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Novi leader dejected by state budget

DeRoche sounds off on near shutdown

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Michigan missed a full govern-

ment shutdown last Monday as the legislature passed an income tax increase and sales tax expansion at 4 a.m. Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed new budget-setting bills into law that afternoon.

"These are going to further damage Michigan's economy. Families are struggling with budgets and businesses," said State Rep. Craig DeRoche (R-

Novi). "The winners are the government bureaucracies, with a 10 percent tax increase. The losers are the residents. It's completely



Craig DeRoche

backward." The income tax was raised from 3.9 to 4.35 percent by narrow voting margins. The House passed the bill 57-52 and the Senate passed it 20-19 with Lt. Gov. John Cherry making the tie-breaking vote. The bill will raise \$745 million and gradually drop back down to 3.9 percent from 2011 to 2015.

The current 6 percent sales tax will expand to many services including astrology, personal trainers, dating services, weddings, tanning and landscaping, among others. It took the House two attempts to pass the bill, 56-54, while the Senate again passed a bill 20-19 with Cherry offsetting the tie. The expansion will raise \$614 million annually.

"Experience and leadership are lacking in the House of Representatives," DeRoche said. "We never had to raise taxes. We passed our budgets in May and had them approved in time. (The democrats) held off until there was almost a shutdown so they could get tax increases."

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Library director named?

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Members of the library board were expected to announce the new director of the Novi Public Library at their regularly scheduled meeting last night.

As of press time, library board president Bob Cutler confirmed that a new director was selected prior to the meeting, whose name he would not release.

"He did confirm interim library director Mary Ellen Muletote was not offered the position. "I'm going back to my role as assistant director and will continue to work in support of the library and the board," Muletote said on Tuesday. "I don't want people thinking this change is bad."

Muletote, who has worked at the library since 1986, has been running day-to-day operations. Cutler said he is unsure whether the unanimous decision reached by six of the board members during a private session last Saturday followed correct procedure of the Open Meetings Act.

As of press time, City Attorney Tom Schultz could not be reached for analysis.

This was the second round of candidate interviews since long-time Novi Library Director Brenda Lussier retired in February.

The position pays about \$83,000-\$85,000 in annual salary and includes a benefits package. Nineteen people originally applied for the job.

Here comes the winning parade

Olympic medalist leads Novi Wildcat homecoming festivities

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

The Novi High School students the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne, Australia, as a member of the winning crew.

McIntosh, who has become a prominent social figure in the Novi community, will lead the parade. He is a member of the Novi High School board and has been involved in various community activities. He is also a member of the Detroit Boat Club and has been involved in rowing since he was a child.

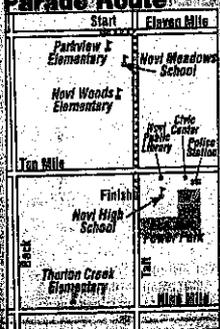
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Journey to the silver

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Homecoming Parade Route



Novi High employee Jim McIntosh looks at his book from the 1956 Olympics in which he won a silver medal as part of a four-oar rowing team. McIntosh will be the honorary Grand Marshal for Novi's Homecoming parade this weekend.

When we went to the Olympic trials in Syracuse, New York, I thought we had lost the gold. We pulled ahead by a stroke and that was the winning margin. That was a great feeling. I was very fortunate that I was recruited to rowing. I was very fortunate that I was recruited to rowing. I was very fortunate that I was recruited to rowing."

McIntosh said he is proud of the fact that he won a silver medal. He is proud of the fact that he won a silver medal. He is proud of the fact that he won a silver medal. He is proud of the fact that he won a silver medal. He is proud of the fact that he won a silver medal.

Homecoming festivities

Each Novi High School class has been participating in an Olympic-themed homecoming parade. The parade will be held on the third and fourth quarters of the homecoming football game.

"We gathered together last year," he said. "All seven of us are still alive."

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NOVI WEEKEND PLANNER



FRIDAY
Want to meet 2006 Super Bowl Champion Jerome Bettis? The former Pittsburgh Steeler will be signing his book, "The Bus," 7:30 p.m. at Borders Books and Music, 43075 Crescent Blvd., in the Novi Town Center. The \$24 book tells the tale of Bettis' childhood in Detroit as he grew up and began a rewarding 13-year career as a running back in the NFL and the struggles he went through along the way. Call (248) 347-0780 for more information.

SATURDAY
Spend the day learning about 20 different countries at MainStreet, located southeast of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road, during the International Festival. From noon-6 p.m., enjoy ethnic foods, play traditional games, and purchase and make crafts, all while listening to two stages featuring music, dance and stories from people who have traveled the globe. The free event will feature a parade of nations traveling down Main and Market streets.

SUNDAY
It's fall and it's football season. Novi High School doesn't play on Sundays and you're still in the football mood after watching the Detroit Lions breeze through a matchup at Washington. What should you do? Head over to Novi Meadows Football Field to take in the first day of the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry's 6v6 Teen Flag Football league. From 3-6 p.m., watch teens ages 13-18 play some hard fought downs. Who knows, maybe you'll be watching the Lions' next generation of players.

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Vote for royalty on-line



The Novi High School 2007 Homecoming court, front row from left: junior Ashley Bush, seniors Kelsey Laux, Madelyn Gardner, Jessica Salley, Melissa Moss, sophomore Katie Barry, and freshman Molly Sutka. Back row: junior Ryan Dougherty, seniors Andrew Haggerty, Logan Sophiea, Collin Crandell, Joe Pritchard, sophomore Jon Bauer, and freshman Joey Ferris.

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Novi High School Students have until midnight tonight to cast their on-line vote for the Wildcats' 2007 homecoming king and queen.

Unlike years past, this year the school created a program for students to vote on-line rather than using a paper ballot.

"Since our students are so tech-savvy, it's more convenient for them," said Nicole Carter, dean of student activities at the high school.

After counting the first set of ballots by hand, the on-line voting program was designed as a means to save time.

"I think it would be easier if it was on paper," said Katie Barry, homecoming court princess for the class of 2010. "But for the people who count it, it's easier on-line."

Other students fear the on-line voting will result in less votes.

"I don't think as many people will vote," said Ryan Dougherty, homecoming court prince for the class of 2009. "But I guess who ever wants to vote, will vote."

Regardless of how the voting is done, the Wildcats' royalty feel honored to be a part of the homecoming court.

"It's an honor because you feel like your classmates look up to you, like they wanted you to represent their class," said Ashley Bush, homecoming court princess for the junior class.

The members of this year's homecoming court aren't just known for their pretty faces, they are also actively involved with school-related activities as well.

Homecoming 2007

Friday

Pep Assembly: 12:55-1:55 p.m. Novi High School stadium

Football Game: 7 p.m. vs. South Lyon at Novi High School stadium

Saturday

Parade: 11:30 a.m. beginning at Parkway Elementary School and ending at Novi High School

Dance: 8-11 p.m. at Novi High School Atrium

school's fall play "Kiss and Tell."

"There are a few people who get on because of their name, but there are people who get on because of their reputation too."

Other activities members of the homecoming court are involved in include, numerous sports, student council, National Honor's Society, SADD, mentor programs and many more.

As the big night approaches, court members are beginning to feel both nervous and excited.

"I'm scared to walk on the football field," Bush said. "I don't want to fall."

Senior princess Madelyn Gardner isn't worried about the falling, she is just hoping to get the cast on her foot removed before tomorrow.

"I'm excited and happy," she said. "I have a long dress for the football game, and I'm wearing flat shoes."

"The bad thing about homecoming court is it could be a popularity contest," said Dougherty, who is a member of the marching band and director of the high

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Olympic medalist leads NHS homecoming festivities

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tomorrow night. The parade will begin at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, traveling from Parkway Elementary and finishing at Novi High School.

As the parade heads south down Taft Road, McIntosh, a proud grandfather of six, will have his oldest grandson Michael sitting by his side.

Participating in the parade will be the homecoming court, student council, the pom and cheer teams, The Novi Police and Fire departments and various administration



Novi High employee Jim McIntosh displays his Olympic silver medal won in 1956.

members. The homecoming dance will begin at 8 p.m. Saturday evening in the atrium at Novi High School. Tickets for the semi-formal event are \$12 per person.

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DeRoche sounds off on near shutdown

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The two tax increases will account for \$1.35 billion of the state's deficit. The income tax hike takes effect Monday and the sales tax will take effect Dec. 1.

"Don't think we haven't given up fighting to make these really temporary wherever we can. We're looking to get whatever money we have left into the schools and roads in Novi," DeRoche said.

Also passed was a 30-day continuation budget to maintain current spending approved by the House last week. The Senate joined in passing the bill 20-19, with Cherry making the tie-breaking vote. The continuation will allow legislators to work on budget cuts to cover the final \$435 million of the state's \$1.75-billion deficit.

"We have a list of over \$1.5 billion that would be responsible

to cut and improve," DeRoche said. "You'd like to think that schools will get affected well. Most of the growth for democrats have been in Medicaid and welfare spending over the last four years. We hope to reform the Medicaid and welfare system. (Granholm) is also renegotiating employee contracts. It would be nice to see more money go to K-12 and higher education."

"I think we'll do this pretty systematically. We have the money from last year, plus 10 percent. The government grew under the rate of inflation and can now grow at 10 percent. I hope the budget can be balanced with all that money."

DeRoche said many goals of the republicans include making improvements to the education and corrections for efficiency, changing the Medicaid program and privatizing services such as foster care.

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Before the near shutdown

By Chris Jackett
 STAFF WRITER

With the state on the edge of shutting down, local residents utilizing services at the Novi Secretary of State office didn't seem too concerned, and many treated the threat of a shutdown almost as a blind bluff by legislators.

"I could potentially cause chaos," said Jennifer Dreyer, 43, of Witom. "The loss of liquor licenses would be a problem. People would go to Ohio and hope they wouldn't get caught, but, if there's no (state police) patrol, that shouldn't be a problem."

Other residents felt liquor licenses and other government services were too intertwined with daily life for the government to shut them down.

And they were right. At 4 a.m. last Monday, a budget decision was agreed upon, ending a two-

party stalemate.

"How are they going to shut down the lotto, casinos and liquor sales?" said Roger Burkholder, 60, of Royal Oak last week, who also said people would take the 90-minute or less drive to Ohio, Canada, Wisconsin and Indiana to get around the potential Michigan liquor losses.

Dreyer, Burkholder and others said they wouldn't let the Secretary of State office interfere with their lives if it were closed during a potential budget shutdown.

"All people are going to do is drive without (a license)," said Burkholder, who was renewing his drivers license and license plates. "What are cops going to give you a ticket so you can fight it in court and win because the place is closed? It's a big, vicious cycle that uses taxpayers money."

A common theme among resi-

dents last week in solving the budget crisis was to look at the legislators themselves and make changes there.

The House's proposed income tax increase wasn't popular either because it would only affect Michigan residents.

"I'd make all the lawmakers take a pay cut, make them put their money where their mouth is. I'd look at the budget for other things to be cut. We don't need to raise taxes. Maybe we'd have to push back road repairs for a year," Dreyer said.

"Whenever the legislature did away with the Single Business tax without a replacement, that was stupid. It's got to come from somewhere. Nothing's for free."

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Pittao trial adjourned for three months

By Chris Jackett
 STAFF WRITER

The case of the *People v. Daniel Pittao* was set for its first day of trial last Friday, but was adjourned until Jan. 4, 2008 in a last minute decision Thursday afternoon.

Pittao, of Highland Township, was scheduled to appear before Judge Michael Warren of Oakland County's Circuit Court. He is accused of murdering his wife, Tamara Pittao, at her Novi apartment on Thanksgiving Day 1997.

The case was re-opened when Pittao gave conflicting statements while attempting to collect life insurance proceeds.

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Woman caught with marijuana and mushrooms

A woman was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of a hallucinogen just before 6 p.m. Sept. 18, reports said.

The woman was initially pulled over on southbound Meadowbrook Road near 11 Mile Road for driving 58 mph in a 40 mph zone, reports said.

According to the officer, when he approached the woman's black Ford Fusion he smelled a faint odor of burnt marijuana.

The woman denied possessing anything illegal and denied the officer permission to search her vehicle.

According to the report, as soon as the officer informed the woman that he would have a k-9 come to the scene, she admitted to having a marijuana pipe in the car.

Once the woman allowed the officer to search the vehicle, he found a half-smoked marijuana cigarette and a plastic baggie containing several large hallucinogenic mushrooms in the center console, reports said.

The woman denied possessing anything illegal and denied the officer permission to search her vehicle.

Allegedly, the van drove off, con-

POLICE BRIEFS

tinuing toward the parking lot. When the victim returned to the car after 9 p.m., his passenger-side mirror was knocked off, reports said.

According to the report, no one saw the suspects damage the vehicle.

Locks won't keep thieves away

According to a recent police report, a man's wallet, keys and Master padlock were stolen from a locker at Bally Total Fitness on Crescent Boulevard between 7:30 and 9:15 p.m. Sept. 24.

The victim's black leather wallet contained a Mastercard, Chase debit card, license and S30, reports said.

According to the report, the victim was certain he secured the locker but the officer observed the locker to be only partially secure when closed.

While canceling his credit cards, the man was informed that his Mastercard had been used at T.G.I. Friday's and the Sanguis Hut in Novi, reports said.

A rocky relationship

A rock was thrown through the window of a resident at Woodland Glen Apartments, near Eight Mile Road and Roscommon Drive, reports said.

According to the resident, he left for work at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 14 and when he returned home at 3 p.m. Sept. 15, a rock had been thrown through his bedroom window.

