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ITC Transmission of Novi's Donna Zaleski teams up with Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and Farmington Hills Mayor Jerry Ellis to plant a tree in Farmington's Heritage Park on Oct. 24. ITC Transmission of Novi is working with the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative — matching a \$100,000 grant — to plant trees around the Rouge River Watershed in Farmington Hills, Novi and West Bloomfield.

## Matching grant from ITC means 850 trees for Rouge Watershed

Novi, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield to benefit

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Parts of the Rouge Watershed in Farmington Hills, Novi and West Bloomfield will be getting a little greener thanks to a \$100,000 matching grant from Novi-based ITC Transmissions to Oakland County.  
The grant, which doubles the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant, will facilitate the planting of about 850 trees at 20 different locations, including about 300 in Novi.  
Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson received the check Tuesday from ITC's director of local government and community affairs Donna Zaleski.

ki at Heritage Park, and the two, along with Farmington Hills Mayor Jerry Ellis, planted the first tree.  
Ellis said Farmington Hills already considers itself a green community and this will only add to the city's attractiveness.  
"It's just a wonderful quality of life amenity," he said.  
Patterson told the gathered crowd consisting of various community leaders that according to the USDA, the new trees would remove more than 20 tons of carbon dioxide from the air per year, release enough oxygen to sustain 1,700 humans and reduce runoff caused by rain by up to 850,000 gallons per year.

The planting of the trees coincides with the county's Green Infrastructure Vision that takes a look into future opportunities to create trails, parks, open space and waterways.  
"This is just another measure to protect and improve the environment in Oakland County," Patterson said.  
Zaleski said the donation is in line with ITC's policy of giving back to its communities.  
"ITC is a very community-focused and environmentally-focused company, and it's one of many things sponsorship-wise we do to add to the community," she said.  
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## District keeps maintenance employees

Board praises their commitment

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

The maintenance employees in the Novi Community School District stayed true to their word of being "part of the solution, not the problem" by offering up nearly \$150,000 in concessions to keep their jobs.  
The Board of Education unanimously accepted the concessions over going with a private contractor at the Oct. 20 meeting, bringing a stressful few months for the five current employees to an end.  
"We are very relieved," said Greg Johnson, alternate union representative and 28-year employee. "We are anxious to get back to doing the work we are there to do and get this behind us."  
The board was looking at two bids from private

companies, and showed in the past it was not afraid to go the private route as trustees did so with the custodians two years ago.  
This time, however, the members of the International Union of Operating Engineers were able to cut cost in a variety of ways.  
Some of the changes include:  
• Wage concessions for 2011-12 — HVAC, electrician, carpenter \$21.86-\$24.45/hour (currently \$23.09-\$25.68/hour); grounds/general trades \$20.86-\$23.45/hour (currently \$23.09-\$25.68/hour); general trades \$19.90-\$22.52/hour (currently \$21.13-\$23.75/hour)  
• Elimination of longevity (currently employees get 3-9 percent based on experience)  
• Medical insurance  
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## City grants Showplace tax abatement

Bowman says construction of new hotel still not a guarantee

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Blair Bowman isn't ready to celebrate just yet, even after he received Novi's first commercial rehabilitation tax abatement from the city council Monday night.  
Staying true to his mantra of saying "this is one of several steps," the owner of the Suburban Collection Showplace now will move forward with franchising agreements, management agreements, financing and then construction of a Hyatt Place hotel attached to his convention center.  
"This is not a relief at

all," he said. "Now it's a license for us to work very hard to do two things. One is to make the project a reality and also to make certain we live up to our commitments with regards to the community and what we said."  
"My hope is that we will be able to construct it, but do I know that standing here now? No, I still don't."  
The majority of the discussion surrounding the project took place last week when council approved the creation of a commercial rehabilitation district. Council members Justin Fischer  
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Novi High School maintenance employees Greg Johnson, right, and Jim Folar team up to load a vehicle in a trailer Oct. 24. They and other members of the school district's maintenance staff recently earned nearly \$150,000 in concessions to keep their jobs. Johnson and Folar have 28 and 15 years of service to the district, respectively.

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plan design changes, including significant changes in deductibles, co-pays and co-insurance

- Implementation of hard cap for insurance premium sharing
- Not filling a vacant plumber position and splitting work among current employees
- Eliminating morning and afternoon breaks
- Wage and benefits freeze for 2012-13
- Extension of contract through June 30, 2014, with economic re-opener

The district still will be hiring an HVAC employee to bring the total number of employees in the union to six.

Board Treasurer Ann Glubzinski praised the group for its work and willingness to offer concessions.

"Our community has been very generous in providing excellent facilities and we don't take that lightly," she said.

"From my perspective, maintaining those facilities as best we can with the highest quality individuals leading the charge is important to me to protect our investment."

Justice Bobbie Murphy

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and Andrew Mutch were the only two members to vote against the abatement Monday night, with Terry Margolis absent from the meeting, for a second time.

Fischer said he did not want it to be "misconstrued" that he didn't think the hotel attached to the center would be a good thing, but he questioned how the abatement aligned with the city's policy.

"Everything I've researched and read off this application, I don't believe it brings any exceptional services or amenities compared to other offerings we have in Novi. And because of that, I don't believe it meets the intent of the policy," he said.

"Further, I don't buy the argument the mere fact it's attached to a convention center makes it exceptional or unique."

Mayor David Landry noted that tax abatements are not something the city does often, but believes it was a must in this situation.

"The Suburban Collection Showplace, other than Twelve Oaks Mall, there's no other business that brings in 1.5 million people to the city of Novi," he said.

"The economic impact is in the hundreds of millions of dollars. We've heard from businesses saying, 'When there's a show in town there's more customers at our restaurants, there's more people at our shops.'"

"It's very important to the future of Novi. And to me, it's not really difficult to imagine the expo center with a hotel is going to draw more conventions than an expo center without a hotel."

The tax abatement the Showplace received is a 100-percent, six-year, real property tax abatement that would freeze

the taxable value of the building as it was before the improvements. It's estimated the city would abate an estimated \$627,500 during that time.

The proposal made by Bowman is to construct a 100- to 140-room hotel with expansion of additional meeting space that is estimated to cost between \$7.5 million and \$10 million.

Other hotel owners in the area said at the previous meeting that the number of rooms was too low for them to see overflow, but Bowman disagreed, noting that 20-plus convention planners said they would use the facility if an on-site hotel was present.

"It will not meet all the room needs, and that is the point we are trying to make," he said. "It will provide us the ability to headquarter."

Mutch said he doesn't think the other hotels' "fear" of the Showplace, but what they fear is "unfair competition."

"When I look at our roles as city government and our role as city council, it's to provide a fair and equal playing field," he said. "We don't pick winners and losers."

Council member Wayne Wrobel was on board with the project, saying he is "willing to forgo the short-term gain for long-term gain," and didn't think it would hurt the other hotels.

"In my book, if they need a hotel to make (the Showplace) viable and continue to prosper, and all the surrounding hotels will continue to prosper, then I don't see why not give it to them," he said.

"I don't really believe from a practical standpoint that this additional hotel is going to be draining off what they have now. If anything, if they are successful, they will get additional rooms here."

**Doctor opens first practice in Novi**

Free flu shots offered to first 24 people

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

There is a new doctor in town.

Dr. Victoria Dooley, a board-certified family medicine physician and recent graduate of the McLaren Medical Group, opened her first practice, Northville-Novi Family Medicine, on Novi Road, just south of Nine Mile Road.



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Dr. Victoria Dooley outside her Novi Road clinic.

Dooley is affiliated with Providence Park Hospital and DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, and is the lone doctor at her practice.

"I think it's extremely important," she said about handling her patients herself. "A lot of things are missed with patient hand-offs, and seeing that I live less than a mile from the office I can be here when I need to be."

Because of Dooley's proximity to the office, she is taking evening and

weekend appointments when people cannot find time during normal business hours that will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

She also is implementing e-appointments to handle urgent care issues that do not require the patient to come into the office.

To celebrate her opening, Dooley is giving free flu shots to the first 24 patients who visit the office located at 21500 Novi Road, suite 200.

To learn more about the practice or schedule an appointment, call (248) 946-4905.



Dr. Victoria Dooley does a checkup on Melissa Santhony in her new Novi Road office. Dooley's practice is located at 21500 Novi Road and she is offering free flu shots to the first 24 people.

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## Women's health the focus of free expo

Four doctors will address various issues

By Nathan Mueller  
Staff Writer

Vicky Savas has been hosting her own health expos for the better part of 25 years. But for the first time on Saturday, she is partnering with three other doctors to host a program specifically catered to women.

The expo, which runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in conference rooms ABC at Providence Park Hospital in Novi and is free to the public, will feature four physicians speaking about heart disease, thyroid disease, tobacco use and its impact on women's health and obesity in women.

"I think women are often ignored when it comes to health," Savas said. "They tend to be caregivers and put themselves 11 on a list of 1-10, and we need to start addressing women's health more aggressively."

Also at the expo will be multiple health care vendors providing free services such as blood pressure readings, blood sugar testing and more.

Everyone who comes will receive a gift bag, free lunch from Senate Restaurant and be eligible for door prizes.

Savas, who holds these free programs several times throughout the year, said the reason she runs them is because

she believes good health starts with education. "I truly believe if you include the patient in their care you will be much more successful at keeping them healthy," she said. "If you educate a patient they will take responsibility for the things they can change like exercise, diet and weight."

Savas also encourages men to attend the program with women to "maybe learn a fact or two" as well. To register for the program, e-mail Savas at vickysavasmd@hotmail.com or call (248) 356-5033.

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## Looks like teen spirit



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Kevin Consel, 12, made this creative cookie face guy out of sugar and wafer cookies, candy corn and chocolate sprinkles during the Oct. 21 teen fall party at the Novi Public Library.

## NOVI ON CAMPUS

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The following students from Novi graduated during the 2011 Summer II session:  
Ryan Burdette, bachelor of business administration, food and consumer package goods market and integrat-

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# Novi businessmen killed in car accident

## Police still investigating cause

Members of metro Detroit's Indian community are mourning the death of four men killed in a crash early Sunday in Southfield.

All the men are part of metro Detroit's Telugu community, which is a group of 3,000 local people who have ties to Andhra Pradesh, or the state of Andhra in India, and who speak the Telugu language, said Venkata Aekka, president-elect of the Detroit Telugu Association.

"We have never seen tragedy of this proportion," Aekka said Monday. "We are taking turns to be with the spouses. It's very heart-wrenching."

The four men were hit head-on in their SUV by a wrong-way driver on M-10 at Telegraph in Southfield at 4:15 a.m. Sunday, according to the Michigan State Police. The 23-year-old metro Detroit driver also died in the crash, and investigators are not currently identifying him, state police Sgt. Nate McQueen said Monday.

Investigators are awaiting test results to determine whether alcohol may have been a factor in the crash.

Three of the victims were co-workers at Miracle Software Systems in Novi, and the other was the father-in-law of one of the men, Aekka said. The father-in-law was visiting from India with his wife to see their 2-year-old granddaughter, Aekka said.

According to the association, those killed were the father of the 2-month-old, Venkatachalam Pasala, 30; Rajendra Prasad Jonnala 50, Pasala's father-in-law; Sateendranath Akula 35, who recently arrived in the U.S. from India with his wife and 2-year-old baby; and Sumanth Rajana, 32, who was married eight months ago and whose wife remains in India.

The four men decided to visit a Detroit casino early Sunday morning and left while their families were sleeping at their homes in the Jamestown Apartments in Farmington, Aekka said. The accident happened as they were heading home, he said.

Autopsies are scheduled for later today with the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office, Aekka said. Then the families will decide whether the men's funerals will be held here or in India, he added.

The accident is still under investigation, McQueen said. Aekka said the Telugu community will be communicating about the men's services through the association website, www.detroittelugu.org.

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## A brand-new pair of skates



Mikhila Johnson (above), right, helps Village Oaks classmate Rachel Lee around the gym as they try out in-line skates Oct. 5. For the month of October, all kids at Village Oaks (below) will have the opportunity to try out skating during the gym classes.



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## NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Stand-alone May school elections a thing of the past in Oakland County

With the announcement by Lake Orion Schools that they will be conducting school elections in November of even-numbered years during regularly scheduled general elections, Oakland County school districts are now 100 percent on board with election consolidation that will save taxpayers around \$500,000 per year, Oakland County Clerk Bill Bullard Jr. said.

"I am proud that our local school systems have seen the wisdom of both saving taxpayers' money and encouraging participation in the democratic process," Bullard said. "I congratulate them for doing the responsible thing."

Recently, Bullard testified in Lansing in favor of a bill that would require all school systems in the state to take the action that Lake Orion took voluntarily. At that time, he testified for a bipartisan effort along with Macomb County Clerk Carmela Sabaugh, a Democrat, before the Senate Committee considering the bill.

"November school elections save taxpayers' dollars and increase voter participation," said Bullard. "Oakland County has led the way in schools voluntarily moving their elections to November. This legislation has the potential to put millions of dollars statewide back into the classrooms. With politics so divisive now, I am grateful that I could join in this bi-partisan effort with Clerks Sabaugh and (Wayne County Clerk Cathy) Garrett."

The proposed legislation in Lansing would require that all regular school elections be held in November of even-numbered years. Currently, some school districts hold theirs in the odd-numbered November, along with city elections.

**'The Phantom' coming to Walled Lake Western**

The Walled Lake Western High School theater will be inhabited by "The Phantom of the Opera" this fall when students perform this winner of seven 1988 Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's mesmerizing score along with jaw-dropping scenery and breathtaking special effects, magically combine to bring this tragic love story to life on Nov. 11, 12, 18, and 19 at 7:30 p.m. and on Nov. 13 and 20 at 2 p.m. "This demanding musical will have a performance company of over 125 students, guided by over 25 adult professionals. The full-length production will involve numerous special effects, including the famous chandelier that rises from the stage in the opening scene," said Gregory Cleveland, Walled Lake Western's choir director and producer of the musical.

Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.wlwmusical.com> or by phone at (248) 856-4625. Ticket prices range from \$18-20 for adults and \$14-16 for students and seniors. Discount tickets are also available for groups of 20 or more.

"The very same script and score that is currently being performed on Broadway will also be brought to life at Walled Lake Western," said Kim Paulin, acting director. "Singing, acting and playing instruments in this international musical phenomenon will be the ultimate learning experience for our students, and a night of professional-level theater that audiences will not believe is presented by a high school."

Walled Lake Western High School is located in Walled Lake, at 609 Beck Road, between Maple and Pontiac Trail roads.

**(... awkward pause)**

Do you ever wish you had said something? Wish you could go back in time and tell someone how you really felt about something, even though it may have you made look like a freak? Do you ever wish that or things were different, that people weren't afraid to speak their minds?

The Novi High School social issue group — (... awkward pause) — puts on shows for each class senior, junior, sophomore and freshman, and for the general public throughout the year. Talking about the issues that everyone knows about but they are just too scared to actually say, their goal is to provide thought provoking theatre. They tackle issues that students face day to day: too much school work, pressure from parents, and friends/peer pressure.

The group will be having their second performance of the 2011-2012 school year at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 in the Black Box of the High School for \$2 admission.

## Personal relationships key to academic success

By Steve Matthews  
Guest Columnist

I attended the homecoming Pep Rally at the high school last Friday where seemingly rationale, professional adults participated in a hip-hop dance performance with high school students.

On Saturday, I stopped by the Homecoming dance. Through mind-numbing music, I once again saw our employees giving of their time on a Saturday night to chaperone our high school students.

Why would adults participate in these kinds of activities?

These adults know that school is more than just what happens during the school day. Our employees know that students will respond better in the classroom when the adults in the building have a personal relationship with the students in their classes. Our employees made a choice. Last Saturday night, instead of staying home or going to a movie or enjoying an evening out at a fine restaurant, these people made the decision to spend time with the young adults of our community.

Our district has two academic goals. Our first goal is that every student will make no less than one year's growth in one year's time. Our second goal is that every student will achieve at a high level. These goals will challenge us. These goals will push us to attend to every student in the district and to find ways to help them achieve. If students know that you care about them, they are much more likely to give their best effort at school or work harder in a classroom.

Our teachers know their subject. They have studied the content of their discipline and know what students need to learn in order to be successful. But if knowledge was the only thing teachers needed to help their students be successful, teaching would be easy. However, knowledge is not the only thing that we need — students also need to know someone cares about them.

They don't care how much you know until they know how much you care is an old saying that says a lot. Our employees understand the power in that saying.

That is why bus drivers try to learn students' names and ask them questions as they get on the bus. That is why those who work in the lunch room talk to the students, encourage them to clean up after themselves and make sure students learn to say please and thank you.

If our expectation is that every student will make progress every year and that every student will work hard to achieve, our students have to have positive relationships in our schools.

Rigor and relationships support one another. We cannot have rigor without developing the relationships that encourage students to succeed.

And that is why high school employees learn hip-hop moves and dance in front of 2,000 students. And that is why these same employees willingly give up their Saturday night to chaperone the Homecoming dance.

I am confident our students will meet our expectations because we have employees who are willing to take the time to develop the relationships that in turn will help develop academic excellence.

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) 437-1204; [www.twitter.com/docmatthews](http://www.twitter.com/docmatthews); or [www.novisuperintendent.blogspot.com](http://www.novisuperintendent.blogspot.com).

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# ExpressSOS online services unveiled at Novi Library

Michigan residents can now access the online, no-wait Secretary of State through a new tool available at ExpressSOS.com, said Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson.

"By expanding online, we are able to transform the way we serve our customers," Johnson said. "This news means more convenience for our clients while alleviating lines at our branch offices so that our employees can provide even better service."

"Thousands more Michigan residents will now be able to complete many transactions online that previously required visiting a branch office, including:

- Renew or replace standard state driver's licenses and ID cards
- Change their address when they move
- Order multiple copies of vehicle registrations and titles

"The success of this effort can be largely attributed to the extremely strong partnership between departments," said Michigan

Chief Information Officer David Behen, whose team at the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget delivered the tool.

"Secretary Johnson set very clear business goals, allowing us to develop a tool to meet the need, and I thank her and the entire SOS team for being great partners and strong supporters of technology."

Under Johnson's leadership, the department accelerated the rollout of this tool after sending "secret shoppers" into branch offices earlier this year. Long waits emerged as a consistent theme.

Every year, more than 10 million people visit their local Secretary of State office, Johnson explained. Of the 9 million license plate/tab renewals processed last year, 6.5 million were processed in the branch offices, she added.

"We saw people waiting in line for an hour just to submit an address change," Johnson said. "For that one service alone, nearly 700,000 peo-

ple come into our branch offices every year and take a number. With ExpressSOS.com, most of them will be able to complete such transactions from their own homes, from their community library, or anywhere else that has an Internet connection. It's a citizen-centric solution."

Beyond the current services available on ExpressSOS.com, more online transactions are in the works. For example, residents with an enhanced license or ID card will be able to renew it or request a duplicate card online after heightened security measures associated with these documents are completed. Additionally, the Secretary of State plans a major upgrade involving computer software in branch offices, allowing staff to respond more effectively and rapidly to customers who choose to visit an office.

To date, over 100,000 online transactions have already been processed successfully during an early test launch of the ExpressSOS site. To encourage broader use



Secretary of State Ruth Johnson and David Behen, chief information officer for the state of Michigan, announced ExpressSOS.com, which offers Secretary of State customers expanded and improved online services, at the Novi Public Library last week. The new online services include renewing driver's licenses and state ID cards and ordering replacement titles and vehicle registrations, as well as improved online vehicle license plate and watercraft registration renewals.

and awareness, the Secretary of State rolled out a low-cost campaign with billboards, radio spots and, of course, online advertisements. The message: "ExpressSOS: The online, no-wait Secretary of State."

## NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

### Man caught with heroin in car

A 23-year-old Wolverine Lake man was arrested on Oct. 20 for operating while under the influence of drugs and possession of heroin after an officer on I-96 near Beck Road noticed his car swerving in its lane several times.

According to the police report, when the officer approached the car the man's hands were shaking and his speech was slow and slurred. He was unsteady when he got out of the car and told police he had a medical marijuana card and smoked three days ago.

During a search of the car, the officer found a pack of cigarettes containing four cigarettes and five heroin packets. He said the drug was not his.

The man was arrested and transported to the Novi Police Department where he submitted to a blood draw and was released. The case is being forwarded to the prosecutor's office for review.

### Drugged driver flees accident

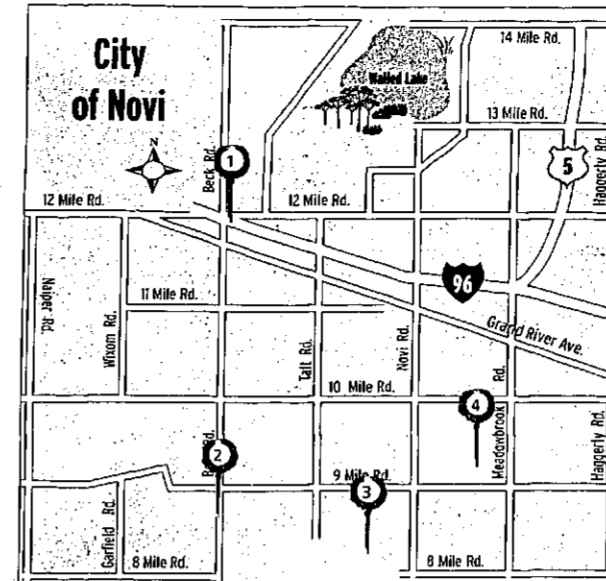
Novi police arrested a man for operating while in the presence of drugs on Oct. 18 after his car was found in a ditch at Beck Road south of Nine Mile.

According to the police report, witnesses saw the driver flee the scene of an accident at 10 Mile and Beck Road before losing control of his car and going into the ditch.

The man told police he pulled on the side of the road to inspect the damage to his car that he didn't notice until he was driving. However, the report states the damage would have been visible prior to driving the car.

He could not tell police where he was and did not know how he got to Northville. He passed a preliminary breath test but failed field sobriety tests.

The suspect told police he had not taken any drugs and gave permission to search the car. During



the search, officers found 26 used whip-its, four pill bottles containing six unknown pills and other known pills.

He was arrested and transported to the station where he was later released. The case has been submitted to the prosecutor's office for review of all charges.

### Drunk driver arrested for third time

A 29-year-old man was arrested for his third drunk driving offense at 1:45 p.m. on Oct. 22 after he got into an accident on Griswold near Eight Mile Road.

According to the police report, he did not have a driver's license and a computer check showed his license had been revoked. He also smelled strongly of intoxicants, but denied drinking.

He failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .17

percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

He was arrested and transported to the police department where he was arrested while intoxicated third offense and driving while license suspended. He was released after posting bond.

### Car, lawn vandalized

The grass at Meadowbrook State Park and a Ford Flex were damaged by unknown vandals sometime overnight on Oct. 23.

According to the report, the owner of the Flex had his windshield and hood damaged by a brick, while the grass on the lawn had several deep ruts from a car driving through it.

Police were unsure if the two incidents were related, but are continuing to investigate.

Police have no suspects at this time.

—Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

# Police and fire offer Halloween safety tips

Three hundred and sixty-five days of the year we tell our kids, "Don't take candy from strangers!" And, then on Halloween we send them out to take candy from every home they can, until they tire. The Novi Police and Fire Departments encourage all the little ghosts, witches, superheroes, and princesses to have a fun, yet safe Halloween on Monday, Oct. 31. Recommended trick-or-treat hours are between 6-8 p.m.

Both Police and Fire Departments promote safety at all times, but it is never more important than during Halloween. Drivers must remain aware and drive safely since children will be out on the local streets. Additionally, the National Fire Protection Association reports Halloween is the fourth highest day of the year for candle fires, trailing only Christmas, Christmas Eve, and New Year's Day. Fires caused by ignited decorations resulted in an average of 1,170 house fires a year.

"We continuously encourage community members to be safety conscious, but ask that they pay even more attention on Halloween," comments Novi's Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police David E. Molloy. "The biggest dangers faced on Halloween are injuries from tripping and falling and pedestrian accidents. Unfortunately, many children forget safety tips out of sheer excitement while traversing from house-to-house trick-or-treating. It is important for parents to set the example by staying on main pathways and crossing at corners."

To ensure a safe Halloween, the Novi Police and Fire Departments recommend the following safety rules.

**Children should:**

- Go only to well-lit houses and remain on porches rather than entering houses.
- Travel in small groups and be accompanied by an adult.
- Know their phone number in case an emergency telephone call is necessary.
- Have their names and addresses attached to their costumes.
- Bring treats home before eating them so parents can inspect them.

**When walking in neighborhoods, children should:**

- Use flashlights, stay on sidewalks, and avoid crossing yards.
- Cross streets at the corner, use crosswalks (where they exist), and do not cross between parked cars.

Parents are encouraged to share these tips with their children to ensure a safe and enjoyable evening for the entire family. For more information about the Novi Police and Fire Departments and important safety tips, visit cityofnovi.org.

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**CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN**  
NOTICE OF OFFICIAL PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST  
ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Clerk's Office will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the Optical Scan tabulating equipment to be used for the Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

The test will be conducted at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at the Novi City Clerk's Office, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of the law.

This test is open to all interested parties. For further information, contact the Novi City Clerk's Office at 248-347-0458.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

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**NOTICE OF CITY GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2011 THE CITY OF NOVI**

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Novi - Oakland County, Michigan: Notice is hereby given that a City General Election will be held in the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan on TUESDAY, November 8, 2011. The Polls will be open 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. All Polling Places are handicap accessible and Braille and audio versions of voting instructions are available for the Polling Places listed below.

PRECINCT	LOCATION	ADDRESS
1 and 2	Meadowbrook Congregational Church	21355 Meadowbrook Road
3	Village Gaks Elementary School	23333 Willowbrook Road
4	Novi United Methodist Church	41671 Ten Mile Road
5	Orchard Hills Elementary School	41900 Quince
6 and 7	Holy Family Catholic Church	24505 Meadowbrook Road
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9 and 11	Brightmoor Christian Church	40800 West Thirteen Mile Road
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16, 17 and 18	Novi Civic Center	45175 West Ten Mile Road
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Scott Craig

Northville Public Schools will have the following ballot proposal for an "OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL":

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, be increased by 20.91 mills (\$20.91 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2012 to 2021, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2012 is approximately \$8,044,850 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2012 tax levy)? Yes or No

Absentee ballots are available to qualified electors at the Office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, November 5, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining an absentee ballot. The deadline for the City Clerk's Office to receive applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 5, 2011. Persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot may obtain a ballot in person at the City Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 7, 2011 and must vote that ballot in the City Clerk's Office. You may verify your voter registration and polling location at www.michigan.gov/elections

Maryanne Cornelius, MMC  
Novi City Clerk

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**CITY OF NOVI**  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18.252

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18.252 TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18, AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE AT ARTICLE 25, GENERAL PROVISIONS SECTION 2516, SITE PLAN REVIEW (ALL DISTRICTS); IN ORDER TO UPDATE THE EXISTING CITY OF NOVI SITE PLAN MANUAL.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, October 17, 2011 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after its publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

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**NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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Please contact Gina Mancinelli at Plante & Moran, PLLC, 248-223-3390 or [Gina.Mancinelli@planteandmoran.com](mailto:Gina.Mancinelli@planteandmoran.com), if you have questions about obtaining the RFP.

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Matthew Mendell, 16, right, and Alex Gillman, 12, bite into their eyeballs during a fall festival party at the Novi Public Library on Oct. 21. The party, with food, games and chat for teens, allowed them to create some ghouly things out of doughnut holes (your eyeball), white frosting, and red edible gel. Oh, and chocolate chips for the iris.

