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Pet Expo launches new charitable fundraiser

The Ninth Annual Pet Expo Sept. 21-23 at the Suburban Collection Showplace (46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi) will be produced for the first time by nationally recognized event producer Steve Cantin and his team at All American Pet Expos. "The first priority with any new Pet Expo we launch is to embrace and empower the animal shelter and rescue community — and seek out avenues to help them raise funds for all their worthy efforts," said Cantin. "For our first Novi Pet Expo, we have developed an innovative new program that allows non-profits to not only raise much needed funds for their charities, but also incorporates exhibit space at the event, so that they can maximize their education and adoption efforts. In addition, every ticket sold through non-profit partners will be entered into an event sweepstakes that will award some terrific prizes. As always our main objective is to make certain that everyone involved benefits—especially the pets!" Details, rules and prize info are available at www.novipet-expo.com.

Novi unemployment 5.6%

Good signs for city in county's jobless report

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Novi's unemployment rate has decreased the last several years after reaching a recent high of 9 percent in June of 2009. Oakland County recently released its jobless rates for each of its communities. In June of this year, Novi's unemployment rate was at 5.6 percent while Pontiac had the highest at 22.2 percent. The county unemployment rate totals have

decreased by 2 percent since June of 2011, which was at its highest at nearly 14 percent in 2009.

The decreases don't surprise one local staffing/job recruiting service, Impact Management Services. It's based in Southfield, but has Novi as one of its major employment areas. Jeff Lothian, the Southfield office's director of Business Services, said job opportunities have grown, specifically in the Novi and Wixom areas.

"These two areas are big for us," Lothian said. "The sectors where we're seeing more opportunities are in manufacturing, production and engineering."

He said demand for new employees and competition for the jobs is back and has led to the driving up of the earning potential for some of these positions.

According to CareerBuilder.com, for the last 30 days there were 181 job postings for the Novi area. It listed 29 engineering opportunities and 17 in manufacturing. Sales jobs, with 49 postings, were the highest area of demand.

Local government has to be a bit happier with the developments, considering the state of employment two or three years

ago. Novi City Manager Clay Pearson said the report is a reflection that most of the area is doing better, especially in comparison to the state average of 9.4 percent.

Pearson said the city does what it can do to assist in creating job opportunities by trying "to provide an environment to help businesses stay in the community and grow."

Another way the city tries to help is through its Neighborhood and Business Relations Group, which aims to provide open and thorough communication between the city and all community members — business, commercial and residential.

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Bright Lights of Broadway



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Singing "On the Town" from left: George Giese, Bill Bird and Don Hieftje during the Sept. 6 Novi Civic Theatre's production of "The Bright Lights of Broadway" on Sept. 6. The revue, featuring dozens of Novi seniors will continue Thursday and Friday, Sept. 16-17 and Sunday, Sept. 19 at the Novi Civic Center. Please see more photos, A9.

Cassis wins Novi but can't top Bentivolio in final tally

By **Cal Stone**
Staff Writer

Nancy Cassis beat Kerry Bentivolio in her hometown of Novi, 1,058 to 771, but it wasn't enough to win the Republican vote in last Wednesday's special primary election for the 11th Congressional District seat vacated by Thad McCotter.

The tally of 307 precincts in Wayne and Oakland counties shows the former state senator with 8,804 votes to Bentivolio's 10,280.

Cassis was 25 votes shy of topping the former teacher and Tea Party activist in Oakland County.

Of Novi's 38,420 registered voters, only 2,859 (7.44 percent) cast votes — 1,815 of those via absentee ballot.

"Turnout was lower than expected at the polls," said Maryanne Cornelius, Novi's clerk. "Absentee ballots were as expected."

Republicans accounted for 2,098 votes in Novi; Democrats 743; nonpartisan 18; and crossover 13.

Cornelius said she anticipates 80-percent turnout for the November election. Novi's absentee ballots will be sent out in late September to early October to those who've requested them.

Please see **TALLY, A11**

Jasti nominated for the Wayne State board

Lotus Bank founder says he can help improve university

By **Lonnie Huhman**
Staff Writer

Satish Jasti, founder of Novi's own, Lotus Bank, has been nominated to run for the Board of Governors at Wayne State University.

Last weekend at the state's Republican Party Convention in Grand Rapids, Novi City Coun-

cilman David Staudt nominated Jasti as one of the candidates to run for two openings on the Wayne State board. Staudt thinks Jasti would bring a business mindset and different perspective to the university's ruling body.

"The Republican Party welcomes and encourages candidates of all ethnicities," said



Satish Jasti is running as a Republican for the Wayne State University Board of Governors.

Staudt, who is also treasurer of the Oakland County Republican Party. "As an individual of Indian heritage, Satish brings diversity to the position and party."

Please see **JASTI, A11**

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Providence helps youths explore careers

Providence Park Hospital recently renewed its long-standing commitment to Partners In Excellence (PIE) by donating \$20,000 in grant dollars to the Novi Educational Foundation to help fund classes like the medical careers exploration course, a real-world medical application to science classes at Novi High School.

"The mission of Partners in Excellence is to enhance and strengthen a learning opportunities through collaborative relationships between the Novi Community School District and Providence Park Hospital," said Lou Martin, Marketing and Communications for St. John Providence Health System. "PIE combines the strengths, resources and best practices of each organization."

A shortage of qualified health care workers is a national issue in the health care industry, nursing being one example. Medical careers exploration helps students of all ages benefit by real world exposure and experiences. The program provides new insights, awareness and understanding to young learners in all aspects of health care. Novi High School science students get the opportunity to directly interact with the health care professionals of Providence Park Hospital, at all levels. This, in turn, helps Providence Park inspire and inform a talent pool of future caregivers. Exposure to the hospital community and healthy practices, procedures and habits also creates a stronger community focused on health care.



Novi's Emily Kwerdis and Shelby Henley in a class at Providence Park Hospital.

"Programs like this are so important because they help students develop passions and interests," said Dr. Steve Matthews, Novi schools superintendent. "The

Partners In Excellence program provides us a chance to inspire our students and to help them connect their education to their life."

Geoff Wood, NEF chairperson, is grateful to Providence for helping support educational and enrichment activities for our Novi students. "The NEF, through Providence, is funding this program to inspire future doctors, nurses, and medical technicians," Wood said. "The NEF provides these kinds of educational opportunities for companies to positively impact children's futures. We are grateful to Providence for donating \$20,000 to help make this educational vision a reality."

The medical careers exploration course, taught by Novi High School science teacher Emily Pohlonski, provides an opportunity for extensive job shadowing and for Novi students to investigate career opportunities in all health care fields represented at Providence Park Hospital. This includes surgery, physical therapy, imaging, pharmacy, cardiac-cath lab, emergency room, occupational therapy and substance abuse awareness at Brighton Hospital.

The grant dollars help to fund materials and supplies for medical career share projects; Read-and-be-Well publishing materials; and transportation and project coordinator costs.

PIECES OF PIE

Besides medical careers exploration, the PIE program also features the following academic initiatives:

- * Special needs students' vocational training program

- * Read and Be Well project: For several years, elementary students produced books to be donated to the hospital.

- * English Language Learner classes are held on campus at Providence Park.

- * Novi Schools partners with Providence Park to create an enriching experience for the adult students, including such items as an International Club, ceramics lessons and projects, and a Japanese yoga course and cooking demonstrations.

- * Student volunteering at Providence, especially highlighted in the recent Japanese Community Health Fair at Providence Park.

- * Brighton Hospital (a member of St. John Providence Health System) collaborations with the Novi Schools

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Competitive robotics season kicks off Sept. 10

OCORA, an association of Oakland County high school robotics teams, kicks off its 12th season Monday, Sept. 10 with a meeting at 4:30 p.m. at Oakland Schools for teachers, coaches and students to learn what the game will be this year. Registrations have been received from 23 schools thus far, including Catholic Central High School.

Unlike the FIRST competitions, OCORA requires the entire robot be student-designed and built.

SCHEDULE

The tournament schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, Oct. 20 - location TBD
- Thursday, Oct. 25 - Waterford Kettering
- Saturday, Nov. 3 - Diversity Showcase at South Lyon
- Thursday, Nov. 8 - Birmingham Seaholm
- Saturday, Nov. 17 - County Championship at Holly
- Saturday, Dec. 1 - OCORA VEX Tournament
- Wednesday, Dec. 15 - Banquet at Oakland Schools

For more information on OCORA, contact Terri Kroll, project coordinator, at (248) 209-2432. You can also get more information on OCORA by visiting the OCORA website at <http://www.oakland.k12.mi.us/Default.aspx?tabid=525>.

The rules of the competition will allow for and encourage corporate

partnerships but will not allow precise machining or processes

that cannot be carried out in the schools.

This is a full contact robotics competition, where students will control 120-pound robots on the field of play. The robots will try to score points by placing balls into goals while their opponents try to stop them. OCORA robots play rough and some damage will surely occur, but unlike "Battlebots" the rules prohibit teams from intentionally damaging another machine.

OCORA generates enthusiasm for technical and academic disciplines such as design, engineering, physics, and electronics. These competitions provide recognition and encouragement for students who devote their energies to these areas of study. OCORA participants will also have the opportunity to learn more about the diverse technical career options available in our county and state.

OCORA is supported by the Oakland Schools Education Foundation (OSEF), through the generosity and support of area businesses and individuals. Current corporate sponsors include: DTE Energy Foundation, Chrysler, Delphi Automotive Systems, Denso International America, Inc., General Motors Powertrain, and SMC Pneumatics.

She's got spirit



London Washington, 4, joins the Novi High sideline cheer squad for a routine during the Aug. 30 game at Lakeland High. London's brother, Ivy Washington, is a member of the varsity squad, too.

NEF golf fundraiser set for Sept. 28

The Novi Educational Foundation (NEF) will host the 17th Annual Charity Golf Scramble at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 28 at the Tanglewood Golf Club on 10 Mile Road. Nearly 100 golfers participate each year in this event, which features, food, raffles and plenty of fun and excitement. Hole-in-one, longest drive, closest to the pin and putting are just a few of the contests that reward the skills of the participants. The day's activities include lunch, trophies, awards and raffle prizes.

Golf and dinner packages are priced at \$125 per player and \$450 per foursome. Hole sponsorships from individual, businesses and corporations are \$200 per hole. Registration is limited to the first 36 foursomes up to the day of the event. This year, registration/breakfast begins at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Visit novieducationalfoundation.org or call Ellen Hulverson, NEF administrative coordinator, at (248) 449-1211.

Pain research

Novi R.N., Wayne State prof researches health of African Americans in our region

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

April Vallerand of Novi is an associate professor in the College of Nursing at Wayne State University. Her research looks at pain management in African American cancer patients.

In this study, all are cancer patients, said Vallerand, who earned her Ph.D. in nursing from the University of Pennsylvania. She earned a master's in nursing from California State University at Los Angeles and her bachelor's degree in nursing from Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles.

"I'm a native of California, but we've been here 14 years," she said. Husband Warren is an oral surgeon. Son Ben, 23, is also at Wayne State in computer engineering technology, with daughter Kate, 19, at WSU in social work.

April Vallerand, 55, and colleagues did a study in home care, how to manage cancer pain, approximately from 2000-05. They lost a lot of patients, with less reimbursement for home care coming in.

"My thought was 'Where are these patients getting care now?'" Outpatient clinics are most common. Vallerand has found patients who can manage their pain do better.

Sense of control
"It's that sense of knowing what to do to control your pain. If they didn't have that they were more

distressed and less functional. Our African Americans had significantly higher levels of pain, more distress and significantly less function."

The patients are followed for 12 weeks, with intervention five weeks of that time. At week 12, researchers want to see if changes have lasted.

Medication management is one component. "It's much more effective if you take it earlier. That's one of the pieces we're helping them understand. Nurses can help with side effects and issues of addiction."

They also train the patient and caregiver to support each other in interacting with doctors. "That validation is really important. That's our second component which we call pain advocacy."

Living with Pain is the third component, not eliminating all pain but letting them do what's important to them. That could include a hot-cold pack to put in microwave or freezer. Some use prayer, "those types of issues to help them continue their life. Sleeping because you're continually in pain" is not a good coping mechanism, she said.

Help with pain
"I do believe this type intervention will work for most any kind of pain."

She would like to use on noncancer and other populations as well. There was an article in *The Michigan Chronicle* on their study, with

a woman from the study interviewed. "She talked about what the intervention did for her. It was wonderful," said Vallerand, who also recently spoke to the Novi Rotary about her work.

Caregivers aren't all family members. "It could be anybody." Spouses as caregivers are less likely for African Americans, many are friends or neighbors "or they have no one."

One man said when asked if he needed a hospital ride, "I'd call a cab." Many of them are alone in dealing with this," she said.

Researchers found that African American cancer patients experience chronic pain more severely than others and tended to believe that nothing would help them, making them vulnerable to depression.

Vallerand's \$1.1 million study funded by the National Cancer Institute, "Improving Functional Status Among African Americans with Cancer Pain," is testing counseling as a way to help these patients. The research study currently has 109 participants enrolled in the Detroit area, half of whom receive in-home visits from a nurse who counsels patients and their caregivers. The study will enroll 256 patients, half in a control group and half in the counseling intervention group, prior to completion in 2014.

