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### Community Ed fund-raiser

Novi Community Education's Infant Toddler program is hosting its first annual Mom to Mom Sale on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Novi High School in the Atrium. All proceeds will benefit playground equipment for the infant toddler program.

Tables are \$20 per round and \$10 per space for sellers who provide their own racks. All baby and toddler items will be accepted, including large items such as cribs high chairs, swings and large toys. Admissions is adults \$1 and children ages 15 and under are free.

For more information contact Community Education - Child Care Services at (248) 449-1713.

### Self-defense for women

Learn to protect yourself against sexual assault and violence at an eight-week self defense course starting Monday, Oct. 12 from 7 to 8 p.m. The class, held at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi, is designed for all women and girls age 16 and older.

The course will teach prevention and preparedness using escapes, restraints, stand-up and vertical defense, and rolling techniques to release from an attacker. Participants will be able to empower themselves by learning and practicing real life self defense moves that are simple and effective. The class costs \$80.

## Tri-party funds reduced by more than half

### City officials concerned about state of Grand River project

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The Tri-party Program for road funding was not eliminated by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners when it approved the county's budget in late September.

But the cuts were severe enough that Novi officials remain concerned about completing a project that would improve Grand River Avenue between Haggerty and Novi roads.

The budget for the Tri-party Program is \$1 million, which is a far

cry from the \$2.25 million that was budgeted last year.

"Obviously we are disappointed that it is a lower amount, but that is just the way the budget situation is right now for everyone," Novi Assistant City Manager Pam Antil said.

Antil said Novi typically gets about \$345,000 from the Tri-party Program, and this year that amount is down to \$153,516. That is the fifth most being distributed to an Oakland County city, but still could put the project in jeopardy.

Jeff Potter, District 8 commissioner, said the county would have liked to have done more, but is happy that Oakland County, unlike the state and neighboring counties, was able to "close its budget out with reasonable and expected reductions that are in tune with present taxation capabilities and without requesting an increase."

"It was important enough to raid other portions of the budget to do it," he said.

Now that Novi officials know how much money they have,

they are working with the Road Commission for Oakland County to determine what kind of work can be done.

Antil said they want to at least repair some of the worst areas and prepare for a possible project in 2012 that would include federal funding. All recommendations must be approved by the Novi City Council before moving forward.

"We are cautiously optimistic that we will do some repairs, just the

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Novi resident Van Ong is hosting and arranging for the facial surgery of Filipino girl Athena Miguel, 2, who's held by her mom Bebenia Villamor. Athena, who has a severe cleft palate and cleft lip and in need of macro-facial surgery to correct her wide-set eyes, will receive care from doctors at Novi's Providence Park Hospital.

## Overcoming the odds

### Philippine child comes to Novi for multiple facial surgeries

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Athena Miguel is just like most two-year-old children.

She plays with toys, runs around tirelessly, cries when upset and giggles with joy.

But she does have one noticeable physical difference that sets her apart from others. Athena was born with several facial deformities including cleft lip and cleft palate. She also had a disfigured

nose and her eyes were spaced apart.

But thanks to Novi resident Van Ong, his family, several organizations and a group of doctors at Providence Park Hospital, Athena might never stand out for her flaws again.

"This kid is so innocent, and it's not fair because she is so young," Ong said. "We are just hoping to give her a chance."

Athena's story is one of perseverance as she was turned down

three times by Operation Smile, an organization that treats children born with cleft lips, cleft palates and other facial deformities, before Ong's brother Oscar took a picture of the child while in Davao City, Philippines. Oscar gave the picture to Dr. Ian Jackson, a leading craniofacial surgeon, who told them to bring the child to him.

The child and her mother Bebenia Villamor were then

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## Community joins together to get educated on drug, alcohol abuse

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Mark Menestrina, medical director of Brighton Hospital's Detoxification Unit, gives about 100-150 talks per year on alcohol- and drug-related issues.

So when he came Sept. 28 to Novi to speak at Just the Facts, a panel presentation about drug and alcohol use organized by Novi Youth Assistance, he expected the usual turnout of parents and maybe a couple of administrators.

But what he saw that Monday "blew my socks off."

"To see a judge up there, the chief of police, the school superintendent and principals from the high school and middle school was very impressive to me," he said. "When you get a topic like this, people say, 'Whose job is it to take care of this? Is it the parents? The doctor? The school? The judge?' No, it turns out for us to make a real dent, it takes all of us."

"And to see that much unity on stage is real impressive."

The presentation, organized by Dodie Varhol and Danielle Bastianelli, featured a presentation from Menestrina, and a question and answer portion where the audience of about 50 people got to solicit answers from the panel members. Some of the topics included trends in drug and alcohol use, how to detect its presence, where to turn for help, parent responsibility and liability and how to engage the youth.

"We wanted to give an educational piece on what is happening," Bastianelli said. "The purpose was to proactively educate our parents. ... And this isn't a

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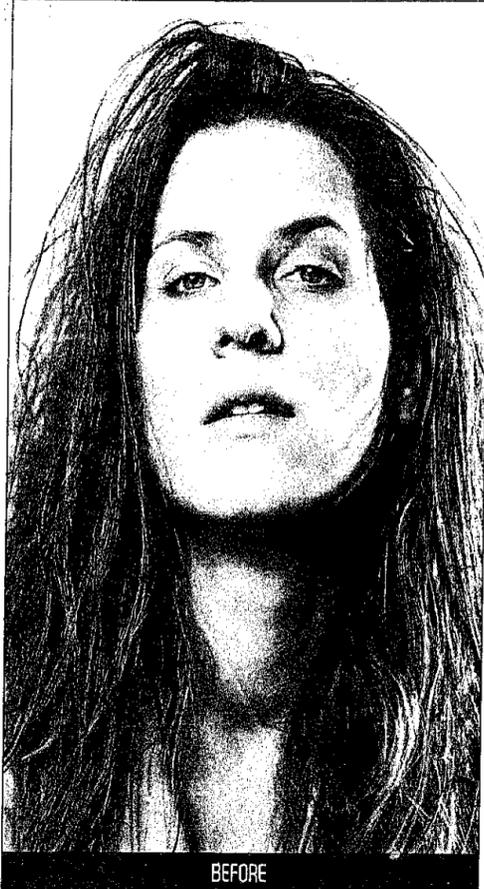
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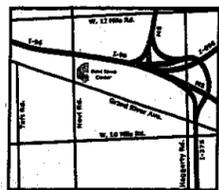
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granted a one-year visitor visa to come to the United States for the surgery and are staying with Van and his family in their Novi home.

Van, who is a retired nurse and manager of emergency medicine for Henry Ford Hospital, is no stranger to helping people from foreign countries. He has been on several missions through the Far Eastern and American Nurses Association of Great Lakes, and two years ago donated an ambulance filled with supplies to the needy in the Philippines. He said when he saw the pic-

ture of Athena, he was going to everything he could to help.

"I was poor like them when I left the Philippines in 1971," he said. "And seeing this reminds me of who I was when I was young."

Villamor, who also has another child in the Philippines, said through Ong translating that she "never dreamt this would ever come true."

Ong said Villamor's mother told her that if Athena ever got sick to not take her to the doctor because it wasn't worth it.

"I am so extremely happy that she will grow up normal," she said. "All thanks goes to the man upstairs because if it were not for him none of this would have ever happened."

The first step toward Athena's new look took place on Sept. 28 when she underwent three and a half hours of successful surgery to fix her forehead, eyes and nose. She spent two days in the intensive care unit following the surgery, but is now recuperating at Ong's home.

Her next surgery will repair her face, lips and the roof of her mouth.

"It went excellent," Ong said. "I'm so excited about this."

Along with Jackson, Ong said Drs. Dan Pieper, neurological surgeon, and Peter McCann, ophthalmologist, donated their services.

When all the surgeries are complete, Athena and

Villamor will return to the Philippines with a new look and possibly a new home. The family is currently homeless and Ong is working with the local government to find them a place and in turn create a job for Villamor. He said there is a house where the families of children who have cleft lips and palates stay and he wants to get her a place nearby so she can cook for those families and make money.

When asked why he has gotten so involved with helping others, Ong said simply, "because I want people to see this and have the desire to do the same for others."

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unique problem to Novi, it's available everywhere. It's right there in our medicine cabinets and in the streets."

Menestrina said that alcohol and drugs are equal opportunity diseases that can happen to anyone, not just those with weak will or a bad upbringing or morals.

And his vision is that people would approach alcohol and drug disorders like any other condition and talk to people

about it non-judgementally.

"The major point is that this is going on because we live in a society that drinks and drugs a lot," he said. "To choose not to look at it as a problem and that it can be treated."

Bastianelli said the hope is that those who attended the presentation will pass the word onto others, and youth assistance is already working on a Drugs 101 program it hopes to kick off in the coming months.

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money was not as much as we had hoped," she said.

**NOVI ROAD PROJECT IN TROUBLE**

The city of Novi has been working with the RCOC for six years to find a way to widen Novi Road from a two- and three-lane road to a five-lane road and put a bridge over the CSX Railroad crossing.

But recently officials were notified that the federal funding for the project might be taken away.

The city has already spent \$1.3 million on engineering and right-of-way acquisition costs, but because the project is still a couple of months away from being obligated with a construction contract, the funds might disappear when the SAFETEA-LU transportation measure expires. The measure expired Sept. 30, but a 30-day extension has been granted to make a final decision.

SAFETEA-LU is a bill that governs federal surface transportation spending, and roughly \$13 million in federal construction funding could be retracted.

Novi Mayor David Landry has sent letters to Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia), Sen. Carl Levin (D-Detroit) and Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Lansing) voicing his displeasure with the decision and asking for help.

"I am extremely disappointed with the (federal government) pulling money

back," he said. "We have already spent \$1.2 million on (this project). What happens to that money now? Do we have to eat that?"

Antil said the city is continuing to work with representatives to secure funding for the project the city deems "very important" and has a lot of "ramifications."

"We do feel we have the support of federal representatives, but I don't see anything (happening) in the next 30 days," she said.

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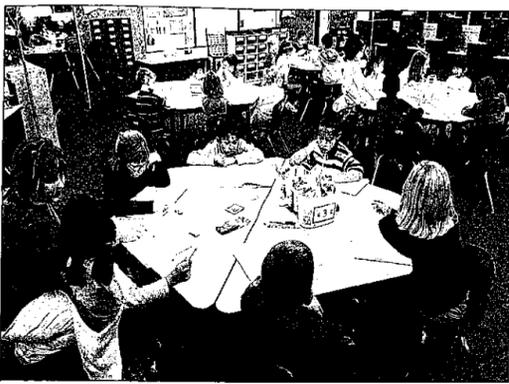
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# EDUCATION



## High school students catch the attention of food industry leaders

Program intended to help create solutions to challenges

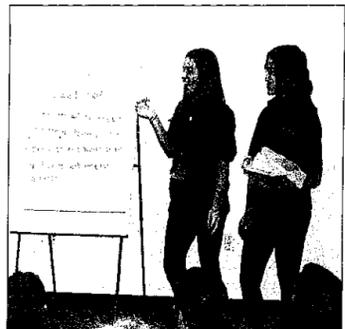
BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

It was supposed to be an educational experience for Jessica Cameron and six of her classmates from Novi High School when they were picked to be part of a food leadership initiative that tackled the industry's challenges.

Little did they know that they too would be doing some educating. Cameron and her classmates were given the topic of child obesity and nutrition at the Food Experience program, and turned more than a few heads with their presentation. They came up with ideas to enhance nutrition in the schools by creating a mentoring program that would pair high school students with younger students, and even created a YouTube video to complement it.

"It's critical (to get students involved)," said Janice Krupic, CEO of Novi-based Paragon Leadership International, which partnered with NSF International to run the program. "If we had our druthers we would keep going younger. The more we can do at a younger age the better off we are in the future because they can be part of the solution."

More than 70 people attended the event, including leaders from food manufacturers, processors, retailers, suppliers, undergraduate and graduate students and more. The purpose was to help favorably drive the Michigan economy, get emerging leaders together so they can collaborate and form relationships and get



Novi High School students Kylie Olkowski and Amelia Feinstein give their presentation on how to combat childhood obesity to the judges during the Food Experience Experience last week.

people rallying around a social cause. The participants were divided into eight teams, with each team given direction to create a solution for one of four food industry challenges — food safety, hunger, Michigan's agricultural economy and child obesity. Each category was sponsored by a non-profit organization, who then will look for ways to implement the recommendations.

Presentations were made before a panel of industry executive judges, who then chose a winner in each category. Cameron, who wants to pursue restaurant management, said the program was a great experience, but she doesn't want their work to end there.

"My plan is to go to the Board of Education and get statistics and figure out ways to put mentoring with high school students into action instead of just talking about it," the senior said.

Krupic said one thing that stood out to her was the cross-mentoring that took place, not only from the industry leaders to the students, but vice versa. "We need to make sure what we are doing in the industry capitalizes on that," she said.

Paragon also will be part of a similar initiative on Oct. 15 when more Novi High School students will head to Next Bakery in Detroit for the Michigan's Environment and Energy sector program.

The Novi Community Schools District was down an estimated four students district-wide from fall of last year after taking a look at the numbers on Count Day on Sept. 30. The first grade classroom of Parkview Elementary's Kerry Kowalczyk, far left, had 21 students that day.

## Enrollment down in school district

Numbers not as bad as predicted

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The preliminary results from school count day are in and the Novi Community Schools District is predicting a decrease of only four-to-five students from last year. Superintendent Peter Dion said even though the enrollment is still declining, estimated to be 6,171 on Sept. 30, it was not to the extent the

district budgeted for. "Hopefully we are seeing the bottom of this enrollment decline," he said. "We are a community that is reflective of the economy. When the economy is good we are going to fill these homes with families and kids, and when it's bad people are either relocated or out of a job."

An official count is expected to be completed by the end of October. Enrolled students who have an unexcused absence on count day may be counted as long as they show up within 10 school days following count day, or 30 days if the absences are excused. The count day is one of two

that takes place during the school year, and helps determine how much state funding the district will receive. The fall numbers count for 75 percent of the enrollment figure and a February count determines the other 25 percent. Currently, Novi receives about \$8,600 per pupil. That number also could change based on what happens with the state budget. It was being talked about at one time that as much as \$218 per student could be cut by the Legislature, but nothing has been finalized.

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## NOVI STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

Western Michigan University

Fifteen freshmen, including Novi's Nicole Powell, won coveted Medallion Scholarships to begin their studies at Western Michigan University this fall. Medallion Scholarships are among the highest honors WMU can bestow on an incoming freshman. Valued at \$40,000 each over four years, they constitute one of the largest merit-based awards in American higher education.

Eight of this year's incoming scholars received a Presidential Medallion Scholarship. The remaining seven scholars received awards that bear the names of their scholarships' donors or the individuals for whom the scholarships were established.

The 2009 recipients were announced in late June. The students were selected after competing for the awards in the 26th annual Medallion Scholarship Program Competition Jan. 24 at WMU. The daylong competition included essay writing and group problem solving activities and an informational session for the participants' parents. A total of 512 seniors from across Michigan and the United States participated in the event.

Invitations to compete were based on a combination of grade point averages and ACT scores, and were extended to students who had applied to WMU by Dec. 1, 2008. Students participating in the competition were guaranteed at least a \$3,000 Dean's Scholarship to attend WMU. This year's Medallion Scholars have an average ACT score of 28 and a grade point average of 4.05. They will begin their studies at WMU in the fall and are scheduled to graduate during the 2012-13 academic year.



**Fall cleanup**

The fourth-graders at Novi Woods Elementary got their hands dirty to clean up along the front of the school as a service project. The students pulled weeds, cleaned up trash and worked on various other projects to beautify the area. (From left) Claire Corneiller, Katelyn Katinas, Anna Dixon and Maria Paparella plant some mums in the front of Novi Woods Elementary.



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NOVI SCHOOL BRIEFS

Middle school hours changing

Novi Middle School is adjusting the start and end time for middle school students beginning Monday, Oct. 26. Due to a need to provide middle school students additional time at the end of the school day to board buses, students will start classes at 7:45 a.m. (currently start time is 7:50 a.m.).

(currently dismissal is 2:26 p.m.) which will provide students additional time to board their bus at the end of the day. School bus times will remain the same for both morning pick up and arrival to the middle school in the afternoon. Parents driving students to and/or picking up students after school will need to adjust their drop off and pick up times accordingly. Please feel free to e-mail (mohrenovich@novi.k12.mi.us) or call (248-449-1602) me if you have any questions.

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JOHN A. BRIGGS Age 82, a long time resident of Milford, passed on Oct. 2, 2009. He will be missed by his wife of 61 years, Beverly, his son, Gary (Pat), and his grandchildren, Amy, Brandon, and Brett. He retired from Detroit Edison in 1991 after 41 years of service and had a wonderful retirement. A private interment with the immediate family will be held at Oakland Hills Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of choice.

WILLIAM E. JURANEK ENGLA V. ENGLA-PUCKETT Age 88, passed away September 30, 2009. He was born on July 27, 1921, in Detroit, to the late William and Edith (Hein) Juranek. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. William is survived by his loving wife Betty (Eugenie) Juranek; his children: Carol Ann (James) Myers, William G. (Susan) Juranek, 5 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. A funeral service was held on October 4, Sunday, at 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

MARIAN C. CASSIDY Age 81 of Linden, passed away Wednesday, September 30, 2009. She was born June 27, 1928, in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. Her daughter of Kenneth E. and Gladys M. (Strahan) Backe. Beloved wife of the late Wilfred G. Cassidy (10/5/2005). Dear mother of Cheryl Chaseman of Ann Arbor, Jon (Rhonda) of Livonia and Kathleen (Robert) Klesz of Grand Blanc. Also survived by grandchildren, Christopher Cassidy, Nicholas Klesz, Daniel Klesz and Thomas Chaseman. Marian was a graduate of Detroit Cady High School, loved spending time with her grandchildren and gardening. Private services were held at the funeral home. Arrangements by Macdonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Contributions are suggested to St. Jude's Research Hospital or the Humane Society of your choice. Please visit the family's on-line guestbook at: www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

ANN L. KRUPINSKI Age 75 of Walled Lake died Sun. Oct. 4, 2009. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Friday, Oct. 9, 2009 at the Dryden Funeral Home, Holly with Pastor Nick Ruffler officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be from 5-9 P.M. Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009 at the funeral home. She was born in Pontiac on Oct. 16, 1933. She was a former employee of General RV of Wacom. She is survived by her mother Laura Krupinski of Walled Lake; brothers Byron and Jayson; step-father Pat Turner; uncles Dennis, David, and Frank; aunt Bonnie; many cousins, and her boy Tiger. Memorial donations would be appreciated to St. Paul's Lutheran Church 7810 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48152. Arrangements by Castlerline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville.

