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Busch's opening delayed into holiday season

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Novi residents near 10 Mile and Meadowbrook roads may be waiting a little longer before their local grocer reopens its doors. The opening of the Busch's store replacing Farmer Jack at 41840 W. 10 Mile Road is on hold as the building is brought up to code. "We had some problems getting things moving forward from

a planning perspective. It's a longer process than we had anticipated," said Dan Courser, senior vice president of Busch's. "We're following the process of the City of Novi. They're very thorough... which is good." The former Farmer Jack building was originally built in 1976 and codes have changed since. "We have to issue permits and then they can construct," said John Hines, Novi building official.

Hines said the company was recently reviewed and denied the necessary permits for opening. "We hope to be open by the end of November or the first week in December," Courser said. "A lot of stuff happens when you take over an old building and bring it up to date." "It's a lot of work to deliver the Busch's experience. We're very excited about coming to Novi." As the process continues, those involved prepare for the eventual

opening. "From what I see, nothing has come up that seems out of the ordinary," said Ara Topouzian, Novi's economic development manager. "They've been going through and getting the proper permits. Initially, they said they'd come in 90 days after Farmer Jack closed. They got the sign up and have gone through the transfer of the liquor sale (license)."

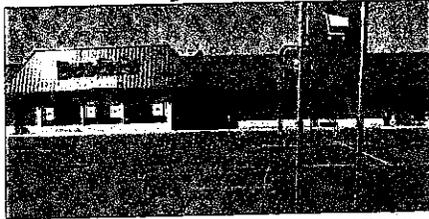


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Continued on 4A There's a sign, but the Novi Busch's store stands empty.

Slow moving

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

With school starting and temperatures dropping, moving season is coming to a close. Normally a busy time of year for many families, this summer has been slower than any other. "It's probably the worst I've ever seen it in 22 years of selling (homes)," said Ginger Barrons, owner of Reliable Real Estate and president of the Novi Rotary Club. "We do have the highest inventory we've ever had."

Although the market may be in a slump, it's not dead. "This is a rough market. Houses are selling, but it's taking longer. Prices aren't as appealing," Barrons said. "We have had some normal dips in the market and Novi has always been somewhat isolated from them."

Rene Saenz, franchisee of the Two Men and a Truck in Wixom, which handles Novi moves, said his business is noticing the changes as well.

"We're sort of seeing the same trends as the real estate market. Moves are down 20 percent or more," he said. "We're seeing less moves of people upgrading their homes. People are downgrading by 30 percent to a 2,000-square-foot house or condo."

Pete Dion, superintendent of Novi Community Schools, didn't downgrade when he recently moved into his Novi home. However, beginning his third



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Two Men and a Truck employees Robin Jennings, left, and Leon Jones help to clear out a Novi condo near 13 Mile and Meadowbrook roads last week. The owner was just moving to Canton, but Jennings noted that, with Michigan's economy, they're seeing a lot of metro Detroiters moving out of state.

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Come to school, earn money

District relies on student count day Wednesday for state funding

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Wednesday is an important day for children throughout Novi, and the rest of the state, to be at school.

The number of children at school on Sept. 26 will be 75 percent of the determining factor as to how much money Novi Community Schools will receive from the state.

The Student Count Day and State Foundation Allowance are the basis for educational funding in Michigan. Each student earned the district \$8,695 last year.

The remaining 25 percent factored into the funding mix comes from a February count day.

The Feb. 13 Student Count Day, earlier this year, accounted for 6,319 students in Novi's district.

Assistant Superintendent Bob Schram said Novi had exactly 6,300 enrolled students as of the Sept. 13, down 29 from last June.

"It's the first time in history we've had a lower enrollment than the past year," he said.

If all 6,300 students show up for school on Wednesday, the district

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NOVI WEEKEND PLANNER



FRIDAY

Hankering for some good beats and eats long after that festival left Pontiac? From 5 p.m. until halftime of the Novi Wildcats varsity football 6:55 p.m. game against Lakeland High School, Wildcat Tastefest will feature treats from BD's Mongolian Barbeque, Coldstone Creamery, Famous Dave's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Santino's "Explosion," Jet's Pizza, Panera Bread, Subway and face-painting by Christina's Faces. Tickets will cost \$1 and menu items will be priced between 2-5 tickets. Once the Wildcats bring in a victory, stick around for

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Novi Family Dental Centre

There are new things happening at Novi Family Dental Centre, making this 'complete' dental practice even better than before. The new changes are another way of thanking the community for supporting Dr. Allen Tuchkaper his staff for the past 27 years.

The exciting news is that Dr. Tuchkaper is now offering a "Refer-A-Friend" program as a way of saying thank you for referrals of family and friends to Novi Family Dental Centre. Both the referral and the new customer will receive a \$30 gift card of their own choice to retail establishments and restaurants like Borders, Target, Nordstrom, Home Depot, Starbucks, and P.F. Changs.

It is a win-win situation for everyone and affirms Dr. Tuchkaper's gratitude for the many long-term relationships he has established with generations of patients. "It is our way of giving back to the community for allowing us to serve them in everything we do," he said.

Dr. Tuchkaper is especially proud of the fact that the young children who had their teeth cleaned and cavities filled when he first started his practice are now bringing in their children to have an array of special services and procedures performed at Novi Family Dental Centre.

Two patients, Bernie and Peggy Shinkel, wrote a letter, which summed up what many other patients think of their experience with Dr. Tuchkaper and his staff. "Thank you for the excellent professional care which you provide to our entire family — three generations," they wrote. "The friendliness, caring attitude and personal interest conveyed by your team are wonderful characteristics of your practice. As our dental needs change with a growing family, your insights and recommendations are always appreciated. We look forward to continuing to be a part of your dental practice for years to come."

The changing needs of patients are one of the many reasons why Novi Family Dental Centre continues to upgrade its services — services which are all geared toward giving people naturally beautiful and healthy teeth. For example, a new feature of a very popular teeth whitening process is now available. The ZOOM Advanced Power treatment, as seen on TV, involves adding new lighting to in-office teeth whitening. Whiter teeth make a bigger smile and Dr. Tuchkaper is very happy when his patients are grinning from ear to ear.

"The difference in whiter teeth is incredible," he said. "Many of my patients tell me they wish they hadn't waited so long to have the treatment."

In fact, in another testimonial, Jan Mouch wrote that she never liked her smile, until she visited Novi Family Dental Centre. "I had always hated the way my smile looked but was too afraid and misinformed to do anything about it," she said. "From my first consultation, the entire staff made me feel relaxed and confident that I could finally have the smile I had always dreamed of. Now I am so happy with my new smile and the people that helped make it possible, that I am passing the word around!"

Another procedure that Dr. Tuchkaper uses to make brighter smiles and happier patients is a high-tech process called CEREC for beautiful natural colored crowns. A CEREC machine is used on-site so that large fillings and crowns can be quickly manufactured. This means that patients don't have to come in twice for a crown. The whole process can be complete in one visit. "I still am not aware of anyone else in the area that uses this process and get results within an hour," Dr. Tuchkaper said.

Whether it is a mouth full of broken teeth or teeth that need cosmetic touches, Novi Family Dental Centre is the 'one-stop' practice for people who want the best treatment in a timely and pain-free manner. Pain-free? Yes. One of the options that patients can choose — if they fear any pain — is sedation dentistry. This method puts patients in a relaxed mood and "makes them feel comfortable" added Dr. Tuchkaper.

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An evening of Grapes and Grooves

By Kelly Murad
 STAFF WRITER

Ladies and Gentlemen are invited to MiXX and mingle, and wine and dine with all that jazz.

The Greater Novi Chamber is hosting the second Annual Grapes and Grooves event Friday, Sept. 28.

"Ladies, think 'little black dress,'" said Greater Novi Chamber President Whitney McClellan Stone. "It will be a fun night out."

The event will take place 6:30-10 p.m. at the Atrium of Novi lobby between MiXX Lounge and Larson Jewelry on Main Street.

"It's a networking event," McClellan Stone said. "We like to invite the entire community."

The second annual fundraising event will feature four different wine tasting stations including Novi Fine Wine and The Grapevine; strolling appetizers from local restaurants Hoopers, The Grapevine and Fleming's; and live jazz music performed by the Jim Holden Quartet.

The Jim Holden Quartet is a conglomeration of Michigan State University students enrolled in the jazz program.

The four members are Novi resident Jim Holden playing tenor saxophone, Josh Davis on the drums, Sarah Slonim playing the piano and bass player Noah Jackson.

The event will feature a silent



Grapes & Grooves

Who: The Greater Novi Chamber
 What: 2nd annual fundraiser with silent auction
 Time: 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
 Date: Friday, Sept. 28, 2007
 Where: The Atrium of Novi
 Cost: \$30/person in advance \$40/person at the door
 Includes: Strolling appetizers, wine tasting and live jazz band

For more information contact:
 Whitney McClellan Stone (248) 347-4622

auction with items from Larson Jewelry, artwork from local artists, four fourth row Red Wings tickets and four club level Lions tickets with parking.

McClellan Stone is also hoping for a cigar bar in MiXX Lounge.

"It's one of our bigger fundraisers," she said.

Tickets for the event are \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door and are all inclusive. Anyone interested in buying tickets in advance should purchase them by tomorrow.

Within weeks prior to its opening, The Grapevine wine bar is introducing itself as the presenting sponsor of Grapes and Grooves.

"We like to give people the

opportunity to have the exposure," McClellan Stone said. The Grapevine, located on Main Street next to Bora Bora Bistro, is owned by Novi resident and Planning Commission member Brian Burke.

"I'm just helping out, trying to pull off a great event," he said. "We're trying to get involved in some of the different aspects of the community."

"From the standpoint of being so close to opening, it's a good fit. It's a good fit no matter what the timing is, but it's an even better fit when we're right around the corner."

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Photo by JOHN HEDER/NOVI NEWS
 Brian Burke plans on opening his Novi Main Street wine bar, The Grapevine, in October. In the meantime, he'll help sponsor Grapes & Grooves for the Greater Novi Chamber.

Bright House Networks of Michigan customers can preview new NBC fall dramas

Bright House Networks of Michigan's digital customers can now preview the much-anticipated fall lineup of new NBC dramas, via the cable company's Video On Demand Channel 173, providing the local network broad-

cast shows before they are aired on NBC's new dramas air Sept. 24, but Bright House customers may see the first-ever episodes of "Chuck," "Journeyman," "Bionic Woman" and "Life" earlier than everyone else in Michigan thanks to an agreement between NBC Universal and Bright House

Networks of Michigan. This unique opportunity also features other season premieres like "The Office," "30 Rock" and "Scrubs." "We are extremely excited to be able to offer this exclusive, first-look at some of NBC's newest shows before they are aired on the

local NBC affiliate," said Robert McCann, President of Bright House Networks of Michigan. "The new dramas are offered on our Video On Demand channels, which give our customers an opportunity to watch the shows they want, when they want."

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Busch's opening delayed into holiday season

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The Farmer Jack, a Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company (A&P) company, was one of 45 in Michigan to close its doors on July 7. Most were bought out by Busch's, Kroger or Hillier's.

Richard Ludwig, founder and partner at Ludwig and Seelye Inc., which owns the shopping center, said all the opening processes are directly handled between Busch's and the City of Novi.

"They took over the Farmer Jack/A&P lease and that lease continues to continue," he said. "We're waiting for them and we think they'll be great there."

Busch's has already hired much of its staff.

"We've gone through the hiring process and a lot of the former Farmer Jack employees are working in existing Busch's and transferring over when we open," Courser said.

Courser said Busch's has already ordered turkeys for the Novi store in hopes of opening before the Thanksgiving holiday, but, if they can't open by

Busch's location



SOURCE: City of Novi

then, the turkeys will likely get sent to other nearby locations, such as the Farmington Hills location three miles away at Grand River Avenue and Drake Road.

The Novi Busch's will be the 14th location for the southeastern Michigan grocer based out of Ann Arbor.

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Slow moving

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year as superintendent in Novi, it took him the entire time frame to sell his old home in Grosse Ile, where he formerly served as superintendent of schools.

"The first year, I drove from Grosse Ile. It was a 45-minute to an hour drive one-way. March of that year, we put our house up for sale. I did that for a year and we still hadn't sold our house, so we moved into an apartment at Saddle Creek (in Novi). After two years, we still hadn't sold our house," Dion said. "We dropped the price, went through three different realtors and tried to sell it on our own."

In the end, Dion ended up dropping the price \$40,000, while others have been forced to drop their sale prices by \$80,000 or more.

"We're just fortunate that we sold our house," he said, happy to have been moved into his new home the day before school began.

In decline

Novi has 52,231 residents, according to the 2007 census released in July. This is a sharp contrast to the 33,148 and 47,579 numbers from 1990 and 2000, respectively. City officials expect Novi to reach around 75,000-80,000 residents in the next 25 years or so.

That date may be delayed by the recent slump, however, as 2006 was Novi's first peak year to be followed by a decrease in population. A March 2006 census estimated 53,907 residents populated the city, 1,676 more than the 2007 census revealed.

Through the third week in August, Two Men and a Truck moved 148 people into Novi and 213 out of Novi. In the same time span last year, 158 moved in and 197 moved out.

"The number (of people) coming in (to Novi) is slow," Barrons said. "The condominium market is at a complete standstill. First time buyers usually move from apartments to condos. Apartments are offering great deals because there's vacancies. The house rental market is

very, very slow.

"In the commercial market, there's still investors coming in. Short-term (2-5 years) buyers aren't in the market right now. They're typically the foreclosure buyers."

Barrons questioned where people are living based on these trends, which also account for Novi's higher than usual foreclosure numbers (65 from Jan. 1 to July 20).

"Usually, by the time an individual closes on their house, they've already moved out, so there's a lot of vacant homes," Smezn said.

Barrons said she doesn't expect to see it get better next year, noting that St. John Health Providence hospital and Staybridge Suites hotel will bring jobs, and hopefully new homeowners, to Novi when it opens in July 2008.

"Expenses increase from advertising homes that are not selling. A lot of money is being spent on advertising. There's not a lot of hope for next spring, the economy has to turn around first," she said.

Better than others

Fil Superfisky, an associate broker at Real Estate One, said Novi is still doing better than other cities in a lot of aspects.

"Novi is still a leader in the state in housing starts and building permits," he said. "Right now, there's a whole group moving into Novi that used to go to Royal Oak. Younger people are moving here because of the night life and they don't want to commute to Royal Oak."

Superfisky noted the national housing market has been in its current state since fall 2005, but it has also helped some homeowner in finding their dream home.

"A lot of people are moving because there's phenomenal bargains," he said. "Local people are selling their houses because they can move up for a bargain. Some have even stayed in the same subdivision."

Novi's highly ranked school system has also helped to bring families into Novi.

