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'Cinderella'

Tickets are now on sale for Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" presented by The Novi Civic Theatre. The show opens Friday, Nov. 12 and tickets may be purchased online at cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Civic Center (45175 West Ten Mile) from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The timeless enchantment of a magical fairy tale is reborn with the Rodgers & Hammerstein hallmarks of originality, charm and elegance. With more than a touch of hilarity, the hearts of children and adults alike still soar when the slipper fits. Starring Novi residents Brianna Blossfeld and Joey Leppek, this production is sure to touch your heart. Over 50 actors from Novi and the neighboring communities of Northville, Walled Lake, Commerce Township, Redford, Livonia, and Wixom will grace the stage.

Lauren Sorrentino, performing arts coordinator for the City of Novi and director of this production, is overjoyed to be producing this show. "Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella was one of my favorite movies when I was a child. I would watch it over and over. The songs are as timeless as the story. The costumes, the sets, the incredible talent all come together for this show. You will truly be blown away."

Tickets are $15 for adults; $12 for children and seniors. All seats are reserved. The understudies will be performing Nov. 14 and 21. For more information, please call the Novi Parks office at (248) 347-0400.

Performance dates and times are 7:30 p.m. Nov. 12, 13 and 19; 2 p.m. Nov. 14, 20 and 21.

Men's health

Providence Park Hospital in Novi invites everyone to attend the upcoming "Men's Health" presentation from 2:30-3:30 Thursday, Nov. 11 in the Performing Arts Center of the Belmont Clubhouse at Fox Run in Novi.

This presentation will provide the latest thinking in prostate cancer, urologic disorders and overall men's health issues. There is no cost to attend. Dr. Ray Winfield is the medical staff president elect of Providence and Providence Park Hospitals, and current section chief of Urology.

Fox Run is located at 41000 13 Mile Road, Novi, just east of Meadowbrook Road on the north side of 13 Mile Road.

Clerk pleased with election day turnout, flow

Republicans prove to be top party choice

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The winning candidates were not the only ones celebrating a successful election last Tuesday.

Novi City Clerk Maryanne Cornelius and her team of employees and volunteer workers were able to efficiently push residents through the polls with little wait time during the day and wrapped up final results by 10 p.m.

Cornelius said changes to the software precinct workers used to check in voters as a result of some issues during the August primary made the process flow much smoother.

"Every worker came back smiling and happy," she said. "This was fantastic. I consider it a very successful election when workers are not complaining."

In the majority of Novi's precincts, the wait time maxed out at about 10 minutes, with 52 percent of the registered voters in the city turning out.

Cornelius said she predicted voter turnout would be around 50 percent for the midterm election, up from the 24 percent who showed in August.

Still, the 52-percent turnout is 10 percent lower than the most recent midterm election in 2006, but Cornelius was unable to determine why that number was so high.

The top precinct Tuesday in Novi was No. 10, in which 77 percent of the registered voters came to the polls. The lowest number was Precinct 12, which posted just 29-percent voter turnout.

UP NEXT

Two of Novi's local winners, Kathy Crawford and Jason Manar, will have to wait a little while before officially jumping into their new roles.

Crawford, who serves on the Novi City Council, will likely remain in that role until late November, while also working in her new position on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners serving District 9. She will be sworn in Jan. 5.

Manar is the lone new face on the Novi Board of Education, and he will take over Jan. 6 for Katie Raeon.

State Rep. Hugh Crawford is the lone incumbent in the area and it was back to business as usual for him in Lansing as soon as the election ended.

The other item Novi voters saw on their ballot was the sinking fund millage renewal, which 58 percent of voters were in favor of.

Of the 19,110 people who voted in Novi, 4,575 did so via absentee ballot. Cornelius employed an absentee counting board to handle those ballots and report the results.

"I cannot tell you the number of people who asked us if we count these or just if it is close," Cornelius said, citing that it is required by the state. "We always count them."

NOTEWORTHY INFO

The election results from Novi show the area is very pro-Republican, as 63

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Science Alive

Village Oaks Elementary School kindergartners Brandon Seay, Lilly Kaiser and Marissa Rumack (from left), takes turns, with varying reactions, in greeting an armadillo brought to their school by Science Alive on Nov. 8. That day's visit included only reptiles, for the kindergartners, and they were presented by Terry Neill.

Traffic signal to go at South Lake, Old Novi

Project, to cost $150,000, will be completed in spring

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The yellow blinking traffic signal at the intersection of South Lake Drive, Old Novi Road and 13 Mile Road will soon be no more.

The Novi City Council approved improvements to that area in its consent agenda Monday night and, come spring, the signal will be replaced permanently by a three-way stop.

Also as part of the project, South Lake Drive will be reconfigured to better accommodate large vehicles and there will be a new sidewalk to fill the gap on the south side of 13 Mile Road between the intersection and Martin Avenue.

Cost for the project is estimated at $150,000, and the changes are expected to increase the level of service and allow for improved turning in the area when completed.

"The traffic signal there is old and really isn't necessary anymore," said Brian Coburn, engineering manager for the city of Novi. "It was put there in 1986 and

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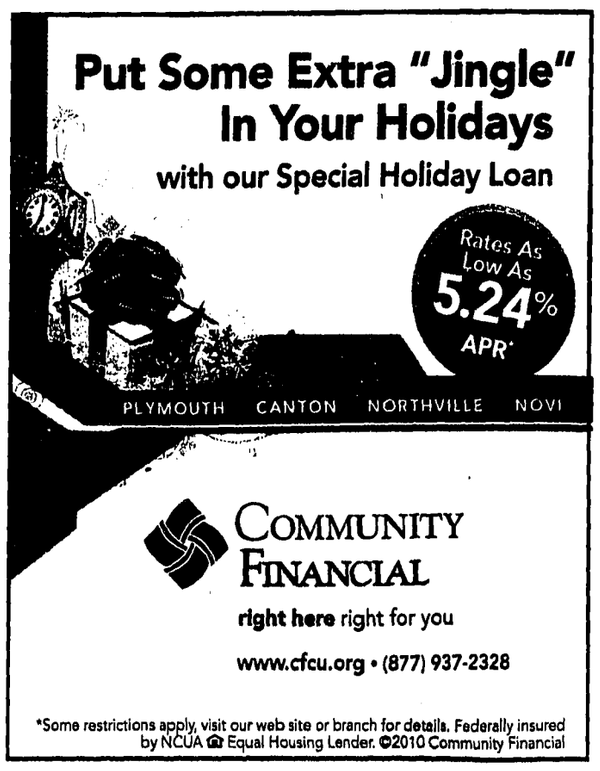

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Council approves changes to allocation of CDGB funds

Van service portion to be picked up by city

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

The minor home repair portion of the 2011 Community Development Block Grant is now $12,000 richer following Monday's city council meeting.

A motion made by council member Andrew Mutch called for the city to take the money being allocated for the senior van program and transfer it into the residential repair program for Novi residents,

It passed by a 4-to-3 vote, but the change does not mean that senior transit goes away; rather the $12,000 that came from the CDBG will be made up by the fund balance in the parks, recreation and cultural services budget.

Of the programs funded by CDBG money, the van program is the only one the city has authority over to fund from the general fund.

"One of the things that jumped out at us in the information that was provided to council is the amount of need in this community is continuing to increase, and obviously that is no surprise with the economy being the way it is," he said. "A number of low income households (and) seniors need assistance for minor home repairs and simply don't have the dollars to do it."

With the change, the city now has $88,978 to help the 70 families currently seeking assistance. The city expects to assist 17 with the 2010 funding and possibly 20 in 2011.

CDBG funds are used for local community development activities such as housing, specialized programs and infrastructure development. The Housing and Community Development Committee recommended the allocation of $104,142 of CDBG funds be spread among HAVEN, Novi Youth Assistance and the city of Novi for 2011.

Mutch said his fellow council members have called the senior van program a "critical service to this community," and sees no reason why they cannot prioritize money in the parks, recreation and cultural services budget to meet that need.

"If we are going to say this is a priority for us then we should fund it as if it is a priority," he said.

Mayor David Landry disagreed with Mutch's recommendation saying he didn't understand why council wanted to dig itself a hole before budget discussions begin.

He also cited that three-quarters of the CDBG funds are already going toward minor home repair.

"I just don't think it is wise to say we will just have to find (money to fund the van service) come budget time," he said.

Joining Landry as dissenting voters were Bob Gatt and Kathy Crawford.

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CORRECTION

The headline on the front page of the Nov. 4 issue of the *Novi News* should have read "Manar slips past O'Meara for seat on Novi school board."

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percent of those who voted a straight party ticket did so for the GOP.

They also supported Rick Snyder for governor (68 percent), Bill Schuette for attorney general (61 percent), Thaddeus McCotter for U.S. representative (63 percent) and Mike Kowall for state senator (62 percent).

The only Democrat to win in Novi was Michele Berry, who topped Phil Weipert in the hunt for the District 8 seat on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, but was unable to garner enough votes from the other communities in her district to beat Weipert.

Voters in Novi also shot down Proposal 10-1, the option to call for a state constitutional convention, with 63 percent voting no, and were in favor of Proposal 10-2, which bans people from running for an elected position or entering a public position if they have committed a felony in the last 20 years, with 81 percent voting yes.

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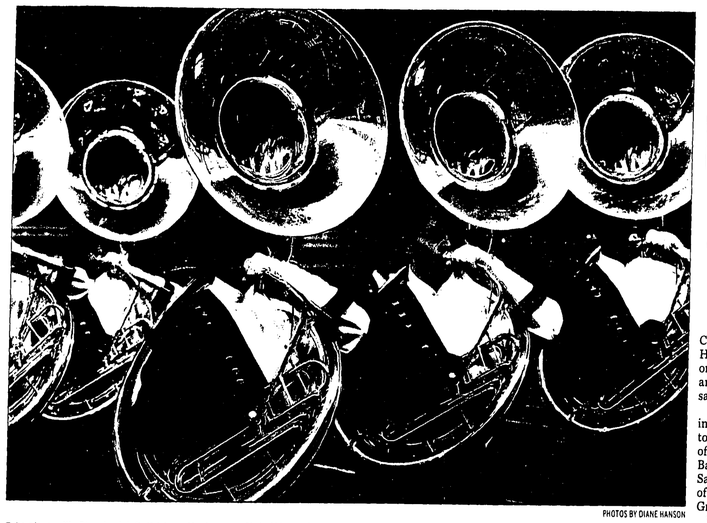

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Tuba players Xin Ding, back left, Krishnan Manivannan, Chris Abi-Assaf and Mitchell Boston add to the low brass effect during Novi's performance at the Michigan Competing Band Association State Finals Saturday at Ford Field. The band finished eighth in Flight I.

A jazzed up performance

Novi Marching Band rides changes to eighth-place finish

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Senior drum major Jaime Cameron conducted the Novi High School Marching Band one final time on Saturday, and she walked off the field satisfied with the result.

The Wildcats finished eighth in Flight I, thought by many to be the toughest in the state, of the Michigan Competing Band Association State Finals Saturday at Ford Field ahead of rivals Troy Athens and Grand Blanc.

Walled Lake Central took first and perennial power Plymouth Canton finished second in the flight.

"Over the past couple weeks we had been working on fixing a lot of things, and all those changes worked and came together at the show," she said. "I thought we did good, and it was a really fun way for the seniors to end our careers."

Novi's performance was titled "Take 'A' Train to Harlem," featuring the music of Duke Ellington, and Cameron said the jazz music created an environment that was more laid back and fun.

Band director Mark Hourigan praised his team for improving upon its ninth place qualifying mark, and he said it is tough to go toe-to-toe with bands that are much larger and compete on a national level.

"This is about where we anticipated ending up based on the scores leading up to the competition," he said. "There are about four or five bands at the top that are in a different league, if you will. But overall I am satisfied with how hard our kids worked and they performed well."

With marching band over, the focus now shifts to the three concert bands and a jazz ensemble. There also is a winterguard and drumline that will compete in the winter.

Cameron said she is going to miss conducting and performing but also is looking forward to playing the french horn in concert band.

"Band is not done for me yet," she said. "I just shift gears to concert season."

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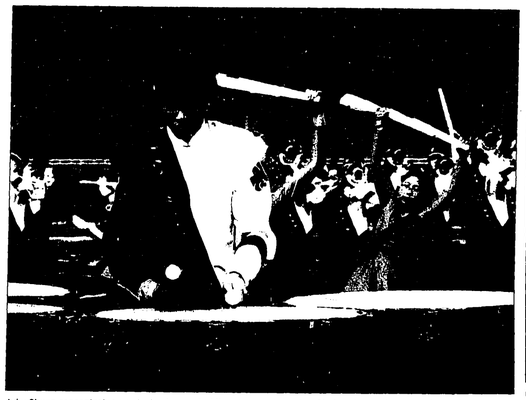

John Shoop concentrates on playing tympani while colorguard member Chelsea Lee adds to the effect of the Wildcat Marching Band's State Finals performance Saturday at Ford Field.

Charlie Richter on trombone and saxophonist Harrison Halley give it their all during Novi's competition performance at the MCBA State Finals at Ford Field on Saturday.

Adding to the jazziness are front from left: Kevin Pasquale, Jordan Blanchard, Matt Thimm, Melissa Hulverson and Harrison Halley. In the back, from left, are: Conor Boran, Austin Reed, Matthew Laskowski and CJ Linton.

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Donations needed for Senior All Night Party

Organizers for the Novi High School Senior All Night Party are hard at work planning for the 2011 event and are requesting donations from parents, businesses and community members to make this year's event the best one yet. The annual Senior All Night Party, scheduled for June 4 at Novi High School, offers food, activities and prizes, allowing graduating seniors to celebrate in a safe, supervised environment. The SANP Donations Committee is seeking raffle prize and monetary donations to cover the cost of decorations, entertainment and additional raffle prizes. Organizers encourage those planning to make financial contributions to do so as soon as possible so the committee can plan a budget. Checks may be made payable to NHS Senior All Night Party and should be sent to: NHS Senior All Night Party, C/O Dana Nussio, 22041 Shadybrook Drive, Novi, MI 48375.

Information may be obtained by contacting Dana Nussio at nussio@earthlink.net or Anne Lewis at alewis13@mm.rr.com.