The victim suspected a neighbor

he had been having problems with. According to the report, the neighbor denied throwing the rock through the victim's window, but told the officer he has a problem with the victim because his alarm clock goes off for an hour before he turns it off.

The officer informed the neighbor that she would speak to the victim about his alarm clock, reports said.

Vehicle damaged at local elementary

A Novi resident's vehicle was damaged while parked at Village Oaks Elementary School Sept. 22, reports said.

According to the report, the victim parked his car at about 8:30 p.m. and went with some friends to the playground area.

While at the playground, a van full of boys ages 16-17 drove by yelling threatening messages to the victim and his friends, reports said.

Allegedly, the van drove off, con-

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Class NOTES

Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association

Seventeen schools competed in the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association's Student Congress. Student Congress involves a simulation of how our government creates and passes bills. The students were on committees and wrote and debated bills on the floor of the Michigan House of Representatives. Some bills were passed by the group, some defeated and one even vetoed by the President they elected.

The Student Congress President was Joey Williams of Flint Powers Catholic. The Speakers of the House were Bala Sekaran and Dexter Zhuang both from Novi High School.

Novi High School marching band

The Novi Wildcat band now

has a Web site providing information for upcoming events. Everything from dates, maps, event schedules, etc. is available. Access to this information may be found by visiting <http://www.novi.k12.mi.us/parents.com/orgs/WebPages/HISBand/HISBand.aspx>.

Free and reduced lunch program

Oakland County schools have released the policy for free and reduced-price meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program.

The chart breaking down the criteria for the 2007-08 school year is now on the Oakland Schools Web site at www.oakland.k12.mi.us. Application forms are being sent to the homes of students and will also be available in the school office. Families may apply for meal benefits at any time during the school year. For more information, please contact Mary Clay, child nutri-

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Sally Ride Science invites Imaginative Kids to enter competition

Toys are a great way to learn about science, engineering and the design process. Sally Ride Science™ is giving girls and boys in grades five through eight the chance to step out of their classrooms and experience engi-

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The mission of this fun-fueled toy design competition is to motivate kids, especially girls, to get involved in engineering, see that engineering is in everything, and experience engineering as fun, creative, collaborative and relevant to everyday life.

The competition is open to fifth through eighth graders in the United States, its territories, or possessions, and Canada during the Fall 2007/Spring 2008 school year. Team size can range from three to six members, half of which must be girls. To get a team started: Find an adult coach (18 years of age or older) and sign up by Dec. 12 (fee is \$45 per team); then choose from themed-toy categories including "Games for the Family," "Get out and Play," "Toys That Teach" and start brainstorming.

Further TOYchallenge information is available at www.TOYchallenge.com. All submissions will be judged on originality, creativity, engineering, feasibility, design process

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School funding still undecided, \$315k increase at risk

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Student Count Day Enrollment

	Feb. 13	Sept. 16	Difference
High School	1,923	1,934	+11
Middle School	1,047	1,085	+38
Novi Meadows	1,030	972	-58
Novi Woods	444	469	+25
Orchard Hills	475	427	-48
Parkview	516	442	-74
Village Oaks	385	447	+62
Deerfield	476	513	+37
Total	6,296	6,289	-7

Source: Novi Community Schools

Bob Schram reported 6,289 students showed up for last Wednesday's Student Count Day. Combining with the 6,319 students that showed up in February, the district could earn about \$54.75 million in state funding based on a \$8.695 State Foundation Allowance.

Last week's date is 75 percent of the factor in determining the allowance, while the February date makes up the remaining 25 percent.

When setting its 2007-08 budget in June, the district budgeted for an additional \$50 per pupil from the state this year, which would mean nearly \$315,000 in additional funds.

With the recent state budget decisions, this increase is speculated as not likely to happen.

"If I had to bet money, that's what I'd bet," Schram said Friday. "It's very disappointing. People need to hold their legislators accountable."

Schram said although Novi may be able to stay afloat through mid-November without state funding, other districts wouldn't be able to make it through the next three weeks.

"We can cover payroll with fund equity until November, but we probably make the first November payroll," he said. "With 180 districts at five percent fund equity, there will be problems. We're doing our audits now, but we have about 11 percent fund

equity. It takes 8.5 percent (to cover payments) for one month."

With a 30-day continuation to work on the funding for state departments passed by legislators, districts will be able to maintain the current budget, providing Novi with \$8.695 per student between now and Halloween.

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Orchard Hills teacher Becky Hurst talks with first graders Peyton Ma-Wong and Daniel Kohut, right, last Wednesday, Sept. 26 was the district's "count" day where schools must note the amount of students they have — which determines how much they receive in state funds. Orchard Hills has 427 students attending this semester.

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MY PARKS & RECREATION

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Explore the world in one place, downtown Novi

International Festival Saturday

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Novi residents will have the opportunity to explore 20 different countries throughout the world, while strolling along Main and Market streets in downtown Novi this weekend.

The Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department is hosting the seventh annual International Festival from noon-6 p.m. Saturday.

"The main focus of our department is enriching lives and strengthening community," said Derek Smith, recreation supervisor for the Novi Parks Department. "Through different cultural organizations, not just in Novi but across the country, we

are becoming a more diverse society."

Representatives from countries such as Japan, China, India, Pakistan, Lebanon, Taiwan and Mexico will be sharing their cultures' traditions with the Novi community.

As part of the festival, a Parade of Nations will begin at 3 p.m.

"We are a very diverse community," Smith said. "We are hoping to have kids from all over participate (in the parade), wearing their native attire."

Festival goers will also have the opportunity to sample and purchase authentic ethnic cuisine from local restaurants such as Kim's Gardens, Lazy Lizard Cantina, Gus O'Connors and Basic Asian Mart.

Entertainment will be provided free of charge throughout the day. There will be two stages with performances including a professional Japanese flute player, a puppet show from Taiwan, Korean fan dance and drumming, a Lebanese dance group and an Armenian trio.

Kids will have an opportunity to participate in arts and crafts by making Mexican flowers and receiving Henna tattoos.

According to Smith, numerous local businesses have contributed

International Festival

Date: Saturday, Oct. 6
Location: Along Main and Market streets in downtown Novi.

Time: Noon-6 p.m., with the Parade of Nations beginning at 3 p.m.

*In case of inclement weather, the festival will be moved inside the Atrium of Novi.



City of Novi courtesy photo

The seventh annual International Festival begins this Saturday at noon.

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Trips for Kids

Novi Parks and Recreation Trips for Kids is going to Lakeshore Park Saturday. Trips for Kids Detroit combines mountain biking, canoeing/kayaking, hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing outings with self-esteem, environmental awareness, teamwork and crime avoidance for kids who would not otherwise have these opportunities.

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HIGH SOCIETY



Photo by Pam Fleming

Maggie and Douglas Pope of Novi enjoy their evening at the second annual Greater Novi Chamber Grapes & Grooves Sept. 28 event.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Clothier Martin + Osa is one of many in the new Nordstrom wing of Novi's Twelve Oaks Mall that was up and running early Sept. 28 morning.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Actor Jerry Seinfeld talks with Novi director of communications Sheryl Walsh as he visits Fountain Walk's Emagine Theatre on Monday to promote "Bee Movie." Seinfeld lends his voice to a character in the movie which opens nationwide on Nov. 2. Walsh was interviewing Seinfeld for Novi's cable access TV.



Photo by Pam Fleming

Attendees of the second annual Greater Novi Chamber Grapes & Grooves Sept. 28 event look at items offered during the event's silent auction. The evening of wine and jazz took place in the Atrium of Novi.



Photo by Shawn Garin

Models strut their stuff at the Sept. 20 Retro Pin Up Dolls fashion show at the dirtymartini Lounge.

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Strike a Balance Between Saving for Retirement, College

If you have young children, you may want them to attend college someday and you may want to help them pay for it. At the same time, you also need to save for a comfortable retirement lifestyle. Are the two goals compatible?

There's no easy answer to this question. But one thing seems clear: For many parents, saving and investing for their children's future is every bit as important — and maybe more so — than saving and investing for their own. In fact, two-thirds of parents said they would postpone retirement if necessary to help pay for their children's college education, according to a survey by Alliance Bernstein Investments, Inc.

Parents have good reason to believe that investing in a college education will pay off for their children. Over the course of their lifetimes, college graduates will earn, on average, about \$1 million more than high school graduates, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

So, since a college education appears to be quite valuable, shouldn't you do everything you can to help pay for it?

Ultimately, you'll have to weigh your potential college contributions against your need to save for your own retirement. On one hand, you'd like to help your children as much as possible; as a parent, you don't want your children saddled with enormous debts when they leave college. But on the other hand, that type of reluctance may be based more on emotion than on a sound financial strategy. After all, college graduates seem to find a way to eventually pay off their loans. Furthermore, your children may be able to find grants, scholarships and work-study opportunities. Many students can earn a decent amount of money as summer jobs, too.

Nonetheless, you still may feel obligated to pay something toward your children's college education. But if you're going to

help pay for college, be smart about it. For example, think twice before borrowing from your 401(k). Such a move will slow the growth potential of your retirement funds and it could prove costly in other ways, too. For one thing, if you leave your job, voluntarily or involuntarily, you'll need to repay your 401(k) loan completely, usually within 60 days. If you can't, the balance will be considered a taxable distribution — and you may even have to pay a 10 percent penalty on it.

Instead of tapping into your 401(k), IRA or other accounts you've designated for retirement, look for other ways to help build your children's college funds. You might decide to open a Section 529 plan, which offers tax-free earnings potential, provided the money is used to pay for higher education costs. You can put whatever you can afford into a Section 529 plan, along with gifts from grandparents or other relatives. Contributions are tax-deductible

in certain states for residents who participate in their own state's plan. Please note that a 529 College Savings Plan could reduce a beneficiary's ability to qualify for financial aid. You might also want to consider a Coverdell Education Savings Account, which offers another tax-advantaged way to save for college.

As you already know, much of your life involves balancing acts of one type or another, so you should be able to handle one more — college for your kids against a comfortable retirement for you. By making the right moves, though, you may be able to reach an "equilibrium" that works for everyone.

This column was provided by Mark Whifflet, Financial Advisor, Novi Town Center, 43240 11 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

NAMES

T & C Opens Wixom Branch

T & C Federal Credit Union announces Bill Hill, who has been in the financial industry for five-and-a-half years and has a B.A. from Oakland University, has been appointed as the new branch manager.

The credit union opened its 11th branch last month at 160 Wixom Rd. in Wixom. T & C brings to Wixom a new state-of-the-art high-tech dialogue-banking system focused on personal member interaction. It also features a drive-up ATM and two drive-thru lanes.

The Wixom branch is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon. For more information on T & C, please visit the

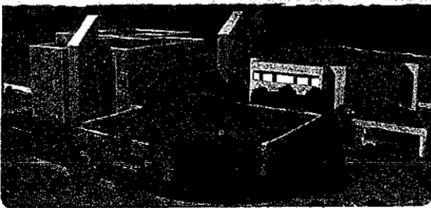
website at www.tcfcu.org.

Epoche Restaurant Group Names COO

George Wyckhuse was named chief operating officer of the Epoche Restaurant Group which includes Tribute in Farmington Hills, Forte in Birmingham, Latitude in Bay Harbor, Knot Just a Bar in Bay Harbor and Omega, Epoche Events Catering, and Orange Tree Golf Course in Orlando, Fla.

Wyckhuse comes as principal member of Wyckhuse and Associates Accounting and Consulting Firm since 1981. He has worked since the 1970s as a consultant for the Wine family which owns the Epoche Restaurant Group. He holds a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University, previously serving in the 82nd Airborne in Vietnam after high school.

Bricks, mortar and other giant leaps in the treatment of cancer.



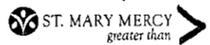
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MY HEALTHY LIVING

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Novi businesses help residents stay young, feel great

By Chris Jaccett
STAFF WRITER

Aches and pains are a normal part of the aging process, but there are a lot of methods to help relieve these pains before they become debilitating or crippling.

One of the more common methods to relieve pain is through massages, which are offered in a wide variety for different purposes.

Massages promote general relaxation; increase flexibility and joint movement; relieve muscle tension and relax muscle spasms; help the body produce natural pain killers to ease pain and soreness, and promote faster recovery from injuries and illness.

Also, by reducing stress, massages can give a renewed sense of well-being and improve circulation of the blood and lymph system, which strengthens the immune system.

Boo Sadikot, owner of personal training facility Fitness Together in Novi, is opening Elements Therapeutic Massage on the northeast corner of 10 Mile and Beck roads next week. Elements will offer Swedish, deep tissue and trigger point, sports, prenatal and hot stone massages.

"Each body experiences pressure differently," Sadikot said of the different massages. "It doesn't matter if they're young or old, the benefits are benefits. They'll have a renewed sense of well-being."

Sadikot said customers coming in for massages a couple times each month is common, unless there is a pre-existing condition such as heavy knots or muscle stress, in which case he may recommend once a week.

"We live in a society where the average person feels overworked with family and always being on the go," Sadikot said. "Massage is a point where we can typically relax, recuperate and relieve some tension and stress."

Sadikot said many people need massages to help cope with the stresses of their daily lives, but don't take the time. Other methods that help people maintain



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NOVI NEWS

Boo Sadikot and Kimberly Warner will soon open an Elements Therapeutic Massage shop at 10 Mile and Beck roads. Warner will manage Elements, and Sadikot runs Fitness Together, just next door.

youthfulness include chiropractic adjustments, yoga, meditation and simple exercises.

Dr. Karl Tarkany, founder of Ket Chiropractic Center in Novi, said it's important for people to find such a method of release so they can relax and recharge.