"I have a couple moving to Novi to get their kids into the schools, but they can't sell their home in Chicago. They're leasing a condo for a year or two until they can sell

Advice from a mover

Rene Saenz of Two Men and a Truck offers his advice for those moving:

Boxes:

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"We caution against getting produce boxes because they could have little critters in them that you're bringing into your house."

Scheduling your move:

"A lot of people wait too long, especially if they don't realize the last weekend of the month in summer and fall are busy, and movers are booked up. The best time is early in the week and early in the month. You should schedule your move at least two weeks in advance, three weeks if it's for the last weekend of the month."

Split decision:

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their home in Chicago," Superfisky said. "Until they find someone to lease or buy in Chicago, they'll be having double payments."

Barrons said she has seen some people leaving their homes when they relocate to another state for job-related purposes.

District relies on student count day Wednesday for state funding

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could receive about \$54.79 million in state funding.

The district has budgeted for an additional \$50 per pupil from the state this year.

"It could be \$50 or \$100 more. It's probably more likely to be flat than anything else," Schram said.

More funding means more programs for children and less side costs to parents. The more students that go to school on Wednesday, the better it'll be for families throughout the district. It's a win-win situation for Novi's expensive education system.

"It's very important that everyone in the district does show up that day because it determines our revenue," said Assistant Superintendent Gail Credit.

Nearly 6,330 students showed up to school on the September count day 2006.

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MY PARKS & REC

Local bands prepare for Fireup Fest battle

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Wildcats haven't had a post-game event like Fireup Fest before, but the concert and activities are sure to draw a crowd.

Fireup Fest will feature an inflatable obstacle course, music, a bonfire, inflatable jousting arena, henna tattoos, rock climbing wall and food and prizes from 17 different local restaurants, sports and entertainment businesses. Access to the event comes at the cost of a \$2 wristband, and the rock climbing wall costs an additional \$2.

The event is geared toward high school students and will take place at the Novi Civic Center after Novi's home football game on Friday against Lakeland High School. Kickoff is scheduled for 6:55 p.m. and the festival should begin around 9:30 p.m. and run until midnight.

Mallory Wethers, a recreation intern from Central Michigan University, said Music Go Round and the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department are co-sponsoring the event. The Novi fire and police departments, as well as the CERT Team, will be on site to keep the event safe.

The centerpiece of the night will be a four-band Battle of the Bands, which will award a \$500 Music Go Round gift certificate to the winning band around 11:30 p.m.

"We want to hit a bunch of different genres," Wethers said. "We also want to have bands that have a following. The first band should start right after the game ends."

Of those who submitted demos, the four bands chosen by Wethers and the Youth Recreation Committee are:

Riley
Members: Ryan Anderson, Matt Jylkka, Dan Nufer, Cody Ross
Sounds like: Rise Against.

Landry
Members: Max Landry, Ben Landry, Jackson Landry, Peterson Cultimore (filling in for Tommy Kawel)
Sounds like: Trapt, Unwritten

Appello
Members: Amir Edwards, Ari Teitel, Jimmy Fox, Tony Lameau
Sounds like: Sublime, Dave Matthews Band. These indie guitarists have solid rapping and acoustic melody abilities.

The Jam Society
Members: Amir Edwards, Ari Teitel, Jimmy Fox, Tony Lameau
Sounds like: Bob Dylan, Grateful Dead. Don't be fooled by their ages (12-14), these guys play some serious psychedelic jazz rock straight from the 1970s.

Event organizers encourage teens to attend and cheer on their favorite band while enjoying the festivities.

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So, here's how I can make the incredible offer at the top of this page. Every year, the fridge air conditioner manufacturers have to guess how many units to produce to meet the demand. Since there's no way of knowing what the weather will be like and other factors that affect sales, these guys always have leftover inventory they have to hold onto until the next cooling season. I saw a great business opportunity in this and went to one of these big companies and contacted for the purchase of 24 premium air conditioners and furnaces in the four most popular sizes used in this area. And, because of the quantity and time of year I purchased them, I got an unbelievable deal...rock-bottom prices. Don't get me wrong - these are brand new, top-quality 2005-07 models. NOT "seconds," NOT "blemishes," NOT "builder" grade models. These are premium air conditioners and furnaces with a full factory warranty.

How to get Your Name Here
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Here's How
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The Concept Is Simple Really
By letting you win big now, I will win at the end of the year. I'm betting that if I make you an offer that is "irresistible" at least it should be if your furnace or air conditioner is over 6 years old) and I barely mark it up above the price I paid, I will accomplish two things:

1. I will cover your rent, utilities, insurance and taxes in the "killer" month.
2. I can pay my professional staff of 12 technicians to work instead of paying them to sit at home.

As you can see, when you take me up on my "Coolest AND Hottest Deal of the Century" EVERYONE IS A WINNER!

No Obligation
Even after I completely explain the installation, there is absolutely no obligation. If you decide you don't want to take advantage of the spectacular savings...that's okay. I will give you a surprise gift worth \$50. Why? Even if we don't do business together now, I want you to remember me in the future.

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But you've got to act fast...
You must call me at 517-548-2114 before September 20th. Here are two reasons why:

1. I only have 6 of each of the four sizes. When all of the furnaces are sold and all the air conditioners are "given" away in a particular size, the "Coolest AND Hottest Deal of the Century" is over.
2. If I have any of the 24 systems left on September 29th (although I doubt I will), this offer still ends. Here's why. My business always picks up about October 1. Since these air conditioners cost me so little, if I've got any left, I'll sell them next summer at last year's prices and still come out ahead. Give me a call now at 517-548-2114 and I will set an appointment for your no-obligation survey.

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MY OPINION

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Wednesday counts

Although you may not see billboards popping up pleading with parents to bring their kids to school or pizza and pizza parties leaving children to class, make no mistake: counting to school Wednesday is important for the Novi Community School District.

Wednesday, Sept. 26, is count day in the state of Michigan. Count day is crucial for Michigan school districts because the Sept. 26 enrollment numbers are used to determine the amount of state funding districts will receive.

And though another date in February is used to comprise a final "blended count," Wednesday carries the most significance when determining state funding.

Every Novi Community School District child who shows up Wednesday earns the district about \$8,700. The district loses the same amount for every missing student.

Determining revenue for the 2007-08 school year is critical for the district.

With fewer new students than in prior years, school board members are already facing budget cuts and lay offs.

If all of the estimated 6,300 students show up for school on Wednesday, the district could receive about \$54.79 million.

"It's very important that everyone in the district does show up that day because it determines our revenue," said Assistant Superintendent Gail Credin.

Now of course there are procedures in place to count for children who, for whatever reason, are not able to make it to class, but the make-up process is timely and cumbersome for district officials.

It is much easier for everyone involved to circle the date on a calendar and make sure the community's public school children are in class.

We encourage parents to make the effort. And don't forget to check back late next week at www.novinews.com for a posting of the final student count total.

You do the math

The Sept. 26 student count total accounts for 75 percent of the "blended total" and the February count day makes up the remaining 25 percent. The state takes the blended count total and multiplies it against the Foundation Allowance, which is the pre-determined amount per pupil.

Construction Alert

Project: Beginning about Sept. 17, 2007, we'll fill in the gaps in the center-left turn lane of Haggerty Road, making it a continuous center turn lane.

Community: On the Novi-Farmington Hills border.

Cancellation Date: End of November.

SOURCE: Road Construction for Oakland County



Hey, Novi: What's Your Story?

We're looking for you! The Novi News is currently looking to interview local residents regarding the following topics:

- Are you a high school student who receives an allowance from your parents?
- Are you a high school student who has an interesting job?
- Are you a Novi senior citizen with an interesting job or hobby?
- Are you a working woman who has recently returned to work?
- Are you a Novi resident interested in sharing a story about how your religious faith has carried you through tough times?
- During the past six months, have you moved into a newly constructed home?
- Do you spend more than \$100 per week on gasoline?
- Are you a single parent?
- Has your home been for sale for more than one year?
- Is there something specific about Novi you would change, update or eliminate?
- Are you planning a unique holiday party or family get-together?
- Is there someone on your street who needs a helping hand?

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Bringing Drug Coverage to America's Seniors

When it comes to prescription drug coverage for seniors, there's yet more good news to report.

Just last month, the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research reported that Medicare Part D (the federal government's prescription drug benefit) has helped increase prescription drug coverage among Americans aged 65 and older from 75 percent in 2004 to more than 90 percent in 2006.

In other words, it's taken just two years to bring prescription drug coverage to almost every senior in America, rich and poor alike, thanks largely to Part D.

Part D provides federal subsidies to allow private plan managers to compete for the best bargains from drug manufacturers. This creates incentives for providers to offer a variety of plan options. Seniors can shop around for the plans that best fit their needs. And so law limits the number of drugs each plan can offer.

Thanks to this structure, the drug benefit offers more and better choices of both drugs and prices than anyone imagined. Some plans, for example, cost as little as \$10 a month. Others have eliminated deductibles before coverage kicks in. Some provide partial or full coverage in the infamous "donut hole," so that seniors don't experience a gap in coverage between moderate and high drug expenses.

When it comes to saving money, Part D has exceeded expectations. The average plan now costs less than \$24 a month, significantly lower than the \$37 average that Congress anticipated when the program was introduced.

Part D is the first significant federal program to rein in runaway medical spending. It did this by restoring savings incentives and personal responsibility to Medicare. Also, by leveraging the power of private-sector competition. Part D provides more prescription drug choices than the much-vaunted Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) plan.

The VA plan is often compared to Part D because they're both federally funded drug programs. One is for military veterans; the other is for seniors.

But the real difference is that under the VA plan, which is a more traditional government program, there's only one type of coverage, a narrowly defined insurance package with no choice whatsoever. The VA controls costs by limiting the number of drugs available to seniors, so the formula includes about 19 percent of medicines approved by the Food and Drug Administration since 2000.

By contrast, Part D allows members to choose from a broad array of private health plans. Seniors have access to virtually all FDA-approved medicines, and prices stay low because the private insurance providers compete fiercely.

According to a survey by the Medicare Rx Education Network, 78 percent of the 29 million seniors enrolled in Part D are satisfied with the plan. More importantly, 20 percent of polled enrollees say the new benefit has enabled them to stop skipping or reducing the medications their doctors have prescribed. According to the Michigan study, the vast majority of the 10,175 seniors interviewed said they were confident that they made a good decision and would sign up for Part D again the following year.

The results from the University of Michigan validate what seniors have been saying for two years, that Part D works.

what seniors have been saying for two years, that Part D works.

Grace-Marie Turner
president of the Galen Institute, a non-profit research organization focusing on free-market solutions to health reform. She can be reached at P.O. Box 19080, Alexandria, VA, or at turner@galen.org.

New Logo Not Necessary

I find it totally inexcusable that the city of Novi has the unmitigated gall to allocate and spend \$20,000 to an outside company to develop a new logo and "mission statement." I would venture to say that most residents and businesses don't even know what the current logo looks like and could care less about a new logo. This is probably just the tip of the iceberg in ridiculous unneeded spending of taxpayer dollars by city officials.

My house value has plummeted in the past year due to the economic climate in Michigan yet my city property taxes increased. Gee, I wonder why? Remember, many of these city officials are elected by the citizens of Novi. Perhaps we should be thinking of electing a new city staff.

Peggy Van Gorden
South Lyon

Jeff Frammer
Novi

Editor's note: Kevin Adell, owner of the former Novi Expo Center, was scheduled to appear in front of the City of Novi Board of Appeals last Tuesday on behalf of the Adell Brothers Children's Trust. The topic was tabled until a later date. The property which the former center occupies is currently used as an EXPO. Exhibition District ordinance, which states using the facility for retail sale of products or services is permitted no more than six times within a calendar year.

City Board Creates Negative Impression

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TOM WATKINS: VW and Michigan's Talent Are Leaving. What is wrong with this picture?

The Washington Post reported Volkswagen is moving its North American headquarters from Michigan to Virginia, so it can attract a skilled young work force.

Stefan Jacoby, the newly arrived CEO of VW North America, told the Post, "By reducing this organization by 30 percent, you need even more talents, more creative people, more motivated people."

"Good schools, skilled workers make it an attractive site." Another reminder that talent rules. Yet, Michigan's government leaders do not seem to be getting the message.

Remember not long ago when every major media outlet, from their front-page to the editorial pages, were hibernated by the fact in this barren state economy, where local municipalities were meaning "they had been cut to the bone." 80 local elected and appointed officials had enough tax money to go to Hawaii for a pension conference? A boondoggle if there ever was one, was the general conclusion.

Yet, there is a conference Oct. 24 and 25, a whole lot closer to home in Virginia, home of the new VW North America Headquarters, that should be a major draw and have Michigan's government officials chartering a bus to attend.

However, I have a sneaky suspicion it may not have the pull of the Hawaii conference.

The Conference
The 2007 National Conference on the "Creative Economy - successful companies, engaged communities." (www.creativeeconomies.org)

Talent Matters!
These themes are echoed by Lou Glazer, President of Michigan's Future, Inc., (www.michiganfuture.org) and

The conference is billed for forward-thinking leaders and visionaries who want to build creative companies and dynamic communities will focus on:

- Attracting and retaining the creative class.
- Creating a culture of creativity in the workplace to improve the bottom line.
- Using diversity to promote creativity.
- Harnessing the power of an aging workforce.
- Boosting creativity in defense and homeland security industries.
- Improving communities and the economy through creative companies.
- The conference will examine the role that a strong, creative workforce plays in the growth and success of businesses and communities in an information-based economy and will feature four powerful keynote speakers: Richard Florida, author of "The Rise of the Creative Class" and "The Flight of the Creative Class"; Pulitzer Prize winner, New York Times columnist Thomas L. Friedman, author of "The World is Flat" and Alvin Toffler, author of "Future Shock."

While, not sharing the top-billing, Michigan's own Karen M. Gagnon, the director of Governor Jennifer M. Granholm's "Cool Cities" initiative, will be part of a panel discussion of: "How Creative Communities Can Help Build a Diversified Local Economy."

These are the growth industries of the 21st century. He sums up Michigan's problem to one word: "talent." He argues very persuasively that Michigan will only prosper if it develops, retains, fosters and attracts high skilled young workers.

Phil Power, founder and President of The Center for the Creative Economy (www.thecenterforcreativeeconomy.com) who spent nearly 40 years in the newspaper business, put it this way in one of his weekly columns: "Finding, attracting, nurturing and retaining talent is the single most important thing we can do as a state. It is more important than any particular whiz-bang, silver bullet economic policy."

Apoptical leaders across the country are making sensible, strategic, policy decisions that will help their cities, communities, states, regions and nations prosper in this hyper-competitive, technologically driven, disruptive, transformational, global world in which we exist. The sooner we come together as a state group and act on these concepts the sooner Michigan will not simply struggle to survive, but thrive once again.

Wake up Michigan, talent matters.

