greatest passions being her family, friends and music. While living in Romeo, Michigan she was the Church Organist at the Romeo United Methodist Church, a Cub Scout Den Mother and very active in the school activities with her children. After moving to Northville, Michigan in 1962, she became very active in the First Presbyterian Church (Former Elder), The Northville Women's Club (Past President), Northville Women's Club, Northville Garden Club, The Farmington Senior Center (Staff Member), Director of Music, Director of Current Events, etc.). She then returned to college where she earned her Bachelor's of Arts in Gerontology from Macomber College in the 1990's. Additionally, she enjoyed playing bridge with her friends and loved gardening while supporting a number of charities in the Northville schools and throughout the community. A devoted mother and wife, Glad put her family above everything else. She will be deeply missed by her children, Steven Evans (Linda) of Tallahassee, Florida, Stacey Becker (Gary) of Novi, Suzie Johnson (Mark) of Northville and the late Scott Howard Evans; her grandchildren, Lt. Steven Evans, Jr. (USN) of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Stephanie Mason (Dennis) of Houston, Texas, Jessica Jane Dental (Abe) of Laguna Niguel, California, Alan Evans of Madison, Indiana, Skip Becker (Mandy) of Plymouth, Betsy Becker of New York, NY, 1st Lt. Andrew Becker (USAF) of Florida, Julian Forsaker (Tyler) of Richmond, Virginia, Devon Johnson of Miami, Florida and Eric Johnson of Northville; and her great grandchildren, Corbin Mason, Cayden Mason, Zephania Becker, and Mack Becker. She was preceded in death by her husband, her son, and her brother Vincent Lapham. A memorial service and celebration of Glad's life will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 4 P.M. at the First Presbyterian Church, 220 East Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either the First Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund or to Angela Hospice, Development Office, 14100 Newchurch Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154 (www.angela-hospice.org/donate). Arrangements by Casteline Funeral Home, Inc.

HALL, "BOBBY" DARRELL August 26, 2011, age 24. Highland. Preceded in death by grandparents Ella Mae Hall and Lana Mills. Survived by grandfather Bobby Rex Mills of New Mexico; parents Darrell and Bobbie Sue Hall and precious boyfriend Heather. Bobby was active in Huron Valley Special Olympics for a year, enjoyed collecting comic books, and watching science fiction movies. He also had untold, cousins, many friends and his dog Tavo who will cherish his memory. Memorial contributions may be made to Phillips Funeral Home, 248-437-1616

JONES, ALEXANDER MICHAEL of Milford and Mt. Pleasant, formerly of Farmington and Canton, Michigan and Matteson, Illinois, passed away May 3, 2011 in the care of his family. He was 21 years old. Alex is survived by his mother Annette Jones, Milford, MI and father Bruce (Jessica) Jones of La Honda, CA; brothers Benjamin Biggs Jones and Theodore Sampson Jones; grandparents James Del and the late Martha C.J. Brown, Sally (Robert) Cossyane and Winnie (Maryann) Jones; nine aunts and uncles; 17 cousins. Alex is also survived by extended family and dear friends. Memorial services will be held this spring. Memorial contributions encourage to Volunteers Assisting the Disabled Camp, Muscular Dystrophy Association, or the Make-A-Wish Foundation. For further info, visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

SMITH, BERNICE. 8/25/2011. Mother of O'Shall (Doug) Smith, John Solomon Smith Sr., Diamond (Lita) Smith & Cleavia (Nathan) Brown. Funeral was Sat. Condolences: obituaries@hometownlife.com

KEMP, FRANK Sept. 3, 2011, Age 94. Survived by his children, Steven Evans (Linda) of Tallahassee, Florida, Stacey Becker (Gary) of Novi, Suzie Johnson (Mark) of Northville and the late Scott Howard Evans; her grandchildren, Lt. Steven Evans, Jr. (USN) of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Stephanie Mason (Dennis) of Houston, Texas, Jessica Jane Dental (Abe) of Laguna Niguel, California, Alan Evans of Madison, Indiana, Skip Becker (Mandy) of Plymouth, Betsy Becker of New York, NY, 1st Lt. Andrew Becker (USAF) of Florida, Julian Forsaker (Tyler) of Richmond, Virginia, Devon Johnson of Miami, Florida and Eric Johnson of Northville; and her great grandchildren, Corbin Mason, Cayden Mason, Zephania Becker, and Mack Becker. She was preceded in death by her husband, her son, and her brother Vincent Lapham. A memorial service and celebration of Glad's life will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 4 P.M. at the First Presbyterian Church, 220 East Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either the First Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund or to Angela Hospice, Development Office, 14100 Newchurch Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154 (www.angela-hospice.org/donate). Arrangements by Casteline Funeral Home, Inc.

TOCCALINO, GEORGE "BOB" Sept. 2, 2011, Age 83. Funeral was Tues. at Prince of Peace Catholic Church. Contributions to Hospice of Michigan. Condolences: obituaries@hometownlife.com

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Left to right: Jeanette Deller, Marcia Green, ABWA president; Liz Deller, grant recipient; and Julie Deller.

## Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of ABWA awards \$1,500 grant

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) voted in January to offer a \$1,500 grant to aid a Michigan-based female with her education. Applications were accepted from young women who met basic criteria, and a final recipient was selected by the Education Committee.

During the Aug. 10 meeting at the DoubleTree Hotel in Novi, the chapter had the opportunity to meet the recipient and present her with the check, which may be used for tuition.