This study is the only



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi resident and Wayne State University associate professor April Vallerand is working on a National Health Institute grant to study the effectiveness of pain management for African Americans going through cancer treatment. She coordinates the study through the Karmanos Cancer Center in Detroit.

one focusing on African American cancer patients with chronic pain. It's a three-year study, about half-way through. They're beginning to publish information, and applying for other grants to look at other populations.

"There's not a good knowledge of what the survivors go through," she said of cancer survivors.

Access is key
"I think that anything that provides more of our patients with access to health care is a good thing," she said. One patient had an insurance plan, with doctor who prescribed 60 Vicodin a month.

"He's spending at least

half his day in pain. The insurance company said, 'No, we'll only give you 40.'" Because the study patients have cancer, Karmanos social workers will help to identify assistance.

"But it's a real struggle," said Vallerand, who hasn't found any negative reaction to nurses as researchers.

"It may be because I'm a Ph.D. I'm pretty good at making it clear I'm a nurse." Patients are comfortable with nurses.

"They have been incredibly welcoming. They watch out for us. We go into neighborhoods that are not wonderful. They may not expect their physicians to do this kind of research.

Patients are sad to see them leave. One man with prostate cancer couldn't wash dishes at his sink initially. For the second visit, he was waiting at the door and said, "You guys have changed my whole life." He could walk a mile a day in the park.

"So it's been very gratifying to see we are able to make enormous changes in some of these patients," she said. "That's exactly what we're talking about giving them their life back. What did that pain keep you from doing and can we help you get back to it?"

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BURKACKI, BERNARD "BERNIE"
Age 65, of Northville, died suddenly 8/28/2012. Loving husband and father, and friend. A funeral service was held on Sept. 12, 2012 at Casterline Funeral Home (248) 349-0611

BAKER, VIVIAN M.

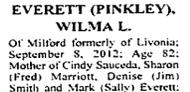
Age 88, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away September 2, 2012. She was born September 5, 1923 in Grand Junction, MI; daughter of Claude and Fern (nee) Smith. She married L. Baker on February 21, 1942; they spent 66 loving years together until his death on November 4, 2010. Vivian was a wonderful homemaker and very family oriented. She liked to cook, bake and eat vegetables from her garden. Vivian also enjoyed traveling; she went to Europe twice and went to Florida every winter where she collected seashells. Vivian is survived by her children, Marjorie Wiatrowski, Crystal (Kynis) Maynor, and Brian (Diane) Baker; her brother Robert (Betty) Smith; eight grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her brother Claude Smith, her son-in-law Arnold Wiatrowski, and her great-grandson William Morgan. A funeral service will be held September 5, 2012 at Casterline Funeral Home. She was laid to rest in Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to Hospice at Home, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

COLLINS, NICOLE (JACKSON)

35, of Farmington Hills, MI passed away Fri. Aug. 24, 2012. Survived by children Sebastian, Anthony, Jazmya and granddaughters Ilyzabeth, Kenna, Thomas; sister Heather Clark (Paul); brothers Jesse (Ginnie), Kenny, and Martin; grandparents, aunts, uncles, nephew, nieces, and close friends. She will be sadly missed by family and friends. There will be a Memorial held in her honor on Saturday, September 15, 2012 at 11:30am at Asseline Valley Church, 5849 W. Duck Lake Road, Highland MI 48356. obit.sullivanfuneralhome.com

DORAN, JIM

Sept. 21, 1925 - August 27, 2012 Online condolences: obit.sullivanfuneralhome.com



EVERETT (PINKLEY), WILMA

Of Milford formerly of Livonia; September 8, 2012. Age 82; Mother of Cindy Scaudo, Sharon (Fred) Marriott, Denise (Jim) Smith and Mark (Sally) Everett. Grandmother of Melissa, Danny, Michelle, Nicole, Jamie, Jesse, Rachel and Charles. Great Grandmother of 15 and one Great Granddaughter. Sister of Tom (Betty) Pinkney and Imogene (Hurd) Prockel in death by siblings Betty Goodman and Edward Pinkley; Wilma was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Finley; Wilma was Wednesday 12:30 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, 122 W. Durant, Northville. Funeral mass Friday 10:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Interment at the St. Mary's Catholic Church. Online guestbook: www.wintfuneralhome.com



FLETCHER, ALICE JOSEPHINE

Age 60, passed away very peacefully on September 8th at 11:30pm. A memorial service will be held at the Fletcher home in New Hudson at 1:00pm on September 15th, 2012, and a candle light vigil at dusk. For information, please call (248) 756-2855

GARGAN, Barbara Patrick

Mar. 16, 1970 - Sept. 5, 2012 Online condolences: obit.sullivanfuneralhome.com

HENRY, BARBARA M.

Age 94, passed away September 3, 2012, in St. Louis, Missouri. She was born in New Hudson, on August 28, 1918. Barbara was the Food Service Manager for the South Lyon School District for nearly 25 years, retiring in 1980. She is survived by her loving husband, Clifford L. "Nip" (Bennie) Borlace; sons, Cliff Jr. (Bonnie), Doug (Holly), Steve (Kathy) Borlace; daughter, Linda (Tom) Backlett; grandchildren, Laura (Tom) Abraham, Cliff, III (Lindsay), Alexandra, Sydney, Britton, Addison, Matthew and Rebecca Borlace; John and Joseph Backlett; great-grandchildren, Braxton, Taylor, Peyton Borlace; his nieces and nephews, extended family members and dear friends. A funeral service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Milford on Saturday, September 8, for further information please contact Lynch & Sons at 248-684-6643 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

BORLACE, CLIFFORD L. "NIP"

Age 73 of Clay Twp., Harpers Island, Michigan, passed away September 4, 2012. Survived by his beloved wife Joane (nee Teskey); sons, Cliff Jr. (Bonnie), Doug (Holly), Steve (Kathy) Borlace; daughter, Linda (Tom) Backlett; grandchildren, Laura (Tom) Abraham, Cliff, III (Lindsay), Alexandra, Sydney, Britton, Addison, Matthew and Rebecca Borlace; John and Joseph Backlett; great-grandchildren, Braxton, Taylor, Peyton Borlace; his nieces and nephews, extended family members and dear friends. A funeral service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Milford on Saturday, September 8, for further information please contact Lynch & Sons at 248-684-6643 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

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NOVI COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Novi events

NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COFFEE WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT
Times/Dates: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17 or 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19
Location: Novi Public Library

Details: Dr. Steve Matthews. Topics of discussion will be state achievement classifications in Novi and how we communicate better with our parents and community.

FOSTER CARE PRESENTATION

Time/Dates: 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17
Location: Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 4440 West Ten Mile Road, Novi

Details: Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care presents Maura Corrigan, Department of Human Services director, who will offer her vision, mission, current updates and challenges concerning Michigan's children and youth in the foster care system. Local service agencies will also be present to provide resources and opportunities to find where you can make a positive difference.

MUELLER JOHN LOUIS

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NEIL, DOROTHY

February 28, 1925 - Aug. 21, 2012 Online condolences: obit.sullivanfuneralhome.com

RUMPTZ, TERESA M.

Age 90, of Farmington Hills passed away 9/10/12. Visitation Thursday 2-8pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Durant, Northville. Funeral mass Friday 10:30am at St. James Catholic Church, 46325 Ten Mile, Novi.

SDUNEK, DOROTHY MARGARET

Dorothy went to be with the Lord on September 4, 2012. Dorothy was born on January 22, 1915, to Bruce and Ottilie (Briegel) Collins in Detroit, Michigan. She graduated from Eastern High School, and worked for some time in the radio in the 1930's. In 1936, she met Charles L. Sdunek, canoeing at Williams Lake. They were married July 24, 1938, first living in Birmingham and later in the family farm near New Hudson, Michigan. They were members at the New Hudson United Methodist Church. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Charles. She leaves her sister, Betty (Bill) and sons: Bruce (Carolyn) of Howell and Louis (Sarah) of Hale, W.I., Hawaii. She also leaves six grandchildren: Lori (Anthony) Dzabudza, Lisa (David) Shipman, Charles (Autumn) Sdunek, Scott (Carmel, Victor and Sheri (Keoni) Picarno; nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

MICHIGAN MADE ARTS CRAFTS JEWELRY SHOW

Time/Dates: noon-8 p.m. first Fridays through December
Location: Atrium Of Novi, 43155 Main Street
Details: Featuring many handmade items from people with disabilities. Anyone in Michigan that makes handcrafted items can get a space for \$20. Therapy Choir Michigan will perform at 6:15 June 1. Face Painting by Community Choices of Westland.
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BEREAVEMENT MEETING

Time/Dates: 7:30-9 p.m. third Tuesdays
Location: Novi Civic Center (10 Mile between Taft and Novi roads)
Details: Led by Michael M. Meyer, D. Min., goal is to give each participant an opportunity to share their story. Handouts describing the phases of grief and the tasks of grief are available.
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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Ian Gaffney, 8, catches a pass from his mom Kim on Aug. 29 at Novi's Lakeshore Park. The park and its beach, located along the southern end of Walled Lake, were open through the Labor Day weekend.

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More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.

NOVI TOASTMASTERS CLUB

Time/Dates: 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.freetoasthost.us.
Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@novifreetoasthost.us

NORTHVILLE-NOVI BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAK-FAST

Time/Dates: 7:30-9 a.m., every 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.sunrisenet-workinggroup.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 588-232-3009 or fmilana@sunrisenetworkinggroup.com

METRO NOVI BNI

Time/Dates: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday
Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 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. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.
Contact: Contact Julie Paquette at (248) 797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.com.

WALLED LAKE LIBRARY

Location: 1499 East West Maple Road, Walled Lake
Contact: (248) 624-3772
HUD Counseling
Time/Dates: 5-8 p.m. first Mondays
Details: HUD-certified counselors are available to assist homeowners at risk of foreclosure. Learn how to work with your lender to avoid foreclosure. There is no charge for this service. Please call if you wish to attend. One-of-one sessions will be scheduled.
Book Discussion Group
Time/Dates: 6:30 p.m. first Thursdays
Details: Please drop in or call the library if you are interested in joining their recently-formed group.

NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY

Location: 45255 W. 10 Mile Road
Hours: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10-5 Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday
Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library. Register or call programs at the library or on the library website.
Contact: (248) 349-0720
Web: www.novilibrary.org

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Contact: www.novichamber.com or call (248) 349-3743

NOVI ROTARY CLUB

Time/Dates: Noon every Thursday
Location: Novi Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
Details: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Contact website for speaker information: novirotary.org.

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Larcenies from autos at Twelve Oaks

1 Twelve Oaks Mall was the scene of two different larcenies from vehicles parked at its lots. On Aug. 25, as a woman walked to her car she observed a man leaning into it. When she asked him what he was doing he ran from the scene. Her window was smashed and several items were stolen. The suspect was a white male, around 35 years old and 5'9" with blondish hair. The second inci-

B&E at 10 North Bar & Grill

2 Empty beer kegs were stolen from the 10 North Bar & Grill on Aug. 24. A breaking-and-entering incident was reported by the location after it found 10 kegs missing. There was damage done to the storage area's wooden doors and steel bar lock.

Minor in possession at elementary

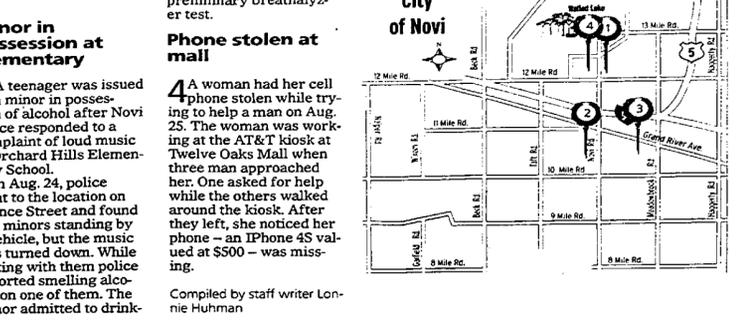
3 A teenager was issued a minor in possession of alcohol after Novi police responded to a complaint of loud music at Orchard Hills Elementary School. On Aug. 24, police went to the location on Quince Street and found two minors standing by a vehicle, but the music was turned down. While talking with them police reported smelling alcohol on one of them. The minor admitted to drink-

Phone stolen at mall

4 A woman had her cell phone stolen while trying to help a man on Aug. 25. The woman was working at the AT&T kiosk at Twelve Oaks Mall when three men approached her. One asked for help while the others walked around the kiosk. After they left, she noticed her phone — an iPhone 4S valued at \$500 — was missing.