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COMMENTARY

PHIL POWER: Michigan needs a budget and a shared vision



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Michigan's political, public policy and finance systems are broken. That's the only lesson that can be drawn from the year-long — repeat, year-long — deadlock in Lansing over the state's budget.

Ten million Michigan citizens have been held hostage to the partisan agendas of both political parties and their members who now hold office, not to mention the interest groups that fund their campaigns. If that weren't the case, we'd be talking seriously today about how to get Michigan through our current economic crisis and begin laying the foundation for our future prosperity.

We'd have a vision for our state and a well-developed agenda for reaching it, as well as a realistic budget to get us by in the meantime. Oh, there would be some disagreements over how to get there. That's normal and healthy. But there is nothing healthy about what we have now. For months, we've had partisan bickering and finger-pointing while the Oct. 1 constitutional deadline for a balanced state budget keeps getting closer and closer.

Conceivably, some kind of cobbled-together deal to theoretically "balance" next year's budget may happen between the time I write these words and you read this column.

Or our lawmakers may throw together something before the deadline to avoid a government shutdown. But it doesn't seem likely that there will

be the kind of real, comprehensive solution we need.

What we need to do is get our finances in order, so Michigan can focus attention on the real issue at hand: How to remake and re-brand Michigan as a vibrant and entrepreneurial "North Coast." This place is home to one-fifth of the world's fresh surface water and a (fistful of) other natural resources that support sustainable growth in industries such as agriculture, tourism and forestry.

All we need to do is also become a place that grows ever smarter, more innovative and world-competitive. So how would we go about it? It's actually pretty simple: We establish a new "public purse," a long-term sustained taxing and spending strategy focused like a laser on that vision for Michigan and how to reach it.

Our top spending priorities would be education, economic development, marketing our state to the world and investing in our quality of life: Arts and culture, natural resources, health, safety.

But we need a budget and a shared vision. Our new Michigan would continue to thrive

as a manufacturing powerhouse, but this time around re-engineered for high technology, high productivity, high skills. The Chrysler-Mitsubishi-Hyundai joint engine manufacturing plant near Dundee is the model. It operates with only two job classifications, outsourced janitorial and other ancillary tasks, four 10-hour shifts, and every worker with no less than an associate's degree from a community college.

The result: High profitability and growing market share. To get this on a statewide basis, we need cooperation between labor and management. And we need a statewide vision to encourage this kind of collaboration. We don't have that.

We need to support our universities both as magnets for the best and brightest to come to (or stay in) Michigan. We'd sustain the research now being done in university labs, and we'd support commercialization of this research.

But without a shared vision and a budget, this won't happen.

With one, Michigan will grow an entrepreneurial culture through our universities and our schools.

We'd begin to undo the historic fantasy that all kids have to do is get a high school diploma and get a job on the assembly line to live well and support a family.

We'd encourage venture capital to find a profitable home in Michigan. We'd provide recognition and support for our new economy of entrepreneurs and small businesses. We'd have a simple, predictable, competitive tax structure that recognizes that firms thrive when they have a high-skill, high-productivity business model — and rewards them for doing so.

But we don't have a budget that sustains all this. And we don't have a vision that motivates such a budget.

These ideas are hardly rocket science. They're just common sense. And they establish common ground for all kinds of people, whether Republicans, Democrats or Independents.

So how do we figure out how to get there? That will be the subject of community conversations that are part of the Michigan's Defining Moment campaign that starts next month. To learn more or reserve a seat, go to www.thecenterformichigan.net.

LET'S TALK

WITH GARY S. WEINSTEIN, GEMOLOGIST

CHARMED!

Few items of jewelry are as fascinating as the charm bracelet. Since Queen Victoria started the fashion trend by wearing charm bracelets, these collections of personally significant pendants and charms have held great appeal. A charm bracelet can reflect your passion for collecting and love of family or a specific individual, from, or occasion. Charms can continue to be collected to celebrate births and other milestones, occasions and areas of personal interest. Unlike bracelets that single charm, Italian charm bracelets feature a series of modular links that fit together in a cohesive band. This creates a very contemporary take on a form of jewelry that has been around since the days of ancient Egypt.

Start a tradition today by giving the gift that keeps on giving — a charm bracelet. You can add to your gift each special holiday, commemorate a special trip by choosing charms that will bring back memories, or opt for a miniature symbol of an athlete's favorite sport. When you decide to go this route for gift-giving, you are investing in timeless beauty. For such an important purchase, we're here to assist you. WEINSTEIN JEWELERS OF NOVI, 4190 Grand River Ave., for matters to questions, responses, expertise, and a wide selection. We're open Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thurs. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tel: 248-347-0303.

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EVENTS

Wildcat Tastefest
TIME/DATE: 5 p.m. until halftime Friday
LOCATION: Novi Athletic Park (Ten Mile and Tall roads)
DETAILS: During the Novi vs. Oakland football game, Novi Athletic Boosters are hosting the Wildcat Tastefest, including eight local restaurants.
CONTACT: For more information, contact Lynda at lyndafv@aol.com or Kara at yogo3@aol.com

"Pearls of Wisdom"
DATE: Daily through Sept. 31 (closed Sunday)
LOCATION: Picasso Cafe, 39915 Grand River, Novi
DETAILS: This exhibit features drawings of life figures by artist Barbara Eko Murphy.
CONTACT: www.barbarakomurphy.com

Gardeners of Novi and Northville
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m., second Monday of each month, Sept.-May
LOCATION: Rotate between Novi Civic Center and Northville Library
DETAILS: Visitors welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

Farmers Market
DATE: Every Wednesday through the end of October
TIME: 7 a.m.-1 p.m.
LOCATION: Walled Lake City Hall Field (between Decker and Pontiac Trail), Walled Lake
DETAILS: Vendor applications currently accepted; cost of booth is \$12 per day, special discounts are offered.
CONTACT: Call Janell Joyce (248) 624-4847 for application and other information.

Novi Rotary Club
TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday
LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Rd.
DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting; visitors welcome; check website for speaker information, www.rotary.org
Annual Holiday Raffle Dinner
DATE: Friday, Dec. 14
DETAILS: Enjoy an enchanting evening of "Dancing with the Stars"; help support our various community efforts with the purchase of a raffle ticket; tickets are \$125 but only 125 will be sold; Grand Prize is \$5,000 and other prizes also awarded.
CONTACT: Ginger Barrons at (248) 348-0551 or e-mail gbarra at novirota.org

Right to Life Open Public Meeting
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 27
LOCATION: Novi Public Library, 45245 W. 10 Mile Rd.
DETAILS: For pro-life residents of Novi, Northville, Wixom, Walled Lake, Farmington and Farmington Hills; will discuss forming a new Right to Life of Michigan (RLM) affiliate; Field Rep. Christopher Zielinski will speak about importance of having active RLM affiliate in community.

Voice-over Course
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2
LOCATION: Novi Community Education
DETAILS: Professional voice artist Mike Turnbull introduces "You're on the Air: How to Really Make it in Voice-overs," launch a career in this industry, \$20.
CONTACT: (248) 449-1206

Blood Drive
TIME/DATE: 1-7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 3
LOCATION: Real Estate One, 43155 Main St. (upper atrium)
CONTACT: John O'Brien or Kathy Solan (248) 348-6430

"Lights, Camera, Auction!"
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23

LOCATION: Emagine Theatre, 44225 W. 12 Mile Road
DETAILS: Event hosted by Variety the Children's Charity features a strolling supper and a movie preview; proceeds benefit "Bikes for Kids" in Metro Detroit; tickets \$50 per person, patron tickets \$100 per person.

Catholic Central High School Mother's Clubs Holiday Craft Show
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3
DETAILS: Vendors and crafters wanted; Holiday Craft Show is open to all artists, crafters or business people selling items suitable for holiday gift giving; contact (810) 231-3235 or (248) 705-9519.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce
We're about business. We're about networking. We're about creating excitement! Everyone is welcome to attend any of our events. For more information call Whitney, executive director (248) 347-4622 or wngncc@yahoo.com. Also visit www.greaternovichamber.com
Sales Leads Group 1
TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m., second and fourth Thursday of the month
LOCATION: Hooter's of Novi
DETAILS: Serious networking, no fee.
CONTACT: Michelle Winn at (248) 835-3754
Arts Round Table
TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. first Tuesday of every month
LOCATION: MIXX Lounge, Mainstreet
DETAILS: Talk about art and culture in our area; all welcome; free.
Grapes and Grooves
TIME/DATE: 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28
LOCATION: Mainstreet Atrium of Novi (south of I-96, off Novi Road)
DETAILS: Dazzling event features wine tasting, strolling appetizers, live jazz band and silent auction; register ahead \$30 or \$40 at the door.

Novi Chamber of Commerce
The chamber is celebrating 40 years of business, representing over 500 members. Our mission is to be a responsible, proactive advocate of business interests in the greater Novi area. We are business and professional people working together to enhance the life of our community and the businesses in it. For more information, visit www.novichamber.com or contact the chamber office at (248) 349-3743
New and Renewing Member Reception
TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 27
LOCATION: Caribou Coffee, 47490 Grand River Ave., Novi
DETAILS: Great opportunity to meet, mix and mingle; limited to 30; no fee; register at Novi Chamber of Commerce.

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce
Since 1963, the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce has proudly served as West Oakland's Regional Chamber, servicing the communities of Commerce Township, Union Lake, Walled Lake, Waterford, Wixom, Wolverine Lake and White Lake. Our purpose is to improve the quality of life for businesses and residents in the Lakes area. We act as a unified voice on behalf of the business community, provide a forum to discuss and review topics of interest, serve as a source of information and develop programs that are responsive to the needs of the communities we serve. For more information visit www.lakes.org or (248) 624-2826
Home-based Business Lunch & Learn
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday
LOCATION: Chamber Board

Room
DETAILS: Topic will be "Running with the Big Dogs: Getting tasks done faster and easier," \$10 reservation fee includes lunch.
Business Events:
DATE: Thursday, Sept. 27
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon "Are You Sure You Want to Start a Business?"
and 1:30-3:30 p.m. "Franchising: A Self-employment Option"
LOCATION: Executive Office Building, Oakland County Complex, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford
DETAILS: Pre-registration mandatory; free.
CONTACT: Nancy (248) 858-0783
Taste of the Lakes
TIME/DATE: 5-8 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 27
LOCATION: Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road, Commerce
DETAILS: Event features cuisine, cash bar, raffle and auction; tickets \$20.
CONTACT: LAYA office (248) 956-5070
Women in Business
TIME/DATE: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23
LOCATION: The Works Avenida Salon Spa, 1123 E. West Maple Road, Ste. 5, Walled Lake
DETAILS: Inaugural event for new women's group; meet other business women and sample spa services; free gift bag and chance to win a makeover; \$25 per person includes food and beverage.

Session; registration required.
Massage
TIME/DATE: Various times, Monday and Thursday
DETAILS: Therapeutic massage is effective for stress and tension, chronic fatigue, pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treatment should bring physician's referral. Call for appointment: \$50/60-minute session.
Line Dancing
DATE: Monday and Friday
TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginners; 7:30-9:30 p.m. intermediate
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: No partner needed; pay-as-you-go; Novi residents \$5, non-residents \$6.

SCHOOL & GOVERNMENT
Novi Community School District Board of Education Meeting
DATE: Monday
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Tall Road
CONTACT: (248) 449-1204
Novi City Council Meeting
DATE: Monday
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

Personal Fittings
TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Smart Chicks Consignment, 43049 Grand River
DETAILS: Free, no obligation bra fittings to all women by appointment and 20 percent discount on all store merchandise; call (248) 347-1600.
Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting
DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 2
TIME: 6 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

Wines You Must Try
TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 11
LOCATION: Mezza Mediterranean Grille, 42050 Grand River Ave.
DETAILS: Walk-around wine tasting with over 50 wines from the area's smaller, more selective distributors; buffet of Mediterranean food; advance tickets (available at By the Bottle) \$30 or \$35 at the door.
Light up a Life Benefit
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13
LOCATION: Rock Financial Showplace, Diamond Center
DETAILS: Angela Hospice hosts gala benefiting programs for terminally ill patients and their families. Theme is "Groovin' and Cruisin' through the 60s." Event features live performances, hors d'oeuvres, open bar, silent auction, raffles, plated dinner, dessert, best-dressed contest. Make reservations at www.angelahospice.org or call Barbara Paul (734) 953-6014.

LIBRARY LINES
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LOCATION: 45245 W. 10 Mile Rd.
HOURS: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday
CONTACT: (248) 349-0720
Unless noted below, all programs take place at the library.
Knitlers and Knotters
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. second and fourth Monday of each month
DETAILS: Drop in for informal needlework group in Youth Area; all levels welcome.
Senior Book Discussion
TIME/DATE: Noon-1:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month

Book discussion group for older adults facilitated by librarian; please call to join.
Marketing Your Website
TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. tonight
DETAILS: This is the second of the Nipa Shah series. Register online or call library.
Friends Book Sale
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday
DETAILS: Proceeds benefit library.
Story Times
DETAILS: Session 1 begins Monday; see library brochure for schedule.
Lego Club
TIME/DATE: 6-7 p.m. Monday
DETAILS: Lego show and tell, building activities for grades K-4; registration not required.
Knitlers and Knotters
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. Monday
DETAILS: Informal needlework group of all levels meets in youth area; registration not required.
Reading Maniacs
TIME/DATE: 5-5:45 p.m. Wednesday
DETAILS: Kids grades 3-4 snack, play bingo, select books for the year; registration not required.
Internet Strategies to Grow
TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. Wednesday
DETAILS: Third in Nipa Shah series: "Grow Visibly on the Internet" is for people wishing to design or improve their business website. Register online or call library.
Novi Writer's Group
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29
DETAILS: Inspirational group for adult writers of all genres; facilitated by Kathy Mutch; collaborate, critique and create with other writers. Registration required.
Nutrition News
TIME/DATE: 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2
DETAILS: Know how to read nutritional labels, if supplements are worth it, good information for the elderly, parents and children; register online or call library.
Library Board Meeting
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3
DETAILS: Community members welcome to attend.

Wixom Public Library
LOCATION: 49015 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday
CONTACT: (248) 624-2512
ESL Cafe
TIME/DATE: 3:30 p.m. Thursdays
DETAILS: Coffee and conversation-improve your English speaking skills by speaking with people from other countries, trying to improve their English; no tests; instructor help; free.
CONTACT: Karin at the Information Desk.
Slave of Suspense Afternoon Book Club
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Suspected graffiti artist painting Grand River Avenue

Police Briefs

According to Novi Police, graffiti complaints were reported on Grand River Avenue earlier this month as follows:
• An officer was dispatched to Custom Business Solutions on Grand River Avenue on reports of graffiti on the front windows of the building between 6:30 p.m. Sept. 7 and 4 p.m. Sept. 9, reports said.
• According to the officer, one area appeared to have the initials "AJ" with the "A" circled and the other was backwards dollar sign with a large "R" and "S" in smaller letters.
The suspect(s) used spray paint which is easy to remove with cleaner, reports said.
• Between 5 p.m. Sept. 7 and 7:30 p.m. Sept. 9 the word "dice" was spray painted on the signage for Inmate Tek on Grand River Avenue, reports said.
According to the report, the suspect(s) used red paint.
• Conserva Electric Supply on Grand River Avenue had the word "dice" spray painted on the passenger-side of a box-truck between 9 p.m. Sept. 8 and 5:30 p.m. Sept. 9, reports said.