Elizabeth (Liz) Deller is 20 years old and entering Grand Valley State University this fall as a transfer student from Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC). As

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Membership in ABWA is open to all women. It is a national organization with chapters in all 50 states. The Novi chapter meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the DoubleTree Hotel in Novi.

For more information about the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of ABWA, go online to [www.abwa-novi.org](http://www.abwa-novi.org), or contact [publicity@abwa-novi.org](mailto:publicity@abwa-novi.org).

a freshman at GRCC, she played for the women's volleyball team and volunteered as a referee. Deller also helped run volleyball camps held at GRCC for high school students. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, an academic honor society for community colleges. Deller received her associate's degree in arts with the MACRAO stamp.

She has been admitted into the Seidman College of Business and plans to major in international business and minor in French. In the fall of 2012, Deller will be participating in the study abroad program at L'Université Catholique de L'Ouest in Angers, France.

"We are proud to support Liz as she works toward her educational goals," said Marcia Green, chapter president. "We are also pleased to welcome her as our chapter's first student member of ABWA."

There was a telling scene in the movie "Up In The Air" in which the new employee, being mentored by the George Clooney character about life on the road, is upset because her fiancée decided they needed to see other people and

## Sending your message

By Lee Meadows  
Guest Columnist

The growth and dispersion of some many forms of technological communication have provided, what some would argue as, a practical convenience to an already busy life. We can text faster than we can talk, download music at the moment we can remember the artist's name or the title of the one-hit song that gave them 15 cyber seconds of fame, or e-mail a thought-for-the-day to everyone in our database with the hope that they will forward it to everyone in their database.

The fact that most of us did not want a thought-for-the-day is beside the point. The message has been imposed and, if it has been forwarded often enough, you may never figure out who was the original sender, therefore never knowing what was the original intent. The efficiencies gained, as a result of technology, are welcomed and embraced from the corporate boardroom to the personal family room and have, consequently, altered the direct forms of communication in ways that impact the effectiveness of how messages are interpreted. The human brain, still, needs the face-to-face interaction in order to see the 'whole' picture of a message and to be clear about the intent of the sender.

There was a telling scene in the movie "Up In The Air" in which the new employee, being mentored by the George Clooney character about life on the road, is upset because her fiancée decided they needed to see other people and

While many would argue that the chosen methods of communication are 'workplace generation' issues, there is something to be said for the importance of being the one to carry your own message to the source to insure clarity and minimize subjective interpretation, hearsay innuendo, or the 'he says/she says' soap opera.

Long before we became enamored with the visual charm of communication technology, the day-to-day, face-to-face, eyeball-to-eyeball, communi-



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Lee Meadows

did so by sending her a text message. While this was a poignant moment on the screen, the ability to suspend disbelief at such an act was tempered by the number of actual situations in which employees have quit, or otherwise left, their places of employment and informed their immediate supervisors by way of a text message.

Even more interesting are the number of employees who have an issue with their immediate supervisor and express it by sending a text message to their friend and/or colleague, who then forwards the message to that person's boss. Not to mention the number of workplace romances gone bad that escalate due to the office 'textment' that only stops because one person can text faster than the other.

It is far too easy to take the efficient path of sending a message without taking into account its consequences. Important messages pertaining to relationships, employee to supervisor, fiancée to fiancée, friend to friend, friend to enemy or supervisor to you, through you and for you since you are the one with something to say.

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By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Mark Crilley had always hoped of being able to reach people through his work as a writer and illustrator. He just never thought his reach would expand to countries all across the world and seen by people who speak several different languages.

But thanks to the help of YouTube, Crilley has gone — using an industry term — viral. The Novi resident took to the popular video website initially in 2007 to promote one of his books. But, after seeing how popular he was becoming, he decided to change it up a bit. He then started to make videos of himself talking while drawing and giving advice.

Other artists showcased their works through time lapse videos, while Crilley actually talked people through his work, making him the first "how-to" artist on the site.

"I didn't know how far it was going to go," he said, always hoping that it would catch on. "And now it's mind blowing. It has completely changed my life, and I'm so glad I stumbled into this."

Crilley mainly draws in the manga style and is the published author/illustrator of the Miki Falls manga series, as well as Akiko and Billy Chik.

He said at first it was hard drawing while speaking entertainingly, but he has grown more comfortable with it over the years.

His first video was uploaded in March 2007, and since then he has put 141 more up on the site. He has 364,927 subscribers, joking that it's more than Beyoncé's channel, and his total video views is 61,667,236.

Eighteen of his videos have more than one million views, three of which have more than four million views, with the most popular video being



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Novi resident Mark Crilley has produced a series of YouTube how-to-draw Japanese manga instructional videos. With more than 60,000,000 total views, his channel is helping kids and adults alike. Here he works on an illustration in his Novi home under the eye of a video camera.

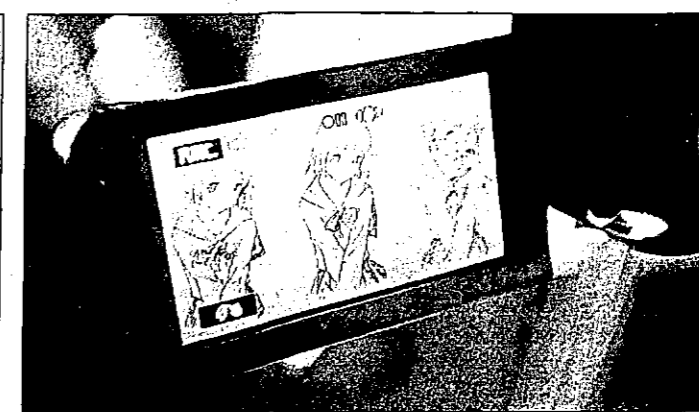
"How to draw a realistic eye."

