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# Crawford, Capello declare victories

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

In a close race for Oakland County Commissioner, Nov. resident Kim Capello captured 48 percent of the votes, securing the seat as Republican candidate of the 9th District.

According to unofficial election results of the City of Novi, the current city councilman beat former Mayor Lou Csordas by 295 votes, and Novi resident Fred Schlemmer by 1,189 votes.

"The big battle is over," Capello said. "Not that it's going to be easy (in November), but it's not going to be as hard as yesterday."

In a not-so-close race for 38th District State Representative, current county commissioner Hugh Crawford won by a landslide.

Crawford, who took 69 percent of the votes, beat opponents Doug Curry (R-New Hudson), Christopher P. Maloney (R-Northville) and Steven Valentini (R-Novi).

In other races, Livonia attorney Joseph Larkin won the Democratic nomination in the 11th Congressional District against former Novi City Manager Edward Kriewall, and Commerce Township resident David Law beat opponents Larry Leib and Randy Secontine as the Republican candidate for Oakland County Prosecutor.

With about 18 percent of Novi's registered voters appearing at the polls Tuesday, turnout was low for the Primary Election.

"We're averaging a little over 11 an hour," said election official Ron Boron on Tuesday. "It's been fairly slow."

As of 1 p.m., Boron said only about 70 residents of Precinct 18, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads, east of Beck Road, had voted.

"We're hoping, between 4-6 p.m., it will really pick up," said election official Patricia Johnson.

Those working the polls at Precinct 17, one of the three locations inside the Novi Civic Center, spent the day testing a

new electronic device as part of a pilot program.

The Electronic Precinct List scanned voters' driver's licenses and pulled their information up on a computer, so the election official didn't have to manually look the person up on a paper precinct list.

"We're the only precinct in Novi to have one," said election official Elizabeth Nick. "They want to see if this works well, if it could help us in November."

Despite the low turnout, officials said adjusting to the redistricting changes went smoothly.

"We've only had to send three or four voters away to different locations," Boron said.

According to Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius, some of the precincts were redistricted according to school district boundaries.

Novi resident Lori Krystoff said she was well-informed of the changes with her precinct and polling location, from the Novi Civic Center to Deerfield Elementary.

When Krystoff voted at about 5:30 p.m., she was only one of about 250 residents from precincts 20 and 21 who had voted.

Both precincts, which are composed of residents on the west side of the city, from south of 10 Mile Road to 12 Mile Road, were at Deerfield Elementary.

Although numerous voters said showing up at the polls was part of their civic duty, they did have some complaints.

"One of the worst things in there was I didn't know anything about the judges, so I didn't vote," said a local voter of Precinct 21. "If I don't know what I'm voting for, I don't vote."

Election official Wendy Duval-Angelocci of Precinct 21 said a lot of people were upset about not being able to split the ballot, which meant they either had to vote for Democratic candidates or Republican candidates.

## Unofficial Primary Election Results

Winners are indicated with a check mark ✓

|  | Novi Votes | Total Votes |
|--|------------|-------------|
| <b>Novi Township Supervisor</b>                            |            |             |
| ✓ John Juntunen  | 24         | 24          |
| <b>Treasurer</b>   |            |             |
| ✓ Ginger Juncker   | 24         | 24          |
| <b>Trustee</b>   |            |             |
| ✓ Tony Gaidikas  | 12         | 12          |
| ✓ Raymond Schovers   | 26         | 26          |
| <b>38th District State Representative Republican</b>       |            |             |
| ✓ Hugh Crawford  | 2,395      | 3,724       |
| Douglas Curry  | 316        | 1,308       |
| Christopher P. Maloney                                     | 422        | 853         |
| Steven Valentini   | 335        | 597         |
| <b>9th District Oakland County Commissioner Republican</b> |            |             |
| ✓ Kim Capello  | 1,606      | 1,723       |
| Lou Csordas  | 1,305      | 1,393       |
| Fred Schlemmer   | 407        | 456         |
| <b>11th District Congress Democrat</b>                     |            |             |
| Edward Kriewall  | 742        | 2,230       |
| ✓ Joseph Larkin  | 989        | 3,999       |
| <b>Oakland County Prosecutor Republican</b>                |            |             |
| ✓ David Law  | 1,774      | 38,388      |
| Larry Leib   | 443        | 13,403      |
| Randy Secontine  | 940        | 31,152      |
| <b>Oakland County Sheriff Democrat</b>                     |            |             |
| ✓ Jane Boudreau  | 724        | 27,601      |
| Mark Mitchell  | 459        | 18,910      |
| Warren Nunlee-Bey  | 52         | 2,953       |
| Harvey Schwartz  | 301        | 11,538      |
| <b>Republican</b>  |            |             |
| ✓ Michael Bouchard   | 3,200      | 85,082      |
| Jim Stevens  | 347        | 8,917       |
| <b>Proposals</b>   |            |             |
| Oakland County Zoological Authority                        |            |             |
| ✓ Yes  | 4,679      | 140,786     |
| No   | 1,440      | 47,137      |
| Total Novi Votes combines city and township                |            |             |

Source: City of Novi

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## City candidates begin preparing for November



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Hugh Crawford, left, points to election results projected on a screen at the Rock Financial Showplace on Tuesday night as Kim Capello looks on. Both will move on to the November election.

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

With the August primaries behind them, Novi residents Hugh Crawford and Kim Capello look forward to the November election. Crawford's victory Tuesday as the Republican candidate in the 38th District for state representative only has the current Oakland County Commissioner preparing for what's ahead.

"I'm not going to slow down. I'm going to refresh for a week or so then we'll get the signs down, and during the first part of October, at least a month ahead of time, we'll put the signs back up," he said. "I intend to have some more local fundraisers here in the district. I would like to have a fundraiser in each community. Not so much for raising money, but more to just meet people and let them know who I am."

The 38th District includes Novi, the Oakland County-portion of Northville, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Wixom and Walled Lake, but November's election will be strictly a Novi race. With current State Rep. Craig

DeRoche's (R-Novi) term expiring, Crawford will face off against Chuck Tindall (D-Novi), who was unopposed in the August primary. "It (Novi's presence) shows there are some good people in Novi willing to run for office," Crawford said. "There's nothing like being a candidate. Every little thing that goes right and every little thing that goes wrong has an effect on you."

Capello is the Republican candidate vying for Crawford's seat as Oakland County Commissioner in the 9th District, which includes most of Novi and the Oakland County-portion of Northville, in the November race.

"This is the first partisan race I've been in, so I learned something, you have to treat it differently than a non-partisan city race," Capello said. "Politics is like a hockey game. It's a contact sport, you've got to be ready to get hit and give it back."

After a combined 15 years of serving on planning commission and city council, Capello feels it's

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Novi's Ramesh Verma is seen at left with India's first Prime Minister Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru, in 1956.

## Indian families plant Novi roots

By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

It was the 1970s and the City of Novi was still young. Ramesh Verma moved into a home in the Village Oaks subdivision to give his two children a chance for a good education.

"In 1971, I came to America to get a different opportunity for my future. One of the construction companies sponsored me," said Verma, an engineer. "I moved from Dearborn Heights to Novi because Novi city was just coming up and the school system was

good." Verma, who had been a United States resident for less than a decade, lived in that house for the next 20 years before building a new home less than three miles away in the Westmont Village subdivision almost 10 years ago. Now, a 70-year-old Novi Library Board trustee and India's commissioner OSA for the State of Michigan, Verma has seen a lot more of his countrymen move into Novi.

"When I moved here, there were about 30-35 families. Now there's 70-80 families (with

Indian heritage)," he said. "It's a very diverse city, and I enjoy that."

Novi's population census has shown similar growth. The 2000 census lists 9 percent, or 4,113, of Novi residents as Asian, a grouping that extends beyond, but includes, those of Indian ethnicity. In 1990, that number was 872 residents, or 3 percent.

"Novi and Farmington and neighboring communities have a lot of Indian presence here. This

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time for something new.

"We're very strong 61 percent Republican and 39 percent Democrat, for the District, now I've got to start thinking about the general election in November," he said.

Capello said, over the next three months, he would be raising money, addressing voters in the precincts he didn't do as well in and focusing on why there was such a low turnout of absentee

voters in the county commissioner race.

Even though the current Novi city councilman's term doesn't expire until 2009, if Capello is elected, council members will have to interview and appoint, by a majority vote, a candidate to complete the remainder of his term.

In November, Capello will go up against unopposed Democratic candidate Karen Zyczynski of Novi.  
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## NEWSMAKERS

### Robert Murphy joins CCHA staff

The Central Collegiate Hockey Association announced that Robert L. Murphy joined the league's staff in the capacity of director of sales and marketing.

Murphy will assume many of the duties held by Tom Jacobs, the league's former associate commissioner of business affairs, who recently left the conference to accept a position with the U.S. Tennis Association.

Murphy, a Novi resident, spent four-and-a-half seasons with the Plymouth Whalers and Compuware Arena, serving as their vice president of sales and marketing. He joined Compuware Arena as the director of corporate sales and marketing in 2003, where he helped expand the organization's corporate partnership program, marketing communications and in-game entertainment model.

Prior to joining Compuware Arena, Murphy served in a number of key sales, marketing and leadership roles with leading professional service, advertising and publishing organizations, including Spring Arbor Distributors, a \$200 million full-service Christian publishing, distribution and retail service solutions company.

Murphy holds a BA in Interpersonal and Public Communication from Bowling Green State University and a Masters of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University. Murphy and his wife, Bobbie, have four children—daughters, Katie, Megan and Shannon, along with a son, Sean.

### Farbman Group's Andrew Gutman named winner in CFO of the Year awards

Farbman Group, a full-service real estate firm based in Southfield announced Crain's Detroit Business has named Chief Financial Officer Andrew Gutman CFO of the Year. The announcement was made by Farbman Group CEO and President Andrew V. Farbman.

Winners were selected from more than 50 nominees and based on financial and corporate management problem-solving savvy as well as community involvement. Gutman joined the firm in 1995.

He has generated more than \$10 million in savings for clients through use of debt markets and financial vehicles and helped reduce internal insurance costs by more than 50 percent. He was also responsible for the conceptualization and implementation of the company's Michigan Now! program. The program offered low-cost office space to both in-state and out-of-state entrepreneurs.

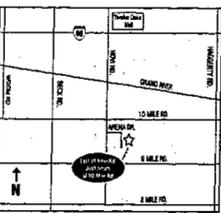
Gutman sits on the City of Novi Planning Commission and is active with B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

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area is growing," said Ramesh Guduguri, who moved to Novi nine years ago. "In 1999, I used to see very little community people and now I see a lot more."

Guduguri, 43, is president of the India League of American Michigan and chairs the India Day celebration. He said the region has several reasons for growth, including a strong desire for the best education possible.

Reeta Raina, 41, said her family moved to Novi 11 years ago because of the educational system, as well as the family-friendly and safe atmosphere she felt the city offered.