DONALD M. DWYER, SR. Sept. 30, 2009. Age 85. Funeral was Oct. 5, St. Joseph Catholic Church, S. Lyon. Memorial contributions to American Diabetes, American Heart, In-House Hospice or St. Gregory the Great Church, Online condolences: obitnotifications@funeralhome.com

JOHN H. LACLAIR Age 62 of Milford died October 3, 2009. He is survived by his beloved wife, Cindy, his children, Angela (1957) in Detroit to the late William and Elaine Gardner; Robert is survived by his three daughters: Ann, Amy, Laura and wife Linda; his siblings: Richard (Janet) Gardner, Kathleen (Dave) Weathersee, and Patricia (Terry) Moore. A memorial service will be held on October 17, 2009, please contact Phillips Funeral Home, 248-437-1616, for additional information. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.

ROBERT WILLIAM GARDNER Age 53, passed away on September 15, 2009. Robert was born on April 13, 1957 in Detroit to the late William and Elaine Gardner. Robert is survived by his three daughters: Ann, Amy, Laura and wife Linda; his siblings: Richard (Janet) Gardner, Kathleen (Dave) Weathersee, and Patricia (Terry) Moore. A memorial service will be held on October 17, 2009, please contact Phillips Funeral Home, 248-437-1616, for additional information. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon.

TIM SKELTIS October 2, 2009, Age 53. Dear son of Anthony & the late Helen; brother of Diane, Jim & Penny. Service was held Tues. Oct. 6 at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home. Online condolences: www.obitnotifications@funeralhome.com

V. MADELINE HEIDT Age 73, passed away September 28, 2009. She was born on April 27, 1936, in Madison, Virginia, to the late Hage and Viola Goodall. Madeline is survived by her loving husband of 34 years, Milton Heidt; her 2 daughters: Christine Wood, Karen Dozier; sisters: Molly Slingerland, Susan Parker; grandchildren: Josh and Abbie Wood, Megan Keith, Ty and Jake Dozier. A funeral service will be held on October 2, Friday, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

DANA DEWIGHT WOODMANSEE Age 45, passed away October 4, 2009. He was born on July 6, 1964, in Pontiac, to Dennis and Christina (Hickie) Woodmansee. Dana was a loving father, son, brother, uncle and friend; he will be dearly missed. Dana is survived by his children: Brandon and Shaina Woodmansee; his mother Christine (Gerald) Harlow; siblings: Jeff Woodmansee, Lynette (Kylie) Dunn, Anthony (Emly) Woodmansee, step-siblings: Jeffrey, Janice and Amy; nieces and nephews: Jeffrey, Autumn, Austin, Isabelle, and Isaac. He was preceded in death by his father Dennis Woodmansee. A funeral service will be held on October 8, Thursday, 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of South Lyon, 69820 Margie Ann St., South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Dana Woodmansee, c/o Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon, MI 48178. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

GORDON NELSON Age 72, a resident of Laurium, passed away peacefully with his family by his side Sept. 28, 2009. Funeral services held Oct. 2, 2009 at 10:30AM in the Zion Lutheran Church in Hancock. Condolences: www.ericsoncove.com

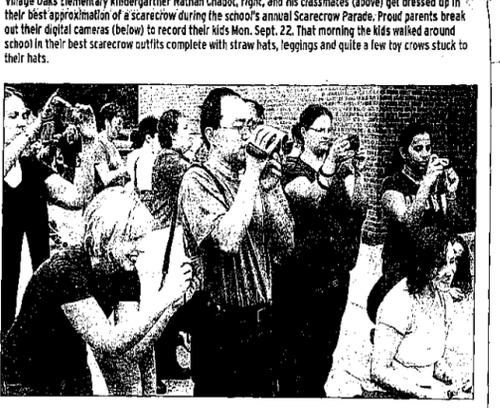
MAVIS D. NITZEL Age 76, of Northville, passed away Oct. 1, 2009. Beloved wife of the late Dan. Loving daughter of Sybil LaRoque. A service was held last Monday at Castlerline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Contributions to a charity of choice.

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Scarecrows on parade Village Oaks Elementary kindergarten (right) and his classmates (above) get dressed up in their best approximation of a scarecrow during the school's annual Scarecrow Parade. Proud parents break out their digital cameras (below) to record their kids Mon. Sept. 22. That morning the kids walked around school in their best scarecrow outfits complete with straw hats, leggings and quite a few toy crosses stuck to their hats.



How to handle a poor report card

It is almost that time of the school year again -- report card time. While many students will come home with good grades, others would rather stuff their report cards deep into their backpacks than show them to their parents. As parents, you want your child to do well in school, so what do you do when your child's report card isn't as good as it could be? Children get frustrated and upset when their report cards show they are doing poorly. Understanding your child's personal ability and determining if your expectations are too high will allow both you and your child to set appropriate goals for each class before report cards are distributed. It will also help establish an environment in which your child is not apprehensive about sharing his report card with you. Try the following tips for parents on how to deal with a poor report card. 1. Set expectations. Not every child will earn all A's, but that doesn't mean your child should strive for less. Talk with your child at the beginning of the school year and explain that you won't be upset if he doesn't bring home all A's -

Angela Hospice's 'Harvest Happenings' benefit Oct. 17 at Rock

Autumn is here and the staff at Angela Hospice is preparing for Harvest Happenings, the organization's 22nd annual Light Up a Life Benefit. Harvest Happenings is all about celebration, and an entertaining evening awaits friends and families of Angela Hospice. "The Light Up a Life Benefit is our biggest fundraiser of the year," said Sister Mary Giovanni, Angela Hospice president and CEO. "It is a great event, and a way for the community to come out and show their support for hospice patients and their families. We are so appreciative of all those who contribute to this event, especially in a tough year like this."

Reservations are being taken now for \$100 per person, or invite friends to fill an entire table of 10 for \$1,000. Invitations and raffle tickets forms are available at www.AskForAngela.com, or by calling Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045, by Oct. 9. Tickets will not be available at the door. All proceeds will benefit the programs of Angela Hospice. Harvest Happenings is co-hosted by the Riley Foundation of Farmington Hills. The Sheraton Detroit Novi is the venue for this charitable event on Saturday, Oct. 17. The "happenings" will begin at 6 p.m. with a silent auction and Pick-a-Pumpkin game, followed by a delicious plated dinner. Guests can dance the night away to the sounds of the Rick Lieder Band, and even give square dancing a spin during a cameo appearance by world-renowned square dance caller Bob Peterson. "We're excited to bring a bit of square dancing to Harvest Happenings," said events coordinator Barb Iovan. "Even those who say they 'can't dance' will want to take to the dance floor. We're so happy the Rick Lieder Band is able to return this year!"

A committee of hospice volunteers gathered a variety of enticing auction items ranging from an Open Hearts by Jane Seymour pendant, to an Electric Super Blower vac, to a beautiful Hilton Head getaway. In total, over 100 packages will be up for auction. An open bar, appetizers, dessert, and exciting raffles will add to this memorable evening. "Guests can look forward to a unique event," said Carolyn Arlen, a Northville resident and volunteer on the Harvest Happenings planning committee. "It will be a festive affair, and it is at a wonderful time of year... Angela Hospice is an amazing cause," said Arlen. "It couldn't be for anything more worthwhile."

Your Invitation to Worship

Worship listings for various churches including Brighton, Milford, Farmington Hills, Highland, New Hudson, Northville, Livonia, White Lake, and South Lyon.

**GOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

LOCATION: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi  
 CONTACT: (248) 349-0565  
 Sunday Schedule  
 TIME: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.  
 CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresville.org  
 Sunday Worship  
 TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m.  
 Walking in the Park  
 TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday

**MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads  
 CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org  
 Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
 Sermon: Having a Plan  
 Church School: 10-11 a.m.  
 Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.  
 Yoga/Fitness Classes  
 TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. every Monday  
 DETAILS: Eight weeks, \$55 continuous or \$8 per drop in session.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**

LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road  
 CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or church@theholycross.com  
 Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.  
 Sunday School and Nursery Care  
 TIME: 10 a.m. Worship Service  
 Alzheimer's Support Group  
 TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

LOCATION: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills  
 CONTACT: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohnlutheran.com  
 Saturday Worship  
 TIME: 9:30 p.m.  
 Sunday Worship  
 TIME: 9, 11:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School  
 TIME: 10:15 a.m.

**NOVI-NORTHVILLE CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE**

LOCATION: Novi  
 CONTACT: www.novijewishcenter.com e-mail: rabb@novijewishcenter.com or call (248) 790-6075.

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON HILLS**

LOCATION: 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington Hills  
 CONTACT: www.uufarmington.org  
 Youth Interfaith Journey  
 TIME/DATE: 9:30 and 11 a.m.

**NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY**

LOCATION: 41355 Six Mile Road  
 CONTACT: (248) 348-9030

**ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH**

LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road  
 CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5655  
 Preschool/Kids Choir  
 TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday  
 DETAILS: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST OF NORTHVILLE**

A Stephen Ministry church  
 LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road  
 CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or funorthville.org  
 Sunday Worship  
 TIME: 8:30 and 10 a.m. through Labor Day  
 DETAILS: Rev. Dr. Steve Buck  
 Coffee hour at 10:15 a.m.  
 Healing Service  
 TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. first Monday of every month  
 Radical Joy  
 TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday of every month.  
 DETAILS: All women seeking to strengthen their faith and connect with other women are invited to attend, irrespective of church affiliation.  
 Crafters and Vendors are needed  
 TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 24  
 DETAILS: The annual Community Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at First United Methodist Church Northville. This is a great opportunity to showcase talent or business to hundreds of local customers. As cost is nominal, booth space is filling up fast.  
 CONTACT: For details and reserve a space e-mail Pat Breslin at: BazaarBazaar@care2.com. For more information regarding Village Banking: www.villagebanking.org.

**WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road  
 CONTACT: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978  
 Sunday Worship  
 TIME: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
 Traditional: 9:30 and 11 a.m.  
 Contemporary: Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.  
 Service Broadcast  
 DETAILS: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDZ-AM 560, The WMOZ World Station  
 Single Point Ministries - 45 and older  
 TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and Bible study.  
 Single Focus Ministries - 35-50 years  
 TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ.  
 Single Purpose Connections - 20-30 years  
 TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fellowship.  
 DETAILS: For single adults. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information.  
 CONTACT: (248) 374-5920  
 Bible Studies and Prayer Nights  
 Learner's Bible Study  
 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101  
 Men's Bible Study  
 TIME/DATE: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult Ministries office  
 Single's Bible Study  
 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309  
 From Grief to New Hope

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road  
 CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org  
 Mass Schedule  
 TIME/DATE: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday  
 Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
 Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment  
 Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting  
 TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month  
 DETAILS: Free, informational meeting open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.

**ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH**

LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi  
 CONTACT: (248) 347-7778  
 Sunday: 9 a.m., Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday  
 Mothers Group  
 Time/Date: 9:30-11 a.m. Monthly, first and third Wednesday through May 19, 2010  
 LOCATION: St. James Parish Hall  
 DETAILS: We provide mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to grow their faith in order to nurture their children with confidence and Christian values. Through activities such as article discussion, crafts, and speakers, moms are given the opportunity to connect with other moms in support and friendship. Free childcare is available but children are also welcome to join their mothers during meetings.  
 CONTACT: Becky McKee (248) 305-5924 or Kris Endreszl (248) 946-4080

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

LOCATION: 770 Thayer, Northville  
 CONTACT: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org  
 Saturday Worship  
 TIME: 5 p.m.  
 Sunday Worship  
 TIME: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

**OUR SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

LOCATION: 140 N. Center, above Tutto's in Old Church Square, Northville  
 CONTACT: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891  
 Sunday Worship: 11:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVI-FAMILY INTEGRATED CHURCH**

LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road  
 CONTACT: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org  
 Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.  
 Family Worship: 11 a.m.  
 Bible Study: 6 p.m.  
 Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m. fourth Sunday of every month

**FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

LOCATION: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road  
 CONTACT: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org  
 Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

LOCATION: 201 Elm St., Northville  
 CONTACT: (248) 349-3140  
 Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.  
 Blended: 11 a.m. Contemporary; 11:30 a.m. Traditional

**DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road  
 CONTACT: (248) 349-7600 or visit dcnazarene.org  
 Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service  
 Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study  
 Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study,

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# Falling for Novi

The annual Fall For Novi Family Fest was held Sept. 26 at the Novi Civic Center. For the first time, the festival included a Green Street as part of the day's worth of activities and entertainment from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The event included eco-friendly offerings available in Novi; international exhibits; food; police and fire exhibitions and much more. Photos courtesy of City of Novi.



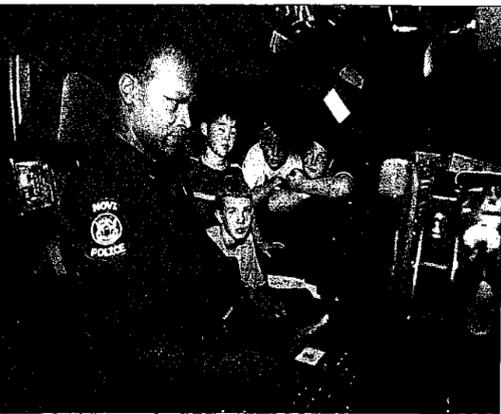
The annual Fall for Novi Family Fest took place Saturday at the Novi Civic Center.



The fire department, in addition to serving cider and donuts, offered fire extinguisher training, hydrant demonstrations and let kids feel the power of a fire hose.



The international exhibits included citizens of different ethnic backgrounds displaying their heritages.



The Novi Police Department was open for residents to tour the dispatch offices, meet the city's K-9 officers (Moose and Alex) and, of course, get a first-hand look at the inside of a patrol car.



Kids were treated to face painting, crafts, games, balloon animals and an inflatable bouncer.

## Library director concerned about possible funding cuts

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Public Library currently gets about \$30,000 in state aid, making up roughly 1 percent of its budget. But to Director Julie Farkas, that is a lot of money. And if the state Legislature follows through on a proposed 40-percent cut in library support, Farkas is concerned about the impact it will have not only on Novi's library, but on libraries across the state.

"We expect state aid to go down,

and to lose those major resources would be huge," Farkas said. "If it happens, we would have to look at our budget because obviously we want to save as many services as possible." The resources Farkas is talking about are the Michigan eLibrary, an online information and subscription service; MeL Cat, the statewide inter-library loan system; and several other databases the library gets from the state for free.

She said the \$30,000 the library gets in state aid is approximately half of its database budget, while the

library saves more than \$60,000 in database costs by utilizing what the state provides for free. Losing the MeL services is especially concerning to Farkas, as it would greatly limit services for the users. She said Novi currently loans more than 1,600 items per year, and if MeL Cat goes away, "that would be 1,600 items our patrons wouldn't have access to."

The Library Board of Trustees, Historical Commission and Friends of the Library all passed resolutions in August and September in support

of keeping MeL services and maintaining state aid support of at least \$10 million. According to Library Board President Laura Casey, there is a statute requiring libraries to receive a total of \$1.50 per capita or approximately \$18.4 million, but currently they are receiving just \$9.96 per capita or \$10 million. The proposed budget cuts would further deplete that.

And while the state aid cuts will have an impact on the Novi Public Library, it will not be impacted as much as others which rely more on

state aid. Casey said library officials, who are slated to open a new facility next year, have been proactive in the budget process and they will "not be at a significant risk." "We want to look at where we can go and what our options are so we can be prepared," she said. More information about the cuts are expected to come within the month as lawmakers continue to work on balancing the state's budget.

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For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Novi Calendar online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com). Send calendar submissions via e-mail to [cstone@gannett.com](mailto:cstone@gannett.com); by fax to (248) 349-9032; or by mail to Novi News, 601 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

### Local events

**LIVE BLUES & JAZZ @ THE GRAPEVINE**  
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Thursdays, 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays  
LOCATION: The Grapevine of Novi, 43155 Market Street  
DETAILS: Live music on the patio on Thursdays, inside on weekends; no cover. Schedule includes Thursday, Bill Heid with R.J. Spangler & Ralph Topp; Friday, Doug Hora Trio; and Saturday, Bon Temp Revue.  
CONTACT: (248) 344-4044

### NON-2-NON SALE

TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10  
LOCATION: Orchard Grove Community Church, 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake off Maple between Pontiac Trail & Ladd Road  
DETAILS: Sponsored by Orchard Grove Community Church MOPS. Department store buyouts with over 40 sellers of infant and children's toys, books, CDs, electronics, clothing (infant to size 14), outerwear and boots, maternity, baby equipment, furniture and large play toys. Admission is \$1; half price sale at noon.  
CONTACT: Keri Cleashly at (248) 926-6844 X222

### AUTHOR MARIA DISMONDY BOOK SIGNINGS

TIME/DATE: 9-11 a.m. Oct. 11  
LOCATION: Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 17111 Hogepole Rd., Northville  
TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 10  
LOCATION: Walled Lake Public Library, 1499 E. West Maple Rd., Walled Lake  
TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Nov. 21  
LOCATION: Wixom Public Library, 4905 Pontiac Trail, Wixom  
DETAILS: Maria Dismondly will be on tour at local facilities, reading, selling and signing her book, "Spaghettili in A Hot Dog Bun." In today's society, it's important to remind children that, although we are different on the outside, we are very much alike on the inside. Unfortunately, bullying has become a major problem in the United States. It's not only painful for children, but occurring at an increasingly young age. Her book empowers children to positively handle tough situations through its timeless message: have the courage to be exactly who you are, no matter what other people say.

### ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE

LOCATION: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi  
CONTACT: (248) 348-5600  
Fall Home Remodeling Show Date: Oct. 9-11  
DETAILS: The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan offers a wide variety of home improvements ideas, product advice, products and education. [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org)  
Great Lakes Art Fair DATE: Oct. 16-18  
DETAILS: Artists from across



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### Union protest

District Council #22 union painters Robert Gonzalez, Frank Meeb, and Randy Hopman picketed outside of the new Novi Library on Oct. 6 protesting the library's use of non-union workers to install drywall. The picketers claim that a group of 20 non-union workers were brought in, un-supervised on the weekend and paid "under the table" to work on the library's interior.

The region will offer works in the mediums of oil, watercolor, glass, photography, jewelry, fiber, sculpture and mixed media. Along with select epicurean items, [www.greatlakesart-fair.com](http://www.greatlakesart-fair.com)

**Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet**  
DATE: Nov. 1  
DETAILS: The largest Swap Meet in the Midwest is the Detroit Area Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet! Thousands of bikers will be buying, selling, and swapping bikes, frames, motors, touring accessories, seats, wheels, tires, front ends, tanks, shocks, fenders, gauges, MX stuff, basket cases and take-offs. Every known brand! Every Hard to Find Part! Harley, Honda, Yamaha, Kawasaki, Suzuki, Triumph, BSA, Norton, BMW and Guzzi. [www.motorcycleswap.com](http://www.motorcycleswap.com)  
Snowmobile Show and Sale DATE: Nov. 6-8  
DETAILS: This show offers all the latest in sleds, gear, clothing, accessories, performance products, trailers and equipment for the new season; [www.snowmobileusa.com](http://www.snowmobileusa.com)

**Michigan Gun and Knife Show**  
DATE: Nov. 14-16  
DETAILS: One of the best and largest Gun & Knife Shows in Michigan! Shotguns, Rifles, Handguns, Scopes, Knives, Shooting Supplies, Ammunition, Reloading Equipment, Gun Cases, Pistol & Rifle Magazines, Military Surplus, Collector Items, Archery, Fishing Supplies, Sales, Custom hand made gun cabinets, Wild Game, Jerky, and much more; [www.michigangunshow.com](http://www.michigangunshow.com)  
Michigan Family Pet Expo DATE: Nov. 20-22  
DETAILS: The Michigan Family Pet Expo will showcase more than 150 exhibits of pet-related products and services; [www.petmichigan.com](http://www.petmichigan.com)  
Michigan Antique Arms Show DATE: Nov. 28-29  
DETAILS: Antique and modern arms and accoutrements, part and accessories, as well as other related merchandise. The show also features historical displays and presentations.

**North American Horse Fest**  
DATE: Dec. 4-6  
DETAILS: Everything Equestrian! Horses, tack, training, breed clubs, trailers, stables, riding exhibitions, nutrition and much more; [www.northamericanhorsefest.com](http://www.northamericanhorsefest.com)

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LOCATION: 41875 11 Mile Road #201, Novi  
CONTACT: For more information, call (248) 349-3343 or [www.novichamber.com](http://www.novichamber.com)

**Networking Luncheon**  
TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7  
LOCATION: Fox Run, 41000 13 Mile Rd., Novi  
DETAILS: Join us for networking and a delicious lunch. Speaker Kathy Tosolan, Dale Carnegie Training, will talk with us about "Dealing With Difficult People" \$20 pre-registration; \$30 at the door

**Business to Business Breakfast**  
TIME/DATE: 9-9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14  
LOCATION: Corrigan Record Storage, 45200 Grand River, Novi  
DETAILS: Join us for breakfast and networking; \$5 payable at door  
Grapes & Groves Wine Tasting Cocktail Party TIME/DATE: 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23  
LOCATION: The Atrium of Novi, Main Street Shopping Center  
DETAILS: Join us for a dazzling event featuring wine tasting, strolling appetizers, live jazz and a silent auction. This event is open to the public; \$30 early-bird registration by Oct. 9

**NOVI TOASTMASTERS CLUB**  
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday  
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45775 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375

**Great American Train Show**  
DATE: Dec. 12-13  
DETAILS: America's favorite traveling train show serving more states than any other show. Show features operating model railroads, train dealers, collectors, hands-on exhibits, demonstrations, workshops, and much more; [www.greattrainexpo.com](http://www.greattrainexpo.com)

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**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; [novirotary.org](http://novirotary.org)

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**Favorite Characters Story Time for Preschoolers**  
DATE: Saturday, Oct. 3  
TIME: 10:30-11 p.m.

**Genealogy 101**  
DATE: Saturday, Oct. 3  
TIME: 1-4:30 p.m.

**Monday Evening Book Discussion**  
DATE: Monday, Oct. 5  
TIME: 7-8 p.m.

**Parent-Child Book Discussion**  
DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 6  
TIME: 7-8 p.m.

**Tech Time**  
DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 6  
TIME: 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

**Navigating Market Volatility**  
DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 6  
TIME: 7:15 p.m.

**English Conversation Group**  
DATE: Wednesdays, Oct. 7 and 14  
TIME: 12 p.m.

**Friends Board Meeting**  
DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 14  
TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.

**Booked for Lunch**  
DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 14  
TIME: 12:15 p.m.

**Novi Rotary Club**  
TIME/DATE: Noon every Thursday  
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# A night to wine and dine

## Fourth annual Grapes and Grooves event to benefit Novi Chamber of Commerce

BY NATHAN WUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

The Grapes and Grooves fundraiser has offered people an elegant night on the town for the past three years.

And Linda Daly, director of the Novi Chamber of Commerce, expects year number four to be as good if not better.

"It is meant to be a community event," she said. "And it's a great excuse to go out and have a nice time if you love wine, love jazz or if you just love hanging out with your friends."

The event, which benefits the chamber, features wine tasting from seven vendors, appetizers and desserts from local establishments (The Grapevine, The Post Car, The Baronette Renaissance, California Pizza Kitchen, Gus O'Connor's, Epoch Catering, bd's Mongolian Grill, Carrabba's Italian Grill and Biggy Coffee), music by the Peggy Carr Jazz Quartet and several auction items.

Daly said this is the first year the event will have a live auction, and she expects that to spice up the night. Some of the auction items include a smelchist necklace from Larson Jewelry valued at



More than 130 people attended Grapes and Grooves last year, and organizers expect to surpass that number this time around.

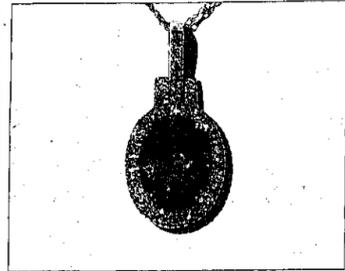
\$1,000, a 42" Dynar television from Best Buy, a video production package from SWOCC Studios valued at \$699, use of an Infiniti G37 convertible for a weekend and a golf package at The Grand Hotel valued at \$1,400.

The Grapes and Grooves

event is presented by The Grapevine of Novi and takes place from 6:30-10 p.m. on Oct. 23 at the Atrium of Novi on Main Street. It is open to the public, and cost for tickets are \$35.00 (purchase prior to Oct. 16. Registration can

be done at [www.novichamber.com](http://www.novichamber.com) or by calling (248) 349-3743.

An afterglow party, featuring live blues from Michael May and the Messarounds, will be held at The Grapevine (on Main Street) following the event.



This checkerboard cut smelchist pendant from Larson Jewelers retails for \$1,000. It will be auctioned off at Grapes and Grooves, with a starting bid of \$200.

**POKER NIGHT TO BENEFIT TWO**  
The Experience West Oakland, a committee of the Novi Chamber of Commerce whose focus is on bringing more conventions and tourism into western Oakland County, is hosting poker and blackjack nights on Oct. 8-11 at the Andiamo/Dirty Martini lounge.

Cost to enter the poker tournaments is \$30 and blackjack is a minimum \$2 bet. The events run from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. and all proceeds go to the EWO. People also can purchase tickets for Kwame

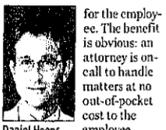
River 2: The Wrath of Conyers at a discounted price for Friday night.

"All benefits are going to a great cause," said James Clause, president of the EWO. "The economy is struggling, especially in this area and we are working on bringing more conventions and tourism to the area that will benefit everyone."

For more information, visit [www.experiencewco.com](http://www.experiencewco.com) or call (248) 345-9403 to purchase tickets.

# Pre-paid legal services can be a good idea

A reader contacted me following a recent column about referral sources. In particular, this individual mentioned that several of her work colleagues had a pre-paid legal services plan. The question she asked was, should she drop her current lawyer and pay for a similar plan for herself?



**Daniel Hoops** is an associate professor at Walsh College. He has been practicing law for over 20 years and is currently a member of the Michigan State Bar. He is also a frequent speaker at legal seminars and has written several articles on legal topics.

plans provide a fixed number of hours that will be delivered to the client each month. Once the set hours are exhausted, the client pays a fixed hourly rate for the additional time spent. Some plans include per transaction type services that are typically handled on a flat-fee basis, such as preparing a will or deed.

One major benefit to individuals with pre-paid legal services is the lower cost to retain an attorney for minor matters. The downside would most likely be what matters are excluded from coverage; the employer pays for the cost of the plan, the fewer services included, or hours allotted to the client.

So why would someone pay for a legal services plan if services are excluded? What many people do not recognize are the number of legal issues they face each month. I get calls from people on a daily basis asking a "quick question." Whether it is a dispute with their homeowners insurance, a mortgage company, a Social Security office, or a matter that requires a professional review, such as a lease

agreement, employment contract, or credit card agreement. If a private attorney is retained for every "quick question" a client has, the client will be charged by the hour. If the choice comes down to paying an attorney for an hour of his or her time at \$250 to review a credit card agreement or will or deed, most people will take their chances and sign the agreement without fortification.

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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

The 35th District Court is accepting sealed bid proposals for its Assigned Counsel Program (Public Defender). The contract will be awarded from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011. The successful bidder(s) will be compensated in equal monthly installments upon submission of an affidavit of service and order for payment covering all cases acted upon for that month's time. The current docket requires two Court Appointed Attorneys to appear on Monday mornings, one person on Tuesday morning and one person on Wednesday morning until docket is completed. However, the bid should include an hourly rate should the Court required hours be increased or decreased during the term of the contract.

Qualifying conditions set forth in the bid are:

- If the bidder is a single practitioner, the names of two alternate attorneys must be provided. These two alternates must be available to serve during vacations and weekdays where the docket requires two Court Appointed Attorneys to be available (currently Monday mornings).
- The Attorneys are expected to be at the 35th District Court no later than 8:15 a.m. each scheduled day a minimum of three times per week (currently Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday).
- The bid must contain an actual monetary bid. Any bid submitted that contains a percentage under the lowest bid, or similar language, will not be considered.
- The bid must contain a billable hourly rate for those cases that are appealed or docketed overflows or otherwise outside of the regularly scheduled docket.

The successful bidder will be expected to be available for each day's docket until completed. In the event that a statewide Public Defender Office is made available through the State of Michigan or any other organization, this contract may be terminated.

One copy of the sealed bid should be forwarded to Debra Kubitzky, Court Administrator, 660 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. All bids for consideration must be received no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, October 30, 2009.

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**WALLED LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**TO THE OWNERS OF ALL PROPERTIES ABUTTING AND/OR WITH DEEDED ACCESS TO WALLED LAKE, LOCATED WITHIN THE CITIES OF NOVI AND WALLED LAKE, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN.**

Notice is hereby given that the Walled Lake Improvement Board, located within the cities of Novi and Walled Lake, County of Oakland, will meet at the Novi City Hall located at 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48376-3024 at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2009 to conduct a Public Hearing to review the Lake Improvement Study for Walled Lake, an engineer's report required under section 30909 of Part 309 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994, as amended, currently on file at the City of Novi Clerk's Office and the City of Walled Lake Clerk's Office for public examination. The report may also be viewed online at [www.novivision.com](http://www.novivision.com).

Any person may appear and be heard at said Public Hearing, which is called pursuant to the provisions of Section 30910 of Part 309 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994, as amended, which provides that the lake board chairperson shall hold a meeting of the lake board to review the reports required under section 30909 and to determine the practicability of the weed control project. The lake board shall review the report and determine the practicability of the weed control project after the public hearing.

If the lake board passes a resolution in which it determines the weed control project to be practicable, the lake board shall determine to proceed with the weed control project, shall approve the plans and estimate of costs as originally presented or as revised, corrected, amended, or changed, and shall determine the sufficiency of the petition and/or resolutions for the improvement. The resolution shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the cities of Novi and Walled Lake. After the resolution has been published, the sufficiency of the petition and/or resolutions for the improvement shall not be subject to attack except in an action brought in a court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days after publication.

Maryann Cornelius, CMG, City Clerk

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Woman arrested for marijuana possession

A Novi police officer on patrol arrested a woman for possession of marijuana at 10:30 p.m. on Oct. 5 after initially stopping her for speeding.

According to the report, the driver was traveling 37 miles per hour in a 45 mph zone on Haggerty Road south of Twelve Mile Road. When the officer approached the vehicle, he could smell an odor of marijuana and when she emptied her pockets a marijuana cigarette fell on the ground.

The woman, who also had a suspended license, admitted to smoking but said there was no drug sale in the vehicle. A 15-ounce bag of "dime" bags with marijuana residue inside. A total of 5 grams of the drug was taken from the woman.

She was arrested for possession of marijuana and driving while license suspended, and has a court date set.

## Drunk driver caught while speeding

A 26-year-old woman was arrested on Oct. 5 for drunk driving after being caught speeding near Ten Mile and Beck Roads.

The woman was traveling 58 mph in a 40 mph zone, and was stopped in the area of Sierra Drive and Beck Road. The officer could smell a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the woman, but she told the officer she had just gotten off work and had nothing to drink.

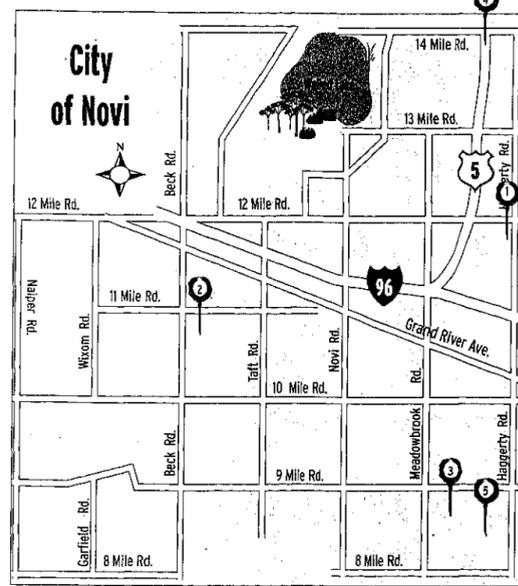
She failed field sobriety tests, and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .16 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

The woman was transported to the Novi Police Department where she was held until sober.

## Minor arrested for drinking

An 18-year-old Novi man was arrested at 3:51 a.m. on Oct. 3 for minor in possession after officers responded to the area of Ladene Lane for a person causing a loud disturbance.

When the officer arrived in the area, he found the man walking in the roadway north on Ladene Lane. The man said



## Electronics stolen from vehicle

A Novi man had several items stolen from his locked vehicle overnight on Sept. 26 while it was parked in his driveway on Lilly Trail.

The man said he noticed the driver's side rear window was shattered when the suspect used a screwdriver-type tool to pry the window.

Stolen from the vehicle was a black brief case which contained a Dell laptop, iPod Touch and a Garmin GPS.

There are no known suspects and no evidence at the scene.

## Indecent exposure trial postponed

The bench trial for Stella Grogan - the Novi woman

## Car damaged in road rage incident

A man called Novi police on Oct. 3 after his Mazda was damaged by another driver who broke his side view mirror by hitting it with his fist.

According to the report, the man was trying to merge into the left lane on M-5 to get off at the 15 Mile Road exit and may have cut in front of another vehicle. The unknown suspect stopped at the red light at 14 Mile Road on M-5 and proceeded to get out of his vehicle and punched down on the top of the mirror.

The mirror is valued at \$100. It is unclear if he got information on the suspect to give

to police.

charged with indecent exposure after police said she was engaged in a sex act outside a condominium complex with an Oakland County commissioner - has been postponed again, her attorney said.

The trial, which had been scheduled to begin Monday before District Judge Dennis Powers, is to now be held in November or December, said Grogan's attorney, Leon Weiss.

Grogan's trial had previously been set for August.

The charges stem from an April 18 incident in which police said Grogan and Oakland County Commissioner Kim Capello, R-Nowi, were found by a police officer engaged in a sex act.

In June, Capello was sentenced to two years of probation after pleading guilty to indecent exposure. At the hearing, he denied having sex outside and said he was urinating.

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# City of Novi receives national distinction for police services

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) recently recognized 19 communities for their use of citizen surveys to influence service quality at the 95th Annual ICMA Conference in Montreal, Canada. The City of Novi was recognized with a Voice of the People Award for Excellence in Police Services. To win, the rating for service quality must be one of the top three among all eligible jurisdictions and must be in the top 10 percent among over 600 jurisdictions in the NRC database.

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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, October 28, 2009 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 18.682 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 97-18, AS AMENDED, THE CITY OF NOVI ZONING ORDINANCE (ARTICLE 16, B-3, GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICTS, SECTION 1603, PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED SUBJECT TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO INCLUDE DRIVE-THROUGH USES (B) ARTICLE 26, GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 2605, OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO CLARIFY PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS, AND (C) SECTION 2606, OFF-STREET STACKING SPACE LAYOUT STANDARDS, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE IN ORDER TO CLARIFY STACKING REQUIREMENTS FOR FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS.**

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 28, 2009.

Novi Planning Commission  
David Greco, Secretary

Published: October 8, 2009

**NOTICE**  
**CITY OF NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**2009 MASTER PLAN REVIEW OPEN HOUSE**

Wednesday, October 14, 2009  
Opening Introduction - Council Chambers  
6:30 to 6:45pm

Open House - Public Participation - Civic Center Atrium  
6:45 to 8:00pm

Novi Civic Center - 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

The City of Novi Planning Commission has begun the process of reviewing three Study Areas to consider amending the Future Land Use designations in the Master Plan for Land Use. The current Master Plan was adopted in 2004 and amended in 2008. It will be modified only where determined necessary and appropriate. This open house will let you learn more about the Master Plan Review and provide comments on one or more of the three Study Areas.