More than 41,000 people have commented on Crilley's channel, many asking for advice and others thanking him for his help.

"Hi Mr. Mark Crilley, I really like your tutorials on how to draw manga. Some of your videos really helped me and my friends on our skills that are still developing," wrote a user by the name of rise0blackboard453.

"One of the best ones that is a great part of it." More than 41,000 people have commented on Crilley's channel, many asking for advice and others thanking him for his help.

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A manga illustration by Novi resident Mark Crilley in the viewfinder of his video camera.



Crilley

helped people like me and others." Crilley said he often interacts with his subscribers and has "learned loads" from them in terms of what works and what doesn't in his own drawings.

"I have become a mentor of sorts to these kids, and never in my life have I had such a large audience," he said. "It's a joy being able to reach out and connect with so many people."

"To view Crilley's page and check out his videos, go to [www.YouTube.com/markcrilley](http://www.YouTube.com/markcrilley).

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Mark Crilley works on shading one of his Japanese manga illustrations in his Novi home.

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#### Schoolcraft hosts export boot camp

The Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center will present a new series, "Export Boot Camp for Small Businesses," a five-class program starting Sept. 15 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia on initiating or expanding into international markets.

Topics covered include risk assessment, supply-chain management, finance, freight forwarding, insurance, product classification, export regulations and marketing.

Trained MI-SBTDC counselors and export experts from the Small Business Administration will guide participants

#### through the class.

The cost is \$245 per person. (Senior citizen cost is \$196 per person.) Register online or call (734) 462-4438. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road. The five-class program runs from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC) is a statewide business assistance program.

#### C&L Ward again one of the nation's top remodelers

C&L Ward, headquartered in Davison, Mich. with a showroom in Novi, moved up in the rankings among the Top 500 Remodeling Companies in the nation tabulated by Qualified Remodeler magazine. C&L Ward currently ranks 74th compared to 96th in 2010.

The list, published annually by the magazine for the past 31 years, ranks the top remodelers by revenue. "It's quite an achievement and an honor," said Pat Ward, C&L's president. "With more than 100,000 remodelers in the industry, it's truly a distinction that sets us apart."

Ward credits his professional sales staff and certified installers for putting his family name on the line with each and every project they complete. "Sales figures are only a part of the equation. I'm especially proud of our employees for their commitment to see that our customers are completely satisfied before, during and after the sale. It takes everyone's commitment to receive an honor like this and they should all be proud of this achievement," Ward stated.

### OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

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(a.m.) Morning Class 9 a.m. to 12/12:30 p.m.  
(p.m.) Evening Class 6 p.m. to 9/9:30 p.m.

Sept. 8: Pre-Business Research Workshop (a.m.)  
Sept. 13: Social Media Marketing Part 2 (a.m.)

Sept. 14: Working for Yourself... Becoming a Contractor, Service Provid-

or, etc.

Sept. 15: Fundamentals of Starting a Business (a.m.)

Sept. 21: CEED Microloan Orientation

Sept. 22: Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan (a.m.)

Sept. 27: Social Media Marketing Part 3 (a.m.)

Sept. 28: 5 Keys to Achieving Fiscal Fitness

Sept. 29: QuickBooks Essentials Part 1 & 2

Oct. 5: SBA Forum on Small Business Lending

Oct. 6: Pre-Business Research Workshop (p.m.)

Oct. 13: Fundamentals of Starting a Business (p.m.)

Oct. 18: Legal & Financial Basics

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**CHURCH**

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**Sunday Worship**  
Time: 9:30-11 a.m.  
Single Place  
Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Thursday

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville

**Details:** Single Place is a social organization for singles 40 and up hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Thursday meetings feature speakers, games, or entertainment followed with an ice cream social.

**Contact:** For a detailed schedule of all events (dining out, weekend activities, etc.) call (248) 349-0911 or visit [www.singleplace.org](http://www.singleplace.org).

**Sept 1:** Single Place welcomes Mr. Dean Rutledge again as our guest entertainer. Dean was formerly with the Kingston Trio & the New Christy Minstrels. Ice cream social follows. \$5 donation.

**Sept 8:** Single Place Presents Carrie Hays-McElroy speaking on "Healthy Living As We Get Older". Carrie is on the staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Ice cream social follows. \$5 donation.

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**Coffee Hour:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sundays (Sept.-May)

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**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study**  
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**Around the World**



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"Flourescent" Fred Kline (above) of Mad Science show, demonstrates a particularly combustible compound during his "Around the World" show at the Novi Library on July 27. Kline (below) demonstrates how hot air wants to rise above cooler, more dense air as he fills a plastic bag with air from a heat gun.



**An inside look at dating**  
Former Novi residents writes book about her experiences as a single woman

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Former Novi resident Danielle Lenzi has etched out a rather successful career as the vice president of a Fortune 500 company in New York.

But when it comes to the dating scene, Lenzi hasn't been as fortunate — and it's not for a lack of trying.