"I've seen tremendous change in the last five years. When we moved here, we didn't know hardly anyone. There were maybe one or two (Indian families) we knew of, now there's 30-40 families," Raina said. "You can even tell by all the stores and shops. There's even a (Bollywood) movie theater in Novi Town Center that I think is doing well."

Living heritage  
Although some Indian residents were born in India and others were born in the United States, staying close to their cultural heritage is important for all.

"My parents moved here about 46 years ago from India. My dad came here about 50 years ago for his Ph.D.," Raina said. "I think keeping your heritage, to know your language, the religion, (it's important)."

Raina was born in Illinois and has lived in the United States her entire life.

To make sure her two sons, Jay and Raj, have a cultural bond, they attend Bala Vihar classes through Chinmaya Mission at the ITC Center in Novi every Saturday along with nearly 200 other Indian students. In addition, Raina makes sure her family gets a good dose of Indian culture at home.



Novi resident Ramesh Verma, seen here with a statue of the Indian God Krishna, was raised in the Indian state of Punjab.

and pop, at least the top 40, and they know the movie stars. They can read and write it. They do go to Hindi classes and cultural classes," she said. "To Asian people, education is very, very important."

As Novi's Asian population grows with a strong flow of Indian, Japanese, Chinese and other ethnicities, it shows in the school district demographics, strengthening the notion that families choose Novi so their children can receive a strong education. About 25 percent of Novi Community Schools' 6,200 students are of Asian descent.

"We listen to the Indian rock school district has contributed to its success, allowing students to become more familiar with different cultures and backgrounds. "I've really had no problems with anything. It's a huge melting pot," Raina said. "When I was growing up, I think there were a lot of misconceptions. Today, with all the globalization and the Internet, everyone knows so much about other cultures. The world is becoming much smaller now. Everyone has differences, but that's what makes us so similar."

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## Novi Theatres offers red, hot season discounts

**■ Pied Piper Aug. 14-16**

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

After hearing about General Motors' most recent round of job cuts, Novi Theatres' Performing Arts Coordinator Debbie Lannen felt the need to help members of the community facing difficult economic times.

Red Hot Discount is a limited-time offer for people to purchase Novi Theatres' season ticket packages at a discounted rate.

"We're basically cutting our prices in half," Lannen said. "I'm really taking a risk, but I couldn't just sit back. We've got to do something to give back to the community."

Red Hot Discount expires Aug. 17 and offers theatergoers three different packages, including the full season, which is six productions, and the young actor series or the adult actor series, which each have three shows.

"The first thing people will start doing is say 'we're not going to the show because dad's getting laid off,'" Lannen said. "We want everyone to have a chance to see theatre."

Depending on the package, prices range from about \$19-47 for adults, and \$15-40 for children and seniors.

The season kicks off Aug. 14-16 with the production "The Pied Piper of Hamelin."

According to Lannen, "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" is a classic fairy tale about a town that is infested with rats, and a piper who offers to rid the town of the



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The theatre is located inside the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

For more information, contact Debbie Lannen at (248) 735-5615 or [dlannen@city-ofnovi.org](mailto:dlannen@city-ofnovi.org).

rodents in exchange for payment. The conflict arises when the town's mayor doesn't keep his promise to pay the piper.

"The moral of the story is, if you tell someone you are going to do something, you better do it," Lannen said. "Stand behind your word."

The cast of about 30 kids, ages 7-18, is a mixture of residents from Novi, Northville, South Lyon, Farmington Hills and Commerce Township.

"We have some core kids who have been here a while and we

have some brand new ones," Lannen said. "It's been challenging, instead of doing it the easy way, I'm having them play parts they normally wouldn't do."

"That's what acting is. You've got to learn to do other things, they have to work at it."

Lannen said the majority of the characters are double cast, with the exception of two of the lead roles and the kids who play the rats and the children.

For the first time, Novi Theatres is offering a sneak peak of its summer production, as part of the Novi Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department's Sizzling Summer Art Series.

"It's going to be kind of cool, we're not doing the whole show, we're just going to give them a little taste of it," Lannen said.

Pied Piper Preview in the Park will be 7 p.m. Aug. 10 at Lakeshore Park. Following the kids performance, magician John Kohl will take the stage for a magic show.

In case there is inclement weather, Lannen said the preview will be moved to the theatre at the Novi Civic Center, which is where the actual performances take place.

"We're doing it in our smaller portion of the theatre, so it's a much more intimate show," Lannen said. "It's nicer for a children's show. It's almost like a studio production, so everyone is going to have a great seat."

The other five productions throughout the season include "Remember When... The Game Show of the Century," "Damn Yankees," "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe," "Scussical Jr." and "Grease."



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### Captive Audience

Kids and their parents enjoy a Wednesday morning educational show at the Novi Public Library by animal collector Mark Rosenthal. Rosenthal brought along with him dozens of tarantulas to go along with the library's summer reading program theme, catch the reading bug.



Comedian and magician Jason Abbott entertains a gathering of the Novi Public Library's teen summer reading program on July 28 with his interesting roll-up tie and other tricks.



Kids smile and laugh at the antics of magician Jason Abbott during his recent visit to the Novi Public Library for its summer reading program.



Jungahn Seck, 8, paints a flower pot during a recent summer painting class at Novi Meadows Elementary School.

## City makes million-dollar property purchase offer

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

The City of Novi made an offer last week to purchase the 20-acre Kaluzny property, located on the south side of 11 Mile Road, west of Beck Road, adjacent to the ITC Corridor, which houses ITC Holdings Corp's electrical wires.

"It's an offer for purchase of just under 20 acres, for \$1.45 million, contingent upon the city reaching an agreement with Novi Community Schools," said Novi City Manager Clay Pearson.

"Financing is another contingency if they accept."

In July, Pearson approached Novi's Board of Education, on behalf of the city, proposing a property trade of the school district's 74-acre Bosco Property, southwest of 11 Mile and Beck roads, for the city-owned 52.2-acre Wildfire Woods Park northeast of 11 Mile and Wisconsin roads.

The city is seeking to acquire the Bosco Property and build a 50-100-acre signature park to address the community's recreational needs.

In addition to acquiring the district-owned property, the city made mention of three properties connected to the Bosco Property, one of which is the Kaluzny property.

"We may come back to those (other two proposed properties), but as of right now, we only made an offer on the one," Pearson said.

The city is currently waiting for responses from the attorneys of the Kaluzny Trust and the school board.

The Novi Board of Education's Facilities Committee was scheduled to meet Aug. 5 to discuss the proposal and options.

City officials said more details will be known following formal discussions of the entire school board, at the next regular meeting, Aug. 21.

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## Kid's play

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Donna Rosskamp instructs Arushi Arora, 7, during a one-week One-stroke painting camp held at Novi Meadows Elementary School. The kids painted T-shirts, ceramic flower pots with butterflies, frogs and flowers.



Workers at Novi Schools' Educational Services Building crowd around a trolley of baked goods made by children in Novi's first-grade summer school program for their rain forest, fund-raising project. By 10 a.m., they had already doubled their goal and raised more than \$200.

**CALLING ALL SENIORS:** Check out your section of our community calendar on page 15A

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# MY SENIOR LIFE



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## Novi Police Department hosts senior driving workshop



With his wife, Betty, in the passenger seat, Gil Shultz backs out of a parking spot at Novi's Holy Family Catholic Church.

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

At 65, Gil Shultz knows his reaction time might not be as quick as it used to be. "I figure if I admit it, others might admit it as well," Shultz said. "I'm definitely being proactive."

Shultz is one of 25 mature adults currently participating in the city's first session of the Mature Driver Workshop hosted by the Novi Police Department. The three-day workshop, which ends tomorrow, is from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church.

In partnership with the Traffic Improvement Association, the workshop is for residents of Novi and its surrounding communities, ages 55 and older, who are interested in improving their driving ability.

"The TIA gave a presentation to one of our (district) judges and he thought it would be a great program for us to implement,"

said detective Kristie Gruenwald, of the Novi Police Department. "We did it off location because people might worry that the police are going to take their license away."

Gruenwald said the workshop is completely confidential and has no bearing on a participant's driving status.

"Certified instructors will assess things such as break reaction time and depth perception," she said. "They'll be evaluating their driving strengths and deficiencies and learning strategies on how to compensate for those deficiencies."

Gruenwald said even people without a valid driver's license can register for the workshop, but they can't participate in the driving portion of the program, which occurs on the last day.

"The greatest benefit will be the skills and knowledge they will gain from the assessments," Gruenwald said. "If they walk out as more astute drivers, that's the best part."

The program is free for Novi residents and \$20 for non-residents, which includes lunch and refreshments.

"I'm a person who enjoys learning and I think this program has a lot to offer," Shultz said. "I just turned 65 and I know I need it because I'm slowing down."

Shultz said he used to spend a lot of time driving, but now only drives about 50-100 miles a week.

"My wife (Betty) generally does the driving. I just got tired of it," he said. "There's no guarantee, but (the workshop) can maybe save my life later or save me from injuries."

"Cars are replaceable, people are not. We're going to live longer and safer."

The city will be hosting its second session Oct. 8-10 and its third session Nov. 5-7, at the Novi Civic Center.

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## Fox Run announces promotions

Michael McCormick, executive director at Fox Run in Novi, announced Leonard Gringlas as a future retirement community. Gringlas was most recently a district manager with NES Rentals in Detroit.

McCormick also announced Peter D. Crane will be joining the full-service retirement community as associate executive director. Crane is participating in Erickson Retirement Communities' executive development program in preparation for an executive director position at a future retirement community. Crane was previously the executive director at Dayton Senior Care LLC in Ohio. Prior to this position, he was also with Evangelical Retirement Villages, Inc., Crane Home Improvements, Inc., ABX Air, Inc. and The Hertz Corporation.

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## SEC action halts tire-recycling investment scam

### Novi man implicated

The Securities and Exchange Commission has obtained emergency relief to stop an allegedly fraudulent scheme that raised more than \$7.2 million from investors who were told the money would be used in a business shredding and recycling used tires. However, as alleged in the SEC's complaint, the tire shredding equipment did not work, there was no reasonable basis for the suspect's income and return figures, and the investors never received a dime from their investment.

On July 24, Resen issued an order temporarily prohibiting Merklinger and Encore Leasing from attempting to offer securities or other investments and from transferring any assets. The order was issued under seal by the court and the seal has now been lifted.

"Paul Merklinger preyed on the good will of investors by telling them that they were making an investment that would be good for the environment. Unfortunately, as alleged in our complaint, the only environment Mr. Merklinger was improving was his own when he used investor funds to buy luxury automobiles, purchase post offices and decorate his home," said Tim Warren, associate regional director of the SEC's Chicago Regional Office, in a press release.

According to the SEC's complaint, from September 2006 to July 2007, Merklinger raised at least \$7.2 million from five investors through the sale of investments in his purported tire recycling business. The investments consisted of an interest in a tire-shredding truck that Encore Leasing would lease from the investor and reportedly use in its business operations, and a

\$10,000 warrant for a 1 percent interest in Encore Leasing. Merklinger allegedly told investors that a working prototype of the shredding truck existed and that their trucks would be in operation shortly. He promised that Encore Leasing would pay the investors \$15,000 in monthly leasing fees and investment interest and that, after five years, the investors could expect returns of up to 372 percent and the warrant would be worth at least \$1.2 million.