The three areas identified for study include:

Special Planning Project Area 1 Study Area - Includes properties near the southeast corner of Ten Mile Road and Novi Road.

Eleven Mile and Beck Roads Study Area - Includes properties adjacent to the north and south side of Eleven Mile Road between Beck and Wixom roads and properties on the east side of Wixom Road north of Eleven Mile Road. Residential densities will also be considered.

Grand River Avenue and Beck Road Study Area - Includes properties north and south of Grand River Avenue between Beck Road and the Rock Financial Showplace.

Additional information can be obtained at the City of Novi's web page, [www.cityofnovi.org](http://www.cityofnovi.org) and in the Community Development Department, at the Novi Civic Center.

**Grand River Avenue and Beck Road Study Area**

**Eleven Mile and Beck Road Study Area**

**Special Planning Project Area 1 Study Area**

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**CITY OF NOVI**  
**NOTICE OF ENACTMENT - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.682**

**THE CITY OF NOVI ORDINANCES:**  
Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.682 attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Part III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the community and are hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. The effective date of this Ordinance is October 13, 2009.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan this 28th day of September, 2009. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.

**REZONE TO RM-1, PRO**

**ORDINANCE NO. 18.682**  
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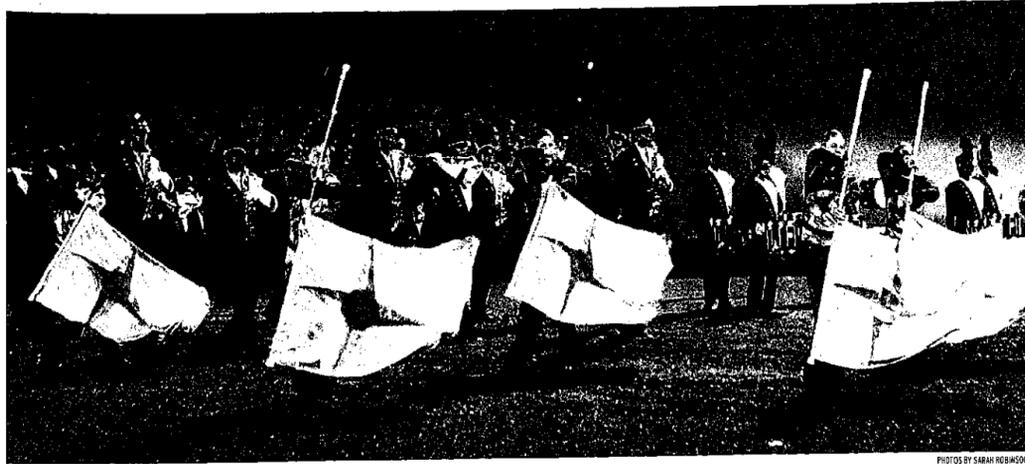
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**NOVI POLICE BRIEFS**

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The Novi High School colorguard perform at the NHS Band Competition, 'FANFARE,' on Sept. 26.

# FANFARE!

The Novi High School Band Boosters presented FANFARE on Sept. 26. Sixteen high school marching bands performed their competitive marching band shows at the local high schools stadium.



The woodwind/flute section of Novi High's marching band performs 'The Voyage' at 'FANFARE' on Sept. 26.



Novi High School colorguard member Jackie Liu prepares to perform during 'The Voyage,' Novi's competitive marching band competition held on Sept. 26.



Novi High School junior Matt Thimm performs his alto sax solo during 'The Voyage,' Novi High School's band competition, 'FANFARE.'

# Local band to rock out at Twelve Oaks Mall

BY CHRIS JACKETT  
CORRESPONDENT

If you're passing through Twelve Oaks Mall tonight, you may notice Hot Topic will have a few more bodies inside and a different sound resonating throughout.

The alternative music and clothing store will present local band Head Vs. Heart for an acoustic set at 6 p.m. as part of its free nationwide Local State program.

"The Redford-based, pop-punk five-piece will be rocking out a set list of new and old songs in an acoustic environment.

"The set is going to be acoustic, but we will have drums still," said bassist Tony Mamo, 22. "Most likely the drums will only be a snare, high-hats and kick drum, played with splash sticks so it is very quiet. Think of Nirvana's unplugged concert on MTV from back in the day."

Although the rockers may be invoking teen spirit throughout the store tonight, they have been spreading their love of music throughout the local music scene for nearly three years.

"Playing in front of people who enjoy our music is the most fulfilling aspect of the band. We just want to share the music we love with others," Mamo said. "We have had our ups and downs like any band — with disputes between mem-



Head Vs. Heart — (l to r) Moore, Scroggins, Donahue, Mamo and Stitt — will perform in Hot Topic at Twelve Oaks Mall at 6 p.m. tonight.

bers, disagreements on various things, scheduling conflicts — but we always work it out because, in the end, it comes down to having a good time making music.

The group started up in January 2007 when vocalist Chris Donahue, 22, left his position as drummer in Forever in a Day for a project where he could write his own

lyrics. Joined by guitarists Jim Moore, 22, and Adam Scroggins, 21, Head Vs. Heart was formed. Mamo joined a few months later and Robert Stitt, 22, signed on for the

drummer duties in spring 2008. Tonight's show at the Twelve Oaks Mall Hot Topic will be the band's first in-store performance, although they have

played similarly sized local venues such as coffee shops, house parties and an art gallery in the past.

"We love smaller venues because it is much more intimate. The fans are right up in your face singing along with the lyrics and there is just much more of a connection between everyone," Mamo said. "The vibes are so much better than playing in a big venue, where everyone is spaced out and you're looking down at the fans. We would all much rather play a packed, tiny room over a large stage."

The band is currently working on a second album, but isn't letting it take time away from playing shows. Head Vs. Heart will also play a 7 p.m. show at Skateland West in Westland Saturday alongside The Summer Highlight, Rocky Loves Emily, No Really and Heroes on Parade. Both the Hot Topic and Skateland West shows are all ages, but the Skateland show has a \$10 cover charge.

"We hope people can make it out to the shows because they are a good time and usually pretty cheap. Hot Topic show is FREE," Mamo said. "And in these hard economic times, what else is there to do besides come out and support local music and have fun."

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

### NOVI COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### Digestive health seminar

Peter Nielson will present a free digestive health seminar at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10 at Better Health Market in Novi, 42875 Grand River Avenue.

Nielson will discuss his personal battle with Crohn's disease, the importance of digestive in relation to overall health, eating the right kind of fiber and how to develop a specific regimen of nutritional supplements to improve overall digestive health. There will be time for questions and answers after the seminar.

This is a free seminar with limited seating at each location. Reservations are strongly suggested and can be made by calling the Novi store at (248) 735-8100.

#### Catholic Central sale

The Mother's Club of Catholic

Central High School will be holding its annual Rummage & Bake Sale from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27. There will be a \$1 bag sale at noon. The school is located on the west side of Wixom Road, just south of Grand River Avenue.

#### Happy Meals exhibit

Since 1979, McDonald's Happy Meals have changed the way families enjoy lunch and dinner out together. To celebrate the 30th birthday of the Happy Meal, the Southeast Michigan McDonald's Operators Association presents an exhibit showcasing a collection of different toys and international Happy Meal toys and artifacts for children and families to tour and enjoy.

The visual traveling exhibit, which will be open to the public at three libraries — including Novi Public Library (45245 W. 10 Mile Road) Oct.

7-31 — chronicles three decades of the Happy Meal and contains many of the different specialty toys and artifacts that have been included in the Happy Meal since its introduction.

#### The Mobfather: A Murder Mystery

The Novi Theatres is thrilled to announce that it has partnered with Andiamo Restaurant and Theatre for a night of dinner, laughs and intrigue with The Mobfather — a murder mystery dinner theatre performance.

Performances are Friday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m., \$65 and Saturday, Nov. 21, 6 and 9 p.m., \$35. Ticket price includes dinner and slow, with a cash bar available. Tickets can be purchased online at cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Parks office. All performances will be held at the Andiamo Restaurant and

Theatre, located at 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi MI 48375

For more information about The Mobfather, visit cityofnovi.org or contact Nancy Hayden, Cultural Arts Coordinator at (248) 347-0509

#### "Kwame a River" extended

Kwame A River 2: The Wrath of Coyne's has been extended through Dec. 27 due to popular demand at the Andiamo Novi Theatre.

Audiences will witness Kwame out of jail and in exile in Texas, and in his absence the unpredictable Monica Coyne has become President of the City Council. Kwame A River 2: The Wrath of Coyne's also hilariously chronicles Monica's tenure as head of Council and comically displays everything that happened — from raucous Council wars, CoCo contracts, and feuds with 8th graders — and everything that you didn't know happened,

like Monica's secret therapy session with Dr. Phil, her unlikely and passionate affair with Ken Cockerel Jr. and her wacky plans to turn Metro Detroit into a tourism mecca.

Show times and prices for Kwame A River 2: The Wrath of Coyne are: • Wednesday at 8 p.m. - \$15 • Friday at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. - \$20 • Saturday at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. - \$20 • Sunday at 5 p.m. (beginning Sept. 20) - \$15

Tickets are available at the theater's box office located at 42705 Grand River Avenue, Novi, Michigan, by phone at 1-800-745-3000 or on-line at www.ticketmaster.com. Dinner and show packages are also available. For more information on Kwame A River 2: The Wrath of Coyne's, call the Andiamo Novi Theatre at 248-348-4448. Visit www.KwameARiver.blogspot.com

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## Important vaccinations for seniors this flu season

Dear Savvy Senior: I usually get a regular flu shot each fall, but would like to find out if the swine flu vaccination or any other preventative shots are being recommended for seniors over 65 this year. What can you tell me?

**Flu-Conscious Phyllis**  
Dear Phyllis, With a rough flu season expected, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is recommending multiple vaccinations for seniors this year. First, one for the seasonal flu and one for pneumonia, both of which you should get right now; and then, when it becomes available, a shot for the H1N1 swine flu.

Here's what you should know. Just like every other year, a seasonal flu (influenza) shot is important for seniors age 65 and older to get because they have the highest risks of developing dangerous complications. The flu puts more than 320,000 people in the hospital each year and kills around 36,000 - 90 percent of whom are seniors. Medicare Part B pays for flu shots but if you're not covered, there are plenty of places that offer them for free. To locate a vaccination site call your county health department or the CDC information line at 800-232-4636, or visit [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu). (Note: If you're allergic to chicken eggs, latex, have a history of Guillain-Barré syndrome or have had a severe reaction to a flu shot in the past, you should not get vaccinated without consulting your doctor first. Or, if you're ill with a fever you should wait until your symptoms pass.)

**Pneumonia**  
The other vaccine the CDC recommends for seniors is for pneumococcal pneumonia (the vaccine is called Pneumovax). If you're over 65 and haven't already gotten this shot, you should get it now. With the double risks of regular flu and swine flu looming this season, both of which can lead to pneumonia, this vaccine can provide you protection that will last for up to 10 years. And, you can get it on the same day that you get your flu shot. This vaccination is also covered under Medicare Part B.

**Swine Flu**  
Seniors are also recommended to get the H1N1 vaccination for swine flu when it becomes available to them. The first 45 million doses - of a total of 195 million - are expected to be ready by the first or second week of October, but the CDC is recommending that the most at-risk populations receive it first. That includes pregnant women, healthcare workers, parents and caregivers for children under 6 months old, people ages 6 months to 24 years, and those ages 25 through 64 with chronic health disorders such as asthma, respiratory illness or a compromised immune system. Once the demand for those groups have been met, health officials are then recommending everyone ages 25 through 64 receive the H1N1 shot, followed by seniors age 65 and older. The reason seniors are at the back of the line for this vaccine is because they're less vulnerable than the younger age groups. According to the CDC, seniors have encountered flu strains as children that offer them some protection from the swine flu, but they should still get the shot.

Covered under Medicare Part B, swine flu vaccinations will be available in most of the same places that seasonal flu shots are given. To locate H1N1 vaccination sites and check vaccine availability, call your doctor, the county health department or the CDC information line at 800-232-4636.

**Savvy Tips:** In addition to getting vaccinated, the CDC reminds everyone that the three best ways to stay healthy during flu season is to wash your hands frequently with soap and water, cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze and stay home if you're sick. For more information on the seasonal flu and swine flu, visit [flu.gov](http://flu.gov). And to learn more about recommended vaccines for older adults see [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines).

*Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.*

## OUR VIEWS What do you want to ask council candidates?

The *Novi News* is in the process of organizing a candidate forum at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 19 in the council chambers at Novi Civic Center.

This will be a unique opportunity for residents to hear what those running for Novi City Council (Brian Burke, Cheryl Csordas, Justin Fischer, Terry Margolis, Andrew Mutch and Wayne Wrobel) and mayor (David Landry and Laura Lorenzo) have to say - about questions YOU want answered.

Yes, you have an opportunity to ask your question by submitting it to the *Novi News* by noon on Friday, Oct. 16. Send it via e-mail at [cstone@gannett.com](mailto:cstone@gannett.com); mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48187 or fax (248) 685-2892.

We will make every attempt to get readers' questions asked at the forum. However, if time constraints do not allow for candidates to answer all the submitted questions, candidates will be asked to give answers in writing after the forum and the *Novi News* will publish those in the Oct. 29 edition and/or online at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).

Up for vote will be three four-year council seats and that of mayor, a two-year position. This city's next council will face many challenges dealing with roads, public safety, culture, budget, parks, etc. Who will make those important decisions is up to you. Ask now for answers to help all voters make a better informed decision at the polls on Nov. 3.

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum, for discussing topics in *Your Voices, on the Web at hometownlife.com*.

**PHIL POWER: Mass transit should be a no-brainer**

Who are you kidding? Few residents of southeast Michigan will give their second car and turn to mass transit. I have used mass transit in large cities like Chicago, New York and Washington D.C. and I have seen it work. In metro Detroit the average business worker is not going to sit next to a stranger for 30 minutes to go to work, entertainment and run other errands. In the aforementioned cities this occurs regularly, but remember that they have cities that are the heartbeat of the area, Detroit, Pontiac, Inkster and Flint are certainly not regular destinations for those living in suburbia, these cities are dead. Get off the notion that mass transit would work here, and let's fix what we have left with what little resources we have. Don't waste our tax dollars!

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**Letters to the Editor**

This past Saturday (Sept. 26) I attended Fall For Novi with my family. What a fantastic Nov! event! The Civic Center was packed with every local organization you could imagine, from the Civil Air Force to the Zoning Board. We learned about groups that we would otherwise never know about in Novi.

The fire department was in full force with several big trucks and fire safety information. The police department held an open house and we were able to tour the entire facility! We also got to meet the K9 unit and a mounted police officer with his horse.

In addition to all the cool giveaways, there was an international stage where performers from many different countries put on a wonderful show. We tasted many ethnic foods and were able to browse each country's display of costumes, artwork, literature and other fascinating cultural artifacts. Novi has such a diverse population, and it was great to see everyone together celebrating our great community! Novi is truly an outstanding place to live!

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## Retain Mutch on council

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, the citizens of the City of Novi will have the opportunity to vote to keep Andrew Mutch, an independent voice of reason, on the City Council. Mr. Mutch has repeatedly raised questions about the spending patterns of the council majority. He has also listened to citizen concerns regarding commercial development in residential areas and raised pertinent issues to stop commercial development in our city, especially near Island Lake, Greenwood Oaks and Echo Valley. Andrew has been a strong advocate for woodlands, parks, bike paths and other natural enhancements which enrich the quality of living in Novi.

Andrew Mutch believes in transparent government. He believes that the processes of our city should be open to the inspection of citizens. He takes concerns expressed by residents seriously and works hard on their behalf to make sure that city government is working for everyone.

While Andrew Mutch will be embarrassed to read this, anyone who has worked or communicated with Andrew will tell you this: Andrew Mutch is smart. He listens well. He asks questions. And if he finds himself heading in the wrong direction on any issue, he is able to change course for a better outcome (an unusual skill in government).

On Nov. 3, we need to keep Andrew Mutch working for us on the council. This local election is just as important for our quality of life as any state or national election. Please get to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 3 and vote for Andrew Mutch for Novi City Council.

John A. Kuenzel  
Novi

## State's shared revenue explained

With the latest redo of the now annual State of Michigan budget crisis, there is an important fact being glossed over in reports of the cuts to returns by the state to local governments: the so-called state shared revenue payments. The fact is that the advertised 11.1-percent cut to state shared revenue support of our Michigan cities is inaccurate. That is because the state Legislature and governor have complete control of, and can only cut from, the statutorily-authorized portion of that financial support. There is another portion, the constitutionally-mandated portion, over which the Legislature has zero control, thankfully. However, the 11.1-percent cut uses a fuzzy math process that adds together the discretionary and the completely non-discretionary amounts. The actual number for statutory cuts, for example, is a 74-percent reduction for Novi, and less than 50 percent for Troy and Farmington Hills.

When you look at the cuts to the statutory share only, the actual number varies wildly from community to community, with the only across-the-board effect being the uniform bad impact on local municipalities' ability to continue to provide basic services - like police, fire, parks, and public works - to their residents and businesses.

It gets worse. The formula used for statutory state shared revenue borders on obscene. Cooked up a decade ago and since made worse, the end result of the formula creates huge disproportions based upon factors such as "tax effort" and obsolete population counts. The result is a community of 22,000 residents and 3.2 square miles is set to receive \$1.2 million, 18 times more than the \$72,000 scheduled for the City of Novi (population 54,000 and 31.3 square miles).

We understand and support helping our neighbors, but this discrepancy has become a magnet, does it stand to reason, to raise this topic now because one of the outcomes of last-day state budgeting is that numbers get produced one day and adopted the next, moments before a well-known deadline.

What is really bad is that ALL of this revenue gets drawn to Lansing from the very communities that are now being harmed. It is the cities that host the businesses and people that garner the sales taxes in the first place. Novi in particular, with our small magnets, does its fair share in that regard. It is the cities like Novi that invest in the roads and create the safe environments where people choose to go. We have now apparently become a net donor to the state and are being bled dry by an obsolete system.