NOVI NEWSMAKERS



**Kim Ziomek**  
Kim Ziomek formerly with RDA Group, and current president and founder of Automotive Women's Alliance Foundation (AWAF), has joined Paragon Leadership International as VP, Strategic Alliance and Business Development, effective Oct. 18. Paragon is a MI HO leadership development firm specializing in executive & leadership coaching

ANNOUNCEMENT



**Plymale & Hall**  
Cassie L. Plymale and Brandon Hall announce their engagement.  
The bride-to-be is the daughter of Tim and Jeanine Plymale of Plymouth. Her fiancé's parents are Tamara Vandenberg of Novi and Charles Hall of Wayne. A June 2012 wedding is planned in White Lake.

NOVI NEWSMAKERS

**Darlene Zimmer**  
Darlene Zimmer has joined Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel (CBWM) as sales manager of their Ann Arbor/Ann Arbor office. Zimmer comes to CBWM from Real Estate One in Novi. She has 12 years of experience as a Realtor, with nearly \$60 million in residential sales transactions. She is a 13-year resident of Northville.  
"Darlene is a focused and competitive leader and brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge," said John North, CBWM chief operating officer. "We are very pleased that she has joined our leadership team."

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**BAKER, JO ANN E.**  
Age 80, of Newaygo, passed away 10/21/2011. Beloved wife of Theodore. Loving mother of Tom (Sally) Baker, Jeanne Baker, and Jennifer (Fred) Bentley.  
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**BELL, GEORGE**

Age 84, of Gregory, died Thurs., Oct. 20, 2011. He was born June 29, 1927 in Detroit to John & Mae Bell. He married Elizabeth Lenz on November 20, 1948. She preceded him in death on August 9, 2008. He was a veteran of the US Army. Surviving are his six children: Diana (Joe) Allen, Frances (Bill) Rochelleau, George Jr. (Susan), Debra (Michael) Capaldi, Thomas (Karen) and James (Michelle), 14 grandchildren. Healer (Greek) Jenkins, Sarah (Kevin) Schuit, Brandon Allen, Joseph Alan, Kevin (Kimberly) Rochelleau, Christopher Rochelleau, Natalie Bell, Nicole (Tim) Larry, Danielle Capaldi, Brittany Capaldi, Jonathan, Kristina Bell, Ashley Bell, Nicholas Bell and eight great-grandchildren: Karman & Skyler Jenkins, Alina, Kaitlyn, Brooke & Chloe Schuit, Tristin & Lucas Rochelleau and sister, Ida Zuber. He was preceded in death by seven siblings. Services 10:30am Tues., Oct. 25 at Niblack Funeral Home, Dillingham Lucretia Chapel, Dillingham in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.  
www.niblackfuneralhome.com



**CRAWFORD, RUTHELLEN EDGE**

Age 82, longtime resident of Northville, passed away peacefully October 22, 2011 in Livonia, Michigan. She was born on June 30, 1929 in Grand Rapids, Michigan to Emy and Beatrice (Miller) Edge. She met her husband at Central Michigan University while getting her Bachelor's Degree. She later received a Master's Degree from University of Michigan. Ruthellen was united in marriage to Richard A. Crawford in 1951 and they spent 45 loving years together until his death in 1996. She taught middle school Social Studies and English for Novi Public Schools. Many will remember Ruthellen as one of the owners of Crawford's Family Restaurant in Northville. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Northville for 41 years, a member of ANW, the Northville Historical Society, and Saak Trail #573 Quilters. As someone who loved to do volunteer work, she was active with Preservation Wayne, a volunteer with the DPA, and a docent at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia, MI. Ruthellen was preceded in death by her husband, Richard A. Crawford, on Oct. 22, 2011. A memorial service will be held at St. John Health Foundation.

**FENOGLIO, MARY**  
Age 106, October 19, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Ansel Fenoglio. Grandmother of Stephen (Stephanie) Fenoglio, Carol (Robert) Skinner and Melissa Rojas. Great-grandmother of Melanie and Travis Fenoglio and Jakob and Ryan Rojas. Mother-in-law of Diane Fenoglio, Aunt of Gene Becco, Kay Martin and Kathryn Manitz. Memorial service 11 am Monday, October 24th at Mary & Will Funeral Home, 2645 Plymouth Rd., in Redford. Contributions may be made to His Church Region, 36353 Plymouth Rd., Livonia, 48150

**KONARSKIE-LOPER, DORIS M.**  
Age 85, of New Hudson, passed away Oct. 19, 2011. A funeral service was held Sat., Oct. 22, 2011 at Castlepoint Funeral Home of South Lyon. Donations suggested to St. John Health Foundation.

**LAWRENCE, DONALD "DON"**  
A long time resident of Milford died on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 in the care of his family. He was 80 years old. Don is survived by Elizabeth (nee Gallagher), his beloved wife of 55 years, sons, Michael (Carol) and Mark (Luzia) Lawrence, daughter, Patricia (Bill) Petrus, grandchildren, Steve, Brian, Richie, Jake, Kristen, nephew, Kevin, and other extended family members and very dear friends. Visitation will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Thursday, October 27, from 2 - 8 p.m. For further information please call 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

**THOMAS, JOHN D.**  
Age 94, of South Lyon, passed away 10/20/2011. A funeral service was held 10/23/2011 at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, Castelfine Funeral Home, Inc.

**UKROP, JOHN DANIEL**  
Age 80, October 20, 2011. Born October 14, 1921. John served in the Army during WWII and was a principal of a Ferrand Elementary school. He was the beloved husband of Betty for 56 years. Loving father of Dawn (Jackie) and grandfather of Andrew and Joey. Dear brother of Anna and brother-in-law of Bunty (Carl) Hoelner and Dosh (Rond) Allen. Memorial gathering Saturday October 29 10am with memorial service 2pm at Redeemer Lutheran, 1600 W. Maple, Birmingham. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made to Redeemer Lutheran or Holy Fire Hospice. www.harrywillfuneralhome.com

**BONAHUE, ROBERT V.**  
Age 90, passed away October 14, 2011. A memorial service was held on October 22, Saturday, at Phillips Funeral Home. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

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Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com  
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Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month  
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Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast  
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OUR VIEWS

## Best for Novi

On Nov. 8, voters in Novi will be selecting three City Council members and a new mayor. Vying for the four-year council seats are two incumbents — Dave Staudt and Wayne Wrobel — and challengers Ramesh Verma, Ed Kramer, Rickie Ibe, Laura Casey and Donna Skelley. Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Gatt is facing council member Justin Fischer in the mayoral race. All nine have served or are serving the city in some capacity; an impressive field of candidates that should make Novi proud to have such committed citizens who want to be a part of the governing process here. (Our school board choices will appear in next week's edition.)

Mayor

**Bob Gatt** has the experience that is essential to guiding this city, and he's been part of it for nearly 40 years. He's served two terms on council, the last three years as mayor pro tem. As a police officer here for 27 years, he realizes that quality public safety is a priority in keeping Novi an attractive place to live.

Gatt wants a thriving Main Street area and is intent on economic development there — by partnering with the county to get the 52-1 District Court relocated, maybe moving the Post Office there, or offering business incentives. The controversial tax abatement for the Suburban Collection Showplace has his full support because he knows how much that facility means to Novi. He wants more parking for seniors at city hall, and he wants transportation costs for those citizens to be absorbed possibly by the city.

There is speculation that if elected mayor it would just be a stepping stone to Lansing. Regardless, he exhibits a true love of the city of Novi, and he is the right person to be its next mayor.

City Council

**Dave Staudt** has held a council seat since 2007 and has earned another term. This 18-year resident is a fiscal conservative, and that has led to Novi being positioned better than virtually any community in this state to handle rough times with a .28-percent rainy day fund balance.

As the founder of the Novi Parks Foundation, additional park land and more ball fields are part of his agenda, and that's a good thing. He believes the Landings Property on the southern portion of Walled Lake could be developed into a world class park, but he wants to make sure its historical aspects (Walled Lake Casino and amusement park) are noted. More walking paths, recreation facilities, expanded senior facilities and possibly a performing arts center are all on his menu, as is focusing efforts on building up the Grand River Avenue corridor from Taft to Haggerty roads.

**Wayne Wrobel** is only one year into his appointment, but he has earned a full term. Quiet and easy-going, Wrobel brings a wealth of zoning and planning knowledge. A 27-year resident, he is intent on keeping Novi solvent and focuses on long-term fiscal viability. With most of the big budget issues picked to the bone by now, he searches for smaller savings (like opposing iPads for council members) or inexpensive projects (adding handicap parking in front of city hall). And he's looking at ways to help ease transportation costs for seniors at Meadowbrook Commons.

We also recommend **Laura Casey** for council. She has served on the library board for six years, including as president during construction of the new facility. In that capacity, she has experienced and worked through many of the same challenges that council addresses: infrastructure, revenue, policies/procedures, and salaries/benefits. The 11-year resident would like to get more citizens involved in volunteer opportunities. She would like to see Novi develop a long-term plan similar to Detroit 2020 and realizes that this city will soon be dealing with a huge increase in senior citizens that will bring infrastructure needs. Her voice would be a solid addition to the seven-member board.

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## What is your favorite Halloween costume or idea?



"Lady Gaga."  
Anna Lu  
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"I like to be a witch."  
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"Fred from the Flintstones."  
Billy Ulle  
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"Pikachu (from Pokemon)."  
Tanner Vincent  
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LETTERS

### End middle, lower class attacks

One reason President Obama's fine Jobs Bill Act is not supported is because the Republican right purposely blocks any of his ideas. These leaders in Congress are callous toward persons in the less fortunate economic classes.

They live by the mottoes "Greed is good" and "I've got mine. You just try to get yours." No alternatives for solving unemployment are given. No new taxes and deregulation are their only responses.

Another reason is the center left Democratic politicians lack the will and nerve to counter attack. Finally, lately, the president himself has begun to be confrontational and forceful. He can no longer be naive and conciliatory. Compromise doesn't work.

The grassroots Occupy Wall Street movement knows politicians are not helping the country recover from the recession. The grievances include the pain of unemployment, the corrupting influence of big money, the inequality of wealth and income. The protesters decry the fact that the people and institutions which caused the worst economic crisis since the 1930s are not brought to justice. Now similar organizations have begun around the U.S. and the world.

Occupy Wall Street is a wake-up call for American citizens. We the people. Government is us. All can join the struggle to end the attack on the middle and lower classes. Are we content to live in this "corporatocracy" which is replacing our cherished democracy?

Hannah Provence Donigan  
Commerce

### Vote for Verma

On election day, voters of Novi should consider Ramesh Verma for City Council. A longtime resident, Mr. Verma is a very intelligent and concerned individual. He has served Novi on various committees, commissions and our community in many ways.

Ramesh Verma will make an excellent councilman and his commitment to Novi will continue to be an asset.

As a resident of Novi for over 32 years, Ramesh has seen our city go through many changes and has the wisdom to help lead our city through changes yet to come. He is the type of individual we need on City Council.

Chuck Tindall  
Novi

### Backing Gatt

Bob Gatt will make a great mayor for the City of Novi. He has 37 years of service to the city as a police officer (now retired), a council member and mayor pro tem. He has a demonstrated ability to work with people and to serve the community. Vote for experience and proven results. Vote for Bob Gatt on election day.

Gary and Susan Allen  
Novi

### Vote for Gatt

Bob Gatt has been a figure in our community for many years, both as a valued employee and elected official. Over the years he has displayed outstanding leadership qualities and a strong compassion for its citizens and

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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the community as a whole.

We, the members of the community, get the value of an individual that has the maturity and experience to represent the city, and all of its taxpayers, as its mayor.

We would urge you to consider these facts when you cast your vote on Nov. 8.

### Supporting Bob Gatt

For the past 37 years, Bob Gatt has built a distinguished record of service to Novi. In 1975, he began a career in the Novi Police Department that would continue for 27 years and fueled his passion for our city. Residents have benefited greatly from his efforts on city council. Bob has been an outspoken advocate for public safety, and his business experience has helped Novi avert the financial problems that have plagued many surrounding communities. In the current economic environment budget constraints are particularly challenging for cities like Novi, and Bob has a proven record of sound fiscal policy while funding important projects without additional burden to residents. The numerous endorsements his campaign for mayor has received are indicative of his character and ability to get things done.

As 16-year residents of Novi, we count ourselves very fortunate to live in a vibrant community where so many people take an active approach in serving their community. Having a friend and neighbor like Bob, who demonstrates that type of commitment, is a true blessing. The challenges facing the city today require an experienced leader with a history of accomplishments. There has never been a time during our years in Novi where it was more important to elect the most qualified candidate for mayor. Bob Gatt is the clear choice to keep

Novi moving ahead.  
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### Fischer for mayor

I have watched with great interest as election day draws nearer and Novi gets set to elect a new mayor. As always, much of the campaign is fought through the editorial pages of our local newspaper. There have been several letters to the Novi News editor from people who do not even reside in Novi, offering an endorsement for one of the candidates. I find this a bit strange — that we are supposed to be swayed to vote for a particular candidate by someone who doesn't even live here. Then, this past Thursday, there was published one of the most vilifying, mean-spirited letters I have ever read, denigrating a council person for backing Justin Fischer as mayor. The letter railed against rhetoric, but contained nothing but rhetoric itself. It was filled with name-calling but offered no real facts to assist voters in making their decision. What it did do, however, was point out what I think is the main issue with this race.

From my viewpoint, the other side clearly wanted to run unopposed. Justin Fischer did nothing more wrong than stand up, take responsibility, and ensure that the voters have a choice. And what a choice it is. You can choose to maintain this unfortunate status quo by voting for another one of the "old boys" who have been running Novi for far too long, or you can vote for Justin Fischer, a well-educated, well-experienced — in both business and city government — public servant who will bring a breath of fresh air to the Novi mayor's office. Based on the example he has set as a councilman, I believe that, rather than being a politician who assumes that he knows what is best for the citizens of Novi (something we've been saddled with for many years), Mr. Fischer will be a leader who listens to and works with all citizens of Novi.