NOVI ON CAMPUS

Madonna University

Novi residents named to the Dean's List for superior academic achievement during the spring/summer 2010 semester are: Jason Matthew Bonaventura; Alexi Marie Cirka; Elizabeth Marie Doll; Jessica Mae Cruz Domingo; Courtney N Dotinga; Lynda Marie McNichol; Theodore M Rabban; Usha Ramaswami; Hye-Won Shin; Zofia R Sperka; Lilyan Najah Talia; Latricia Marria Wilson; and Tina Liz Zachariah.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi Middle School student Bailey Stabler sews a fleece hat during school on Nov. 8 in teacher Terri Clark's classroom. With material donated by the school's PTO, the students are making 400 winter hats for the kids of Detroit's Neinas Elementary.

A Christmas story

Novi students aim to make holidays better for students in Detroit

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Andrew Jamison has learned a great deal about himself and others since he started volunteering to help students at Neinas Elementary in Detroit.

In his visit to the school last year, the now seventh-grader at Novi Middle School was taken aback when he saw a school building with paint chipping off the walls and students who did not have the necessities needed to do their school work.

It was different, Jamison said, but for all that they lacked, they were just like him and his classmates — enthusiastic and eager to learn.

"Some people do not understand how much they actually need and how much they do not have," he said. "I learned that not everybody has the same things we do in Novi and not everyone is as fortunate as the families in Novi, so it is important to think about others and not yourself."

This will be the second consecutive year that students from select schools in Novi will head to Neinas for a holiday celebration, organized by the nonprofit Bridgepointe, and they will once again be bringing gifts for all the students.

Schools throughout the district are in the process of collecting items for gift bags, ranging from hygiene products and toiletries to clothing, toys and more.

Terri Clark's classes at the middle school are making 400 winter hats to also give to the students.

A'Bria Harrald and Meaghan Wheat were working on the blue hats Monday morning, and said the experience makes them feel good to know they are helping others.

"It makes me thankful for what we have here in Novi and I want to try to help them as much as I can," Wheat said. "Also I'm having fun making these for them."

Bridgepointe volunteer Kella Vela said in some way or form every school in the district is helping Neinas, and businesses also have joined in.

The party is Dec. 9 and will include games and a performance by the middle school choir.

"This is Christmas for so many of these kids," she said. "And for our kids, it gives them a chance to grow and give of themselves and have this relationship and be part of a positive experience."

Kristen Jamison, Andrew's mother, said the "neatest" part of the project is that all the students in the district have a chance to "touch" the project and see the impact it has on the Neinas students.

"You realize how many of the things we take for granted are a blessing for them and are not something everyone else has," she said. "I was really touched when I saw how much they appreciated what we were doing for them and it makes you want to do more."

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Metro Detroit Pet Expo welcomes dog trainer Stilwell

The Metro Detroit Pet Expo welcomes world-renowned dog trainer Victoria Stilwell Nov. 20 at the Rock Financial Showplace.

Born and raised in Wimbledon, England, Stilwell is one of the world's most recognized and respected dog trainers. She is best known for her role as the star of Animal Planet's hit TV series It's Me or the Dog, through which she is able to share her insight and passion for positive reinforcement dog training--- and also as a judge on CBS's Greatest American Dog. By reaching audiences in over 40 countries, Stilwell helps counsel families on their pet problems.

With a particular fondness for rescue animals in need of behavior rehabilitation, Stilwell devotes much of her time and energy to a number of animal rescue organizations across the globe, serving as a behavior advisor and giving regular seminars on the subject of dog rescue, training and rehabilitation. She has also overseen the development of the world's first global network of world-class positive reinforcement dog trainers: Victoria Stilwell Positively Dog Training (VSPDT).

Her two best-selling books, It's Me or the Dog: How to Have the Perfect Pet and Fat Dog Slim: How to Have a Healthy, Happy Pet, have been widely praised, and they detail her core reward-based training philosophy:

Victoria Stilwell is best known for her role as the star of Animal Planet's hit TV series 'It's Me or the Dog.'

"There's a better way to train – Positively." Stilwell is a passionate advocate for positive reinforcement training methods that enhance a dog's ability to learn while increasing confidence, resulting in a healthy, well-adjusted pet. She is a vocal opponent of punitive, dominance-based training techniques which often result in 'quick fixes' but ultimately cause more long-term harm than good while damaging the owner-dog relationship. Her work has been featured in numerous magazines and journals including The New York Times, Cosmopolitan, The Oprah Magazine, Rachael Ray Everyday, Shape, The Daily Mail, MSNBC.com, USA Today and The Sun. Victoria is a contributing columnist for The Bark, Dog World, American Dog and Dogs Today magazines.

Named 2009's Dog Trainer of the Year at the Purina ProPlan Dog Awards, Victoria Stilwell is certified by the Animal Behavior and Training Associates and is a proud member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT). She currently resides in Atlanta, GA with her husband, daughter and Chocolate Lab, Sadie. She will be appearing at the Metro Detroit Pet Expo on Saturday, November 20th and will be assisted by Victoria Stilwell Positively Dog Training member Shelli Kizner from Davisburg's ClearMark Clicker Training.

The 2010 Metro Detroit Pet Expo will offer a wonderful opportunity for shelter animals from across the region to meet new prospective families, and give those in search of a new animal friend a chance to visit with rescued animals from a wide range of sources. Event partner Huron Valley Humane Society, Livingston County Humane Society, Homeward Bound Rescue League and Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue are among the organizations being represented, as well as a wide range of breed specific rescues.

Fun and exciting exhibitions by Ultimate Air Dogs and Rock n Roll K9s will also be offered throughout the weekend, as well as a pet friendly shopping area, health tips and products and more.

DETAILS

The new Metro Detroit Pet Expo, Nov. 19-21, will offer pet lovers from across the region the opportunity to interact with adoptable animals and learn more about the responsibilities of pet ownership, training and heath care. There will also be hilarious pet contests, extreme pet makeovers as well as a large shopping area for fans of pets who run, jump, fly and swim.

View event details at www.MetroDetroitPetExpo.com.

Rock Financial Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Ave in Novi; phone (248) 348-5600.

Admission is $10 for 12 and over; $5 for 6-12 years old; and free for children 5 and under. Bring a can or bag of pet food with you to receive $2 off of your admission price (dry cat food especially welcome).

Event hours are noon-7 p.m. Friday; 10-6 Saturday; 11-5 Sunday.

Spayed or neutered pets welcome with proof of vaccinations; short leashes only - no retractable leashes, please.

SIGNAL

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the traffic volumes in the area have decreased significantly since then, so it doesn't meet the warrants for a traffic signal."

When the signal was installed, traffic counts on South Lake Drive were as high as 7,400 vehicles per day. However, changes over the last 15 years such as creating a new alignment of Novi Road between 12 and 13 Mile roads, connecting West Road to 12 Mile Road and opening the interchange at I-96 and Beck Road, have drastically altered that number.

The most recent count shows traffic volumes are down to 2,600 vehicles per day.

City officials had a public meeting Oct. 27 to discuss the project, and of the 350 properties that were mailed postcards regarding it, only four people showed up.

According to Coburn, they were concerned that the changes would lead to more traffic, but he assured them that would not be the case. The plans also called for the removal of an island in the middle of South Lake Drive, but after talking with the people, the "plan is to leave that in place."

"They see it as a traffic calming device," he said.

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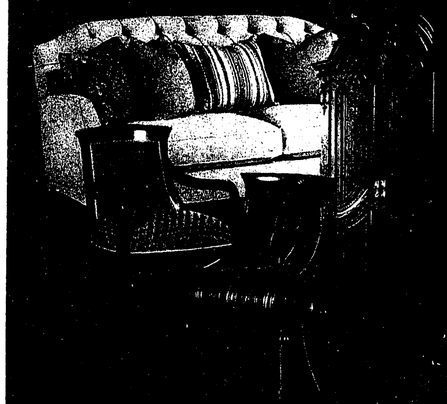

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Council wants replacement for Crawford in place by December

Majority vote needed to fill position

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Crawford

The Novi City Council moved forward Monday with its search for a replacement for outgoing council member Kathy Crawford.

Crawford, who was elected to council in 2007, successfully won a seat on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners in last Tuesday's general election. She will be serving the 9th district, which includes the cities of Novi, Northville and Novi Township, for the next two years.

The lifelong Novi resident also decided to step down from her seat on city council early to make way for the next person.

"She has always acted in the best interest of the city and doesn't have to leave," said Mayor David Landry. "But her willingness to do this speaks volumes about her character and willingness to serve the city."

Landry said the goal is to get the new person in place in early December so they have a month to prepare for January's goal setting session and budget discussions.

The person who is selected must receive the majority vote from the current council members. They will serve until Nov. 2011, when the position will be filled via an election.

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DETAILS

According to the city charter, council has 30 days to fill the vacancy, and if it is not filled within that time, a special election is required.

The city is soliciting applications for the position until 4 p.m. on Nov. 23. There will be a special council meeting at 7 p.m. on Nov. 29 to conduct interviews, and a new member is expected to be appointed on Dec. 6.

JIM KELLY

Triple-dog dare!

Ralphie Parker wants one thing for Christmas – Old Blue, the official Red Ryder 200-shot carbon action range model air rifle with a compass and that thing which tells time! The only problem, everyone keeps telling him, "You'll shoot your eye out!" The Farmington Players "triple-dog dare you" to experience all the magical moments of 'A Christmas Story' on stage at the Barn Theater in Farmington Hills. This exclusive run – Nov. 19-Dec. 12 – is the official stage adaptation of author Jean Shepherd's beloved musings that inspired the holiday film classic from Warner Bros. Tickets are available at farmingtonplayers.org or at the box office, (248) 553-2955. Shown are (left to right around the circle of kids starting with the tongue kid) William Fanelli as Flick (the tongue kid); Carter Krumins as Randy; Ben Lauter as Scut Farkas; Peyton Miller as Ralphie ; Charlotte Weisserman as Ruthanne; Madison Krumins as Helen; Sarah Cooper as Esther Jane; and Zachary Worthing as Schwartz.

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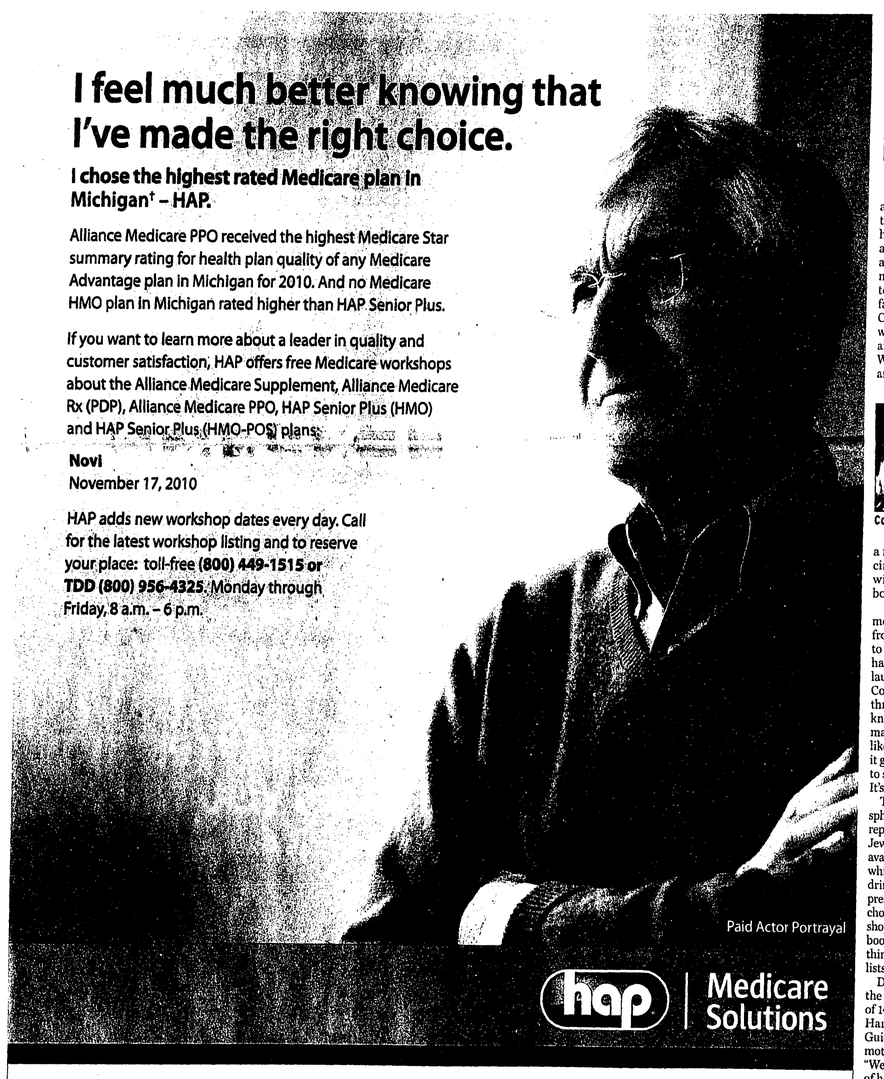

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Novi author hosts Girls' Night Out book signing

Novi author Dana Corbit is always looking for an excuse to have a Girls' Night Out with her friends. So three years ago when she needed to plan a book signing to promote her most recent titles, she decided to combine the ideas at her favorite coffee shop, Biggby Coffee of Novi. The first party was so much fun that Corbit and Biggby co-owner Michael Waltersdorf decided to make it an annual event.

Corbit

The Third Annual Girls' Night Out Book Signing will be 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 17, at Biggby, 43346 Grand River Avenue. Attendees will have the opportunity to spend a few hours sipping cappuccinos, espressos or decaf lattes with friends while discussing books with a Novi author.

"I don't know about other moms, but I'm always running from one of my children's events to the next. I look forward to having the chance to relax and laugh with my friends," said Corbit, a wife and mother of three daughters who is also known in the community by her married name, Dana Nussio. "I like hosting this event because it gives other women an excuse to spend time with their friends. It's good for all of us."

To add to the festive atmosphere of the evening, a sales representative from Silpada Jewelry will have merchandise available for guests to try on while they enjoy their coffee drinks. Corbit promises a low-pressure event, but if attendees choose to begin their holiday shopping by purchasing a few books or by selecting a few shiny things for provided holiday wish lists, then all the better.