We in the City of Novi continue to manage our finances within a low consistent property tax rate. Thanks to great staff working with a team of elected leaders locally, we provide great services. We look forward to opening a new public library in 2010 within the existing property tax rate. However, the dysfunction at the State of Michigan level of government increasingly straps even our ability to share.

David B. Landry  
Mayor, City of Novi

## For Lorenzo, against blog publishing

To their credit, the founders of Novi fortunately created a non-partisan city government. As sage as the founders of the U.S. Constitution, Novi's signers feared political partisanship. Many of us interpret partisanship as being Democrat, Republican, Socialist, etc., but party labels alone do not

## LETTERS

### 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. Submit letters via the following formats. Web: [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) Mail: Letters to the Editor, Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI 48178. Fax: (248) 437-3386. E-mail: [cstone@gannett.com](mailto:cstone@gannett.com). Blog: You may also let your opinions be heard with your own blog at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com). Deadline: Letters must be received by 9 a.m. Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

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**Guest Column**

ple watched, according to the state. More importantly, the debates focused exclusively on the "common ground agenda for Michigan's transformation."

That was a report that emerged from 180 community conversations sponsored by the Michigan's Defining Moment public engagement campaign, also run by the Center for Michigan.

The detailed agenda was also handed to candidates - both Republicans and Democrats - in 50 one-on-one meetings during the primary season. Among the points stressed by Michigan citizens who participated: How important bipartisanism is in the Legislature - and how miserably lacking it has been in recent years.

Following those conversations, the voters spoke. Candidates were elected in November, and come January they were duly sworn into office. And then something remarkable happened. The newly-elected freshman representatives formed themselves into a bipartisan freshman caucus - something unprecedented in Michigan politics!

All the freshmen pledged to work in a bipartisan way to help the state, not just to score partisan debating points off each other. Virtually every newly-elected House member joined in.

For a time, their announcement was greeted with the usual Lansing skepticism. Some said the effort would never get off the ground. Others predicted the freshman caucus would be nothing more than a social gathering. Last summer, Lansing pundit Tim Skubicki criticized the caucus for lack of action.

But last week, following yet another clumsy falling effort by the Legislature to pass a balanced budget, members of the bipartisan caucus introduced a bill to force legislators to finish work on the state spending plan by each July 1 or have their pay docked for each day they miss the deadline.

The legislation would require the legislature to present all general appropriations bills for the succeeding fiscal year to the Governor on or before July 1 of each year.

There are 27 co-sponsors of the bill, 14 Democrats and 13 Republicans. State Representative Bill Rogers (R-Brighton) is the official sponsor. The legislation needs to pass with two-thirds of the votes in both the House and Senate to place the measure on the August 2010 ballot.

That may be a long shot, the sponsors know. Still, "I am nuttazed by what took place this week regarding the budget and, more importantly, by what did not take place," Rogers told me. "It's ridiculous for the Legislature not to finish work on the budget in time for schools and local governments to get a clear idea of what they'll have to work with rather than have to wait until the middle of the fall," when spending plans are already in place.

He wasn't alone. "After the ordeal we saw in the legislature, it's crystal clear the budget process is broken and in need of major reform," Rep. Tim Bledsoe (D-Grosse Pointe) told me.

True, Michigan's fiscal year starts Oct. 1. Still, "It's unconscionable for the legislature to continue to delay their budget duties when local governments and school districts began their fiscal years on July 1," said Bledsoe. A political scientist, Bledsoe teaches a course in the legislative process at Wayne State University.

Bledsoe thinks there's a good chance the bill will make it out of the House with the necessary two-thirds major-ity to get on the ballot. He's not so sure about the Senate, although he points out that comment from other legislators and the media have been positive. "I'd guess if the Senate feels backlash from the public about this year's late budget, they'll think seriously about moving the measure."

Rep. Lesia Liss (D-Warren/Center Line) is quoted in the caucus' press release as saying, "Any other Michigan worker would lose their paycheck if they failed to do their job. It's time to hold the Legislature to that standard." Amen to that.

And good luck to all members of the freshman bipartisan caucus. Their work could be the first sign that reform of Michigan's dysfunctional political system really is possible.

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**Gettin' creative**

Mark Nelson, 11, gets some help from Novi Library's Phillis Weeks on Weds., Sept. 30 during a "Crazy Creatures" crafts program. The crafts assembly allowed kids to make funny creatures out of knit gloves which they filled with rice and then attached with eyes.

**Great Lakes Art Fair comes to Rock Oct. 16-18**

The Great Lakes Art Fair at the Rock Financial Showplace offers fine artists and craftspeople and their patrons an expansive regional marketplace, as well as an early launch to the traditional holiday shopping season. The fall GLAF will take place Oct. 16-18 inside Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave in Novi.

The cost is \$7 for adults; free for children 12 and under; free parking. The fair is open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10-5 Sunday. The Fall Great Lakes Art Fair follows the successful debut Spring GLAF, combining exclusive and uncommon works from local, regional and national artists with a charming village marketplace setting, beautiful seasonal landscape display and café with delicious fare provided by Epoch Catering. Groups are welcome, special discount coupons and other offers are available at [www.greatlakesartfair.com](http://www.greatlakesartfair.com). The Great Lakes Art Fair replaces the successful touring Sugarloaf Art Fair, which visited the area bi-annually for the past 10 years.

"We were very pleased with the enthusiastic response from artists, sponsors and patrons to the Spring Fair," said Blair Bowman, owner of Rock Financial Showplace. "We had very positive feedback from all involved and we fully expect the Fall Great Lakes Art Fair to expand on every level."

The GLAF is now one of the handful of annual events that are produced internally by the Rock Financial Showplace. Connie Mettler, a veteran of the art fair community since 1979, leads the development of the Great Lakes Art Fair. Mettler's career covers all facets of the industry, including artist management, exhibiting at over 400 art fairs, developing and supervising multiple events including small community art fairs, the Greektown Art Festival, the art component of Arts, Beats & Eats in Pontiac, and production manager for Motown Winter Blast Marketplace during the Super Bowl in

Detroit. Her website, [www.ArtFairCalendar.com](http://www.ArtFairCalendar.com), has been ranked #1 by Google. "The timing has been ideal for the introduction of the new spring and fall Great Lakes Art Fairs," said Mettler. "Over the past several years there has been a sizable reduction of large scale opportunities for artists in the region to showcase their work. The Great Lakes Art Fair represents a strong addition to the art fair schedule that helps to fill that void, and we hope patrons of the arts will come enjoy the unique opportunity to see and shop all these works in one easily accessible location."

The Great Lakes Art Fair is presented in part by Dwyer and Sons Volvo-Subaru, the Detroit News Homestyle section, Epoch Catering, Visions Spa and Salon, Andiamo Health, Bishop Design and Display and the Landscape Group. For more information, please contact Nancy Schoenheide-Phares, 248.486.3424 [nshow@cablespeed.com](mailto:nshow@cablespeed.com).



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**Don't give up**

Novi Parkview Elementary School students listen to an assembly called "Kids Empowered" which sought to give them the ability to resist bullies in their schools and to give them more self confidence throughout their social arena.

**Auto show poster contest offers cash prizes**

The 2010 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS), sponsored by NAIAS LLC, announced the launch of its annual poster contest in connection with the January show.

The 22nd Annual High School Poster Contest is open to all Michigan residents enrolled in grades 10-12. An independent panel of representatives from the local art community will judge the contest. This year, the NAIAS will choose winners in 16 categories.

"The poster contest is always a fun way to involve the next generation of automotive enthusiasts in our community and never fails to amaze us with the incredible young talent that comes from Michigan," said Doug Fox, chairman of the 2010 NAIAS.

"We hope that this helps encourage a lifetime interest in not only the automotive industry but the art community as well." Winning posters will be displayed at the 2010 NAIAS and reproduced in the official NAIAS program, which is available to the public, corporate executives and automotive suppliers. Winning posters may also be displayed on the official NAIAS web site, [www.naias.com](http://www.naias.com).

In 2009, the NAIAS had a record breaking 660 entries from 64 Michigan high schools. The contest was established to engage the creative minds of Michigan's students and encourage careers in automotive design while recognizing local artists for their talents. Posters must be original artwork, 25" x 21" in size, two-dimensional and camera ready. The poster theme must be automotive related, and any mixed media suitable for reproduction as a poster is allowed, including computer-generated graphics. All subject matter must be in good taste. Posters must contain all of the following copy: "North American International Auto Show 2010, Detroit, and Cobo Center." The entry deadline is Nov. 16.

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Chairman's Award, \$1,000; State Farm Insurance Award, \$1,000; Designer's Best Show - Digital, \$500; Designer's Best Show - Traditional, \$500; Best Theme, \$250; Best Use of Color, \$250; Most Creative \$250; 1st Place: 10th Grade Award, \$500; 1st Place: 11th Grade Award, \$500; 1st Place: 12th Grade Award, \$500; 2nd Place: 10th Grade Award, \$250; 2nd Place: 11th Grade Award, \$250; 2nd Place: 12th Grade Award, \$250; 3rd Place: 10th Grade Award, \$100; 3rd Place: 11th Grade Award, \$100; 3rd Place: 12th Grade Award, \$100.

To view official rules or gain more information, visit [www.naias.com](http://www.naias.com). Additional questions may be directed to Sandy Herp at (248) 283-5138 or [sherp@dada.org](mailto:sherp@dada.org).

**Oktoberfest starts Friday at Community Park**

BY PAM FLEMING  
STAFF WRITER

It's time to break out the lederhosen, suspenders, beer steins and felt hats.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce's annual Oktoberfest starts Friday evening at Community Park in Northville Township at Five Mile and Beck roads.

Hours are 6-10:30 p.m. Friday and noon-10:30 p.m. Saturday. The Oktoberfest entrance will be off of Five Mile Road across from Home Depot.

The annual event includes great German food, entertainment, crafts, music, a Classic Car Show on Saturday, inflatables, rides, a petting zoo,

Oktoberfest merchandise and a beer tent. Food will include knock-wurst, bratwurst, weiner schnitzel, potato pancakes and more.

Admission to the German village is free. Admission to the beer tent is \$5 for adults 17 and older and free for children age 16 and under, who must be accompanied by an adult.

**WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR**

What's new at this year's festival? "We have added a very fun children's puppet show that will perform at noon and 2 p.m. on Saturday," said Jody Humphries, Chamber president.

"Last year was great, and we had fantastic weather, and the

car show really added another attractive component to the festival.

"If the weather cooperates, it is a great fall event for the entire family, with a lot of kids' activities and a rockin' Oktoberfest tent complete with German bands, beer and food."

For more information, call the Northville Chamber of Commerce (248) 949-7649 or go to [www.northville.org](http://www.northville.org). In case of extreme weather conditions, call the Northville Chamber of Commerce events hotline or check the Web site for up-to-date event information.

"The Oktoberfest is a deal for families," said Janet Bloom, Chamber marketing and events director.

**Library to house Happy Meal exhibit**

BY NATHAN MUELLER  
STAFF WRITER

For most kids when they were treated to McDonald's, it was not the food they craved. But rather the surprise that awaited them inside their Happy Meal box.

Sometimes it was a toy from their favorite movie, other times it was a new novelty that provided hours of entertainment. But regardless of what was inside, the Happy Meal toy was the most important part of the trip.

In honor of the 30th birthday of McDonald's Happy Meals, the company has launched a toys and artifacts exhibit that will be shown at three southeast Michigan libraries. The display will be at the Novi Public Library from Oct. 8 until Oct. 31 before moving to the Howell Carnegie District Library from Nov. 4 to Nov. 30. It opened at the Detroit Public Library in September.

"It's just amazing to watch people and the excitement they get from Happy Meals in general," said Willie Blue, marketing supervisor for Michigan region McDonald's. "It's more than the toy, it's the relationship they have with McDonald's and how they associate a trip there with happiness."

The Happy Meal was started by Dick Brams, the St. Louis regional advertising manager, in June 1979. Over the years it has evolved with different toy offerings for both boys and girls.

Blue said some of the most popular toys were the Hot Wheels and Barbie toys as well as the Teenie Beanie Babies,



McDonald's is celebrating 30 years of the Happy Meal by launching a toys and artifact exhibit at libraries. A display like the one shown will be at the Novi Public Library from Oct. 8 to Oct. 31.

which became hot collectors items. Those toys and more, including the first Happy Meal box, will be on display at the library. "Every month we have a display case and we encourage residents to share hobbies and crafts and this fits in with that," said Julie Farkas, library director. "We are very excited to have it because it is a really neat and unique collection to show."

**LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS FAMILY HISTORY**

Throughout the month, the library is reaching out to people who want to learn

more about the history of their families.

The first program, Genealogy 101, took place on Oct. 3, and on Oct. 10-11, grandparents and grandchildren can share their memories of growing up during a videotaped interview. Also in November patrons can take advantage of Ancestry Library Edition (Nov. 5) and Genealogy Roundtable Discussion (Nov. 7).

Laura Liddicoat, communications specialist, said the library has a lot of "cool" software packages for people to use, and trained staff that want to help.

**NAME NEW LIBRARY CAFE**

The community is being asked to submit names for the cafe that will be located inside the new Novi Public Library when it opens. Liddicoat said to highlight the new feature, they want the community involved, and the person whose name is selected will be recognized.

People can submit votes throughout October by filling out a ballot at the library or online at [www.novilibrary.org](http://www.novilibrary.org). A committee will select the top candidates and an online survey will help pick the winner.

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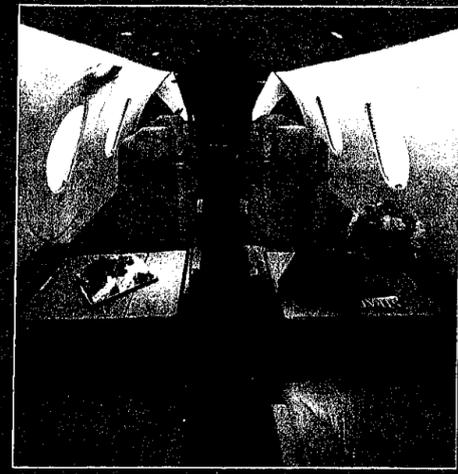
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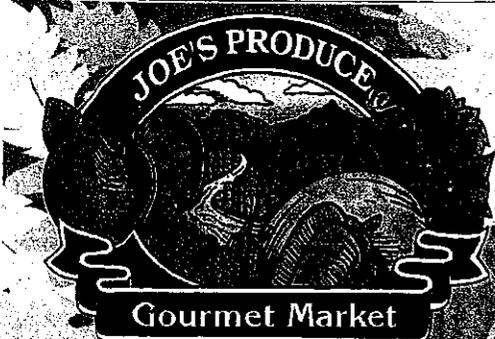
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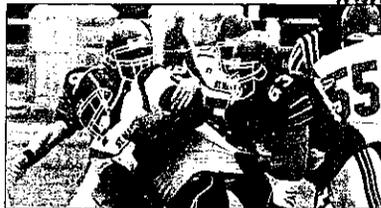
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## Spartans damper Novi homecoming

### Stevenson defeats Wildcats 14-7 in a wet one

BY CHRIS JACKETT  
CORRESPONDENT

Novi's hopes of repeating as KLAACentral Division football champions took a dip Friday night as the host Wildcats dropped a 14-7 decision to Livonia Stevenson.

The Spartans (4-2, 4-0 Central) had a little trouble getting started on the wet grass, as senior RB Austin White fumbled and lost the ball on the first snapped play of the night, as Novi senior DB Jeremy Mims recovered the ball.

However, neither team could muster much offense, combing for just three first downs in the entire quarter, with two coming from Stevenson's White in the final two minutes.

"I think we made some mental mistakes. We got bogged down a little bit," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said.

With both offenses having trouble with the wet ball, the running game became a major factor, as the two teams combined for 81 rush attempts and just 21 pass attempts on the night.

A stalled Stevenson drive resulted in a 51-yard punt by senior Alex Law that was downed at the Novi one-yard

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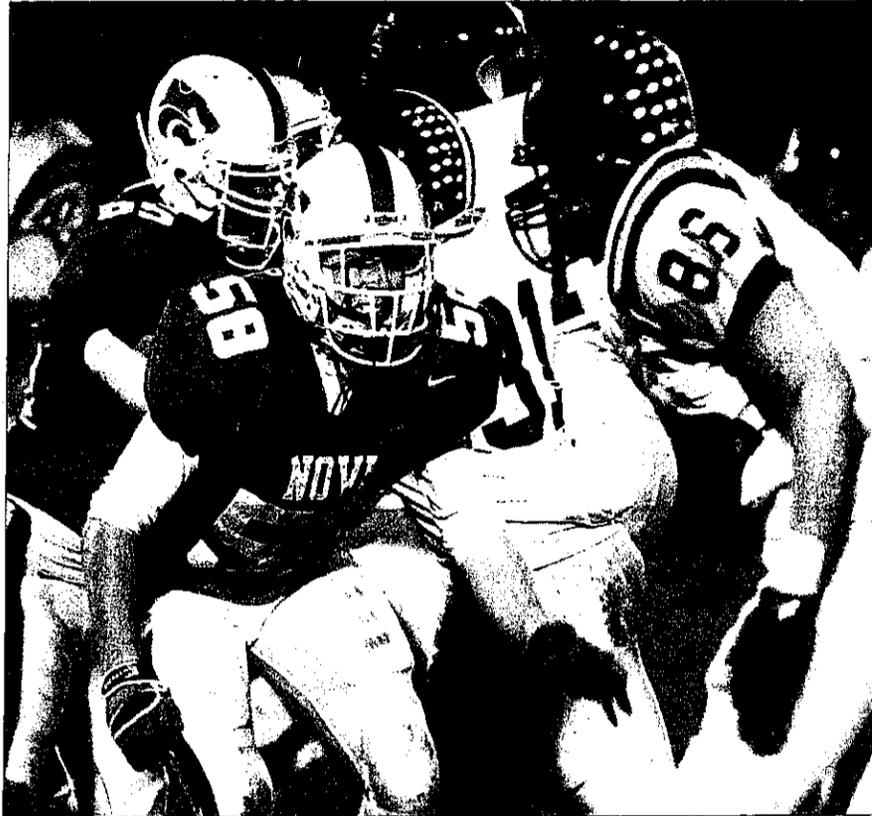
Novi (3-3, 3-1 Central) hosts Northville 7 p.m. tomorrow in a border battle for the Brown Jug. "They're well coached. Matt (Ladach) does a tremendous job over there. We know that will be a tremendous game for both squads," Novi coach Tab Kellegourey said. Northville (4-2, 3-1 Central) is coming off a 17-0 win at home against Plymouth Salem (1-5, 1-3 Central) and is also fighting for a share of the KLAACentral Division title. Both Novi and Northville lost to Livonia Stevenson (4-2, 4-0 Central), who will have to travel to South Lyon East (0-6, 0-4 Central) and lose tomorrow in order for the 'Cats or Mustangs to take a share of the title home alongside the Brown Jug.

line by his teammates with 6:14 remaining in the half.