On election day, please vote for change; the time is NOW! Vote for Justin Fischer.

Norm Powell  
Novi

### Vote for Wrobel

I met Wayne Wrobel in 2003 while serving on the Willowbrook Farms Homeowners Board. Wayne has been active in the Novi community for many years in a variety of ways. He served on the Novi Planning Commission from 2004-09 and the Novi Zoning Board of Appeals from 2007-10. He has also been a member of the Novi City Council since 2010.

Wayne is a great representative for the City of Novi and is grateful for the opportunity to serve the community. Leaders like Wayne Wrobel help Novi to be all it can be. The future will continue to be bright because of the dedication and hard work of people like Wayne Wrobel. I am endorsing Wayne Wrobel for Novi City Council.

Edmund P. Shaheen  
Novi

## CHURCH

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**Women of the Word**  
Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays through Nov. 15  
Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of Acts entitled "Acts of the Holy Spirit — Preparing Our Hearts for God's Lessons." There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
Location: 300 E. Main St.  
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit [firstpresnville.org](http://firstpresnville.org)  
Sunday Worship  
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 headed by the first Presbyterian Church of Northville. Thursday meetings feature speakers, games, or entertainment followed with an ice cream social.

**Contacts:** 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. 15:** Single Place Sloppy Joe's & Euchre. Come play euchre or learn how as we have qualified teachers among us. Join us for a fun evening of fellowship with other singles. \$7 for the dinner & social ice cream that follows.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Location: 205 East Lake Street (corner of Wells and 10 Mile Road), South Lyon  
Contact: (248) 437-2875  
**Annual Rummage Sale**  
Time/Date: 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11; 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 12 (\$1 bag sale 11 a.m.-noon)  
**Details:** Collection is 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1-10

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**  
A Stephen Ministry Church

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**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
Contact: (248) 349-0565  
**Sundays**  
Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study, 10 a.m. Worship

**LAKES BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake  
**LIVONIA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia  
Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit [www.livoniachurch.net](http://www.livoniachurch.net)  
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. (Nov. 27-28)  
Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd.  
Contact: (248) 349-1144 or [www.funorthville.org](http://www.funorthville.org)  
**Sunday worship:**  
Times: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m. (Sept.-May); 8:30 and 10 a.m. (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend)  
**Pastors:** Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, senior pastor and Rev. Jeff Sturgeon, associate pastor  
**Coffee Hour:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend); 10:15 a.m. Sundays (Sept.-May)  
**Healing Service:** 4 p.m. first Monday of every month  
**Legs Youth Club:** 5 p.m. Wednesdays for fourth-12th graders (Sept.-April)  
**Men's Club:** 8 a.m. second Saturdays  
**Contact:** Heather J. Wallas, communications director, (248) 349-1144, Ext. 26, or e-mail [hwallas@funorthville.org](mailto:hwallas@funorthville.org)  
**"From Grief to New Hope"**  
Time/Date: 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 12  
**Details:** One-day grief workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses. Contact: (248) 349-1144.

**MERRY WIDOWS LUNCHEON**  
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month/Pilgrim Fellowship  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Sundays  
**NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY**  
Location: 41355 Six Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 348-9030  
**Sundays 9-10 a.m.:** Sunday School for Adults/Youth/Children  
9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium  
10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)  
**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study**  
845-1030 a.m.: (café)  
**Wednesday Family Night**  
7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; junior and senior

**high student ministries;** children's programs (M-Pact; Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) — contact (248) 348-9031  
**NOVI-NORTHVILLE CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE**  
**Details:** A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year — children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.  
**Contact:** Rabbi Avronhom & Leah Suskind at (248) 790-5075 or [rabbi@novi-jewishcenter.com](http://rabbi@novi-jewishcenter.com); [www.novi-jewishcenter.com](http://www.novi-jewishcenter.com)  
**NOVI UNITED METHODIST**  
Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road  
Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit [umcnovi.com](http://umcnovi.com)  
**Sunday Worship**  
Time: 9:45 a.m.  
**Healing Service and Holy Communion**  
Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

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Local events

**HEALTH DISCUSSION: "YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT!"**

**Time/Date:** 1-2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3  
**Location:** Novi Senior Center  
**Details:** Learn from the experts the nutritional tips for increasing energy and a healthier lifestyle including the benefits of proper water consumption, eating whole foods, adequate sleep, good posture and much more. Light refreshments will be served. Presenter will be Medical Professionals from HealthQuest.

**VARICOSE VEIN SCREENING**

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5  
**Location:** Providence Park Outpatient Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue at Beck Road. Enter the campus off of Grand River Avenue and come to the

**GET LISTED!**

**Submit:** Send calendar submissions via e-mail to [estone@gannett.com](mailto:estone@gannett.com) or by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.  
**More:** For a complete listing of local and regional events see the Northville Calendar online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

**main entrance of the Outpatient Center.**

**Details:** The free screening will be conducted by Comprehensive Vascular Care, P.C. Dr. Kevin Nolan, Dr. William Oppat, Dr. Tamer Boules. Registration is required so that we may staff accordingly.  
**Contact:** (248) 424-5748 to schedule the time of your screening

**NORTHVILLE & NOVI GARDEN CLUB MEETING**

**Location:** Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street  
**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14  
**Details:** Connie Marcangelo speaking on "Chocolate Garden of Eatin'"  
**Time/Date:** 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12  
**Details:** Holiday party for members only.  
**Contact:** Fran Gunderson (248) 349-6457

**Business**

**NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST**

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 a.m. first and third Tuesdays (except Nov. and Dec., which are just the first Tuesdays)  
**Location:** Kerby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road  
**Details:** Business networking focused on building relationships. The Sunrise Networking Group, LLC ([www.sunrisenetworkinggroup.com](http://www.sunrisenetworkinggroup.com)), or SNG for short, is a group of about 250 business leaders who help each other to build more business by referring people to each other. Cost of breakfast is \$10.  
**Contact:** Fonda Milana 586-232-3009 or [fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroup.com](mailto:fmilana@sunrisefinancialgroup.com)

**METRO NOVI BNI**

**Time/Date:** 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday  
**Location:** On the Border Restaurant, 21051 Haggerty Road (north of Eight 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

**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  
**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.novitoastmasters.com](http://www.novitoastmasters.com).  
**Contact:** Linda Kreuter at [PR@novifreetoasthost.us](mailto:PR@novifreetoasthost.us)

**NOVI ROTARY CLUB**

**Time/Date:** Noon every Thursday  
**Location:** Novi Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile Road  
**Details:** Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check website for speaker information: [novirotary.org](http://novirotary.org).  
**NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**Contact:** [www.novichamber.com](http://www.novichamber.com) or call (248) 248-3743  
**Novi and W. Bloomfield Chamber Luncheon**  
**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 3  
**Location:** Courtyard by Marriott, 31525 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Keynote speaker Amy Banning, Michigan Business Ombudsman, will provide an update of Michigan Economic Development Corporation projects and major initiatives. The MEDC recently launched Pure Michigan Business connect which provides opportunities for Michigan businesses to buy and sell to one another. Cost is \$20; pre-registration required.

**WALLED LAKE LIBRARY**

**Location:** 1499 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake  
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**HUD Counseling**  
**Time/Date:** 5-8 p.m. first Mondays  
**Details:** HUD-certified

**English Conversation Group**

**Time/Date:** 1-2 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 8 and Nov. 15  
**Details:** Make friends while you practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills. No need to register.  
**Starlight Story Time**  
**Time/Date:** 7-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8  
**Details:** One of your favorite NFL football teams will combine stories, music, and fun for a special bedtime treat at this preschool story time.  
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**gauge? Let's Talk!"**

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8  
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**A Better You - Screening for Meaning**  
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**Help for Families From Oakland Livingstone Human Services Agency**

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 8 and Nov. 15  
**Details:** Need help with transportation, food, health, support services, child care education, finances or housing? Through Dec. 27, residents can drop in and meet with an OLHSA staff member at the library.

**Open Office Hours in the Local History Room**

**Time/Date:** noon-2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7  
**Details:** On the first and third Mondays of each month, a member of the Novi Historical Commission will hold office hours in the Local History Room to help researchers use its many resources.  
**Monday Evening Book Discussion**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7  
**Details:** Join your friends for a lively discussion of *Lead* by Marilynne Robinson.  
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**Kiddie Crafts**

**Time/Date:** 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5  
**Details:** Toddlers and preschoolers will have the opportunity to create a work of art using their imaginations and the supplies that will be provided. We may get messy so please dress accordingly. Each child must be accompanied by an adult helper. Registration is required.

**Friend's Board Meeting**

**Time/Date:** 7-8:45 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9  
**Details:** Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7PM in the Library's Board Room. Everyone is welcome at the meetings and we cordially invite you to attend.  
**The Bassett Family and Tollgate Farm, Early Settlers to Novi**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10  
**Details:** Come join Roy Prentice, Chair of the Novi Historical Commission and Farm Manager of the MSU Tollgate Education Center, as he shares the history of the farm he manages. Located at the corner of 12 Mile and Meadowbrook Roads, Tollgate's 160 acres are a unique facet of the Novi community. Travel with Roy to 1831, when the farm was first purchased by Samuel Bassett. Learn how these early settlers made a life in our community and preserved the farm for us to enjoy. Roy will share photos and other elements of this earlier time. Please register.  
**Excel Basics**  
**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12  
**Details:** Learn how to create, modify, and save a spreadsheet using Microsoft Excel 2007 in this hands-on workshop. Participants need to be confident using a computer and proficient with the keyboard and mouse. Please register.  
**Word Basics**  
**Time/Date:** 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12  
**Details:** Learn the basics of creating, modifying, and saving a document using Microsoft Word 2007 in this hands-on workshop. Participants need to be confident using a computer and proficient with the keyboard and mouse. Please register.  
**An eReader Sampler**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14  
**Details:** Give it a try before you buy! Test popular eReaders and tablets before you begin your holiday shopping. Also, learn more about downloading eBooks and audiobooks with OverDrive. Please register.  
**Internet Instruction for Seniors**  
**Time/Date:** 10:30-11 a.m. or 11-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15  
**Details:** These half-hour sessions provide personal instruction by a librarian on internet basics such as navigating the task bar, searching with known addresses and keyword searching.  
**Genealogy & Military Records**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15  
**Details:** Join James N. Jackson, award-winning Genealogist, as he presents on successful techniques for researching military records. Please register. Members of the Novi/Northville Historical Commissions will be available to provide genealogical research support in the local history room from 6-6:45 p.m.



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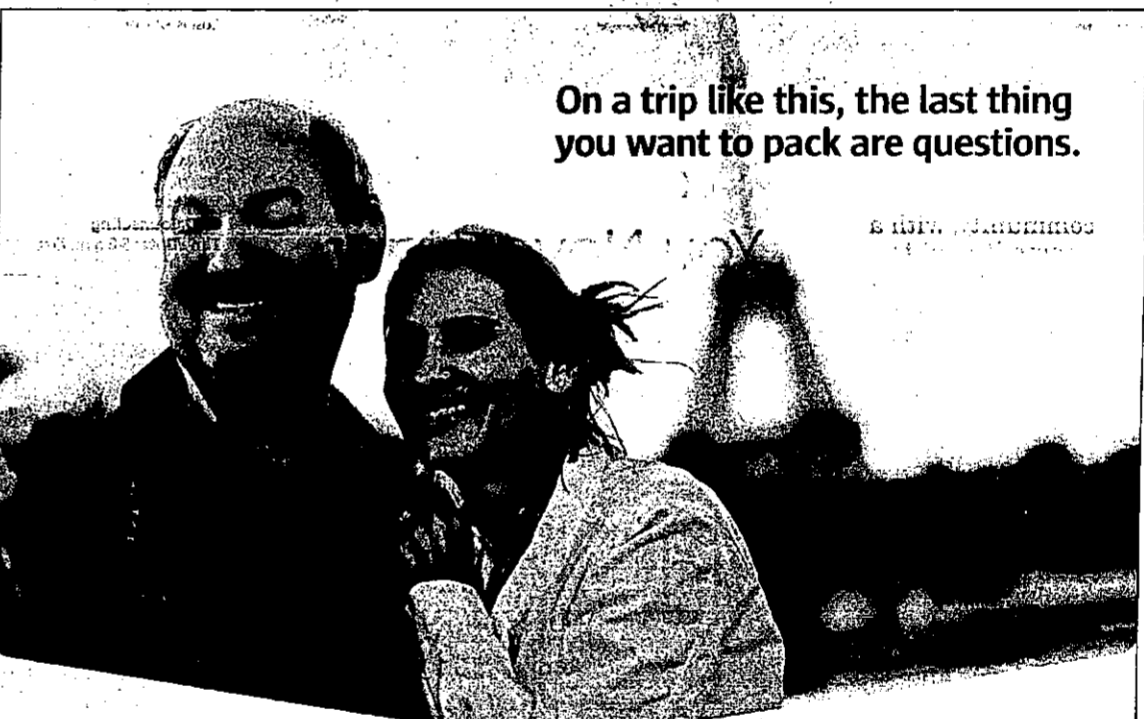
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Wixom's Hope Drogmiller won an autographed photo of Detroit Tigers pitcher Justin Verlander, was recognized on the field with Tigers mascot Paws, and won a Hot N Ready pizza from Little Caesars. For many years, she has worked for causes in her community. This year, she organized a Hat for Cure Day at her school, Sarah Banks Middle School. "Each kid in my school could wear their favorite hat to school on a selected day, and in order to wear their hat at school they would donate a dollar for my charity which this time was The American Cancer Society," Hope wrote. "We raised one hundred dollars towards a cancer cure! I am proud of myself and my school for helping to make a difference at the library."  
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screenings you should have, when you should have them, and how you can optimize your health. Learn the latest thinking from medical experts from Providence Park Hospital and get your questions answered. Enter to win a comprehensive screening package from Providence Park Hospital. A BETTER YOU is part of an ongoing partnership between the Library, Providence Park Hospital and YOU. Please register.  
**Friend's Board Meeting**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:45 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9  
**Details:** Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7PM in the Library's Board Room. Everyone is welcome at the meetings and we cordially invite you to attend.  
**The Bassett Family and Tollgate Farm, Early Settlers to Novi**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10  
**Details:** Come join Roy Prentice, Chair of the Novi Historical Commission and Farm Manager of the MSU Tollgate Education Center, as he shares the history of the farm he manages. Located at the corner of 12 Mile and Meadowbrook Roads, Tollgate's 160 acres are a unique facet of the Novi community. Travel with Roy to 1831, when the farm was first purchased by Samuel Bassett. Learn how these early settlers made a life in our community and preserved the farm for us to enjoy. Roy will share photos and other elements of this earlier time. Please register.  
**Excel Basics**  
**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12  
**Details:** Learn how to create, modify, and save a spreadsheet using Microsoft Excel 2007 in this hands-on workshop. Participants need to be confident using a computer and proficient with the keyboard and mouse. Please register.  
**Word Basics**  
**Time/Date:** 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12  
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**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14  
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**Internet Instruction for Seniors**  
**Time/Date:** 10:30-11 a.m. or 11-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15  
**Details:** These half-hour sessions provide personal instruction by a librarian on internet basics such as navigating the task bar, searching with known addresses and keyword searching.  
**Genealogy & Military Records**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15  
**Details:** Join James N. Jackson, award-winning Genealogist, as he presents on successful techniques for researching military records. Please register. Members of the Novi/Northville Historical Commissions will be available to provide genealogical research support in the local history room from 6-6:45 p.m.