During the event, Corbit, the award-winning author of 14 inspirational novels for Harlequin Love Inspired and Guideposts Books, will promote her most recent title, "Wedding Cake Wishes," part of her Wedding Bell Blessings trilogy. Some of her earlier titles, including the first two books in the trilogy, also will be available for purchase.

Corbit enjoys hosting the annual event at the local Biggby store because it allows her to give back to the local business, which supports her writing career by carrying her books among its regular merchandise. She is a regular at the coffee shop, spending many hours writing at one of the store's tables while sipping skinny vanilla lattes.

"The intimate atmosphere at Biggby is similar to that of the old independent bookstores that have been lost in the past 10 years," Corbit said. "The staff members are friendly, always greeting regular customers like me by name."

Travel with Your Mind

On Oct. 23, national Make a Difference Day, volunteers gathered at Detroit's Cody High School to kickoff the second year of the Travel with Your Mind initiative sponsored by American Express. Volunteers, including Oakland Community College student ambassador Ashley Garcia and her mom, Windy Mack, of Novi, donated their time to paint inspirational quotes on lockers, create canvas murals for classrooms, construct new benches, paint classrooms and restrooms and perform outdoor beautification. The Travel with Your Mind program is designed to help support deserving schools through a series of travel-themed service projects and multi-cultural initiatives across several U.S. cities. Inspired by its ongoing commitment toward education and desire to promote cultural awareness, American Express, working with United Way for Southeastern Michigan, selected Cody High School as the 2010-2011 Travel with Your Mind beneficiary. Additional projects are planned for 2011.

NOVI COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Secretary of State offices to close for Veterans Day

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds residents that all branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

Motorists renewing license plates can "skip the trip" to the branch office and do business by mail, or if eligible, by Internet. Easy to follow instructions can be found with the renewal notice. License plate tabs will arrive by mail within seven business days.

License plate tabs can also be renewed at Self-Service Stations, many of which are available 24/7. Visit the Branch Office Locator at www.Michigan.gov/sos to find a Self-Service Station near you.

For more information visit the department Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

Call to artists

Go Figure, a fund-raiser for ArtsNovi, will be held 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2 at Gjeto's Salon at Twelve Mile Crossing in Novi. It will be an evening of fabulous desert, wine, coffee and silent auction. There is a $5 donation requested at the door or an unwrapped toy for the Salvation Army Toy Shop. Food will be provided by Carrabba's; Gjeto's Salon will give away $20 gift bags to the first 50 guests.

ArtsNovi will supply artists with a 12" artist mannequin (pick up at Gjeto's) to design any way the artist wants. They must be returned by Nov. 19 to Gjeto's Salon. ArtsNovi will have them displayed at different local businesses to get the word out.

The night of the event these wonderful creative unique pieces will be in a silent auction.

The entry fee is $10 (by cash or check paid to ArtsNovi) and there will be two $100 cash prizes for the following: One for a panel selected winner, and a second for the mannequin that gets the highest bid at the event. So, invite friends and family to get the big bid.

Each artist is requested to send a supplied invitation to their database (and please post on Facebook and other social media if you have an account).

Artists get four free admissions -- a $20 value -- to offset the entry fee.

Funds will go to artist displays and other things helping and promoting local artists and art.

Artist must e-mail their name, phone and e-mail address to artsnovi@yahoo.com.

Local senior communities collecting food for the hungry

Local Brookdale Senior Living communities invite those in the greater Detroit area to help them collect food to help feed the hungry.

From now until Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, all non-perishable food items dropped off at any of the nine Brookdale communities in the Detroit Metropolitan area will be given to Gleaners Food Bank. More than 400 soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters, disaster relief agencies, and other nonprofit organizations in Southeast Michigan rely on food from Gleaners to meet their clients' needs.

- Grand Court Novi, 45182 West Park Drive in Novi.
- Wynwood Northville, 40405 Six Mile Road in Northville.

"Not only does this good deed benefit the greater community, but it embraces several dimensions of living an Optimum Life," said Andrea Pacheco Director of, Business Development.. "Our residents and associates enjoy the sense of purpose and emotional response they have when they help those in need."

Scouting for Food

Boy Scout troop 407 is asking Novi residents to please be on the lookout for collection bags that are being distributed by Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. These bags will be used for the charitable collection of canned goods that will be distributed to those in need. Pickup for the canned goods is set for Saturday, Nov. 13. Donations can also be brought to the Faith Community Presbyterian church on Saturday morning, Nov. 13.

"Scouting for Food" is Scouting's community stewardship project aimed at addressing the problem of hunger in the community in which we live and work.

W.L. Western one of first to perform 'Hairspray'

Walled Lake Western Performing Arts will be one of the first high schools in the country to perform the Tony Award winning musical-come-

Please see BRIEFS, A11

Film credit reform blueprint introduced

I recently introduced a legislative blueprint for the next governor and Legislature on how to reform the Michigan film credit program to make it sustainable and affordable.

Similar to Governor-elect Rick Snyder's stated approach, my legislation would cap but keep the credits. Snyder said, "How do we scale it back in terms of size and scope so it can still work to create a positive industry in the long term but at a lower cost to the state?" Well, I have a plan.

Senate Bill 1571 would phase down the film production credit over two years. It would cap the credit at $80 million for 2011 and $40 million for 2012, and reduce the top 42 percent credit for movies produced in core communities to 28 percent in 2011 and 14 percent in 2012.

My plan would also give an additional credit on actual construction of studios and film offices and cut in half the maximum salary that can qualify for the refundable credit to $1 million.

My reform followed a second hearing on a Senate Fiscal Agency (SFA) report that raised serious questions about the effectiveness of Michigan's film credit program to create jobs. The report also illustrated the importance of enacting my film credit transparency measures, Senate Bills 796 and 889, which have been languishing in the House for almost a year. Without access to information, legislators cannot measure the effectiveness of the incentives.

The agency's issue paper on the film credits estimated the cost of the incentives to be more than $193,000 per direct job created in 2009. The report states "The nature of the credit and the resulting activity is such that under current (and any realistic) tax rate the State will never be able to make the credit "pay for itself" from a State revenue standpoint, even when the credit generates additional private activity that would not have otherwise occurred."

Lansing Connection
Nancy Cassis

Michigan has actually lost film and sound recording industry jobs since the film credits were signed into law. According to the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, since the film credit was adopted in 2008, Michigan jobs in those sectors fell from 5,887 positions in April 2008 to 5,331 jobs in March 2010.

Proponents of the film credits have offered many fantastic, anecdotal stories about the film incentives, but they did not bring any tangible evidence refuting the SFA findings. They fail to address the cost-benefit to the state, next year's expected budget deficit or the resulting cuts to priorities like roads and schools that are needed to pay for the credit's $137 million price tag.

The film production credit is an unaffordable subsidy. Film companies pay no state business taxes because the incentives are refundable, which eliminates their tax liability and results in the state sending them a check to subsidize up to 42 percent of a film's cost.

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS REMAIN ABOUT DRIC

Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, recently announced that the Legislature will not be taking up authorization of the proposed Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) because of unanswered questions about the project.

The Michigan Department of Transportation has repeatedly failed to address our concerns about the $5.3 billion bridge. According to Crain's Detroit Business, critics in Lansing and transportation insiders "say the DRIC traffic studies used to justify the bridge are flawed and warn that public subsidies will be needed to pay for the bridge's capital financing."

Senate Transportation Committee Chair Jud Gilbert said that the public-private partnership is very complicated, and he is concerned that major mistakes could be made rushing it through during lame duck session.

"We've been confronted on every level with bureaucracy and lack of action," said Bishop. "I've said all along that if we don't get answers to questions, we can't move forward."

SENATE SESSION OVER BY DEC. 2

Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop also announced that this year's lame duck session may be completed by Dec. 2, saying, "I'm not interested in jamming the caucus with boutique issues and legislators' issues. We're going to get our business done and move on. Lame Duck, in my experience, is the worst time to conduct public policy."

As we wrap up the year, my office will be available to help you with any constituent issues that emerge.

For information on state issues, visit my website at www.SenatorNancyCassis.com. Or contact me toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.

State Sen. **Nancy Cassis**, R-Novi, represents the 15th Senate District, which includes the townships of Commerce, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake, as well as the villages of Holly, Milford and Wolverine Lake and the cities of Novi, Northville (the Oakland County portion), Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom.

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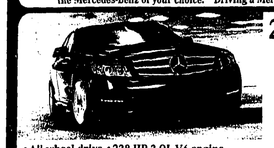

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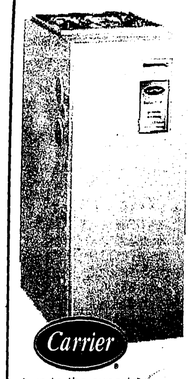

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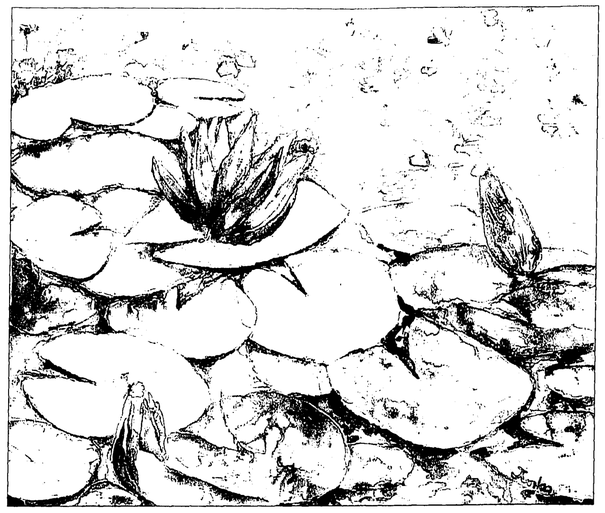
Church of the Holy Family
Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
Time/Day: 8:30am, 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment
Priests: Father Timothy Hogan, pastor and Father Michael Zuelch, associate pastor

Crosspointe Meadows Church
Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org.
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene
Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfc-nazarene.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 9:25-11:15 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, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
Women of the Word
Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.
Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Ephesians. There is a $15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Location: 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia
Contact: (248) 442-8822 or www.newhopecenter.



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For the Love of Paint

The Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery at the Providence Center for the Healing Arts proudly opened a new exhibit today, entitled "For the Love of Paint," debuting works from area artists. Students from a weekly class taught by local artist Janis Madias will display selected works exploring various textures and techniques in watercolor. "It's fun to see a collection of so many different artists exploring watercolor with such passion," said Elena Weissman, manager of the Providence Center for the Healing Arts. The Assarian Cancer Center at Providence Park hosts the Healing Arts Center, offering a diverse set of programs for patients, loved ones, and community members. Madias' class is comprised of practitioners of all levels, but it has become an exceptional collection of skilled painters. "My Monday class has evolved into an extremely talented group of artists" said Madias. "They share a passion for art and inspire, support, and encourage each other's creativity." The Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery is located in Providence Park Hospital, on the main floor of the Assarian Cancer Center, adjacent to the Reflection Space atrium. "For the Love of Paint" is on display through Dec. 31. The art gallery is open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross
Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchofthe-holycross.com
Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care: 10 a.m. Worship Service
Alzheimer's Support Group
Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

Faith Community Presbyterian
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faith-community-novi.org
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Genesis Class
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesdays, through Nov. 9

First Baptist Church of Northville
Location: 217 N. Wing
Contact: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church
Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

First Presbyterian Church of Northville
Location: 200 E. Main St.
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville.org
Sunday Worship
Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.
Walking in the Park
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday
Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads)
Details: Group meet for lunch afterwards.
Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016
Single Place Ministries
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.
Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; $5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.

First United Methodist Church of Northville
Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 349-0565
Sundays
Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 am. Worship

Lakes Baptist Church
Location: 309 Decker Road, Walled Lake

Livonia Church of Christ
Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible School: Sunday 10 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Congregational
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: Better Than You
Church School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
Merry Widows Luncheon
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month
Pilgrim Fellowship
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays
Asking Questions adult education class
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays
Vespers
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m.
Details: This traditional-contemporary service is led by Reverend Ritter with musical accompaniment of guitar and piano.
All That Jazz Auction
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Nov. 13
Details: open to the public
Cookie Walk
Time/Date: 9 a.m. Dec. 11
Details: open to the public

Northville Christian Assembly
Location: 41355 Six Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-9030
Sundays
9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children
9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium
10:15 a.m. Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)
Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study
8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)
Wednesday Family Night
7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life
Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.
Contact: Rabbi Avrohhom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbi@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewish-center.com

Novi United Methodist
Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umc-novi.com
Sunday Worship
Time: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month

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JAMES L. ROBERTSON
Age 44, of Novi, Nov. 6, 2010. Beloved boyfriend of Deborah Fields. Dearest son of Max. Loving brother of Janet (Richard) Clark. Adored uncle of Haley, Tyler, and Megan. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

CYNTHIA SIVLEY
Age 66, passed away November 3, 2010. She was born on June 22, 1944, in Detroit, to the late Stanley and Cecelia (Gryzkiewicz) Nowosatko. On June 22, 1963, she married Stephen Sivley. She was formerly of Woodhaven, prior to moving to South Lyon. She was active with the Diabetes Research Foundation. Cynthia is survived by her loving husband Stephen Sivley; her sister Barbara Gildersleeve; 2 brothers: Stanley Novis, James Novis; and 8 nieces and 5 nephews. Visitation was held on Nov. 7, Sunday, from 2 - 5 p.m. with a funeral service at 5 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Juvenile Diabetes research Foundation. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

RACHEL APOSTOLOPOULOS
Age 35, passed away November 3, 2010. She was born on September 2, 1975 to William and Patricia Apostolopoulos. Rachel suffered a terrible car accident and was given the opportunity to live another seventeen years after the accident with her loving parents. Rachel is survived by her parents William and Patricia Apostolopoulos; her brothers Michael and Billy; and many aunts, uncles and nieces. She was preceded in death by her niece Alyssa Michelle and all her grandparents. A Funeral service was held on Nov. 7, at Family Life Community Church. Memorial contributions are requested for funeral expenses to the family of Rachel Apostolopoulos c/o Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon, MI 48178. Online guestbook
www.phillipsfuneral.com

CLIFFORD L. BAKER
Age 88, lifelong resident of Northville, passed away November 4, 2010. A funeral service was held Mon. 11/8/2010 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. He was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery.