According to a press release from June 2007, Merklinger was to hold a press conference June 21, 2007 at the corporate headquarters in Livonia to introduce the Encore Team, to demonstrate the "T2" vehicle and to launch a nationwide program to clean up the problems associated with

scraps tires. The release said the mobile-shredding vehicle resembles a compacted garbage truck but has the capacity to shred tires at a rate of 500 tires per hour. The revolutionary system was said to turn scrap tires into environmentally friendly end products.

However, as alleged in the SEC's complaint, there was no working prototype. Instead, Merklinger used more than \$950,000 of investor funds for his own personal benefit, including payments for rent, back taxes and the purchase of luxury automobiles and waterfront and extravagant landscaping and furnishings for his home.

He also, as alleged in the SEC's complaint, spent or transferred more than \$172,000 for the benefit of his son, Brian, and used more than \$134,000 to make payments to investors in one of his other companies. Further, Merklinger failed to disclose to investors that he had been barred from participating in Ontario's securities markets for 10 years in connection with a prior investment scheme.

The SEC's complaint charges Merklinger and Encore Leasing with violating the antifraud provisions of the federal securities laws and seeks permanent injunctive relief, disgorgement and civil penalties. The SEC further seeks disgorgement of all investor funds or assets acquired with investor funds from relief defendant Brian Merklinger.

For more information, visit [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

## PrimeCare of Novi announces nationally-published physician joins practice

PrimeCare of Novi announces Robert R. Zaid, DO joined its professional staff this month. Zaid's paper on osteoporosis in Family Medicine was recently named the second-place winner of the 2008 Namey/Barnett Writing Award. It was published in the April 2008 edition of Osteopathic Family Physicians News.

This award is implemented by the American Osteopathic Association's Preventive Medicine and Medical Preparedness Committee to honor the best preventive medicine papers submitted by osteopathic residents and interns.

The article, "Inverting Osteoporosis: Approach to Osteoporosis," explores new ground by focusing preventive efforts and targeting habits that promote bone growth, not in the elderly, but in children. Dr. Zaid is a graduate of the

University of Michigan and the Michigan State University Medical School. He grew up in Walpole, Ohio.

"I am very enthusiastic to start to give back to my community. I believe that the key to a healthy lifestyle involves great communication between physician and patient, coupled with good preventative medicine," Zaid said.

For additional information about Dr. Zaid, contact Jamie Ferriter, director of marketing, at (248) 426-7200 x 102 or visit [www.primecareofnovi.com](http://www.primecareofnovi.com).

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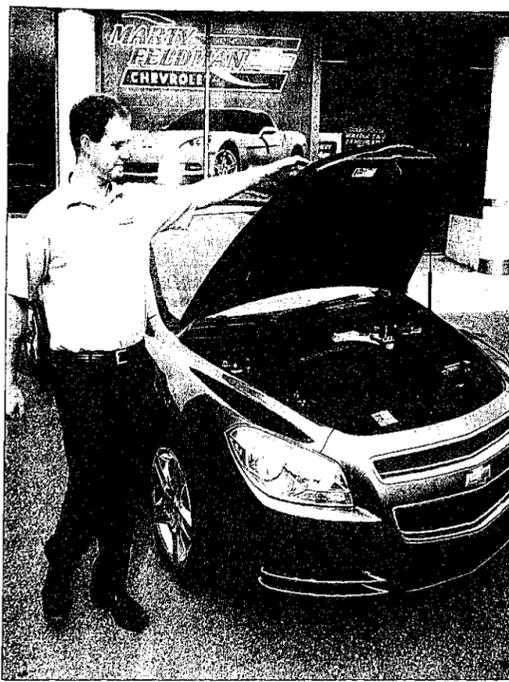
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# Fuel prices take a toll on services throughout Novi



Novi's Marty Feldman Chevrolet sales associate Eric Gerts takes a look under the hood of a 2009 Chevy Malibu, which can get 33 miles per gallon.

By Chris Jaccett  
STAFF WRITER

The pinch at the pump has individuals watching their miles like a cat watches a mouse, but they're not alone. Local services have also made adjustments since fuel prices have topped \$4 per gallon this summer.

"It's hurting our budgets. It's hurting everyone's budget," said Chris Quirk, lead mechanic for the City of Novi's departments of Public Works, Water and Parks, Recreation and Forestry. "We try to do more with less. We still have to do our job no matter what. We can't cut back on public service."

City employees operate more than 200 vehicles, about 30-35 that run on diesel fuel. Fuel is purchased in bulk through a local consortium of cities and vehicles refuel at private pumps at the city's DPW garage.

"We probably save 10-15 cents a gallon. It's not a lot, but it adds up with how much we order," Quirk said of the benefits of the consortium. "On average, we go through about 8,000 (gallons) a month or month and a half. Diesel fuel fluctuates in winter because the big trucks are out clearing roads."

Roughly, about half to 60 percent (of residents) own their own vehicle," said Jeff Jacobs, transportation and facilities manager at Fox Run. "Just based on their senior population, they don't travel that much."

As part of the complex's benefits, Fox Run provides six vehicles for resident transportation.



residents from feeling the pinch. "We will have to access our rates. Our facility is absorbing the fuel increases at this time."

To preserve services for residents, the Fox Run staff has had to adjust.

"What we have done different, we have reduced some employee (on-site) shuttling last week," Jacobs said. "We reduced services to staff so we wouldn't have to reduce them for residents."

Not everyone drives buses, shuttles or diesel-fueled trucks. Personal-sized trucks have seen a noticeable change from the high fuel prices as well.

"People are generally going to smaller vehicles. No one's going to trucks. We sell one or two a week. It's usually 30/50," said Sean Misko, new car manager at Marty Feldman Chevrolet in Novi. "People trade in trucks for cars. On the used car side, they're selling OK. The used truck market is the same."

Misko said Marty Feldman Chevrolet sells about 100-110 vehicles per month. Lately, most have been more fuel-efficient vehicles like the Impala, Malibu, Cobalt and Aveo models.

Although a more fuel-efficient vehicle may cut down on trips to the gas pump, there are other ways to help decrease costs, regardless of the vehicle being driven.

"Don't jam down on the gas. All the Chevy products have a fuel management system where it'll operate on four cylinders instead of eight if you don't jam down," Misko said. "If people just slow down a little bit, they can save a couple miles per gallon."

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# Severe vehicle accident investigation continues



Photo by Hans Nyberg

Novi firefighters use the "jaws of life" to remove one of the seriously injured victims from one of the sport utility vehicles involved in a serious car accident last Thursday night.

By Kelly Murad  
STAFF WRITER

A three-vehicle accident at the intersection of 13 Mile Road and Michigan 5 on about 10 p.m. July 31 is still under investigation by the Novi Police Department.

The accident appears to be the result of a silver 2002 Ford Explorer, which was traveling southbound on M-5, running a red light, said Novi Deputy Police Chief Thomas Lindberg.

According to a press release, the silver Explorer, driven by an 18-year-old Waterford woman,

coiled with a white 2002 Ford Explorer, driven by a 28-year-old Novi woman, which was heading westbound on 13 Mile Road.

The white Explorer left the roadway and struck a light pole, and the silver Explorer then made contact with a 2006 Acura, driven by a 36-year-old Commerce Township resident.

In total, six individuals were involved in the accident.

Lindberg said one of the three passengers of the silver Explorer, an 18-year-old Clarkston woman, was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the rear passenger seat and thrown from the vehicle. She is being treated at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital.

Five other individuals injured in the accident have been treated and released from area hospitals. Lindberg believes the five other individuals were wearing seat belts at the time of the accident. The driver of the Acura was uninjured.

Atkolt is not believed to be a factor.

If anyone has any information regarding the accident, they are asked to contact the Novi Police Department at (248) 348-7100.



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Novi Police Sgt. Terry Whitfield takes on Mitchell Smith, 12, in a game of billiards during last week's Jeanne Clarke Summer Teen Center community appreciation lunch.

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# Novi Ice Arena anniversary celebration

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Other event highlights include free hot dogs from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and a figure skating exhibition. For more information, call (248) 347-1010 or visit www.novoicearena.com.

## CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18.227

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY OF NOVI COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 18.227 TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18 AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE 18, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL, SECTION 1805, "REQUIRED CONDITIONS" TO SMELT AND ADD PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE STORAGE OF CERTAIN RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT AND TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR SUCH STORAGE.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, July 28, 2008 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

(8-7-08 NN 426585) MARYANNE CORNELIUS, CITY CLERK

## CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

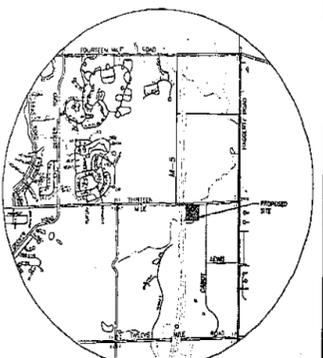
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 13, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider HILTON HOMEWOOD SUITES HOTEL, SITE PLAN NUMBER 08-11A, FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND UTILITY PERMIT APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 12, AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIRTEEN MILE AND THE M-5 CONNECTOR, IN THE OST PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT. The applicant is proposing to construct a 98-unit Hilton HomeWood Suites on Unit 1 within the Haggerty Corridor Corporate Park I (HCCPI) condominium.

(8-7-08 NN 426583) NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION ANDY GUTMAN, SECRETARY

## 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, August 13, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAGGERTY CORRIDOR CORPORATE PARK I (HCCPI) PHASE I SITE CONDOMINIUM SITE PLAN NUMBER 08-10, FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONDOMINIUM PLAN. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 12, BETWEEN TWELVE MILE AND THIRTEEN MILE, EAST OF THE M-5 CONNECTOR, IN THE OST PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT. The applicant is proposing to modify the boundary between Unit 1 and Park A, within Haggerty Corridor Corporate Park I, which would transfer approximately 1.03 acres from Park "A" to Unit 1.

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LOCATION MAP

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## 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, August 27, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT 18.220, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18, AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE 18, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL, SECTION 1805, "REQUIRED CONDITIONS" TO SMELT AND ADD PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE STORAGE OF CERTAIN RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT AND TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR SUCH STORAGE.

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## 2008-2009 BUDGET FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 AND 2008-2009 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Board of Road Commissioners for Oakland County invites all interested citizens and elected officials to present comments prior to adoption of the 2008-2009 Budget and Road Improvement Program. For this purpose, we have scheduled a Public Hearing.

Date: Thursday, August 28, 2008  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Oakland County Auditorium, Oakland County Service Center, 1200 North Telegraph, Pontiac, Michigan 48341

**WHAT THE BUDGET IS**  
The proposed Budget sets forth the revenue anticipated to be available to the Road Commission and the sources of the revenue. The Budget also designates the proposed use of these funds, including the Operating Expenditures of the Road Commission and the proposed Road Improvement Program.