The 36-year-old said she is "still looking for that elusive one," but her experiences thus far have proved to be entertaining enough to inspire her to write a book about them.

Her book titled "My Search for Prince Charming's Normal Brother," chronicles about 16 dates Lenzi has been on while she was in Massachusetts, New York and the Netherlands. The stories are light-hearted, humorous and something most people can relate to.

"It's supposed to be a motivator for single professionals that are going out into the dating scene," she said. "Maybe they feel alone or rejected or tired of the same old thing and this pokes fun at it."

"Sometimes people think they are the only one having a wacky dating experience and this just lets them know they are not alone."

Lenzi, who graduated from Novi High School and her parents still live in the area, was inspired by her friends and family to write the book after they couldn't get enough of her dating escapades. The book is intended for a very broad audience, and she said the only complaint she has received so far is they want a sequel already.

Farmington Hills resident Elaine Meyerson, whose daughter grew up with Lenzi, said she enjoyed it so much she ended up ordering copies of her friends. Meyerson, who is 65 years old, said the book was exciting to read because it was something she never experienced herself.

"It was eye-opening to see what that generation has experienced in a most delightful way," she said. "I thought she was honest in her evaluations of people and her experiences are worldly."

The book and eBook versions are available for purchase online at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), [www.BarnesandNoble.com](http://www.BarnesandNoble.com) or [www.Authorhouse.com](http://www.Authorhouse.com).

Lenzi also said it has been turned into a document that could possibly become a movie or television show.

"It's very exciting," Lenzi said. "I'm happy to see where it goes."

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**NOVI NEWS BRIEFS**

**Can, bottle drive**  
Doing some fall clean-up? Bag your empties for the annual "Fall Can and Bottle Drive" from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10. Novi High School band and colorguard students will be going door-to-door collecting clean, returnable cans and bottles to support the band program. Novi residents can leave their returnables on their porches, marked for the band, or they will be accepted at the Band Boosters tent behind Busch's Supermarket (on 10 Mile just west of Meadowbrook) if you'd like to drop them off.

**Novi News online**  
Have you checked out our website? It's chock full of local news from the Novi community and is updated often. There are several cool features at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) that allow you browse through the latest news and features from your neighboring communities, too, chime in with your opinion on our stories, editorials and letters to the editor, check out our amazing photo galleries and videos that are captured dai-

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New Novi Middle School Principal Stephanie Shriner chats with eighth-grade students Kristen Gunkelman and Sean Ward Sept. 6, the first day of classes.

**First-day jitters**



New Deerfield Elementary School Principal Kim Warren gives a quick hug to fourth grader Jordana Krstovski as a noon-time lunch wraps up at the Novi school on Sept. 6.



New Orchard Hills Elementary Principal Pam Quitquit smiles as she takes charge of the lunchroom on Sept. 6 for some announcements. Quitquit came over to the school after being the principal of Novi Woods.



Students walk the halls of Novi Middle School on Sept. 6.



Novi Middle School eighth-grade math teacher Karin Halvorsen introduces herself to her afternoon class on Sept. 6 — the first day of instruction for the Novi School District. Halvorsen's class had exactly 30 students in it.



Orchard Hills second-graders Madison Banko, left, and D'Mia Delaney smile as they tuck into their lunches on the first day of fall classes.

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# Dozen vie for Miss Wayne County crown



Competing for the crown currently held by the 2010 Miss Wayne County, Sarah Suydam (seated) are Jenae George of Harper Woods (back row, from left), Olivia Trocchio of St. Clair Shores, Da'Stanza Murphy of Taylor, Jasmine Jones of Detroit, Ashley Welch of Livonia, Erin Hall of Dearborn, Paula Langley of Novi (front row from left), Sarah Bermudez-White of Dearborn Heights, Jessica Jackson of Detroit, Nicole Marie Johnson of Detroit, Shelby Gardiner of St. Clair Shores and Sydney Learman of Linwood (not pictured).

Twelve contestants will vie for the title of Miss Wayne County 2011 at 20th anniversary scholarship program Saturday, Sept. 10.

The program will start at 5 p.m. and will be held at Livonia Churchill High School on Newburgh Road just north of Joy Road, Livonia.

The Miss Wayne County Organization Executive Director Sheila Sigro is impressed with the caliber of this year's contestants.

"We are very pleased with the number of intelligent, ambitious and talented young women who have entered the competition," Sigro said. "With the number of outstanding contestants, it will be a challenging task for the judges to choose the next Miss Wayne County."

Competing in the scholarship program are Jenae George of Harper Woods, Olivia Trocchio of St. Clair Shores, Da'Stanza Murphy of Taylor, Jasmine Jones of Detroit, Ashley Welch of Livonia, Erin Hall of Dearborn, Paula Langley of Novi, Sarah Bermudez-White of Dearborn Heights, Jessica Jackson of Detroit, Nicole Marie Johnson of Detroit, Shelby Gardiner of St. Clair Shores and Sydney Learman of Linwood.

Contestants will compete in five phases of competition at the competition, including private interview, on-stage question, physical fitness in swimsuit, talent and evening gown. During the competition, each contestant will also discuss her chosen platform, a social or community issue of interest to herself and society at large.

The winner of the Miss Wayne County Competition will be awarded \$500 in scholarship funds for her college or graduate school education. Other cash scholarships will be awarded to preliminary competition winners, runners-up and special award winners, such as overall talent, overall physical fitness in swimsuit and community service.