"Most people don't have the time, but you need to make the time. No one else is going to do that for you," Tarkany said. "The important thing is to realize the things you do today are going to affect you down the road. If you have an injury and get treated and don't know the cause, you're just treating the symptom, not the cause."

Tarkany is one of 10 Active Release Technique-certified physicians in Michigan, and the only metro-Detroit with a bio-mechanics certification.

"ART is a soft tissue technique developed through Iroanham. The

more active someone is, the better off they are," Tarkany said, noting "I get a lot of triathletes who are going to go and run through injuries and don't stop. A lot of doctors go and look at a joint, but not above and below it."

Dr. Sarah Hegger, a chiropractor and clinical nutritionist at Ket Chiropractic Center, said a lot of the injuries they see are sports related with youths and transitions into arthritis as people get older. In both cases, she said it's important to have a strong core of muscle groups, which includes areas such as abdominal muscles and the back.

"Developing a core gives you stability around your spine. I look at patients to see what it is to stop causing the problem. I look at things in their daily lives to present the problem to not, more or

less, give them dramatic release, but prevent them from going on again," Hegger said. "I think people just have to be mindful of what they're doing throughout the day. Try not to ignore pains if they're going on for too long. Don't rely on a pill to mask the symptom and not treat the problem."

Tarkany said a lot of people don't take care of themselves in basic measures, like drinking enough water, eating right or exercising.

"In today's society, people want until they're sick to go to the doctor for help," he said. "A lot of what I do is repetitive overuse, like carpal tunnel syndrome. My job is to improve the body's bio-mechanics. There's no cookie-cutter approach."

Both Elements and Ket



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NOVI NEWS

Ket Chiropractic's Dr. Karl Tarkany demonstrates on Dr. Sarah Hegger some of the A.R.T. (active release technique) stretches they employ to prepare athletes for marathons and other sporting events.

Chiropractic help people of all ages improve their health and overall well-being, which all three providers believe is an important service.

"(Those who don't take care of themselves now) will definitely end up with weaker joints when they get older," Sadikot said. "If they don't take care of themselves, the tendons and ligaments around the joints get weaker and they'll be more prone to illness and injuries."

"At the end of the day, we all want to be around as long as possible, based on how well people take care of their health. People want to feel and look their best at retirement because that's when they have the most free time."

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CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCES 07-124.18
07-106.04, 07-168.01

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOVI CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES: Ordinance No. 07-124.18, an amendment to the Novi Code of Ordinances, Chapter 11 (Design and Construction Standards) and Ordinance Nos. 07-106.04 and 07-168.01, Chapter 12 (Drainage and Flood Damage Prevention) to add low impact development requirements for stormwater management systems.

These ordinances were adopted by the City Council on Monday, September 24, 2007 and the provisions of these ordinances shall become effective fifteen (15) days after their adoption. A complete copy of the ordinances are 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 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

MARYANNE CORNELIUS
CITY CLERK

(10-4-07 NN 380058)

CITY OF NOVI
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.678 FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR REZONING OF PROPERTY IN SECTION 24, NORTH OF TEN MILE, WEST OF HAGGERTY ROAD, FROM OS-2 PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE TO OS-1 OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT. The subject property is 6.57 acres.

To receive a copy of the Subpart N of Section 24, Z.O.C., R.M.C. City of Novi, please contact the Planning Commission at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, or call (248) 349-1700, ext. 102.

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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 24, 2007.
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CITY OF NOVI
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
TO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS
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Notice is given that the Novi City Council will be meeting to interview applicants for appointment to the Classification Commission, Board of Review, Election Commission, Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee, Historical Commission, Planning Commission, Public Access Promotion Commission, Stormwater Management and Watershed Sewerage Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

If you are a registered voter in the City of Novi and interested in volunteering to serve on a City Board or Commission, applications and booklets containing information about the various Boards and Commissions are available in the office of the City Clerk, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375. You may contact the City Clerk's office by calling (248) 347-0456 to receive an application by mail or fax or log onto the City Web Site at www.cityofnovi.org to print out an application.

The deadline for filing an application is Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. All applicants will be required to be present at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2007 in the Council Chambers to be interviewed by City Council. All City Council meetings are televised.

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Public wasn't fooled by partisan politics

There is one silver lining in the Lansing budget cloud, which gave Michigan residents a dreary weekend anticipating a shut-down of the state government. While we share a sense of disappointment (if not disgust) at our full-time legislature for taking until beyond the 11th hour to do their jobs, we were encouraged by the public's grasp of the true root of the problem. We're hoping that awakened understanding holds through the 2008 election season.

The good news, which should be a wake-up call for prospective politicians, is that the public was no longer interested in partisan games and finger-pointing. In the past few weeks, as uncertainty grew over the state's financial future, the only people using the terms "Republican" or "Democrat" were, in fact, Democrats and Republicans. We've heard dozens of conversations about Lansing's lack of professionalism with people who typically would call themselves by a party affiliation, or further confuse the issue with labels including "conservative" or "liberal," none of which addressed the fundamental problem.

In short, the public message to lawmakers was: Do your job. Balance the budget. Keep the functions of government working, and spare us the partisan gamesmanship.

Six years ago, this nation had the rare opportunity to truly become united with common interests. Unfortunately, the good will of patriotism gave way to the most divided political arguments seen in decades, usually on matters unrelated to the deepest concerns of a citizenry. We unfortunately expect that on the national stage, where hundreds of millions of dollars are spent on sound-bites that appeal to the lowest common denominator, usually void of any substance yet clear in accusations.

From our state employees (which includes elected officials), we expect a little better. The responsibility of Michigan legislators is to take care of Michigan residents. The inability to meet a simple deadline is even harder to understand in light of the vast number of bills that have been proposed which seek government authority where government doesn't belong. In more simple terms, lawmakers shouldn't be allowed to have their cake until they've eaten their meat.

It may not be coincidental, but many of the state representatives and senators whose performance fell far short of expectations are not concerned about the 2008 elections. Term limits leave many of the non-devotion makers ineligible for continued election. We encourage the voting public, those who recognized a partisan slate-mate for what it really was, to funnel that same attention to local races. This year's councilman or board member may well be next year's representative in Lansing.

PHIL POWER: Where's the outcry in the state's mess?



About Phil Power

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan, and was a rep of the University of Michigan from 1987 to 1999. He is also president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate think-and-do tank. These opinions and others expressed in his columns are his own and do not in any way represent official positions of The Center for Michigan. Phil will be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@homet.com.

Want to know why our political system in Lansing is so broken that the lawmakers can't even decide how to pass a basic budget?

Then consider these two anecdotes, which capture the astonishing combination of incompetence, isolation, irresponsibility and rank partisanship that perfectly capture Lansing these days.

...
A conversation with a Republican state representative as he emerged from a rare Sunday night session of the House:

"What are you going to do about the budget crisis? Increase taxes?" "Absolutely not! Republican principles are totally against increasing taxes!" "So can you get it done entirely with cuts?"

"No, God forbid. That would tear things to shreds." "OK, so what do you propose to do?" "I'm in the minority. It's not my problem."

...
A Democratic state senator, talking about the gridlock: "If most people in Michigan knew what's going on up here, there'd be hell to pay. Fortunately, they don't."

...
The editorial pages in Michigan's newspapers are uniformly and savagely contemptuous of our political leaders. Longtime Lansing hands and business leaders say things have never been this bad in living memory. Poll results published in Bill Ballenger's Inside Michigan Politics agree that "normal" people are disgusted, too: Gov. Jennifer Granholm has

a 54 percent negative job rating.

But that looks good next to the legislature, which comes in at a rock-bottom 16 percent positive.

Yet... where is the outrage?

What may seem oddest of all is that there is relatively little public protest and outcry at a time when the deepest interests of 10 million Michigan citizens are being held hostage.

That, that is, to the narrow partisanship of both political parties and their respective office holders. Why aren't people up in arms? Sure, they are sore when they're talking about it over a beer in the bar or at the dinner table. But with the situation as serious as it has been, you'd expect daily marches on the Capitol.

So why hasn't that been happening?

My guess is that sadly, it's because most folks think there's little they can do to improve the situation. That it's all in the hands of the politicians and, hence, out of reach for ordinary people.

Some may believe that things are so bad there's essentially nothing they can do. So perhaps the worst aspect of all this mess is that the average citizen has lost the informed hope that

something — anything — can be done. That people think dully that their views simply don't count. If that's indeed the case, it suggests there is something terribly wrong with the workings of our democracy.

That's intolerable. And it's time to do something about it.

Starting next month, ordinary citizens in communities all over Michigan will sit down for an hour and half in small groups to have community conversations. First questions: "What's your vision for Michigan? What kind of Michigan would bring your kids back from Chicago or keep your grandchildren from moving to the West Coast?"

Second question, naturally enough: "If that's the kind of Michigan we all want, how best can we get there?"

Sponsored by the Michigan's Defining Moment public engagement campaign, these community conversations offer a way for folks to get involved and make their voices heard in Lansing.

Trained scribes will take notes at each of the 80 conversations; they'll be put together in a summary report that will be released publicly late this year. That, in turn, will be the basis

for further discussion and refinement in a second set of community conversations next spring. The idea is to bring Michigan's citizens together to develop a representative vision of the kind of Michigan we all want and a tightly focused agenda for transforming our state to get through our current crisis and lay the foundation for future prosperity.

For it should be clear that Michigan's political, budget and public policy systems are broken. Hostage, that is, to the narrow partisanship of both political parties. The only way to repair them is through the direct input of Michigan citizens. It's too important a task to be left to the politicians who got us into this mess in the first place.

Readers of this column have two ways to get involved in this process. You can go to www.thecenterformichigan.net to reserve a seat at the community conversation near you. Or you can go to the same web site, click on "community conversations" and add your voice to the conversation on line.

Either way, you'll be able to spend a little time on the future of our state. It might just be the best 90 minutes you'll ever spend.

LETTERS

Why Novi Needs a New Library

Thirty years ago, the Novi Public Library opened its doors to approximately 3,000 residents. Today the library sees that many people about every 11 days. The library facility, built in 1976, is just not designed to meet the needs of today's residents.

The building is sized to hold a significantly smaller collection than we currently have. The library meeting room can hold a maximum of 100 people and this space limitation means that popular library programs, especially children's programs are forced to turn residents away. The computers are in constant use and the meeting and study room space is too limited, causing students who need quiet study space to find it elsewhere.

A new library means many things to Novi. The new library will have appropriate shelf space to accommodate our large and growing collection. The new library will have a large meeting room that is double the current size and there will be a room specially dedicated to children's programs. There will be room for more computers for more residents and several group study rooms. A new library will also bring additional seating for individuals to read or study quietly, a drive-up book return and separate indoor and outdoor space for adults and children.

Novi needs and deserves a new library. Please help make that happen by voting Yes on November 6.

Laura Marie Casey
Novi Library 2007

Stop Garlic-Mustard

I would like to address a problem that is facing Novi and, in fact, the state of Michigan. It's a plant called Garlic-Mustard and it's a destructive, invasive species primarily found in woodlands and roadsides. It destroys native plant life because of its size (shades out smaller plants) and by a toxic chemical released from its root system. For specific information go to ipm.msu.edu/garlicmustard.htm and then click on Michigan Information.

We found out about this plant in early spring and cautiously began to fight it (we have a large infestation on the south side of our woods). Once our wildflowers were growing, we stopped and will continue again after a severe frost. The most depressing aspect of this fight is that the seeds remain viable in the ground for at least five years. Larry said, "I didn't plan to spend my retirement fighting garlic-mustard!" This is, of course, an exaggeration but also, in some ways, reality. It will be extremely time consuming and costly but the flora in our woods must be saved.

I would like to know, does the City of Novi have a plan to fight this plant? It would be a shame to have a Woodlands Act and then have the native species of plants found on the floor of our woodlands destroyed by this invasive species. I would like the Novi News to do a follow-up article exploring this issue. I also would like subdivision associations, garden clubs, schools, etc. to develop a plan to stop Garlic-Mustard. In particular, I want Island Lake to know you already have a problem. I've seen it on your nature trails. At this time, it may be a small problem but it can spread quickly and then be hard to stop. What occurs in Island Lake directly affects our small farm especially the infestation behind the condos to the south of us and the possibility of an infestation in the other surrounding property. We need you to join us in this fight.

Each individual in Novi should familiarize yourself with this plant by checking and reading carefully all the information on the Web site. You then need to take action. Don't depend on someone else to do the job. It is also important to learn more about the native plants in our woodlands. The more you know, the more you'll care.

This letter is lengthy but important. Our woodlands are precious and this plant, Garlic-Mustard, is an enemy of enormous proportions. We need to stop it. Please join us in this fight.

Larry and Margaret Schmidt
Novi

Touched

Upon reading the sad but heart-warming story about the young woman, Rebecca Wicker who went to great lengths to save the duck eggs, two thoughts came to my mind. Miss Wicker's actions reminded me how every newborn creature is a unique and precious gift from our creator. Secondly, the classic saying "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."

It always seems like such a cruel injustice in a society when one is robbed of a basic need to be loved and nurtured with kind and gentle hands, such as Miss Wicker's palm showed us in the photo. I am sure there would be a lot less senseless killings and inhumane acts of violence in this world if the perpetrators of such incidents were given the loving care that Rebecca's mother passed down to her. In addition, there would be a mother duck teaching five innocent and curious ducklings how to swim too if the three teenage boys were not void of this basic right as well. Miss Wicker is helping lead the world in a very kind, loving, and unselfish manner. She is an asset to all of mankind and God's creatures as well.