WILLIAM DALTON
Age 90, of Redford, passed away November 5, 2010. A funeral mass was held Tues. 11/9/2010 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. He was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

PATRICIA J. HAMISTER
Oct. 31, 2010, Age 88. Memorial service Nov. 13, 2010 at O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home. Memorials to Alzheimer's Association or Lorain County Community College, Elyria, Ohio. Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

BARBARA B. 'BARB' KOSAL
Age 78, of the Commerce & Milford areas, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 1, 2010. For complete obituary & service details please visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

ROBERT E. ROBBINS
Age 62, Nov. 5, 2010. Visitation at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home (248) 348-1800, Sat., Nov. 13th, 2PM until the Memorial Service 3PM. Donations: Disabled American Veterans. Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com.

JUDY SCHRAMKE ZAMMIT
Nov 3, 2010, Age 49. Funeral was Nov. 6, 2010 at St. Genevieve Church, Livonia. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Donations: St Jude's Children Hospital. Online condolences: obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

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Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month
Location: In front of the church
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Advent Service
Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

Oak Pointe Church
Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
Worship Services: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday
ReNew Life Group Ministries
Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday
Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning, change from a Christian perspective.
Women's Life Groups Ministries
Time/Date: 7 p.m. every Tuesday 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday
Men's Life Groups Ministries
Time/Date: 6 a.m. every Friday morning at various locations For both Women's and Men's Life Groups Ministries, please contact the church office.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church
Location: 23455 Novi Road
Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665
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.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Contact: (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221

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: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth
Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

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

St. John's Episcopal Church
Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

St. John Lutheran
Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills
Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com
Saturday Worship
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship
Time: 9, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School
Time: 10:15 a.m.

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

Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington
Location: 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington Hills
Contact: www.uufarmington.org
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Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays
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OUR VIEWS

Veterans Day

Our service members deserve our thanks, prayers

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, a temporary cessation of hostilities was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in the First World War, then known as "the Great War." Commemorated as Armistice Day beginning the following year, Nov. 11 now has become the day that Americans pause to give thanks to the men and women who have answered the call to duty and served in the armed forces.

Today is Nov. 11, Veterans Day. At flag poles and veterans memorials, people will gather for ceremonies recalling the bravery of soldiers, sailors and Marines. Sadly, most of the people who will be at those ceremonies will be veterans. It's a federal holiday and, for many people, Veterans Day is a day off — no work, no banks, no mail delivery, no government offices open.

That should not be the case.

Today we are a country at war, and the cost of our War on Terror since Sept. 11, 2001, is mind-boggling. In economic terms, our country has spent more than $700 billion on the military operations. If you look at that amount as a stack of $100 bills, the cost of those two wars, if those bills were laid out end-to-end, would circle the earth almost 34 times.

But the ultimate cost of war is something much more valuable — the lives of our service men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice. More than 1,200 Americans have died since Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan was launched in October 2001. The war with Iraq, which was declared over Aug. 31, took another 4,422 American lives. The wounded in both wars is well in excess of 34,000.

Although we may be weary of fight, it is important to honor our service men and women who risk their lives to defend our freedoms now and in wars in the past. Hundreds of thousands of young men and women have put themselves in harm's way. It's up to us to recognize their efforts.

If Veterans Day has a message, it's to remind us of the human costs. As Rod Powers on the military page of about.com wrote: "One thing is certain. The one thing we can never forget is the cost of war — any war — is high. The price tag is not measured only in dollars. It's measured in the loss of the most valuable asset of all — the price of war is measured in the loss of human lives."

Our troops depend upon our unwavering support. We must give them nothing less. It is a lesson we learned in the Korean and Vietnam wars. Our veterans deserve our thanks. Because of their sacrifices, we remain the land of the free and the home of the brave.

So on this Veterans Day, pause for a moment and say a prayer. Pray for the those who have been wounded, and their families. Pray for those who have given their lives. Remember the dead and honor the living. Be forever grateful for their service.

COMMUNITY VOICE

We asked Novi Parkview Elementary School students: "What do you do more on a typical day — exercise or watch TV?"

I try to balance it at my house: I usually play outside for two hours, do two hours of homework and then maybe some Wii on the weekends.
Saitej Bommidi
Parkview third grader

A little bit of both, but mostly exercising. Exercising makes you stronger and you have fun.
Xavier Robinson
Parkview third grader

I do both. My mom and dad say I have to exercise first when I get home, then homework, then a little TV.
Scarlett Chen
Parkview third grader

I try to keep it balanced: I'd rather play outside and then watch a little TV after.
Jessica Cherniawsky
Parkview third grader

LETTERS

Willing to pay for his lunch

The well-known adage is that there is no such thing as a free lunch. I think this adage is true.

So why are we so angry when we need to pay for the services that we demand?

Foremost among all of our needs, we want our persons and our property protected. But we ask our leaders not to increase our taxes. Instead, we ask them to provide the same security services and decrease our taxes. And we vote for those Republican politicians who pander to this myth.

In addition, we want our children well educated by first-rate teachers. But, here again, we ask our leaders not to increase our taxes. Instead we ask them to provide these services and decrease our taxes. And we vote for Republican politicians who pander to this myth.

Furthermore, we want our seniors and our poor to received adequate living circumstances and heath care. But we ask our leaders not to increase our taxes but to decrease our taxes. And we vote for Republican politicians who pander to this myth.

So we don't want these basic civilized society services cut, but we complain like hell when Republican pandering politicians borrow more and more and more to continue providing the services we want and need without raising taxes.

There is no such thing as a free lunch, and I am willing to pay for mine. Are you?

Chuck Nichols
Northville Township

Response to Bush tax cuts

The distortion of statistics in this letter led me to respond with facts that are contextual rather than a manipulation of data to make a point.

Mr. Lee stated Reagan's GDP growth rate was three times greater than Clinton. I believe Mr. Lee is using derivatives of rates of change to exaggerate the point. In fact, under Reagan the GDP went from $3.126 trillion to $5.100 trillion or an increase of 63.1 percent. Under Clinton the GDP went from $6.667 trillion to $9.951 trillion or an increase of 49.3 percent. The GDP did increase more under Reagan, but at what expense? Over Reagan's presidency the National debt increased from 31 percent of GDP to 52 percent of GDP, an increase of $1.860 trillion, the first increase since the Great Depression and WWII. Under the last three Republican administrations the national debt rose by $9.2 trillion, while under Clinton the national debt decreased from 68 percent of GDP to 58 percent of GDP. The Reagan and Bush tax cuts just led to larger deficits as revenues lagged expenses by significant amounts.

The next point made by Mr. Lee is that Reagan added 15 times more jobs than Clinton. Since Reagan had periods of 10+ percent unemployment early in his presidency and it dropped to 6 percent during his last year, he had plenty of opportunity for adding new jobs. In contrast, Clinton started with a 7 percent unemployment rate which dropped to 4.5 percent in his final year. Which statistic is better?

Mr. Lee states that Reagan added $2,683 to the pockets of Americans while Clinton decreased income by $2,127. I don't know where this comes from since the average income under Reagan was $25,031 and under Clinton $30,073 (in 2000 dollars). Plus, under Reagan the incomes of the top 20 percent of the people increased by 27 percent while the middle 40 percent increased only 11.6 percent. Under Clinton the incomes of the middle 40 percent increased 15.2 percent while that of the top 20 percent increased 19 percent.

Finally, Mr. Lee claims that Reagan's accelerated rate of federal revenue increase was 9.5 times more than Clinton's. But, the actual numbers reveal that revenues under Reagan averaged about 29 percent of GDP from year to year and Clinton's revenues increased to 31 percent of GDP. Clinton also decreased spending from 33.7 to 32.3 percent of GDP.

There is no doubt that tax cuts have increased the deficits significantly. The last three Republican administrations have raised the national debt $9.2 trillion to a record high of 92 percent of GDP. Prior to Reagan, all administrations were reducing the national debt. The fallacy of supply-side economics should be evident to the student of history.

It is time for Republicans to become responsible and cooperate with Democrats on a balanced approach of reduced spending and some small tax increases for the super rich to bring down our national debt. Keeping the Bush tax cuts will only continue to dig us a deeper hole.

Rod Tabaczynski
Northville

GUEST COLUMN

Waiting for Snyderman

It's a bird. It's a plane. No, it's Snyderman!

While we may wish a super hero would arrive to solve our woes, we know that is make-believe.

Tom Watkins

Yet giving the people of Michigan something to believe in again is an important part of Gov.-elect Rick Snyder's role.

Many across the state have lost their job, home and savings and are angry and losing hope.

The first decade of the 21st century cannot come to a close soon enough. Michigan has been at the eye of the storm, losing jobs in roaring tsunamis, and has only recently begun to replace them in tear drops.

We have witnessed nearly a million jobs evaporate and our property values compete with our 401(k)s to see which could fall faster. To say it has been 10 years of frustration, loss and anger for far too many would be an understatement. We should get a state discount on grief counseling it has been so bad.

Clearly there were moments of triumphs that became brief respites from the angry winds of disruptive change. Yet they have been few and far between.

The nation was near euphoric with the election of President Obama. As the first black person elected president of the world's preeminent nation, it seemed like all things were possible once again.

Yet as the economy continued to implode, hope gave way to fear and later anger. People are angry at bankers, and Wall Street investors got bailed out while the average person feels their American Dream was sold out. Nothing ticks someone off like seeing their wealth evaporate and seeing others laughing all the way to the bank.

ELECTIONS RELIEVE PRESSURE

As we witness the same banks that were rescued with our tax dollars now refuse to negotiate reasonable home and business refinancing, the anger has begun to roar and boil over.

My mom had an old pressure cooker that allowed just enough steam to escape that the entire pot did not explode. Let's hope this latest election provided the release of enough steam so that Michigan's new governor can channel our collective energy to putting the state back to work.

Gov.-elect Snyder has a tight-rope to walk over the next weeks and months, balancing his rhetoric and actions between necessary, tough and painful changes in how government operates, calling for shared sacrifices and lifting our spirits by inspiring an optimistic belief that our best days lie ahead.

The people of Michigan have put their faith in Gov.-elect Snyder and he possesses a mandate to restructure, reform and reinvent this great state — yet mandates have a way of lasting only until the pain of change and sacrifice materialize.

Given the lack of action on reform efforts by our sitting governor and Legislature, coupled with an acknowledged budget deficit of $1.6 billion (which I predict Snyder will discover is much greater), the pain of change will soon be here

Clearly the pain will appear faster than our economy will recover and jobs are plentiful once again. Like President Obama, once it become official Jan. 1 and it's "Governor" Snyder, Michigan's economic mess is his.

Unlike the department store policy, "you break it, you buy it," he did not create Michigan's mess — but he will be responsible for cleaning it up.

No, Snyder is not Superman. He cannot reinvent Michigan by himself. Everyone in Michigan should be called upon, like JFK's "Ask not ..." inauguration address to help restore the hope and pride in our ability to prosper once again.

If mobilized, together we have the power to restore hope and get Michigan working again.

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BRIEFS

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dy "Hairspray" on Nov. 11-13, 19-20 at 7:30 p.m. and 2 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at http://www.wlwmusical.com or by phone at (248) 956-4625. Prices range from $16-$18 for adults and $12-$14 for students and seniors. Discount tickets are also available for groups of 20 or more.

Michigan Film Gala

Global Pictures and Michigan Movie Magazine and Specs Howard present the first-ever Michigan Film Gala on Dec. 31 at Sheraton Novi Hotel. The Michigan Film Gala will include a showcase of Michigan films starting with "CornerStore", a Red Carpet, meet and greet, a dinner, special guest speakers and countdown to New Year's.

Brandon T. Jackson (Tropic Thunder, Roll Bounce and Big Momma's House 3) will be hosting the event. Special guest speakers include Tanya Ryno (producer of SNL); Rod Harrell (CEO of RLH Talent); and Susan Frishman (entertainment attorney).

To date, over 90 movies have been made in Michigan. The Michigan Film Gala celebrates this fact and encourages future Michigan filmmaking.

The event is open to actors, directors, producers aspiring film-makers and fans.

The showcase begins at 9 a.m.; there will be a Red Carpet event beginning at 7 p.m. followed by a meet-and-greet. The evening will conclude with a dinner, special guest speakers and the ringing in of the New Year with a champagne toast at midnight Jan. 1.

Food drive

Novi orthodontists Larry Spillane and Jamie Reynolds are sponsoring their second annual canned food drive/movie premiere for their patients. The doctors have rented an entire theater at the Emagine Theater Novi for an Exclusive Premiere of "Harry Potter 7" at 7 p.m. Nov. 18 – five hours before anyone else see's the film. In exchange for two tickets to the premiere, Spillane Reynolds are asking their patients to donate a minimum of 10 canned goods to be donated to local food banks to benefit needy families right here in the Novi/Northville community. This is the second year that Spillane & Reynolds Orthodontics has done an event like this, and the doctors hope to be able to donate even more food than last year to help as many families as possible.

Phone (248) 344-8400 for more information.

It's new! Light Up the Night in Novi

Join Novi for its new holiday celebration and Light Up the Night (and holiday tree) from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the season through a variety of indoor and outdoor activities at the Civic Center including seasonal entertainment, children's activities, ice carving demonstrations, marshmallow roasting, light refreshments, craft show, holiday tree/wreath lot and a visit from the man of the hour – Santa. (Pictures are available with Santa at a minimal cost).

The holiday tree lighting will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. The library will be hosting crafts and other fun activities for families the whole time too. As you stroll between the buildings, enjoy the Tons of Trucks display, allowing kids of all ages to get an up-close, hands-on experience with vehicles such as a snow plow, police car, fire truck, Zamboni and more, all decorated for the holiday season.

New unwrapped toys and clothes will be accepted at the door to be distributed to families within Oakland County.

Civic Theater adds "Gypsy"

The Novi Civic Theatre announces the addition of the Tony Award-winning musical "Gypsy" to its 2010-2011 season. First produced on Broadway in 1959, "Gypsy" has been nominated for 23 Tony Awards, winning a total of five.

"We are thrilled to be producing this amazing show in Novi," said Lauren Sorrentino, performing arts coordinator for the City of Novi and show producer. "'Gypsy' is one of the most enduring musical theater shows of all times, having been produced five times on Broadway."