Failing to get a first down, Novi senior Jordan Scheffler boomed a 46-yard punt back to Stevenson's 47-yard line. The Spartans spent the next 3:25 edging closer to the end zone.

A third-and-14 on Novi's 28-yard line changed the pace of the game when senior QB Brendan O'Hara hit White with a 22-yard pass to Novi's six-yard line. White rushed in over the

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Novi Wildcat lineman Jon Fields prepares to engage against a Spartan.

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## Wildcats gallop past obstacles

### Equestrian team wraps up season full of changes

BY CHRIS JACKETT  
CORRESPONDENT

Novi's equestrian team wrapped up their first season in the B-Division with a sixth-place finish.

Losing several members to graduation from last season, the Wildcats moved from the A-Division to the B-Division, featuring teams with five-to-nine riders. They also welcomed a new coach in Lisa Pollock.

Given all the changes the team has gone through since last season, the Wildcats have developed into a cohesive unit this season.

"We had a great first season. We had a lot of riders work really hard. They took care of each other and their horses," Pollock said. "I am very thankful for the support and effort of the two assistant coaches, (Pat) Dudek and (John) Defever, in completing our first season together. We look forward to working together in building a bigger and more competitive team."

The Wildcats finished with 101 points, 12 points behind fifth-place Plymouth and 74 points ahead of Plymouth Salem. Milford was first with 421 points.

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NOVI EQUESTRIAN COACH LISA POLLOCK

"There's more teams in the B-Division; that's really the only difference," Pollock said. "They had solid teams and riders."

Senior captains Monica Murphy and Erin Collin both had obstacles of their own to hurdle this season, but came through in the end.

Murphy shared a horse, Sampson, and competition attire with her sister, sophomore MacKenzie Murphy, but finished second on the team in points earned with 36. Murphy earned her points in the hunt seat bareback, hunt seat over fences and trail events.

Collin's problems came with her thousand-dollar equipment. She started off the season with one horse, Tres, who was injured in a barn incident before the first meet. Collin then took another horse,

Koda, out for the first meet, but Koda fell into a jump and was unable to compete at the next meet. So Collin ended up with Roxie, who she finished the season riding with.

The team was led by junior Whitney Pollock, who earned 43 points by riding in four different categories. She placed in the saddle seat bareback, hunt seat over fences and flag race at each of the three meets. She also placed in the hunt seat bareback and western bareback during the season. Whitney rode Einstein for the western, hunt and saddle seat events, borrowing coach Defever's horse, Gus, for the gaming events.

"Whitney was our most diverse rider, she did all four events," coach Pollock said. The Wildcats also got great

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## Golfers drop meet to Northville, tie for second place in division

### Wildcats optimistic about regional meet

BY CHRIS JACKETT  
CORRESPONDENT

Novi's girl's golf team wrapped up KLAACentral play last week with a win over last-place Plymouth Salem and loss to first-place Northville, throwing the Wildcats (7-3) into a second-place tie with South Lyon.

The girls had went from having two meets in three days last week to none in that span, as Salem forfeited their match Wednesday and Monday's meet against Northville at Tanglewood Golf Course was rained out. Novi traveled to Northville's course last Thursday instead, dropping a 178-209 decision to the undefeated Central Division-champion Mustangs.

"We didn't play as well as I thought we would. I think, with homecoming week, we were a little distracted. Northville's a very good team and we would have had to

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If the Wildcats finish in the top three at today's regional meet, they will qualify for the state tournament at Michigan State University's Forest Akers Golf Course Oct. 16-17 in East Lansing.

play really well," coach Debra Harris said.

Junior Megan Henry led the team with a score of 51, followed by senior captain Stephanie Hrit's 52, juniors Brooke Collins - a captain - and Alyssa Miller each with 53, sophomore Kathleen Koomen 57 and junior Victoria Tomkinson 58.

"All of them have improved from last year to this year. They're a very tight-knit group," Harris said.

The Wildcats competed in the 12-team Kensington Conference meet Tuesday and Regionals today against as many as 16 other schools.

"At the conference tournament, we'd like to beat South Lyon to break that tie, at least mentally," Harris said Sunday. "I think we have a very good chance of making it out of the region and onto states.

Looking at the scores, we're about third and the top three go to states."

Novi's main competition will come from Grosse Pointe South and Northville, with Stevenson (2-8 KLAACentral) and Dearborn also representing the Wildcats.

Novi is allowed to have six golfers compete at the conference meet and five at the regional meet, but Harris said the scrimmage Monday would determine who would compete. Henry, Hrit and Collins are the most likely options, as Koomen, Tomkinson, Miller and sophomore Jessica Tally will compete for the fourth, fifth and, for the conference meet, sixth spots.

Tally hit a 55 with the junior varsity squad in a 208-215 loss to Northville. JV finished 5-5.

Freshman Allie Krick led the JV squad with a 52, while senior Morgan Adams and junior Kaitlan Hogan both swung a 54. They were followed by Tally, freshman Aparna Yechoor (63) and junior Kelsey Sutka (64).

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

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Novi's Jalen Ward (87) carries the ball with Bobcat teammate Hunter Urban (87) blocking.

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**Varsity falls to Livonia Falcons, 30-8**

The Novi varsity Bobcats fell to 1-4 with a 30-8 loss to the Livonia Falcons in tough weather conditions Sunday at Novi Middle School.

Jalen Ward led the offense with 75 yards on six carries. Ward scored the lone Bobcat touchdown on a 43-yard scamper. Nick Meadows added the extra point. Jeff Baker fought for 12 yards on 11 carries. Quarterback Josh Schiesler carried three times for 27 yards. The Bobcat offensive line of Charlie Ryan, Jack Twomey, Nick Meadows, Ethan Roy, Graham Gausden and Brett Guiboux and Mark Ryan gave a tremendous effort in the trenches.

Austin Racicot led the Bobcats on defense with six tackles. Brett Guiboux, Ethan Roy and Josh Heffner each had five tackles. Mark Ryan celebrated his birthday by adding four tackles. Brett Guiboux and Jack Pinkerton also had four tackles. Pinkerton also broke up two passes. Jack Twomey and Charlie Ryan each had a quarterback sack. Billy Ulle

had two tackles. Josh Heffner, Daniel Terrell, Keith Pravato and Jeff Baker each had a tackle. Michael Ninkovich broke up a pass.

The Bobcats next game is against the Livonia Eagles on Saturday at Novi Middle School.

By John Schiesler

**JV loses to Livonia Falcons, 23-6**

The battle between the remaining undefeated JV teams in the league was won by the Livonia Falcons (5-0), giving the Bobcats (4-1) the bitter taste of defeat. Both teams entered the game knowing it was going to be a very physical contest, matching the size and strength of the Falcons against the speed and aggressiveness of the Bobcats. Weather is never an acceptable excuse, but the intermittent rain showers favored the Falcons' powerful ground game, while hampering the Bobcats' passing attack. To start the game, the Falcons received the kickoff and busted up the middle untouched for

a 65-yard touchdown return. The Falcons made the PAT kick and took a quick 8-0 lead.

On the ensuing drive, the Bobcats' offense moved the ball to the Falcons' 34-yard line earning two first downs on strong runs by Ryan Moore, Andrew Schroeder, and Andy Mizerowski. Moore completed a 12-yard pass to Christian Durham, but the drive stalled on fourth down and nine when a 12-yard pass fell to the soggy turf. The Falcons answered with a drive of their own, earning four first downs on their way to the Bobcats' 25-yard line. After a Falcons touchdown was nullified for a block in the back penalty, Schroeder stuck the running back, and Christian Durham stripped the ball ending the drive with the turnover. The Falcons dominated the time of possession and kept the Bobcats' offense on the sideline. The Bobcats' defense created another turnover when Anthony D'Annunzio stripped the ball and R.J. Moran recovered the fumble. In the second quarter, the Falcons scored again taking a 16-0 lead into halftime.

The second half resembled

the first, with the Falcons dominating time of possession, field position, and chewing up the clock with long drives. The highlight for the Bobcats' offense was Spencer VanKirk using his speed to break tackles and get to the sideline on a 65-yard touchdown. The PAT failed and the score was 16-6 at the end of the third quarter. The Falcons scored again in the fourth quarter and converted the PAT with a rickety pass for a 23-6 final score.

The fact that safety Ryan Moore led the defense with 7 tackles and 1 assist indicates the effectiveness of the Falcons running attack. Durham had six tackles and three assists, followed by Schroeder and VanKirk each with three tackles and two assists. VanKirk led all rushers with the 65-yard touchdown, followed by gutsy performances by Moore, Mizerowski and Schroeder.

The Falcons have an opportunity to earn another shot at the Falcons in the WLJFL playoffs by winning their final two games of the season. The Bobcats host the Livonia Eagles (6-4) next Saturday at Novi Middle School.

Submitted by Ken Hixson

**Freshmen fall to Falcons, 30-6**

The Novi freshman Bobcats faced the league-leading and undefeated Livonia Falcons on Sunday on the Bobcats' home field. The Bobcats put up a valiant effort, but came up short to a very strong Falcons team, losing by a final score of 30-6.

The Falcons scored on several big passing plays, but had their powerful running game held mostly in check by a young

Bobcat defense that has shown steady improvement over the course of the season.

The game started with the Bobcats getting a strong run from Evan Bartlow up the middle and putting the Bobcats in good field position, only to have their drive stalled near midfield. Shortly after taking over on offense, the Falcons scored on a long end around play and kicked for a two-point conversion to make it 8-0 early in the first quarter.

The Bobcat offense, led by quarterback Chad Howell, had some early success running the football behind the offensive line anchored by Matt Williams, Fenton Lawler, and tight end Paulo Burgess.

First year tailback Trendon Hankerson, along with Tyler Vankirk and Brendan Smith, all ran hard from their backfield positions, but it was the big pass play by the Falcons that proved to be the difference, and lead to a deceptively one-sided score in a game that was otherwise hard-hitting and competitive.

The Falcons used the big pass play to take the ball down near the goal line after the Bobcats had played well to contain the Falcons' running game, and scored on a short run after that to take 16-0 lead into the second quarter. Another big pass play in the second quarter resulted in the Falcons going up 22-0 shortly before half-time. The gritty Bobcats fought back, putting together a strong drive as the clock ran down in the first half, concluding with Tyler Vankirk getting outside and streaking down the sidelines, only to be pushed out of bounds by the last Falcon who had any chance to keep him from scoring, as time expired in the first half.

Submitted by Eric Smith

**Novi tennis team demolishes Plymouth, prepares for Regionals**  
**Wildcats ready to take on top-ranked CC**

BY CHRIS JACKETT  
CORRESPONDENT

The Wildcat boys' tennis team wrapped up dual meet action last Tuesday with a dominant 9-0 victory over KLAAs South Division-champion Plymouth.

Novi's five doubles squads surrendered just five of 65 games to the Wildcats, while the singles teams each had hard fought matches en route to completing the sweep.

Senior Carson Crandell defeated sophomore Aaron Zhang 6-4, 6-1 at one singles, while senior Peter Zhang defeated junior Matt Dwan 6-3, 6-4 at two singles.

Freshman Favan Rao defeated senior Andy Mitchell 6-0, 6-4 at three singles and junior Alex Brizard defeated senior Pat Bailey 6-2, 6-3 at four singles.

"It was a good match for us. First and second singles had some pretty tough opponents. They played tough matches to get the wins," said Coach Jim Hanson of Crandell and Zhang. "You have to play each match and play one at a time."

Novi improved to 9-1 in dual meets heading into this week's two single-elimination tournament meets. With last Saturday's conference meet rained out, the competition was rain-delayed until Monday and Tuesday.

"A lot of the other teams are like the old KVC. That'll be interesting," Hanson said. However, the bigger test will be tomorrow's regional meet, which Novi is hosting. Ranked seventh in Division I, the Wildcats will face players No. 1 Detroit Catholic Central, No. 9 Northville and several other top teams and individuals. "CC is ranked number one

right now. They have depth at singles and doubles. It's single elimination, so we have to play the best tennis of the season this week if we want to go on," Hanson said. "It should be a good week for Novi's tennis in the state of Michigan."

In order to make it to the state meet, Novi's netters will have to finish in the top two or earn 18 points at the regional meet.

"We coached long enough to know those other teams play a factor. They take points away from you. You can't take anything for granted," Hanson said.

With the strong singles players from other regional teams and the overall competition seen at Catholic Central and Northville, the Wildcats will have their work cut out for them.

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

**Tankers tackle 'Stangs**  
**Novi swims past division rivals, 105-81**

BY CHRIS JACKETT  
CORRESPONDENT

The Wildcats' girls' swim and dive team took first place in 11 of 12 events en route to a 105-81 victory at Northville last Thursday.

Although a 24-point spread may seem commanding, Novi (9-1, 9-0 KLAAs Central) had their work cut out for them as the Mustangs (9-1, 2-1 Central) took two of the top three finishes in six events. Novi was unable to sweep the top three spots in any event.

"We had some good swims, but for the most part we were looking past. They had their heads in their floats and their dresses," said coach Scott Teeters of the girls' focus on homecoming late in the week.

Novi barely edged out wins in several events, with one of the closest coming in the 50-yard freestyle, the fourth event of the day. Freshman Kara Berg led a group where the top five swimmers were all within 0.78 seconds of each other. Berg took first in 26.32 seconds, while freshman Madalyn Buba took fourth in 27.06 seconds. Northville's

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Novi hosts Plymouth Salem (0-2, 0-2 Central) 6 p.m. tonight before traveling to Livonia Stevenson (1, 1 Central) 6:30 p.m. next Thursday.

Faith Miller (26:57), Becca Myers (26:51) and Sarah Garrity (27:08) kept things close, taking second, third and fifth in the event.

Just two races later, Miller gave Northville its first win of the day with its one-minute, 2.50-second showing in the 100-yard butterfly, edging out Novi freshman Maranda Buba (1:02.55) by just 0.05 seconds.

"I don't know how many times we got edged out," Teeters said. "I think we've got the best freshmen in Oakland County. We have a great group of freshmen. From top to bottom, the future looks great."

Freshman Andrea VanderMey broke the one-minute barrier in the 100-yard backstroke for the Wildcats with a 59.19-second swim, defeating Northville's Shannon Lohman (1:03.01).

In the second-to-last race of the day, Novi senior Meredith Cui (1:12.16) beat Catherine Cui (1:12.36) by 0.2 seconds in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Cote took first in all four of her events, including the 200-yard medley relay (1:53.21), 100-yard freestyle (55.57) and 400-yard freestyle relay (3:50.50).

"Her impact on those young kids has been amazing. The (younger) girls have been able to offer it up every day because she stuck around," Teeters said.

Junior Becca Berman continued with her All-American pace by winning the 200-yard medley relay with Cote, VanderMey and Berg. Berman also won the 200-yard freestyle (2:00.64), 500-yard freestyle (6:17.69) and 200-yard freestyle relay (1:44.33).

"That was a good rivalry. We got a chance to swim a rivalry. It was intense. It gave us a good wake up call as to what we were going to face when we go down to Stevenson," Teeters said.

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

**Hall of Fame induction at Rock Oct. 10**

Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund will hold a first annual Hall of Fame Induction Dinner to be held at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi on Oct. 10. This event will honor 13 players for their outstanding NFL playing careers as well as for their charitable contributions.

Amongst the honorees at the dinner will be former Detroit Lions and Pro Football Hall of Fame members Bill Dudley and Charlie Sanders along with Lions greats Earl Morrall, Ron Kramer, Terry Barr, Jimmy David, Roger Brown and Darris McCord.

"This is a great way for us to honor deserving individuals not just because they were

great players but because they have given so much back to the community," said Tom Nowatzke, head of the Detroit Chapter of the Gridiron Greats.

Tickets for the dinner cost \$150 per person or \$1,300 per table. Proceeds from the dinner will go to the Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund, as well as to the family of Mason Samborski, a former Oak Park, Mich. police officer who was shot and killed in the line of duty last December leaving behind a wife and young daughter. The family will be in attendance.

Also being honored and present will be former Lions' great Wally Tripplett, who after graduating from Penn

State in 1949, was the first-ever African American player selected in the NFL draft and who actually played in the NFL. Additional retirees to be honored include John Panelli (Notre Dame/Detroit Lions), legendary Pittsburgh Steeler and Notre Dame great Rocky Bleier and University of Michigan greats Reggie McKenzie (Buffalo Bills) and Albert Wistert (Philadelphia Eagles). John Conti, a former University of Detroit Great, will be honored for his charitable work for the NFL Alumni.

Terry Forster, of the Detroit News will be the master of ceremonies and included in the program will be a GGAF

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The GGAF also provides hands-on assistance to help retired players and their families deal with hardships they face after football. The services include medical assistance, financial assistance for utilities, medication, food, utilities, automotive payments and child

care. The GGAF raises awareness through fund raising efforts and events. In conjunction with Super Bowl XLIV in Miami, the organization will be holding a special GGAF Super Bowl Gala at the Loews Hotel Grand Ballroom Saturday, Feb. 6 in Miami.

The GGAF's Board of Directors includes Mike Ditka, Jimmy Johnson, Marv Levy, Gale Sayers, Matt Birk, Kyle Turley and Greg Brown, CEO of Motorola.