"I have truly enjoyed my year of service as Miss Wayne County and am proud to have traveled the state, raising awareness for fire safety and prevention," Sarah Suydam said. "I know that the leadership skills I have gained from this experience will help me as I pursue a bachelor of arts degree in broadcast journalism."

"Miss Wayne County will not only serve as a role model for young women and as an ambassador for the Miss America Organization, she will also urge girls and young women to develop their leadership skills and to take an active role in their communities," said Sigro.

Established in 1991, the Miss Wayne County Scholarship Organization provides opportunities for young women to achieve their personal and professional ambitions. Contestants also participate in community service activities and develop leadership skills that help them excel in their chosen career and life goals. A not-for-profit affiliate of the Miss America Organization, the Miss Wayne County Scholarship Organization has made available cash scholarships to hundreds of young women throughout Wayne County.

Winners of the annual Miss Wayne County Competition are eligible to compete in the Miss Michigan Competition, held every year in Muskegon in June. The Miss America Organization is one of the nation's leading achievement programs and the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance for young women. Each year, the Miss America Organization makes available more than \$40 million in cash and tuition scholarship assistance.

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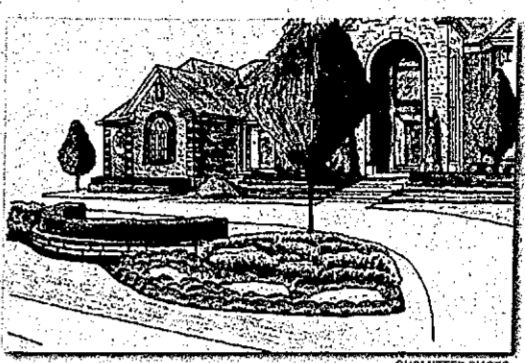
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By DENNIS ZELAZNY  
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Andy Whitmire is the high-energy owner of Executive Landscape. He started his business in Northville in 1994. Whitmire's vision is to be the leader in all landscape design and installation services is well underway and exceeding even his own expectations. Executive Landscape has won many awards for their landscaping projects in multiple cities in the area.

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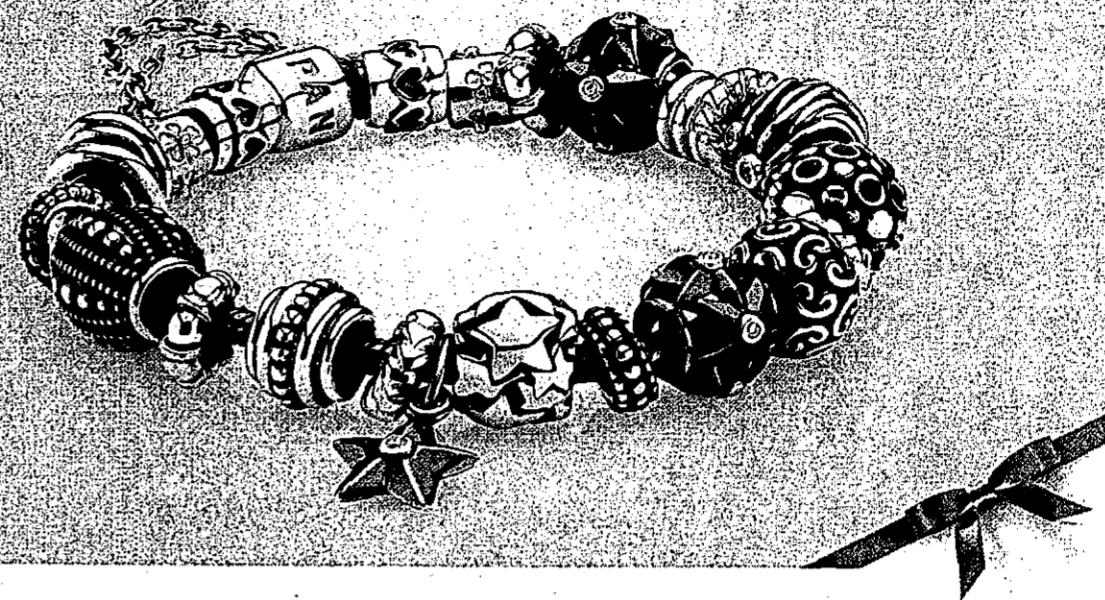
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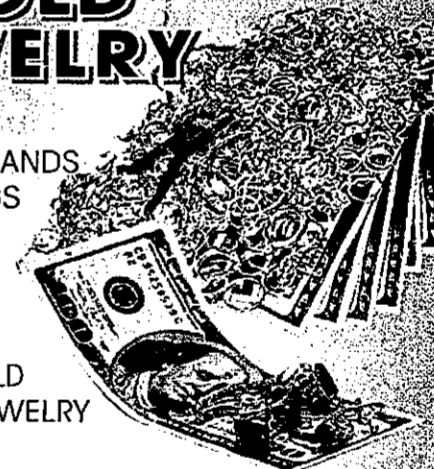
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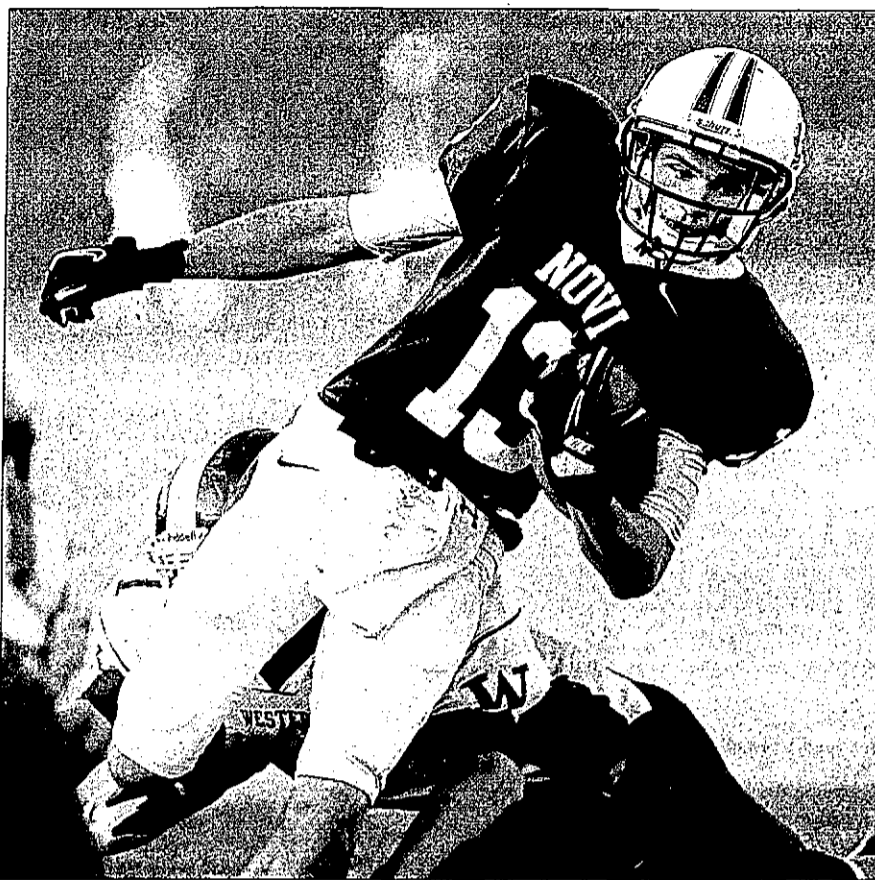
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Wildcat wideout Logan Regnier carries the ball after a reception.