**ADVANCE COPIES ARE AVAILABLE**  
Copies of the proposed 2008-2009 Budget and related information will be available one (1) week prior to the Public Hearing. They may be obtained by contacting the Finance Department of the Road Commission for Oakland County, 31001 Lahar Road, Beverly Hills, Michigan 48025 (Telephone (248) 645-2000, ext. 2237 or TDD (248) 645-9922).

**WE HOPE YOU WILL PRESENT COMMENTS**  
The Board Meeting and Public Hearing are held in accordance with the provisions of Act 2, P.A. 1968, as amended by Act 821, P.A. 1978, Act 43, P.A. 1963 (2nd executive session), and Act 267, P.A. 1976, as amended. If you require accommodation in accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, please provide the Finance Department with five days advance notice.

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# Four-year-old wanders away from Fairlane Motel

At 8:40 p.m., July 27, a Novi police officer responded to a call regarding a small child, walking by herself along the sidewalk near Grand River Avenue and Tadi Road.

The police report stated, when the officer asked the girl where she lived, she pointed east down Grand River. The officer drove about 100 yards and the four-year-old girl pointed to the Fairlane Motel.

As the officer pulled into the parking lot, there was a man walking around looking for the girl. He said he forgot to lock the dead bolt to the outside door, and the girl walked outside while he was running her bath water.

The man said she was missing for about five minutes, reports said. According to the officer, no signs of intoxication were observed.

**Unknown suspect nab area vehicles**  
Between 8 p.m. July 27 and 10 a.m. July 28, two residents in the area of 13 Mile and Novi roads, reported vehicles parked in their driveway were broken into.

A 2000 Nissan was left unlocked while parked in the driveway of a residence on

## POLICE BRIEFS

**Chrome valve stem caps stolen from local vehicles**  
According to recent police reports, eight chrome valve stem caps were stolen from two vehicles between 6 p.m. July 25 and 7 a.m. July 26.

The valve stem caps, worth about \$24, were reported missing from a white Dodge and a purple Ford, reports said.

**Suspect attempts to steal vehicle**  
An unknown suspect attempted to steal a Buick from Kingswood Boulevard, off 14 Mile Road, near Michigan 5, between midnight-6 a.m. July 29, reports said.

According to the police report, the suspect(s) entered the unlocked vehicle and damaged the steering column and ignition, in an attempt to steal the vehicle.

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# MY OPINION

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

### Our opinion: Primary represents Novi's strengths

Another Michigan Primary election is in the history books. And this year, Novi comes out as a winner. Two of our own, current Oakland County Commissioner Hugh Crawford and City of Novi Mayor Pro Tem Kim Capello, took the Republican nomination for the November election. We congratulate both. Crawford will face Democratic candidate Chuck Tindall (D-Now) in the race for state representative of the 39th district, a seat vacated by fellow Novi resident Craig DeLoche due to term limits. As current county commissioner, Crawford has repeatedly showed he has the experience to make things happen. His voice will be a positive one for Novi residents and he will be a formidable candidate to face Chuck Tindall. But regardless of the outcome, Novi will be represented once again in Lansing.

Capello is also a respectable candidate for Oakland County Commissioner. Promising to champion for local issues including keeping the 52-1 District Court house in Novi and building the relationships needed to keep parks a county priority, Capello will represent Novi Republicans well. Capello has also stated he plans to do what's necessary at the county level to usher in a new Signature Park in Novi. He will be a strong candidate to face Karen B. Zyczynski in November, a race that will yield another Novi resident regardless of the outcome. (The amount of Novi candidates) shows there are some good people in Novi willing to run for office," Crawford said. And we agree. The primary election is another example of Novi residents willing to step up, take charge and make a difference for our community.



**Primary Votes**  
Jane Spence votes Tuesday morning at Novi's Precinct 18 inside the Novi Civic Center. By 11 a.m., 38 voters had cast their ballots.

**Correction**  
On Page 5A of the July 24 issue, the article "Auto company receives state tax credits, bring jobs to Novi" read that Brembo North America was listed as not receiving tax credits from the state when it had actually received tax credits prior, on June 17.

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# COMMENTARY

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## Tom Watkins: Tomorrow, it is the beginning of 'One world, one dream'

After another week of watching the same endless shenanigans going on in Lansing, I can only repeat the start of my column last week: "Michigan's political, policy and finance systems are broken. Ten million Michigan citizens have been held hostage to the partisan agendas of both political parties and their members who now hold office, not to mention the interest groups that fund their campaigns. Sight. We are in trouble. We're facing the greatest crisis since the Great Depression and desperately need leaders with a vision for Michigan that will get us through our present turmoil and lay the foundation for a radical transformation of our state. We're not going to get that by habitual partisan finger pointing or by absurd, face-saving compromises that claim to 'solve' the \$1.8 billion state budget deficit. Without a new vision, no matter what they do, a similar deficit will be staring us in the face next year. Even if we buy into that vision, it won't become reality unless we have a state government that is effective, efficient and accountable. Republican lawmakers say the way to do that is by cutting something like \$1 billion from state spending. But when you ask exactly what they'd cut, mostly what you get back is mumbles about "government waste, inefficiency and bloat." That's not a responsible recipe for crafting a budget. Especially when they've known the dimensions of the problem we're facing for a year. But if they are serious about cutting spending, here are two big, obvious, long-overdue ways to cut nearly \$800 million, as suggested in The Center for Michigan's most recent newsletter:



**About Tom Watkins**  
Tom Watkins is a business and education consultant. He served as state superintendent of schools from 2001-2005 and state mental health director from 1986-1990. He can be reached at [twatkins@aol.com](mailto:twatkins@aol.com).

• First, enact \$500 million worth of prison reforms. Michigan's incarceration rate is 40 percent higher than our neighboring states, while our crime rate is just about the same. One third of our enormous state prison population is there for drug-related or non-violent crimes. Nearly another third are being held beyond their earliest possible release date. And our prisons cost Michigan taxpayers around \$5,000 more per inmate each year more than neighboring states pay to keep their locked up. Ending expensive jail time for non-violent offenders and releasing inmates unlikely to save hundreds of millions. Gradually bringing pay for Michigan prison guards in line with neighboring states would help. Privatizing some operations like food service could save even more. People from all over the political spectrum — business conservatives, social liberals, academics and the state's financial advisors — have for years urged cost-conscious prison reform. Any concrete results? Nah. In part, Republicans fear being accused of being "soft on crime."

• Second, bring Michigan state worker benefit costs in line with the national average. How big? Around \$275 million. Both the Small Business Association and The Center for Michigan reached that conclusion in separate studies earlier this year. Republicans are going to have a harder time swallowing the first of these two suggestions. Democrats, the second — but both are vitally necessary. For awhile earlier this summer, both Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Democratic lawmakers talked a good game about reforms in pay and benefits for state employees earlier. But not recently. The story in Lansing is that public employee labor leaders are holding court in the capital, holding the line against reforms among the troops who want labor campaign contributions later on. Detroit News columnist Daniel Howes, in a stinging column last Saturday, asked of labor leaders: "Tell us how you explain to

recently retired auto workers fearing for their pension and health benefits that they have to pay higher taxes so their pals in the public sector won't be asked to do the same? Answer: You can't and, sooner or later, they'll wake up to the rank hypocrisy and fight back."

And although much of the debate on the revenue side of the budget argument has had to do with the income tax, here's a quick, simple and fair way to bring in an added \$300 million each year: Tax beverages. States like Texas and California raise more than \$100 million each year by taxing unhealthy, sugar-saturated soft drinks; they're classified as "food" in Michigan and therefore not taxed. Our tax on beer was last adjusted 41 years ago ... when it was cut to just under two cents per beer. Two cents in 1966, adjusted for inflation, would be about 14 cents a bottle today. All lawmakers would have to do to raise \$225 million would be to raise beer taxes to keep up with inflation. But they haven't. Why not? Because the beer and wine lobby is among the most powerful in Lansing. And lots of legislators are scared they'll anger blue collar beer drinkers. So, instead, they're arguing about an income tax increase that would cost a \$60,000-a-year blue collar worker another \$275. That would buy an awful lot of beer. There you have it: three simple ideas to make our government more efficient and less costly. There are lots of others: Benchmarking public

employee pension and health care benefits against public employees elsewhere (gasol) private sector workers. Find ways vastly to increase collaboration and service sharing among Michigan's thousands of local government units and school districts. And, if government is indeed to be more accountable and effective, we need more experienced, strategic, competent and decisive leaders — leaders who are willing to set aside traditional party politics to find common ground strategies to move Michigan forward. Why has this been so hard? Mainly for two reasons: First, the law we passed setting strict and short term limits makes sure that we will be ruled by lawmakers who are relatively inexperienced. Second, the way we redraw legislative district boundaries assures that candidates at each political extreme are mostly the ones elected. The ideas I'm proposing here are neither new nor particularly complicated. They're common-sense ways of finding common ground that most of Michigan's 10 million citizens can agree on. So how do we get people talking about making common sense the centerpiece of our political discussions? That will be the subject of community conversations taking place throughout Michigan next month as part of the Michigan's Defining Moment campaign. If you like the way things are going, don't bother to come. Otherwise, to learn more or reserve a seat at a conversation near you, go to [www.thecenterformichigan.net](http://www.thecenterformichigan.net).

## LETTERS

### Questions are raised

Thank you to city council members Crawford and Much for your votes to save Fuerst Farm. Contrary to previous comments, Fuerst Farm is historic. It is a Michigan Historic Site and is also on the National Register of Historic Places. Novi's first town meeting was held in the house that pre-dated the current Arts and Crafts style hangout. This current house contains the cellar and various pieces from that first house. As a Novi resident, I would have liked to have had a progressive design and use for our Fuerst Farm, while retaining the historic integrity of the site, as other cities around the country have done with their historic sites. Not all cities own a historic farm and this was part of our uniqueness. Also as a Novi resident, I don't appreciate the way this whole thing was handled. The rush for a city council vote and the rush to demolish mixes many questions for me.

**Julie Radgens**  
Novi

### 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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### Inspirational connection

Two weeks ago (July 24), I came across the article "Hello to Heaven" on the front page, and found it to be fascinating and inspiring as to how it relates to the history of our nation's founding. Before I explain the connection between the past and the present, I would like to honor U.S. Sen. Byron Fouty for his service and sacrifice to this country and his part in making a safer world. I also send my condolences to his parents for their loss. You had a very brave and honorable son that you should be proud of. Thank you.