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As a chill starts to come over Metro Detroit, many of us will begin to hear those familiar bells ringing every time we walk in and out of our favorite grocery and department stores. The Salvation Army will soon put out its famous red kettles to raise funds to support our unemployed, homeless and hungry neighbors — and it's calling out to the community to volunteer as bell ringers. Sign up at [www.ringbell.org](http://www.ringbell.org).

Bell ringers can make a big difference right in their own community during Red Kettle season. The cold, wind and snow become small in comparison. Bell ringers are often stationed outdoors, so dress warm. The weather often reminds supporters that our neighbors may not have a warm place to go home to like they do.

Interested in becoming a bell ringer? Contact Rochelle Holman at (248) 443-5500 or log on to [www.ringbell.org](http://www.ringbell.org).

Want to help but can't volunteer to ring a real bell? Consider a virtual bell instead. Sign up for an Online Red Kettle at [www.onlineredkettle.com](http://www.onlineredkettle.com).

**TweetChat on baby boomers' aging parents**

Erickson Living, the manager of Fox Run in Novi, on Nov. 17 is leveraging one of the world's largest social networking and microblogging services (Twitter) to join in a conversation with the adult children of seniors who are looking for important information about retirement living for their parents. This TweetChat is scheduled from 1-3 p.m. and will include the participation of Erickson Living's leadership team members from throughout the country — including, public relations, sales and marketing, resident life and health care professionals.

More than ever, baby boomers are engaging on important healthcare and aging topics with their parents. Research reflects that when an aging relative needs to move, just about everyone struggles to start the dialog and has many questions. For example, what type of medical services is available at a continuing care retirement community? That's why this virtual discussion forum, which can be accessed at Twitter hashtag — #ELLife, provides the perfect opportunity for boomers

and others to share ideas on how to help parents enjoy their retirement years to the fullest. Another option for accessing this discussion is to go to — TweetChat ([tweetchat.com](http://tweetchat.com)) and key in #ELLife in the hashtag box at the top of the page. Anyone planning on joining this discussion has the option of submitting their questions in advance at the same Twitter hashtag or at [@eddunne1](http://@eddunne1).

**"Five Course Love" at Andiamo**

Five dates, five restaurants, and one fateful night. Will any of the lovers find the recipe for romance? The Off-Broadway hit "Five Course Love" adds a delicious twist to the tried-and-true dinner date as three actors play a host of characters whose hearts are hungry for love at the Andiamo Novi Theatre Nov. 3-27. "Five Course Love" is a collection of five vignettes, each set in a different type of restaurant. Three actors play 15 different characters in five different restaurants, on the hunt for one true love. The evening begins at Dean's Old-Fashioned All-American Down-Home Bar-B-Que Texas Eats, where a blind date goes char-broiled wrong. Next, at the Trattoria Pericolo, a mob wife has a secret rendezvous behind her husband's back. At Der Schlupfwinkel Speiseplatz, a waiter, a dominatrix and her kept man discover at the same hilarious moment that they are all dating each other. In Ernesto's Cantina, a hill bandit and his rival battle for the hand of the beautiful Rosalinda. And at the Star-Lite Diner, a waitress pines for her true love and gets a little help from Cupid in making her dreams come true.

Produced and directed by Happenstance Productions, the production of "Five Course Love" stars Patrick O'Reilly (Farmington Hills), Aaron Moore (Plymouth) and Warren Ritter (Novi).

Individual tickets for "Five Course Love" 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](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Dinner & Show packages may only be purchased at the Andiamo Novi Theatre box office. For more information on including performance times, visit [www.andiamonovitheatre.com](http://www.andiamonovitheatre.com). The Andiamo Novi Theatre is located at 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi.

**'My Son the Waiter' at Andiamo**

For New York City comedian Brad Zimmerman, life as a struggling actor wasn't turning out as he hoped it would. So when he started to feel the pres-

sure from his family to make something of himself, he decided to capitalize on his disappointing experience by creating a one-man show: "My Son the Waiter: A Jewish Tragedy." Zimmerman's hit show can be seen at the Andiamo Novi Theatre through Oct. 30 with performances running Thursdays-Sundays.

Part theatre, part stand-up, Zimmerman's homey send-ups on his childhood, family, career and misbegotten love life are as warm and poignant as they are hilarious (i.e. Brad's mom to her friends: "If all goes well, Brad is going to buy a bookcase").

A regular at America's top casinos, resorts and comedy clubs, Zimmerman played Johnny Sack's lawyer on "The Sopranos" television series and has opened for such notables as the late George Carlin, Brad Garrett, Susie Essman, and the Smothers Brothers. He has also opened for Joan Rivers, who was quoted as saying "I've had three great opening acts in my lifetime: Billy Crystal, Garry Shandling, and Brad Zimmerman."

**Recycling program accepts more electronics**

The Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC) has teamed up with Vintage Tech Recyclers, LLC to provide electronics recycling to local residents and businesses. The electronics drop-offs are located at RRRASOC Southfield Drop-off, 20000 West Eight Mile Road, 247; and Wixom Department of Public Works, 2041 Charms Road, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. The drop-offs are self-serve and open to the public.

Acceptable items include: computers, laptops, monitors, printers, copiers, cables, keyboards, mice, computer parts, televisions, DVD players, VCRs, satellite dishes, cable boxes, game systems, handheld electronics, MP3 players, cash registers, typewriters, fax machines, phones, stereos, mixers, blenders, coffee makers, bread makers, fryers, microwaves, toaster ovens, electric knives, shaving equipment, electric toothbrushes, hair cutters, hair dryers, clocks, heaters, fans, battery-powered tools, vacuum cleaners (no bags), irons, radios, VHS tapes, cameras, remotes, and holiday light strings.

RRRASOC residents (those who live in Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, Southfield, South Lyon, Walled Lake, and Wixom) may call the RRRASOC offices at (248) 208-2270 to learn about the new "At Your Door" program, which offers free electronics pick-up. The workers cannot go inside the home, but will pick up electronics waste from a porch or outside the garage door.

**Use online resources to win your fantasy league**

By Jon Gunnells  
Guest Columnist



Jon Gunnells

Fantasy football season is in full swing and if your league is anything like my leagues, the competition is about to get intense.

Here are some helpful sites and tools that will give you a competitive advantage over fellow owners — without spending any money.

**Free live scoring**

Many fantasy football hosting services offer free live scoring. My favorite is Yahoo.com's stat tracker, because it's been offering the service free for years and also has correct stats almost immediately. If your league isn't on Yahoo, check if the host offers a similar tool for free.

Some sites also offer live scoring for free. CBS Sports even offers a stat analysis program for free.

Are you sick of sites like ESPN giving predictions based on ESPN standard scoring when nobody uses ESPN standard scoring? With FTToolbox.com, you can input your league scoring and settings and get customized player projections each week.

FTToolbox.com also offers a number of other useful tools, including a strength of schedule chart, team depth charts, transaction trend reports and more.

**Fantasysharks.com**

If you have a league dispute or simply need advice on trades or transactions, visit Fantasysharks.com. The site has busy forums as well as blogs and expert analysis about the players

that are most important to your team.

**Fantasy Football Now**

The popular ESPN2 television show, which airs at 11:30 a.m. each Sunday, is also available on ESPN.com. So if you don't have cable, or don't receive ESPN, visit ESPN.com and watch live streaming video with up-to-date in-juries and projections for upcoming games.

Fantasy Football Now is the best fantasy sports show. The television personalities and other fantasy sports experts share their knowledge on ESPN.com each week with composites of the best players and start/sit lists.

**Fantasyfootballcalculator.com**

Possibly the best pre-draft fantasy site around also serves

a big purpose during the season because it shows where players were drafted, helping owners plan fair trades.

Mobile apps — This was mentioned in the last tech tips article, but it is worth repeating. Check and see if your league hosting site offers a free app with scoring, transaction information or other features. This will help you stay on top of league happenings when you are traveling or not near a computer. Yahoo and ESPN mobile fantasy football apps have received great reviews this season and I plan on using them both each Sunday.

Fantasy Football Insider also offers news and information plus premium content for Pro Football Weekly subscribers. Of course,

most of that information can be found on other sites, and breaking news can be seen on Twitter. To find new fantasy football tweeters that can help you win your league, visit Twitter.com and type "fantasy football" into the search bar to find the most influential football tweeters.

These apps and sites will help you have better in-season management. And coupled with a solid draft and some good luck, you might be taking home your league trophy and bragging rights this winter.

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## Shamrocks will host Mustangs in first round

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

The worst part about having a playoff system that pairs teams up in the playoffs based on geographic data instead of playoff point seeding is that you might end up with some of the state's best teams playing one another right away.

Just ask the Northville Mustangs (8-1) and the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks (8-1), two teams that will square off Saturday at 1 p.m. at Detroit Catholic Central in the first round of the playoffs.

The winner will take on the winner of the Canton (7-2) and Plymouth (8-1) game next week.

Of course, it also means there are going to be some fireworks in Novi this weekend as these two teams face off. The stands will be packed with fans. The roar will practically be deafening, no doubt.

The real noise will be made out on the gridiron, though, as two high-powered offenses and two stingy defenses try to defeat one another.

Northville's defense has allowed less than 21 points per game on average, while the offense has scored an average of almost 44 points per game.

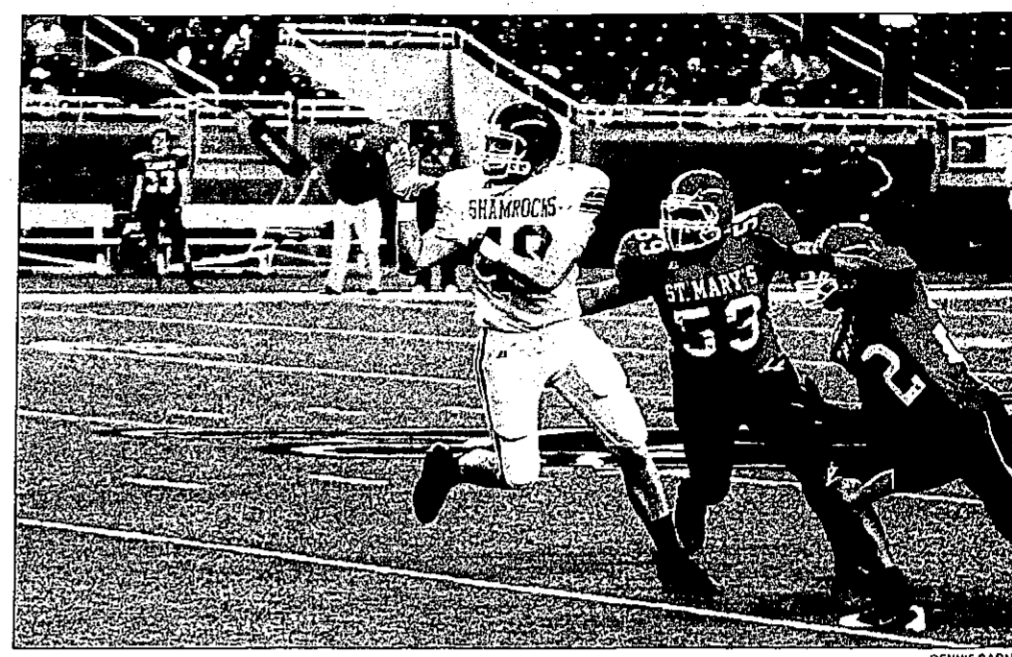
The Shamrocks, on the other hand, has allowed just 8.4 points per game while the offense has averaged 26 points per contest.

Northville and Catholic Central are almost opposites of one another in terms of style.

The Mustangs come in with big names on offense (Jeff Gertley and Brandon Love, to name two) that are known for scoring on big plays with their explosive nature. They score big and they score often, to say the least. Their defense is anchored by Brett MacDonald and a defensive back corps that loves to pick off passes.

The Shamrocks may not have huge names on offense, but they do have Division I college-bound players like run-

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CC's Brendan McClorey, (40) is on the receiving end of a Kyle Cooper pass.

## CC earns CHSL title

### Shamrocks get revenge on St. Mary's with convincing victory in title game

By Sam Eggleston  
Correspondent

It's hard to believe that just two weeks ago Orchard Lake St. Mary's walked out of Novi with a victory over Detroit Catholic Central and the Central Division title.

Maybe it's because of the way the Shamrocks handled themselves and the Eagles to earn a 21-7 victory over Orchard Lake just seven days later to earn the Catholic High School League championship.

Of course, having just seen what the Eagles were capable of, coach Tom Mach and his Shamrocks weren't about to bring the same game they had a week prior.