## Warriors carve up Wildcats

Ince shines, but WLW too much for Novi

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

In an almost methodical manner, Walled Lake Western picked apart Novi's football squad last Thursday, leaving the Wildcats thinking about what went wrong after a 50-25 loss.

The Warriors (2-0) piled on 304 yards and scored eight times, overshadowing an impressive display by Novi senior quarterback Derek Ince, who came off the bench mid-way through the second quarter when starting senior quarterback Scotty Kempa banged his wrist on a Warrior's helmet.

A four-yard touchdown run by senior Brent Zdebski (108 yards on 25 attempts, two touchdowns) was

### ON TAP

Novi (0-2) hits the gridiron 7 p.m. tomorrow when the Wildcats host Livonia Stevenson (2-0). The Spartans are coming off a 35-14 win over Waterford Mont (0-2).

In week four, Novi hosts Plymouth Salem (1-1) 7 p.m. Sept. 16.

Novi opened things up immediately following Western's third touchdown. Kempa (2-for-6, nine

touchdowns), giving the Warriors a 22-0 lead with 3:12 left in the first half. A few untimely size mismatches and defensive miscues gave Vieaux space to make plays and deflate the Wildcats (0-2).

"We broke down on one coverage, a mental error. They hit us at the right time when we were the breakdown," Novi coach Todd Pennycuff said. "We got beat when they had a pass when they had a 6-foot-5 kid and we were outmatched there. I thought overall our kids played well and the corners played real well."

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## Novi netters add to win column

Chang returns to doubles lineup, but two singles players battle injuries

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

The competition was a little tougher this week and the Wildcat netters didn't have a flawless result, but Novi's squad pulled out team victories across the board in two dual meets and one quad meet.

After defeating North Farmington 6-3 on the road Aug. 29, the 'Cats (4-0) headed to defending Division III state champs Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood for a 6-2 win Aug. 31 and kept the momentum going to win the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invite last Thursday behind a team total of 20 points.

"It was a good week of tennis for us," Novi coach Jim Hanson said. "We faced two quality opponents in dual matches and I was happy with how the kids played. We've just got to keep working hard in practice and eliminate the mistakes we're making. We just want to work hard, play hard and enjoy the season."

Novi's doubles got stronger as the week went on. Both the one doubles team of senior Bill Bell and junior Jason Carless, as well as the two doubles pairing of senior Brandon Sanders and junior Nishant Kakar, both went 5-0 last week to improve to 9-0 on the season.

Bell and Carless defeated North Farmington 6-3, 6-1; Cranbrook 6-0, 6-4; Pioneer, 6-3, 6-3; Battle Creek Lakeview 6-4, 6-0 and Troy Athens 6-0, 6-1.

Sanders and Kakar beat North Farmington 6-2, 6-3; Cranbrook 6-3, 6-2; Lakeview 6-2, 6-3; Athens 6-1, 6-2 and Pioneer 5-7, 6-0, 6-2.

"Pioneer plays a style of doubles and most of the time you don't face it," Hanson said. "They play two back and then one pushes up. They try to throw you off your game and it's been successful over the years."