I found it reassuring to know that our nation is still fighting for its liberty and rights, (and for others also), since it declared its independence from Great Britain on July 4, 1776. Though we may have declared that we wish to be free from King George III in the Declaration of Independence, it didn't come without a price. The last sentence of the Declaration states, "And for support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine

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## Sen. Nancy Cassis Lansing Connection: Bills to assist homeowners, domestic violence victims

Over the last few months I have introduced several pieces of legislation designed to provide relief to struggling homeowners and stimulate our slumping housing market. The first bill, SB 1065, would provide relief to homeowners struggling in the current housing market by increasing the Homestead Property Tax Credit from \$1,200 to \$1,300. This bill passed the Senate on March 27 and is currently awaiting a hearing before the House Tax Policy committee. The Homestead Property Tax Credit is designed to help qualified homeowners and renters pay some of their property taxes by providing them with a tax credit. For most people, the credit is based on a comparison between household income and property taxes paid. I have also introduced SB 1390 that would allow a county register of deeds to determine and release the dollar amount needed for a homeowner to redeem their home once it is in foreclosure. Unfortunately, current law does not allow the register of deeds to provide this information to a home-



**Sen. Nancy Cassis**

owner. With the number of foreclosures in Michigan continuing to climb, homeowners deserve easier access to the information needed to save their property. SB 1390 has been referred to the Senate Banking and Financial Institutions Committee. Another bill, SB 1402, is designed to provide relief for homeowners who sell their home for less than what is still owed on the mortgage. It creates an income tax credit equal to the difference between the sale price of the home and the amount remaining on the mortgage, is capped at \$10,000 and is non-refundable. This will help stimulate Michigan's housing market while making it possible for a homeowner to sell a home prior to losing it to the foreclosure process. Finally, I have co-sponsored SB 924, introduced by Sen. Tupac Hunter. This bill would create a one-page mortgage disclosure form placing all of the pertinent and critical information that a homeowner needs to make an informed decision about purchasing a home on one easy-to-read and under-

standable page. Some of the information included on this form would be the type of mortgage, the interest rate, the estimated monthly mortgage payment including taxes, and an estimate of your future payments if you have an adjustable rate mortgage. I believe all of these measures will provide real and immediate relief to homeowners struggling to keep their homes out of foreclosure or attempting to sell their homes. **Landmark water compact signed into law** A historic conservation agreement to prevent other regions of the country and world from diverting water from the Great Lakes basin with limited exceptions for public water supply purposes. It also implements consistent standards for the states and Canadian provinces to review proposed uses of Great Lakes water, develops regional goals and objectives for water conservation and efficiency that will be reviewed and updated every five years, and develops and implements state water conservation and efficiency programs. The 12-bill package is backed by many organizations, including the Michigan Farm Bureau, United Conservation Clubs, Michigan Environmental Council, and The Water Works Coalition made up of 15 groups, including the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and Michigan Manufacturers Association. In order for this to become federal law, Congress must approve the Compact. The United States Senate unanimously approved it on Friday, Aug. 1. The House of Representatives is expected to adopt the Compact in September and it is believed that President Bush will give his approval shortly thereafter. This agreement is a significant step toward protecting our state's greatest natural resource for generations to come. Your feedback is always welcome. You can contact me by e-mail at [senncassis@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senncassis@senate.michigan.gov), or toll free at (888) 38-NANCY. **Mary's law signed into law** Domestic violence victims in Michigan can now be alerted by satellite technology if their abuser gets nearby under Public Act 192 of 2008. The new state law, known as Mary's Law, allows Michigan courts to order a defendant charged with a domestic violence crime who is released on

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**EVENTS**

**PrimeCare of Novi Open House**  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday  
LOCATION: PrimeCare of Novi Family Medicine, 39555 W. 10 Mile Road, Suite 302  
DETAILS: Join us in welcoming Robert R. Zak, DO as he joins our staff. Free blood pressure screening, free truck tour, food, raffles and giveaways. We welcome new patients.  
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**"Wicked" Tickets at Twelve Oaks**  
TIME/DATE: 9-11 a.m. Sunday  
LOCATION: Ticketmaster at Macy's, Twelve Oaks Mall  
DETAILS: This is a one-time special event to offer tickets for the return of "Wicked" to the Detroit Opera House, Dec. 10 through Jan. 4, 2009. At 11 a.m., tickets will then be available at the Fisher Theatre box office and all Ticketmaster locations, by phone at (248) 645-6666 and online at www.ticketmaster.com/Wicked, or www.BroadwayinDetroit.com.

**Pied Piper Preview in the Park**  
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Sunday  
LOCATION: Lakeshore Park, 601 South Lake Dr.  
DETAILS: Preview of the Novi Theatres new play followed by a magic show.

**Kelly Miller Circus**  
TIME/DATE: 2 and 4:30 p.m. Sunday  
LOCATION: Gilbert Willis Park, Leon Lake Road, Wixom  
DETAILS: Circus elephants start creating the Big Top about 9 a.m. circus morning for the two afternoon shows. Advance tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for children and available at Parks and Rec. Office, Wixom Community Center, until Aug. 8. On day of circus, tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children and available at park.

**Evening in the Gardens-10 Things People Need to Know About Their Lawn**  
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday  
LOCATION: Michigan State University Extension Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road  
DETAILS: This class is for all consumers interested in learning everything necessary to have a great looking lawn. The class will provide information on weed identification and control, fertilization and irrigation. The cost is \$20 per person.  
CONTACT: (248) 858-0887 or e-mail smithill@oakgov.com

**Scopos for Wishes Fundraiser to Support Make-A-Wish**  
TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m. Wednesday  
LOCATION: Baskin Robbins, 39415 West 10 Mile Road  
DETAILS: Twenty percent of all sales during the event will be donated to Make-A-Wish Foundation. Register for a chance to win a free ice cream pie.

**Pied Piper of Hamelin**  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Aug. 14-15; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16; 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45715 10 Mile Road  
DETAILS: This Novi Theatres production features area youth ages 7-18. Visit clydovni.org for more information.

**"Old Time Radio" Dinner Theatre**  
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15 and 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17  
LOCATION: Mama Mia Ristorante, 1403 South Commerce Road, Walled Lake  
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**Inaugural Wing Shooting and Sporting Clays Seminar**  
DATE: Thursday and Friday, Aug. 14-15  
LOCATION: Detroit Gun Club, 2275 East Oakley Park Road, Walled Lake  
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**Bichon Bash Picnic**  
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23  
LOCATION: Island Lake Recreation Area, Dodge Site, Brighton, Exit south on Kent Lake Road  
DETAILS: Join us for the 3rd Annual Bichon Bash Picnic. Fundraiser for Small Paws Rescue. www.smallpawsrescue.org. Silent auction, food for purchase, and Bichon information. Park entry \$6. Please RSVP or contact us for an invite and information. CONTACT: All Simmons (517) 430-0286 or jlybean3@comcast.net, Jane Cameron (313) 590-8292 or janeyway5999@aol.com.

**Second City Comedy Club**  
LOCATION: 42705 Grand River Ave.  
CONTACT: Box Office (248) 349-4149  
Jewett! The Musical  
DATE: Through Sept. 7  
TIME: 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 9 p.m. Fridays; 7 and 9 p.m. Saturdays; and 4 and 8 p.m. Sundays  
DETAILS: This show is a unique evening of comedy that celebrates all things Jewish and offers an irreverent look at the Jewish culture through scenes and music, appealing to all audiences. Tickets are \$15 on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, and \$20 on Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at (248) 349-4149 or online at www.lakemaster.com

**Used Sports Equipment Sale**  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15  
LOCATION: Wixom Community Center  
DETAILS: Come and browse the used sports equipment. Cost is \$20 each; set up 8:30 a.m. day of sale; sellers keep own profits; follower sports equipment in good condition only; reserve space by Aug. 8.

**Muscular Dystrophy Association Fundraiser**  
TIME/DATE: Noon-2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15  
LOCATION: All Outback Steakhouse Restaurants in Michigan, including the one at 48020 Grand River Ave.  
DETAILS: Residents can enjoy a meal while helping fund important research of Friedreich's Ataxia, one of over 40 forms of Muscular Dystrophy that MDA causes. The lunch includes a brioche onion, choice of steak, chicken or ribs, salad, soft drink and dessert with a \$20 donation per person to MDA. All proceeds go directly to funding research. Tickets may be purchased at the door or prior to the event by contacting your local Outback Steakhouse or MDA district office.  
CONTACT: For more information, contact Steve Naccarato at (734) 416-7076

**EMU GOLD Alumni Party**  
TIME/DATE: 8:30-10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21  
LOCATION: 5th Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road  
DETAILS: Join the EMU Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) and friends for a night of live music, networking and fun. A private reception will include music by the Killer Flamingos playing hits of the 80s and 90s. The event is \$5 which includes admission to the reception, an appetizer buffet and the band performance. Alumni and friends are welcome.  
CONTACT: For more information, or to RSVP, contact Acadia Hahlbrock, EMU Office for Alumni Relations, at (734) 487-0250 or alumni.relations@emu.edu.

**Life Story Writing Workshop**  
TIME/DATE: Oct. 2 and 20, Nov. 5 and 17, and Dec. 4 and 15  
LOCATION: Novi Public Library, 45245 W. 10 Mile Road  
DETAILS: This six-session workshop is for those who wish to reminisce and reflect on their life, and put on paper (scrapbook or journal) their best memories and lessons learned in life. Author and writing coach Rose Tutty shows how you can gather and write your favorite memories and events from your life and make a lasting gift to your children and grandchildren. Class size limited to 15. Please register online at www.novipubliclibrary.org or call (248) 349-0720.

**Hollywood Nights Movie Marathon**  
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 22 until 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23  
LOCATION: Emagine Theatre, Twelve Oaks Crossing  
DETAILS: This 24-hour event supports children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. Raising a minimum of \$105.10 in

pledges will get you admitted to the theatre for 24-hours of watching your choice of current-run movies, a catered lunch, dinner and continental breakfast, snacks and all the pop and popcorn you can eat. A "Family Pack Special" for a family of four allows parents and two children to arrive on Friday at 5 p.m. and watch two movies, have dinner and enjoy pop and popcorn, all for \$105.10. Individuals ages 13-17 may only participate until 10 p.m., unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. The top fundraiser for 2008 will win a one year pass to Emagine Theatre. Register online at www.leukemiainchicago.org or call (800) 825-2536.

**Farmers Market - Walled Lake**  
TIME/DATE: 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. every Wednesday  
LOCATION: Walled Lake City Event Field on E. West Maple Road between Dacker Road and Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake  
DETAILS: The Farmers Market begins in May and runs through the end of October. Some of the items available at the market this year include: Fresh vegetables, eggs, honey, jams, jelly, fruits, annual and perennial flowers and garden accessories. Vendor space is still available.  
CONTACT: Janell at the City of Walled Lake, 1499 E. West Maple Road, Walled Lake or call (248) 624-4847.

**Novi Chamber of Commerce**  
LOCATION: 41875 W. 11 Mile Road, Suite 201  
The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site and involvement with local charities.  
CONTACT: Call for membership information, (248) 349-3743. Register for all events online at www.novichamber.com. Email to info@novichamber.com.  
Business Breakfast  
TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. Tuesday  
LOCATION: Biggby Coffee  
DETAILS: No fee.  
21st Annual Tycoon Tee-off Golf Outing  
DATE: 8:30 a.m. Registration, 9:30 a.m. Shotgun Start  
LOCATION: Mosses Ridge Golf Course, 11801 Doane Road, South Lyon  
DETAILS: Fee to golf is \$145 which includes 18 holes, lunch and dinner provided by Carrabba's Italian Grill. There are still sponsorship opportunities available (Hole Sponsor is \$150, Hole Sponsor plus four golfers is \$650 and Trophy Sponsor is \$500). All sponsors will be recognized on the Novi Chamber of Commerce website and at the event. Contact the chamber office for more information or to register.