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According to the report, the suspect(s) used a black or purple paint for the graffiti on the Ford Escalade Van.
• During 9 p.m. Sept. 8 and 7:30 p.m. Sept. 9 graffiti was painted at Commercial Carpet on Grand River Avenue, reports said.
On one concrete wall, the word "dice" was spray painted in lime green and the letters "SAS" were underneath it in black paint, reports said.
Unknown suspect(s) stole items and went joy-riding in golf carts at the Links of Novi golf course, between 10 p.m. Sept. 5 and 6 a.m. Sept. 7, reports said.
According to the report, two golf carts were found in sand traps on the course and another

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was found in a field across from the course on 10 Mile Road.
The suspect(s) stole a keg of Old Milwaukee beer, which was one of three placed on the course at about 9 p.m. Sept. 6 in preparation for an early golf outing the following morning, reports said.
According to the report, the suspect(s) also stole four 5-gallon gas cans and one 5-gallon diesel fuel can.
Do you want your car white?
According to a recent police report, a vehicle parked in the driveway of a residence on Hampshire Street, between Brookshire Street and Pradically Circle, was the target of a malicious destruction of property, reports said.
Between 9 p.m. Sept. 5 and 6 a.m. Sept. 6, white paint was poured on top of the tan Ford Contour, reports said.

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By Kelly Murad
Staff Writer

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patterns of the Novi Public Library at their 10 Mile Road location.

The collection consists of hundreds of books ranging from preschool to a high school reading level.

According to Carpenter, the program is primarily designed for younger children, but teens may opt to browse the TumbleBooks library for academic purposes.

"It's just another way to read a book," Storch said.

The younger children can enjoy the classic family favorites and fairy tales while the older kids can read chapter and nonfiction books, depending on their interests.

TumbleBooks also offers a language learning section, providing users with a selection of books in English, Spanish and French.

The library first introduced TumbleBooks to the Novi community Aug. 22, by Aug. 31, the program had 128 views.



Photo by JOHN HEDDER/Novi News

Novi library's Suzanne Carpenter introduces Caleb Norwood, 4, to TumbleBooks, an online program that "reads" books to kids while teaching them how to read. TumbleBooks are available in the kids' section of the library on 10 Mile Road.

Novi/Northville MEDICAL SERVICE directory

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Laugh Out Loud During Teen Road Week
DATES: Oct. 14-20
DETAILS: Vote for your favorite joke for prize drawings: Speed Stacking Competition at 8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15 (register in advance); Comic Timing seminar at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 (register in advance.)

Haunted Michigan
TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 23
DETAILS: Spooky stories of Michigan's own ghosts; registration begins Sept. 1.

Used Book Sale
TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, 9:55/Bag Day! 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20
DETAILS: All proceeds to benefit library; sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Mother/Daughter Book Club
DETAILS: For girls in grades 4-6 and adult female; "The View from Saturday" by R. Korymburg available for check out (please register at that time); first meeting 6:30 p.m. Nov. 7, pot-luck dinner and book discussion.

Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks
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LOCATION: 27475 Huron Circle (adjacent to Twelve Oaks Mall)
CONTACT: (248) 735-1500

Open House
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily or by appointment. Picnic Tuesdays offers free box lunch for two if one member is over age 60

Dinner Concert in the Courtyard
DATE: Today
TIME: 5 p.m. dinner; 6:15 entertainment
DETAILS: Michael Kreager, singer and guitarist, performs; tours provided.

PAD/Stroke/Bone Screening
DATE: Today
DETAILS: National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute is sponsoring "Stay in Circulation" to raise awareness of Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD), a disease linked to heart attack and stroke. Residents surrounding and living in the Novi area can be screened to reduce the risk of stroke, heart attack, bone fracture and osteoporosis. All 4 screenings cost \$129 and take less than 1 hour to complete. Pre-registration is required. Call (800) 697-6721 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com.

Novi Senior Activities Center
LOCATION: Located in the Meadowbrook Commons Senior Complex, 25075 Meadowbrook Rd.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0414
Message: offered daily, call for appointment.

Thursday
9-11:30 a.m.: Line Dance Int.
10-10:45 a.m.: Meditation
11-11:15 a.m.: 12:15 p.m.: Line Dance - Beg.
12:15 p.m.: Contract Bridge
1-3 p.m.: Computer Lab
1:30-3 p.m.: Book Discussion
"My Sisters Keeper" by Jodi Picoult
2:30-3:30 p.m.: Line Dance
3:30-4 p.m.: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group
Friday
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noon: Lunch
12:30 p.m.: Dupl. Bridge cancelled
1 p.m.: Bingo
Saturday
9-10 a.m.: Aqua Exercise at River Oaks Apt.
noon: Grandparents and Family Day, tickets required
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11 a.m.: Computer Lab until 2 p.m.
noon: Lunch
12:30-2:30 p.m.: Pincchle
2:30-3:30 p.m.: Yoga at River Oaks Apts.
Tuesday
8:30 a.m.: Panera Bread
9-11 a.m.: Line Dance-Intermediate
11-11:30 a.m.: Hearing Aid Cleaning
10 a.m.: Asian Pacific
10:30-11:30 a.m.: Bookmobile
11 a.m.-noon: Computer Lab
noon: Lunch
1 p.m.: Bingo in Activities Room
1-3 p.m.: Dance, \$6 at door
Wednesday

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SUPPORT GROUPS

Living With the Loss of a Spouse
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30 for six weeks
LOCATION: Our Lady of Sorrows, 3815 Power Road, Farmington Hills
DETAILS: Widowed men and women are welcome to attend this program; Grief Recovery is conducted by members of Widowed Friends, a peer support ministry; a \$20 fee covers all materials; call Shirley at (248) 333-3284 to register by Sept. 24.

Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting
DATE: last Wednesday of each month
TIME: 10-11 a.m.
LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Rd.
DETAILS: This informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. There is no charge. Child care is available. Registration required.
CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3585

Bereavement Support Group
DATE: third Tuesday of each month
TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Rd.
DETAILS: The meeting provides the opportunity for those in

DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital Support Groups
LOCATION: 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce
Al-Anon Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday
DETAILS: Al-Anon is similar to Alcoholics Anonymous; intended for the family and friends of someone with an alcohol problem, helping them to recover from the effects of living with a problem drinker; registration not required.
CONTACT: (248) 706-1020

Alcoholics Anonymous Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday
DETAILS: Support group to attain and maintain sobriety; registration not required.
CONTACT: (248) 937-3314

Journeys Cancer Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 157.04

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 157.04, an amendment to the Novi Code of Ordinances, Chapter 31 (Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places), to add requirements to address franchise utility construction in the City's rights-of-way.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, September 10, 2007 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS
CITY CLERK

(9-20-07 NN 376383)

Angela Hospice Groups
DETAILS: Grief support groups include general grief, loss of a spouse, women's grief, parents who have lost a child and a grief support quilters group. All groups are led by bereavement professionals and trained volunteers.
LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia
CONTACT: Joan Lee (734) 953-6012

General Grief Support Groups
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of month
DETAILS: Open to all losses.
Loss of Spouse/Significant Other Support Group
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. first Tuesday of month
Men in Grief
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. fourth Monday of month
Suicide Loss Support
DETAILS: Individual and family services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide; call (734) 464-7810 for more information.
Children and Teen Grief Support Groups
TIME/DATE: 5-6:30 p.m. every Thursday, Sept. 20 - Nov. 8, 9-12 and 13 and up, free of charge; includes light meal from 5-5:30 p.m.; while children are in group sessions, parents and guardians attend their own group on how to help their children.
Heartstrings: Parents Who Have Lost a Child
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. first Thursday of month
Grief Support Quilters' Group
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. first and third Wednesday of month
DETAILS: Register by calling (734) 953-6012

Neighborhood Baby-sitting Co-op
DETAILS: Using the co-op, you and your children can make friends and get what you need accomplished without the little ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's night out and other social events.
CONTACT: Sue Tracz (248) 380-0998.

Friendship Circle
DATE: second Thursday of each month
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 45325 10 Mile Rd., between Taft and Beck roads
DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers.
CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) 851-6730, Florence Voligt (248) 447-3032, Joy Iovaldi (248) 338-1138 or joyiovaldi@earthlink.net

Heartland Hospice Volunteers Needed
TIME/DATE: day and evening classes
LOCATION: 29588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield
DETAILS: Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office support is also needed.
CONTACT: Mary at (800) 770-9859

Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital Support Groups
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MOMS Club of Novi
DATE: first Thursday of each month
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) is a non-profit support group for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children or work out of their homes.
CONTACT: jensungfleming@yahoo.com

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment 18.217, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A OF THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, ORDINANCE 92.18, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, SUBSECTION 25.20, EXTERIOR BUILDING WALL FACADE MATERIALS IN ORDER TO MAKE SEVERAL MODIFICATIONS.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 10, 2007.
Published September 20, 2007

NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
MICHAEL MEYER
SECRETARY

(9-20-07 NN 377488)

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday October 9, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider:

Case No. 07-048 filed by Novi Investment Company LLC for Tuscany Reserve located at 20888 Barola Drive.
Applicant is requesting one sign variance for a 4-inch x 80-inch real estate sign erected without a permit and located on the north side of Eight Mile Road east of Barola Drive for the Tuscany Reserve Development. Applicant is also requesting two sign variances for the placement of the same real estate sign to be located on the north side of Eight Mile Road east of Barola Drive as well as placement farther west on the north side of Eight Mile Road east of Garfield Road. The property is zoned R-4 and located north of Eight Mile Road and west of Beck Road.

Case No. 07-068 filed by Metro Detroit Signs for Huntington Bank located at 4320 Ten Mile Road.
Applicant is requesting three sign variances for the new Huntington Bank to be located at 4320 Ten Mile Road. Applicant is requesting one 36 square foot wall sign variance for the placement of an additional illuminated wall sign for the south elevation of the building. Applicant has already been approved for a ground sign for this business. Property is zoned OSC and located west of Beck Road and south of Grand River Road.

Case No. 07-070 filed by Metro Detroit Signs for Stuybridge Suites located at 48101 Grand River Avenue.
Applicant is requesting one sign variance for the new Stuybridge Suites Extended Stay Hotel to be located at 48101 Grand River Avenue; part of the Providence Park Campus. Applicant is requesting one 52.85 square foot wall sign variance for the placement of an illuminated wall sign for the east elevation of the building. Applicant has already been approved for a ground sign for this business. Property is zoned OSC and located west of Beck Road and south of Grand River Road.

Case No. 07-071 filed by Heileman Signs for Suburban Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge located at 24315 Haggerty Road.
Applicant is requesting one wall sign variance from previously approved variances in ZBA95-041 and ZBA02-079 for Suburban Chrysler, Jeep Dodge located at 24315 Haggerty Road. Applicant is requesting the addition of a 48.28 square foot wall sign reading "Dodge" on the front elevation of the building. Current signage includes copy that reads Chrysler, Jeep and Suburban. Property is zoned B-3 and located north of Ten Mile Road and west of Haggerty Road.

Case No. 07-072 filed by Sign Graphics, Inc. for ITC located at 27175 Energy Way.
Applicant is requesting two illuminated wall sign variances for the ITC Transmission Headquarters located at 27175 Energy Way. Applicant is requesting one forty-eight (48) square foot variance for the placement of one hundred and thirteen (113) square foot wall sign for the north elevation of the parking deck as well as one thirteen (13) square foot variance for the placement of a seventy-eight (78) square foot wall sign for the west elevation of the office building. Property is zoned OST and located south of Twelve Mile Road and west of Haggerty Road.

Case No. 07-073 filed by Sign Graphics, Inc. for Northern Equities Group located at 26126 Cabot Drive.
Applicant is requesting one fifteen (15) square foot off premises ground sign measuring four feet by four feet for the Haggerty Corporate Office Centre V to be located in the easement at 40020 Twelve Mile Road. Property is zoned OST and located north of Twelve Mile Road and west of Haggerty Road.

Case No. 07-074 filed by Soave Corporation for the Pinebrook Professional Plaza located south of Grand River Avenue and east of Joseph Drive.
Applicant is requesting a variance to the required number of off street parking spaces for a combined parking lot for two new buildings to be located in the Pinebrook Professional Plaza. Applicant is requesting thirty-five parking spaces for a combined professional office building and a medical dental building parking lot for the plaza. Property is zoned NCC and located south of Grand River Avenue and east of Joseph Drive.

Case No. 07-075 filed by Novi Town Center Investors LLC for 43390 Grand River Avenue.
Applicant is requesting one ground sign and four logo sign variances for a business center sign to be located at 43390 Grand River Avenue for the Novi Town Center. Applicant is requesting a one-foot eight and three-quarter inch by fifteen-foot four-inch sign as part of a decorative brick wall anchored by brick columns displaying two twenty-four inch by twenty-four inch logo signs. Applicant is further requesting two additional sixteen-inch by sixteen-inch logo signs to be displayed on the reverse side of the brick columns. The decorative brick wall and columns will require site plan review and approval. There is currently one other business center sign located on this parcel and 3 additional business center signs identifying the Novi Town Center. Property is zoned TC and located north of Grand River Avenue and east of Novi Road.

Tabled from the August 7, 2007 meeting.

TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Witko's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon.
DETAILS: This social provides information, support and group activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families. Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Valley school conference are all welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 437-5496 for more information.

Breast Cancer Support Group
DATES: second and fourth Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital (Classroom C) Commerce
TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.
DETAILS: No registration needed.
CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

Crohn's & Colitis Support Group
DATES: first and third Wednesday of each month
LOCATION: Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
DETAILS: Enter facility through southeast entrance. Meeting in Conference Room A, immediately to the left.
CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) 605-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322.

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TIME/DATE: day and evening classes
LOCATION: 29588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield
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Meadowbrook Congregational
LOCATION: 12355 Meadowbrook Rd.
CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 448-7757 or visit www.mbcc.org or gmcc@rounddetroit.biz
Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.
MARRIAGES: Meadowbrook Academy of Religious Studies present the adult education class "Your Spiritual Autobiography," led by Rev. Ritter in 5 sessions. SCHEDULED: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 16 and 23. Those interested should call the church office.
AMERICAN RED CROSS Blood Drive
Oct. 1
DETAILS: Call church to arrange an appointment.