Senior Stephan Kovacinski and junior Jon Thompson opened the week with a 7-6(5), 6-2 loss to North Farmington at three doubles before moving to four doubles and defeating Cranbrook 6-0, 6-1; Pioneer 6-0, 6-0; Lakeview 6-2, 6-1 and Athens 6-2, 6-0.

"It's just one of those days where they went out and didn't play up to their capabilities. They couldn't dig themselves out of the hole they were in," Hanson said.

"All the doubles I was very pleased with at doubles. Cranbrook's got a really good team and our doubles really came to play."

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## Novi girls soccer team honored with national title

Wildcats receive championship from ESPN following 22-0-2 season

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Two days after winning the program's fifth state title in June, Novi's girls soccer team was named the POWERADE FAB 50 national champion by ESPN HS for the second time ever.

The Wildcats are only the fourth team in the U.S. to win the national title more than once, with the first occurrence coming in 2006 during their second of three consecutive state titles from 2005-07.

"We've been doing the rankings since the '90s, three seasons, and only four schools have done

it," said Sheldon Shealer, ESPN HS soccer editor. "We identify the teams early in the year based on what we know about them. We just identify 20 teams we think have potential to finish No. 1 and rank them accordingly based on their talent, based on their schedule and then, one by one as they start playing each other and knocking each other off, they slide up."

The Wildcats defeated two of the other three Michigan teams in the rankings, knocking off No. 21 Troy (20-3-2) 1-0 in the state final and No. 31 Utica Eisenhower (19-1-2) 2-0 in a regional final.

Novi never played No. 47 Portage Central (19-3-2), who lost 5-2 to Forest Hills Central in a regional final. The 'Cats had been ranked sixth of seven Michigan schools in the preseason rankings.

"Novi was the beneficiary of having a great team this year and also some teams ahead of them took some losses and they climbed higher and higher and, once they reached No. 1, they finished it off in the playoffs," Shealer said, noting that Nequan Valley (Naperville, Ill.) and Liberty (Liberty, Mo.) were previously ranked No. 1 overall earlier in the season.



Novi's girls soccer team poses with the 2010 POWERADE FAB 50 national champion presented to them Aug. 30 by ESPN HS. The Wildcats went 22-0-2 in the spring and won a second-straight state title, the program's fifth in seven years.

Shealer was at Novi High School Aug. 30 to present the team with a national championship banner, trophy, medals and T-shirts in front of an auditorium filled with families and teachers.

"I'm so happy for these kids," Novi Athletic Director Curt Ellis said. "It's a

once in a lifetime opportunity and, obviously winning a state championship is a special experience, but there are 1,800 high schools in this country and not one of them but Novi is celebrating this today, so it's really neat for them and they deserve it."

Ellis said he wished he were notified of the 2006 team's national championship so they could have been similarly recognized. "One thing that's really tough when you win the state championship late in the spring like

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soccer is that people are done in school. Kids are done, teachers are done, so it's really difficult to get the kids the credit they deserve. So this was a nice opportunity for us to do that," Ellis said. "This is really an outstanding achievement for them. I think it's not just recognition for what this team's done, but for what our girls have done for the last five, six, seven years under Brian O'Leary's leadership."

After coaching the boys team to a state title in 1998, coach O'Leary took the girls program all the way five of the past seven years.

"I think it's a continuation of our strong emphasis of sports as part of our curriculum, sports as part of what makes us as a country strong and what makes the student as an individual strong," said Board of Education Secretary George Kortlandt of the program's success.

Many of the student-athletes didn't know they were even in consideration for a national title until after they had won it. "It's unreal," senior midfielder Kelli Timar said. "Just in general, when you win a state championship, it's awesome. But then learning that you won a national championship, it's just that much better. It wasn't something expected at the beginning of the season at all. As games went on, I could tell that we were really good as a team and

had a chance or a shot at winning the state title. But even after winning States, I still had no clue. I just learned it like a week later that we were national champions. I didn't know and it was really cool."

O'Leary said the team's focus was definitely more local and not on a national or even a state title. "Things just fell into place," O'Leary said. "It wasn't like we tried to win the national championship. I did things the way we always do things. You've got to see what your team is made of. We schedule quality opponents and you've just got to get people in there. The girls just made plays. It's not just like we counted on one person or two people. It was different people all the time."

The Wildcats had several key players this past spring, many who are now playing in college programs. Forward Nicki Caruso and goalkeeper Gabby Gauruder are at Michigan State University, forward Nikki Greenhalgh is at the University of Wisconsin and midfielder Mollie Krick is at Eastern Michigan University.

The right blend is what took the team deep into the playoffs before ending the season with a 22-0-2 record. The girls had finished the 2010 season with 10-straight victories before finishing with a state title and 21-2-2 record.

"Overall, I think it was a great experience, a great season with awesome people," senior defend-

er Katie Rudzinski said of the recent title. "From winning the state title the previous year, it's hard to fulfill that again. But I think that each day we grew closer and improved. I just think overall it was a great experience and I would do it again in a heartbeat."

On top of the recent graduates, three current seniors will return as key team members in spring 2012 alongside a solid supporting cast. Rudzinski, who assisted on the lone goal in the state championship, will be joined by Timar (committed to MSU) and forward Jessica Jarvis (committed to Bowling Green State University). Junior midfielder Natalie Kryger will also be a factor in Nov's offense.