For tickets and sponsorship inquiries to the GGAF's Super Bowl Gala and "Billfish Bowl" events, interested parties can contact the Gridiron Greats Assistance Fund at (847) 509-3086.

Recently appointed GGAF President Ken Valdesirri will also be in attendance at the dinner. The GGAF headquarters are located in Northbrook, Ill. Website: <http://www.gridirongreats.org>

media award" presented to long-time Detroit News columnist Jerry Green.

Many players will be present and available for an autograph session which will take place between 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 also at the

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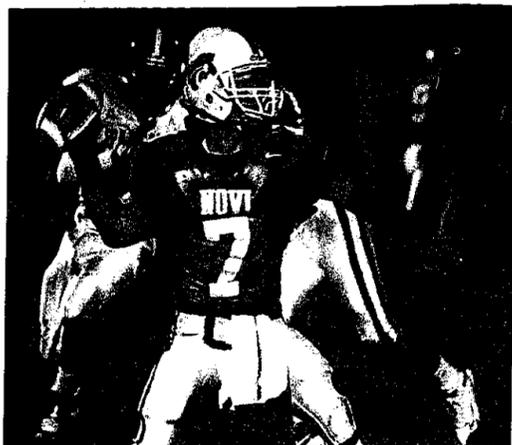
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Livonia Stevenson Spartan Austin White is slowed by a Novi Wildcat.



The Novi Wildcats' special teams line surges forward against the Spartans of Livonia Stevenson.



Wildcat quarterback Tim Hartland throws against Livonia Stevenson.

**FOOTBALL**

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right tackle on the next play and junior Tyler Jarosz's extra point gave Stevenson a 7-0 lead with 46 seconds left in the half.

"We've been playing good defense. Those kids are having fun out there," Gabel said. "White showed how versatile he is."

Trying to get points on the board before the break, Novi senior QB Tim Hartland tossed an interception across the middle to Stevenson senior DB Jon Gudeman at Stevenson's 33-yard line. Moments later, O'Hara threw one away to Novi's Mims at the Novi 24, but Mims' record 43-yard return ran out the final six seconds on the clock.

Stevenson led 7-0 at the break, outgaining the Wildcats (3-3, 3-1 Central) 124-48 in total offensive yards.

Although the second half began with a misty downpour, the Wildcats found their footing, getting a 28-yard kickoff return from senior RB Brett Kuhn and a 32-yard run from Scheffler.

Moving up to Stevenson's 20-yard line, Novi senior QB Ricky Enright was hit behind the line of scrimmage and lost the ball. Stevenson junior LB Duran Onwumene recovered the fumble, starting a 77-yard drive that would put Stevenson out of reach from the Wildcats.

"We played four quarterbacks tonight," Novi coach Tab Kellepourey said. "They don't have enough experience (at this point)."

Novi senior quarterbacks Brandon Rydzewski and Jimmy Gurney were both sitting out with injuries, and Hartland injured his hand earlier in the game.

With Novi's defense focused on the Wolverine-bound White, senior RB Johnny Pauley rushed for 18- and 45-yard gains, setting up senior LB Mike Beyer for a one-yard touchdown run. Beyer had the ball knocked loose as he crossed into the end zone, but it one-hopped off the ground and back into his hands.



Wildcat Jim Pitcher runs the ball against Livonia Stevenson.

eliminating any questions that the Spartans had a 14-0 lead following Jarosz's successful point-after.

Although much of the game was a grind for both teams, the fourth quarter featured one big play.

Novi senior QB Jim Pitcher had a second-and-15 at his own 17. Dropping back inside his own 10, he heaved a ball up the right line, landing perfectly in the outstretched arms of Kuhn near the mid-line, who ran the ball the length of the field unchallenged for an 83-yard touchdown.

"Brett Kuhn made a tremendous adjustment on the ball," Kellepourey said. "He (Pitcher) threw that one 52 yards. Adam Paul was right front side blocker and made the block."

The extra point kick, also by Kuhn, moved the Wildcats to within seven points of Stevenson with 7:40 remaining, but Novi's

offense wouldn't make it onto the field the rest of the night. Fifteen straight rushing plays by the Spartans ran out the clock and kept the chains moving, although barely.

During the 61-yard drive, the referee's spot had to be measured to give Stevenson a first down on three occasions. Each was successful, as the Spartans got to Novi's seven-yard line before taking two knees to run out the final minute of the game.

"Fourth quarter, we needed to get a stop in there. Stevenson was able to grind that one out," Kellepourey said. "They're 3-3 and a very resilient group of kids."

The Spartans gained 240 rushing yards on 52 attempts (4.6 yards-per-carry average) while Novi gained just 53 yards on 29 rushes. The Wildcats earned more passing yards though, 104-52, with 83 yards coming on their scoring play.

Total offensive yardage was 292-157 yards in favor of Stevenson.

"I'm pleased with the way we did tonight," Gabel said. "We've had a couple easy wins and this was not an easy win. This was a dogfight. We hung tough."

The Wildcats' defense came up big, but not big enough. Sophomore LB Alex King and senior DL Jordan Jabbori led Novi with 10 tackles each, followed by Masaru Nogami (9), LB Kristler Engja (8), CB Brandy Sheldon (7), LB Tom Symanski (6) and Mims (5).

"We let a few passes through that set up their first touchdown," Kellepourey said. "I'm impressed with our kids' efforts tonight. (Novi) we struggled offensively."

Novi's season-long penalty troubles subsided, as the Wildcats had just two called against them for a total loss of 15 yards.

"Our kids did a much better job," Kellepourey said.

With Hartland joining Rydzewski and Gurney on the sideline with an injury, Novi will look to Pitcher, Enright and Symanski to fill the quarterback position.

"They're doing an amazing job with it," Kellepourey said, noting that getting the trio reps at practice this week will be a high priority.

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**WXYZ-TV McDonald's Athlete**

Novi High School senior Chrissy Looney was recently honored as a WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) and McDonald's "High School Scholar Athlete of the Week." This program is designed to recognize students who excel both on and off the field.

WXYZ and McDonald's chose Looney because she has maintained a high degree of success in all areas relating to academics, good citizenship and outstanding sportsmanship.

Looney is a standout in the Novi High School classroom with a 3.91 cumulative GPA. This impressive GPA includes Honors and Advanced Placement courses in math, science and social studies. As a senior tri-captain for Novi's field hockey team, Looney demonstrates outstanding leadership abilities and tremendous sportsmanlike conduct.

"Chrissy is the kind of young woman you love to have leading your team. She provides an excellent example for our younger athletes to look up to," coach Amy Kilgore said.

Looney is a two-year starter for the newly established Novi field hockey team. She hopes to attend the University of Michigan or Michigan State University next fall.

A spot on Looney will air during the 11 p.m. Channel 7 news Oct. 9 and the full story will air on the station's 11:30 p.m. Sports Final Edition segment Oct. 11.

**Field Hockey**

The Novi field hockey team fell to 4-3-1 (2-0-1 in Division 4) after Ann Arbor Greenhills (1-2-3, 0-0-3 Division 2) handed the Wildcats a 2-0 loss last Thursday.

Senior netminder Katie Safford blocked 10 first-half shots, but the Gryphons were able to get one by her 27:11 into the match for a 1-0 halftime lead.

Junior Tia Farron, senior Katlyn Sheelar and sophomores Lauren Pollard and Natalie Paul defended four corners and three long shots in the first half to keep the game close.

The Wildcats couldn't get on the board however, as Greenhills scored at 25:47 of the second half to ice the game, 2-0. The defensive quartet blocked another two corners and four long shots in the second half while Safford blocked six more shots, keeping 16 of 18 shots on goal from scoring.

Novi now faces the daunting task of traveling to Division 1 Ann Arbor Huron (6-1-1) tomorrow afternoon before hosting Division 4 Regina 4:15 p.m. Monday and Division 3 Grosse Pointe South 7 p.m. Wednesday.

**Boy's Cross Country**

The Wildcats took 13 of the top 15 spots en route to defeating Plymouth Salem 19-14 Sept. 29 at Cass Tech.

Senior Mike Blaszczyk led all runners with a 3.1-mile time of 16 minutes and 52 seconds. Slemen's Michael Charara wasn't far behind, finishing second in 17:04.

Novi (3-0) then took third through 11th to win in decisive fashion, using their pack strategy to capture third through seventh while all five runners finished within a 13-second span.

Junior Brett Giampa finished third in 17:39, followed by senior Dan Egner in 17:40, junior Joe Schubring in 17:40, junior Chase Conrad in 17:51 and senior Alex Minghine in seventh in 17:52. Junior Steve Pravato (18:11) wrapped up the meet's top eight, earning the final point for the Wildcats.

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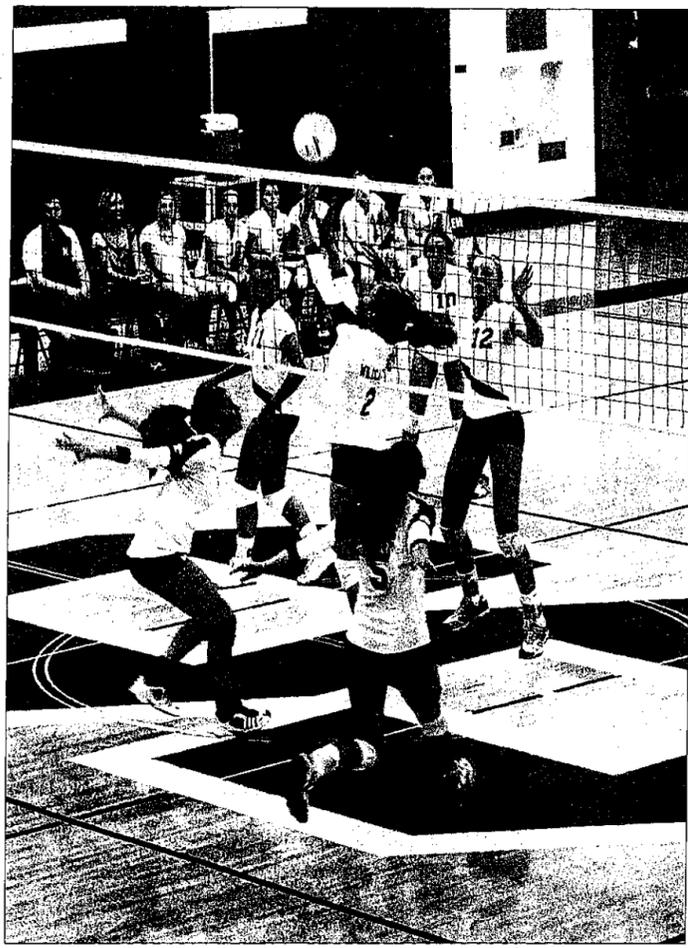
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Novi junior Laura Subject sets the ball while seniors Ally Hoomalan and Anne Irvin (5) get ready to hit against Salem.



Novi senior Julia Thomas serves up the ball against Salem.



Novi junior Erica Robb tips one over for a point against Salem.

**Soccer**

The Wildcat boy's soccer squad rode a wave of mixed results during a two-week home stand in developing a 7-2-4 (3-1-4 KLA A Central) record heading into an important week.

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**JV Football**

The junior varsity Wildcats traveled to Livonia Stevenson for a frustrating and exciting evening of turnover exchanges that witnessed a Novi lead van- ish to tie the Spartans at 28. Novi exhibited uncharacteristic mental and execution mistakes that saw six of 12 possessions turn into opportunities for the Spartans in the form of the turnover. Along the way, there was plenty of excitement until the final seconds.

Alex Barry and the defense got things started for the Wildcats with an early fumble recovery at midfield, but the

play put such optimism to rest. Going into halftime without a comfortable lead was a new experience for the JV Cats and it seemed the cobwebs were shaken out as the Wildcats came out roaring in the third quarter. In less than five minutes, the Cats struck twice

— once on a 60-yard display of the speed of RB Alex Davis, and then Justin Brooks showed the defense how to take it to the house with a 75-yard interception sideline sprint. Kamal and crew notched the extra points as Novi started looking like their old selves with a 28-14 lead.

But Stevenson quieted the Novi crowd on the ensuing kickoff with an 88-yard touchdown run back to cut the margin to one touchdown at 28-21 to end the third quarter.

The last quarter was like watching a glass of milk spilling in slow motion — you can see it coming but seemingly unable to save it. Lineman Derek Edwards got Novi pointed in the right direction with a 15-yard return to the Stevenson 17-yard line off the interception of a desperation Stevenson forward lateral pass under Novi defensive duress. Ten tough yards later, the glass started tipping when Novi threw a pass interception. The defense put the ball in hands of the offense in three plays as a Stevenson punt, but the offense gave the ball back to the Spartans with a fumble. Not to quit, the defense forced a Stevenson punt, but an errant bounce off a Novi helmet and a Stevenson recovery gave the Spartans another chance.

With the fourth quarter running out, both teams failed to advance until a partially blocked Adam Haynes punt gave Livonia possession at midfield. Despite a Poppenger sack, a 35-yard pass completion and an end zone defensive pass interference call, the Spartans struck the fatal blow with a 24-yard touchdown pass. The two-point conversion pass was the killing blow which tied the game with 27 seconds remaining.

Leading the defense for the game was Derek Cingel with 11 combined tackles, followed by Haynes, Chris Diacono, Giordan Albauer, Poppenger, Lance Lilla, Brooks and Eloff.

By John Jaynes

**Freshman Football**

The Novi freshman football team took to the road on Oct. 1, playing at Livonia Stevenson's Spartan Stadium. Novi's freshman improved their record to 3-2-1 with an impressive 20-6 win.

The game got off to a slow start with both teams defenses limiting the opposing offenses. Novi's defense stopped Stevenson on their first three drives with key tackles from Grant Wheeler, Matt Forche, Robbie Daughton and Jon Mencer. On the offensive side of the ball, Novi moved well but could not capitalize on several possessions. Strong runs by Michael Smith, Blake Boron and Ted Cadwell kept the ball moving.

Stevenson scored first, but the Wildcats answered with a 50-yard, four-play drive, capped off by a 32-yard touchdown run by senior Justin Flanks added the extra point, making it 7-6 in favor of Novi. The Spartans tried to match Novi's offensive power, but were stopped by a crushing tackle by Mencer and a fumble recovery by Forche. Novi capitalized on the turnover with runs by Smith, Chanden Nelson and a beautiful 24-yard touchdown pass from Boron to Danks. Novied the Spartans 13-6.

Stevenson continued to try to get something started and were continually stopped by the Wildcat defense. Mario Ferrini made a huge tackle in the Spartan backfield for a loss and Wheeler returned the ball to the Wildcats with an interception. Then the Wildcats sputtered on offense with a touchdown run denied by a holding call and an untimely interception, turning the ball back to the Spartans. The defense stepped up once again and the Spartans had to return the ball on downs. The Wildcat offense moved the ball with runs by Smith and Boron. Quarterback Boron executed a beautiful double reverse, resulting in a terrific rush by Wheeler. The Wildcats finished the drive off with a touchdown rush by Smith, making the final score 20-6 Novi.

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By Cathy Schram

# Catholic Central soccer squad perfect last week

## Shamrocks topple Divine Child, U-of-D and Pioneer

**BY SAM EGLESTON**  
CORRESPONDENT

The Shamrocks soccer team knows how to warm up for the Catholic League tournament and the upcoming top season -- a perfect week of soccer.

The squad, which is coached by Joe Nora, collected three wins last week as they defeated University of Detroit Jesuit High School, Ann Arbor Pioneer and Divine Child.

Against Divine Child, the

Shamrocks found themselves on the right side of a 3-0 shut-out thanks to the defensive play and some great goalkeeping by Alex Lang between the posts.

"I thought we played very well on a wet, muddy field," said Nora of his squad. "We let the ball do the work and played very solid in the back."

Nora noted the play of Gina Pulice, Brian Treanor, Christian Arthur and Garrett Biddinger, who he said "played

organized and smart on defense for us."

Earning goals in the contest were none other than Josh Gatt, who netted two, and Ryan Majsak, who had one. Assists were earned by Mike Tolkecz, who had two, and Majsak, who had one. The victory, which was earned last Friday, propelled the squad to a 10-1-3 record overall and 5-0-2 in Catholic League play.

The Shamrocks also earned a victory over Ann Arbor

Pioneer last Thursday, defeating the Pioneers, 2-1, in a non-league showdown.

"We got down early and had to work very hard to come back," said Nora. "In the second half, we went right at them and got in for two goals and the win."

Earning both goals for the Shamrocks was Gatt, who is widely considered one of the top players in the state of Michigan. Assisting was Tolkecz and Wes Harding.

**ON TAP**  
The Shamrocks will be looking to defeat Livonia Franklin when they visit them tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. The kickers will then be in Catholic League tournament action next week.

Harding was also responsible for earning the win between the posts as the Shamrocks goalie.

The week started off on the right foot for the Shamrocks when they earned an 8-0 mercy victory over U-of-D. According to Michigan High

School Athletic Association rules, a team that leads by eight goals in a high school soccer game is automatically declared the winner.

The squad notched two goals from Gatt, Giovanni Sturla and Tolkecz while Dylan Hagan and Kenny Hintze earned one each. Earning assists were Sturla, who had three, Gatt, who had two, Pulice, Majsak and Christian Arthur.

Harding was in goal for the shutout victory.

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

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performances from new riders, including freshman Alyssa Ninkovich and sophomores Micheline Ferrini and Mallory Walker.

"Our most improved would probably be our freshman, Alyssa Ninkovich," Pollock said. "Nina, it was her first year on the team and did great. Mallory was brand new to the team and did great with her horse, Bristle."

Sophomore Murphy was third on the team, earning 10 points for the team while riding Sampson. Ferrini, riding Mac, and Ninkovich, riding Griffin, added nine and three points, respectively.

Pollock said she plans to develop the team during her first offseason, a task she wasn't able to do last year as she took over the coaching position this past April.

"We've talked to several other people interested in the equestrian for next year," Pollock said, noting four people have spoken with the team and some are already taking lessons. "We plan on doing a little more advertising a little earlier. We will be doing clinics all winter."