Mary Plank-Keller
Northville

What do you think?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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DETAILS: Chicks for Charities host tournament; all proceeds benefit St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Breast Cancer Center; includes games, prizes and entertainment; \$25, 5-member team \$125.
CONTACT: (734) 323-9079 or www.myspace.com/chicksforcharities.

Wines You Must Try
TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11
LOCATION: Mezza, 42050 Mediterranean Drive, 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 The Bottle) \$30 or \$35 at the door.

Pearls of Wisdom
TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday through October
LOCATION: Picasso Cafe, 39915 Grand River Ave.
DETAILS: Barbara Eko Murphy exhibit of life drawings.
CONTACT: (248) 427-0600 or www.barbarakomurphy.com

Jordan Rubin Book Discussion
DATE: Saturday, Oct. 13
LOCATION: Better Health Market, 42875 Grand River, Novi
DETAILS: New York Times best selling author Jordan Rubin will be in the store to discuss his upcoming book "Achieving Your Perfect Weight."
CONTACT: (248) 735-8100

Autumn Brunch and Auction
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20
LOCATION: Wyndham Garden Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd.
DETAILS: Sponsored by the American Business Women's Association; proceeds benefit their Education and Scholarship Fund; includes silent auction, live auction, basket raffle; \$25 per person. Visit www.abwa-novi.org for further information.
CONTACT: Marcia Applegate (248) 848-3043 or marcia.applegate@att.net.

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.
CONTACTS: Gail Janelli Joyce (248) 624-4847 for application and other information. www.walledlakemichigan.com

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.novirotary.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 email Ginger at novirotary.org

Art Van Community Events
Art Van Furniture Store, 27775 Novi Road, Novi, (248) 348-8922
Breast Cancer Research Donations
DETAILS: October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Art Van Furniture has joined the campaign with a pillow program where a portion of the proceeds will be donated to support breast cancer research at the Van Elslander Cancer Center at St. John Hospital. A collection of 27 throw pillows in different colors and designs are available and retail for \$24.99 and \$29.99. The program will run through the end of the year.
Update on Design
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16
DETAILS: Steve Piersall, CEO and Michael Kirby, Director of Merchandising, for Huntington House will give an overview of how to update a single room or entire house. They will share design ideas and color, style and fabric trends. Refreshments served and gift given at this complimentary event. Reservations requested to (888) 619-2199. Kids Castle will provide free supervised play area for children.
Halloween Safety Bag Giveaway
DATE: Saturday, Oct. 27
DETAILS: Children receive complimentary Safety Reflective Trick-or-Treat bags, while sup-

plies last.
Catholic Central Rummage and Bake Sale
TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13
LOCATION: 27225 Wixom Road
DETAILS: Proceeds benefit school; bag sale at noon.

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. Make reservations at www.angela-hospice.org or call Barbara Paul (734) 953-6014.

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.novitchamber.com or contact the chamber office at (248) 349-3743.

Women in Business
TIME/DATE: 8:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23
LOCATION: The Works, Avenda 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.

Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce
Since 1963, the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce has proudly served the communities of Commerce Township, Union Lake, Walled Lake, Waterford, Wixom, Wixomene 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 call 282-2826.

"Lights, Camera, Auction!"
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23
LOCATION: Emagine Theatre, 44425 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) 706-9519.

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Females in the Family Business Affinity Group
TIME/DATE: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Third Thursday of every month
LOCATION: Walsh College Troy Campus
DETAILS: Walsh Business Leadership Institute invites women who own, are partners in, or work for family businesses. (Items discussed will be common issues, and women can share solutions in a nonthreatening, noncompetitive, non-sales roundtable. Registration is required.
CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, jhubbard@walshcollege.edu

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Colored Pencil Workshop
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Carnegie Class
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday
DETAILS: \$10 materials fee.
KnitIt! Yarns
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Wednesday

DETAILS: Join others and create hats and shawls for those in need.
Tai Chi Class
TIME/DATE: 10:15-11 a.m. Thursday
DETAILS: Ancient Chinese exercise used to improve flexibility, balance, strength; no experience necessary; \$5.
Meditation
TIME/DATE: 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Thursday
DETAILS: Learn proper breathing techniques that can be used at home or on the job to help reduce stress; class held in reflection space, Cancer Center.
Yoga Classes
TIME/DATE: 12:30-1:15 p.m. Monday (for backs); 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday (strength & endurance); 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Wednesday and 12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday (for backs)
DETAILS: \$10/walk-in; \$80/10-class card; \$70/7-week evening 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; \$30/50-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: Tonight
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Rd.
CONTACT: (248) 449-1204

Novi City Council Meeting
DATE: Monday, Oct. 8
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting
DATE: Tuesday Nov. 6
TIME: 6 p.m.
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CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

LIBRARY LINES
Novi Public Library
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.
Knitters 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
DETAILS: Book discussion group for older adults facilitated by librarian; please call to join.
Library Board Meeting
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17
DETAILS: Community members welcome to attend.
Movie Night
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. tonight
DETAILS: Call for titles; program is once monthly, for adults.
Solid Brass Quintet
TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7
DETAILS: Solid brass quintet

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to perform music of Scott Joplin and Hoagy Carmichael, opera and kids songs; free; please register. **Snacktates** TIME/DATE: 7-7:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8

DETAILS: Children K-4 grade listen to stories and make story-related snacks. Registration required.

Page Turners TIME/DATE: 4:45-5:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10

DETAILS: Enjoy a snack, play a game, discuss "The Boggart" by Susan Cooper.

Fall Family Fun Night TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10

DETAILS: Decorate gourds, make edible treat, design carry-home bag; all ages.

Senior Book Discussion Group TIME/DATE: Noon-1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11 (second Thursday of each month)

DETAILS: Group for older adults facilitated by librarian; call to join. See website for information.

Yo-Master Zeemo TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14

DETAILS: Free yo-yo trick performance; please register.

Starlight Story Time TIME/DATE: 7-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16

DETAILS: Wear PJs for stories read by librarian.

Magic of Mark TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17

DETAILS: Grades 5 and up meet the author responsible for characters Akko, Billy Cikk and Miki Falls; registration not required.

Library Board Meeting TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Novi Civic Center

DETAILS: Public welcome and broadcast live on channel 13.

Ghost Hunting in Michigan TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18

DETAILS: The Southeast Michigan Ghost Hunters Society presents amazing video accounts of ghostly encounters; please register.

Detroit Sail Mines TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21

DETAILS: George Davis tells the story of sail mining in Detroit, beginning in 1906; please register.

Walled Lake City Library LOCATION: 1493 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake

HOURS: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Closed Friday

CONTACT: (248) 624-3772

Classical Music Series TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first Tuesday of each month

DETAILS: Enjoy recorded classics, discussions and refreshments; lasts about 90 minutes.

Friends of the Library Meeting TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Tuesday of month

Book Discussion Group TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month

DETAILS: Drop in for informal discussion; bring a bag lunch; check library for current book selection.

Preschool Story Hour TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16

DETAILS: For ages 2-4, registration required.

Evening Preschool Story Hour TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Thursday

DETAILS: For ages 3-5, no registration required.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. second Friday of each month

Get Caught Reading TIME/DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 10, Saturday, Oct. 20

Big Bag Book Sale 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6; 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7

Thursday, Oct. 25 **DETAILS:** Interactive Halloween show, surprises, hi-hats, not spooky. **Investor Education** TIME/DATE: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27

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. every Thursday

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

Mommy and Me TIME/DATE: 10:30-11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25

DETAILS: Registration begins Tuesday; stories, songs and projects for two-year olds accompanied by an adult; meet in Craft Room.

Preschool Story Time DATE: 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday in Oct. or 1:30 p.m. every Wednesday in Oct.

DETAILS: Stories, songs and art activities for three-year olds and up with an adult in library; meet in Craft Room.

Baby Days TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 15, 22, 29 and Nov. 5

DETAILS: Drop-in story time for children up to 24 months and parents.

Laugh Out Loud During Teen Read Week DATES: Oct. 14-20

DETAILS: Vote for your favorite book of 2007; submit your favorite joke for prize drawings; Speed Stacking Competition at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15 (register in advance); Comic Timing seminar at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 (register in advance)

Fantastic Friday TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19

DETAILS: "Everything Orange" pumpkins, leaves and cats; please register.

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: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19; 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.L. Kinsburg available for check-out (please register at that time); first meeting 6:30 p.m. Nov. 7.

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 Services **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 through Nov. 8

DETAILS: For children ages 6-8, 9-12 and 13 and up; free of charge; includes light meal from 5:50-6:30 p.m.; while children are in group sessions, parents and guardians attend their own group on how to help their children.

Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks **LOCATION:** 27475 Huron Circle (adjacent to Twelve Oaks Mall)

CONTACT: (248) 735-1500

Open House TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. daily or by appointment. Picnic Tuesdays offers free box lunch for two if one member is over age 60.

Asian Pacific 11 a.m.-noon: Computer Lab/Noon: Lunch 12:30-3 p.m. Focus Hope Distribution 1 p.m.: Bingo 1-3 p.m.: "Ask a Lawyer" by appt.

Wednesday 9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength 10 a.m.: Body Recall

Take Off Pounds Sensibly; Computer Lab until 2 p.m.; Blood Pressure 1:30 a.m.; Beg. Jogging/Noon: Lunch 12:30 p.m.; Club Jogging

1:30-3 p.m.: Sing-A-Long 2-4 p.m.: Estate Planning by appt. 6:30 p.m.: Beg/Easy/Y.L. Jogging/7:30 p.m.: Club Jogging

DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital Support Groups **LOCATION:** 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce

AI-Anon Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. every Sunday

DETAILS: AI-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.

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

LOCATION: Lobby of the Charach Cancer Treatment Center, off the hospital's South Garden Entrance

DETAILS: The Charach Cancer Treatment Center hosts a support group for anyone dealing with a cancer experience or who know someone living with cancer.

CONTACT: (248) 937-5163

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group TIME/DATE: 2-3:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month

LOCATION: Krieger Center (South Garden Entrance)

DETAILS: Designed to allow caregivers to share tips and offer support to each other; for questions or directions call (248) 937-3314.

New Parents Support Group TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second and fourth Wednesdays of each month

LOCATION: Hospital Conference Center

DETAILS: A supportive environment for families to share their struggles, learn how to resolve issues after the birth of a child; discuss concerns such as sleep deprivation and coping with the emotions of parenting.

CONTACT: (248) 859-7766

Support for Smokers Group TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Tuesdays of each month

DETAILS: Provides education and support to quit smoking; no fee and no pre-registration required.

CONTACT: (248) 937-3314

Bereavement Support Group DATE: third Tuesday of each month

TIME: 7:30-9 p.m. **LOCATION:** Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road

DETAILS: The meeting provides the opportunity for those in grief to share their story and to learn about the phases and tasks of grief. All are welcome; no fee.

CONTACT: Michael M. Meyer, Decorate of Ministry

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, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Beck Road

DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers.

CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) 851-6730, Florence Voight (248) 477-3032, Joy Iovaldi (248) 348-9138 or joyivaldi@earthlink.net

MOEMS Club of Novi DATE: first Thursday of each month

TIME: 10 a.m. **LOCATION:** Novi Civic Center

DETAILS: Moms Offering Moms Support (MOEMS) is a non-profit support group for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children or work out of their homes.

Hearstings: 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

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DETAILS: A supportive environment for families to share their struggles, learn how to resolve issues after the birth of a child; discuss concerns such as sleep deprivation and coping with the emotions of parenting.

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Support for Smokers Group TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Tuesdays of each month

DETAILS: Provides education and support to quit smoking; no fee and no pre-registration required.

CONTACT: (248) 937-3314

Bereavement Support Group DATE: third Tuesday of each month

TIME: 7:30-9 p.m. **LOCATION:** Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road

DETAILS: The meeting provides the opportunity for those in grief to share their story and to learn about the phases and tasks of grief. All are welcome; no fee.

CONTACT: Michael M. Meyer, Decorate of Ministry

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, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Taft and Beck Road

DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers.

CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) 851-6730, Florence Voight (248) 477-3032, Joy Iovaldi (248) 348-9138 or joyivaldi@earthlink.net

MOEMS Club of Novi DATE: first Thursday of each month

TIME: 10 a.m. **LOCATION:** Novi Civic Center

DETAILS: Moms Offering Moms Support (MOEMS) is a non-profit support group for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children or work out of their homes.

CONTACT: jensungfleeming@yahoo.com

List your event in our calendar!



To be included in My Bulletin Board, please send event name, date, time, location, details and contact.

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Call (248) 349-1700 for additional information.

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) 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322.

Church of the Holy Family **LOCATION:** 24505 Meadowbrook Road

CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit www.holyfamilynovi.org

Mass Schedule TIME/DATE: 7:30, 8:45, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Tuesday, 9 a.m. Wednesday-rider, 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 spirwalkero01@aol.com

Understanding the Mass: Why Do We Do What We Do? TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15

DETAILS: This is a "Catholic Update" presentation held by Father Tim Hogan.

Oak Pointe Church **LOCATION:** 50200 W. 10 Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit 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; Driver's License and Medicare card 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.

St. James Catholic **LOCATION:** 46325 10 Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 347-7778

Mass Schedule TIME/DATE: 8, 9:30 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

CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit www.umcnovi.com

Novi Baptist Church of Novi **LOCATION:**

Spotlight on Business

Pillar to Post



Randy Patterson of Pillar to Post uses his laptop to generate a custom inspection report for his customers.

It's no secret that Michigan's economy is down now and people are having trouble selling their homes. But the good news is that many people are deciding to keep their homes and fixing them up — making them safer and more comfortable.