Compiled by staff writer Lonnie Huhman

City of Novi



Your Invitation to Worship

<p>Brighton</p> <p>LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH 5051 Pleasant Valley Road • Brighton, MI 48114 810-227-7115 10:45 a.m. Sunday School Rev. Dale Hebdell, Pastor www.lordoflifec.com</p> <p>HOLY SPIRIT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL at the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Rd. 810-221-9199 Fr. Richard Papp, Pastor Weekend Liturgies Saturday 6:00 p.m. Sunday 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Please visit our Website at www.holyspirit.org</p>	<p>CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH Preschool, Pre-K & Kidg. - Miss. Synod 620 General Motors Rd., Milford Church office: (248) 684-0896 Regular Sunday Service: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Sept. Sunday School: 10:45 a.m. Sept. Sunday Service: 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD VISITORS WELCOME! 133 Detroit St., Milford • 684-5695 Pastor Steve Swartz Singer School (all ages) 8:45 a.m. - Sunday Worship - 11 a.m. Young Adults Bible Study (young to new) Area: Wednesday, 6:45-8:15 p.m., 1st & 3rd on the 8th grade Website: mfbaptist.org</p>	<p>ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI 48325 10 Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48374 Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m. Rev. June M. Smith, Pastor 248-306-5522 www.stjamesnovi.org</p> <p>FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, MI 48374 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. www.faithcommunity-novi.org WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10 a.m. "Children, Youth and Adult Ministries"</p>	<p>NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 4171 W. Ten Mile Road • Novi, MI 48375 Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m. Fr. Bob LaCroce, Pastor 248-306-5522 www.noviumc.org *Living God, loving each other and serving our core values*</p> <p>HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH 26255 Meadowbrook Rd., Novi, MI 48375 Saturday: 8:30 a.m., English 8:30 a.m., Spanish 12:15 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Fr. Michael Zwick, Associate Pastor Office: 248-887-8101 www.holyfamilynovi.org</p>	<p>HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL 42700 W. Ten Mile Rd. • 248-427-1175 Sunday Worship 7:45 a.m. & 10 a.m. Healing Service Wednesday 11:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Rev. Ann Webber, Pastor holycrossnovi@gmail.com</p>
<p>Walled Lake</p> <p>CROSSPOINT COMMUNITY CHURCH 1851 S. Commerce Rd. Walled Lake 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship Rev. Kenneth Warren • 248-631-2621 www.cpcnow.com</p> <p>WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH 1115 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48360 248-557-1218 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Wednesday All Ages: 7:00 p.m. Also Small Groups / Ministry Teams</p>	<p>DAKPOINTE Milford 1200 South Hill Rd. (248) 685-3560 www.dakpointe.org Pastor: Steve Swartz Adult Bible Study: Sunday 9:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Anthem: Wednesday, 6:45-8:15 p.m., 1st & 3rd on the 8th grade Women, Men and Life Group: Various Services</p> <p>Milford United Methodist Church 1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48361 Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. Groups for Children, Youth & Adults 248-684-2798 mumc.org</p>	<p>OAK POINTE CHURCH 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m., Sunday 9:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Casual, contemporary service Phone (248) 912-0043 www.oakpointe.org</p> <p>BRIGHTMOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH 40800 W. 13.5 Mile Road, Novi on the corner of M-56 & W-13 Sundays 9:15a & 11:15a www.brightmoorc.org something for the entire family.</p>	<p>South Lyon</p> <p>CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN 18555 Southpark Pastor Terry Nelson 487-8310 • 488-4335 Grove Rd., 10 Mile Worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.</p> <p>Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church 22260 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, MI 48178 Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Retired Members: 10:30 a.m. Youth at 8:30 p.m. Rev. James W. Brown, Pastor 248-437-2222 • www.fellowship.org</p>	<p>Shepherd's Way Lutheran Church, ELCA 304 N. Lafayette Novi, MI 48375 Sunday Worship 9:10 AM Education Hour 10:30 AM Rev. Bart Muller, Pastor 248-466-4404 www.shepherdswaylutheran.org</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON 60200 Maplewood Phone: 248-375-2030 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 8:00 a.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m. Senior Pastor: Bob Pfeiffer / Assoc. Pastor: Terry Weis 248-466-4404 www.fbc-southlyon.org * Come to worship with us!</p>
<p>Whitmore Lake</p> <p>FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582 Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Fellowship Presbyterian Church 15660 Hubbard Road South of Six Mile Road Adult Sunday School: 9:15 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. Dr. James N. McGraw • Nursery Provided</p>	<p>Milford United Methodist Church 1200 Atlantic St., Milford, MI 48361 Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. Groups for Children, Youth & Adults 248-684-2798 mumc.org</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST OF MILFORD VISITORS WELCOME! 133 Detroit St., Milford • 684-5695 Pastor Steve Swartz Singer School (all ages) 8:45 a.m. - Sunday Worship - 11 a.m. Young Adults Bible Study (young to new) Area: Wednesday, 6:45-8:15 p.m., 1st & 3rd on the 8th grade Website: mfbaptist.org</p>	<p>St. John's Episcopal Church A lovely little hidden gem! 574 S. Shady Rd. • Plymouth, MI 48170 734-483-1990 www.stjohns.org 8:30 AM - Eucharist - responsive (with music) 9:30 AM - Eucharist with Traditional music 10:30 AM - Eucharist with Traditional music</p> <p>METRO NOVI BNI Time/Dates: 7-8 a.m. every Wednesday Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 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. Members learn how to create and refine an "elevator speech," develop a network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited free of charge. Continental breakfast provided. Contact: Contact Julie Paquette at (248) 797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.com.</p>	<p>MILFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 230 N. Main Street, Milford (248) 684-2805 Sunday School age 3 thru 50 grade 6-10:30 a.m. Youth Group 10 a.m. - Grades 6-12 A heritage of area worship since 1836</p> <p>St. John's Episcopal Church A lovely little hidden gem! 574 S. Shady Rd. • Plymouth, MI 48170 734-483-1990 www.stjohns.org 8:30 AM - Eucharist - responsive (with music) 9:30 AM - Eucharist with Traditional music 10:30 AM - Eucharist with Traditional music</p>	
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<p>Northville</p> <p>NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN Experience Life Each Week Sunday Worship • 9:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Children's Programs www.northvillecc.org 41255 Six Mile Road 248-344-9030 www.northvillecc.org</p> <p>WARD CHURCH 4000 Six Mile Road Northville, MI 48168 Phone: 248-347-2258 www.wardchurch.org Traditional Worship at 8:00 & 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship at 10:30 & 11 a.m. Children's Programs available at 9:30 & 11 a.m. The Traditional Service is broadcast on the radio each week at 11 a.m. on 550 AM</p>				

Melexis relocates to Novi

Melexis' continued success in the automotive electronics field results in the recent successful relocation of its North American Sales office from Farmington Hills to a new, expanded space in Novi.

The growth in Melexis' technical applications staff and requirement for expanded engineering lab space were determining factors in the site selection. Increased electronic content and sensors in vehicles demands extensive technical collaboration between suppliers and customers. Strong working relationships with Detroit area Tier 1 Vehicle Manufacturers continues to bring new projects for Melexis' portfolio of sensors, opto, actuator and wireless integrated circuits. Melexis recently reported its best financial quarter in revenue terms and has adjusted its financial guidance accordingly. The majority of Melexis revenue is derived from automotive and transportation electronics sales.

"Melexis relocation to a larger facility here in Novi tracks the growth of our automotive business in the North America market and specifically the Detroit Automotive area," said Melexis' North American Sales Manager Adrian Hill. "We continue to provide increased local customers support which is essential to bringing our innovative products to market and meeting the challenge of faster design cycles in



The relocation was recently capped with an official ribbon cutting ceremony attended by Melexis CEO Francoise Chombar and Global Sales Manager Gianluigi Morello.

the automotive industry globally."

Melexis Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Melexis NV of Belgium. Melexis Inc. also includes a product development office in Nashua, NH. Melexis North American Sales office can be reached at 27333 Meadowbrook Road, Suite 200. Novi; phone (248) 306-5400.

NOVI BUSINESS BRIEFS

Signature leases in Wixom

Signature Associates has negotiated the lease of 5,200 sq. ft. of industrial

space at 48733-49005 West Road, Wixom. Steve Kozak of Signature Associates represented the tenant, Concept Greenhouse & Garden Supply.

OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in February offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

Unless otherwise noted, all programs take place at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For pre-registration and location specifics, visit online at www.advantageoakland.com or call (248) 858-0783.

Business Research: Feasibility to Expansion

Sept. 13, 9 a.m.-noon
Thinking of starting a business and want to research your business idea? Are you a business owner who wants to benchmark your profit margin and other measures against similar size businesses? Do you want to identify market trends and opportunities to grow your sales? Are you looking for new customers or to diversify your market base? Business Research shows you ways to find your ideal customers, your competitors, perform competitive analysis and more. Presented by Oakland County Market Research and an Oakland County

Public Library business reference librarian. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.

FastTrac GrowthVenture

Sept. 20-Nov. 29 (10 sessions excluding Nov. 22, 6-9 p.m.)
FastTrac® GrowthVenture is an intensive, 10-week program designed for owners, CEO's and top management team members of small businesses with at least two years of operating experience, minimum of two employees (W2s), and annual revenue of between \$100,000 and \$749,000. FastTrac GrowthVenture is normally \$700 per participant. Sponsor support allows us to offer a scholarship-reduced rate. Fee: \$140

Women's Business Certification (WBE) Orientation

Sept. 21, 9-11 a.m.
Learn about the benefits and process of becoming a Women's Business Enterprise (WBE). Benefits include certification to private sector WBE's and access to procurement opportunities with major national companies. For additional information visit micedd.org. Presented by the Michigan Women's Business Council. Fee: \$25

What will Penn State become after conspiracy of silence?

By Lee Meadows
Guest Columnist

Historical legacies can occur from intentional actions (Ford Motor Company) or unintentional actions (Viagra), depending on the factors that came together to create a new reality (Starbucks's Coffee Shops and Laptop Computers).

Once history has laid claim to an event, its interpretation may be subject to debate 100 or 1,000 years into the future. The moment history is being made it is being evaluated within the context of that moment. Once that history has been established, interpreters are left to sort through the facts, innuendos and rumors to find the 'pure' truth and offer that truth as a pattern or a lesson for others to follow or avoid.

Over time, the stories that spin around that truth are finely woven into a single word that defines character and substance. While "Penn State" alters the single word reference, its place in history may have just as powerful an impact as "Judas" and "Enron." In the course of establishing itself as an institutional paragon in academic excellence, student achievement, community leadership and student commitment, something slipped, and the long-standing legacy now has a longer road back to credibility.

Many would argue that this fall from grace is due to the degenerate behavior of one individual. Such an argument narrows the scope in which the facts are analyzed and abdicates the remaining institutional members from the embedded responsibility that comes from being in a role in which customers (i.e. students) and the organization (i.e. university) have a right to expect behavior that is purposely directed toward doing the 'right thing'. It is not enough to say, "I told (fill in the blanks) about what I saw." When the observed behavior violates morality, virtue, principles and other unstated agreements between the organization and its members, there is a greater obligation that transcends institutional roles. One is not afforded the luxury of saying, "It is not my responsibility." This behavioral mindset, when seen in small pieces,

appears isolated and disconnected. However, much like the T-1000 Terminator model, isolated and disconnected pieces have a way of being pulled together to create a deadly menace that runs rough shod until it or the organization is destroyed. In the final report on the scandal at Penn State, reference was made to this deadly menace as a 'conspiracy of silence'. In other words, 'let's all agree, through our inaction, to let the beast wreak havoc.' What wasn't mentioned in the report is that the 'conspiracy of silence' contributed to a 'dysfunctional workplace' being represented as the 'happy' in 'Happy Valley'. The flimsy behavioral justification for allowing the beast to feed and grow was tied to 'self-preservation', 'job security', promises of promotion, and other acts of individual avoidance. The unstated hope that somebody would do something resulted in no one doing anything. As long as 'inaction' was the food that fed the beast, why would it want to leave its 'happy' hunting ground?

So, lives, legacies and leaders are destroyed because somewhere in the midst of this unspeakable scandal a simple truth was ignored. Consequently, the legal system has punished the perpetrator, yet the social shock is far reaching than what the final sentence has decreed. Victims, family members and institutional loyalists are left to wrestle with the long-term effect that has shaken the foundation of a proud institution. Whatever influence individuals and institutions have in shaping their legacy, it is clear that the actions of others play a vital role in determining how history will interpret that legacy. The spirit of its people defines the soul of an organization, regardless of its product or service. When the Penn State football team takes to the field, it takes with it the stain of a 'conspiracy of silence'. When the Penn State flag is raised, it waves toward a legacy lost by the winds of a 'conspiracy of silence'. When the Penn State tradition is discussed, it will be tongue-tied by the 'conspiracy of silence'. All that remains, for now and for history, is to show what it can become. History waits.

Lee E. Meadows, Ph.D. is a professor of management at Walsh College working at the Novi Campus. He can be contacted at imeadows@walshcollege.edu.



Dancers with the Novi Civic Theatre's production of "The Bright Lights of Broadway" chorus-line a number called "Lullaby of Broadway" during the Sept. 6 production at the Novi Civic Center.



Audience members enjoy the Sept. 6 production at the Novi Civic Center.

Kathy Crawford sings "City Lights" during the Sept. 6 production of "The Bright Lights of Broadway" at the Novi Civic Center.



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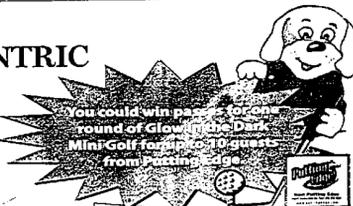
Scoop's BACK TO SCHOOL

Hound Dog Highlights CONTEST

WELCOME BACK!

Here are things you can do to make this school year the best one yet.

- 1) Plan to do your best. Just like mom and dad make plans to complete a project, you need to succeed in the classroom. Schedule home work time. Find out when big projects will be due.
- 2) Extra Credit! Make your teacher really notice you by doing a little extra work.
- 3) Be a friend not a bully. You will have loads of new friends if you are a friend first.
- 4) Pick Me-Pick Me! Get involved. Maybe it's an extracurricular activity, club, or event.
- 5) Feed your mind and body! Kick-off your day with a healthy breakfast followed later with a nutritious lunch. It will help you be your best all day long.
- 6) Rest-Work-Play! After all is said and done, make sure to get plenty of rest and add some playtime in your school week.