**Senior Variety Series "Remember When... The Game Show of the Century!"**  
DATE: Sept. 11-21  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
DETAILS: The Novi Theatres invite those ages 50 or older to join in the Senior Variety Series. Meet new friends and hone your performance skills. Rehearsals begin on June 3 and continue every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the summer. No past experience necessary and there are no auditions. You can register at the first meeting or online.  
CONTACT: For more information, call (248) 735-5615 or visit clydovni.org.

**Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce**  
Since 1963, the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce has proudly served as West Oakland's Regional Chamber, servicing the communities of Commerce Township, Union Lake, Walled Lake, Waterford, Wixom, Wolverine Lake and White Lake. Our purpose is to improve the quality of life for businesses and residents in the Lakes area. We act as a unified voice on behalf of the business community, provide a forum to discuss and review topics of interest, serve as a source of information and development programs that are responsive to the needs of the communities we serve.  
LOCATION: 305 N. Pontiac Trail, Ste. B, Walled Lake  
CONTACT: For more information, visit lakesareachamber.com or (248) 624-2826.  
Spotlight Lunch  
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12  
LOCATION: Coffee N' More Coffee House Cafe, 48992 Pontiac Trail, Wixom  
DETAILS: Bring your friends and co-workers to network over lunch.  
Programs Meeting  
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27  
LOCATION: Chamber office  
Spotlight Lunch  
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9  
LOCATION: Commerce Grille, 2528 Lake Road, Commerce  
DETAILS: Join us for lunch

**Novi Rotary Club**  
TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday  
LOCATION: Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road  
DETAILS: Lunch is \$10 at meeting. Visitors welcome. Check Web site for speaker information; novirota.org.

**Females in the Family Business Affinity Group**  
TIME/DATE: 8:30-3 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 non-threatening, non-competitive, non-sales roundtable. Registration is required.  
CONTACT: Jan Hubbard, jhubbard@walshcollege.edu

**American Business Women's Association Meetings**  
TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. second Wednesday of every month  
LOCATION: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 27000 Sheraton Dr. (west off Novi Road, north of I-96)  
DETAILS: Local chapter provides many advantages to today's working women and offers a strong community service program which includes raising money for scholarships.  
CONTACT: abwa-novi.org  
Tax Tips and How to Minimize Your Contribution to the IRS  
TIME/DATE: 6:15 p.m. Wednesday  
LOCATION: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 27000 Sheraton Dr. (west off Novi Road, north of I-96)  
DETAILS: Get the latest in tax

**Band (Blues, Stevie Ray and Clapton style)**  
To be included in My Bulletin Board, please send event name, date, time, location, details and contact.  
■ Mail: Novi News, My Bulletin Board, 104 W. Main Street, Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167.  
■ Fax: (248) 349-9832  
■ E-mail: vmitchell@gannett.com

**Fall Golf Scramble**  
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. Shotgun Start Friday, Sept. 12  
LOCATION: Beacon Hill Golf Club, 6011 Majestic Oaks Drive, Commerce  
DETAILS: All golfers receive golf with cart, beverage tickets, lunch on the turf, beer and chicken buffet dinner and a chance to win prizes and awards. Bring your clients, friends and co-workers. Sponsorships available. Cost for one golfer is \$95 if paid by Sept. 4, or \$105 if paid after Sept. 4. Cost of a foursome is \$440 if paid by Sept. 4, or \$480 if paid after Sept. 4 and includes tee sign recognition on one of the holes and company name recognition in event program and Chamber Newsletter.  
Breaking the Boundaries Business Networking Expo  
TIME/DATE: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16  
LOCATION: Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia (south side of Schoolcraft, west of Inster)  
DETAILS: Cost is \$10 per person, \$35 per expo site which includes entry for one person and half of an eight foot table, or \$60 per two expo sites which includes entry for one person and an entire eight foot table. There are a limited number of tables available, so reserve early.

**Novi City Council Meeting**  
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. first and third Monday of month (Aug. 11)  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0470

**Novi Youth Assistance General Citizens Meeting**  
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Tuesday  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road  
CONTACT: (248) 347-0410

**Novi Community Education Corner**  
CONTACT: (248) 449-1206  
Sign up today for Novi Community Education's adult and youth classes, camps and summer programs. Online registration is available 24/7 at novi.k12.mi.us/District/CommunityEducation. For more information, please call the Community Education office at (248) 449-1206

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CONTACT: (248) 624-3772 or e-mail to admin@walledlakeilibrary.org  
Classical Music Series  
TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. first Tuesday of each month  
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DETAILS: General meeting of

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## Novi resident dances her way to national recognition



By Chris Jackett  
STAFF WRITER

Lots of people like to dance, but few have dedicated their lives to it the way Novi resident Nicole Blaszczyk has.

The 21-year-old has been taking dance lessons from Julie Sulick Hughes at Sheryl's School of Dance in Novi for 18 years. "I started dancing when I was 3. Julie was my first teacher," Blaszczyk said. "When I first started, there was an activity to fill the day that my mom enrolled me in (for each day of the week). It was just... My mom would step me from dancing down the grocery aisles. It became a passion over 18 years. I love performing, teaching other kids and traveling."

The 2005 Novi High School graduate has been dancing and teaching others to dance for years. Last month, she became one of four runners-up at the national Dance Masters of America Miss Dance of America competition in Orlando.

"I was just going down there for the great experience and to represent my state," Blaszczyk said. "There's girls that've been at nationals since a very young age."

Although she was crowned Miss Dance of Michigan in February, Blaszczyk said she didn't know what to expect at the national competition that ran July 8-20. She was a new, fresh face — something she hoped would counterbalance the other 25 dancers, many of which had been to the competition previously.

"I was going to be something refreshing," she said. The 12-day judging process had several aspects ranging from essays to interviews, to actual dance performances.

"The advanced dancers have to write essays, we get interviewed. The judges observe us in classes they bring choreographers in for. They look for a well-rounded dancer," Blaszczyk said. "It was

unbelievable to know that this panel of judges put me in the top five in the country."

"Not only were (the others) great dancers, but great people. We're all trying to dance and just do what we love."

Blaszczyk's competition performance played to the tune of "Waiting in Vain" by Annie Lennox. She said the lyrical style of dance is her favorite because it's a mix of slow jazz and fast ballet, which some also call interpretive and expressive.

"You really become a character in the song you dance," she said. When Blaszczyk isn't busy

teaching dance, performing at competitions or for the Major Indoor Soccer League's Detroit Ignition as a dancer, she works full time as a junior financial advisor at Hantz Group in Southfield while working on a bachelor's degree in marketing from Wayne State University. As a sports fanatic, she also works with the Detroit Tigers' marketing team and Detroit Lions' promotional team.

"A couple opportunities opened up for me," Blaszczyk said of the connections she made through the Miss Dance of America competition. "I auditioned for Disney and

had a few opportunities in Las Vegas. But it's important for me to finish my degree because I only have one year left."

After earning her degree next spring, Blaszczyk hasn't decided whether to continue working at Hantz Group, a financial services company that owns the Ignition, while pursuing her master's degree in business administration or to postpone her MBA goal so she can dance professionally beyond the southeastern Michigan circuit.

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**Bonefish Grill's "NOTES FROM THE ROAD" debuts tonight**

Bonefish Grill announces the premier of a new television series, Bonefish Grill's "NOTES FROM THE ROAD," debuting tonight on Ovation TV. Bonefish Grill's "NOTES FROM THE ROAD" features intimate performances by artists who are on tour and appearing at much larger venues throughout the country. The series gives viewers a rare glimpse of life on the road for the musicians, with behind-the-scenes footage and candid conversations. Each hour-long episode is shot on location at a Bonefish Grill and is imprinted with the guest artist's personality, viewpoint, experiences and music.

Upcoming episodes include: restaurant performances and exclusive interviews with some of the hottest bands and artists on U.S. summer tours, including 3 Doors Down, Josh Kelley, Gavin DeGruw, Vanessa Carlton, The Bravery, Ben Folds, Jason Mraz and Malibus.

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## Next Week: How KLAA spring sports will change

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# KLAA = A WINTERY MIX

Rivalry with Northville expected to enhance many sports, title chases

By Jeff Theisen  
SPORTS WRITER

The winter sports season will come, there is no doubt in that fact.

What will happen with all the changes involved with the new Kensington Lakes Activities Association, that is a different story altogether.

The KLAA consists of all the teams from the KVC and WLAA with a new school from South Lyon and a pair of schools from Waterford involved.

The mega-conference will have 24 teams once Parker (in Howell) is open and joins.

As it stands, the 23-team league is broken into four divisions.

Novi is paired with schools very close in proximity, including arch-rival Northville, to make up the Central Division. The other teams include South Lyon, new school South Lyon East (which has every class but seniors this year), Livonia Stevenson and Salem.

The South Division fills out the other half of what is known as the Kensington Conference. The South consists of Canton, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Plymouth, Wayne and John Glenn.

The 12-team Lakes Conference consists of the North and West Divisions.

In the North are Lakeland, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Western, Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott.

The West includes Brighton, Hartland, Howell, Milford, Pinckney and Parker (when or if it opens).

The following is a look at how the Novi winter sports will be affected.

### Boys Basketball

Novi finished last basketball season on top of the KVC standings, but question marks abound for the new Central Division.

One thing is for sure, Novi's games with Northville got a big boost in the importance category. "It will add to it being it will impact the divisional standings," head coach Cory Heitsch said. "Each team will have a chance to play at home. Each game will have a very magnified feeling to it."

But along with Northville comes South Lyon, Salem, Stevenson and upstart South Lyon East. Heitsch is ready to get started against some new and travel-friendly competition.

"I'm excited about it," he said. "It will expose us to some new teams. I really love the proximity of it."

"I think athletically, top to bot-

tom, it will be a big challenge. The KVC was pretty talented, especially in the past couple of years. I don't know talent-wise, what the difference will be."

Winning the division is everything for a team if it wants to win the conference. Teams will be placed in order, first through sixth, to play the same seed in the South Division to determine the conference winner. First in Central plays first in South and so on.

The winners from each conference will face off for an association championship game.

### Girls Basketball

The Wildcats fought through a tough KVC schedule and finished tied at the top with Brighton last year. Sharing the final league title was special, but now things are headed in a new direction, but with similar pitfalls.

The division will have teams playing home and away with the other five teams to determine the champion, something Kelp said will be just as hard as winning the KVC.

"It will be just as tough with Salem and Northville," he said. "I'm going to miss the KVC but not the long drives."

"Basically, two very good girls basketball leagues are joining together. Not much will change in quality of competition, but in distance."

### Hockey

Some of the biggest changes in all sports will come from hockey. Novi will part ways with the old KVC schedule almost entirely.