First Baptist Church of Novi
LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Rd.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or

Novi Toastmasters
DATE: first and third Tuesday of each month
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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday October 9, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider:

Case No. 07-048 filed by Novi Investment Company LLC for Tuscany Reserve located at 20888 Barola Drive.
Applicant is requesting one sign variance for a 4-inch x 80-inch real estate sign erected without a permit and located on the north side of Eight Mile Road east of Barola Drive for the Tuscany Reserve Development. Applicant is also requesting two sign variances for the placement of the same real estate sign to be located on the north side of Eight Mile Road east of Garfield Road. The property is zoned R-4 and located north of Eight Mile Road and west of Beck Road.

Case No. 07-068 filed by Metro Detroit Signs for Huntington Bank located at 4320 Ten Mile Road.
Applicant is requesting three sign variances for the new Huntington Bank to be located at 4320 Ten Mile Road. Applicant is requesting one 36 square foot wall sign variance for the placement of an additional illuminated wall sign for the south elevation of the building. Applicant has already been approved for a ground sign for this business. Property is zoned OSC and located west of Beck Road and south of Grand River Road.

Case No. 07-070 filed by Metro Detroit Signs for Stuybridge Suites located at 48101 Grand River Avenue.
Applicant is requesting one sign variance for the new Stuybridge Suites Extended Stay Hotel to be located at 48101 Grand River Avenue; part of the Providence Park Campus. Applicant is requesting one 52.85 square foot wall sign variance for the placement of an illuminated wall sign for the east elevation of the building. Applicant has already been approved for a ground sign for this business. Property is zoned OSC and located west of Beck Road and south of Grand River Road.

Case No. 07-071 filed by Heileman Signs for Suburban Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge located at 24315 Haggerty Road.
Applicant is requesting one wall sign variance from previously approved variances in ZBA95-041 and ZBA02-079 for Suburban Chrysler, Jeep Dodge located at 24315 Haggerty Road. Applicant is requesting the addition of a 48.28 square foot wall sign reading "Dodge" on the front elevation of the building. Current signage includes copy that reads Chrysler, Jeep and Suburban. Property is zoned B-3 and located north of Ten Mile Road and west of Haggerty Road.

Case No. 07-072 filed by Sign Graphics, Inc. for ITC located at 27175 Energy Way.
Applicant is requesting two illuminated wall sign variances for the ITC Transmission Headquarters located at 27175 Energy Way. Applicant is requesting one forty-eight (48) square foot variance for the placement of one hundred and thirteen (113) square foot wall sign for the north elevation of the parking deck as well as one thirteen (13) square foot variance for the placement of a seventy-eight (78) square foot wall sign for the west elevation of the office building. Property is zoned OST and located south of Twelve Mile Road and west of Haggerty Road.

Case No. 07-073 filed by Sign Graphics, Inc. for Northern Equities Group located at 26126 Cabot Drive.
Applicant is requesting one fifteen (15) square foot off premises ground sign measuring four feet by four feet for the Haggerty Corporate Office Centre V to be located in the easement at 40020 Twelve Mile Road. Property is zoned OST and located north of Twelve Mile Road and west of Haggerty Road.

Case No. 07-074 filed by Soave Corporation for the Pinebrook Professional Plaza located south of Grand River Avenue and east of Joseph Drive.
Applicant is requesting a variance to the required number of off street parking spaces for a combined parking lot for two new buildings to be located in the Pinebrook Professional Plaza. Applicant is requesting thirty-five parking spaces for a combined professional office building and a medical dental building parking lot for the plaza. Property is zoned NCC and located south of Grand River Avenue and east of Joseph Drive.

Case No. 07-075 filed by Novi Town Center Investors LLC for 43390 Grand River Avenue.
Applicant is requesting one ground sign and four logo sign variances for a business center sign to be located at 43390 Grand River Avenue for the Novi Town Center. Applicant is requesting a one-foot eight and three-quarter inch by fifteen-foot four-inch sign as part of a decorative brick wall anchored by brick columns displaying two twenty-four inch by twenty-four inch logo signs. Applicant is further requesting two additional sixteen-inch by sixteen-inch logo signs to be displayed on the reverse side of the brick columns. The decorative brick wall and columns will require site plan review and approval. There is currently one other business center sign located on this parcel and 3 additional business center signs identifying the Novi Town Center. Property is zoned TC and located north of Grand River Avenue and east of Novi Road.

Tabled from the August 7, 2007 meeting.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment 18.217, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A OF THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, ORDINANCE 92.18, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, SUBSECTION 25.20, EXTERIOR BUILDING WALL FACADE MATERIALS IN ORDER TO MAKE SEVERAL MODIFICATIONS.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 10, 2007.
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Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Rd.
 CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or www.churchoftheholycross.com
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 7:45, 10 a.m., Sunday School
 TIME: 9 a.m., Adult Bible Study: 10 a.m., Worship Center for ages 3-7: 10 a.m., All ages
Youth Worship
 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., second and fourth Sunday of every month
 DETAILS: All youth welcome
Alzheimer's Support Group
 DATES: second Saturday of month
 TIME: 10 a.m.
 DETAILS: Offering support and open discussion for all those dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

St. James Catholic
 LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Rd.
 CONTACT: (248) 347-7778
Mass Schedule
 TIME/DAY: 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

Novi United Methodist
 LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Rd.
 CONTACT: (248) 349-2652
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 9:45 a.m.

First United Methodist of Northville
 LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Rd., Northville
 CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumcnorthville.org
Sunday Worship
 DETAILS: 9:15, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Church of the Holy Family
 LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Rd.
 CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or www.holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
 TIME/DAY: 7:30, 8:45, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Saturday

Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting
 DATE: Last Wednesday of each month
 TIME: 10-11 a.m.
 DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.
 CONTACT: Lisa Molloy (248) 334-3595

Interested in the Catholic Church?
 CONTACT: Call Maria at (248)349-8847 or spintwalk001@aol.com

Oak Pointe Church
 LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Rd.

CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or www.oakpointe.org

Sunday Worship
 TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
Flu Clinic
 TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 14
 LOCATION: Oak Pointe Church, Room 231
 DETAILS: Cost is \$29 per vaccine. Medicare Part B or Blue Advantage clients are free, but Driver's License and Medicare card are required. HAP Senior Plus clients will be provided with a receipt for reimbursement, cash or check accepted; contact Diann at (248) 912-0047 ext. 330 or diann@oakpointe.org to reserve a vaccine.

Disciple Bible Study: Jesus and the Gospels
 TIME/DATE: 3-5 p.m. every Sunday
The Faith Club
 TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. every other Thursday beginning Sept. 13
 DETAILS: This interfaith group will be reading "The Faith Club" register at (248) 344-4248

Suicide Loss Support Group
 DATE: second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month
 TIME: 7 p.m.
 DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering this support group to those who have lost a loved one to suicide. Registration is not required.
 CONTACT: New Hope Center for Grief Support (248) 348-0115 or www.newhopecenter.net

Golf Outing
 TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m., Saturday
 LOCATION: Links of Novi
 DETAILS: Includes cart, lunch, prizes open to all skill levels; \$75, must be received by Sept. 19, make checks payable to Northville First United Methodist Church. Proceeds benefit youth programs.
 CONTACT: Turner Osborne (248) 344-4395 or turner.osborne@yaho.com
LOGOS Youth Club
 TIME/DATE: 5:15-8:15 p.m., each Wednesday, beginning Sept. 26
 DETAILS: Registration times: 10:30 a.m. and noon Sunday, Sept. 9 and 16 at church. Program includes recreation, dinner, bible study and music; grades 4-12

Crop Walk
 TIME/DATE: 1:30 p.m., registration, 2 p.m., walk starts Sunday, Oct. 7
 LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 10150 Rye Road between Novi and 9th roads
 DETAILS: 10 KM (6.2 mile) walk or 1.6 KM (1 mile) walk for world hunger through Novi and Northville.

Healing Service
 DATE: first Monday of every month
 TIME: 4 p.m.
Men's Bible Study
 TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 a.m. every Wednesday
 LOCATION: Room 10
Sharing Hearts Women's Bible Study
 TIME/DATE: 12:45-2:30 p.m. every Tuesday

Crosspointe Meadows
 LOCATION: Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road (south of 13 Mile Road)
 CONTACT: (248) 427-2700, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Disciple Three Bible Study: Remember Who You Are
 TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesday, beginning Sept. 25

St. Paul Lutheran
 LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville

CONTACT: (248) 349-3140

Sunday Worship
 TIME: 8:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.
Kindergarten Registration
 DETAILS: Children who turned five before Friday Dec. 1 may register for full or half-day kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran School.

The Baha'i Faith
 TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. last Saturday of every month
 LOCATION: 23803 Ripple Creek St., Novi
 DETAILS: This Devotional Gathering is focused on prayers for peace. People of all faiths welcome.
 CONTACT: (248) 473-0355 or visit www.us.bahai.org

First Presbyterian Church of Northville
 LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.
 CONTACT: (248) 349-0911
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Single Place Ministries
 DETAILS: Thursday evenings: 7:30 p.m., social time: 7:45 p.m., opening: 8-9 p.m. program: 9-10 p.m.
 CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Car Mechanic Doctor
 DATE: tonight with Matt Lee
Religion and Relationships
 DATE: Sept. 27 with J. Harold Elms, PhD

Walking Group
 TIME: 11:30 a.m., Saturdays
 LOCATION: First, second and fourth Saturday, Big Apple Bagel Shop, 2334 Farmington Road, Farmington; Third Saturday, Panera Bread Co., 34635 Grand River Ave., Farmington
 DETAILS: This is a walking-social group. Everyone is invited.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church
 LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road
 CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665
Practical Spiritual Divorce Care Workshop
 TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Mondays, Sept. 24-Nov. 5
 DETAILS: Register online www.orchardhillsnovi.com
 CONTACT: Stephen E. Monette (248) 982-4558 or info@orchardhillsnovi.com

St. John Lutheran
 LOCATION: 23225 Gill Rd., Farmington Hills
 CONTACT: (248) 474-0581 or visit www.stjohn-lutheran.com
Saturday Worship
 TIME: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 9, 11:15 a.m., Sunday School
 TIME: 10:15 a.m.

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington
 LOCATION: 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills

Expectant Parent Class
 TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m., Monday, until Oct. 15
 LOCATION: Oakland County

Big House/Big Heart 5K/5M
 DATE: Sunday, Sept. 30
 DETAILS: The Ann Arbor All

CONTACT: (248) 318-8044 or www.novifarmington.org

2nd Annual Earth Friendly Craft Fair
 TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday
 DETAILS: Features handmade art and crafts from local Michigan artists including crafts from recycled materials; live music, children's activities, refreshments; crafters welcome to apply until fair day.
Thornetta Davis Performance
 TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 28 (doors open at 7 p.m.)
 DETAILS: Performance by Detroit's own singer and songwriter Thornetta Davis. Tickets for concert are \$15 (\$17 at door) and are available at church office, refreshments provided; concert is a kickoff event for the free, six-week Lifelong Learning Forum adult education program covering diverse topics and running from Oct. 4 to Nov. 8; public welcome.

Dinner with a Doctor
 LOCATION: St. John Providence Park Hospital, Grand River and Beck roads (use Back Road entrance), Conference Rooms A, B and C
Which Heart Test is Right for You?
 TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m., tonight
 DETAILS: Dr. Shukri David and Dr. Souheil Saba
Taking Charge of Your Breast Health
 TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 18
 DETAILS: Dr. Linda Dubay

GracePointe Presbyterian
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 LOCATION: 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce
 CONTACT: (248) 937-3314
5th Annual Women's Cancer Event
 TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 5

ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE
 46100 Grand River Ave. Call (248) 348-5500 or visit <http://rockfinancialshowplace.com/> for more information.

2nd Annual Women's Day/Asian Indian Women's Association
 TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sunday
 LOCATION: Edgewood Country Club, just west of Union Lake Road, on the south side of Commerce Road.
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Walled Lake High School Classes of 1967, 68 and 69
 DATE: Saturday
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 DETAILS: Cost is \$45 per person for dinner, DJ and cash bar.
 CONTACT: Sue (Wasolek) Sutt at (248) 345-2202 or visit www.walledlake676869.classique.com

BORDERS BOOKS AND MUSIC
 43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi
 CONTACT: (248) 347-0780

"The Bus" Book Signing with Jerome Bettis
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Detroit Cody High School Class of 1957
 DATE: Friday, Oct. 5
 LOCATION: Embassy Suites, Livonia
 DETAILS: Our 50th reunion open to all 50's graduates; cost is \$90 per person; includes dinner, open bar, memory book, champagne toast and more; register early as seating is limited.
 CONTACT: Loretta Newdick at (800) 859-9502 or lorek@wideopenwest.com

Detroit Mackenzie High School Class of 1957
 DATE: Friday Oct. 19
 TIME: 6:30 p.m. to midnight
 LOCATION: Radisson, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia
 DETAILS: The cost is \$75 per person. Mail M. vonGlabn, 20997 Chase Drive, Novi, MI 48375 for tickets. The deadline is Sept. 30. Note: The reunion committee is looking for classmates from the class of 1957.
 CONTACT: June Class-Marj Storch at marj.storch@bcjglobal.net, Mary Middleton at mvonglabn@aol.com, Susan (Simon) Geraci (248) 697-9429 or vincegeraci@yahoo.com.; January Class-Eleanor Locke at eplocke@aol.com or Dick Bebbington at rebrowseville@yahoo.com.

Old Village & Cooke Schools Golf Fundraiser
 TIME: 8 a.m. shotgun start
 DATE: Saturday, September 29
 LOCATION: St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth
 DETAILS: All proceeds benefit handicapped students from 17 districts in Wayne County, supporting music therapy and art programs, special events, student equipment needs. Hole sponsorships and donations needed. Golf and dinner \$100 per person; dinner only \$30; hole sponsor \$100, contest sponsor \$50; raffle/door prize donors needed, any value. Make checks payable to Old Village School, deadline Sept. 12.