And that's where Pillar to Post professional home inspections of Novi is the answer.

Owner Randy

Patterson said that many people hire his company to perform routine inspections on their homes. "They don't have to be buying or selling to have a home inspection," he said.

The reasons for hiring professionals like Patterson are to ensure that a home is safe and healthy to live in. Many things that people take for granted or ignore are often the things that can be the most harmful.

Patterson gave some examples. One is over-insulating an attic. He said too much insulation in the wrong place can block soffit, which leads to condensation on roof sheathing. This, in turn leads to a build-up of mold and mildew in areas where people don't generally look. Mold, particularly black mold, can be very harmful to humans and its growth is preventable with the proper inspection of attics, crawl spaces, basements, and plumbing fixtures.

"We will check for elevated levels of mold in the home by taking indoor and outdoor samples and comparing the levels," he said. "We follow EPA guidelines on how to remediate the mold depending on how large or small the affected area is."

Besides checking for problems which may affect the health of home occupants, Patterson also inspects homes for things that can cause damage to appliances and electrical equipment. For example, if a two-prong electrical outlet is replaced with an updated three-prong outlet, many people will not add a ground wire to the new outlet. "There is potential for damage to things like computers if the outlet is not properly grounded," Patterson said. "It's best to hire an electrician to install the ground wire."

He also checks fuse boxes and notes any improperly installed glass fuses which may be "over-amped" and could potentially be a fire hazard. Part of the Pillar to Post 1600-point computer-generated inspection includes checking the exterior of the home for cracks or damage around windows, gutters, downspouts, vent stacks, chimneys, and shingles. Patterson also checks the foundation area of the home to ensure proper grading for water runoff.

He noted that owners of new homes should consider a complete inspection because many times some of the work may not have been completed by contractors or workers may have accidentally swept debris into ductwork which would affect proper airflow and could be hazardous to breath.

Patterson talked about some of the most common problems he finds:

- Cracked caulking on home exterior.
- Chipped or peeling paint.
- Tree branches hanging onto roofs.
- Dirty ventilation ducts.
- Improperly operating furnace.

Patterson is happy to work with homeowners one-on-one during the inspection process and welcomes them to join him. They can see the things he lists in his report and know what needs immediate attention. Part of the inspection includes the report in a folder which homeowners can also use to log in repairs and utility bills — all things that come in handy when the homeowner plans to sell the house.

Patterson suggests calling his office and setting up appointments 4-7 days in advance. Despite the Michigan economy, he is very busy and wants to make sure everyone who calls can have their inspection done in a timely and professional manner.

For more information call (248)-755-3422 or visit the Pillar to Post website at www.ptphome.com/westoaklandlivingston.

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Oct. 16
DETAILS: Inside Edition anchor and author, Deborah Norville, will be signing copies of her latest book "Thank You Power."

ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE

46100 Grand River Ave. Call (248) 348-5600 or visit <http://rockfinancialshowplace.com> for more information.

18th Annual Detroit Camper & RV Show

TIME/DATE: 2-9 p.m. Oct. 3-5; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Oct. 6; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 7

DETAILS: Admission for adults \$8, children 12 and under are free; parking \$5.

Fall Remodeling & Design Expo

TIME/DATE: 12-9 p.m. Oct. 12; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Oct. 13; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 14

DETAILS: Admission for adults \$8, seniors \$5, children 12 and under are free; parking \$5. Includes Grammie's Angels Arts, Crafts and More Show; free.

N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia
DETAILS: The cost is \$75 per person. Mail M. vonGlan, 20997 Chase Drive, Novi, MI 48375 for tickets; deadline is Sept. 30. Reunion committee is looking for classmates from the class of 1957.

CONTACT: June Class-Marj Storch at marj.storch@sbcbjeb-al.net, Mary Middleton at marymglah@aol.com, Susan (Simon) Geraci (248) 697-9429 or vincegeraci1@yahoo.com; January Class-Eleanor Locke at elocke@aol.com or Dick Bebbington at rbebb@seville@yahoo.com.

Plymouth High School Class of 1968

DETAILS: The Class of 1968 is looking for classmates for their 40th Class Reunion to be held July 19, 2008 in Livonia. For more information, contact Janet (Sheedy) Johnston at (734) 437-3534 or e-mail to pn40@threunion@charter.net.

REGIONAL

Celebration of Life Musical Concert

TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 7

LOCATION: New Hope Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 57886 Grand River Ave., New Hudson

DETAILS: A special free music event featuring Laz from Gemini and a special musician friend from Ecuador perform during the Celebration of Life Services.
CONTACT: newhopeuuc.org

CLASS REUNIONS

Detroit Mackenzie High School Class of 1957

DATE: Friday, Oct. 19

TIME: 6:30 p.m. to midnight

LOCATION: Radisson, 17123

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Sunday Youth Basketball League

DATE: Every Sunday-Oct. 28

LOCATION: Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia

DETAILS: On Sunday Sept. 9, 10-12 year-olds report at 3 p.m.; 13-15 year-olds report at 5 p.m.; teams formed based on evaluation period the first day each session consists of a skill building session and a league game; teams coached by Madonna University Men's Basketball Players; cost is \$100; to register contact Chuck Henry at (734) 399-5975 or (734) 432-5591.

Northville Library Foreign Film Series

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Mondays

LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., Northville, (248) 349-3020

DETAILS: Oct. 22 "Nobody Knows," Japanese; Nov. 19 "Salaam Bombay," Hindi; and Dec. 19 "The Sea Inside," Spanish. All films are free, ethnic treats provided; call library to make reservations.

Northville Book Club

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19

LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 East Main St.

DETAILS: "As I Lay Dying" by William Faulkner
CONTACT: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

City of Wixom

CONTACT: Community

Services Programs, 49045 Pontiac Trail, Wixom, (248) 624-2850

Senior Ongoing Programs

Some of these activities have a fee

Monday: 10-11 a.m. Exercise Class

Tuesday: 10 a.m.-noon Knit/Crochet and Sew Group; noon-2:30 p.m. Line Dancing

Wednesday: 10-11 a.m. Exercise Class

Second Monday: 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch

Second Tuesday: 10 a.m. Senior Commission

Second Thursday: 11:30 a.m. Bingo

Fourth Thursday: 10-11:30 a.m. Blood Pressure

Oakland Press Food Drive

TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 1-12

LOCATION: City Hall, Community Services

DETAILS: Help fight hunger, bring your non-perishable food to be distributed to Oakland County residents in need.

Teen Advisory Committee

DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 16 Hot Dog Cook-out, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18

TIME: 3:30-5 p.m.

LOCATION: Gibson Park Teen Center, 49805 Pontiac Trail

DETAILS: For ages 13-18; bring a friend and join the fun; monthly meetings to plan activities, special teen events and community service projects.

6th Annual Monster Mash

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19

DETAILS: Come dressed to give the crowd a chuckle or scare, DJ will play the latest rock dead hits; cost is \$8 per

person for ages 2 and up; pizza dinner and treats; bring your camera; must pre-register by 3 p.m. on Oct. 18.

South Lyon Square Dance Club

LOCATION: VFW Post 2502, 125 E. McHattie St., South Lyon

DETAILS: American Square Dancing; no experience necessary; public and families welcome.

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10: Old Fashioned Square Dance; \$4 CONTACT: <http://squaredancemichigan.tripod.com/southlyon.html> or call (248) 486-0043

Women's Resource Center Fall Luncheon Series

TIME/DATE: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26 and Dec. 14

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Schoolcraft College

LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, Haggerty Road between

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SPORTS SPOTLIGHT: SOCCER

STORY CHAT: WHAT DO YOU THINK? TELL US AT WWW.NOVINNEWS.COM

**Novi ties Northville
 in Baseline Battle**



Photo by Mike Shuster

Novi's Bobby Laski plays the ball in front of teammate Adam Pyett and goalkeeper Craig Demshuk.

Both goals scored in final four minutes

By Jeff Thelsen
 NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Northville carried much of the play Saturday against their rivals from Novi, but the two soccer powerhouses played to a 1-all tie at Northville.

All the scoring came in the final four minutes.

Northville had several chances in the first half and more in the second, but they finally

broke through with 3:45 to play.

Off a free kick, Latif Alashe settled the ball behind the defense and knocked it home low to the far post for a 1-0 lead.

Novi (10-2-2) switched from a defensive formation to a three-forward formation, and it paid off in the final minute.

Miles Reichley fed a ball to Nate Robinson, who beat a defender, but was fouled about 25-yards out with 50 seconds left.

Robinson took the free kick with less than 30 seconds left and buried it into the upper left of the net, over the Northville wall.

"I was proud of the way we responded after Northville scored, we calmly substituted, changed formations and put a lot of pressure on them," Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said. "This is a big change for us, in the past

See **SOCCER, 2B**



Photo submitted by Angie Hoover

Arshaun Hall, left, takes a handoff behind the offensive line Friday against Brighton.

**Novi's D too
 much for Dogs**

*Wildcats stay atop KVC
 standings with 14-3 victory*

By Jeff Thelsen
 NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Novi pushes its winning streak to four with a similar story script as the previous wins — keep it close and pull it out in the second half.

The Wildcat defense held the Brighton Bulldogs (3-3, 3-2) out of the endzone for a 14-3 road victory, staying tied with South Lyon and Howell with 4-1 records in the KVC.

The win also leaves Novi one win shy of automatically qualifying for the playoffs.

"Confidence should be with a person all the time," Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey said. "These young men have confidence about themselves. That was there to begin with, we were able to just kind of group together and become a solid team."

"I'm impressed with the overall character of these young men."

Arshaun Hall scored a pair of second-half touchdowns, one rushing and one receiving for the Wildcats (5-1, 4-1).

His first score came on a 15-yard pass from Mark Heard with 2:56 left in the third. The touchdown finished off a 9-play, 95-yard drive. Heard hit Aaron Pugh with a 59-yard pass one third-and-12 for the big play during

the drive. "Everybody was covered except for Arshaun," Heard said. "I just looked out to the flats and he was wide open, so I just threw it out there to him."

Backbreaker

The final score came with 3:27 left. Brighton was loading the box and Kellepourey called for a misdirection play that caught the Bulldogs off guard.

The running play moves to the left before handing off to Hall heading in the opposite direction. Once he broke the line, the Bulldog defense had committed

See **WILDCATS, 4B**



Photo submitted by Dennis Barnes

Mel Farr blocks as Joe Kirville returns an interception for a score.

Shamrocks shock Eaglets, 21-10

**■ CC scores
 final 21 points
 for Boys Bowl**

By Jeff Thelsen
 NEWS SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central played its best game of the year against one of the best teams in the state and won the Boys Bowl 21-10 against Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

The win puts the Shamrocks (4-2, 1-2) back in the hunt for the Central Division race with Brother Rice, De La Salle and the Eaglets. It also ends a two-game

slide after starting the year 3-0.

"It was the best victory we've had since we've been at Novi," Shamrock head coach Tom Mach said. "The kids came out and played a great game. We got better as the game went on."

"The kids deserve a lot of praise for the way they worked for the last 10 months. They won this game before we even got to it."

Things didn't look good to start the game. The Eaglets opened up a 10-0 lead in the first quarter, but that would be it.

"They stuffed our power game pretty much," Mach said. "We went to a couple of different things. We moved the ball throwing it a little and by going outside

and inside. We kind of spread them out a little bit which opened the game up."

Catholic Central got on the board in the second quarter when Cory Amble broke free from 24 yards out with 1:18 left in the first half.

The Shamrocks took their first lead of the game when Ryan Houska bought some time on a play before finding Scott Kovanda open for a 40-yard score with 3:36 left in the third.

"Houska made a great play keeping the play alive," Mach said. "Kovanda found some space and made the catch."

The final points came from the defense. A tipped pass at the line

ended up in the hands of Joe Kinville. He ran in from 18-yards out for a 21-10 lead with 9:45 left to play.

"We've been playing pretty well against everybody," Mach said. "We held Brother Rice to no touchdowns and lost 12-7. We took De La Salle to overtime. "The magic is in believing. We had to start believing in ourselves. Down 10-0 and to come back and win 21-10, that's a great tribute to these kids."

Amble led the Shamrock rushing attack with 89 yards on 13 carries. Houska hit connected on

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Novi celebrates Nate Robinson's goal with just seconds left to play Saturday against Northville.

Soccer: Rivalry game ends in tie

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when we have given up goals, our level of play drops. This time it intensified."

The first half was all Mustangs. They held a 10-2 shot advantage in the first half and just missed on a couple of golden opportunities.

About 10 minutes in, Alashe sent Alex Marilley in off a give-and-go feed, but Novi keeper Craig Demshuk made the save.

Five minutes later, John Hatzis got behind the defense off a feed from Marilley and fired a shot just wide of the post.

With 15 minutes left in the first half, Doug Beason fired a shot off the goalpost.

"All in all, we were very fortunate to be tied 0-0 at the half," O'Leary said. "Not only were we at a huge shot disadvantage, but ball possession must have been about 70 percent Northville, 30 percent Novi."

Novi then missed a quality chance halfway through the second half.

Robinson sent a corner kick in that was headed by Bobby Laski, but cleared by defender Nick Scabassi before it could cross the line.

"We felt in the first half we squandered a few good chances by not stepping up to the situation," O'Leary said. "So we talked at halftime about when we get our good chances we need to capitalize, and we did just that."

Northville suffered a similar fate five minutes later. Marilley sent a shot on goal that was stopped by Demshuk but sent back on goal by Beason. Wildcat defender Dan Kilger knocked the ball out of danger, saving a sure goal.