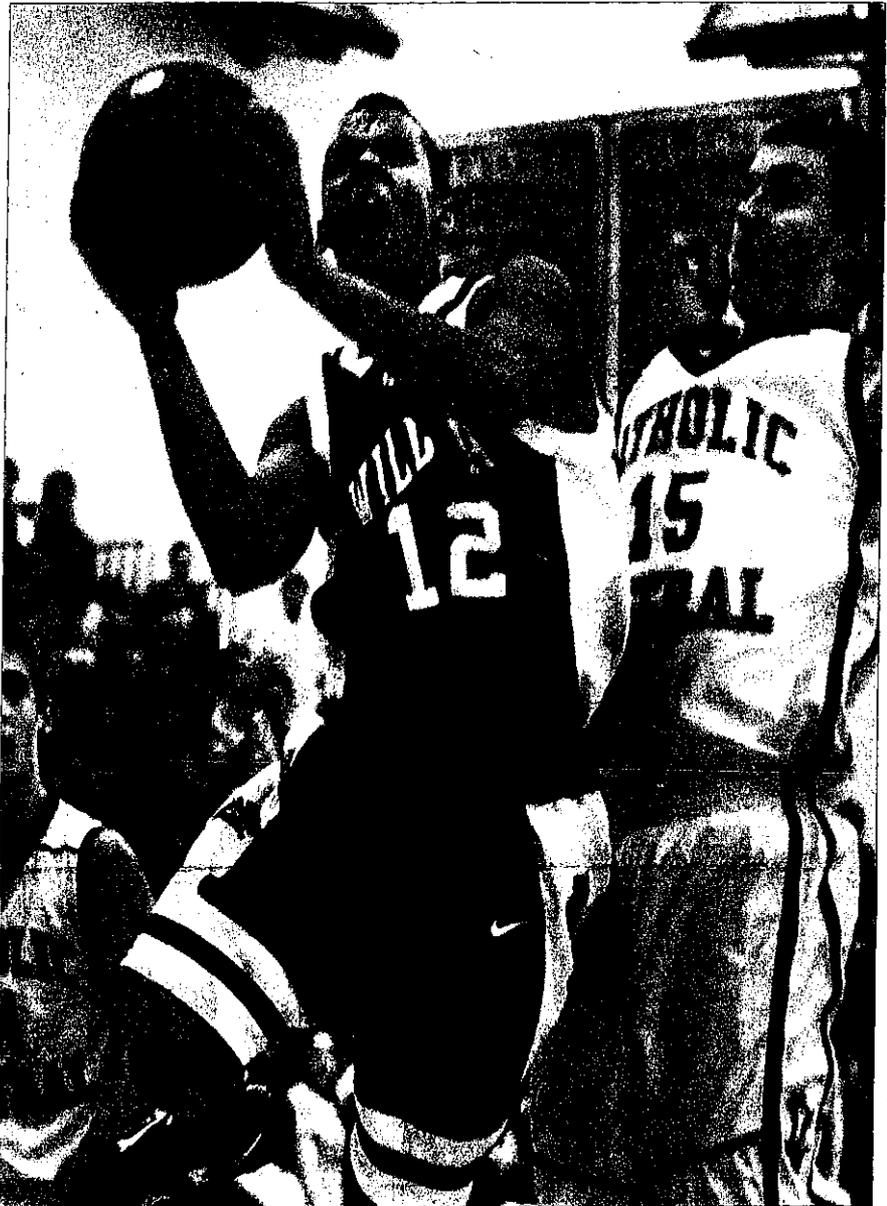
The Wildcats will be part of the Central Division with rival Northville, Stevenson, Walled Lake Western and South Lyon. Only South Lyon will look familiar from the old league.

"Now is an opportunity where you clean the slate and go out there and work hard," head coach Todd Krygier said. "Sometimes you get into a mental lull."

The Central will play all teams in the division home and away. The teams will also play one game each with the teams in the South Division (Canton, Churchill, Franklin, Plymouth and Salem) to come up with a divisional winner. Standard hockey scoring applies with two points for a win, one for a tie and none for a loss.

The conference championship will be determined by a one-game playoff, with the winners of the conferences facing off for an association championship.

"I'm really excited about it."



Novi's Brandon Bradford bursts past Catholic Central's Steve Harding to get off a shot.

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## Fall sports tryouts begin Monday

### ■ Golf tryouts begin today

Submitted by the MHSAA

The sounds of summer will soon change to the sounds of autumn when preparations for the 2008-09 fall sports season begins next week for over 110,000 students in eight sports at member schools of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Fall practice begins today with golf, followed by all other sports on Aug. 11. Competition is allowed on the first day of practice in cross country and tennis, and golf may also begin competition that day.

| Dates to remember       |            | Swimming/Diving Trials - Novi |            |
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The earliest game date for soccer is Aug. 18, girls volleyball may begin competition on Aug. 22, and girls swimming and diving in the Lower Peninsula may open activity Aug. 23. Practice in football must begin

on Aug. 11 for all schools wishing to begin regular season games the weekend of Aug. 28-31. Schools must have 14 days of preseason practice at all levels before their first game. All football schools must conduct at least

three conditioning days of practice before beginning contact, and the conditioning sessions may not include pads.

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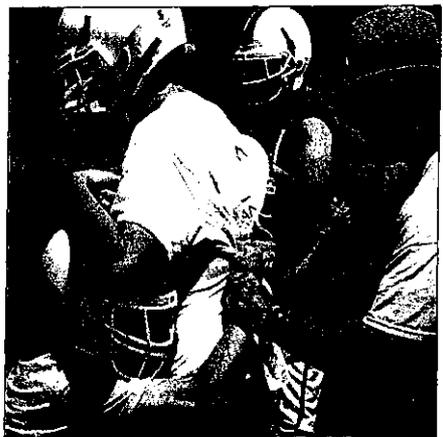


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Novi High School Wildcats work on a drill during football camp.

**KLAA**

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We'll have a division, conference and association champion," Krygier said. "I think it's going to be one of the most exciting leagues in the state to play in."

Teams on the other side of the conference include Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern, Waterford Kettering, Waterford Mott and Lakeland to make the North Division and Brighton, Hartland, Howell, Milford and Pinckney make up the West Division.

Krygier said the travel will be cut way down in the new league, but playing games against Northville and the others in the division will have much more meaning as only the winner of the divisions can win a conference or association title.

"Us and Northville, that's going to be exciting," he said. "We're in with a lot of Division I top teams. I think our strength of schedule last year was harder compared to any years of the program. I think it's even harder this season."

**Wrestling**

The competitive meets with Northville will take on much more importance than bringing rights this year.

The KLAA will mean the two rivals will be competing for a shot at the divisional and conference titles.

With divisional, conference and association titles on the line this year, expect the rivalry to get pushed to an even higher level.

Fellow KVC rival South Lyon will be the only KVC foe to join Novi in the new division. Stevenson, Salem and South Lyon East are the remaining Central foes.

**Boys Swimming**

Nothing will come easy for the Wildcats this year in boys swimming.

South Lyon was one of the top teams in the KVC last year. Combine the Lions with the two top teams from the WLAA — Stevenson and Northville — and the Central Division is one of the most loaded in the state.

Northville placed sixth at state, followed by Stevenson (11th) and South Lyon (14th) and Salem (25th). Novi was 31st.

The KLAA will have two champions — divisional and conference.

**Cheer**

Novi, one of the top teams in the KVC, will see a very different schedule in the new division.

Rival Northville will push the Wildcats for one of the top spots. So will fellow KVC opponent South Lyon.

Divisional champions will be the team with the best record after playing the rest of the teams in the same division one time.

Two conference champions will also be crowned, one for each side (Kensington and Lakes).

**Skiing**

Despite being in just its third year of existence, the Novi skiing program will see massive changes to the schedule.

The Wildcats will be part of the Mt. Brighton Division with Brighton, Hartland, Howell, Pinckney and South Lyon United.

The Alpine Valley Division will include Lakeland, Milford, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Western and Waterford United.

With only 12 teams competing from the league, the top three teams from each division will



Novi's Connor Caldwell wrestles a Livonia Franklin opponent.

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Novi's Danny Kiefer swims butterfly in practice.

compete for the conference championship.

**Bowling**

The biggest changes to bowling will be on the schedule.

The Wildcats will play in the Central Division, but it's a little different than the other sports. In the Division are Novi, Northville, South Lyon, South Lyon East, John Glenn and Wayne. Because not every school has bowling, there are only three divisions (North, West and Central).

Each team will play home and away with divisional opponents and six crossover games with the other two divisions.

Each match will consist of two Baker games and two regular games. The divisional championship will be determined by the best record against divisional opponents. The Association Championship will be determined by a seeded tournament involving the top eight teams.

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Anthony Gasparatto looks for a pass as Novi takes on South Lyon.



Wildcat Melissa Gasiorok puts up a shot.



Photo submitted

**Repeat champions**

Novi residents (from left) Katie Walker (Western Kentucky University), Stephanie Crawford (University of Michigan) and Keilke Walker (Western Kentucky University) returned from a week in Little rock, Ark., competing in the United States Youth Soccer Association National championships. The girls competed on the Bloomfield Force Football Club (Champions in 2007 also), defeating the Slammers from Southern California in the finals 2-1.

**FALL**

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This year, one football date precedes Labor Day, and Thursday varsity games will take place both weeks. In Week 1, 220 games will be played on Thursday, 64 games will be played on Friday, and five games will be played on Saturday. The following weekend, four games will be played on Thursday, 272 games will be played on Friday, and 11 games will be played on Saturday.

Among football rules changes made by the National Federation of State High School for 2008 are several addressing penalty options for teams that are fouled on scoring plays. If the scoring team is fouled on a touchdown play, and again on the point after try, both penalties may be assessed on the subsequent kickoff. On a scoring play at the end of the first half, a foul against the defensive team may be penalized on the point after attempt or the kickoff to begin the second half. On a scoring play at the end of the second half, a foul against the defensive team may only be penalized on the point after try — the penalty cannot be assessed if the game goes to overtime as a result of the

scoring play.

The option of carrying unused second half timeouts into overtime has been eliminated this season. A rule has also been instituted by the NFHS that required pieces of equipment — hip pads, knee pads and thigh guards — may not be altered from the manufacturer's original design or production.

A point of emphasis in Michigan and nationally is sideline management and control. Only three coaches are allowed in the two-yard belt next to the field in the team bench area between the 25-yard lines. Outside the team bench area, the two-yard belt may not be occupied by coaches, statisticians, trainers, ball people, media or any other non-team personnel. Where possible, line to gain crew personnel should also observe these lines. Such markings, and their restrictions, are common at professional and collegiate venues. Game management shall continue to have the primary responsibility for enforcement of this rule.

**Sports Shorts**

**Dean helps team to All-Star win**

Novi's Caleb Dean helped the Class AB White team to a 108-107 victory, scoring 21 points, snagging 11 rebounds and providing a late block to help seal the win.

**Girls softball clinic**

The Motor City Madness girls' softball coaches are hosting a clinic for girls 7-14 at Power Park. On Aug. 16, throwing, catching and fielding skills will be taught. Hitting, bunting and base running will be taught Aug. 17.