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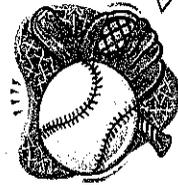
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Wildcats pass Highlander test

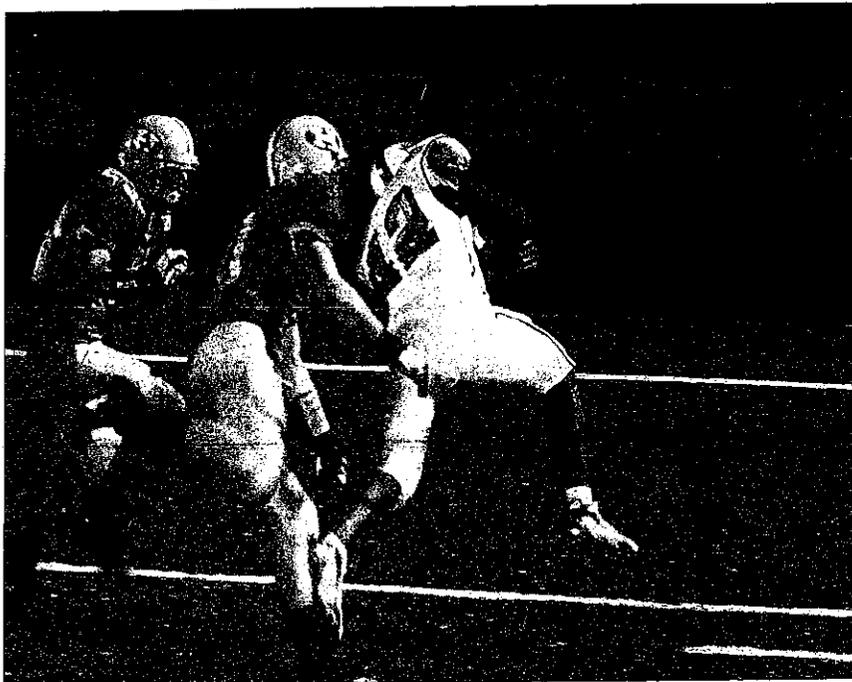


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Novi's Arshawn Hall scores the game-winning touchdown late in the fourth quarter against Howell.

Novi in position for run at final KVC title

By Jeff Thelsen
NEWS SPORTS REPORTER

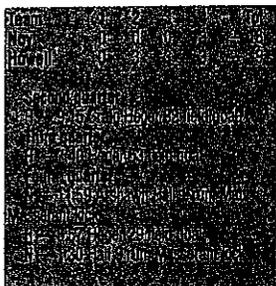
Howell looked to be headed to another win through three quarters of play Friday night against Novi, but it all changed in a wild fourth quarter.

The Wildcats rallied in the fourth quarter and walked away from Parker High School with a 13-9 victory, tightening the race for the final KVC crown.

The Highlanders (3-1, 2-1) scored all their points on field goals by Craig Heger. They led 3-0 at the half, 6-0 heading into the final quarter and 9-6 in the fourth.

Novi (3-1, 2-1) recovered a fumble in Howell territory, completed a third-and-24 pass for a first down and took the lead two plays later on an Arshawn Hall 9-yard run with 1:30 to play.

"I was ecstatic," Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey said. "We've got a remarkable



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group of young men. They have tremendous resiliency. It didn't matter what the score was, they just kept fighting.

"Howell is a good squad, but so are we." The Highlanders had to go away from their grind-it-out offense that worked earlier in the

game, and quarterback Evan Rhoads' pass was intercepted by Novi's Garrett Green, ending Howell's three-game winning streak.

"Give credit to Novi. They played a great game," Howell head coach Jim Webb said. "We just have to go back to work on Monday and get back at it and try to get to 4-1."

"We're in good shape. We just have to learn from this and move on."

Defense, defense

Both defenses stood tall in the first quarter, using a bend-but-don't-break philosophy. Howell used almost half the quarter on the first drive but turned the ball over on downs. Novi used almost five minutes of clock on the following drive which ended in a punt.

The Highlanders broke the scoreless

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Novi High's Nate Robinson has been a force for the Wildcats in their soccer games this fall.

Goal oriented

Senior Wildcat desires extended postseason run

By Jeff Thelsen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Novi soccer wasn't going to return a lot of starters from last year's senior-dominated team.

But the one guy that did come back, led the Wildcats in scoring last season — Nate Robinson.

"You can count on him for some productivity," Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said. "He's on pace to do a little more than last year, which is a good sign because we're obviously counting on him a little bit more than we were last year."

Robinson is up to his tricks from last year, leading the 'Cats again in scoring (eight goals and six assists) and helping the team get off to a 6-2-1 start and 5-1 in league play. He tallied 14 goals and nine assists last season.

One thing O'Leary has seen

Robinson improve is his ability to find open teammates.

"He's a great player. He's fantastic with the ball, one of the best I've had in the last five years or so with the ball," O'Leary said. "He makes good decisions. That's one part of his game that he's improved. Before he used to just get the ball and I think he thought he had to score."

Scoring goals and dishing out assists are obviously fun for Robinson, but he wants to have an extended postseason after seeing last year's run end way too early.

"Last year, everyone was devastated when we lost our first game in districts," he said. "We don't want that to happen this year again."

See ROBINSON, 4B



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The Novi boys cross country team show off their medals for winning the Spartan Invite.

Novi cross country wins Spartan Invite

■ Golfers stay perfect in KVC

By Jeff Thelsen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

The Novi boys cross country team had an impressive week. The varsity team claimed the Spartan Invitational title, while the freshman and sophomores won the Walled Lake Western Invite.

The Spartan Invite features 44 teams from all over Michigan. The Wildcats won with 127

points, beating out Northville with 141.

"Many teams had runners up front, but none could match our depth and team pack," Novi head coach Robert Smith said. "This proved to be the difference as the Wildcats received their medals and trophies for their third consecutive appearance at the Spartan Invitational."

Josh Lumley finished first for the Wildcats in ninth place (16:37). Aaron Croad was next in 14th (16:40), followed by Lukas Barnes in 25th (16:53), TJ Butler in 35th (16:59) and Mike

Blaszczuk in 44th (17:09).

The top five Wildcats finished within 32 seconds of each other.

At Walled Lake Western, the Wildcats ran away with the meet, finishing with 39 points. Walled Lake Central was next with 74.

Joe Schubring finished fourth to lead the Wildcats. Dan Egner finished just behind him in fifth, followed by Geoffrey Giese in eighth, Chris Vera-Burgos in 11th and Mark Wagner in 12th.

The Wildcats also placed third in the junior/senior divisions, despite not having its top six runners, who ran the day before.

Leading the Wildcats were Mike Place, Zack Rothermel, Andrew Burkhardt, Ryan Potocksky and Jim Brunner.

Novi Golf (4-0)

The Wildcat golf team improved to 4-0 with a 190-211 victory against Howell on Sept. 11 and a 193-197 win against Lakeland on Sept. 13.

Natalie Krick led Novi with a 40 against Howell. Alex Palmer and Dana Czekaj each shot 48s,

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Bobcat varsity wins with late TD

Submitted to the Novi News

It was a perfect football Saturday as the Novi Bobcat Varsity squad sailed into the Orioles' pirate-hair homecoming annual. Mastrangelo ended an impressive Oriole week with a big push-up front by Derek Edwards and Derek Mully to put the Cats on the board 6-0 in the first three minutes of the half.



The Novi Bobcats JV run the ball against the Livonia Orioles.

Haynes boomed the ensuing kick-off deep and set the Orioles up at their own 20-yard line. The Birds brought out a spread-formation offense and the green-and-white "maintained control" with great work on the edges by Derek Ince and Adam Hayes. When the O's stormed the middle they were met by the likes of Alex Turner and Grant Wheeler.

Orlows QB, Tyler Koeber broke through on a few occasions but was guided to the ground by Alex King and Alex Franke. Mastrangelo's interception was put to good use as Andrew Bell pushed the scoreboard up to 12-0 on a blistering 70-yard romp through the Bird's secondary to end the first quarter in Pirate's Cove.

The Bobcats brought big hits to the middle in the second with one-two combos from Turner and Ince but the Orioles settled in to the spread and kept the Cats off balance with a good mix of play-action pass and run fakes. Koeber punched it in on first and got to stir up the home crowd, making it 12-6 with 7:26 left in the half.

Bell took over once again with some tough ground gains aided by the force of Nicholas Shekar and Cory Kowchik. Ince was effective in the air with a great pass to Bell on fourth and eight but came up just short and brought the Orioles spread back onto the field to meet up with big hits from Dylan Weil. King teamed up with Hayes and Ince to fire more shots at the orange and black and they managed to break through with only 4:17 left in the half to make it 12-12.

That was more than enough time for the Green Machine to go into action as Derek Ince hit Adam Hayes in stride on a 65-yarder and upped the ante to 18-12 with only 19 seconds left in the half. Hayes obliged on the extra-point attempt to tack on 2 more and the pirate ship flouts cruised by a score-board with the Bobcats up 20-12.

Third quarter brought more of the same defensive power from Wheeler and Ince and a fumble recovery. Cormac Linton and Grant Wheeler worked the ground game along as both teams worked for field position. Edwards, Turner, Mastrangelo and Weil all got into the act with big hits as the possession moved back and forth between the two squads.

The Orioles mixed up the play calling well and another goal-line hunk ensued with Scott Schramm and Turner holding off the first two attempts by Livonia. The spread prevailed and the Orioles tied it up at 20 with a TD run and field goal to end the third.

Derek Ince gave the Orioles a dose of their own medicine with a great pass to Adam Hayes followed by a little play-action that sprang Bell and Wheeler

for some decent ground gains behind bulldozer Mully. The orangebirds thwarted a big pass attempt from Linton and just as the crowd had quieted and the Cats moved up to the line of scrimmage, an Oriole fan screamed "watch 19!" The D-line heeded the warning and ran into some great blocking by Hayes as Grant Wheeler split around the corner on a 32-yarder to break the deadlock 26-20.

Out came the Orioles to even to score and great efforts by Matthew Mizrowski and Edwards (blocked pass) were backed up by punishing tackles by King and Carson Cook. The Bobcats took over and ran a barrage of backs at the O's with successive jaunts from Bell, Wheeler, Hayes and Linton. And just when you thought it was safe to go back in and the Birds snaggled a Bobcat pass on fourth and four to bring the home crowd to their feet with only a 2:16 left in the halfgame.

The Orioles played with abandon as they marched and threw down the field and capped the drive with a miracle catch by the Orioles without despite perfect coverage by the Bobcat defenders. Pandomonium erupted in the home stands as the teams lined up for the critical extra-point attempt and 43 seconds left in the battle. Arnie Teran and Scott Schramm made the big stop to keep the squads knotted at 26. The Bobcats set up shop at their own 30 after the kick with 37 ticks to go. Derek Ince wasted no time hitting Andrew Bell to move the ball to the 42 and with 1:22 left stepped back and fired to Cormac Linton on a 58-yard touchdown. The Bobcats had moved the ball 70 yards in two plays and took only 25 seconds to do it.

The Bobcats were in control 32-26 as Adam Hayes pounded the kickoff and special teams sealed the Orioles fate at the 10-yard line.

JV cruises past Livonia
The Novi Bobcats JV football team cruised to a 22-6 victory against the Livonia Orioles on Saturday. The road game was held in Livonia with ideal football weather - cool and sunny.

The Bobcats, starting on offense, fumbled the ball on their own 39-yard line. The defense held strong and Novi took over on downs. On the first play of their second possession, Novi's Jeffrey Baker and

Ethan Roy, blocking on the left side, opened a hole for tailback Phil Ritchie. Ritchie stiff-armed the safety, then sprinted 87 yards to the end zone. The two-point try was good and Novi lead, 8-0.

Grant Cox helped the Novi team with a great downfield tackle on the ensuing kickoff. Livonia went three and out and Novi took over on Livonia's 24.

Minutes later, the offense scored again as Ritchie (8 rushes, 123 yards) carried the ball on a 12-yard sweep to the right, led by a great block from full-back Kyle Matel. Novi led 14-0 at the end of the first quarter.

The Novi defense hit hard, making plays all over the field. Jonathan Nofar had five tackles, including one in the backfield for a 7-yard loss. Jonathan Bain stopped Livonia on third down giving Novi good field position. Novi's explosive offensive attack continued. On third down, Matel cut to the sideline, turned the corner and gained 17 yards. Next, QB Billy Uille (2-for-2 passing, 19 yards) hit Charlie Ryan over the middle for eight. Then slotback Kiehr Praxato (2 rushes, 29 yards) running a counter, scampered 21 yards into the end zone. With the extra point, Novi led 22-0 halfway through the second quarter.

Novi's smothering defense held Livonia scoreless until the dying minutes of the game. Mark Ryan, who led the team with 12 tackles, and Marco Saic led the defense in the middle of the defensive line. Grant Cox, Uille and Michael Ninkovic tackled Oriole ball carriers behind the line of scrimmage. Brad Miller came up huge on special teams. Brad Miller, the Bobcat's long snapper and starting center, Miller stepped in as kicker and punter in the second half and performed very well in an unfamiliar position.

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while the Orioles had eight for 45 yards. The Bobcats' offense lost two fumbles while the defense recovered three Oriole fumbles and scored a safety.

The Bobcats 8-year-old defense led by tackles from Anthony D'Annibale, Ryan Welch, and Philip Calhoun, forced the Orioles on their first possession to turn the ball over on downs. Two plays later, the Bobcats' offense fumbled at midfield giving the Orioles excellent field position. The Bobcats' defense was up for the challenge forcing the Orioles to punt on their next two possessions. Andrew Schroeder blocked the second punt, attempt on the Oriole 16 yard line giving the offense the momentum of the game on a 4 yard sweep, and Ryan Moore made the PAT for a 7-0 lead. After the Oriole most successful offensive drive ended at the Bobcats 31-yard line, the offense was challenged by the coaches to score again with 3:25 left before halftime. The Bobcats offense responded with two quick first downs on runs from Andrew Schroeder, Bobby Fox and Colton Neisius. On the fourth play from scrimmage, Andy Mizrowski turned the corner on his way to a 43-yard touchdown. Schroeder scored the PAT making the score 14-0 at halftime.

On the Oriole's first possession of the second half, Colton Neisius recovered a fumble on the Bobcats 44 yard line. Two plays later, Christian Durham followed his lead blockers around the end and burned played big in the middle of the defensive line. Grant Cox, Uille and Michael Ninkovic tackled Oriole ball carriers behind the line of scrimmage. Brad Miller came up huge on special teams. Brad Miller, the Bobcat's long snapper and starting center, Miller stepped in as kicker and punter in the second half and performed very well in an unfamiliar position.

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Freshmen defense stands tall
The Freshman Bobcats took to the road and faced a fierce Livonia Orioles defensive team that dug in to protect their turf on Homecoming. This was a game where the 30-7 final score and statistics were not reflective of the defensive battle on the field. Both teams turned the ball over and committed penalties that disrupted the offensive flow of the game. The Bobcats had seven penalties for 55 yards.

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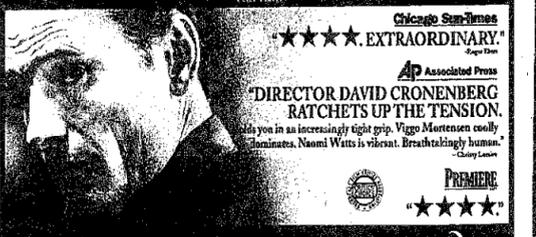
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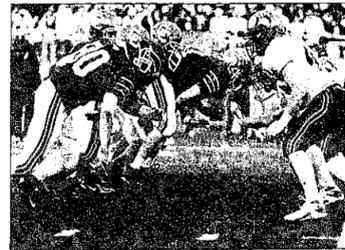
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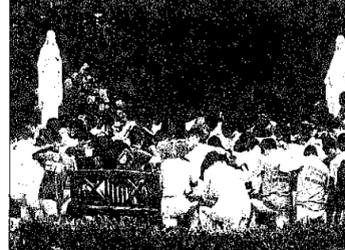
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Catholic Central defenders Mel Farr and Ryan Houska bring down a Warrior runner.