Novi 8, Howell 0

The Wildcats took care of KVC foe Howell in mercy fashion a day before playing Northville.

Goals went to Alessandro Donini (2), Matt Masserant (2), Reichley, Robinson, Roland Razburgaj and Maerdin Shataier.

Assists went to Garrett Gauruder, Shaun Rydzewski, Reichley, Robinson, Masserant, Nick Brockman and Doug McGinn (2). Craig Demshuk earned the shutout in goal.

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A Novi defender tries to avoid being kicked during Saturday's game against Northville.



Novi's Adam Pyett controls the ball at Northville.

Novi tennis shines at home

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

The Wildcat tennis team (8-1, 5-0) held court twice in the last two weeks, winning home tournaments. The Wildcats also went 2-1 in dual competitions.

Novi won its home tournament Sept. 22, scoring 21 points and claiming five of the eight titles. Birmingham Seaholm (16 points) was second in the eight-team tourney.

Claiming titles for Novi were Ryan Bell and Carson Crandell at No. 3 and No. 4 singles, respectively.

Winning doubles titles were Ryan Goodman and Jason Hsu at No. 2, Tim Oh and Greg Richard at No. 3 and Nathan Farooq and Vishnu Venugopal at No. 4.

The Wildcats held a four-team quad this past Saturday, with all four schools ranked in the top 10 in the state. The Wildcats scored 17 points to beat Brother Rice (14), Ann Arbor Huron (13) and Troy (10).

Winning titles for Novi were Justin Farooq and Ameya Sohani at No. 1 doubles and the No. 5 doubles team of Derek Richard and Brent Wornack. The Wildcats also placed five positions in second place.

"Overall, it was a good tournament for all the teams," Novi head coach Jim Hanson said. "The winner was high school tennis. It was outstanding weather and outstanding competition."

In dual matches, the Wildcats lost to No. 1 ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer 6-2. Winning for the Wildcats were Tim Oh and Greg Richard at No. 3 doubles (6-4, 3-6, 6-4) and the No. 4 doubles team of Nathan Farooq and Vishnu Venugopal (2-6, 6-0, 6-2).

Novi had little trouble with Lakeland and Brighton, winning 9-0 in both matches without losing a set.

"I'm pleased with how the KVC matches went," Hanson said. "Against Pioneer, we played the best we have all year long. Pioneer is the No. 1 team in the state, and we found out why. We played them tough in every flight."

"Their fourth doubles, that was their first loss of the year. That was a great win by Nathan and Vishnu."

Novi Boys Cross Country

The Wildcats were in solid form, knocking off league foes Howell and Lakeland.

Against Lakeland, Josh Lunley (17:11) and Aaron Croad (17:23) finished 1-2. Josh Butler finished fourth (17:30), Mike Blaszczek placed fifth (17:34) and Lukas Barnes was sixth to close out the scoring (17:38) in an 18-39 victory.

Novi Golf

The Novi golf team clipped Hartland 200-209 before finishing ninth at the Oakland County Invite.

Against Hartland, the Wildcats improved to 6-1 with the victory. Natalie Krick led Novi with a 48. Alex Palmer and Kelsey Brandemuhl both shot 50s, and Dana Czekaj shot a 52 to close out the scoring at Dunham Hills. Vidhi Bamzai scored a 50 in JV play.

At the Oakland Invite, Krick finished seventh individually with an 83. Palmer was next with a 105, followed by Brook Collins with a 110 and Czekaj with a 114.

Novi volleyball

The Novi volleyball team dealt with hostile territory against South Lyon, but the Wildcats still managed to come away with a five-game victory. Novi also beat Brighton in three games.

Against South Lyon, the stands were packed with Lion supporters that helped the hosts off to a 25-19 first-game win. Novi tied the match with the same margin. The Lions went back in front with a 25-22 win, and again, the Wildcats answered with a 25-22 win to send the match into a final game. Novi went ahead 12-8, only to see the Lions storm back to tie the match at 14 and 15. Novi put the Lions to bed with the final two points to gain the win.

Against Brighton, Novi cruised 27-25, 25-20, 25-17.

CC Soccer (11-2-3, 6-0-2)

The Catholic Central soccer team wrapped



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Wildcat Carson Crandell tracks down a ball during Novi's visit to Greenhills School in Ann Arbor.

up the CHSL regular season divisional title with a 9-1 win against Orchard Lake St. Mary's and a 1-1 tie with Brother Rice.

Scoring against the Eaglets were Brad Smith (2), Joe Bellino (2), Casey Quinn, Matt Bessesen, Josh Gatt, Mike Delagarza, Jack Dumsa. Assists went to Brian Murphy (2), Andy Parsens, Quinn, Jack Dumsa, Ryan Gage, Delagarza, Nick Kristock and Aaron Baumeier.

Wes Harding made two saves for the win. Gatt scored the lone goal against Rice with an assist to Bessesen.

"The Catholic League Central is always one of the toughest divisions in high school soccer," Shamrock head coach Joe Nora said. "I'm very proud of the way our team prepared for each game and the way they represented CC. These boys have worked very hard all year to become a team that plays well together and has an equal balance of offense and defense."

"It is a great honor to win the Central Division, but now our goal is to continue to improve as we head into the Catholic League playoffs and the state tournament."

Schedules



Novi

Football
10/5 vs. South Lyon (Homecoming), 7 p.m.

Cross Country
10/6 at Kensington (Oak County), 10 a.m.
10/9 vs. South Lyon, 4 p.m.

Tennis
10/6 KVC Championships, TBA

Volleyball
(JV time listed, varsity follows)
10/4 at Milford, 5 p.m.
10/6 at Saline Invite, 8 a.m. (varsity time)
10/9 vs. Pinckney, 5 p.m.

Soccer
10/4 vs. Brighton, 7 p.m.
10/9 at South Lyon, 7 p.m.

Swim and Dive
10/4 at Brighton, 6 p.m.
10/5-6 at Lake Orion (Oak

County), 9 a.m.

Golf
10/11 at Regionals, TBA



Catholic Central

Football
10/6 at Divine Child (Crestwood HS), 7 p.m.

Cross Country
10/6 at Kensington Park (Oak County), 10 a.m.
10/8 at U-D (Stoney Creek), 4:15 p.m.

Tennis
10/6 at CHSL Tourney, TBA

Soccer
End of regular season, play-offs 10/15

Catholic Central goes on road vs. Divine Child

■ Shamrocks two wins away from playoff spot

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

The ups and downs during a season can be quite dramatic in high school football.

Catholic Central coach Tom Mach called Sunday's win against Orchard Lake St. Mary's the best since moving to Novi.

But he knows after three weeks of playing Brother Rice, De La Salle and Orchard Lake St. Mary's, the team better continue to play with emotion and not suffer a letdown.

"We have to make sure, even though we played a great game, to continue on it and build on it," Mach said. "I think the kids understand that. They're a hard-working group."

"The Central Division has really gotten tough these last few years. You could finish fourth and still be a state contender if you get enough points. In the Central Division, you never get a break."

Next up for the Shamrocks is a 7 p.m. Saturday night game against Divine Child, played at Crestwood High School.

The Falcons are 3-3 and fresh off a 39-7 loss to De La Salle.

"They do a lot of throwing. They have a good quarterback and run shotgun," Mach said. "They keep you off-balance."

"It's always a rivalry with Catholic Central and Divine Child."

Last week's win leaves the Shamrocks in control of their own playoff destiny. A loss would've meant Catholic Central would've had to run the table to make the postseason. But the win puts the Shamrocks in the driver's seat, along with providing a huge shot in the arm.

"Our backs were against the wall," Mach said. "I think the players sensed that too. Another loss and you are putting yourself in jeopardy."

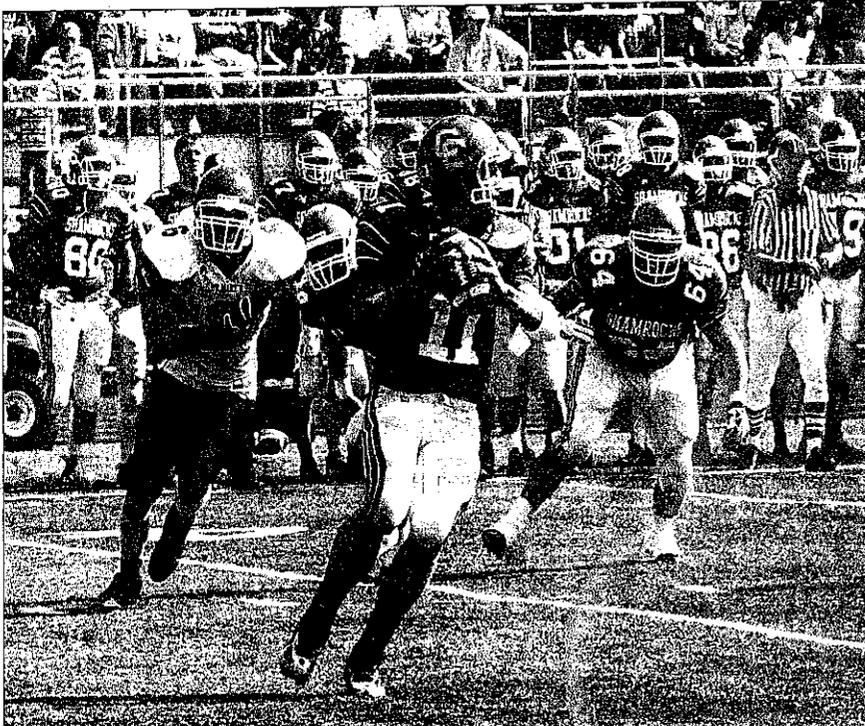
"We really needed this, just so they know they could do it. It should give us a whole bunch of confidence."

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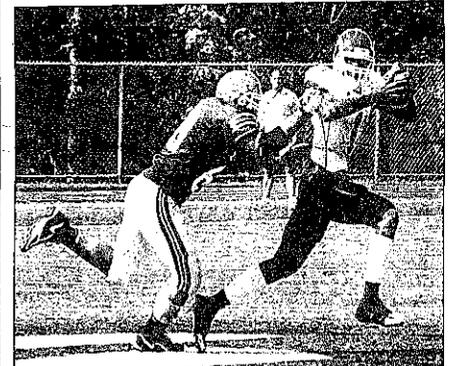
Joe Kinville scores off an interception as Jack Daykin celebrates Sunday.



Ryan Houska rolls out for a pass Sunday against Orchard Lake St. Mary's. Lineman Jim Morasso (right) looks on.



Scott Kovanda catches the ball in front of an Eaglet defender.



Mike Martin chases down the Orchard Lake St. Mary's quarterback.

■ SHAMROCKS: CC wins 21-10

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three of his seven passes for 64 yards.

Chris Fischer led the defense with 16 tackles. Kinville was next with 11.

With the place packed for the Boys Bowl, the National Anthem was christened by flyover from former CC alumni. Mach admitted the flyover was special, but the win was what the program needed the most.

"Our kids really, really played a great football game," he said. "They wanted it really bad. I'm real happy for them."

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WILDCAT HOMECOMING

Wildcats face fourth straight opponent tied for KVC lead

By Jeff Theisen
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

For the fourth week in a row, Novi will be playing a team that is tied for first place in the KVC. It's also homecoming for the Wildcats as they play host to South Lyon 7 p.m. Friday.

"Homecoming is a great time," Novi head coach Tab Kellepporey said. "It's a great time of the year for high school football."

"We get the alumni to come back. It is really a rewarding time to come back on your field and have homecoming."

Novi has reeled off consecutive wins against previously undefeated Lakeland (13-9), previously undefeated Lakeland (10-9) and Brighton, a team with one loss in the league last week (14-3).

Now, the Wildcats can take control of the league with a win against S. 1-4-1 South Lyon.

The Lions are riding the same four game winning streak as the Wildcats. South Lyon topped Brighton 6-0, Pinckney 42-17, Hartland 42-28 and Milford 21-18 going into Friday's contest.

The only other league team with one loss is Howell, and the Highlanders face South Lyon next week.

The Lions like to line up and

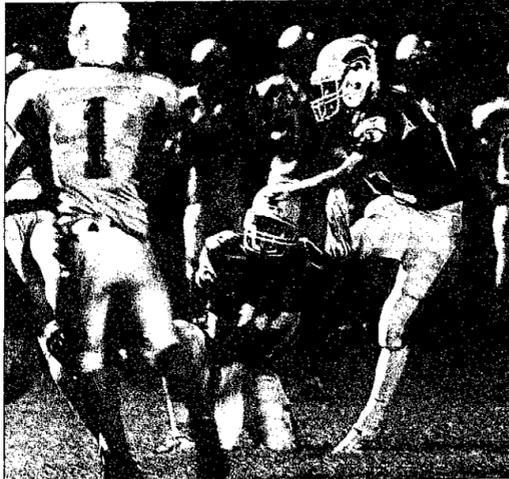


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Novi kicker Matt Masserant kicks an extra point during the Lakeland game. Masserant's field goal, later in the game, was the difference-maker.

try to run it down the defense's throat if they can.

Defense has been the name of the game for the Wildcats during their winning streak. They have allowed one touchdown in the last three games.

The Lions like to line up and

was stopped by a Pat Schlenke interception that all but sealed the win.

"Coach (Jeff) Burnside is getting us ready," Schlenke said. "We're communicating well out there. We're putting two and two together and performing well."

"If it wasn't for the D-line, we wouldn't have gotten a couple of picks today. Those guys are pretty much the heart and soul for the defense. If they operate well, then things are easy for the secondary."

Brighton was first on the scoreboard with a 23-yard field goal with 2:49 remaining in the first half.