"We did a couple different things," said senior quarterback Kyle Cooper, who completed 10 of 19 passes for 112 yards, while speaking with the Detroit Free Press.

"We put in more motion with our wing backs, but defensively we came up with the same scheme. We wanted to pound the ball. That one drive we had the ball for seven minutes. It was a complete team effort.

"We wanted to prove to everybody that we're the best team in the Catholic League and we came out here and we proved it big-time.

And prove it they did. At one point in the second quarter through midway into the

third, the Shamrocks ran 28 straight offensive plays.

The Shamrocks were the first team on the board, scoring on a quarterback sneak by Cooper that went two yards following an 80-yard drive in the first quarter. The Shamrocks came back out, kicked an onside and recovered it and drove down the field to the 24-yard line where they missed a 41-yard field goal by Alex Kozlowski.

It didn't matter much in the long run, as the Shamrocks received the second half kickoff and marched 87 yards to an eight-yard scoring jaunt by Anthony Darkangelo. Cooper found Matt Doneth on the two-point con-

version play to make it a 14-0 contest.

The Eagles didn't give up, however, scoring with 8:42 left in the game on a 17-yard pass to make it a 14-7 game before they fumbled the ball on their next play and watched as it was recovered by Catholic Central's Dylan Roney with just 3:24 left in the game.

The Shamrocks capitalized, scoring on a 16-yard pass from Cooper to Doneth to cap the game.

Cooper ended with 107 yards and a touchdown on the day with a 9-for-15 passing performance. He ran one touchdown in as well. Darkangelo had 14 carries for 71 yards.



The Novi Wildcats on the court and bench cheer a point by their team during their Oct. 18 game at Canton High.

## Novi volleyball wins KLAA championship

### 'Cats upend Canton, Lakeland for association title as Harrington hits triple sevens

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

After a disappointing loss to Canton for the KLAA Kensington Conference title, Novi's volleyball got their revenge in the bigger tournament Oct. 22 by defeating the Chiefs in the association semifinals before a victorious battle with White

Lake Lakeland for the association crown.

The Wildcats (40-5-1, 10-0 Central) are ranked sixth in Division I and wasted no time showing spectators how they got there.

Novi cruised through Plymouth (28-6-0, 7-3 South) 25-15, 25-11; Grand

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Novi players group up before a game begins on Oct. 18.

## Mullins wins conference harrier crown

### Novi runners finish fourth for girls, seventh for boys in Kensington Conference

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

It was a tough week for Novi's cross country program during the KLAA Kensington Conference meet Oct. 20 at Huron Meadows Metropark in Brighton, but the girls had the individual winner and the boys' top runner set a career best.

Junior Jackie Mullins took home the conference title in 18 minutes and 48.83 seconds among a crowd of 82 girls.

"Jackie had a great race against some great competition," Novi girls coach Marsha Reid said. "She ran competitive and smart race."

The Wildcats finished fourth of 12 teams with 123 points. Northville won the meet with 23 points after taking six of the top nine overall spots.

Other Novi runners finished strong, including sophomore Kerri McMahan (12th in 19:29.65) and freshman Hannah Lonergan (23rd in 20:00.19). Sophomore Karissa Koomen (49th in 20:59.96), senior Lindsey Kulle (54th in 21:21.61) and senior Zoe Jenkins (62nd in 21:50.11) wrapped up Novi's scoring as the 'Cats also landed behind Livonia

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Wildcat Justin Brooks leaps into the endzone early on in Novi's 42-21 victory over the Saline Hornets.

# Novi seniors double up on Saline

## Brooks, Ince, Jocz lead way in 42-21 finale

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

In the season finale for both teams, Novi and Saline didn't hold back in battle at Wildcat Stadium.

The two teams combined for 42 first downs, 63 points and 13 penalties, although 10 were to Novi (4-5). The Wildcat seniors went out on a high note, scoring all six touchdowns in a 42-21 victory over the Hornets (4-5).

"We came out a little bit slow," Novi coach Todd Pennycoff said. "Penalties killed us a little bit. Penalties kind of hurt us early, threw us out of rhythm. But I thought the kids came back second half and responded. They came out and played real well. We kind of settled down and played better football. I thought it was physical on both teams. Both teams played physical football. And it's one of those things you're going to have penalties on both sides."

Senior Justin Brooks was the star of the night with three rushing touchdowns, including an 84-yard run in the third quarter that he capped off with Green Bay Packers Aaron Rodgers' end zone dance. He had 115 yards on seven run attempts to go with two defensive pass break-ups that were both nearly interceptions.

"Brooks really has



A host of Wildcats, including Derek Cingel and Blake Boron, far right, try to bring down a Saline Hornet.

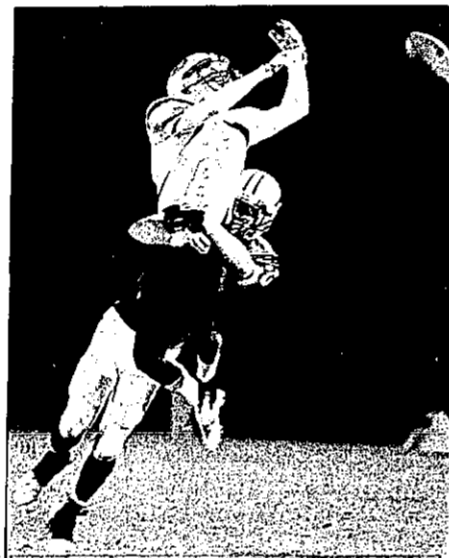
come on in the last couple weeks," Pennycoff said. "He's one of those kids who came out and I don't know if he was too serious about the game in the beginning of the season. And when he finally realized he wasn't playing a lot and started to show some things in practice, he started to work a little harder because he wanted to get playing time. And we told him, 'you've got all times of talent, but it's up to you.' And he's responded. We knew he had the talent. He just had to realize it for himself and believe in himself and once he started believing, we started seeing the effects of that."

ning offense to a throwing offense is superb. He just has a presence about him that you just can't describe. You call it a gamer, I didn't believe there was such a thing as a gamer until I met Derek Ince. Outstanding young man, a great leader on the field and just a great individual. I'm telling you, his parents did something right, because he's got that notch and we're going to miss him."

The Hornets had two bright spots on the night to start and end the slugfest. Brandon Gordon (95 yards on five catches) ran in 54-yard reception from Reese Dils (10-for-17, 147 yards) 4:07 into the contest and Matt Barbu (4.5 tackles) intercepted a pass by senior quarterback Blake Boron (0-for-2) and ran it in 44 yards for a touchdown.

It wasn't enough, however, as Novi had 489 total yards of offense to match Saline's 296 yards. Although the Hornets gained 88 more yards off penalties than Novi, Saline was just 1-for-3 in the red zone, while Novi was 5-for-5. Novi junior Justin Danks was 6-for-6 on point-after kicks.

Despite the early penalties, six Wildcats finished with five or six tackles, led by senior Alex King's 11 tackles (six solo). "We had to settle ourselves down," Pennycoff said. "We got a little bit rattled and frustrated with each other. I basically pulled the defense to the side and said, 'hey, if you're going to get penalties, I'm going to play other kids.' If I had to put a kid in a position



Novi's Adam Haynes crashes into a Saline Hornet just as the ball gets to him during their Oct. 21 match. The pass fell incomplete and Novi went on to a 42-21 victory.

that doesn't play there, we're going to do that. That's not acceptable and I think our kids finally settled down.

"Those seniors are trying to play their last game and are a little bit overly wound and I think that showed on the field a little bit. Once they settled down in the second half, I think that things resolved itself."

With the top three quarterbacks, top four receivers and one of the top two running backs all graduating, the Wildcats could be looking more to Danks, junior running back Lucas Buck (35 yards on eight runs) and junior Matt Forche more next season. Forche was the third-string quarterback as a sophomore, but never took a snap in a

game this season. "We've got to start over," Pennycoff said. "We're going to be working in the off-season trying to get things done. We're still looking at throwing the ball, but we'll have to see where we're at."

**UNDERCLASSMEN**  
Novi's junior varsity squad lost to host Saline 41-26 last Thursday and the freshmen lost 35-0. The Novi Middle School varsity team beat West Bloomfield Walnut Creek 14-0 Oct. 19, while the middle school JV team finished 6-0 with a 22-0 win over Walnut Creek.

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# Chiefs knock Novi out of playoffs for 2nd-straight year

By Chris Jackett  
Correspondent

Novi had the tools, but it was Canton that advanced out of Division 1 boys soccer district's "group of death" Saturday afternoon at Meadowood Stadium.

No. 4 Novi (16-4-0) was coming off victories over No. 8 Plymouth Salem (8-8-4) and Plymouth (6-6-2), while No. 2 Canton (20-1-2) had defeated Ann Arbor Skyline and No. 10 Northville (10-6-3). The district final was not short on scoring opportunities, but the Chiefs prevailed with a come-from-behind 3-1 victory after two 10-minute overtimes, say was the case when Novi and Canton faced off for the KLA A Kensington Conference title Oct. 10.

"Our team just has the ability to quit, never get down on themselves,"

Canton coach George Tomasso said. "They've approached these playoffs with a real positive attitude. If it took them down to the last second in the second half, I knew they were going to give their best effort to tie it."

"Our district has been, for lack of a better word, the group of death. Going through a very good Ann Arbor Skyline team, an excellent Northville team and an incredible Novi team, it's almost been too good to be true."

Novi sophomore Don Nakashima got the scoring started 28:02 into the contest with a header off a Matt Wilson corner kick that found its way past Canton senior netminder Steven Murphy (six saves) and into the top right corner for a 1-0 lead.

"Don gave us a nice spark that first half off the bench," Novi coach



Novi senior Chase Jabbori (left) shields the ball from Canton defenders Connor Hicks and Neil Zech Oct. 22 during Canton's 3-1 overtime win over Novi for the district championship.

Brian O'Leary said. "That's good for him, to see a sophomore stepping in like that. He did a real good job. He brings us a little bit bigger body. I think the biggest difference between the two teams is they have way more size, way more size."

The Wildcats would maintain momentum after the goal and Nakashima would nearly score again six minutes later when senior Aaron Quinley flicked a throw-in across the front of the goal and Nakashima put a shot high over the crossbar from two yards out.

"They're down one and the seasons on the line so they started pressing forward," O'Leary said. "We really just needed to score that second goal. We had some chances down there when it was 1-0 where it would've been 2-0 and game over. People didn't make the

plays, so you've got to give them credit for making plays."

Novi senior goalkeeper Ricky Stone (five saves) was tested early in the game. Although both teams had three first-half shots, the Chiefs also had five corners kicks compared to Novi's two.

After trading chances early in the second half, including a shot off the crossbar and out by Novi senior Alex Ferrini, 12 minutes into the half, the Chiefs took over and pressured for much of the next 25 minutes.

With 8:05 left in regulation, a shot by Canton junior Daniel Oversea hit a Novi defender's hand at the top of the arch and, three seconds later, Oversea ripped the free kick through a crowd and into the top right corner for the equalizer.

"If he had been saving that all season for that moment, I have no

words for that," Tomasso said. "It was an incredible shot. He shielded it. He found the one-square-foot area to get the ball into and he did."

Novi pushed for a late goal during the final five minutes, but the game went into a non-golden goal pair of overtimes tied 1-1.

Oversea crossed a ball out of the left corner 6:55 into the extra period and senior Shean Krolicki and senior Shean Krolicki was just to the right of the penalty spot for a header that floated over the outreached hands of Stone and into the top left corner for a 2-1 lead.

Krolicki was given a yellow card for unsportsmanlike conduct during an excessive celebration where he "shushed" the crowd as he ran up the sidelines, but it would make a difference as Canton held on to end the first overtime 2-1.

"I think Shean Krolicki

did a good job to get into position to make something happen across the net," Tomasso said. "He just headed the ball perfect to the post to get it to go in."

The Wildcats kicked off the second overtime and had a solid chance with five minutes remaining when sophomore Matt Kiura played a 50/50 ball in front of senior Chase Jabbori, but Murphy grabbed it up before Jabbori could get a shot off.

With Stone pressing up to help the offense, Canton senior Mitch Posuniak stole the ball on the right side of Novi's 50-yard line and dribbled all the way goal before tapping it into an empty net for the final 3-1 lead.

Novi is 0-6-0 against the Chiefs the past two seasons, but 36-3-0 versus the rest of the state in the same time frame. The Wildcats advanced to face Canton for the

third time this season after a 2-1 district semifinal win over Plymouth Oct. 19. Quinley scored off a pass on a free kick by senior Chris Park, but Plymouth answered back with a goal on a free kick. Senior defender Sean Hazen made a long run for a short give and go with Wilson before Hazen had a small breakaway for the game-winning goal just before halftime. Junior netminder Andy Netter got the win for Novi.

"He's a senior," O'Leary said of his decision to start Stone against Canton after Netter helped beat Salem and Plymouth. "It's the biggest game of the season. See if I can get a senior to step up for me. I've been talking to the guys, at some point every season if you want to advance, its got to mean more to them than me. If I have to stand here and root and rah and get you going, it probably wasn't meant to be. I was hoping to get a spark from him all season. He played fine."

Netter is the likely starting option next year, but Novi loses several key roles. Wilson, Nakashima, Kiura and others will likely be looked at to increase their presence.

"We're losing a ton of people," O'Leary said. "Next year's team will be a totally different team. We'll be really inexperienced. We'll probably be losing seven of our top eight (who) are going to graduate. So next year will definitely be a rebuilding year for us. It'll be a night and day kind of thing from this year's team to next year's team."

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## Pom pon kicks off title defense



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The two-time defending state champion Novi pom pon squad performed before the Novi football game at the annual Tastefest event earlier this season. The girls did a kick line routine to Lady Gaga's "Edge of Glory."