Back-to-School

Scoop hopes this will be a great school year for you. Tell him about your first week of school. You could win. Include a photo with your letter.

Youth Name: _____
 Youth Age: _____
 Youth Community: _____
 Parent's information to contact winning entry: (phone, email, home address) _____

Selected winners will be announced in a future Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.



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 Phone: _____
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 *Parent's Signature: _____

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 * Required for Birthday Club

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 Patrick Kerrigan Livonia Sept. 18
 Mikey Palmer Plymouth Sept. 21
 Isaiah Bonner Romulus Sept. 25
 Ryan Stallworth Southfield Sept. 29

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August Winners!

Parker Howard, Garden City



David Kott, Novi



Aubree Ostroskie, Livonia

Scoop's Summer ADVENTURE

This summer Scoop was very busy making new friends at Plymouth Art in the Park and Redford Geriatric Community Picnic



Kyleigh, 8; Kaylyn, 5 yrs old and Hunter, 5 yrs old Howell



Beshira Graham, 2 Detroit; Ashley Brown, Oak Park; Lori Ensign, Clinton Township



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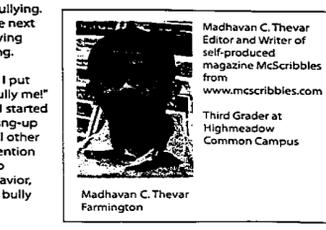
BULLY ME!

Do You Get Bullied? If you say YES...Well this story is for you.

One day it was recess time at school. I was playing Zombie tag with my friends. Everything was going smooth until... a bunch of big kids arrived and started bullying me. I was so frustrated because they ruined my playtime. The bullying not only affecting my playtime but is also affecting my learning at school and home.

I have to find a way to stop this bullying. Then I got the perfect idea. So the next day I was waiting for the big bullying kids to arrive and start the bullying.

Here they come. A gang of three. I put on a stone face and said "Okay bully me!" As soon as they started bullying, I started thinking about lunch, math, waking-up tomorrow, Friday's skating and all other good things. I never paid any attention to the bullies. Finally they were so frustrated about my positive behavior, they left and never came back to bully me. So long bullies!



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TALLY

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However, military and overseas voters who've requested absentee ballots will either be mailed or e-mailed by the Sept. 21 deadline.

Bentivolio will now square off against the lone Democrat in Wednesday's election, David Curson, in a special general election on the November ballot to fill the remainder of McCotter's term - just over one month, ending Dec. 31. Also on that ballot will be Libertarian John Tatar and Marc Sosnowski, of the U.S. Taxpayers Party of Michigan.

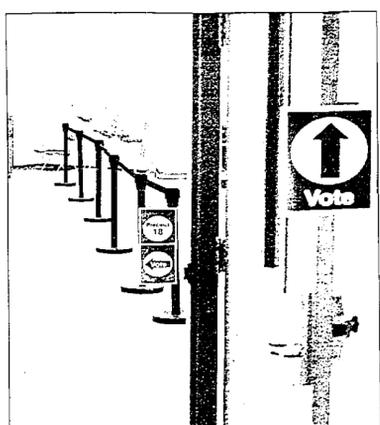
On Nov. 6, voters will also have to choose between Bentivolio and Dr. Syed Taj for the 11th District's two-year term beginning Jan. 3. That will be the realigned 11th District, which now includes more of Oakland County than Wayne County.

McCotter ended his term July 6 after duplicated signatures on his nominating petitions got him kicked off the primary ballot and eventually resulted in criminal charges against four of his staffers.

The special primary was scheduled by Gov. Rick Snyder's office to fill McCotter's unexpired term. Snyder's office cited state law in scheduling the election to ensure voters had representation through the end of the year.

Even though her name was on the ballot, Cassis did not actively campaign for the special primary after losing as a write-in candidate to Bentivolio in the August primary.

"Much has been made of my comments from earlier this summer on the Record in which I stated that if I did not win the 11th District primary I would withdraw from the special election," Cassis stated in an e-mail to newspapers in August. "I would like to clarify that, at that time, I made the remark in the context of only two filed candidates and for one to withdraw would save taxpayers the \$650,000 expense of a special election. That all changed when three more people from Livonia



Novi Civic Center's 18th precinct is devoid of voters in this photo taken around noon on Sept. 5 during the special primary election.

HOW NOVI VOTED

Candidate	Votes	Percent	Precinct	Absentee
Kerry Bentivolio	771	36.77%	368	403
Nancy Cassis	1,058	50.45	381	677
Kenneth Crider	63	3.00	20	43
Carolyn Kavanagh	130	6.20	25	105
Steve King	70	3.34	25	45
Write-in	5	.24	3	2

filed to run."

The Sept. 5 election also included Republicans Carolyn Kavanagh (2,654 votes); Steve King (1,715); and Kenneth Crider (1,208 votes).

Election costs

The unanticipated costs of the special primary election has rankled clerks in both counties.

"The cost to the City of Novi was approximately \$30,000 since we have to prepare in the same manner for each one," said Cornelius.

Oakland County Clerk/ Register of Deeds Bill Bullard said that he intends to send a bill to the State of Michigan for reimbursement of election costs.

"This Special Election put a roughly \$200,000 unexpected burden in to already set local budgets across Oakland County," said Bullard. "We do not

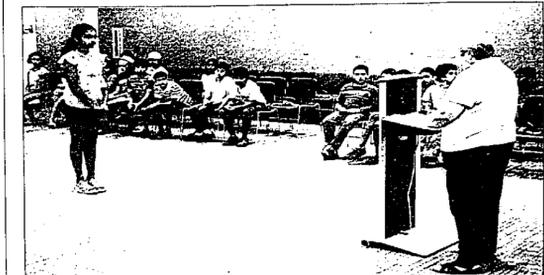
lay blame for the special election on the governor or the state; that lies with Thad McCotter. However, local governments simply cannot bear the full burden of the costs associated with this either."

Bullard said that following Michigan law, he will be submitting a detailed bill to the state within the designated 90-day window, seeking a supplemental appropriation from the Legislature for these costs, which Bullard estimated at \$17.92 per ballot in Oakland County.

"We ask that they look again at the Constitution and act responsibly on behalf of local governments in terms of funding this albatross of an unfunded mandate they have hung around our necks," said Bullard.

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Words



Novi Youth and Teen Services Librarian Phyllis Weeks poses a word to spelling bee contestant Manisha Solipuram, 11, on Aug. 29. The library hosted part II of a spelling bee contest that day for kids in grades four and up.

JASTI

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The position will be up for vote on the statewide ballot Nov. 6. Jasti, along with another Republican candidate, will be running against two Democrats.

For Jasti, this is an exciting opportunity because he is a 1984 graduate of Wayne State and he wants the chance to help his alma mater improve.

"I'm really excited to be nominated, and I believe Wayne State needs more Republican representation," he said. "It is time to elect the right people with appropriate backgrounds in offering solutions, raising money, controlling costs - people that have the knowledge and the mettle to get things done. Otherwise, we (the taxpayers) will all be pay-

ing for it in the long run from our pocketbooks.

His main motivation in running is student debt, which he said comes from increasing tuition rates. According to Jasti, the aggregate student debt is at \$1 trillion and its expected to grow as less support is given by state governments.

"The universities have gotten into the habit of increasing tuition revenue to replace the support from the states," Jasti said. "We need to manage our institutions with fewer state dollars without sacrificing quality or all-important academic rankings."

Another area he wants

to see improved is the decreasing graduation rate which he believes the board has a responsibility to increase.

"The lower the graduation rates, the lower the federal research money coming to the university," said Jasti. "If we don't improve the graduation rates, the reputation of the university also takes a blow - thus affecting attracting talented professors and research scientists."

A West Bloomfield resident, Jasti has been married to his wife, Sree, for 25 years and they have two daughters, ages 22 and 15. He founded Lotus in 2010 and left there in 2015 for a position at the Bank of Ann Arbor's Plymouth office, where he is currently the vice president and senior loan officer.

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A father's fight

Highland man says son wrongly accused of murder

By Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer

Bernie Pyne's life used to be like that of the typical Huron Valley resident.

Weekdays spent on the job to provide for his wife and kids. Family dinners at home each night. Church on Sunday.

Simple, ordinary, pleasant.

Problems were managed, troubles kept under control — including the mental illness which had plagued his wife, Ruth, for several years.

In early 2009, life changed.

Ruth's illness began spiraling out of control as she went through extended periods refusing to take the medication that had kept it at bay.

Over and over and over again, as Ruth's behavior ranged from bizarre to aggressive, Pyne resorted to calling police for help. Ruth would end up hospitalized, forced to take her medication, then sent back home.

Until the next time. It was an extremely stressful and difficult period, Pyne said, as mental illness dug in its claws and robbed the family of normalcy.

Yet it couldn't touch the love that held them together, he said. That was rock solid, impenetrable.

Then, May 27, 2011, Pyne's world came crashing down in a most violent, grisly way. Ruth — his wife of 32 years and mother to his son Jeffrey and daughter Julia — was found murdered in the garage of their Highland Township home.

Gone was the woman who had helped him build a family, a home, a life.

Gone was the woman who had caught his eye in high school, captured his heart soon after and never let it go.

When Ruth's life ended, so did life as he knew it.

Adding to his heartbreak was knowing she had died in a most brutal way — at the hands of someone else.

As Pyne grieves the loss of his wife — and as he recalls words she spoke to him early in their relationship — he's haunted by feelings of shame

and embarrassment, and the sense that he let her down.

"Ruth had said to me once, 'I will always make you laugh, and I will always be safe with you,'" Pyne said, his eyes welling with tears. "As a man, this is the most emasculating thing — to have your wife murdered. It's a torment."

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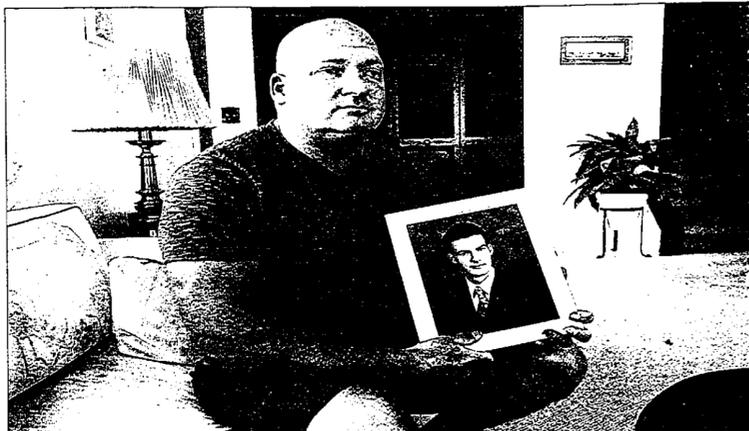
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Bernie Pyne insists his son, Jeff, is falsely accused of murder. He said his family was devastated by the death of his wife, Ruth, and the subsequent arrest of Jeff.

periodically, she'd decide she didn't need the drugs and not take them. Within weeks, signs of the illness would surface, such as laughing for no reason, talking under her breath, not sleeping for days and paranoia, Pyne said and he was especially scared for Ruth when she started to believe someone had implanted a tracking device in Julia.

Those were times when he sought help from police — not because she had hurt anyone or there was an imminent threat that she would, but because she needed intervention to force her to take her medication, he explained. In one instance, police put Ruth in jail rather than have her taken to the hospital like they had for previous calls to the home. She did, however, end up hospitalized in that case, due to a subsequent court order.

Widespread support Pyne said there is a strong faction of people — neighbors, co-workers, friends and members of both his and Ruth's families — who stand alongside him proclaiming his son's innocence.

"I've never had anybody come up and insult me that they think Jeff did this," he said. Pyne said he lives "every day wanting to know who did this. And it's not comforting at all to know the police went in the wrong direction. Until you are in the system, you can't comprehend what it's like," he said.

Yet for those who conclude this is simply a case of a parent refusing to believe his child could commit such a heinous act, Pyne insists that the killer has yet to be caught. He references a sighting of a hoodie-wearing stranger walking through his backyard and other yards in the neighborhood four days before Ruth's murder. A woman who lives nearby saw the young man and called police.

She said he was sinister-looking, and scared her," Pyne said. Oakland County Under-sheriff Mike McCabe, however, said Jeff's arrest followed a "complete and thorough investigation."

"There's no doubt in my mind that Jeff is the responsible party in this. The judge and jury will decide where it goes from here," McCabe said. "It's sad and tragic. But there's no doubt in my mind that we have the right person in custody."

Facing challenges Along with mourning his wife and his unrelenting determination to "get Jeff home," Pyne must also deal with the day-to-day aspects of running a household. Until the tragedy, his was the more traditional male role in the family — the main breadwinner working as an automotive engineer, while Ruth was a stay-at-home mom, handling the cooking and cleaning and most of the other household chores.

Now, Pyne has taken all of it on — admitting that he doesn't even attempt to rival Ruth's talents. He keeps up the house the best he can, and if a meal is "adequate and nutritious," it's good enough for their table.

Following Ruth's death, plenty of people pitched in to help with "the transition," he said. "Now, Julia and I are basically doing it on our own."

Once a deeply religious man, Pyne admits his faith has been compromised by the course his life — and his family's life — has taken. He's also faced with a "financial burden beyond comprehension" to pay for Jeff's defense.