Novi's production of "Gypsy" will run March 11-20. Auditions will take place from 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4 and Wednesday, Jan. 5. Audition packets will be available Monday, Dec. 13 online at cityofnovi.org.

"Gypsy" replaces the previously announced production of "Fiddler on the Roof." "Because 'Fiddler' is touring nationally this spring, it was ultimately not possible to obtain the rights to for the show," Sorrentino said. "We are very much looking forward to a great run of 'Gypsy'."

Tickets for "Gypsy" will be on sale at the Novi Parks Box Office and cityofnovi.org in January. For more information, please contact the Novi Parks Office at (248) 347-0400.

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Rotary honors veterans

The Novi Rotary club honored local military veterans by hosting a service medal awards ceremony on Nov. 4. Members from AMVETS Post 2006 recognized 16 servicemen who served their country from World War II until after the Viet Nam war. The ceremony was coordinated with help from Michigan Paralyzed Veterans Association, MPVA's Michael Harris and Jaclyn Kochis.a Novi Rotarian. Shown are AMVETS members John Moore (l) and Dennis Powers (r) stand with Novi Rotarian Mark Whitfield (c) who served as a Navy submarine officer.

Two Northville Troop members achieve Eagle Scout last month

Oct. 3 ceremony recognizes their accomplishment

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Many famous men throughout history were Eagle Scouts. Now two more members of Northville Boy Scout Troop 755 — Kyle Hammer of Novi and Eric Petty of Northville — have achieved this rank.

The boys were honored at a ceremony Oct. 3 at the First Prebyterian Church of Northville.

HAMMER'S EXPERIENCES

Hammer has been active in his church and has been a member of the German Club, German Honors Society, Ultimate Frisbee Team, Varsity B Roller Hockey and House (Recreational) Ice Hockey at Northville High School. In scouts, he has been a member of the Brotherhood of the Order of the Arrow since 2007. He has also been part of the Venturing program and been an assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader, patrol leader, troop guide and quartermaster.

His scouting high adventures have included the Gitchee Gumee Gathering, Northern Tier High Adventure, Penntastic High Adventure, Florida Sea Base High Adventure and 2010 National Jamboree.

The son of Terry and Dana Hammer, Hammer said scouting has been a great experience.

"I have learned a lot about teamwork, community service, commitment, leadership, outdoor skills and valuable qualities that will get me very far in life," he said.

"Boy Scouts is a great preparation for college and future careers. Also, when I am an adult and, hopefully, a father, I will convince my son to join Cub Scouts and stick with it all the way until he gets his Eagle Scout (rank), because it is a really great honor."

Hammer hopes to attend Michigan State University and study accounting, insurance, or some area of business.

Hammer's Eagle Scout community service project was to have a welcome sign erected at the entrance to the city of Northville on Griswold Street for motorists driving south from Eight Mile Road.

PETTY'S EXPERIENCES

Petty is a member of the Ultimate Frisbee Team at Northville High School and was also a member of the Jazz Band and track team. He is also active in his church and in Scouts and was elected to the Brotherhood of the Order of the Arrow.

He has been a patrol leader, scribe, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader and junior assistant scoutmaster.

His scouting adventures have included the Pigeon River Mid-Adventure, Canadian Dog Sled High Adventure, Penntastic High Adventure, Northern Tier High Adventure and Florida Sea Base High Adventure.

He is the son of Robert and Angela Petty.

Petty plans to attend college, studying business or pre-law and then, hopefully, attend law school.

"I am sure that all of the leadership skills that I have learned in scouting will help me to become a strong leader in the business world," Petty said. "My hope is for me to become successful and financially stable so I am able to give back to scouting."

Petty's Eagle Scout community service project was to restore the VFW Memorial Garden on Northville Road across from the VFW Post. Brien's Services, Inc., of Milford donated landscape materials for the project. "These young men have been some of our most exceptional Scouts both in leadership and involvement," said Bill Phillips, Troop 755 Eagle Scout advisor.

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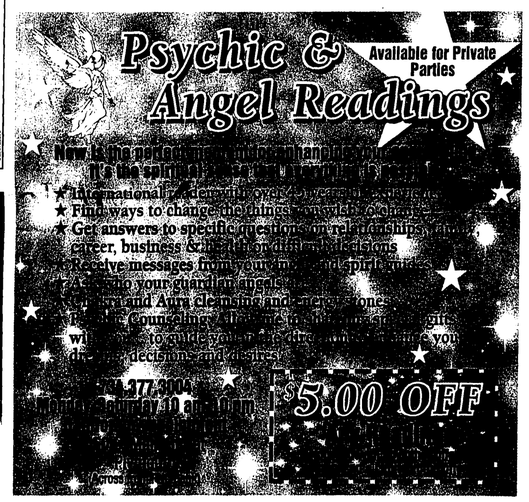

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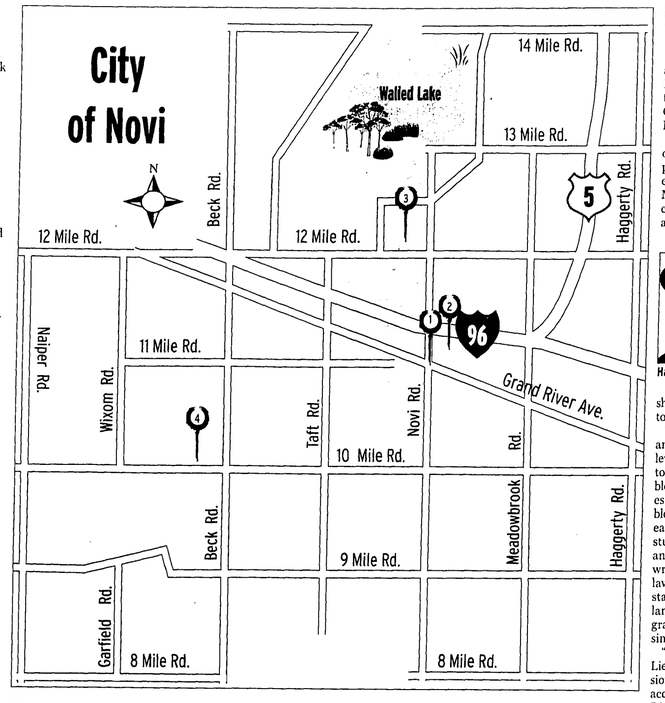

Drunk driver found asleep at light

1 A 28-year-old man was arrested at 12:49 a.m. on Nov. 5 for drunk driving and drug possession after he was found by a Novi police officer asleep in his running car while it was stopped at the light on Grand River Avenue and Novi Road.

According to the report, when the officer approached the intersection he was notified by the driver behind the suspect that he had sat through the light three times. The officer then approached the car and saw the driver sitting in the driver's seat with his head down and his foot on the brake while the vehicle remained in drive.

The driver did not answer to several knocks and smelled strongly of intoxicants. The officer shook the driver to wake him up and the man told him he was not driving, his friend was.

He told police he had just a couple drinks at a friend's house.

During a pat down by the officer, he found a container with marijuana and a glass pipe. The man said he forget it was in his pocket.

The driver was unable to complete field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test registered a blood alcohol content of .14 percent. The legal limit for adult drivers in Michigan is .08 percent.

He was transported to the police department where he was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated and possession of marijuana.

Purse stolen from car

2 A woman had her purse stolen from her Subaru Legacy while it was parked in the parking lot of Bally's between 10:40 a.m. and 11:37 a.m. on Nov. 7.

The passenger side rear window of the vehicle was broken out to gain access, and inside the purse were several credit cards, a driver's license and other personal items.

One of the credit cards had already been used at the Meijer's in Northville Township.

Police have no suspects at this time.

Van vandalized in parking lot

3 A woman had the catalytic converter cut off her Chevrolet Venture van while it was parked in the parking lot DMC between 8 a.m. and 4:50 p.m. on Nov. 5.

The woman said she did not realize it had happened until she was driving home and heard the increased noise.

Police have no suspects.

Car broken into, items stolen

4 A GPS, car registration and insurance and an iPod cord were stolen from an unlocked car sometime between Nov. 1-3 while it was parked in the driveway of a residence on Lynwood Drive.

The victim said she noticed her lanyard was on the floor of the car when she opened the door and when she opened the glove box to put it away, saw her registration and insurance cards were missing.

Her father, the car owner, said this is the second vehicle that has been broken into and requested extra patrol in the area.

Police have no suspects.

– Compiled by staff writer Nathan Mueller

Lt. Hart graduates from EMU school

The Novi Police Department announces the graduation of Lieutenant Jerrod Hart from the School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) at Eastern Michigan University on Nov. 5.

Hart was elected president of his 35-member class with participants from 28 different communities in southeast Michigan who successfully completed the 10-month Staff and Command program.

Hart

"It was an honor to be a part of the Staff and Command program and serve as class president," said Hart. "My participation in media and executive panels provided me the unique opportunity to showcase the City of Novi with tours of our facilities."

The School of Police Staff and Command provides upper-level academic instruction in a total of six core or mandatory blocks of instruction and utilizes over 30 additional optional blocks of instruction during each session. Major topics of study include management and management theory, grant writing, human resources for law enforcement, budgeting, staffing allocation and homeland security. The program has graduated over 2,000 students since its creation in 1985.

"I am extremely proud of Lieutenant Hart's professional, as well as academic accomplishments," said Novi's Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police David E. Molloy.

Hart graduated from Ferris State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice before beginning his career with the Novi Police Department in 1991. He is currently working toward a master's degree in technology studies at Eastern Michigan University with a concentration in Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

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Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Novi News, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

LOCAL EVENTS

Roth IRA Tax Seminar

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9 and 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11
Location: Novi Public Library at 45255 West 10 Mile Road
Details: Join wealth managers Walter J. Powrozek, CWS and Joseph J. Lezotte, CWS to learn more about the Roth IRA advantages and conversion opportunities expiring at the end of the year.
Contact: For free reservations, call 877-557-4462

Democrats Meeting

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16
Location: Comfort Suites Inn at Wixom Road and the south side of I-96 in Wixom
Details: Mark Brewer, Michigan Democratic Party chair, will speak about the election results to the Democrats of West Oakland County club; free and open to the public.
Contact: www.mydems.info

White Pine Glee Club Concert

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5
Location: Novi Middle School
Details: Concert with instrumentals and women's chorus; admission is free.
Contact: eiko@suzukimyers.com or (248)344-0909

Sun, Water & Seeds 4-H Club

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
Location: Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Details: A 4-H youth garden and farm stand where kids learn about plant science, nutrition and entrepreneurship by raising produce for sale.
The Club is seeking new members to join in the planting, planning and more.
Contact: sunwaterseeds@gmail.com or (248) 956-0029

Borders Events

Location: Borders Books & Music, 43075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi (Novi Town Center)
Contact: (248) 347-0780
Steve Lehto signing
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Nov. 12
Details: "Chrysler's Turbine Car" -- This fascinating book tells the history of the Chrysler Turbine Car project and includes a foreword by Jay Leno.

American Legion Post 19

Monthly Meeting
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. third Tuesdays
Location: Rock Financial Showplace, Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck roads
Details: Comrades and fellow veterans, please join these monthly meetings; attendance is needed to maintain and grow the Post.
Contact: Commander Dennis Strikulis (248) 378-7841 or dstrikulis@twmi.rr.com or Service Officer Paul Erickson (248) 344-7193 or pnerick@aol.com.

MSU Extension

Location: MSU Extension Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi
Contact: (248) 858-0887; smithlin@oakgov.com; www.msue.msu.edu/oakland

Rock Financial Showplace

Location: 46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi
Contact: (248) 348-5600
Novi Equestrian Expo
Time/Date: noon-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12; 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14
Details: One of the region's most popular and long-running events for horse owners and fans, the 2010 Novi Equestrian Expo is now being co-presented with the Michigan Horse Council and features exciting riding exhibitions and an extensive shopping area that will delight horse lovers of all ages. A full slate of well-known equine clinicians will also be presenting valuable information about managing horse health, tips for training and more. $10 for adults; free for children 12 and under
Contact: www.noviequestrianexpo.com
Holiday Shopping Bazaar
Time/Date: 1-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18
Details: The Novi Chamber of Commerce and Rock Financial Showplace invite all in the community to join in for a festive Holiday Shopping Bazaar. Enjoy free appetizers, holiday music, cash bar, complimentary chair massages. Stroll through 50+ vendor booths to find the perfect holiday gift. Admission is $5.
Contact: www.novichamber.com
Event: Metro Detroit Pet Expo
Time/Date: Nov. 19-21, noon - 7 .m. Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday
Details: The new Metro Detroit Pet Expo offers pet lovers from across the region the opportunity to interact with adoptable animals and learn more about the responsibilities of pet ownership, training and heath care. There will also be hilarious pet contests and dazzling feats of dog- daring dock jumping, and extreme pet makeovers, as well as a large shopping area for fans of pets who run, jump, fly and swim. The Metro Detroit Pet Expo will be a weekend filled with fun for the whole family.
Contact: www.metrodetroitpetexpo.com
Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet
Time/Date: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21
Details: 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. $10 for adults; $3 for children 6-12
Contact: www.motorcycleswap.com
Antique Arms Show
Time/Date: Nov. 27-28; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 9-3 Sunday
Details: Featuring antique and collectable firearms from the Revolutionary War to modern times. Show offers 500 tables with some of the finest antique arms, swords, knives and accoutrements in the Midwest. Buy, sell and trade. Appraisals are available. $6.00 Adults, Free to Members and Children 12 & under are free
Contact: www.michiganantiquearms.com
Holiday Craft Extravaganza
Time/Date: Dec. 4-5; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Sunday
Details: The Holiday Craft Extravaganza promises to be a shopping treasure trove of one-of-a-kind gifts, fine jewelry, gourmet treats, holiday décor and more. $5 per car admission
Contact: www.holidaycraftextravaganza.com
Great Train Expo
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 11-12
Details: The Great Train Expo is a national, traveling show that caters to the model railroad enthusiast. The show offers a variety of operating model railroad and toy layouts for the entire family to enjoy in many different scales and gauges. Check them out and get some great ideas for your own layout! If you're interested in joining a local model railroading club, the Great Train Expo is a great place to visit some of the different clubs in your area and learn more about them. If you're looking to sell an old toy train, this is the perfect place. $7 for adults; free for children under 12; admission to the show is cash or check only. However, many exhibitors will gladly accept credit/debit cards for items purchased.
Contact: www.GreatTrainExpo.com

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Calling all quilters

Marianne Schmid works on finishing a quilt at a Wednesday morning meeting of the Novi Quilters. The quilters meet at the Novi Senior Center once a month to quilt, and share patterns and fabric. In 2009, the quilters worked on and completed and donated more than 200 quilts. Most of the quilts went to Sinai Grace Hospital, The Veteran's hospital in Ann Arbor and Catholic Social Services.