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**NOVI BOBCATS ROUNDUP**

**Varsity falls to Chargers, 14-16**

The fourth and final WJFL playoff seed was waiting for the winner of what became a physical defensive battle between the Novi Bobcats (5-2) and the Commerce Chargers (5-2). The Bobcats kicked off to start the game, and the Chargers earned two first downs before Ryan Welch intercepted a pass to stop their initial drive at the Bobcats' 40-yard line.

The Bobcats' offense started well with Spencer VanKirk breaking free for a 15-yard run and a first down. On the ensuing play, the Bobcats fumbled and the Chargers recovered. The Bobcats' defense stiffened and forced a three and out but by the Chargers. The offense once again started strong with VanKirk gaining 15 yards and a first down, followed by Bobby Fox completing a pass to Andrew Schroeder for another first down. Eventually the drive stalled, but an excellent punt by Bobby Fox was downed at the Chargers' 5-yard line.

The Bobcats' defense forced a three-and-out punt. With the punter standing deep at the back of the end zone, he was able to punt the ball to the 35-yard line. On first down, quarterback Fox ran the option perfectly and kept the ball. He split two defenders and Anthony D'Annibale made a crushing block on the final defender to free Fox for a 35-yard touchdown. Fox kicked the PAT for an 8-0 Bobcats lead.

On their final offensive series of the half, the Chargers faced a third and eight at midfield. The Chargers threw a pass to their big tight end, the pass was broken up perfectly by the defensive corner who had inside position on a post route. Inexplicably, the referee kept the Chargers drive alive with an incorrect pass interference call. Four plays later the Chargers completed a touchdown pass and kicked the PAT for an 8-8 tie to end the half.

The third quarter was a defensive battle for field position with both teams having to punt several times. Schroeder, Josh Ruffing and Ricky Turner were penetrating the line and making tackles for loss. Fox intercepted the Chargers quarterback and returned the ball to their 40-yard line to keep the score 8-8 as the third quarter ended.

Late in the fourth quarter a Chargers punt was downed at the 16-yard line of the Bobcats. Unable to move the ball, the Bobcats punted and the Chargers started their drive at the 40-yard line. The Chargers were able to drive the field and eventually score to take an 8-16 lead with just over a minute to play in the game.

With 46 seconds and the ball at the 50-yard line, quarterback Fox under pressure scrambled away from blitzing defenders and alertly stayed behind the line of scrimmage as he released a bomb to Schroeder. Schroeder refused to go down as he plowed through defenders until he was knocked out of bounds at the 9-yard line. Fox found Schroeder again in the back of the end zone for a touchdown. It looked like the game was heading to overtime, but the PAT was blocked and the game was heading to a touchdown. It looked like the game was heading to overtime, but the PAT was blocked and the game was heading to a touchdown.

The Bobcats final game will played next weekend, with the opponent and location to be determined by the league.

Submitted by Ken Hixson

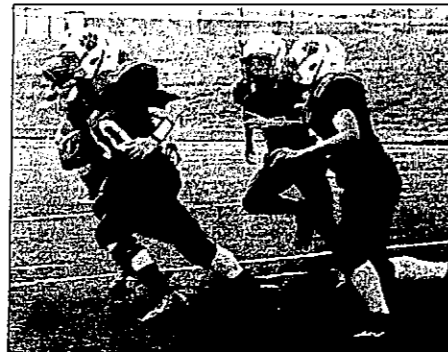
**JV Blanked by Chargers, 20-0**

The JV Bobcats (2-6) ended their regular season being shut-out by the Commerce Chargers (6-2), 20-0 on Oct. 23. The Chargers took their opening possession and scored after a long drive in the first period to build a 7-0 lead. The Chargers, playing for a league playoff berth, dominated on defense in the first half, holding the Bobcats' running game in check. The



PHOTOS BY NANCY LYONS

JV Bobcat Parker Bohland (#15) makes the block for Jason Robson (#11) run for a Novi first down against the Commerce Chargers, in Commerce, Oct. 23.



Varsity Bobcat Bobby Fox (#33) scores with a block from Anthony D'Annibale (#6).

Bobcats did show some life with the flawless execution of a fake punt in the second quarter to keep a drive alive, but it resulted in the Chargers eventually taking over on downs without the Bobcats being able to score.

The Bobcats mounted another drive late in the game, and with seconds remaining, tried to get on the board when quarterback Jason Robson threw a perfect strike into the corner of the end zone.

The Wildcats made that loss a memory to be forgotten, defeating the Chiefs 25-18, 25-6 in dominant fashion. With Katie Enright out, a well-spread offense split kills primarily among Isabelle Glancy (six kills, three serve receptions), Kacey Sheldon (five kills, four serve receptions) and Victoria Rose (four kills). Emily Robb contributed two aces while setting up the offense with 17 assists. Defensively, Aly Ryan (five blocks), Molly Marzonia (six digs, seven serve receptions) and Lesley Harrington (four digs) led the way.

**Freshmen lose hard-fought game to Commerce, 24-6**

In their last final regular season game, the Bobcats ended their regular season play in a hard fought 24-6 loss against the Walled Lake Chargers.

The Bobcats started the half with good field position provided by the Go Team who was led by quarterback Ethan Smythe who had 25 yards rushing on the day including.

ing an important fourth down conversion to keep the opening drive alive. The starting offense executed well in the first quarter behind strong running by Makari Paige and Michael Lynch as the Bobcats drove 52 yards to the Chargers 30-yard line but fell just short on their second possession. Key blocking and execution all day by the offensive line led by Xavier Robinson, Josh Erno, Daniel Erno, Jared Szarnowski, and Haniel provided the biggest difference.

In the first half the defense kept the Chargers in check but unfortunately he Chargers scored twice on two strong running plays that put them up 12-0 at halftime.

In the second half the Bobcats played one of their best halves of the season as the defense and offense made great plays on both sides of the ball. The Go Team started off strong with some great tackling on defense led by Calvin Hait, George Hajjar, and Ethan Smythe while a play saving tackle by Parenti made the difference on the Chargers first possession.

The starting defense made some stellar plays as they kept the Chargers in check for most of the half. Makari Paige, Ashton Smith, Jack Beno all made multiple tackles for a loss, while Ryan Bacon, Michael Willingham, Logan O'Connor, and Scott Slater controlled the line of scrimmage and had some of their best tackling of the season.

Late in the third quarter Ashton Smith executed a perfect QB Bootleg that resulted in a 45-yard TD run. That cut the lead to 18-6. Ashton executed the offense well all day, including 5-for-7 passing for 62 yards. Makari Paige gained another 45 yards running a version of the Wildcat offense late in the game. However, the Chargers ran off one late TD in the fourth quarter to increase their lead late in the game. Despite the score, the Bobcats had an overall impressive day.

Submitted by Joe Smythe

**NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS**

**Stanford kicking at SVSU**

Scott Stanford, Novi High School varsity football's 2010 kicker, got the starting kicking position as a freshman at Saginaw Valley State University. He recently helped lead SVSU to an overtime win against Michigan Tech (44-41) to help place SVSU in first place in the GLIAC north division.

Stanford ended up getting SVSU's athlete of the week honors for the school and GLIAC's special team athlete of the week for the conference by kicking three field goals: a 45-yarder, a 20-yarder, and a 23-yarder to win in overtime. He was also five-for-five on extra point kicks, and his kickoff average for eight kickoffs was 66.8 yards, including three touchbacks.

**KVBSA travel baseball**

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association (KVBSA) is currently accepting applications for travel baseball teams for the 2012 season. There are openings in all age brackets for newly formed or existing teams.

There will be divisions for all ages from U8 through U18 with league breakouts (community, advanced and open) where available. Meetings for the upcoming season will begin in November.

For further information, contact Jeff David at jeff.david@kvbsa.com or visit www.kvbsa.com to learn more about the league and the 2012 season.



BY BEV JENKINS

Novi senior Eric Gardner (center) crosses the finish line 17th at the KLAAs Kensington Conference in a career-best 17:03. He helped the Wildcats to a seventh-place finish.

**Cheering for a soldier**

Novi Varsity Cheer coach Ashley Karinen presented Dr. Ron C. Kuzdak, Commander in the U.S. Navy Active Reserves, a card and Home Depot "Support our Troops" gift card from the Novi Varsity Cheer team last Friday.



Kuzdak is a graduate of Catholic Central High School and a veteran of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom where he served as a physician aboard the USNS Comfort and forward deployed hospital in the actual invasion into Iraq.

**HARRIERS**

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Churchill (68 points) and Plymouth Salem (105).

The boys didn't have quite the success the girls did, finishing seventh of 112 schools with 175 points. Northville was first with 48 points and Novi was five points behind Livonia Stevenson for sixth.

Northville sophomore Dan Sims won the race in 16:03.52, but Novi senior Eric Gardner set a career best in leading the Wildcats with a 17th-place finish in 17:03.11.

"It was nice for Eric to earn All-Conference honors," Novi boys coach Robert Smith said. "His time of 17:03 was a career best. He put together a nice race... even with the less than ideal conditions."

Gardner was trailed by sophomore Brian Barnes (30th in 17:21.18), senior Kevin Hanlon (36th in 17:26.53), junior Ben Jenkins (45th in 17:40.94), freshman John Potter (47th in 17:44.70) and

senior Daniel Lee (52nd in 17:55.20) among a field of 83 runners.

"All of our top five finishers today ran either JV or middle school last year," Smith said. "For five new guys to assume the top slots is pretty amazing. I am very proud of the way they raced and represented Novi High School."

The Wildcats hope to improve next year with a strong junior varsity team gaining experience. The JV boys finished second of 12 teams and all 17 JV runners return next fall.

In the JV race, Casey Croad finished 11th in 17:50, followed by Cameron Richman (12th in 17:54).

"These two guys were part of our top times today," Smith said. "That means we had two seniors, one junior, two sophomores and two freshmen as our top seven. Our youth was evident in the varsity race today, but, on the other hand, our future looks promising."

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Blanc (20-11-2, 8-2 West) 26-24, 25-20 and Walled Lake Central (13-4, 5-5 North) 25-18, 25-6 in pool play before defeating Milford (16-10-2, 7-3 West) in the quarterfinals 25-7, 25-23. This set up a rematch with No. 10 Canton (33-7-0, 9-1 South), who had beaten Novi 25-20, 19-25, 13-25, 25-21, 23-21 just four days prior.

The Wildcats made that loss a memory to be forgotten, defeating the Chiefs 25-18, 25-6 in dominant fashion. With Katie Enright out, a well-spread offense split kills primarily among Isabelle Glancy (six kills, three serve receptions), Kacey Sheldon (five kills, four serve receptions) and Victoria Rose (four kills).

Emily Robb contributed two aces while setting up the offense with 17 assists. Defensively, Aly Ryan (five blocks), Molly Marzonia (six digs, seven serve receptions) and Lesley Harrington (four digs) led the way.

Novi advanced to the KLAAs championship match against rival Lakeland (27-8-0, 9-1 North) and, after dropping the first game, turned on the firepower to push through for a 21-25, 25-10, 15-8 victory.

Rose turned on the fire with 12 kills, while

**ON TAP**

Ranked No. 6 in Division I, the Wildcats (40-5-1, 10-0 KLAAs Central) are scheduled to begin Districts Monday at Novi. The match-ups were not announced as of press deadline, but the opening round matches are 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., with the winners advancing to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. semifinals Wednesday. Among the Wildcats' district are No. 10 Canton, Northville, Plymouth, South Lyon, Plymouth Salem and South Lyon East.

Glancy (nine kills), Harrington (seven kills, seven aces, seven digs) and Sheldon (two aces, six digs) added strong support. Robb had 27 assists and five digs.

Ryan had the most blocks with three, while Marzonia added seven digs. Ciara Schultz (10 kills, 23 assists, nine digs) led the Eagles in the title match with help from Lindsey Hansard (13 digs, 11 serve receptions), Caitlin Wojichowski (eight digs, 16 serve receptions) and Carolyn Niehaus (eight digs, 16 serve receptions).

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

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ning back Wyatt Shallman. The Shamrocks also have a crew of runners that compliment one another in an offensive scheme that focuses on grinding the football. They don't need to score a lot of points because they rely on a defense that is known for stopping most teams' attacks.

The defensive unit is powered by University of Michigan recruit defensive lineman Matt Godin, among other top prospects.

The two teams have only met once before — last year in the district finals where Catholic Central earned a 35-10 victory.

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

## Newton's Laws of Motion

By Lee Meadows  
Guest Columnist

There are times when I have found myself wandering inadvertently into a conversation in which I have no formal experience, but for which an opinion is sought even though it has no bearing in fact. While these are not the 'times that try men's souls,' I do often wonder, 'Why me?'

It is given that physical scientist and behavior scientist, rarely attend the same conferences they are more, inclined, to conversations at Starbucks where they can dazzle each other with what they know and can prove. So, when I found myself at the end of a table occupied by graduate students studying physics and postulating on Newton's Three Laws of Motion, I grabbed my Grande Carmel Mocha and attempted to ease away from the conversation when one of the student's recognized me and insisted that I join them in the discussion. I assured them that the only motion I could speak to was the one that allowed me to leave.

They were insistent. "Dr. Meadows, Newton's First Law of Motion states that 'Every object in a state of uniform motion tends to remain in that state of motion unless an external force is applied to it.' Now how is a statement like that applied in the world of organizational behavior?"

"Well," I said while taking a slow sip from the Carmel Mocha, "for many years the Big 3 automakers operated in a state of uniform motion and remained that way until an external force, globalization, was applied and thus disrupted that uniformity and changed the direction of the motion."



Takin' Care of Business

Lee Meadows

While they contemplated my answer, I needed a hasty retreat and threw out a question for them to consider: "Thus, what universal law explains how disrupted motion seeks its equilibrium?"

"It was ignored and they pressed on with a second question. 'According to Newton's Second Law of Motion, an object with a certain velocity maintains that velocity unless a force acts on it to cause an acceleration that is a change in the velocity. As an expert on leadership behavior, how does this statement apply?'"