And then there is the challenge of helping 11-year-old Julia cope with the loss of her mother and — at least for now — the loss of a brother. The two siblings were very close, he said, and never had disagreements.

For the most part, Pyne said he hides his pain from Julia. "I try to keep it to myself, to not show it to her. Other times, I do let her see what it has done to me," he said. Julia has attended only one of Jeff's court appearances, deciding not to return after seeing her brother in custody.

"It tore her up to see her brother like that. She just broke down," Pyne said. For now, Julia is "doing OK," he added. "We do talk about it, about what happened. But we don't understand it."

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Dick Miles, Brad Shaw, Bob Sullivan and Casey Rost volunteered hundreds of hours to complete the beautiful Victorian-style dollhouse which will be raffled at Fox Run's annual Benevolent Care Gala on Sept. 14.

Fox Run's generosity exceeds \$1 million mark

Handcrafted dollhouse key to milestone

Caring for each other is what residents and staff members at Fox Run, an Erickson Living community in Novi, do best. On Friday, Sept. 14, the community will host the 9th annual Benevolent Care Gala in support of the community's Benevolent Care Fund. The fund provides confidential financial assistance to residents who, despite careful planning, can no longer afford to cover the full cost of their care.

"Historically, we raise at least \$100,000 at our galas," said Fox Run Philanthropy Manager Marianne Mikkelsen. "We anticipate reaching that goal again this year, bringing us well over one million total dollars raised."

Held at the community's Belmont Clubhouse, guests will be taken "On Safari" as they enjoy a gourmet dinner and live entertainment from Jim Coviak and Friends percussion ensemble, the Timberline Dancers, and the Tommy James Band.

Throughout the gala, guests will participate in a silent auction of specially prepared gift baskets which include gift certificates for personal training sessions, workout equipment, and dinner for four with chauffeured transportation in a 2012 Cadillac.

This year's gala will also include the first-ever "Home for Life" raffle which will contribute significantly to the event's financial success. The winner will receive a handcrafted Victorian-style dollhouse, created over a period of six weeks, by members of the Fox Run Hobby Shop.

"We are hoping to sell a lot of tickets," said Paul Benivegna, the president of the Hobby Shop. Tickets are currently on sale at Fox Run for \$5 each or six for \$20.

"The dollhouse is a real testament to the residents at Fox Run," said Fox Run Community Resource Manager Andrea Lewis. "We don't just see each other as neighbors, employees, or co-workers. We are family. Ticket sales for the dollhouse are going strong and I believe a large part of that has to do with the fact that it was built, with love, from our Hobby Shop."

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Civilian pistol safety class offered by the Novi Police Department

The Novi Police Department will be offering a Civilian Pistol Safety Class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 at the

Novi Police Department Training Center located at 45125 W. Ten Mile Road. The course fulfills both the classroom and shooting requirements to obtain a Michigan Concealed Pistol License (CPL). Registration forms are available online at cityofnovi.org

and at the Novi Police Department. Completed registration forms and the \$200 course fee (cash or money order), may be returned to the Novi Police Department. Class size is limited, and all participants are subject to a criminal background check.

After lunch, participants will move to the Novi Firearms Training Center to complete the course. Students must bring their own equipment, including a personal handgun, 100 rounds of ammunition, safety glasses, and shooter's earmuffs or ear plugs to participate in the course. Participants must be 21 years old and do not have to be a Novi resident to attend.

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OUR VIEWS

Be smart Do your part to protect against West Nile virus dangers

While panicking isn't the best way to deal with the news that Michigan has now reached epidemic status in deaths from the West Nile virus, a bit more precaution when spending time outdoors is certainly appropriate. There have been six deaths confirmed from the virus in our state, more than any other year. The number of cases reported have reached around 100, but that number is only those that have been reported. Nationwide, there have been well over 2,100 cases.

Communities are doing what they can to combat the mosquito-borne virus (for details on Novi's actions, see story in this edition), but it's up to each individual to take further precautions.

The West Nile virus outbreak is expected to peak right about now, then taper off as the temperatures turn cooler and mosquitoes stop breeding for the season.

In the meantime, during this peak, we urge everyone to follow the recommended precautions issued by our local, county and state health officials. Here's a recap of those precautions:

- Reduce areas where mosquitoes breed. Eliminate standing water that collects in toys, buckets, tires, unused pools, clogged roof gutters, birdbaths, and other containers.
- Repel against mosquitoes. Use insect repellents. Follow manufacturers' guidelines and don't use on children younger than 2 years of age.
- Wear protective clothing such as long sleeves and pants when spending time outdoors.
- Report the location of any dead bird to the Oakland County Health Division at (877) 377-3641 or to the Wayne County Health Department at (734) 727-7077.
- Avoid shady and wooded areas during daytime hours.

All property owners are also urged to evaluate their own property. If the water is in a creek or retention area that's healthy, running, or non-stagnant, then it's not considered a prime area for mosquito breeding and doesn't need to be treated.

But if the water is stagnant, such as in a private storm sewer catch basin located in a driveway, backyard, side yard, or subdivision open space, it can be easily treated with a drop-in larvicide from a local retailer.

Symptoms of the West Nile virus can vary widely. Some symptoms include: headache, stiff neck, high fever, disorientation, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness, paralysis and coma.

Less severe symptoms include body aches, nausea, vomiting, swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the stomach, chest and back. According to health officials, about 80 percent of people who have West Nile virus do not show any symptoms.

Symptoms can last for as short as a few days, though even healthy people have become sick for several weeks. Those at greatest risk are age 50 and older, pregnant women and people with weak or compromised immune systems. All five of the Michigan deaths occurred in people over age 50.

Neighboring communities, such as Canton and Livonia, have reported residents who have tested positive for West Nile virus.

This virus should be taken seriously by everyone. Take the precautions offered by health officials who have seen, firsthand, the effects. Do your part, as a good neighbor, to take care of any standing water on your property.

Summer's last days — and the beautiful autumn days ahead — shouldn't be hampered by pesky mosquitoes and a potentially dangerous virus, especially if we can all do our part to prevent it from spreading further.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Did either the Republican or Democratic national conventions affect how you will vote in November?



"No, I'm still undecided. They usually have no great influence because I can't believe either one."
George Hoffman
Novi



"Yes, I liked the speeches and energy at the Democratic convention, especially the one by Julian Castro."
Nickeyta Burroughs
Novi



"Yes, I like to be informed."
Kimberly Price
Novi



"Yes, I watched both ... but I do always vote Democrat."
Marie Azar
Livonia

LETTERS

Trust in God

I'm so upset with the Michigan government. Why did they approve:

- To ride a motorcycle without a helmet?
- Open carry of weapons?
- Legal to sell airborne fireworks? Grand Theft Auto IV is being sold and shootings all over the country are happening. Cities still have pensions and I've never had a pension. This is hurting the public schools big time.
- Medical has almost tripled in price. The baby boom is hitting the fan. Lots of bankruptcies and foreclosures, big government and private sector. Fewer police and firefighters.

Remember to put God as the No. 1 focus every day or it could get very interesting. I have nothing to fear because I put my all in everything and trust in God.

Stuart Moyer
Livonia

Taj is good choice

Like many people in the 11th Congressional District, I was appalled by Thaddeus McCotter's careless disregard for election law, and his constituents. He clearly did not "work for me."

In contrast, Dr. Syed Taj, who is a candidate for the 11th District, strikes me as an ethical, competent and careful guy. I met him recently and I was very impressed with his intelligence, cheerfulness and curiosity. He listened well, understood my concerns and seemed motivated to work hard for our district. I anticipate that he will do a great job for us in Washington, D.C.

Diane Hallinen
Highland

Taxpayers can't take any more

In January 2013, our taxes are going to go up if the Bush tax cuts expire and Congress doesn't act to keep them going.

For citizens in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, we now pay for the Detroit Zoo and Detroit Institute of Arts. We also just had our water bills go up. Some families will be faced with water shutoffs because they cannot afford the added burden.

Between the federal, state and local governments, homeowners and taxpayers are getting hit from all directions. When does it end? People who are not homeowners get to vote for money out of our pockets and people who are not taxpayers get to vote as well to take more money out of our pockets. We are outnumbered and there seems no end in sight for how our pockets can be picked by others with government's help.

When do those who are subsidized by government through taxpayer dollars and those with jobs that are paying them enough that these his don't really affect them going to stop and realize that there is a large segment of the population (young families and seniors) who cannot afford for the rest to keep dipping into their pockets for more money? The money just isn't there and you are pushing them

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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over a cliff. Maybe the ones who will truly pay those bills you all voted for were busy working their third job and couldn't make it to the polls to protect what little money they have left from the government pickpockets.

Public employees with great pensions are draining the budgets and the taxpayers who may have no retirement at all are paying the tab.

It is time that we stop allowing these property millage requests to be put on the primary ballots. I would like to see a bill from Michigan that mandates all millage and tax increase proposals be on general election ballots only. Let's insist that a minimum percentage of the electorate vote before a millage can be passed. This idea that only 10 percent or less of the population goes to the primary elections and these costs get passed onto the homeowners is wrong. It should be a minimum of whatever is the average turnout of a general election.

Valerie Earle
Livonia

Who's not transparent?

When Barack Hussein Obama was running for president of the United States, he promised that his administration would be the most transparent, the most open of any prior administration.

In point of fact, it has been the least open and transparent. "Obamacare," for instance, was crafted by Democratic senators in closed-door meetings, to which Republicans and the press were not admitted. Instead of allowing debate on his issues in Congress, Obama is detouring around our elected lawmakers and establishing "Obama-Law" by Executive Orders.

In an almost laughable attempt to embarrass Romney for not being transparent, the Obama team is hectoring Romney to release more of his income tax records in addition to those he has already agreed to release. On the other hand, Obama has refused to release information on himself, a subject of much more concern to the voters.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

The American electorate does not yet "know" Obama. Obama has carefully hidden facts on his pre-presidential past. For instance, how did a poor boy, Barry Soetoro, get to the United States to begin with? With hardly a nickel to his name, who ponied up the huge funds to put him through Columbia University and Harvard Law School? Why doesn't he want us to know?

Again, why, if so transparent, has he had his college records sealed? What viewpoints were contained in his term papers and doctoral thesis that he is so afraid the American electorate will at last find out? Did they perhaps reveal the fact that he had socialist leanings and a basic mistrust and dislike of things Western in general and American in particular? Is he now trying to right those imagined wrongs by pushing a socialist agenda of wealth redistribution, nationalized health care, class warfare, etc.? These are the very policies that are now tanking socialist nations in Europe.

Perhaps Romney should propose a trade. "Obama, you release your university records and tell us who financed your Columbia and Harvard experiences, and I will release additional tax records." We will then find out which set of facts the voters find most interesting and alarming.

Ed Ford
Milford

Ryan's 'untruths'

Paul Ryan, in his vice presidential acceptance speech, made at least five errors of fact. There are more depending upon who is doing the research and who is counting. Sticking to these five, Ryan reported the following:

1. President Obama closed the James Town, Wis., auto plant. Fact: Obama did not take office until after the plant closed. Obama never made a promise to save it.
2. Obama cut Medicare money to divert to cover the costs of Obamacare. Fact: Obama cut Medicare money to providers. Obama has made no cuts to Medicare beneficiaries.
3. Obama ignored the recommendations of his bipartisan debt committee. Fact: Ryan served on this commission. He and his fellow US House Republicans voted down these recommendations.
4. Obama is responsible for downgrading U.S. debt. Fact: US House Republicans, including Ryan, held hostage the credit of this country as ransom for cutting trillions from social programs, including Social Security and Medicare. This is exactly the reason given by Standard and Poor's in downgrading U.S. credit.
5. Ryan will protect the poor and weak. Fact: Ryan staked his political career on draconian cuts to the weak which he vowed to protect.

These are just a few fact of Ryan untruths in his VP speech which have independently been fact checked. The more import question is does not Ryan know his speech would be fact? Did Romney approve these untruths?



Rob Petty
Rob Petty graduates from the UNC CGCIO Certification Program

The City of Novi announced Rob Petty, chief information officer, has graduated from the 2011-12 Certified Government Chief Information Officer's Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's School of Government.

Founded in 2005, the program is the first local government specific program for CIOs in the country. The program is designed for local government chief information officers and information technology directors whose challenging responsibilities require a broad understanding of management, leadership, legal, regulatory, and enterprise topics. The 240-hour course includes strategic technology planning, communication, project management, emerging trends, risk assessment and management, leadership, security, financial trends, and more.

Petty is one of only 23 government leaders who completed the course across the country this year. Additionally, he was one of two participants

selected to receive a full scholarship to the program. "Continued professional development is paramount to quality leadership within our City organization," notes Clay Pearson, Novi city manager. "This certification is a testament to the dedication and commitment Mr. Petty has to lifelong learning."

Petty joined the City of Novi in 2002 and holds a bachelor's of business administration from Eastern Michigan University. He served on the board of directors for Michigan Government Management Information Sciences.

Pam Casper receives Moran Award

Wixom resident Pam Casper, can add the 2012 Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority (OCCMHA) Dan Moran Award for Inclusion & Advocacy to her growing list of accolades recognizing her efforts to champion for the rights of people who have disabilities.

"Pam's passion for connecting people with resources, simplifying the process, and thinking globally, but acting locally, make her worthy of receiving the Dan Moran Award," said Lois Shulman, OCCMHA board member. "Each day she steps outside of her comfort zone to help others by speaking before groups as an advocate, risk assessment and management, leadership, security, financial trends, and more."