Stats
The Novi defense limited the

Bulldogs to 51 yards rushing on 23 attempts. Quarterback Devin Hockberg completed just eight of 23 passes for 118 yards with two interceptions. Hockberg's 71-yard pass that led to the field goal amounted for almost half of Brighton's total yardage (169). Alex Vituske led the Bulldogs with 31 yards rushing on six carries.

The Novi offense rolled up 339 total yards (148 rushing, 191 passing). Heard was 12-for-20 for 191 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions. Brandon Bradford hauled in seven catches for 81 yards.

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They just like to hit, and when they like to do things, they do it."

The defense will have to come up big once again, stopping a team that has averaged 35 points over its last three contests.

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Photo by Arnie Hoover

The Novi offensive line gets ready to snap the ball against Brighton.

KVC			
	W	L	T
Howell	4	1	5
Novi	4	1	5
South Lyon	4	1	5
Lakeland	4	2	4
Brighton	3	2	3
Milford	1	4	2
Hartland	1	4	2
Pinckney	0	5	1

Friday's Games
South Lyon at Novi
Pinckney at Lakeland
Brighton at Howell
Hartland at Milford

Homecoming

Who: Novi (5-1, 4-1) vs. South Lyon (5-1, 4-1)
Where: Novi
When: 7 p.m. Friday

Arshawn Hall continues to lead the offense, averaging 108 yards rushing a contest.

Mark Heard has completed exactly half of his passes (51-102) for an average of 134 yards a game.

Brandon Bradford has stepped out as the leading receiver, catching 19 passes for 315 yards and four touchdowns.

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Health

Steroids can lead to big problems

It seems lately that a day doesn't go by without some mention of anabolic steroids and human growth hormone (HGH) on ESPN and typically in the backdrop are highlights of Barry Bonds and Mark McGwire breaking home-run records.

As steroids are becoming a more prominent fixture in nightly sports-casts, the attention has focused on the cheating aspect of steroid use and rightly so. What is rarely seen is the athlete 20 years down the road with arthritis and liver damage. Unfortunately with the endless highlights and "Did he cheat?" debates, the real medical side effects of steroid use can get brushed under the rug. While Bonds was both vilified and glorified during his home-run chase, nobody talks about what the state of his health may be in 15 years. If the allegations of steroid use are true, his health likely will be as destroyed as the belt-high football he connects with.

Recent studies show that around 3 percent to 4 percent of high school seniors are taking or have taken steroids. This may seem rather small but in a school with class size of 300, it's 12 kids. In a school of 2000, that's up to 80 kids and, yes, that does include girls. Even more concerning is this number has steadily risen since the early 90's. As reports of record-setting elite athletes on steroids or HGH continue, it is only natural that this number will continue to rise.

In the past, articles and TV specials had railed against the dangers such as mood swings ("roid rage"), liver problems, heart problems, testicular shrinkage, deepening of the voice and increased facial hair. Given all these serious side effects, one would think that someone considering steroids would have considerable pause but on the contrary, the most worrisome side effects to most steroid users are the male breast enlargement and hair loss—short-term, cosmetic effects. The steroid user lives for the moment, wants physical gains now with a lack of long-term vision particularly regarding their own health. Although not physiologically addictive (which drugs such as cocaine and painkillers can be), performance-enhancing drugs produce a powerful psychological addiction, which can be as potent as the addiction to "hard" drugs. The typical thought when faced with long-term liver damage is "well, one cycle won't harm my liver."

The problem is, most who begin using steroids cannot stop and that one cycle turns into years of use. Another concern is that most of these drugs are obtained from illegal sources. Besides being in violation of federal laws, a possibly bigger concern from a health standpoint is that a certain percentage of drugs obtained are not sterile, or may not actually be steroids. Often it may be vegetable oil or even crude estrogenic hormones cheaply obtained from animals which can give the steroid user just the opposite effect of what they are looking for but also with many of the same side effects.

Part of the problem with steroids has been the medical establishment's refusal to acknowledge their efficacy. For years, physicians have trumpeted the side effects of these drugs yet denied the effectiveness of them in building lean muscle. Truthfully, these are highly potent substances with powerful muscle-building properties but also with severe, sometimes life-altering side effects. No doubt steroids can produce dramatic gains in lean muscle. Any steroid user can attest to that. If you are taking steroids, though, what you need to come to grips with is just as your peeps are growing and getting more defined, the drug is slowly destroying your liver, your blood vessels and perhaps your mind. With steroid use on the rise and its spread into mainstream sports, awareness needs to be raised about the medical risks, not just the cheating aspects of performance-enhancing drugs. Perhaps, instead of ESPN's constant barrage of bombs into McCovey Cove, nightly images of Mike Alzado and other athletes who have succumbed to steroid-induced disease would get the point across.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Raisins... Rock Around the Clock



FAMILY FEATURES

Looking for healthy, kid-friendly ideas for breakfast, lunch and after school? With family schedules increasingly hectic during the school season, look no further than simple ingredients and easy preparation to create wholesome meals and snacks that kids will love.

This school year, get the kids involved in the food-making process. From breakfast to lunch, and after-school snacks, when children are involved in the preparation, they are much more likely to eat what they have helped to create. Start the day off right with nutritious mini-muffins that taste like oatmeal raisin cookies. For lunch, try a healthful twist on PB&J with a peanut butter and raisin spread for sandwiches or wraps. After school, the spread doubles as a perfect snack when paired with graham cracker sticks and apple slices for dipping. For another healthy treat, create a scrumptious popcorn mix that can be eaten out of a big bowl or divided into individual snack bags and enjoyed throughout the week. Raisins are high in antioxidants and are a great way to incorporate fruit and fiber into kids' diets. Help kids develop healthy eating habits for life by trying these California Raisins recipes that are fun to make, yummy to eat and good for you, too — any time of day. For more kid-friendly recipes and information on California Raisins, visit www.LoveYourRaisins.com.



Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Muffins

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 12 to 14 minutes

- 1/2 cup California raisins
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup quick oats
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt
- 1/3 cup canned pumpkin
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 egg white

Preheat oven to 400°F and spray 18 mini-muffin tins with non-stick cooking spray. Stir together raisins and all dry ingredients in medium bowl. In separate bowl, mix together remaining ingredients and add to dry ingredients, stirring just until incorporated. Spoon into prepared muffin tins and bake 12 to 14 minutes or until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean.

Makes 18 mini-muffins
Note to parents: Kids can help by measuring and stirring in ingredients.

California Raisin Peanut Butter Spread

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes

- 3/4 cup California raisins
- 1/2 cup apple juice
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter

Measure raisins and apple juice into small saucepan and bring to boil; reduce heat to medium and simmer 8 to 10 minutes or until raisins have absorbed all juice. Stir in honey and cinnamon; cool slightly. Stir in peanut butter. Spread onto graham crackers, bread, mini-bagels, apple slices or celery sticks. Makes 1 2/3 cups

Recipe Variations:

Raisin Peanut Butter Griddle
Simmer California Raisin Peanut Butter Spread on whole wheat bread, top with banana slices and brown in a skillet.
Note to parents: Just do the prep work and have your kids assemble the sandwiches.

Raisin Peanut Butter Tortilla Roll-Ups
Wrap California Raisin Peanut Butter Spread and banana slices in a whole wheat tortilla and serve in pinwheel slices.

Note to parents: Just do the prep work and have your kids assemble and roll the wraps.

Pumpkin Pie Popcorn Mix with California Raisins

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 2 to 5 minutes

- 1 bag low-fat microwave popcorn
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
- Butter-flavored non-stick cooking spray
- 1 cup California raisins
- 1 package (5 ounces) glazed pecans

Prepare popcorn according to package directions; empty into large bowl and remove all unpopped kernels. Stir sugar and pumpkin pie spice together in small bowl. Spray popcorn liberally with cooking spray, tossing to coat evenly. Add raisins and pecans. Sprinkle with sugar mixture and toss until popcorn is well coated.

Makes 12 cups
Note to parents: Get your kids involved by having them toss the popcorn.

WILDCATS: Defense leads the way for Novi

continued from front

to the left, and there was nothing but open space between Hall and the endzone for a 48-yard score.

"I was surprised when I went through the gap and saw this wide open field," Hall said. "I just started running into the endzone."

Kellepporey loved the way his lineman sold the play and built a wall for Hall to run around.

"It was executed very well by Danny Enright, Graham Smith, Shane Lemere and Mark Bettrier," Kellepporey said. "You give a running back by the name of Arshawn Hall a little bit of green space, he knows what to do with it."
Brighton's next possession

was stopped by a Pat Schlenke interception that all but sealed the win.

"Coach (Jeff) Burnside is getting us ready," Schlenke said. "We're communicating well out there. We're putting two and two together and performing well."

"If it wasn't for the D-line, we wouldn't have gotten a couple of picks today. Those guys are pretty much the heart and soul for the defense. If they operate well, then things are easy for the secondary."

Brighton was first on the scoreboard with a 23-yard field goal with 2:49 remaining in the first half.

Stats
The Novi defense limited the

Bulldogs to 51 yards rushing on 23 attempts. Quarterback Devin Hockberg completed just eight of 23 passes for 118 yards with two interceptions. Hockberg's 71-yard pass that led to the field goal amounted for almost half of Brighton's total yardage (169). Alex Vituske led the Bulldogs with 31 yards rushing on six carries.

The Novi offense rolled up 339 total yards (148 rushing, 191 passing). Heard was 12-for-20 for 191 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions. Brandon Bradford hauled in seven catches for 81 yards.

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The Novi offensive line gets ready to snap the ball against Brighton.

Varsity Bobcats suffer first loss to Braves

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Bobcat JV tight end Charlie Ryan carries a defender with him.

Mizerowski, Alex Kinnaman, Steven Dickson and Aric Teran. Novi took the Braves kick off and put together a 20-yard run by Haynes, a 25-yard run to Zach Vidra pass play and 8-yard Bell run before stalling out on the Braves' 25 yard line as the third quarter wound down.

Another defensive stand by Novi including plays by Carston Cook forced a turn over on downs. The Bobcats were likewise unable to move against a tough Braves defense. The Novi generated a 7-yard line to Bell pass and a 15-yard run by Haynes before turning the ball over on downs with 5:01 left in the fourth period.

The Braves first touch after the turn over resulted in a 58-yard TD romp that put the Bobcats down 27-8 with 4:00 left in the game.

The Bobcats followed up a 67-yard drive on the back of the

option. Phil Ritchie, rolling to the right, hit tight end Charlie Ryan for a 27-yard touchdown. Ryan (2 rec, 38 yards) worked hard for the TD, stretching long to push the ball over the line. With the extra points, Novi lead 8-0 early in the first quarter.

Novi and Walled Lake traded possessions as special teams gave the Bobcats good field position. Matel was a force making three tackles on special teams alone. Novi's offensive line (Graham Gaudin, Ethan Roy, Mark Ryan, Blake McCusker and Mitch Pinkerton) fought hard to create holes for Novi's running game. It paid off in the second quarter as Jack Pinkerton (2 rush, 86 yards) found a seam on the left and sprinted 82 yards for Novi's second score (also his second TD of the year). Ritchie again nailed the extra point effort and Novi had a commanding 16-0 lead.

The Braves continued to penetrate the Bobcats' side of the field with their first two drives ending in the Bobcats' 20- and 27-yard lines. Two 25-yard punts by Bobby Fox were the best offensive plays the Bobcats had to start the second half. The Braves had momentum on their third drive and it looked like they would tie the score. That is until Ryan Moore absolutely crushed the Braves running back causing a fumble which the Braves recovered on their 25 yard line. Two plays later, Andrew Schroeder curbed against the grain and sprinted 72 yards for a Bobcats touchdown and the final score of the football game.

Schroeder had nine carries, gained 113 yards and scored the final touchdown. Ryan Conlon's kickoff return of 65 yards forced the Braves to play from behind the entire game giving the Bobcats a psychological advantage. Schroeder led all tacklers with eight solo and four assists, Colton Neisius and Andrew Hixon each had six total tackles. Ryan Moore had five tackles, and earned his second "stick-of-the-game" award of the season when he created the fumble in the fourth quarter. The Bobcats' defense stood strong the entire game and earned their second shutout of the season.

Freshmen top Braves 13-0
On a beautiful Homecoming day, the Freshman Novi Bobcats defeated the Walled Lake Braves 13-0 to extend their record to 5-0.

The big and aggressive Braves (3-1) played extremely tough winning the battle of field position, and time of possession by controlling the ball on offense. It was a defensive battle with the Bobcats capitalizing on two big-play opportunities.

Ryan Conlon of the Bobcats' first year freshman team received the opening kickoff, used his speed to reach the corner, and cut inside two Braves' defenders on his way to an electrifying 65-yard touchdown. On the extra-point, Michael Ulle executed a quarter-back kick following the blocks of David Denova, Ryan Conlon and Connor Moore to increase the

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16 servings
Prep Time: 30 minutes
Cook Time: 50 minutes

- Cake:**
- 2/3 cup milk
 - 4 Lipton Blueberry & Pomegranate Flavor Pyramid Tea Bags
 - 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1-1/4 cups (2-1/2 sticks) I Can't Believe It's Not Butter! Original spread
 - 1 cup granulated sugar
 - 4 large eggs
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract*

- Glaze:**
- 1/2 cup boiling water
 - 4 Lipton Blueberry & Pomegranate Flavor Pyramid Tea Bags
 - 1 cup confectioners' sugar

For cake, preheat oven to 350°F. Generously grease and flour 10-inch Bundt pan; set aside. In microwave-safe cup, microwave milk at HIGH 1-1/2 minutes or until very hot. Add tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze; cool.