BUSINESS

Novi Chamber of Commerce

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an active, progressive chamber offering a variety of events, educational programs, an enhanced Web site, and involvement with local charities.
Location: 41875 11 Mile Road. #201, Novi
Contact: For more information, call (248) 349-3743 or www.novichamber.com.
2nd Annual Holiday Shopping Bazaar
Time/Date: 1-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18
Location: Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi
Details: A festive night out of shopping, food and wine; $7 entry fee includes appetizers and desserts from many local restaurants. Early bird specials, hourly door prizes, live music and cash bar. Entry fee coupon can be found at local Novi businesses

Metro Novi BNI

Time/Date: 7-8:30 a.m. every Wednesday
Location: On the Border Restaurant, 21091 Haggerty Road (north of 8 Mile), Novi
Details: BNI is a structured networking environment for professionals. The Metro Novi BNI team members are committed to providing bona fide referrals to each other. Members learn how to create and refine an 'elevator speech,' develop a broad network of other business professionals in the community and receive training/education on networking more efficiently. Guests are invited to attend free of charge. Continental breakfast provided.
Contact: For more information, contact Julie Paquette at 248-797-1665 or juliepaquette67@gmail.com; www.metronovibni.com.

Novi Toastmasters Club

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., every first and third Tuesday
Location: Novi Civic Center, Activities Room, 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375
Details: Novi Toastmasters is a community-based club which is part of Toastmasters International. Our diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Our members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications and mentoring toward professional and personal excellence. Guests are welcome - and bring a friend. Visit www.novi.freetoasthost.us.
Contact: Linda Kreuter at PR@novi.freetoasthost.us

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.

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Thursdays: DJ Tommy Holiday
Fridays: Famous Friday with DJ iMix & mc Jevon Hollywood

Mixx Lounge

Location: 43155 Main Street, Novi
Contact: (248) 347-6499 or mixxnovi.com
Thursday-Saturday: DJ

LIBRARY LINES

Novi Public Library

Location: 45255 W. Ten Mile Road
Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m.
Details: Unless noted below, all programs take place at the Library.
Contact: (248) 349-0720
Website: www.novilibrary.org
The library will be closed all day Nov. 19. The library will close at 5 p.m. on Nov. 24 and be closed all day on Nov. 25.
Story Times: Please see the Library website or story time brochure for details.
Tax Law Changes to Roth IRA's In 2010
Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11
Details: Walter Powrozek and Joseph Lezotte, independent wealth managers from SIGMA Financial Corporation of Novi, will educate us about the new tax law changes that have been introduced. This can affect all of us since everyone qualifies in 2010 only.

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL VACANCY
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Notice is hereby given of a vacancy on the Novi City Council. If you are interested in applying for appointment for the term ending November 2011, please obtain and complete an application at www.cityofnovi.org or contact the City Clerk's office, 45175 W. 10 Mile, Novi, MI 48375 or by email to mcornelius@cityofnovi.org by phone 248-347-0456 or by fax 248-347-0577. The deadline for submission of applications is Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at 4 p.m. The City Council will hold interviews at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 29, 2010 in the Council Chambers.

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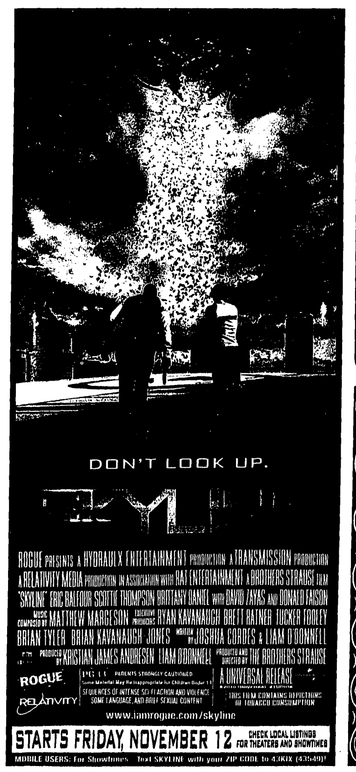

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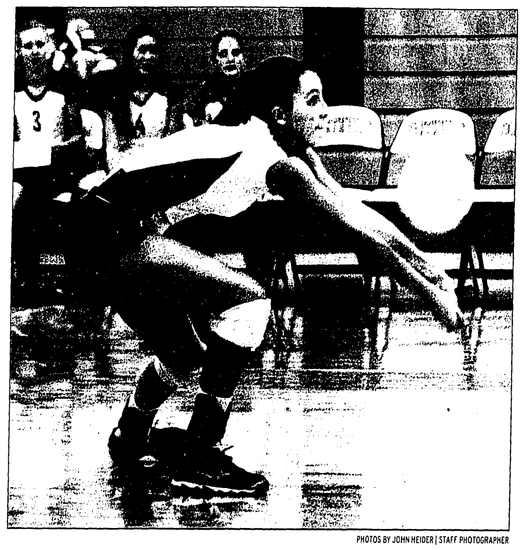

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Novi's Erica Robb makes a dig against Plymouth.

Novi Rose over Rocks for district title

Wildcats earn fourth trophy of season, end Salem's season

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Two close losses deflated Plymouth Salem's volleyball squad last Thursday, allowing Novi to sweep up the pieces and claim a fourth-straight district championship.

The No. 7 Wildcats (42-4-1) edged No. 26 Salem 25-23, 26-24, 25-13 on Northville's court, ending Salem's season at 30-9-3.

Although the Rocks never had a lead in the first game, they came out of a timeout down 13-8 and tied the score at 17. Several errors by Novi's offense offset the solid combination Novi senior Laura Subject (33 assists) and junior Victoria Rose (10 kills) created, allowing Salem to tie the score at 23.

"I think Victoria did a phenomenal job at the net for us," Novi coach Julie Fisette said. "She's huge and no one can stop that. Victoria's been a force for us all season. She gets better and better every game."

With the score tied, Subject connected with Rose for another kill and senior Erin Hoomaian

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Novi's Laura Subject, left, and Victoria Rose go up for a block on Nov. 3.

'Cats swim to third in conference

VanderMey wins Kensington 200 IM championship

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Novi's girls swim and dive team took a third-place finish in the KLAA's five-team Central Division and turned it into a third-place Kensington Conference finish among 11 squads last weekend in South Lyon.

The girls took to South Lyon East's pool last Friday and Saturday to compete against the best in the conference, finishing fourth or better in 10 of 14 events.

"Conference went great," Novi coach Eric Lynn said.

With multiple student-athletes in most events, the Wildcats (5-3, 2-2 Central) racked up 680.5 points, a bit behind South Lyon unified's 795 and Northville's 728.5, but ahead of Livonia Stevenson's 661 and Canton's 468. The Central Division flexed some muscle, as Plymouth Salem finished fifth with 418 points, pushing the other five South Division teams to the bottom of the scorecard.

Led by sophomore Andrea VanderMey, the Wildcats got vital points in the 200-yard individual medley. VanderMey won the conference championship in the event in two minutes and 13.54 seconds. Senior Sarah Sultana finished 11th in 2:17.35 and freshman Ashley Vaughn was 24th in 2:33.03 for Novi.

VanderMey also led a three-swimmer pack in the 100 backstroke, finishing second in 1:00.47, followed by sophomore Dana Morgan (11th in 1:03.49) and Sultana (17th in 1:04.16).

The young Wildcat didn't stop

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Novi's Andrea VanderMey swims the 200-yard IM in the conference meet at South Lyon East Nov. 6.

ON TAP

The Wildcats have this week off before competing Tuesday in Regionals at Ann Arbor Huron. A strong enough finish and the team can compete for a state title Nov. 19-20 at Oakland University. Otherwise, only select qualifying swimmers will compete at States.

Freshman McMahan earns All-State honors

Wildcats win Lakeland underclassmen invite

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Novi's Kerri McMahan was fifth among Division I freshmen at last Saturday's state meet.

The young Wildcat finished 28th overall in 18 minutes and 31.9 seconds, a new personal best, as she earned All-State honors on the Michigan International Speedway course in Brooklyn.

"It was a new personal record. She was super excited. For us, it was getting her the experience," Novi coach Marsha Reid said. "She's a tough competitor. We run against the top athletes in Division I all year. I think that made her more comfortable."

With Novi's team finishing fifth at Regionals, McMahan was the team's only runner at the state meet because she finished sixth at Regionals in 18:37.

"Jackie (Mullins) told Kerri what to expect. That type of leadership, she was the ultimate teammate," Reid said. "It was nice because the way they set the box up was because all the individual qualifiers from our region were in the same box, so she had people around her with experience (to pace herself off of)."

Walled Lake Western senior Lindsay Clark, who won the regional meet in 17:25.9, finished sixth at States in 17:52.8. Rochester senior Brook Handler won the individual state title in 17:00.2, although her team did not advance out of their region.

"Fourteen of the top 30 were KLAA," Reid said. "All around, it was one of the toughest, fastest races I've seen in all my years involved with cross country. It's unheard of. They had some ridiculous times."

Grand Haven won the Division I state title with 135 points, ahead of the three teams that advanced out of Novi's region. Of those squads, Northville was fourth with 169 points, Pinckney fifth with 174 and Brighton was 16th with 448.

"Northville has some ridiculous freshmen," Reid said. "Her number five was a little banged up. If she had run how she was (during the season), they probably would've been first or second.

"We would've been around 10th or 11th in the state had our team qualified for States."

Although none of her teammates joined her in participating at the state meet, McMahan and the Wildcats performed well a few days earlier at the Lakeland Invitational.

With seven of the top nine freshmen finishers in the regional meet coming from either Novi or Northville, who also combined to account for the second and third best sophomores in the race, the outcome of the Nov. 2 shouldn't have been a surprise.

The Wildcats' freshmen and sophomores finished first at the Lakeland Invitational with sophomore Mullins leading the way in 19:33. The team earned 47 points, well ahead of Howell's 97 and Lake Orion's 98. Northville did not participate in the meet.

"We won our freshmen/sophomore meet. We went two-three with Kerri and Jackie and neither of them were running all out," Reid said. "It was a good way to end our season."

McMahan was third in 20:05, while freshmen Victoria Cortez (sixth in 20:14), Karissa Koomen

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Schubring's consistency earns him 43rd at States

Young 'Cats perform well in underclassmen meet

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

After the Wildcats were blocked out of a state meet trip by a strong region, senior Joe Schubring was blocked out of the top 40 by a speedy field of opponents at the Division I meet.

As Novi's lone qualifier, Schubring finished 43rd in 16 minutes and 1.7 seconds. The time was in line with his regional (11th in 16:00) and conference (first in 15:59) meet performances.

"These times demonstrate his ability to remain consistent while still being at the top of his game," Novi coach Robert Smith said. "I am very proud that Joe Schubring finished his high school career with a very good showing at MIS. His time of 16:01 gives him three excellent races to complete the season."

Waterford Mott senior Scott Albaugh was the overall winner in 15:14.9, rivaled only by Monroe senior Austin Whitelaw's 15:15.5. Grand Blanc senior Omar Kaddurah led the rest of the field, which crossed the finish line one after another starting with Kaddurah's 15:30.9 third-place finish.

Detroit Catholic Central seniors Austin Zebrowski, John-Paul Zebrowski and Andrew Garcia-Garrison finished eighth through 10th between 15:35.0 and 15:40.2 to help pace the Shamrocks to a state title after the team finished second at Regionals ahead of Novi. CC's 103 points beat Dexter's 114 and regional champion Pinckney's 146 points. Brighton, who finished third in Novi's region, was ninth in the state with 298 points.

Some younger Wildcats now have some lofty goals to aspire, but the freshmen and sophomores wrapped up their season by finishing fifth of 18 teams at the underclassmen-only Lakeland Invite.

"Many of the top teams in the region come to this meet, so it was a nice preview to see how our runners will perform over the next two or three years," Smith said. "Pinckney was there, Catholic Central was there, Milford was there, etc., so I'm obviously quite happy with the outcome. We beat some quality teams today, including the Pinckney Pirates, who (were) currently ranked No. 1 in the state with their varsity runners."

Sophomore Josh Squires led Novi with a 25th-place 17:53 finish. Sophomore Ben Jenkins followed with a personal best of 17:54 to finish 26th a moment later.

"Josh has finally come into his own. His time of 17:53 gives him two-straight races under 18:00. I see Josh as being one of our top runners in the future," Smith said. "This was the fastest race ever for Ben. Most athletes PR'd on the very fast Huron Meadows course last week, but Ben found a way to do it again on a course full of turns and narrow trails."

Sophomore Tim MacPherson (39th in 18:18), freshmen Brian Barnes (46th in 18:26) and Michael Dickmann (47th in 18:27) wrapped up the scoring runs for the Wildcats. MacPherson's time was just seven seconds away from tying his personal best.

"Our top five guys were separated by just 34 seconds. If these five can stay together and improve by pushing each other, they will easily step in and fill any voids left by graduation," Smith said.

Expected to return for the Wildcats as key contributors next year are juniors Ryan Tgiros, Dan Lee, Eric Gardner, Travis Trainor, Michael Benkarski and Squires, a sophomore.

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VOLLEYBALL

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(27 receptions, 18 digs) saved a ball from going out the back end of the court, allowing senior Erica Robb (15 kills) to get her slow start going with a 180-degree volley that landed in the center of Salem's zone where there was a hole, giving Novi a 25-23 victory in the first game.

Salem seniors Nicole Merget (nine kills) and Jillian Sommerville (seven kills) dominated the second game as the teams traded the lead 11 times and Rose continued with kill after kill for Novi.

"They're our go-to players," Salem assistant coach Kelly Jascot said of Merget and Sommerville. "They did well and played their hearts out. They did step up."