Casper was presented the Dan Moran in front of more than 500 people who attended OCCMHA's Annual Self-Determina-



Pam Casper

tion Conference at The Somerset Inn in Troy on Aug. 28. The award was established in memory of former the OCCMHA recipients right trainer to honor individuals receiving support from Oakland County's public health system whose actions raise awareness and educate others about

mental health or developmental disabilities. "I'm accepting the Dan Moran on behalf of all the people who advocate for individuals served by OCCMHA," said Casper. As the recipient, Casper will accompany OCCMHA Executive Director, Jeffrey L. Brown, during Hill Day next June in Washington D.C. to help educate Congress members about important issues related to persons who have disabilities.

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Beyersdorf nominated for volunteer honor

Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) Airport Authority volunteer Tom Beyersdorf, of Novi, was a nominee in the volunteer category at the 2012 Recognition of Ser-

vice Excellence (ROSE) Awards—Metro Detroit's honor for hospitality and customer service. Twelve Airport Ambassador volunteers received nominations in this year's ROSE Awards program, which culminated in a special ceremony and banquet last week at the Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit emceed by longtime Detroit journalist and TV news icon Diana Lewis.

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Smigielski named to Lotus Bank management

Lotus Bank announced that Rob Smigielski has been appointed as banking officer at the Novi office. Raised in Farmington Hills, Smigielski earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Alma College, and brings 20 years experience developing high performing banking centers. Smigielski has served on the board of directors for the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, and has served as the vice chairman of the board for the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce. In addition to branch expansion, Smigielski will be directing the retail sales, service and business development activities for Lotus Bank.



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Wildcat Tastefest: Support Novi athletics at annual event on Sept. 21

Novi restaurants, entertainment, business sponsors and "special guests" are putting their best fare forward on Friday, Sept. 21 at Wildcats Stadium as they support all Novi athletic programs through the Novi Athletic Boosters Club's premier fundraising and community outreach event, Wildcat Tastefest. Organizers of the sixth annual event are hoping for a wonderful late summer evening, and restaurants are planning dinner for over 3,000 people.

"We continue to be impressed by the collaborative spirit and commitment of our restaurant partners and business leaders in regards to Tastefest. Year after year they go above and beyond our expectations in support of our Novi students, student athletics and athletics," said Ray Narrantonio, who this year is chairing the event with Angela Johnson, Jack Kilger and Kim Morris. Johnson sees the event as a key cornerstone of the Novi Athletic Boosters' mission. "Tastefest is a true community event. There's food, fun and camaraderie with parents, fans and our local business leaders. Community outreach projects like this help strengthen our Novi Nation."

As in years past, there will be nine restaurants,

two business merchants and corporate sponsors participating in Tastefest. Four of the restaurants - bd's Mongolian Grill of Novi, Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar of Novi, Cold Stone Creamery of Novi, and Subway of Novi in West Oaks - have been involved all five years. Pizza Marvelous of Novi is a five-year participant; Biggby Coffee of Novi is in its third year; and Olga's Kitchen on Grand River in Novi and Applebee's of Novi are enjoying their second year. New to the Tastefest menu this year will be Qdoba, which just opened a new store at Haggerty and Eight Mile road. Pump-It-Up of Wixom will provide gigantic inflatable's for kids of all ages.

The newest merchant for Tastefest, Busch's Fresh Food Market on Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, will have a booth set up to promote Busch's Cash for Education Program. "It has been a pleasure to be a partner with Novi Athletic Booster program over the years," said Doug Busch, Community Development Director of Busch's.

"It has been a Win-Win for both organizations." Major corporate sponsors involved this year include the safety lighting from Michigan CAT in Novi again, and gen-

DETAILS

What: Novi Wildcat Tastefest fundraiser and community outreach event

Date: Friday, Sept. 21

Time: Gates open at 5 p.m. for restaurant service and silent auction; varsity football game versus South Lyon at 7 p.m.

Admission: \$5

Food prices: Priced especially by vendors

Location: Novi High School Wildcats Stadium (in the field house in the event of rain); silent auction will be held in the field house

Vendors: Applebee's; Olga's; Qdoba; Pizza Marvelous; Pump It Up; Subway; Biggby Coffee; bd's Mongolian Grill; Buffalo Wild Wings; Cold Stone Creamery

Platinum Sponsors: Michigan CAT, Millennium Limousines

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Web: www.noviathleticboosters.com

erous donations from the Library Sports Pub of Novi, Millennium Limo Service of Novi, Town & Country Eyecare of Novi and the City of Novi.

Garrett Omernik, general manager of Buffalo Wild Wings, said one of his company's main partnerships in the community is with the schools. "We always love to get involved with the local schools around us," he said. "It's kind of giving back to the community."

Subway owner Lisa Walker said she enjoys participating in Tastefest because she wants to be involved in the community where she lives and where she has a business.

"The Novi school system is close to my heart," she said. "I've graduated three kids from Novi High School." Dinner menu items range from Subway's BMT & Turkey subs, Olga's Kitchen Snacks, Applebee's Specialty Salad, Pizza Marvelous' Chicken Bacon Ranch Pizza, Ribs & breadsticks, Buffalo Wild Wings' Traditional Wings, Qdoba's naked burrito and bd's Kung Pao Chicken. For after dinner, attendees have the choice of Cold Stone's Sundae Bar treats and Biggby's Strawberry Crème Freeze or Biggby BEST coffee. Prices will be specially offered by vendors based on their menu items. Traditional

concession items such as pop, popcorn and hotdogs will also be sold through Boosters concessions.

Like many small-business owners, Biggby Coffee owner Michael Waltersdorf said he has to choose from among many worthy local fundraisers to lend his support, but he likes being involved in Tastefest because it supports athletics.

"Tastefest really seems to bring the community together because it's for the kids," Waltersdorf said. "You have to have those extracurricular activities to stay on edge. They keep our kids focused."

Although all of the restaurant representatives agreed it is important to give back to the community, they also said they enjoy participating in Tastefest because it allows them to make the community aware of their restaurants. Andy Nofar, owner of Pizza Marvelous, said this opportunity for exposure is important for small businesses.

"We get to have a lot of people who have never tried our pizza and who have never met me personally," Nofar said.

Restaurant owners also have appreciated that patrons who were aware of their participation in Tastefest have made a point to frequent their businesses.

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NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH CALENDAR

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
Time/Day: 8:30 a.m.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on September 15, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. the following will be sold by competitive bidding at Estate Storage, 21650 Novi Rd., Novi, MI 48275. Units may or may not include the following: Household items, recreational items and/or misc. goods.
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Unit #113: Dawn Kynard - Household items
Unit #437: Dawn Kynard - Household items
Unit #203: Tomiko DeMeere - Industrial coolers
Unit #594: Scott Raddo - Household items
Unit #576: Henryka Olbrot - Household items
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10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday; Friday; 7 p.m. Monday; Wednesday; 4:30 p.m. Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m., Saturdays or by appointment.
Priests: Father Bob LaCroix, pastor and Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

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Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
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Contact: (248) 442-8822

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Location: 44400 W. 10th Mile Rd
Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit www.faithcommunity-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Book of Revelation Study
Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays
Details: Come and learn what John is writing about, what the symbolism means, and how this book still speaks to us today.

Faith Journeys
Date: Third Sundays
Details: Following worship and fellowship, someone will share how they have experienced God in their life and the difference that has made.
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Contact: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH
Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or visit firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of 8 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit fcnazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's

program, Youth Worship Service
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Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays through Nov. 13
Details: A study of the Book of Proverbs, entitled Ancient Wisdom for a Postmodern World. Fee of \$15; free program for children through age 5.
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Location: 200 E. Main Street
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.fpcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
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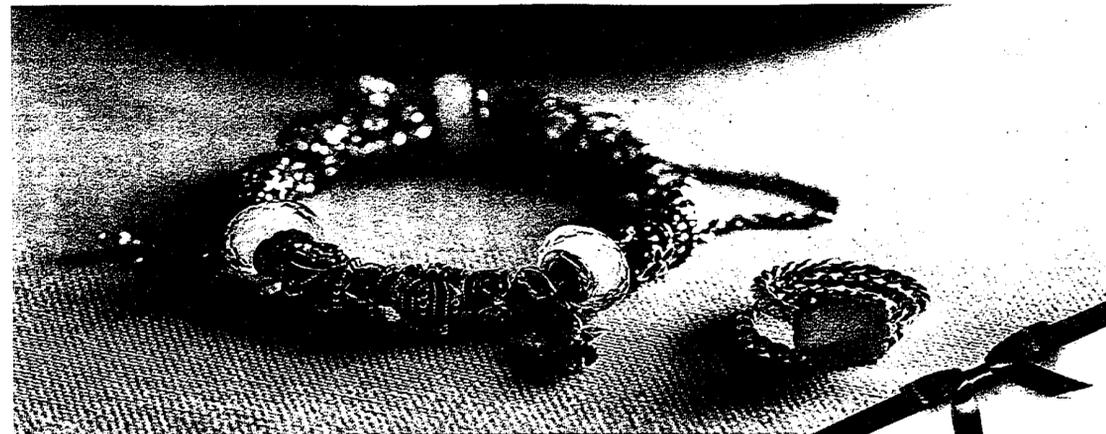
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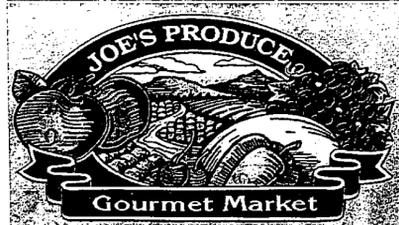
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Novi's Jeffrey Baker tries to break a tackle by Salem's Andrew Hunt.

Salem defense helps Rocks to win over Novi Wildcats drop 30-13 contest in Plymouth

In a battle of two run-happy teams, Plymouth Salem capitalized on a few untimely Novi turnovers to get their first victory over the Wildcats in their five seasons together in the KLAAC. Salem (3-0, 1-0 KLAAC Central) struck first in the 30-13 victory in Plymouth.

Wildcat golfers sweep pair of division foes Underclassmen continue to post impressive victories

Novi's girls golfers (3-1) hoped to keep things rolling at Cattails Golf Club two days ago when they played South Lyon (4-0) and host rival Northville (3-1) 3 p.m. today to start the second half league play. They then host Livonia Stevenson (1-3) 3 p.m. Tuesday, compete in a 9 a.m. tournament Wednesday at Pontiac Country Club and then visit Plymouth Salem (0-4) 3 p.m. Sept. 21.



Novi golfer Lauren Cojei tees off at Tanglewood during an Aug. 28 meet against Northville.

Catholic Central falls to Moeller Squad isn't worried about second loss

It looks like the state of Ohio might just have the Detroit Catholic Central football team's number this year. For the second-straight week, the Shamrocks played a team from south of the border and took a loss, dropping their record to 1-2 on the season.

Wildcats remain undefeated in higher level of competition Novi field hockey cruising to new heights

Novi's field hockey team (4-0-1, 4-0-0 Division 2) has a home stand, starting 4:30 p.m. Sept. 14 against Academy of the Sacred Heart (1-1-1, 0-0-0 D2) before hosting Saline (1-4-0, 0-1-0 D2) Wednesday and Farmington (0-4-0, 0-1-0 D4) Sept. 21, also both at 4:30 p.m.

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Clarkston stops 'Cats from winning tourney

Novi volleyball opens division play with win over Stevenson

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Following another big week of action, Novi's volleyball squad picked up their first victory and had a strong tournament performance, but failed for a third time to win the tournament they're participating in.

All three tournaments No. 9 Novi (13-3-0, 1-0 KLA Central) has competed in has seen the Wildcats come up on the short side of a battle with another Division I squad. Despite defeating the 1 Macomb Dakota (22-3-0), the 'Cats have lost to No. 4 Lake Orion (19-4-0) at two different tournaments and dropped the finale of Saturday's Grand Blanc Tournament to No. 7 Clarkston (18-3-1).

Novi was going strong

ON TAP

Novi's No. 9-ranked volleyball squad (13-3-0, 1-0 KLA Central) was scheduled to visit Plymouth Salem (0-1-0, 0-1 Central) two nights ago before hosting No. 13 Northville (13-0-3, 1-0 Central) 6:30 p.m. tonight. The 'Cats compete 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the Rockford Tournament before visiting South Lyon East (1-3-1, 0-1 Central) Tuesday and South Lyon (4-2-0, 1-0 Central) Sept. 20 in a pair of 6:30 p.m. division matches.

until they ran into the Wolves, cruising through Lapeer West 25-17, 25-10; Lake Fenton 25-22, 25-12; Kellogg 25-20, 25-7 and No. 8 Livonia Churchill 25-13, 25-23. Clarkston ended Novi's day 25-22, 25-20.

Several Wildcats racked up big stats against the weaker squads, but many kept it up against the two ranked teams.

Senior Kacey Sheldon racked up 13 kills, 12 digs against Clarkston, while junior Isabella

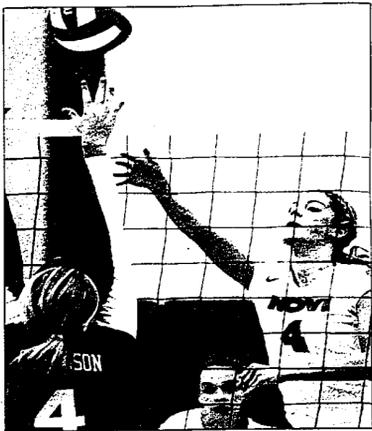
Glancy had eight kills, eight digs and 10 serve receptions. Junior Brooke Laney had five kills and junior Emily Robb set up many of the kills with 30 assists. Keeping the match rolling were junior Kati Timar (11 digs, 13 serve receptions) and freshman Victoria Iacobelli (15 serve receptions).