"Funny you should ask because I was just having this discussion with some leadership colleagues of mine. 'Naturally, they didn't believe me, but it brought me the necessary time. 'Well, all behavior is motion and leadership behavior is focused motion moving at a certain velocity along a physical path, undisturbed by its surrounding forces, until an unexpected force matches that leaders velocity in an attempt to achieve its aim at a shorter time. Much of what we have seen during the financial meltdown and its preceding scandals is accelerated leader behavior operating in a shorter time frame. 'Keeping my retreat in mind, I asked, 'So, what universal law explains how accelerated leader velocity, essentially a runaway train, is minimized in order to restore economic equilibrium?'"

"I gave my best 'cat with the canary' smile and, again, tried to ease away. I was stopped. 'OK, Dr. Meadows, Newton's Third Law of Motion states that 'for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.' You do a lot of management development and employee development work. How does this law apply to what you do?'"

"Well," I said after the scholarly pause, "human beings are creatures of habit, essentially, predicted motion and a pattern of actions. The current focus by the state of Michigan on higher education is an understandable and necessary action to ensure the long-term, competitive well being of our glorious state. However, the lack of tuition reimbursement by our competitive organizations is an opposite reaction that action."

"I took advantage of their head scratching state and asked, 'Therefore, if an action and an opposite action are equal, what universal law explains how to get both moving in parallel motion?'"

"Dr. Meadows," one student sighed, "I don't think you really understand how Newton's Laws of Motion operate in the physical world. 'Maybe I don't,' I said, finally easing away. 'But, for all of you, that is part of a leader's journey. It would have been nice to have walked into an emerging fog, but I had no universal law that would have explained that action."

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## Welcome



The ribbon cutting at Applied Imaging's new Novi office Oct. 14 included a tailgate party inside their warehouse the day before the U-M vs MSU game. Shown (from left) are Scott Barabas, Roman Yaremch, Victor Cardenas, John Lowery, Dave Vorhes, David Malloy and Steve Hurt. Applied Imaging is Michigan's largest independent document imaging and managed IT services provider with six locations throughout the state.

## NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Walsh College to honor four at Oct. 29 Leadership Awards Dinner

Walsh College will honor four exceptional professionals at the Leadership Awards Dinner at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29. Honorees are recognized at the annual awards dinner for their service to the community service or as an outstanding Walsh alum. WJBK-TV Channel 2 news anchor Huei Perkins will emcee the event. All proceeds from the awards dinner benefit the Jeffrey W. Barry Scholarship Fund and the General Scholarship Fund. More than \$1.5 million has been raised toward student scholarships since the first awards dinner in 2000.

Receiving the Jeffrey W. Barry Award for Educational Excellence & Community Service are: Grasse Pointe Woods resident Matthew Cullen, president and COO, Detroit-based Rock Ventures; and Northville resident Michael Brennan, president and CEO, Detroit-based United Way for Southeastern Michigan. Cullen and Brennan are being honored as extraordinary business leaders and civic contributors. Each has exemplified a deep commitment to metro Detroit, educational excellence and service.

Lake Angelus resident Paul Glantz, MST '84, president, Novi-based Emagine Entertainment and president and CEO, Troy-based Proctor Financial, will receive the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award; Troy resident Stephanie Baron, MBA '10, communications manager, Detroit-based Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, will receive the 2011 Distinguished Graduate of the Last Decade Award. Glantz was chosen for his personal and professional success and contributions to the community. Glantz also is an outstanding contributor to the College. Baron has identified herself as a high-achieving young alumna with achievements in her profession.

Perkins has won an Emmy Award and four nominations for Best Anchor during his 13-year tenure at WJBK. He anchors on weeknights at 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 10 p.m., and 11 p.m. He also hosts "Let It Rip" at 10:30 p.m. and "The News Edge" at 11 p.m. Tickets for the event, which include dinner, a silent and live auction and raffle, and dessert afterward, are \$250 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information, contact Andrea Richards at (248) 823-1204 or arichard@walshcollege.edu.

### Trinity Health to move 1,400 to Quicken Loans' former Livonia property

Novi-based Trinity Health announced it will move next year to a large Livonia property that once housed Quicken Loans. The move, expected in the final quarter of 2012, affects some 1,400 Trinity employees now working in Novi and Farmington Hills. Trinity will continue to operate a Novi facility where about 160 information technology staffers will work.

The site of the new headquarters is east of I-275 between Seven Mile and Eight Mile roads. Joseph Swedish, Trinity CEO, said the move will stabilize costs and help Trinity teams work together more efficiently. "Trinity is one of the nation's largest Catholic health systems, with 47 hospitals, 401 outpatient facilities and other business in 10 states, including Michigan."

### Cooper Standard continues sponsorship

Brad Keselowski Racing announced that Novi-based Cooper Standard will continue its support of the No.

29 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series entry driven by Parker Kligerman, at the WinStar World Casino 350K at the Texas Motor Speedway on Nov. 4 and the Ford 200 at Homestead-Miami Speedway on Nov. 18. "I'm pleased to have Cooper Standard back on the Truck for Texas and Homestead," said team owner Brad Keselowski. "They've been a great new partner since Michigan earlier this year, and I know Parker and the BKR team will do all that we can to get Cooper Standard to victory lane in these last two races of the season."

Cooper Standard's affiliation with Keselowski and Brad Keselowski Racing originated earlier in the season around the Michigan International Speedway NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race. Cooper Standard utilized the Michigan venue as a sponsorship test market. "Cooper Standard's involvement with Brad, Parker, and Brad Keselowski Racing proved to be a success on several fronts for our organization," said Jim McElroy, chairman and CEO, Cooper Standard. "From brand exposure through incorporating our products onto the Ram Truck to customer entertainment to employee morale and an important charitable component, we are proud to partner with Brad and his team for the last two races of 2011. We very much look forward to participating in the Texas and Homestead-Miami events."

For more information, please visit [www.bradracing.com](http://www.bradracing.com) or [www.cooperstandard.com](http://www.cooperstandard.com).

### Novi chamber election

The Novi Chamber of Commerce will hold a general election on Nov. 3 at the luncheon at the Courtyard by Marriott Farmington Hills, 31525 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills to elect six board members for the 2012-2013 term. The Nominating Committee is presenting the following slate of six candidates to best represent the various industries that are members of the Novi Chamber:

1. Samira Boueri - Michigan CAT
  2. Rachel Hindelang, Xtreme Products
  3. Dr. Steve Matthews, Novi Public Schools
  4. Patrick Mondro, PNC Bank
  5. Mary Jane Scott, Suburban Collection Showplace
  6. Boni Trush, Final Destinations
- Only the primary representative for each Novi Chamber member may vote. An e-mail ballot will be sent during the week of Oct. 31. Members may vote by e-mail, fax, or in person at the luncheon.

### APACC Hosts Mixer at Novi Civic Center

The Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce (APACC) will host a Power Mixer B2B Showcase in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center from 5:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27. This mixer will be a result-oriented, networking event focused on relationship building and specific procurement opportunities with buyers from automotive, state government, and other industries.

"Our Power Mixer Showcase offers each participant the opportunity to meet buyers who match their procurement needs. We asked invited buyers to provide their five top commodities and worked diligently in inviting both certified minority businesses and Asian businesses to capitalize on the opportunities and to build relationships," said Denise Yee Grim, APACC Executive Director. "We are very excited to have Kellogg's, Beaumont, DMC, and MGM Grand's participation at this year's event."

Cost is \$55 for APACC members; \$70 for non-members. To register and more information, please call (248) 844-4100.

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# Career Lessons From The Recession

If the recent recession left a bad taste in your mouth -- and chances are it did -- remember that every cloud has a silver lining. As painful as it may have been, the downturn gave workers insights into how to stay marketable and maintain professional momentum, even during the worst of times. Here are a several key takeaways from the recession and how they can help your career:

**Expect change**  
Employees were forced to adapt quickly during the downturn. Many took on new responsibilities, learned how to solve problems with fewer resources and began to work more efficiently.

The lesson? Flexibility can be a career-saver and will only

benefit you going forward. After all, change is inevitable. Although you can't control whether the economy shifts into high or low gear, you can control your reaction to it. Keep a positive outlook as business conditions or priorities evolve and, to the extent possible, try to adapt to new and different ways of doing things.

**Keep your skills current**  
Many professionals have assumed new roles and larger workloads over the last few years. Doing so successfully has required learning new skills. Along with updating their technical abilities, the savviest professionals strengthened their soft skills. For example, many people have become better negotiators as they've had to do more with less.

But much like the foreign language you studied in high school only to forget once you graduated, your skills will atrophy unless you continually strengthen them. Continue to use your new abilities and understand that different skills sets will continue to come in vogue. Remain alert to emerging trends and look for opportunities to build sought-after skills.

**Don't ignore your network**  
Think back to the jobs you've landed throughout your career, especially if you were forced to look for a new position during the downturn. Because many companies weren't advertising open jobs over the past couple of years, professionals often had to know someone just to get an

interview. Whether identifying job leads, providing referrals or simply offering advice, your network has probably been an invaluable resource.

Even as business conditions pick up, remember that the people you know will tap continue to serve as a career safety net. Keep in touch with them, both online and in person.

Also, look for opportunities to pay it forward. Let members of your network know of job leads you uncover and express your willingness to serve as a referral. Helping others will keep your network strong and increase the likelihood that your contacts will offer assistance the next time you're in need.

As philosopher George Santayana famously said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." This recession is still fresh in most people's minds, but as conditions improve, don't forget the knowledge you've gleaned. These learnings can help you prepare for and overcome any bump -- or pothole -- that may appear in the road of your career.

During the downturn, those who were ready with updated application materials and a solid network of professional contacts were often able to rebound and find employment the quickest. The lesson here: You can't control the job market or the likelihood of a layoff, but you can be ready to launch an immediate job search.

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**TOYOTA GEARS UP WITH CAMRY FOR GREAT 4TH QUARTER**

By Dale Buss

Toyota posted 18-percent lower sales in September. But company executives vowed that, finally, October and the rest of the fourth quarter would represent a true sales turnaround for Toyota in the

United States, as it benefits from the return of full-volume production of vehicles destined for this market, a slew of new and updated products including the Camry sedan, and the release of pent-up demand for its products in particular as well as by American car buyers in general.

"We're saying 'down sales' one last time for September," said Bob Carter, general manager of the Toyota division. "For the first time [since March],

all of the Toyota plants in Japan and North America are back to normal production levels, a couple of months earlier than originally expected. Our flow of vehicles is rapidly increasing, and so are our inventories. We expect the Toyota division to exceed year-ago sales levels beginning in October and to continue to do so every month throughout the fourth quarter and beyond. The increases are being driven by improved availability and an influx of new products."

In fact, Carter said that he and his colleagues have "a spring in our step" these days because they're so confident of a turnaround in Toyota's short-term sales trend. "Our production is back to 100 percent just in time to be launching our largest barrage of new products in more than 25 years," he said.



The 2012 Camry is a huge reason for Toyota's optimism about the rest of 2011.

Model by model, results for Toyota, Scion and Lexus continued to be disappointing in September. Corolla sales were down 23 percent for the month and remained 11 percent behind for the year. Prius sales were down 18 percent in September. All but two of Toyota's fleet of non-car vehicles posted sales declines for the month compared with the year earlier, most by double digits. And Camry, America's best-selling car for the last many years, sold 19 percent fewer in September compared with a year ago, and about 9 percent fewer units for the year to date.

Yet, the way Carter tells it, Camry is the very locus of short-term optimism for Toyota. The company has begun producing a substantially improved 2012 version of Camry and finally got some shipped to its U.S. dealers last month, a couple of weeks ahead of schedule.

"They arrived ... and dealers began selling them as soon as they came off the trucks," he said. October marks the real kickoff of sales of the new model. "We'll ship about 35,000 Camrys in October, and [sales] will become a flood."

Buyers are attracted to an MSRP that Edmunds.com has called the lowest in the Camry's 22-year history as a nameplate, Carter said; at the same time, initial orders are seeing high selling rates for top-trim versions, including Toyota's new Entune infotainment system.

Edmunds.com also likes the new fully redesigned Camry because of styling revisions that "make it look a little tougher and suspension upgrades that make it a little livelier." The car also has some substantial interior refinements, although Edmunds.com does criticize the car for "lifeless steering" in four-

cylinder versions.

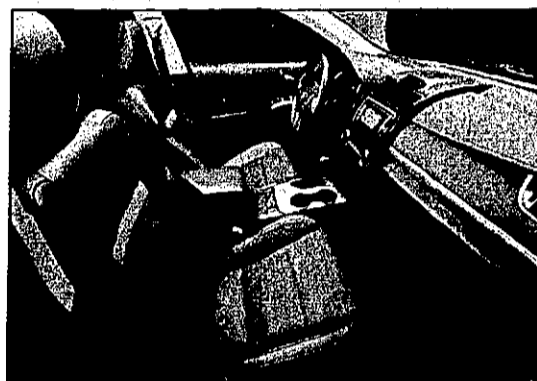
In any event, sticker prices for the 2012 Camry start at about \$22,000.

There simply are a substantial number of Americans who have been waiting for the new Camry to become available, and now is their day, Carter said. Camry advertising just started in mid-October, he said, and already Toyota is "ecstatic about the initial reaction" to the new Camry. "And it is an understatement to say, and we're quite confident, that Camry will hold on to the title of America's best-selling car" for 2012.

At the same time, he said, Prius finally will be more broadly available than at any time in the last year, Carter said. And availability of Toyota's pickup trucks once again will allow the brand to "take a good hard run" at the segment in the fourth quarter.

Carter also reiterated Toyota's plans for significant product enhancements in the next few weeks: a new Yaris that goes on sale later this month; a just-introduced 2012 Tacoma light pickup truck; and the wholesaling of the new PriusV by the end of October. "That is four all-new or significantly upgraded models in the span of just 30 days, and they will be followed by a new Scion iQ by the end of the year," he said.

Although fully redesigned, the 2012 Toyota Camry plays it safe with styling revisions that make it look a little tougher, and suspension upgrades that make it a little livelier.



Inside, the new Camry sports alluring refinements.

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