The Catholic Central linemen square off against the Warriors on Saturday.



The Shamrock football team gathers for a prayer before playing Brother Rice.

ONE HALL OF A CLASS

CC inducts 10 to first CC Hall of Fame

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

For 10 former Catholic Central students, coaches and a trainer, it was the greatest day to be a Shamrock.

For a school that prides itself on tradition — 40 state championships, 57 district titles, and 122 regional titles in 79 years — last Thursday was a monumental day as 10 Shamrocks were enshrined as the first-ever Catholic Central Hall of Fame inductees.

Inductees included Father James Martin, Father Gerard French, Father James Enright, Dr. John Ronayne, Vince Banonis, Al Moran, Bill Downs Jr., Frank Tanana, Mark Messner and Steve Campbell.

Sharp, a columnist for the Free Press and 1978 graduate, started the ceremony with something that was felt throughout the ceremony — Shamrock pride.

"It's a tremendous night for Catholic Central," Sharp said. "I've done a lot of speeches. This probably has the most to me. This is the only alma mater that I'm graciously accept me back."

"In high school it's different. That's where the love for competition for sports develops. To have this opportunity to come back is tremendous."

Legendary Detroit Tigers broadcaster Eric Harwell took to the stage next to introduce Tanana. Harwell, a good friend of Tanana's, broke the room into laughter before talking about the many accomplishments of the pitcher that lasted 21 years in the majors.

Frank Tanana
Tanana (1971 CC graduate) talked about the importance of applying what he learned during his years as a Shamrock to his



ing father of the Shamrock hockey program. In 1958, Enright founded the first hockey league in Michigan — the Metro High School Hockey League. As a coach (1948, 1954-73), he won state titles in 1959, 61 and 68. He was also a baseball assistant for 27 years.

Dr. John Ronayne
Ronayne (1937) passed 50 years after graduating as a Shamrock. He spent his time mentoring athletes from 1950-85. While in school, he played football from 1936-37 and hockey from 1936-37.

Vince Banonis
Banonis (1938) is one of the all-time best football players at Catholic Central. He was All-Catholic and All-State in 1937. He played baseball from 1937-38 and football from 1936-38. Banonis went on to become an All-American at U-of-D, and he was drafted by the Chicago Cardinals in 1942. He was All-Pro in 1947 and won NFL Championships in 1952 and 1953 with the Detroit Lions.

Al Moran
Moran (1957) claimed 11 varsity letters during his time with the Shamrocks. His letters came in basketball (1954-57), basketball (1954-56), football (1955-56) and hockey (1956-57), making All-State in football and baseball. Moran turned down a football scholarship when he was drafted by the Boston Red Sox. He played 10 years in the majors.

Father Gerard French
French was inducted for his 56 years with the Catholic Central program. He was the boxing coach from 1942-61, baseball coach from 1953-55 and athletic director from 1949-64.

Father James Enright
Enright is known as the founder of the Shamrock football program. He was the first athletic director for CC athletics. He was also the baseball coach and collected 14 consecutive City League championships from 1936-49. He started the Boys Bowl, pitting the Shamrocks against Boys Town from Nebraska. Other contributions include football coach from 1932-33, basketball coach from 1933-34 and baseball coach from 1936-49. He was the athletic director from 1942-49.

Bill Downs Jr
Downs (1961) picked up several honors while at Catholic Central, including All-Catholic and All-State in football and All-Catholic, All-State and All-American in basketball. Downs was the captain on the champion baseball team in 1961 and the Catholic League champion 1960 football team. He won the Sam Madden Award given to the Detroit Catholic League most outstanding student athlete and the Father James Whelan award to the most outstanding student, athlete and gentleman in 1961. He went on to play basketball at U-of-D.

Mark Messner
Messner (1984) was a giant on the football field. He played tight end and nose tackle, earning All-Catholic and All-State as a junior and a senior. He went on to play at U-M, earning All-Div 10 honors all three years. He was a two-time All-American and was drafted in 1989 by the Los Angeles Rams.

Steve Campbell
Campbell (1988) is simply put, the best tennis player to grace the Catholic Central courts. He won state titles all four of his years and was a four-time Catholic League champ. He was voted All-American in 1988. Campbell went to Rice and became All-American in 1992. He graduated to professional tennis, reaching a career-high ranking of No. 8.

"That's what made it that much more special is that this is the inaugural class," Campbell said. "Just to make it at all was just a surprise to me. This is just a great evening for me."

"It was a great honor," Moran said. "I'm sure there are a lot of other deserving guys, but they'll eventually get in. Next year, we'll have others in and go from there."

"It was pretty special," Enright said.

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Brother Rice uses D for offense

CC defense plays strong

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Brother Rice managed to score nine points on defense and escaped Saturday's Catholic League thriller at Catholic Central, 12-7.

The Shamrocks clung to a 7-3 lead at the half, but Rice recovered a fumble in the Catholic Central end zone to go up 10-7 with 7:19 left in the third.

A safety with 3:46 left to play sealed the scoring, and the Warriors handed the Shamrocks (3-1, 0-1 Central) their first loss

Team 1 2 3 4 Tot
Rice 3 0 7 2-12
CC 0 7 0 0-7

First quarter
R — 3:22 Kelly 33 field goal
Second quarter
C — 9:59 Kinville 1 run, Singer kick
Third quarter
R — 7:19 Jaddou fumble recovery in end zone, Kelly kick
Fourth quarter
R — 3:45 Rice safety

"We made a lot of mistakes," Shamrock head coach Tom Mach said. "We fumbled the ball five times."

"I think overall we played very hard. It was a real hard-hitting game."

Both defenses stood tall throughout the contest. The Shamrocks only allowed three offensive points to the Warriors, a first-quarter field goal.

"The whole game was a defensive struggle," Mach said. "Our defense did a real good job not allowing them to score a touchdown. That's pretty hard to do."

The Warriors managed to force five fumbles, three of which were recovered by Rice and none bigger than the one recovered in the end zone.

Catholic Central's lone points came from a 1-yard run by Joe Kinville with 9:59 left in the second quarter.

Both offenses ran for 112 yards, but Rice outpassed Catholic Central 62-31.

Ryan Houska led the Shamrocks in rushing with 65 yards on seven carries. He was also 3-for-9 passing for 31 yards.

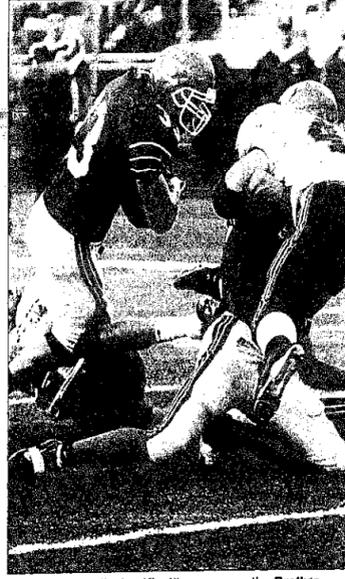
Cory Amble was next with 24 yards on 10 carries. Kinville finished with 20 yards on 12 carries.

Mel Farr and Steve Harding both recorded interceptions. Kevin Longe scooped up a fumble recovery. Kinville led the defense with 16 tackles. Mike Martin was next with 11.

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Catholic Central's Joe Kinville runs near the Brother Rice goal line Saturday night.

Pilots flying high

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central will look to rebound from its first loss of the year last week to Brother Rice.

Last year's Division 2 runner-up De La Salle will host the Shamrocks (3-1, 0-1) 1 p.m. Saturday at Warren Fitzgerald.

"This is a good football team that we're going to play this week," Catholic Central head coach Tom Mach said. "They're very talented and probably picked to win the Central Division."

The Pilots are off to a 4-0 start, but they have faced little challenges along the way. The combined opponents for the Pilots are 3-1, with only Detroit Kettering having two wins.

Graduation took a lot of players from the Pilots, but De La Salle has hardly missed a beat on offense or defense. They have scored more than 40 points in three of the four games with the highest coming in a 48-14 win last week against U-D Jesuit.

"They are very big," Mach said. "I think their tackles are in the area of 6-4 or 6-5. They have a running back that's very good."

"They've been running the option from the double-stick look and some single back with three wide receivers. They run the 5-2 on defense."

Catholic Central also has allowed just six points a game, but the Shamrocks have faced a tougher road. Only London CC from Canada doesn't have at least two wins, and Notre Dame Prep and Brother Rice are each 3-1.

The Shamrocks have some amazing stats piled up so far. They have outscored opponents 90-3 in the first half, racked up 1,196 rushing yards while allowing 266, outgained opponents 1,311-590 in total yards and average 1-yard shy of 300 yards on the ground a game.

The only category the Shamrocks are struggling in is fumbles. Catholic Central has fumbled 15 times and lost eight. The defense has forced eight fumbles and recovered four.

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BIRD HUNTING

Novi needs to knock off Eagles for KVC title

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Novi knocked off one undefeated KVC team last week in Howell. This week, 4-0, 3-0 Lakeland comes to Novi with all hopes of a KVC crown on the line.

Win, and the Wildcats will have a shot at the league. A loss would pretty much kill any hopes of the final league crown.

"This is a great league," Novi head coach Tab Kelleppourey said. "This is the last year that we're together in terms of this league. It's something that we've set our sights on."

"We know we've got a tremendous Lakeland game." The Eagles have a strong defense (forced by a great offense). They average 28.25 points on offense and just 12 points on defense.

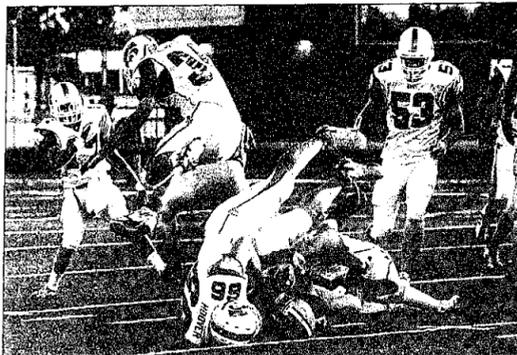
"They're a pretty power offense, just like we saw against Howell," Kelleppourey said.

Lakeland has two quality wins to its credit. They knocked off 3-1 South Lyon 17-7 in week two and Milford 20-14 last week.

"Lakeland is coached by John Maltese," Kelleppourey said. "He's done a tremendous job with that program."

"They have a lot of kids playing both ways, but they do a great job with it."

The Wildcats are trying to win their first game at home. The first game ended in a loss but was later counted as a forfeit by Ann



A defender flies over Tyler Hoover's tackle of a Howell Highlander.

Friday's Game

Whore Novi (3-1, 2-1) vs. Lakeland (4-0, 3-0)
When: 7 p.m.



Arbor Pioneer, Novi dropped a 29-21 to Milford in the second week.

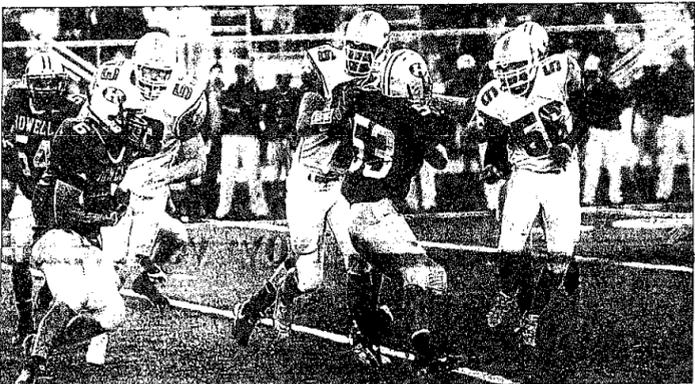
The Novi defense took a big step forward last week against Howell, a team that relied strong-

ly on the run. Lakeland should be much in the same mold.

Leading the Wildcats on offense are Ashawn Hall with 102.5 yards a game on the ground, Mark Heard is 15-14 passing and averaging 141 yards per contest, and Brandon Bradford leads the receivers with 11 catches for 209 yards. Eleven different Wildcats have caught passes.

On defense, Pat Schlenk leads the team with 25 tackles (22 solo), Jay Prichard has seven of his 14 tackles for loss, and Tyler Hoover and mark Bertier lead with lead with two sacks.

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The Novi defense closes in on Howell running back Richie Wilson.

Novi JV tops Howell 14-6; freshmen win

Submitted to the Novi News

Novi played great defense from the start of game with strong line-backer play from Ryan Jak and a great fourth down stop by Jordan Jabron.

After receiving the ball on downs, Novi had several strong offensive drives. The first drive started with a 20-yard run by Jimmy Pitcher. Novi's offensive line with John Enright, TJ Karasz, Ryan Margrave, Alex Engelbrecht, Ryan Jak and Jordan Jabron, along with great blocking from Novi's wide receiving core, opened holes for multiple runs on the left side.

Pitcher added another 8-yard carry on the drive. Adam Paul had a carry for 8 yards. Tommy Szymanski had an 8-yard run, and Brandon Rydzewski received an 11 yard pass from Ricky Enright. The Novi drive stalled without points, but field position and a quick fumble recovery by Paul helped position Novi for its first score of the game. Enright completed passes to Szymanski for 5 yards and Pitcher for 14 yards. Pitcher then scored on a three

yard touchdown run giving Novi a 7-0 lead.

On the ensuing drive, Howell showed they had a strong running game. Justin Hepton made a touchdown saving tackle early in the drive. Brett Jewell also had an open field tackle, but Howell quickly scored to make it 7-6 after a missed extra point.

Masaru Nigama sparked Novi with a 35 yard kickoff return. Enright had a 7-yard run and completed a 20-yard screen pass to Adam Paul. Enright finished the drive with a quarterback sneak when the Novi offensive line drove Howell into the end zone. Novi's defense finished the half with a touchdown saving tackle from Tim Kolis and on the ensuing play an interception. Novi led at halftime 14-6.

Novi's strong defense continued in the second half creating a fumble that was recovered by Jordan Jabron. Chris Slack had a 10-yard punt return and a 12-yard run in one drive, but the Novi drive stalled. Novi's defense was pinned back in their own territory several times and prevented Howell from

scoring. Ryan Margrave, the center for Novi, made a tackle for no gain on a punt. Tim Kolis broke up a pass in the end zone and Ricky Enright intercepted the pass. Novi was driving the ball when time expired, giving the Wildcats a 14-6 victory.