Things went a little smoother against Churchill, where Sheldon had eight kills and 11 digs. Glancy added

eight kills and 10 serve receptions, while Laney chipped in with seven kills from Robb's 24 assists. Five different student-athletes combined for 12 ace serves against Churchill and Timar contributed 10 digs and eight serve receptions.

The 'Cats got to know their first division opponent a few days prior on Sept. 6 when they hosted and defeated Livonia Stevenson (3-8-0, 0-1 Central) in a 25-16, 25-15, 25-14 match.

Sheldon was dominant with 16 kills, 11 digs and three aces, while Glancy accrued 13 kills and 10 digs. This was accompanied by strong performances by Robb (34 assists, eight digs), Timar (16 digs, 15 serve receptions) and Iacobelli (nine serve receptions).



Novi's Kacey Sheldon, right, tries to loft the ball over the outstretched arms of Stevenson's Allie Koestering.

Yellow Jackets sting Wildcats

Country Day netters get 5-3 edge on Novi boys tennis

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

ON TAP

Novi's boys tennis squad, ranked No. 3 in Division I, swings into KLA action at home against Plymouth Salem two days ago and 4 p.m. today against Livonia Stevenson before hosting Grose Pointe in South, West Bloomfield and Div. III No. 4 Cranbrook Kingswood 8 a.m. Saturday.

The 'Cats then host No. 4 Northville Tuesday and visit No. 10 Saline Sept. 20 in the start of a very tough week that will end with No. 1 Ann Arbor Huron, No. 2 Birmingham Brother Rice and No. 5 Troy all at a Sept. 22 Novi Tournament.

"That's going to be an awesome tournament," Novi coach Jim Hanson said.

in for another high-caliber student-athlete. The Wildcats got the lone singles victory from freshman Koushik Kondapi, who improved to 10-0 after defeated Country Day junior Rishi Patel 7-5, 6-4.

In a battle between the only two seniors in the singles flights, Country Day's Max Shanbrom defeated Novi's Pavan Rao (9-1) in a 6-2, 6-2 match.

The doubles flights were even closer, with three of four going to three sets and each school winning two flights.

Senior Nishant Kakkar and junior Michael Chang improved to 10-0 at two singles with a 6-3, 7-5 victory over seniors Max Lee and Lorenz Gahn in the only two-set match among the counting doubles scores.

At four doubles, juniors Shaahin Chitta and Kevin Xu also stayed perfect at 10-0 after beating Country Day sophomore D.J. Bailey and junior Matt Stebbins 6-4, 6-7(6), 7-6(8).

The other two flights went the opposite direction, as junior Andrew Ying and senior Jason Carless fell to 6-1 after a 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 loss to seniors Alex Gruskin and Patrick Adams.

Novi senior Jon Thompson and freshman Max Anderson (9-1) also took a loss at three doubles following a 7-6(6), 3-6, 6-3 loss to sophomores Blake Burstein and Rishab Nayak.

"I'm pleased with how our kids played and competed," Hanson said. "In high school tennis, it just comes down to the unforced errors and that can be the difference between winning and losing. We've got a solid player at each flight and show we can compete at that level."

Ranked No. 3 in Div. I, the Wildcats had a better dual meet against Country Day than No. 2 Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice, who lost 6-2 to the Yellow Jackets.

"It's nice to be recognized," Hanson said. "(No. 1 Ann Arbor) Huron and Brother Rice are tough. I know Brother Rice and Country Day had a close match last week."

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Wildcats' depth starting to show

Aepelbacher sets pool record, Berg sweeps all four events at Laker Invite

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

Grosse Pointe South stopped Novi's girls swim and dive team from starting the season off with a win and the Blue Devils were all that kept the Wildcats from a perfect week last week.

Novi (2-1) defeated both Waterford United 122-64 and Holly 145-41 in a double dual meet Sept. 6 at Waterford Mott before finishing second at West Bloomfield's Laker Invitational last Saturday with 234 points, six points behind Grosse Pointe South.

"We used this meet as an opportunity to have everyone swim events they do not typically swim; we were still able to win eight of the 12 events," Novi coach Annette VanderMey said of the double dual meet. "It was good to see what some of our swimmers could do in other events; that will come in handy down the road to us some swimmers in events to provide a little more depth against our more competitive opponents. This meet also gave our swimmers that may not typically do all of the point scoring the opportunity to score points for their team."

Among Wildcats finishing first in their event

ON TAP

Novi's swim and dive squad (2-1) is set to host Bloomfield Hills Marian tonight and Northville Sept. 20, both at 6 p.m.

Sept. 6 were the 200 medley relay team of senior Andrea VanderMey, freshman Lauren Kim, sophomore Mallory Buha and senior Kara Berg in a time of 1:55.50. The 200 free relay team of Berg, Buha, Andrea VanderMey and senior Maranda Buha also finished first in 1:43.35.

The Buha sisters and Berg teamed with freshman Alexandra Cortez to help make it a perfect sweep with a 400 free relay victory in 3:49.75.

Individual champions included senior Janice Burnett (50 free in 2:05), Ava Bianchi (100 free in 1:00.89), Berg (500 free in 5:28.39), Andrea VanderMey (100 back in 1:05.25), Shreya Gumate (100 breast in 57.42) and senior Rachel Aepelbacher with 208.4 points over six 1-meter dives.

"Ava Bianchi, Lindsey Vaughan and Ashley Vaughan (went) 1-2-3 in the 100 free," Annette VanderMey said. "Our divers (went) 1-2-3-4-5-6 (and) swept both teams." At the Laker Invitational, the Wildcats took first

in seven of 12 events' top flights while holding off five other teams and winning several other lower level flights for valuable points, as well.

The top individual performer had to have been Berg, who finished first in all four of her events. She won the 200 free in 1:59.73 and 100 free in 55.94 before teaming with Burnett, Maranda VanderMey and Maranda Buha to win the 200 free relay in 1:44.03 and with Cortez and both Buhas to win the 400 free relay in 3:44.06.

The Buhas continued their success individually, with Mallory winning both the 200 individual medley in 2:14.54 and 100 back in 58.63 seconds. Aepelbacher also set a pool record with 385.4 points after 11 1-meter dives and a victory in that event.

"Out of the possible 45 scoring heats, Novi dominated in 19 of them, winning and another 11 taking second," Annette VanderMey said. "Dana Morgan's (B-hent) 100 back win of 1:04.85 qualified her to compete at the Oakland County Championship meet. Our 400 free relay team winners of Kara Berg, Alexandra Cortez, Mallory Buha and Maranda Buha qualified for the MHSAA state meet with a time of 3:44.06."

Lady harriers build experience toward opening dual meet

Novi runners led by Mullins, Lonergan, Koomen

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

With some fine-tuning in progress, Novi's girls cross country team is ready to jump into dual meets this week after pushing through its first two invitational.

The Wildcats opened their season Aug. 28 at Cass Benton in Northville during the Mustang Invite, which was split into junior/senior and freshman/sophomore races.

West Bloomfield's Erin Finna won the upperclassmen race in 17 minutes and 39 seconds. Novi's squad was led by senior Jackie Mullins (seventh in 19:55.1), junior Karissa Koomen (46th in 23:08.3), senior Carrie Subject (99th in 25:14.8) and junior Melanie Murphy

ON TAP

Novi's girls cross country squad was set to race Livonia senior son two days ago before competing in Friday's 6:55 p.m. Spartan Invite at Michigan State University's Forest Aker Golf Course and then South Lyon 6:12 p.m. Tuesday at Cass Benton in Northville against South Lyon.

(111th in 25:42.5).

The underclassman race was won by Livonia senior sophomore Lindsey Gallagher in 20:27.3. Among the Wildcats' top four were sophomore Hannah Lonergan (40th in 23:34.6), sophomore Victoria Giese (71st in 25:35.1), sophomore Hannah Latham (84th in 26:50.3) and freshman

ON TAP

Cecile Baeza (90th in 27:17.6). "It was a good first race for the girls," Novi coach Marsha Reid said. "We have a lot of athletes that show promise, and right now we are extremely inexperienced team. While we lack in experience, we definitely have some promise. I am excited to see what we can do."

The girls followed it Sept. 8 with the Plymouth Salem-hosted KLA Cross Country Invitational at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

Hartland senior Avery Evenson won the 12-team race in 18:25.2. The 'Cats were led by Lonergan (28th in 20:42.8), Koomen (49th in 21:49.5), sophomore Samantha DeLisle (98th in 24:14.6) and Giese (107th in 24:50.8).

CENTRAL

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four unanswered touchdowns — one before half-time and three to open the third quarter, to generate a 47-19 lead.

Moeller was led by Keith Watkins, who had 17 yards on the ground and four touchdowns while Joe Eramo had two touchdowns — including one from 80-yards out — with 102 yards rushing. Quarterback Spencer Lacovone threw for 233 yards on two touchdowns and Gus Ragland pulled in seven passes for 100 yards and a score.

"From a physical standpoint, at the end of the day, this is a very simple game — it comes down to blocking and tackling," said Moeller. "We definitely need to become a better tackling team, defensively. There were plenty of plays where we had an opportunity to make a play defensively and

simply missed a tackle. That definitely needs to get better going forward, especially given the physical nature of our league that is coming up. Also, this is sort of unprecedented territory for our program in terms of points given up, so we're going to keep it real simple — focus on the basics, and rebuild our kids' confidence from the ground up."

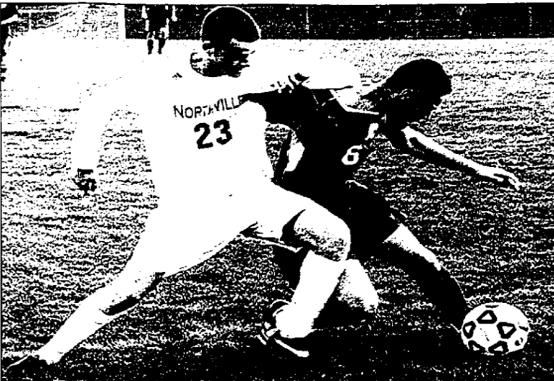
The Shamrocks were led by Darkangelo, who ran for 117 yards and two touchdowns while quarterback Garrett Moores threw for 197 yards and two scores.

"We're always going to be a run-first team but we have a very talented quarterbackback in Garrett Moore," said Mach. "He's a first-year starter as a senior but he's got a very high ceiling. Garrett is about 6-foot-4-inch and a very athletic kid. He made some mistakes trying to make a big play that wasn't there but he

made some really nice plays in a situation where we were throwing probably more than is comfortable within the framework of our offense."

The Shamrocks recovered three fumbles in the game, but gave the ball away four times, including a 29-yard scoop-and-score fumble and state title that was returned for a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

The loss stung, for sure, but Mach said the team has other things to focus on than two losses to Ohio teams. "When we come back on Monday, it will be worthwhile to remind our players that all of our benchmark goals — Central Division title, Catholic League title, and state title — are still within reach," he said. "We're 0-0 in the league, and still have a margin of error for getting to six wins. We just need to go out and start turning this thing in our favor, one game at a time."



Northville senior David Lindow (left) battles with Novi sophomore Ryan Kobakof for the ball Sept. 6. Lindow was called foul for pulling on Kobakof's jersey on this play, but got the last laugh as the Mustangs won 2-0.

Mustangs trample Wildcats

Northville gets best of Novi in first leg of baseline boys soccer rivalry

By Chris Jackett
Correspondent

ON TAP

Novi's boys soccer team (4-2-1, 1-1-0 KLA Central) was scheduled to visit No. 10 Plymouth Salem (5-2-2, 1-1-0 Central) two nights ago and Livonia Stevenson (3-1-3, 1-0-1 Central) 5:30 p.m. tonight before continuing the road trip 7 p.m. Tuesday at South Lyon (2-0-3, 0-0-2 Central) and 6 p.m. Sept. 20 at South Lyon East (2-1-1, 0-1-1 Central).

break and you lose. I'm not disappointed in that game by any means."

A perfectly placed shot into the top left corner by Northville junior Angelo Zannis from 30 yards out caught McMaster off his line to put the Mustangs ahead 2-0 with 10:19 left in the half.

McMaster was the junior varsity goalkeeper who was promoted to the varsity role for a third game for the injured senior netminder Andy Netter.

"I think Tommy the last three games has done a great job," O'Leary said. "He's just got thrown into the fire and done well. He's an athletic kid. I think Andy's more of a technical player, a technical goalkeeper and understands the goalkeeper position better, but Tommy's a great athlete. I had him in basketball and he's a good basketball player, he's a great lacrosse player. When he played defense, he played great," O'Leary said. "(Kiura) our best player. He might've been the best player on the field. Sometimes you watch him and it's remarkable. It's like a 25-year old playing against 15 year olds. He did his usual fantastic job. He's a great player for us."

The two rivals were coming off of opposite decisions within the division from Sept. 6. Novi defeated South Lyon East (2-1-1, 0-1-1 Central) 3-0 at home, where Mann, Tony Asimadu and Anton Karamuc set up Nakashima, Chahal and Mitchell Adams for goals. McMaster earned the shutout with six saves.