In medium bowl, combine flour and baking powder; set aside.

In large bowl, with electric mixer on medium speed beat spread with granulated sugar 3 minutes or until creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, scraping sides after each addition. Alternately add flour mixture and tea mixture, ending with flour mixture and mixing just until blended. Beat in vanilla. Pour into prepared pan.

Bake 50 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. On wire rack, cool 10 minutes; remove from pan and place on wire rack lined with waxed paper. With wooden skewer, poke warm cake on all sides.

For glaze, in small bowl, pour boiling water over remaining tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze; then stir in confectioners' sugar until smooth. Brush cake with glaze until absorbed. Cool cake completely before serving.

*Substitution: Try using 1 tablespoon lemon juice and omit vanilla extract.

Lemon-Blueberry Sorbet

- 4 servings
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Brew Time: 5 minutes
Chill Time: 2 hours
- 1-1/4 cups boiling water
 - 6 Lipton Tuscan Lemon Flavored Black Pyramid Tea Bags
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 3 cups frozen blueberries*

Pour boiling water over Lipton tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze. Stir in sugar until dissolved; cool. In blender, process tea mixture with blueberries until almost smooth. Turn into 8- by 8-inch metal pan; freeze 1 hour. With fork, stir to break up ice. Freeze an additional hour or until firm. Stir with fork; serve immediately.

*Also great with frozen peaches or a combination of blueberries and peaches.

Hot Fruity Toddy

- 2 servings
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 5 minutes
Brew Time: 5 minutes
- 1-1/2 cups boiling water
 - 2 Lipton Blueberry & Pomegranate Flavor Pyramid Tea Bags
 - 2 tablespoons almond liqueur
 - 1 tablespoon pure maple syrup
 - 1 tablespoon orange liqueur

Pour boiling water over tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze. Stir in remaining ingredients. Serve hot. This is also delicious cold. Serve over ice and top with flavored whipped topping.

Blueberry Pomegranate Fruit Smoothie

- 2 servings
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Brew Time: 5 minutes
Chill Time: 1 hour
- 1 cup boiling water
 - 4 Lipton Blueberry & Pomegranate Flavor Pyramid Tea Bags
 - 2 tablespoons sugar
 - 1 cup frozen strawberries
 - 1 pint (2 cups) vanilla frozen yogurt

Pour boiling water over tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze. Stir in sugar until dissolved; chill. In blender, process tea mixture with remaining ingredients until smooth. Serve immediately.

Hot Chocolate Tea

- 2 servings
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 2 minutes
Brew Time: 5 minutes
- 1 cup water
 - 2 tablespoons sugar
 - 2 Lipton Bedtime Story Caffeine-Free Herbal Pyramid Tea Bags
 - 1 cup chocolate soy milk

In 1-quart saucepan, bring water and sugar to a boil over high heat. Remove from heat and add tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze. Stir in soy milk and heat through.

Also makes a great cold drink. In blender, process chilled tea, remaining ingredients and 2 cups ice cubes until slushy. Serve immediately.



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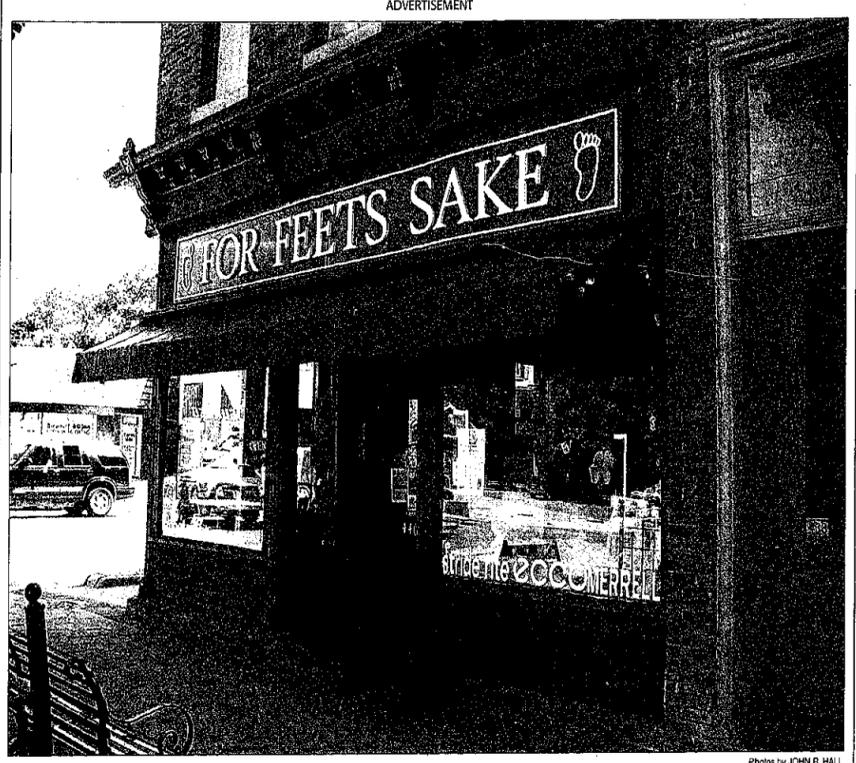
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At the corner of North Main and Commerce streets in downtown Milford, feet walk into For Feets Sake tired and grumpy, but leave comfortable and ready for the road. Photos by JOHN R. HALL

Meet your feet's best friend in Milford

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

You don't have to be a pedorthist to appreciate the newest shoe store in downtown Milford. That's probably because being a pedorthist is not the first thing that customers at For Feets Sake inquire about when they enter the store on the corner of Main and Commerce in the old McMurtin Jewelry store building. Owners Aaron and Traci Goodnough are happy to talk about their new store and the services and products they offer, even being board certified pedorthists (defined as specialists in using footwear to solve problems in, or related to, the foot and lower limb). Aaron thinks the most visible thing that customers will see and experience is the great customer service his staff offers.

"We work with every customer, starting first by measuring their feet," he said. "People sometimes are surprised to learn their real size. A lot of stores simply offer piles of shoes to pick from. We fit each shoe correctly. When a customer leaves our store they know their new shoes will fit right."

Aaron brings a lot of experience to the store, which he and Traci opened in August 2006. He has been selling shoes since his college days and eventually became certified to work on shoe inserts and modifications, something he hasn't had a lot of time to do since the store opened.

"We opened during the Milford Memories weekend in 2006 and things have been very busy for us," he added. "We are seeing returning customers, especially those purchasing children's shoes."

Aaron said that children's shoes have been a very good business at For Feets Sake because parents want their kids to have shoes that fit correctly — especially parents in the Milford community.

"We love this community," he said. "It is

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very family oriented with many established families and new, young families. That fits us because we have a very family friendly environment in the store."

Besides good service in a friendly environment, For Feets Sake carries some very popular brands of shoes, including Clarks of England, Ecco, New Balance, Merrell, and Crocs.

The staff of five people can also help with special-order shoes which may not be in stock. Aaron said he has access to many "narrow, medium, wide, big, or small shoes."

For Feets Sake is also working with local school athletic teams to offer team discounts on athletic shoes.

"The more our name gets out into the community the more the local coaches will tie our name to the products they use," Aaron added. Some of the upcoming things that Aaron and Traci are working on include a new Web site, which will debut soon. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8



For Feets Sake's owner, Aaron Goodnough, is proud to sell the popular New Balance athletic shoe line.

p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Aaron, Traci, and the staff are happy to work with customers of all ages. And if Aaron finds some extra time, he will even repair and/or recork his customer's

Birkenstock sandals. It's just another way that For Feets Sake has found its niche in Milford. For more information call (248) 676-9080 or stop by the store at 440 N. Main St., in downtown Milford.

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We can provide you a Home Check-up to ensure you know the existing conditions of your home. Good knowledge of your home's condition can save money on repairs. For instance, replacing damaged sections of the roof rather than re-roofing the entire house, or completing repairs to unknown water leaks, air leaks, or for unknown gas or carbon monoxide leaks are a few things to consider. This will provide you Peace of Mind in knowing and understanding issues which should have attention to them and avoid major issues down the road.



Randall Patterson

- Have you had routine service for the heating and cooling systems in your home? Have the systems been checked for efficient operations? This can help reduce your overall heating and cooling cost.

- Have you checked your doors and windows for air leaks. This may also identify broken seals in thermal pane windows as well as identify maintenance that would be required to keep windows in good condition and provide ease of operations for the windows. Windows stuck closed may simply be painted shut, or a symptom of condensation build up that has formed a glue like substance on the window frame. Ensure that you know which is the cause and what type of attention as required.

- Is the storage area in your basement in the area of your hot water tank and furnace? Is this area full of boxes and storage items to the point that your furnace may not have the sufficient air intake available in this area to run efficiently and safely?

- Are all the appliances in good safe operational condition.

- Have your home checked for any air leaks which could be reducing your Home Energy efficiency from around doors, windows, drains, water pipes, and roof stacks.

- Ensure your attic has the proper amount of insulation and ventilation. Ventilation is the typical item found to be improper in the majority of home in this area. Proper ventilation will help prevent condensation/moisture build up in attic space. Proper ventilation will also help avoid excessive heat in attics which could lead to pre-mature shingle failure. Do you have mildew or mold growing in your attic?

- Ensure the bathroom vents are not venting into the attic space which could cause excessive moisture build up and possible mildew/mold development.

- Ensure all exterior drainage and water run off for the roof is properly moved away from the foundation and structure. This will help avoid damp basements and wood siding decay.

- Are there any unknown water leaks for the plumbing system of the house? Are all showers, faucets, toilets and drains operating properly?

- Do your lights dim when the dishwasher or furnace/Air Conditioner are running, or do you have a breaker that often trips?

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Welcoming visitors to Northville's Three Cedars Farm for traditional fall activities are Jamie Martin, left, and her mother Sherry Whittakers, two of the Whittakers' family members who own and operate the favorite local autumn destination.

Relax and enjoy traditional corn maze, cider and more at Three Cedars Farm

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

What started with a pumpkin patch six years ago has blossomed into a treasure trove of memories and traditions for visitors to the Three Cedars Farm in Northville. Owners Gary and Sherry Whittakers have transformed their 51-acre working farm into a delightful experience for families and people of all ages.

Located west of the village of Salem on Six Mile Road, Three Cedars Farm opened up this year in mid-September and will stay open seven days a week until November 4, reopening on weekends the day after Thanksgiving up until Christmas Eve.

MANY THINGS TO DO

Visitors have many attractions to keep themselves busy, including hayrides, a seven-acre corn maze, group bonfires, delicious cider and donuts, a well-stocked country store, and a goat farm, where children can pet and feed the goats.

Gary Whittakers, who bought the farm from Fred Verran 12 years ago, is very pleased with his customers' response to the many features he has added over the years. "Business has really taken off," he said. "Every year we try and add something new."

This year he has added a screened-in porch with a wrap-around outdoor seating area, fully stocked with wooden rocking chairs. Whittakers wanted to give his customers a place to sit and enjoy the fresh donuts and award-winning apple cider.

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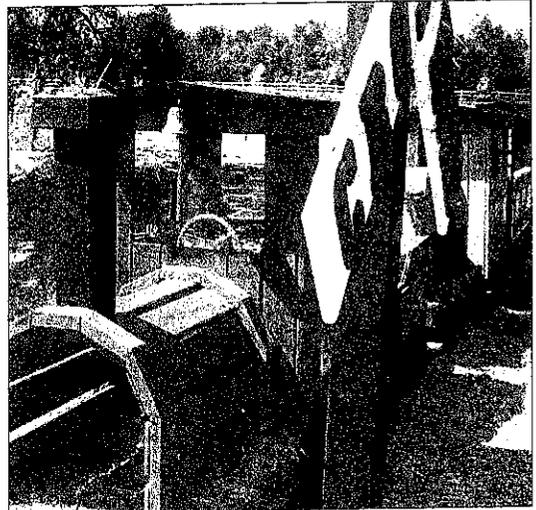
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The wooden train at Three Cedars Farm is always a hit with the many children who visit each year.

Next year Whittakers plans to add a large outdoor play area for children. Right now, children can enjoy the special wooden train designed and constructed by George Smith of Marshall, Mich.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Some of the many events planned each year are educational school tours, group and business meetings in the spacious barn or out in one of the seven bonfire areas, and wedding receptions in the barn, too.

This year there is a special event centering around the popular corn maze and involves finding three wooden cedar trees within the maze. Visitors who find the trees have their names entered into a contest to win an iPod at the end of the season.

On one busy weekend this fall, Whittakers said Three Cedars Farm hosted a 160-person wedding reception while visitors walked the grounds and visited the country store. Fortunately, there is a lot of free parking right on the property.

FAMILY BUSINESS

The Whittakers family all work at the

farm, including children Jamie, Carrie, and Travis and their spouses. This family spirit is one that Gary Whittakers is very proud of and it shows. "We have created a clean, happy atmosphere of life on a farm for the family," he said.

SANTALAND

Speaking of families, many of them enjoy bringing their children to the special Santaland display in the big barn every Christmas season. Mr. and Mrs. Claus are there to greet the young (and old) and there are many decorations to see and holiday-themed crafts to buy.

There is no admission fee to Santaland

but any donations are gladly accepted and all proceeds are donated to the Active Faith organization in South Lyon. Christmas trees are available, too.

Whittakers, who is vice president of Industrial Packaging in Detroit, said his weekends at Three Cedars Farm are very busy. "Business has been phenomenal," he added.

Located at 7897 Six Mile Road, visiting hours are 10 a.m. until dusk Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday to Sunday.

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