After allowing Salem to score four straight points, Novi called a timeout while up 18-17. When play resumed, the scoreboard read 18-18 and match officials declined requests from Novi's coaching staff to re-check the scores.

The Rocks used the mishap to build a 22-19 and 24-21 lead, looking to tie the match at one game apiece with just one more point. But the Wildcats had other plans, scoring four straight to win 26-24 after Subject set Robb up for two kills, senior Savannah Green earned a serving ace and Rose blocked a kill attempt by Merget.

"Salem is a very competitive team. Everything goes out the door when its everyone's last game," Fisette said, adding, "I was never really worried. I believe in them so much. They don't tend to crack. This team can do it."

Merget got a kill out of the gates to give Salem a quick lead in the third game, but several Wildcats jumped in on the action and a few Rocks mistimed their hits as Novi took a 12-4 lead.

A timeout in midst of that streak didn't help Salem, as Subject faked a set and tapped the ball over the net after a long series of saves by both squads, giving Novi a 14-5 lead.

"That second game, when we were up 24-21 and we couldn't (close it out), that kind of deflated our energy and our momentum. It's hard to come back from a loss like that," said Jascot, who filled in for head coach Amanda Nies because Nies was not allowed on site because she didn't take an online coaching test before playoffs began. "She missed the coach's meeting deadline by a couple days. I think the girls stepped it up, though. We didn't quit. We started off slow, but we picked it up."

Salem tried to battle back in the final contest, but the Wildcats could taste victory when they took a 20-10 lead.

Up 23-13, Novi senior Kaley Bowles narrowly got a kill in along the right sideline and then set up junior Lesley Harrington for a kill toward the core of Salem's defense, which shattered the Rocks and gave Novi another district championship with a 25-13 finale.

In addition to Subject's offensive combinations with both Rose and Robb, Fisette credited the defensive combination of Robb (13 receptions, 11 digs) and Green (13 digs, four receptions). Subject added 14 digs.

"These combinations are starting to come together," Fisette said. "I think sometimes we try too hard. I think that, once they got settled down, (things went smoother). They caught onto it."

Novi now moves onto a regional contest Tuesday at Hartland, while the loss ended Salem's season.

"All around, our seniors, in general, had great leadership throughout the season and in this tournament," Jascot said.

Senior Kerstin Johnson added four kills for Salem, while senior Kerry McDonald had 25 assists. Sophomore Abigail Dworzanin chipped in with two serving aces and junior Katie Vincent had four digs.

SEMIFINALS

Novi made it to Thursday's district championship match by defeating Plymouth 25-17, 25-15, 25-20 the prior evening, ending the other Wildcats' season at 19-12-2.

Robb and Rose each had 11 kills for Novi, while Subject had four aces to go with her 41 assists and 12 digs. Hoomaian had 19 digs and 19 receptions, while Robb added 14 receptions in the semifinal victory.

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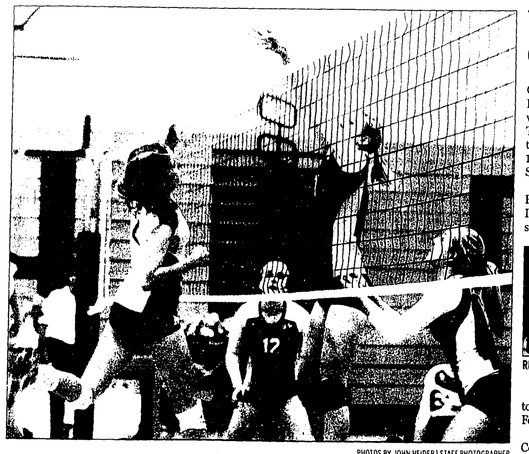
ON TAP

The No. 7 Wildcats (42-4-1) were scheduled to face KLAA West Division champion Brighton (28-15-2) last Tuesday in a regional semifinal at Hartland. A victory would put Novi in a 7 p.m. regional final tonight at Hartland against either No. 3 Farmington Hills Mercy (52-7-2) or No. 11 White Lake Lakeland (33-11-4). Novi is 0-0-1 against Mercy and 2-1-0 against Lakeland this season. A fifth trophy for the program this season would result in a Tuesday contest at Owosso in the state quarterfinal against the Ortonville Brandon region winner. The ensuing semifinal would be 7:15 p.m. Nov. 19 and the Division 1 state championship is 2 p.m. Nov. 20, both at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, if the Wildcats continue to win. Defending Division 1 champion and current No. 1 Bloomfield Hills Marian (64-6-1) is 3-0-0 against the Wildcats, who only have five non-wins in 47 matches. The two teams would not meet until the state final, if both advanced.



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Novi's Laura Subject, left, lofts a shot toward Plymouth's Emilee Beyer, right, during the team's conference playoff game on Nov. 3.

Wildcat Catherine Enright spikes the ball against Plymouth Wildcat Emilee Beyer.

Wildcat Lesley Harrington rises above the net for a spike during Novi's Nov. 3 district conference playoff against Plymouth.

NOVI SPORTS BRIEFS

Girls hockey tournament

Former Canadian Women's Olympic team goaltender Ma Rheaume has again partnered with Farmington Hills-based Titan Sports to host a girl's invitational hockey tournament Nov. 11-14 at the Novi Ice Arena and Suburban Ice Farmington Hills.

The second annual Manon Rheaume International Invitational Tournament, presented by Cascade Sports and The Messier Project, includes 32 Tier I girl's teams from all over the U.S. and Canada competing at the 12 and Under, 14 and Under, 16 and Under and 19 and Under divisions to benefit the Manon Rheaume Foundation.

Rheaume

Teams from Michigan's Tri-County area competing in the tournament include Belle Tire, Compuware, Honeybaked, Little Caesars and the Michigan Icebreakers.

Rheaume, a Northville resident who won a Silver Medal at the 1998 Winter Olympics, signed a pro contract with the Tampa Bay Lightning and is the only woman to ever play in a NHL game. She started the Foundation in 2008 as a way to inspire young women to reach for their dreams and help them by providing scholarships.

"Hockey has been a big part of my life," said Rheaume. "And I have experienced amazing moments in hockey, but the most satisfying part of my career is to be able to inspire young girls with my story."

In addition to four games on Thursday night, a full slate of games on Friday and Saturday, and the finals and consolation games on Sunday, the weekend also features a Tournament Banquet on Friday, Nov. 12 at the Novi Sheraton.

The Tournament Banquet will feature guest speaker Kerry Weiland, a member of the U.S. Women's Olympic Team, in addition to photos, vendor tables and raffles.

"I am really excited about the whole weekend," said Rheaume. "It's a great combination. It's a fundraiser for my Foundation and it's also a highly competitive girl's tournament with top teams coming in from all over the U.S. and Canada.

"So it's the best of both worlds – hockey is my passion and this is also helping to give back to young women."

Tournament game schedules and more information are available at: www.suburbanice.com/manonrheaumeinvitational.

MHSFCA Wall of Fame opens

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association (MHSFCA) held opening ceremonies for its Wall of Fame Oct. 7 at the University of Michigan. The Wall recognizes over 600 high school football coaches that have earned recognition as members of the association's Hall of Fame since the first class was inducted in 1982.

This year's inductees include Rick Coratti, Detroit Catholic Central.

Minimum requirements for induction into the Hall of Fame are 20 years and/or 200 wins coaching high school football in Michigan.

The Wall of Fame, located on the inside face of the new southeast tower of Michigan Stadium will be accessible to the 100's of thousands of football fans attending Michigan home games and whenever the stadium is open to the public. The Wall includes plaques listing each of the Hall of Fame members by the year they were inducted. Current year inductees are represented by individual plaques that include their likeness and accomplishments. These will be removed, given to the individuals and replaced by next year's inductees in the spring.

A location for recognition of Hall of Fame coaches has been a goal of the football coaching association for nearly three decades and has been the topic of discussions with each University of Michigan football coach starting with Bo Schembechler. Athletic Directors Bill Martin and David Brandon, Assistant AD Mike Stevenson and Associate AD Rob Rademacher were instrumental moving the project to completion and were each at the lunch and ceremony opening the Wall of Fame.

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Novi's Henry gets medalist honors

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Coaching can only hope players will show the drive to improve throughout their career in high school.

Novi's Megan Henry is a perfect example of hard work paying off. Head coach Deb Harris said Henry's goal was to make it to states, but she also wanted to go as a team.

"She really inspired other players to work on their game," said Harris. "She really pushed them to do some things in the offseason. It's one thing if the coach says play in some tournaments. But when you've got a fellow teammate saying, 'Hey, this is what we've got to do to get better.' It was very nice. She showed a lot of leadership."

Henry finished off a stellar season for Novi with a top-10 finish at the State Finals. She also helped Novi finish 10th as a team at states with an 83 and a 79 for a two-day total of 162 for 10th.

During the season, the Novi senior was team medalist 12 times, her 35 for nine holes is a school record and an 84 average for 18 holes is also a school record.

She was a co-captain for the Wildcats and earned First Team All-State Division 1 honors as well as earning KLAA All-Conference.

"She's very long off the tee. She will say she's not a very good putter, but I think she is. I've seen her make 10 or 12-footers time and time again," said Harris. "She's a very long-ball hitter. She can hit a pitching wedge from 140 yards.

"At states, she ended up not being able to use her drive but only four times on the course because she hits it too far."

Henry is undecided on where she will be going to college but is interested in continuing her golfing career at the next level.

ALL-AREA GOLF

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Megan Henry, Novi

FIRST TEAM
Danielle Godair, South Lyon
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Elena Moore, South Lyon East
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Katelyn Sakkinen, Milford
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FIRST TEAM

Kathleen Koomen, Novi

Pushing Henry most of the season was fellow teammate Kathleen Koomen. The Wildcat junior was team medalist four times and carded an 18-hole average of 90.4 to help earn All-Conference honors.

"She works very hard," said Harris. "She will be a captain next year."

Danielle Godair, South Lyon

The South Lyon senior helped the Lions make a return trip to the State Finals. The four-year starter earned All-League honors for the third time and was voted All-State Honorable Mention for her final year. Godair averaged 43 for nine holes with low rounds of 38 and 39. Her low for 18 holes was 84.

"She excels in three sports and carries a 3.5 grade point average," said coach Dan Skatzka. "She hits the ball further than anybody I've seen. She hits the ball long and high. She's really coming into her own with her short game."

Emily Vergin, Milford

The Maverick senior recorded an 83.9 average for 18 holes and 42.7 for nine. Along the way, she earned Team MVP, All-KLAA honors, and received Honorable Mention All-State in Division 1. She earned eight top-10 finishes, including a tie for 10th at Oakland County and two runner-up finishes. She will continue her career at Northwood.

"Emily is the most complete player that I have ever seen come through Milford," said coach Jim Sander. "She has continually led this team to greater heights throughout her high school career. Her leadership has helped to mold the younger players and to build a burning desire that wasn't always there before. "I am sure she will do well in college."

Stephanie Sakorafis, Northville

The Northville senior shot a team-low 88.4 average for 18 holes throughout the season. Her score counted in 15 of 17 varsity events for the Mustangs. She had a low nine-hole round of 39 against Stevenson and an 81 for 18 holes at Pheasant Run to claim third at the KLAA Conference tourney. The three-year starter also finished eighth at regionals with an 89.

Brianna Roberts, Northville

The Mustang senior held the low nine-hole average for Northville with a 43.4. She averaged 91 for 18 holes. Her low round of 38 came against South Lyon. Her best 18-hole score came in regionals with an 84, good for second place. Roberts was a four-year starter and earned All-Conference every season.

SECOND TEAM

Jackie Kjolhede, Northville

The Northville senior was right there with her other teammates, averaging 43.8 for nine and 91 for 18. Her low round of 40 came against Salem, and her 86 at regionals put her in fifth place. She led the Mustangs at the State Finals with a 92 and 89 for a two-day total of 181.

Camilla Zhao, Northville

The Mustang sophomore averaged 44.3 for nine and 91.3 for 18 holes. She shot a season-low 84 at the conference tourney to claim fifth place. She shot a low nine-hole score of 38 against South Lyon. She finished the season with a 90-94 at the State Finals.

Elena Moore, South Lyon East

The Cougar sophomore earned All-Conference honors while recording a nine-hole average of 45.6. She shot a low round of 37 against South Lyon, and also recorded rounds of 38 and 39 against Novi.

Taylor Jones, South Lyon East

The East junior averaged 46.9 for nine holes, earning medalist honors against Salem. She twice shot a low round of 42.

Natalie Zaguroli, South Lyon

The South Lyon three-year starter helped the Lions return to the State Finals for a second-straight year. She averaged 47 for nine holes and 93 for 18. She shot a low round of 39 for nine. She has earned All-League honors the past two seasons.

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Novi Pom reels in another trophy

The State Champion Novi Wildcat Varsity Pom Pon team has another trophy to bring home. The annual High Kick Competition was held Nov. 7 at Eastern Michigan University. For the first time ever Novi Varsity Pom Pon came away as the 2010 High Kick Champions. The team tied for first with the Plymouth Wildcat team but won the competition in the tie breaking Overall Performance category.

Novi pom performed to a creative medley of fishing theme songs. Team members wore elaborate fishermen costumes with vests that housed retractable shark fins. To loud cheers in the crowd, the fins were appropriately released during Jimmy Buffetts "Fins" song. Innovative 'fish' formations and moves were designed by the Novi varsity pom head coaches Kristy Renaud and Erin Bartos, and assistant coach April Brousseau.

Captains Alexa Boron and Taylor Boron led the Novi High School Varsity Pom Team to earn the Championship Trophy. Members of the squad include: Kelsie Autterson, Mackenzie Betts, Lauren Collins, Alex DeLaCruz, Jessica Dipaola, Mary Favorite, Marisa Giampa, Katie Groechel, Paige Gurizzian, Gi Hong, Sara Hudgens, Megan Jamrog, Mackenzie Kelley, Kaley Kennedy, Christy Lyon, Ashley Miller, Kailey Oppat, Kimberly Powers, Nicole Rigdon, Morgan Shepherd, Delaney Ulle, and Ashley Wojtylo.