"Like every year, we'll just start over," O'Leary said. "We'll be pretty good, but we lose a lot of offense, so we'll have to find some goals, some scoring from some people. It won't be one person's job or two people's jobs, everyone will have to chip in a little bit more. We'll just start over and do the same thing. We'll play good teams and we'll probably lose a game here or there, but I said that last year, too. We'll probably lose a game here or there though and learn from it and hopefully win our league. That's what we shoot for and that helps us get ready for a state tournament that way."

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

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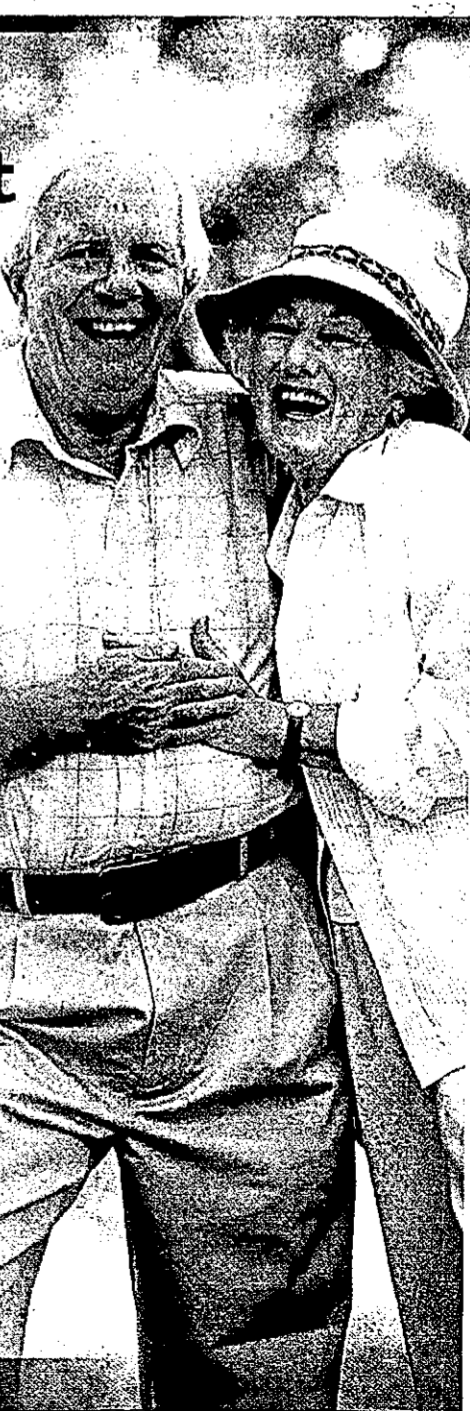
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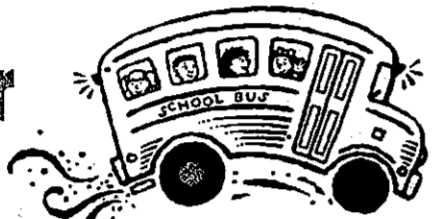
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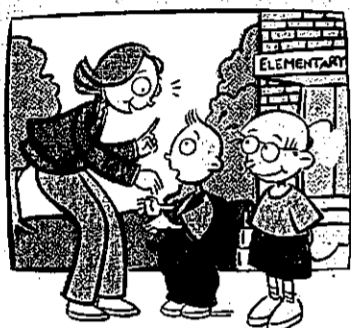
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**September**



**Back to school**

### Back - to - School Fun Facts



**Back to School Shopping:**  
August 2009 - 7.2 billion  
Source: US Census Bureau

**School Enrollment:**  
Number of children/adults enrolled in school throughout the country in October 2008 - 76 million  
Source: US Census Bureau

**Languages:**  
Number of school age children (5 to 17) who spoke a language other than English at home in 2008 - 7.8 million of these children spoke Spanish at home.  
Source: US Census Bureau

**Yearly School Attendance:**  
Students living in United States - 180 days  
Students living in Korea - 225 days  
Students living in Japan - 220 days  
Source: Michigan's Incredible Shrinking School Year

### What's the Scoop?

Back to School, steps to being successful

1. What things did you buy to get ready for the first day of school?
2. What did you do the night before to get ready for school?
3. How do you cope with the first day nerves?
4. What is the best thing about going back to school?
5. What did you miss most about school over the summer?

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Difficulty: Easy  
Age: 5 and up  
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What you'll need:

- 3" Wooden flat star
- 5" Decorative ribbon (1" wide)
- Craft paint
- Glitter glue pens
- Markers (to write names on stars)
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun
- Very strong magnet (as large as you can fit behind the star)

**How to make it:**

1. Paint your star the color desired and let dry.
2. Using a contrasting colored marker, write the child's name and any other words on the star. Ideas: "My Artist Did This" "A Masterpiece by" "Did This" "Look What - Did!"
3. If you mess up on the lettering, just repaint over the star.
4. Using a glitter glue pen, draw a thin line all around the outside edge of the star and let dry.
5. Take your piece of ribbon and fold it in half lengthwise.
6. Starting at the end of the ribbon, cut at an angle toward the folded edge. You should have a "V" shape cut out of the ribbon.
7. Repeat for other end.
8. Fold the ribbon in half. Slightly angle the ribbon so you will see both pieces (see photo).
9. Hot glue on back of star with edges showing below the bottom of the star.
10. Hot glue the magnet on the back of the star.
11. Date the back of the magnet with the marker.



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