Freshmen win 21-7

Novi's Freshman Wildcats knocked another win last week, handing Howell a 21-7 loss. Leading scorer for the day was Dominic Sabo, who scored touchdowns in the first few minutes of play, and again in the final minutes of the fourth quarter. Sabo's speed and power, which we have seen throughout the season, was on fire against Howell, as he had more than 100 yards to his credit in this game. However, he was injured on the tackle as he earned the final touchdown, and fans may have to wait a few weeks to see him back on the field.

After the initial boost for Novi, Howell settled down to business, and the teams battled for territory. Howell's only score came in the

second quarter on a 60-yard punt return for a touchdown and extra point, bringing the score at the half to 17-7.

In the third quarter, Novi had the Howell defenders pointing their fists on the ground in frustration, when a long Zach Mohr pass connected with Derek Kim for a first down. In subsequent play, another Mohr pass to Nolan Valleau was carried safely by Valleau for a second Novi touchdown and a score of 14-7.

As the game continued, Dakota Budde and Austin Wertheimer were credited with timely tackles, and the Howell line was driven back. Brady Sheldon plowed through Howell's line more than once, breaking tackles and keeping the ball under Novi control.

Novi's Sabo carried the ball on a run early in the quarter, and then picked it up again for a 25-yard touchdown run with six minutes left in the quarter. He was supported on the TD with terrific blocking, and with the extra point kicked in by Scott Stanford, pushed the score to 21-7, where it remained until the clock ran out.



The Wildcats celebrate after beating Howell.

WILDCATS: Novi beats Howell

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drought with a Heger 32-yard field goal with 9:15 left in the half. The three-point lead stood into halftime.

Howell held Novi to just 92 yards of offense, and only 53 yards rushing at the break. Howell had the ground game working, rushing for 133 yards on 21 carries.

The Highlanders held Novi to a three-and-out on the opening drive of the second half and capitalized on the punt.

Though the Howell drive sputtered out at the Novi 36, the Highlanders had the wind to their backs, and Heger already boomed his earlier attempt through the uprights. Webb sent out Heger for a 53-yarder that had plenty of distance and split the uprights. The Howell side-liners erupted in celebration with a 6-0 lead that stood until the first play of the fourth quarter.

"He played great," said Webb of Heger. "I've got a lot of confidence in him. He's a great young man, and he's doing a great job."

The Howell defense again appeared to stop the Wildcats, but Kelleppourey rolled the dice and went for a fake punt at Novi's own 38. Hall took an inside handoff and raced down the sidelines for a 24-yard gain.

The drive eventually moved to the 1, where Hall punched in behind the left side of the line.

Matt Masserani's extra-point attempt sailed wide left, and the game was tied with the rest of the fourth quarter left to decide the game.

Howell wasted little time in answering. Justin Ruffalo returned the kickoff near midfield. The Highlanders methodically worked down to the Novi 15 on five plays, but the drive stalled, and Heger knocked home a 29-yarder against the wind with 8:57 left for a 9-5 lead.

Novi's defense changed the game with a strip and fumble recovery by Pat Schlenk (his second of the game) at the Howell 41 with 4:13 left.

Rhoads tried a desperation pass down the middle that fell into the hands of Green, and Howell's perfect season came to an end.

"Our defense tightened up ... and really made it very difficult on Howell tonight," Kelleppourey said. "We're basically a platoon system. They are basically playing 14 or 15 kids out there. We know it would take a toll on our opponent."

"We know with platoon football that our kids are ready to go and do their jobs out there."

Kichie Wilson led the Highlanders ground game with 92 yards on 17 carries. Bryce Lindberg carried 13 times for 71 yards.

Rhoads finished 4-of-9 passing for 21 yards and a pick.

Hall led Novi with 101 yards on 19 carries and two scores. Heard completed 4-of-12 passes for 80 yards and a pick.

Despite the loss, Howell still sits one game back in the KVC and has a showdown with currently 4-0, 3-0 Lakeland in two weeks. Novi faces Lakeland this Friday.

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Nate Robinson zips past a Milford defender.

ROBINSON: Goal oriented

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A new start

Having so many new players on the starting lineup means players have to learn to adjust to different styles of play. Getting everyone on the same page is the top priority.

"We had to focus on a lot of different things in practice," Robinson said. "One of the main things was bonding as a team."

Last year's team used a lot of dribbling to work the offense. Robinson said this year's team relies on working the ball around.

A lot of the offense goes through Robinson, and he has responded. But he would trade it all for a long playoff run.

"I like stats, but I just want to help my team go as far as we can go," he said. "I'm not trying to focus on goals or assists. I'm not going to try to be selfish and get all my goals."

So far, Robinson and the Wildcats are headed in the right direction for a shot at the final league crown.

The postseason is still a way off, but it won't be far from Robinson's mind as he knows this is his last run as a Wildcat.

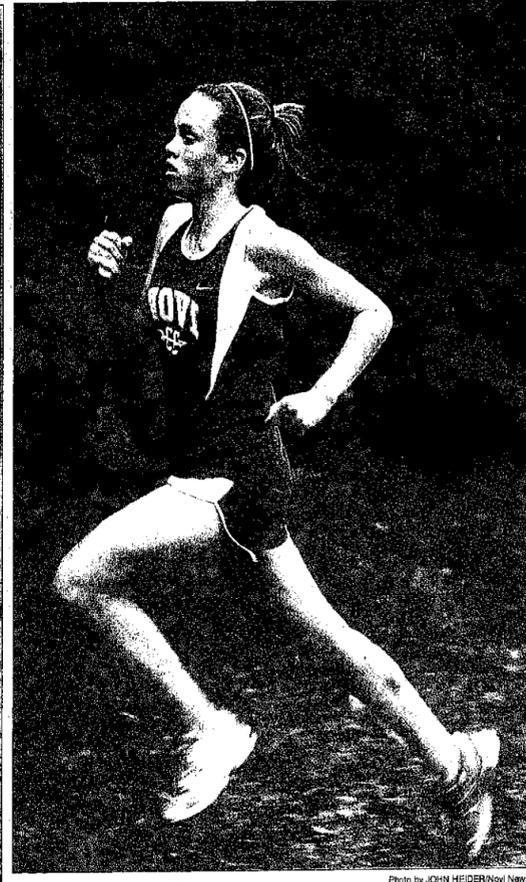
"We just need to play every game like it's our last," he said. "It pretty much is my last season for high school."

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QUICK-RUNNING 'CATS



Emily Hall finishes second for Novi in its recent Cass Benton meet against Milford.



Wildcat Brooke McMahan finishes 3rd for Novi in a recent cross country meet at Cass Benton Park.

ROUNDUP: Wildcat tennis pounds on league opponents

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and Kelsey Brandemuhl carried a 54 to round out the scoring.

"Natalie Krisk has been playing very well lately with two rounds at 40 and a chance to break in the 30s with a birdie put on the last hole each time," Novi head coach Deb Harris said.

Highlighting the JV team were Brook Collins (55) and Megan Henry (56).

Against Lakeland, Czekaj shot a career-low 43 for match medalist. Krisk was one shot behind her, with Brandemuhl (50) and Palmer (56) helping with the win. Stephanie Hrit shot a career-low 49 in exhibition play.

Novi Girls Cross Country

The Wildcat girls cross country team fell to Pinckney 22-40, but head coach Marsha Reid was pleased that her team improved on last year's times at the same meet. Ellen Robinson (20:03) led the Wildcat pack, with Emily Hall (20:51), Brooke McMahan (21:02), Alyssa Murray (21:08) and Laura Sheeran (21:41) rounding out the top five Novi finishers.

Novi Tennis (4-0, 1-0)

The Novi tennis team produced two strong performances in the past week, beating Saline 8-1 and Milford 9-0.

"Saline has a good program, so that was a good victory," Novi head coach Jim Hattson said. "The kids went out and took care of business. The kids played well last week."

Carson Crandall had to come back from losing the first set 6-3 to win the final two 6-3, 6-2 to claim the win at No. 4 singles against Saline. The Wildcats swept the doubles.

Novi opened KVC play with a shutout against Milford.

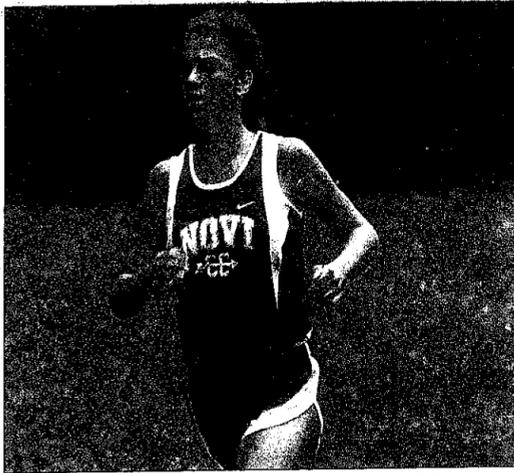
The Wildcats dominated the match with eight of the nine wins coming 6-0, 6-0.

Novi will host its invitational Saturday. The high school and middle school courts will be used with play starting at 8:30 a.m.

Novi Soccer (6-2-1, 5-1)

The Novi soccer team lost a 1-0 decision to No. 2 ranked Canton before knocking off KVC for Brighton 2-1. South Lyon handed Novi its first league loss of the year, 2-1.

Against Canton, the Wildcats had several quality chances but



Novi's Alyssa Murray finishes first for the Wildcats in a recent cross country match at Cass Benton Park.

couldn't put one into the net. Canton did break through, and it turned out to be the difference in the contest.

"We were using the game to see how we stack up against one of the elite teams in Michigan and even though we lost, we were proud of our efforts and realize that with some adjustments, we could be a top tier team as well," Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said.

Against Brighton, Garrett Gauruder started the scoring with an assist to Max Wujczyk with six minutes left in the first half.

The lead grew to 2-0 10 minutes into the second half when Bobby Laski headed in a Nate Robinson corner kick.

Brighton scored with a few minutes left, and Novi finished the scoring with two minutes remaining when Miles Reichley knocked home a Robinson rebound.

Against South Lyon, Novi fell behind 10 minutes into the second half when the Lions got on the board. The Wildcats answered with 11 minutes remaining when Garrett Gauruder scored off a Max Wujczyk assist.

Novi kept the pressure going,

but it was South Lyon that scored the final goal off a header with three minutes remaining.

CC Soccer (8-1-1, 4-0)

The Catholic Central soccer team knocked off rival Brother Rice with a 1-0 road victory Sept. 11.

Joel Gait scored the lone goal, assisted by Nick Kristock. Hendrik VonHolsbeck made four saves for his eighth shutout.

CC Cross Country

Catholic Central cross country took it to Brother Rice with a 17-46 victory Sept. 10 at Cass Benton before just sliding by U-D Jesuit. The Shamrocks also finished third in the Holly Invitational.

The Shamrocks had time of the first 10 runners across the line first. Alex Toloff lead the way, finishing in 16:54. Teammates Viktor Puskorius (17:09) and Zachary Oleski (17:22) finished second and third.

Sam Ellis from Rice finished fourth in 17:36, but Mike Domperre (17:40) and Austin Zebrowski (17:40) closed out the scoring by coming in fifth and

sixth.

John-Paul Zebrowski (17:41), Rob Megel (17:53), Scott Hoffman (17:59) and Daniel Jonik (18:07) all finished before the next Rice runner came in.

The Shamrocks also slipped past U-D Jesuit with a 27-30 victory Monday.

Alex Toloff and Zachary Oleski finished 1-2 to lead the pack. U-D finished 3-4-5-6, but Mike Domperre, John Paul Zebrowski and Scott Hoffman finished in order to close out the CC scoring.

More CC runners finished ahead of the final U-D scoring runner, who came in 12th, giving the Shamrocks the win.

In Holly, the Shamrocks (107) finished behind A.A. Pioneer (45) and Lake Orion (75). The meet featured 22 teams.

Novi finished behind the Shamrocks with a fourth-place finish (16:11). Oleski was next in 10th (16:30). Rounding out the top-five Shamrock finishes were Zebrowski in 29th (17:00), Puskorius in 30th (17:00) and Domperre in 34th (17:06).

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Novi volleyball starts on fire

Submitted to the Novi News

The timing for the girls volleyball season may have changed, but not the play of the Novi varsity volleyball team. Novi continued the success they had last year, starting the KVC season with victories over Milford and Pinckney.

Rival Milford came into Wildcat territory on Sept. 6 with high expectations, but left quickly after three straight victories by Novi, 25-18, 25-17, and 25-18.

Senior Stephanie Cripps tallied 10 kills, two blocks and three aces in just three games. Lauren Farley added eight aces, and Hayley Miller covered return play with outstanding defense, featuring 20 digs.

Novi's first away game took them to Pinckney on Sept. 11 to face a much-improved Pirate's team.

The Pinckney roster was loaded with defensive specialists, and it was easy to see why as soon as the game started. The Pirate's back court coverage was outstanding, but not enough to overcome the well-balanced play of Novi, who took the match three games to one.

After falling behind 24-21 in game one and the Pirate's needing only to score game point, Novi reeled off five in a row for a 26-24 victory. Novi took the second game 25-18 before Pinckney put it together for a 25-12 win in game three.

The final was a game of point streaks with Pinckney jumping to a five-point advantage, followed by Miller serving six aces. Novi put three more point streaks of eight, four and four together to end the match with a 25-14 win.



Novi's Jacquelyn Longe, left, and Stephanie Cripps form a blocking wall against Milford.

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Being able to blend a traditional craft into the ebb and flow of modern technology is a very difficult thing to do. When you combine the needs of retail customers who have many choices, the task becomes even more challenging.

There is one Northville businessperson who has met the challenge and continues to offer a unique talent to customers — those who want the finest fitting men's clothes anywhere.

That person is Alexander Hamka, owner of Alexander's Custom Clothiers on 124 W. Main St. in downtown Northville. The specialty men's clothing store offers something that few others in the area can offer to its customers — the fine art of custom tailoring.

"The tailoring industry is a dying trade," Alex said. "People don't go to school to become tailors. Even today, people who are called tailors are probably seamstresses. And much of the work is done by a person who doesn't mark the clothing for the customer."

Alex worked and developed an appreciation for clothes that look good and fit well. "The knowledge you get from your family is far greater than any education," he added.

Throughout college, Alex dressed well and he believes it brought him a greater respect. He also shopped for his friends, going to stores and picking out the clothing that would make them look their best.

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Hand-sewn custom tailoring is an old-world craft that Alex Hamka offers to every customer at his shop in Northville.

Alex Hamka's Tips on a Good Fit

- Collar should fit comfortably and lay smooth all around, so jacket doesn't bubble in back.
- Sleeve should cover entire wrist and show 1/4 inch of shirt below jacket.
- Jacket length shouldn't exceed more than 1/2 inch below thumb when hands are at side.
- Trouser length should fall 1/4 inch above the heel of the shoe.
- Lapels should lay smooth with a natural roll when jacket is buttoned — not flat.

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