Northville lost 4-1 at No. 8 Salem (5-2-2, 1-1-0 Central), with Van Houten notching the Mustangs' lone goal.

"We got exposed on that

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Catholic Central head football coach Tom Mach introduced his Novici campus. CC was to open their season that during by hosting Detroit Cody High.

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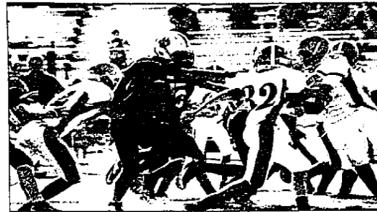
BOBCATS FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Varsity defeats Gators, 32-14

The Novi Bobcat Varsity team (2-0) won convincingly in their home opener against the Multi-Lakes Gators (0-2), 32-14, on Sunday.

The Bobcats struck early on their first possession, with Anthony D'Annibale taking the hand-off and racing 40 yards for their first score at 9:32 in the first quarter. Blake King kicked the PAT, and the Bobcats led early, 8-0. After the defense held the Gators to no first downs on the ensuing series, they struck again after taking over on their own 49 yard line. Ian Patterson rambled 43 yards behind good blocking from Scott Latham, Andrew Calhoun, Rakin Parker, Lincoln Cleary, Connor Moore, and Ricky Turner for the Bobcats' next score. Following another successful kick for the PAT from King, the Bobcats were quickly up 16-0 at the 5:56 mark in the first quarter.

The Bobcats continued to stifle the Gators on defense, with Patterson, Moore, Turner and Ryan Welch, leading the way with several stops for losses behind the line of scrimmage. Taking over once again at the start of the second quarter, the Bobcats turned again to



Varsity Bobcat Ian Patterson breaks through for his third Touchdown of the day against the Multi Lakes Gator in Novi, Sunday.

Patterson, who took the hand and broke several tackles on a hard run, going 27 yards for the touchdown. The PAT kick was once again successful, and Bobcats were rolling, 24-0.

With a commanding lead and their top eight players pulled from the game, the Bobcats continued to dominate on defense. Suhas Chinthalapuri and Chad Howell recovered fumbles forced by good defensive pressure on the Gators late in the first half, and Howell led a late charge before half, throwing a 20-yard strike to Cleary behind good blocking before time expired.

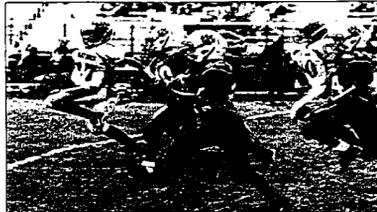
In the second half, the Gators finally got on the board with a touchdown and PAT, cutting the Bob-

cat lead to 24-7. However, the Bobcat turned again to Patterson, who, running with determination, ran over several defenders before cutting outside and scoring again for his third touchdown from 32 yards out. Following King's fourth consecutive PAT kick for the conversion, the Bobcats led 32-7. The Gators would score again, but the final was a convincing 32-14 victory for the Bobcats.

Patterson amassed well over 100 yard rushing and scored three touchdowns in less than one half of total playing time. He also made several big hits on defense. In addition to strong performances on defense from Welch and Turner, the Bobcats got good play from Calhoun and Park-

er inside to shut down the Gators' inside running attack. Also playing well for the Bobcats on offense were Jordan Ward at tailback, Matt Williams at center, Brendan Smith at fullback, and Anthony Zimbalanti at the other running back position. Keegan Houseworth and Colin Bey-lui each contributed with plays on defense, and King had an excellent day kicking the football for the Bobcats.

On Tap: The Bobcats next games are at Livonia Bentley against the Livonia Blue Jays, beginning with the Flag (9 a.m.) followed by the Freshman (11 a.m.), the JV (1 p.m.), and the Varsity (3 p.m.) on Saturday, Sept. 15.



Novi's Ellis Piper (24) runs for a touchdown in the JV Bobcats' win over the Multi-Lake Gators on Sept. 9.

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Summer Battle champs

Motor City Madness 98 Red won the 14U division of the Michigan Pride 10th Annual Summer Battle, which was held at Powers Park in Novi on June 9-10. The team defeated Ohio Lasers Gray in the semifinal and Finesse Blue in the championship game. Pictured (l to r, front) are Batgirl Kayla Erer, Sydney San Juan, Isabella Buttazzoni, Rachel Hendrickson, Aziza Afzal, Madison Amper (middle), Nicole Ireland, Kaitlyn Wolschlager, Nicole Rinkel, Shirley Hao, Genny Soltesz, Assistant Coach Adam San Juan; (back) Head Coach Scott Ampe, Asst Coach Chris Soltesz and Assistant Coach Brian Wolschlager. Not pictured is Sydney Jascoe.

FIELD HOCKEY

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net for the Wildcats, who had eight penalty corners on offense.

The scoring was similarly spread out two days later in Beverly Hills, although the contest was much more tightly contested.

"Novi started off the game playing a relatively even match against Detroit Country Day," Notarantonio said. "That is, until the Detroit Country day goalie fouled, allowing us to shoot a penalty stroke."

Mosso ripped the penalty shot into the top left corner for a 1-0 lead.

Country Day pressured more and more after falling behind and their netminder continued to make save after save on Novi.

"As the game continued the Novi struggled to find the back of the cage, but had several exceptional attempts that were saved

by Detroit Country Day's talented goalie," Notarantonio said.

Zampas battled for possession and fired a shot toward the goal, where Lauren Brown was for a tip in and 2-0 half-time lead.

In the second half, Notarantonio dribbled up the center of the field before setting Murphy up for a buffer goal. But the 'Cats weren't done, as Albane Blanchet deked through the defense for a breakaway goal to make it a 4-0 final.

"Throughout the game, the key defenders for Novi never failed to make fantastic tackles, and feed the ball either to the midfielders' sticks or into space for the forwards," Notarantonio said. "The defending players Megan Paul, Kayla Burkhardt, Stephanie Eller, Natalie Trainor, Paige Serra and Sabrina Silvestri protected the goal under every circumstance, making goalkeeper Katrina Koomen's job less stressful."

VARSITY SPORTS SCHEDULES

Table with 2 columns: Location and Schedule. Rows include Novi, Cattanil, Northville, and various sports like Football, Volleyball, Equestrian, Boys Soccer, Girls Cross Country, Football, Girls Golf, Girls Swimming, Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, and Girls Golf.

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Back to school: College students need to heed fire safety

By Julie Brown
O&E Staff Writer

When Tom Kiurski sent his daughter to Central Michigan University a few years back, he had concerns of any normal parent.

As the training coordinator for the Livonia Fire Department, Kiurski was also keeping an eye out for dorm fire safety. Their daughter, 20, lived in a CMU dorm her first two years and is now in a sorority with 14 young women.

"We talked about the different ways," he said of her dorm. "We brought an extra smoke alarm with us." The university also had a working smoke detector, which Kiurski appreciated.

Students are back to school, and for those starting college fire safety may not top the list. It's usually their first time away from home for an extended period, Kiurski said, and they haven't had the time older adults have had to learn about fire safety.

"It's not on the top of the radar screen," he said. He recommends parents review fire escape planning at home before leaving for school. "It does have to be specific," he said of the escape plan, so he also recommends a quick review upon arrival at the dorm of ways out to safety.

"I think they have gotten better, yes," Kiurski said of college universities and fire safety. Alarms are often retrofitted into buildings with sprinklers added as well. Fire departments lack authority to mandate sprinklers in older buildings, he said, and cost is an issue for schools with adding sprinklers. "We try to educate. I think we're making steps toward safety," he said. If you're sending a student off



to college this fall, include some fire safety planning in talk of friends, classes and social get-togethers. Kiurski noted most dorm students have a meal plan, so shouldn't need to cook much in their room.

Most college fire deaths are off campus, he said, where it's tougher to maintain safety standards. "Never remove batteries or disable the alarm. Learn your building's evacuation plan and practice all drills as if they were the real thing. If you live off campus, have a fire escape plan with two ways out of every room. When the smoke alarm or fire alarm sounds, get out of the building quickly and stay out."

•Make sure your dormitory or apartment has smoke alarms inside each bedroom, outside every sleeping area and on each level. For the best protection, all smoke alarms should be interconnected so that when one sounds they all sound. •Test all smoke alarms at least monthly. •Never remove batteries or disable the alarm. •Learn your building's evacuation plan and practice all drills as if they were the real thing. •If you live off campus, have a fire escape plan with two ways out of every room. •When the smoke alarm or fire alarm sounds, get out of the building quickly and stay out.

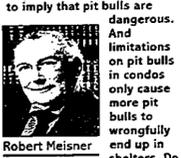
•During a power outage, use a flashlight. •Cook only where it is permitted. •Stay in the kitchen when cooking. •Cook only when you are alert, not sleepy or drowsy from medicine or alcohol. •Check with your local fire department for any restrictions before using a barbecue grill, fire pit, or chimenea. •Check your school's rules before using electrical appliances in your room. •Use a surge protector for your computer and plug the protector directly into an outlet.

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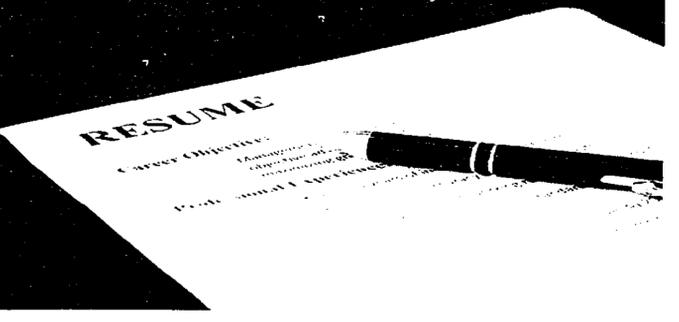
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How to get that computer to send your resumé to a real person

Interview with a resumé expert

Debra Auerbach, CareerBuilder
When you submit a resumé online, do you ever wonder where it goes who reads it and -- if you're lucky -- how it gets picked? In today's electronic world, many companies use keyword-search software or applicant-tracking systems in their hiring process. These systems scan resúmes for keywords related to the open position to find the most relevant ones for the next round. This helps companies, especially large ones, sort through a high volume of resúmes quickly and efficiently.



Knowing that your resumé may meet a computer system before it meets a human, how do you get it noticed? The following Q&A with Ramsey Peneagar, executive-resumé consultant, career strategist and certified resumé writer for cResumes.com, provides helpful tips on how to make your resumé stand out to a computer -- and a company.

Q: Why is it important to include keywords from the job description in a resumé?
RP: An effective resumé has a tight focus and is targeted to the job or job types the client wishes to seek. This targeting includes keywords from the job description to improve search rates. Keywords are usually the hard skills, industry-specific qualifications and job-specific terms or phrases that employers look for in a job candidate. If your resumé doesn't have the keywords that match their job requirements, your resumé may hit the "no" pile early in the process.

Q: Now that most resúmes are submitted/reviewed online, what implications does that have for a resumé's content?
Peneagar: Now that the majority of resúmes are submitted and reviewed online rather than in print, there are new things to consider in writing a resumé. Will it look the same as content on your computer when prospective hiring managers read it? Job seekers need to keep in mind that format, keywords, search optimization and file type are all just as important as content, good grammar and correct spelling.

Q: How can you integrate keywords so they sound natural and not forced?
RP: The best way to incorporate keywords into your resumé is by writing concise action statements regarding your achievements, skills and experience and implementing the keywords naturally within those bullet statements. An effective resumé is achievement-focused, not task-based. Start each statement about your career achievements with an action verb, followed by a keyword and ending your specific facts and figures resulting from your actions.

Q: What types of keywords should job seekers include in their resúmes?
RP: The best keywords can be found right in the job descriptions and ads of the jobs you want to land. Evaluate 10 job postings with similar titles and make a list of the five to 10 most frequently used words throughout all of them. These are the words you should use in your cover letter and resumé.

Q: What other ways can a job seeker get his resumé noticed by an employer?
RP: Make certain [that] your resumé is visually appealing by using appropriate formatting and keeping it to two pages or less. Your resumé is more likely to be read if it's appealing to read. Don't clutter your resumé with irrelevant or outdated information and, ideally, keep it to two pages or less. College students or those with fewer than five years of experience may use a one-page resumé.

Here is a list of general skills and qualifications to consider as keywords:

- Degrees or certifications
- University or college names
- Job titles
- Product names
- Technical terms
- Industry jargon
- Job-specific buzzwords
- Company names
- Professional organizations
- Technology

Simply creating a list or block of keywords may not be the best way to incorporate keywords into your resumé. However, if your resumé lacks a

I ensure that clients have two versions of their resumé. [One is] the utilitarian text version for easily posting to Internet job boards or online applications. Since the majority of businesses use Microsoft Word over other word-processing programs, send your resumé in a file format their system will open. The Microsoft

professional, aesthetically appealing look, doesn't explain why you are the ideal candidate or how you benefited your previous employers, you still won't get the interview.

Some companies search Internet job boards and targeted databases using keywords to find job candidates, while other companies use this technology to streamline their hiring process. If your resumé doesn't contain the right keywords, your resumé may be rejected even if you have all the experience and other qualifications. As a job seeker, using the right keywords in your resumé is crucial if you want to land the interview.

Debra Auerbach is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com and its job blog, The Work Buzz. She researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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