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# Catholic Central notches Central Division title

## Harriers blow past U-of-D to clinch title

**BY SAM EGLESTON**  
CORRESPONDENT

Four Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks crossed the finish line together last week, showing their packing capability and their desire to share in the glory of a dual meet victory and a Central Division title.

# Catholic Central loses Catholic League title

## Shamrocks harriers stunned by Brother Rice

**BY SAM EGLESTON**  
CORRESPONDENT

It wasn't the outcome the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks were hoping for -- or expecting -- when they played in the Catholic League Tournament last Saturday.

Instead of walking away with a victory, the Shamrocks, which have been ranked No. 1 in Division I tennis nearly all season, bowed to Brother Rice.

"Brother Rice came to play and deserved the tournament victory," said Catholic Central

The Shamrocks, coached by Tony Magni, found themselves in complete control of their dual meet against the University of Detroit Jesuit High School, a meet they won, 16-46. The victory not only kept the Shamrocks undefeated in dual meets this season, but clinched the Central

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coach Joe Stafford. "We offer no excuses. We will rebound from this disappointing loss. I am confident our guys will find a way to turn this into a positive as we prepare for regionals this week."

Not all of the Shamrocks need to rethink their strategy. Joe Dube, the Shamrocks first singles standout, earned a conference flight championship, as did Nick Petrucci and Robbie Guindi at third doubles.

"Joe has been such a consistent performer for us this year," said Stafford. "He comes to

play every day and never takes a day off. In three years of high school tennis, he has only missed one day of practice. High school tennis is important to him and he is on a mission this year."

If that mission is perfecting it, Dube is accomplishing it. So far this year he is 25-0 in matches and has lost on one set, which was to Forage Central's Ryan Richmond -- Dube went on to beat him 6-0 in the final set. The Catholic League flight championship marks Dube's third Catholic

**ON TAP**  
The Shamrocks cross country team will compete in the Oakland County Championship Tournament this Saturday at Kensington Park.

Steve Fabian, U-of-D's top performer, was fifth with a time of 18:00, while Catholic Central's Matthew Kozlarski

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first Catholic League championship," noted Stafford. "They were really excited and played at a high level with a lot of energy."

The Shamrocks also had several flights make it to the league finals, where they bowed out. Kevin Hodges and Willy Wilson at second and third singles, respectively, and the first doubles team of Young Tae Kim and Derek Mumaw and the second doubles team of Brandon Kosinski and Zach Wisniewski.

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# Shamrocks earn piece of Central Division



CC's Joe Snyder (63) and George Darany (56) converge on a tackle.

## Victory also gives guaranteed playoff berth

**BY SAM EGLESTON**  
CORRESPONDENT

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks football team had two primary goals when coming into the season -- win the Catholic League's Central Division and earn a trip to the state playoffs.

With their shutout 27-0 victory over Orchard Lake St. Mary's last Sunday in the 65th Annual Boys Bowl, Catholic Central reached both of them.

The Shamrocks followed the lead of Niko Palazeti, who carried the ball for 145 yards on 25 rushes, as they pounded their way to a 6-0 record.

Since the Shamrocks opted for a nine-game schedule this year, they were required by Michigan High School Athletic Association rules to earn six victories in order to guarantee a playoff berth.

The Shamrocks found themselves facing a slew of defenses who were set up to stop the run, and thus chose to throw the ball early in the game.

Quarterback Sam Landry didn't have much success, pushing his team down the field on their opening drive only to throw an interception in the end zone.

The defense held tough, however, keeping Orchard Lake St. Mary's utterly confused on offense, and got the ball back. From that point on -- with few exceptions --

**ON TAP**  
Things don't get any easier for the Catholic Central Shamrocks when they hit the gridiron again this week against a very talented DeLaSalle team. The Shamrocks will be looking a team that is more of a mirror-image of itself, quite capable of running and throwing the football. DeLaSalle is 4-2 on the year, having taken losses to Orchard Lake St. Mary's and Brother Rice. They are coming off a convincing 47-6 victory over University of Detroit Jesuit High School last week.

The game is slated for 7 p.m. at Warren Fitzgerald High School tomorrow.

Palazeti was used to grind the defense down, pounding the ball up the gut as he recorded nearly half of Catholic Central's 299 yards on the ground.

The Shamrocks put up a 17-0 score by the end of the first half and didn't look back. Anthony Capatina, one of Detroit Catholic Central's top running backs, snagged a pass out of the backfield on a quick out pattern on fourth down and rushed in for the score late in the first half. The defense then forced a turnover

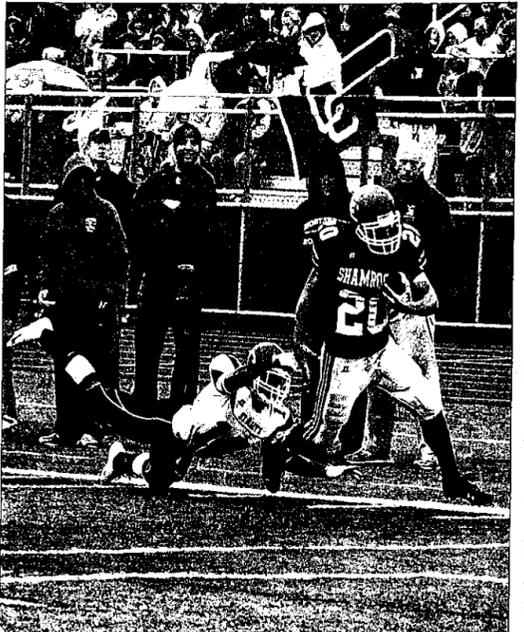
and the Shamrocks tacked on a field goal to put themselves in control of the contest.

The second half was largely clock-control football for the Shamrocks, who continued to pound the ball and utilize play action to keep the Eagles honest on defense.

Orchard Lake St. Mary's did threaten late in the game, however. Trailing 27-0, the St. Mary's offense managed a long drive that put them in the red zone. The Catholic Central defense, with their backs against the goal line, pushed through the line and forced and recovered a fumble to preserve the shutout -- the first for St. Mary's in 123 regular-season games. The Shamrocks defense held St. Mary's, which dropped to 2-3 with the loss, to just 121 yards and six first downs throughout the entirety of the game.

The victory didn't come without costs, however. On Palazeti's last carry of the game, he rumbled 25 yards before taking a hit from the Orchard Lake St. Mary's defense. The tackle was enough to separate Palazeti's shoulder, though it is expected he will be able to play when his squad travels to Warren to take on rival DeLaSalle tomorrow at 7 p.m.

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



Catholic Central's Anthony Capatina eludes an Orchard Lake St. Mary's defender en route to a touchdown.



CC's Anthony Capatina (20) looks for an opening with Butch Herzog (42) and Joe Snyder (63) clearing the way against Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

## Funeral business has changed over the years

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John J. O'Brien of Novis Funeral Home on Grand River Ave.

We provide funerals, cremations, memorial services, preneed arrangements, assistance with veterans benefits, Social Security, Medicaid qualifying, alternate counseling, green burials, transfer to other states and countries and donations to medical schools for all faiths and cultures.

Novi was chosen because of the projected growth, access to the expressway and surrounding communities. What makes your business unique? Our business is unique in that we have been around since 1908 we have served some families for three or four generations. We are seeing people during the most difficult time of their life. Our role is to inform families of the many options available to celebrate lives, and then we help guide them through the process.

### DETAILS

**Business name:** O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home  
**Address:** 41555 Grand River, Novi  
**Your name:** John J. O'Brien  
**Your hometown:** Novi  
**Business opened when:** We started in 1899 in Detroit in the Delray neighborhood. John J. O'Brien started in January 1950 at the Detroit location, which had moved to McNichols and Puritan on the northwest side of Detroit, and in 1976 the Novi funeral home was opened.

**Number of employees:** 15  
**Hours of operation:** 24/7  
**Your business specialty:** The O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home was founded in 1898 on the principles of trust, value, integrity and service. We provide a dignified environment to celebrate life according to the traditions of every family we serve. The O'Brien family strives to meet your needs while providing a pleasant atmosphere amidst comfortable surroundings. We will continue the traditions of caring, compassion and concern started by the Sullivan Family.

**How has it changed since you opened?** We have seen many changes over the years, as we don't have horses anymore and now we have hearses. We used to provide service based on a handshake. Today with technology, government oversight, changing views on the value of a funeral and conglomerates, the industry has seen many changes. We have also seen families become more involved in the planning of funerals through personalization. Recent trends include green burials and the return of funerals in the home.

**How has the recent economy affected your business?** We have created options for families having to make choices on how to honor their family member while not financially burdening themselves. We have survived the depression and the

recessions by responding to the needs of the families we serve.

**Any advice for business owners?** Meticulous attention to detail, serving families with empathy, sympathy and understanding along with hard work and a dedicated staff go a long way to ensure the success of any type of business. What's in store for the future of your business? As the population increases, we foresee expanding our facilities to better serve the community and respond to their needs. We will continue to make ourselves available to families to help guide them on their journey through grief.

**Dr. Schuster joins Botsford**  
Tina Schuster, D.O., has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Bright House cable changes

Bright House Networks of Michigan customers can receive the CBS College Sports Channel Free Preview through Oct. 11. The channel will showcase a week of Armed Forces programming, capped off by a television first: on Saturday, Oct. 10, it will televise an Army, Navy and Air Force game on the same day — all live.

The free preview will be available to digital customers on channel 757. Customers who call and add CBS College Sports (via the Sports Pack) are eligible to receive their first month free. Effective Oct. 20, subscribers will have access to an additional 10 HD channels. In order to accommodate and better align these channels, changes will be made to the channel lineup. Effective immediately, BHIN will be simulcasting several channels on their current location and on their new location. On Oct. 20, these channels will move to their new location. Please visit [www.brighthouse.com](http://www.brighthouse.com) for updates and the most accurate information.

#### Simple — a Michigan shopping experience at the new State of Mind Gallery in Novi.

The State of Mind Gallery, located on the upper level of Twelve Oaks Mall by Macy's, is the brainchild of jewelry artist and Farmington Hills resident Ro Lambert. "Our goal with the gallery is to inspire shoppers to think beyond the ordinary and experience the extraordinary work being produced by Michigan artists," Lambert said. Lambert has handpicked Michigan artists to showcase their talents in a beautiful 6,500 square foot gallery that features alcoves, nooks and specialty rooms full of untold treasures.

Original works in glass, fiber, metal, clay, paper, painting, photography, jewelry and many more artistic mediums can be found at The State of Mind Gallery. The State of Mind Gallery is also showcasing the artwork of the emerging young artists from The Arts League of Michigan, a Detroit-based non-profit organization. The State of Mind Gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11-6.

are invited to attend seminars in September, offered by the Oakland County Business Center. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

- Future Workshops (AM) Morning Class 9 a.m. to 12/12-30 p.m.
  - (PM) Evening Class 6 p.m. to 9/9-30 p.m.
  - October
  - 8 - Pre-Business Research Workshop (PM)
  - 15 - How to Start a Business Workshop (PM)
  - 20 - Legal & Financial Basics for Small Business
  - 21 - 8th Annual Bid & Brunch Matchmaking Event
  - 22 - How to Write a Business Plan Workshop (PM)
  - 28 - Listening to Your Business
  - 29 - How to Write a Marketing Plan
  - November
  - 4 - Women's Business Certification (WBE) Orientation
  - 5 - Pre-Business Research Workshop (AM)
  - 12 - How to Start a Business Workshop (AM)
  - 12 - Small Business Loan Workshop
  - 19 - How to Write a Business Plan Workshop (AM)
- The Web site address for Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services Workshops is <http://www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar/index.html>.

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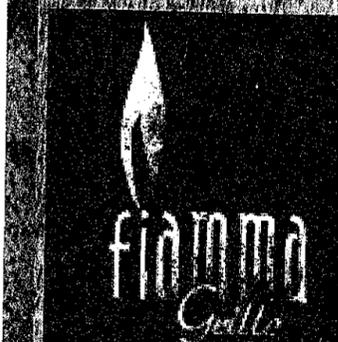
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**LOBSTER MAC**  
2oz. pasta with lobster, fresh basil, tomatoes and parmesan cheese. \$22

**SHORT RIB QUESADILLAS**  
Accompanied with special black beans and roasted chiles, avocado and sour cream. \$9

**FIAMMA CHEESE TASTING**  
Forming around a wheel of cheese from the creamery at Black Star Farms in Northern Michigan, our local beef and cheddar cheese of the day. Accompanied with fresh fruit, granola, nuts and gourmet crackers. \$14

**AHI TUNA (Sashimi Grade)\***  
Bubbled with lemon, ginger, scallion, rice. \$22

**SMOKED PLATE (Served Cold)**  
Prepared in house, pepper encrusted live smoked salmon, wild smoked salmon, white fish and salmon pike. Served with traditional accompaniments. \$14

**GRILLED CAJUN FRAWNS**  
Accompanied with spicy mango chutney, avocado, tomato and sweetener drizzle. \$10

**RAW OYSTERS\***  
Oyster shell. Served with cocktail sauce and horseradish. \$12

**CALAMARI**  
Hand fried with choice of one of two ways: San Marzano sauce with cherry peppers, garlic sauce and lemon juice or Tuscano and red onion with a tangy tomato sauce. \$12

**HOUSEMADE BUTTERNUT SQUASH RAVIOLI**  
Topped with brown butter, hazelnut and fresh sage. \$9

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND MUSSELS**  
Sautéed in butter and white wine in a light cream sauce. Accompanied with French fries. \$10

**SOUP & SALADS**

**SOUP OF THE DAY** Cup \$4 Bowl \$6

**SWEET POTATO BISQUE** Cup \$4 Bowl \$6

**CLASSIC CAESAR\***  
Hand tossed, made with fresh romaine lettuce, egg, fresh garlic, Parmesan cheese, croutons, olive oil and garlic croutons. \$9

**DINNER SALAD\***  
(Tomato and other dressings available upon request). \$6

**CRIMSON ROASTED BEET SALAD**  
Sautéed green, roasted beets, cheese cubes, toasted almonds, Capers, agave nectar and onion, dressed in a lemon honey vinaigrette. \$10

**SPINACH SALAD**  
Baby spinach, bacon, cherry tomatoes, shaved parmesan, goat cheese, balsamic vinegar and olive oil. Topped with a roasted chile vinaigrette. \$10

**FIAMMA CAPRESE SALAD**  
Vine ripened tomatoes, fresh eggplant, fresh basil, mozzarella and balsamic. \$10

**WEDGE OF ICEBERG LETTUCE**  
With generous of olive tapenade, roasted red pepper, crumbled bacon, Chives, tomatoes and blue cheese dressing. \$8

**SANDWICHES**  
Accompanied with French fries. \$10

**GRILLED SALMON CLUB**  
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**CLASSIC PHILLY STEAK SANDWICH**  
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Served rare with an Asian style rice. Served with potato medley and cucumber wasabi sauce. Accompanied with fresh tomato, chive and rice by vegetable. \$22

**ALUTIAN SPICED SEA SCALLOPS**  
Accompanied with creamy potato sauce, sautéed green peas and fresh spinach. \$19

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**POTATO GNOCCHI AND PIEMONTSE MEDALLIONS**  
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**ROASTED BEEF RICOTTA GNOCCHI**  
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## Sizzling Sticks Cafe Celebrating 12 years in Northville

BY ALISON BERGSEKER  
ADVERTORIAL COORDINATOR

With an endless spread of fresh veggies, meat and seafood, oils, homemade sauces and spices, Sizzling Sticks Cafe is downtown Northville's "healthiest spot in town." Celebrating 12 years in the community, owners Orlando and Viola Viato are extending a big *Thank You!* to their loyal customers.

"We are so grateful to our regular customers and happy that we can offer our guests so many options," Orlando said. "Our customers love our create-your-own stir-fry buffet, the fresh salad bar, our fun children's menu and more. We can satisfy just about anyone with an appetite."

### "We grill it for you"

The experience begins as you're greeted with homemade chips and award-winning salsa. Next, choose to create your own stir-fry, peruse the salad bar or order from several menu items made just for you.

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"We are very accommodating to different diets," Viola said. "Everything is gluten free and has no MSG. We have a special grill to cook vegetarian dishes and for those guests that have allergies to certain foods."

Looking for inspiration? Grab a recipe

card for guidance, or choose from menu items that a cook will make for you like the "Hawaiian Delight," a house specialty of lightly breaded sweet 'n sour chicken served with pineapple, green peppers, onions and broccoli.

"Everything is fresh here, not premade," Orlando said. "You'll get your meal faster here than at a regular restaurant. Watch it be cooked by our exciting grillers, or sit down and we will bring it to you."

All meals include a choice of white, brown or fried rice, chips and salsa, and tortillas. A kids menu is also available with peanut butter and jelly, chicken strips, quesadillas, hot dogs and more for even the pickiest of eaters.

### Festive fun

If there is an upcoming holiday, you can expect Sizzling Sticks Cafe to be ready for it. With Halloween coming up this month, the restaurant is decked out in spooky ghosts, scary spiders and decorations galore.

"For Halloween, we really go all out," Viola said. "A lot of people come here around the holidays to see our over-the-top decorations, like our upside trees around the Christmas season. We run specials on Mothers Day, Valentine's and Sweetest days and more."

But festive decorations are just the beginning of customer appreciation. Free cheesecake is offered to guests on their birthdays, or they are encouraged to bring in their own cakes to celebrate.

Now through December, kids eat free Monday through Thursday with the purchase of an adult stir-fry.

"Customers become like a family to us because we know their names and their birthdays," Orlando said.

Discounts are offered to large parties, and fundraisers are held frequently at the restaurant for local high school groups



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Sizzling Sticks Cafe Owner Orlando Viato says *Thank You!* to all of his customers new and old throughout the last 12 years.

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— Orlando Viato  
Owner, Sizzling Sticks Cafe

and organizations, where 20 percent of profit during the event is donated.

The restaurant also offers customer appreciation punch cards, a mailing list and an e-mail list to receive seasonal discounts.

Whether you're a family, birthday party, business professional in need of a quick lunch, sports fan looking for a flat screen TV or quiet couple looking for a romantic evening, Sizzling Sticks Cafe has a personalized menu, entertainment and experience for you!



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