Clinic time is 9-11:30 a.m. Pre-registration is \$30 per day or \$50 for both. There is an additional \$5 fee to register on clinic day.

Registration information is available at [www.steamz.com/MotorCity](http://www.steamz.com/MotorCity) or contact Jacqui Schulte at (248) 374-9343.

**Flag football**

An Adult flag-touch football

league will begin in Royal Oak. Games will be Monday-Wednesday in September and October. Cost is \$400 a team. The last day to sign up is Aug. 21.

For more information, call Todd at (248) 246-3180.

**Northville Athletic Boosters Club family pass**

For \$75, a family can attend all regular season Northville games. All proceeds will go to NHS sports teams.

Make check payable to Northville Athletic Boosters Club/NHS Pass, 22583 Fuller Drive, Novi, MI, 48374. List names of all family members requiring a pass (immediate family only) along with ages to the above address with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Any questions, please call Maureen Owen at (248) 348-0075.

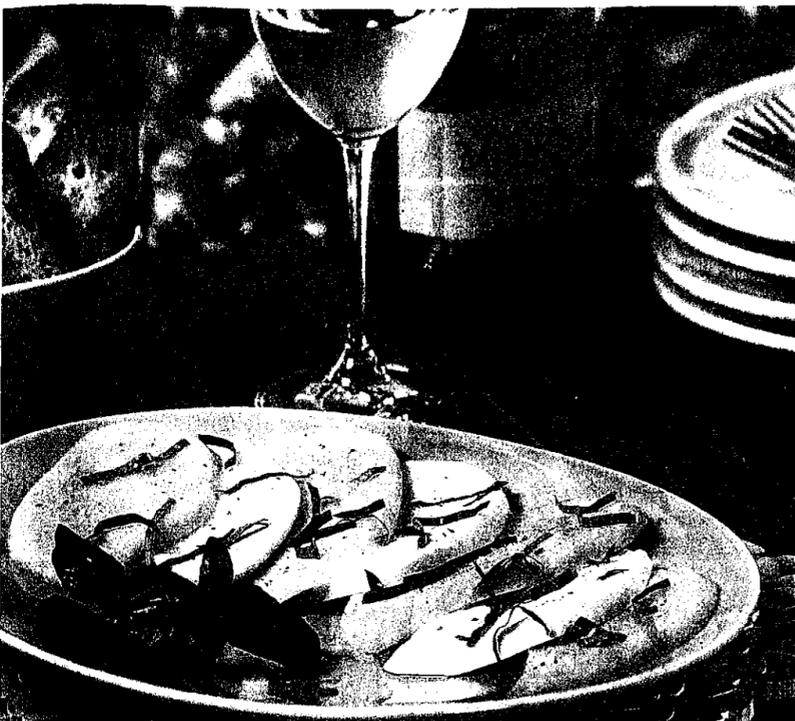
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**FAMILY FEATURES**

Enjoy the longer days and warm weather with your friends and family. Nothing gives you the taste of sunshine quite like outdoor entertaining. Giving your gathering a tropical feel doesn't have to mean expensive plane tickets, fancy hotels and crowded beaches. All it takes is a little atmosphere and delicious food and wine that puts you in an island frame of mind.

The warmer temperatures call for a menu that's light and healthy, but with a uniquely tropical flavor. Mangos, the world's most popular fruit, are a perfect ingredient to enjoy any time of year. Delicious to eat, mangos also have an exotic, luscious taste that enhances appetizers, salads, entrees, desserts and beverages. The abundance of mango varieties offers versatile flavors ranging from sweet to slightly spicy.

Start the party with a tropical twist on the classic caprese salad by layering juicy mango slices and fresh mozzarella and topping with oil, seasonings and basil. For an easy, casual entrée with a beachy feel, Baja Fish Tacos and Mango Salsa are sure to please. Perfect for easy entertaining, the Asian inspired mango and chicken lettuce wraps add a riot of delicious colors and flavor to your plate. They're easy to make and fun to eat — you don't even need a fork!

With any great dinner, you need a great wine to complement your food. Wines with bright, fruit-forward flavors pair well with a variety of food styles. To enhance your mango-inspired dishes, serve the crisp and food-friendly style of Riesling or Chardonnay selections from Mirassou Winery. Grown in Monterey County, the cooler temperature on the coast yields a longer growing season, which allows the grapes to develop deep flavors and results in intensely flavorful wines with lovely tropical fruit overtones. Mirassou Monterey County Chardonnay has crisp fruit flavors of peach and nectarine with lovely hints of tropical fruit and vanilla, while Mirassou Monterey County Riesling is delightfully crisp and refreshing, with aromas and flavors of peaches, apricots and apples. Inspired by tropical food and crisp, fruit-forward wine — you'll agree, warm weather never tasted so good! To find out more about mango varieties, visit [www.mango.org](http://www.mango.org). To learn more about food and wine pairings, visit [www.mirassou.com](http://www.mirassou.com).



**Mango Caprese Salad**

Makes 8 to 10 appetizers  
Prep time: 15 minutes

- 3 large, ripe mangos, peeled, pitted and sliced\*
- 8 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, sliced
- 3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Sea salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- Snipped fresh basil
- Crusty toasted baguette slices

Place mango slices on platter, alternating with mozzarella slices. Drizzle with lemon juice and oil and season with salt and pepper. Sprinkle with basil and serve with baguette slices.

Pair with Mirassou Monterey County Chardonnay

**Baja Fish Tacos With Mango Salsa**

Makes 4 to 6 servings  
Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 15 to 20 minutes

- Mango Salsa**
- 2 large ripe mangos, peeled, pitted and chopped\*
- 1/4 cup minced red bell pepper
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 green onions, sliced (green tops only)
- 1 small jalapeño pepper (stem, seeds and membranes removed)

**Tacos**

- 1 pound cod fillets, rinsed and patted dry
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon each: ground cumin, Mexican Oregano and garlic salt
- 8 corn tortillas, warmed
- 2 cups shredded green or red cabbage
- 1/2 cup crumbled Cotija cheese (may substitute shredded Monterey Jack)

Preheat oven to 425°F. Stir together all salsa ingredients in medium bowl; set aside. Place cod on 2 large sheets of parchment paper. Stir together dry seasonings in small bowl and sprinkle over cod. Bring edges of parchment paper together and fold twice. Fold ends under to enclose fish. Place packets on baking sheet and bake 15 to 18 minutes. Open packets carefully to let steam escape. Place equal amounts cod in each tortilla and top with cabbage, cheese and mango salsa.

Pair with Mirassou Monterey County Riesling

**Mango Chicken Lettuce Wraps**

Makes 4 servings  
Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 15 minutes  
Chill time: 30 minutes

- 1/2 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, chopped into small pieces
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 1/2 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger
- 1/2 tablespoon minced fresh lemon grass
- 1 large ripe mango, peeled, pitted and chopped, divided\*
- 8 to 12 small butter lettuce leaves
- 1/4 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 2 tablespoons sliced green onion tops
- 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro leaves, chopped

Heat sesame oil in medium skillet over medium heat. Add chicken and cook, stirring frequently, until lightly browned. Stir in soy sauce, vinegar, honey, ginger and lemon grass. Finely chop half mango and add to skillet. Cook 5 minutes or until sauce is very thick; let cool. Spoon chicken into lettuce leaves and top each with remaining mango, bell pepper, green onion and cilantro.

Pair with Mirassou Monterey County Riesling

\*Watch the video on how to cut a mango on [www.mango.org](http://www.mango.org).

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# Dance and Dream

## Dance students pursue dreams at Gayle's

By John R. Hall  
SPECIAL WRITER

For the past 26 years, it has been all about tradition and dreams at Gayle's DancePhase dance studio in Wixom. In fact, the theme of the last recital — the 26th annual recital — was "Where Dreams Begin."

For the many dancers who have trained at Gayle's DancePhase, whether they were serious, having fun, or getting great exercise (or all three), it has truly been a time for dreams.

### A BEGINNING FOR DREAMS

Under the guidance of co-owners and instructors Gayle Winnie and Tina Bishop, the studio has become a center of cultural enrichment for young girls and boys, who have learned the importance of discipline and training through dance instruction.

Gayle's sister, Tina Bishop, wrote in the "Where Dreams Begin" program introduction "We see our students as the next generation of this family. We cherish them while they dance, we miss them when they leave, and we embrace them when they return to visit. The DancePhase students make our dreams come true every day, and we hope to see them all reaching for stars!"

Speaking of reaching for the stars, Gayle and her staff recently came back from Hollywood where they trained and danced with many well-known national instructors. While there, the dancers had a chance to see a taping of the television show "So You Think You Can Dance" and interacted with the cast.

This is just one of the many activities that students participate in as part of their ongoing learning experience at Gayle's DancePhase.

### TEAM DANCE

The competitive dance teams were national award winners in Las Vegas in 2007 and will represent the studio in 2008 at a similar competition in Ohio, where they anticipate winning many awards. But winning awards is not the ultimate goal of Gayle and her trained staff of professional instructors.

"We don't only teach kids to win competitions, we teach them to dance," Gayle said. "What they get out of their experience here benefits them in their life skills. But there are probably at least 50 dancers who have been with us over the 25 years who are now making a living in dance."

### HAVING FUN

Besides the national and regional competitions, the students at Gayle's DancePhase participate in a number of different events.

Dancers perform regularly at Detroit Pistons and Detroit Shock basketball games, the South Lyon Pumpkin Fest Parade, at Cobo Hall, local malls, homes for the elderly, and much more.

Gayle's DancePhase brings in guest teachers several times throughout the dance year. These



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Gayle's DancePhase in Wixom offers classes in Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Pointe, Lyrical, Ballet Technique, Hip Hop, Jazz Technique, Tumbling, and combination classes.



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professional teachers are from all over the country. "They provide personal attention, which is great for a determined dancer," said Gayle.

The studio is also home to the Majestic Dance Ensemble of Michigan. This local ballet company performs in Ann Arbor each season. The ballet company is open to ballet students ages 6 and up from all over Michigan.

### DADS AND BOYS

Young boys also have opportunities to "burn off energy" as Gayle said during a special all-boys hip-hop class. Some of them do it for fun while others are very serious about dance.

"We also have an active group of dads who are here to support their children," said Gayle. "They build props and even dance in a fun number."

Gayle's DancePhase is located at 51770 Grand River Ave. in Wixom, and offers classes in Tap, Jazz,



Boys, girls and adults not only learn to dance at Gayle's DancePhase in Wixom, but also enjoy great physical conditioning, life-long poise and personal confidence.

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Gayle is very big on communication between her staff and the

families and dancers. "We are very organized and believe in a communications system," she said. Each student is given a physical mailbox where information including newsletters, notes, and dance shows are regularly put in a folder in each mailbox. Lost and found items can often be found in the mailboxes, too!

At the end of the day, as Tina stated in the recital program, the studio appreciates the trust that parents put in them to share their "most valuable possessions with us."

It is all about trust, caring, and a whole lot of fun. As Gayle said, "Once our kids start with us, they stay with us."



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