Novi pom now looks forward to the Regional Pom Competition on Saturday, Jan. 23 at Skyline High School in Ann Arbor. The team will also be performing their annual guy-girl pom routine on Friday, Dec. 10 during halftime of the Novi High School basketball game.

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

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Twice undefeated

The Novi Panthers Youth Travel U-10 Division 2 Soccer Team just completed their second undefeated season in a row. They are an impressive 16-0 over the last two seasons and went 8-0 this season while outscoring their opponents 53-7. The back to back champions will move up a division next year and attempt to keep their winning streak alive. Head Coach Aaron Chippa and Asst. Coach Jarod Malloy have done an excellent job teaching the fundamentals of soccer while stressing team work and sportsmanship. The team's roster is Josh Brucker, Evan Chippa, Blake DeFillippo, Zachery Dembinski, Nisarg Dharia, Alastair Horne, Kyle Klosterman, Nolan Lowery, Nate Lyon and John Prisby.

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there, as VanderMey also led the 200 medley relay and 400 free relay teams to respective third- and fourth-place finishes. VanderMey teamed with Sultana, senior Becca Berman and senior Madalyn Buha to earn a 1:52.29 third-place finish in the 200 medley relay and then teamed with Berman, sophomore Kara Berg and junior Abby Hall to finish fourth in the 400 free relay in 3:43.63.

The 200 free relay team topped Novi's relay performances, however, as Berg, Hall, Buha and sophomore sibling Maranda Buha finished second in 1:04.64.

The Buha sisters earned points for the Wildcats throughout the meet. Both participated in the 50 free, as Maranda finished third in 24.77 seconds and Madalyn was seventh in 25.66 seconds. Joining them in the event were Berg (fifth in 25.42), Hall (sixth in 25.44) and sophomore Janice Burnett (18th in 26.26).

Maranda was third in the 100 free in 54.34 seconds, ahead of Berg (55.88), Hall (55.48) and Burnett (57.71). Madalyn also finished eighth in the 100 butterfly in 1:02.34, behind Berman's third-place finish of 1:00.42.

Berman also earned a third-place finish in the 500 free in 5:13.25. Following her lead were senior Jacque Carless (seventh in 5:29.33), senior Abby Glenn (10th in 5:25.05) and sophomore Kelsey Shurmur (17th in 5:27.52).

Carless (14th in 2:02.35), Shurmur (18th in 2:02.75) and Glenn (20th in 2:05.82) also combined to earn the Wildcats points in the 200 free.

Novi didn't make the finals in the 100 breast, but the 1-meter diving team earned the 'Cats additional points toward their conference finish.

Sophomore Rachel Aepelbacher led the way at fourth with 325.00 points, followed by sophomores Jillian Odom (sixth with 310.35). Lina Davis (12th with 253.95), freshman Jamie Zieglar (13th with 243.95) and sophomore Megan Patton (16th with 229.15).

For detailed meet results, visit www.novisswim.com.

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Novi alum making waves with MSU defense

Hoover helps Spartans to 9-1 start

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

Michigan State University defensive end Tyler Hoover jogs off the field during the Spartan's Nov. 6 home game against Minnesota. Hoover started and played the majority of the snaps during the game.

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MSU Spartan defensive end Tyler Hoover, right, goes up against Minnesota right tackle Jeff Wills during the Nov. 6 game in East Lansing. Hoover, listed at 6'7" and 260 lbs., went up against the larger Wills, 6'7" 350 lbs., most of the day - and still got into the Gopher's backfield on numerous occasions.

Michigan State University is in the midst of one of its best football seasons ever and much of the credit goes to the Spartans' defense.

Sophomore defensive end Tyler Hoover has been one of the Spartans' stars in the past month, but got his start with Novi's high school team, playing three years on varsity under former coach Tab Kellepourey from 2005-07.

"I'll never forget coming from Novi. I'll always represent the No. VI," Hoover said. "I got a lot of experience playing different positions and the relationships you make in high school football are great. I'll never forget coach Kellepourey and (assistant coach Jeff) Burnside."

Hoover amassed quite a following at Novi. He record 185 tackles (130 solo) during a 30-game career, making 24 tackles for losses totaling 114 yards. Among those were 16 quarterback sacks (13 solo) for 88 yards. Because he had such success, Hoover said college recruiting came early and often, even from teams at schools he did not submit game footage to.

"The numbers are up there, 40 plus. Recruiting starts pretty early. Sophomore year I got my first scholarship offer," Hoover said. "I narrowed it down to about three to five."

He said the University of California-Berkeley, University of Michigan and MSU were the three schools he put the most consideration into before selecting the Spartans.

"MSU was pretty easy. I could just tell from meeting the coaches," Hoover said. "I could just tell they were going in a good direction. It wasn't about how the team was doing, but the people here."

MSU was 9-13 under former coach John L. Smith during Hoover's sophomore and junior years playing high school ball, but the Spartans have since gone 31-18 under coach Mark Dantonio, who took over for the Spartans' 2007 season in which they finished 7-6. Hoover said Smith never tried to recruit him, but Dantonio did and, after graduating from Novi in December 2007, Hoover enrolled in classes at MSU for January 2008.

"Right when you get here, the biggest adjustment is just the speed of the game," Hoover said.

Missing 10 games with a shoulder injury in 2008, Hoover was granted a medical redshirt to maintain another year of eligibility. As a second-year player and red-shirt freshman in 2009, Hoover saw action in all 13 games, recording 13 tackles (three solo).

This season has been Hoover's breakout season, however. As a starting rush end on the left side, Hoover has 27 tackles (13 solo) through the first 10 games, although the sophomore benefited most from playing against the spread offenses of Illinois and Northwestern.

In the Spartans' 26-6 win over the Fighting Illini on Oct. 16, Hoover had nine tackles (three solo) while also recording a sack, earning MSU's Defensive Player of the Week honor.

He had a breakout game the next week when the Spartans defeated Northwestern 35-27 on the road Oct. 23. Hoover made nine tackles (seven solo) and two sacks, earning Big Ten Conference Defensive Co-Player of the Week honors.

"It feels great knowing that I'm getting better and the defense is improving," Hoover said. "Those were two more spread offenses and they were coming at me. Quarterbacks have to read the defensive end."

Listed at 6-feet-7 and 260 pounds, the 20-year-old said he sees himself as a young Jared Allen, who plays defensive end for the NFL's Minnesota Vikings at 6-feet-6 and 270 pounds.

"He'd be one of my goals to be like," Hoover said.

The Novi alumnus said MSU's entire defensive line has been developing together as a group, helping project the Spartans to a 9-1 (5-1 Big Ten) record. The defense is ranked 18th in the nation, allowing 18.8 points per game, as MSU is ranked No. 11 by the BCS and No. 10 by both the AP and USA Today.

"It's definitely we've got a great (defensive) unit going on. We're always working together. We watch each other's film. We're definitely all working off each other," Hoover said. "Obviously, all of us want to go to the NFL."

If professional football doesn't work out for Hoover, he said he'd like to turn his current major (studio art/graphic design) into a computer-based graphics design job with a sports company like Nike or Oakley.

For now, Hoover is working through a busy schedule as a student-athlete, balancing football and class. He said he has class from 8 a.m.-2:20 p.m. daily with meetings before class. He then watches film with the team and practices for about 90 minutes, freeing up time for homework by about 6:30 or 7 p.m.

On game days, Hoover said he doesn't really get revved up until the team walks to the field.

"Before a game, we try to stay pretty relaxed. Game hype is easy because the games are so big and you're playing for a lot every game," Hoover said, adding that his pre-game music track list includes Eminem and Kayne West right now, although he can listen to anything he's into.

Although the Spartans have a bye week Saturday, they'll try to clinch a Big Ten championship with victories Nov. 20 against Purdue and Nov. 27 at Penn State. Look for the big number 91.

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NOVI BOBCATS ROUNDUP

JV outdueled by Falcons at Superbowl, 14-0

For the second year in a row, the Novi Junior Varsity Bobcats were defeated by the defending Superbowl champion and undefeated Livonia Falcons, at the Western Lakes Junior Football League Superbowl held at Eastern Michigan University on Nov. 6.

The Falcons, who boasted defending champions in all three divisions and have seen all three of their teams go undefeated for the past two seasons, played a methodical game against the Bobcats, scoring in the first and third quarters, but otherwise having their vaunted offense held in check by a stingy Bobcat defensive unit. Unfortunately, the Bobcats could not muster a score against the Falcons, whose depth helped sustain them to allow only 13 points to be scored against them during the regular season. Indeed, the Bobcats lost to them in the regular season by a similar score, 13-0.

The game began with high hopes, as the Bobcats took possession and came out slinging from a spread offense, hoping to catch the Falcons off guard. However, the Falcons struck first, going off tackle right, and breaking clear for a touchdown run for the game's first score. After converting the extra point attempt, the Falcons led 7-0 in the first quarter.

After stopping the Bobcats and going to the pass in hopes of catching the Bobcats napping, Anthony D'Annibale flew up from his free safety position to intercept a pass intended for the Falcons' tight end, and raced up the sidelines with the return until being knocked out of bounds, putting the Bobcats in excellent field position early in the game. The drive ended however, and the score remained 7-0 at the half.

The second half saw the Bobcats making adjustments to their defense in order to stop the Falcons' option play, with cornerback Connor Moore and defensive end Michael Leone doing a good job of taking away the outside play that had proved effective for the Falcons early. The Falcons simply returned to running inside, and scored on a hard run up the middle in the third quarter. After converting the extra point attempt, the score was 14-0, and that was ultimately how it ended.

Although the Bobcats pulled out all the stops in an attempt to get their speed backs free, they were stymied by a very tenacious and well-disciplined Falcons' defense. Nonetheless, the Bobcats, who had to overcome the adversity of losing three of its top players to injury and moving up to play early at the varsity level, played with heart and tenacity that showed in the championship game, as the JV Bobcats committed no penalties and had no turnovers in the game.

All season the Bobcats were led by strong veteran JV players Anthony D'Annibale, Connor Moore, Michael Ulle, Ryan Welch, Lincoln Cleary, Michael Leone, Dominic Colaluca, Jack Krill, Scott Latham, Phillip Calhoun and Ryan Conlon. Also contributing were second-year players R.J. Moran, Travis Davis, Christopher Fisher, Ricky Turner, Kendrick Scherer, Donovan King and Nilay Patel.

The future bodes well for the JV Bobcats, despite the loss to the Falcons.

Having appeared in an unprecedented fourth consecutive championship game, the Bobcats will hope to return a core of players who showed strong promise and who, in their first year at JV, all helped to contribute to the Bobcats' success.

Those players were Kyle Hart, Keegan Houseworth, Chad Howell, Elliot Lipski, Casey Lyons, Jarrett McKnight, Lance McPherson, Rakin Parker, Graham Schock, Brendan Smith, Brendan Tally, Tyler VanKirk, Antonio Vargas, Jordan Ward and Matthew Williams.

Congratulations to the JV Bobcats on an excellent season!

By Eric Smith

CROSS COUNTRY

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(16th in 20:52) and Kari Grandstaff (20th in 21:06) also placed well.

"Karissa and Kari have both been banged up this year, doing soccer and cross country," Reid said, noting both girls play with the Michigan Hawks and play to play for the high school team in the spring.

Reid also credited seniors Kelsey Hodge, Brooke McMahan and Molly Sutika for their contributions this season.

"I think a lot of our season is, in part, due to really good leadership we had this year," Reid said.

The Wildcats expect the strong core of underclassmen to return next year, setting up several baseline battles with Northville for the KLAA Central Division title during the next three years.

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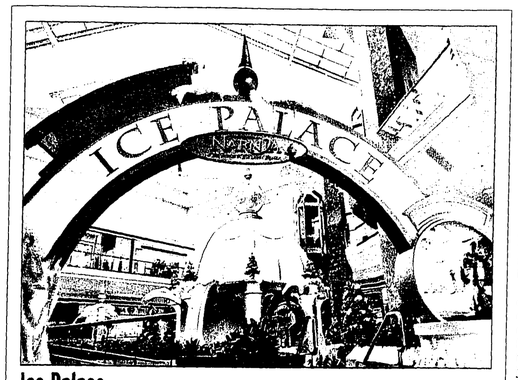

Ice Palace

The stars of the holiday motion picture event The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader are set to kick off the holiday season in grand fashion. At 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12 the stars from the movie, Georgie Henley and Will Poulter will give holiday revelers the first look at the Ice Palaces and their highly anticipated film streamed live from Beverly Center in Los Angeles. The event will be simulcast to 16 Taubman centers across the country, including Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, where children will wave LED wands to collectively illuminate the Ice Palaces. The celebration opens the free exhibit for all to experience, ushering in the holiday season and the arrival of Santa Claus. Shoppers can experience the enchantment of the Ice Palace and The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader at Twelve Oaks Mall from Nov. 12-Dec. 24. The exhibit, inspired by the magic of winter, features a color changing, 30-foot Ice Palace, encircled with a series of majestic arches and smaller globes that appear to be carved from ice and will immerse visitors with magical vignettes from the land of Narnia. As they walk through the dome, guests are greeted with falling snow, a captivating light show and exclusive movie footage integrated into an exciting video experience. The journey continues as guests are seated on the Ice Palace throne that's cool to the touch, and leave their handprint behind on the interactive ice arch, which features the paw prints of famed Narnian creatures.

Stickley historian at Gorman's

Gorman's Home Furnishings and Interior Design is proud to welcome back Stickley Corporate Historian Mike Danial back to its showrooms for its annual Stickley Roadshow event. The longtime historian will visit the Novi store (27800 Novi Road) at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20. Please call the store at (248) 344-0880 for reservations, as space is limited.

Danial will share his experience and anecdotes, methods of identification, style and construction techniques, helpful tips and insider secrets to guide attendees on their journey of discovering Stickley. The roadshow gives collectors and enthusiasts the inside source about the development and the lavish history of Stickley furniture and the impact it has had in the retail industry from the past to the present. Guests are encouraged to bring photographs of Stickley furniture and small items for a casual appraisal by Danial.

"We look forward to Danial's return every year," said Tom Lias, president of Gorman's. "Each visit is different from the last. We all thoroughly enjoy hearing new bits of information he has to share."

Stickley historian Mike Danial will be at the Novi Gorman's store Nov. 20.

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"Stickley is followed and collected with a passion, and this three-day event is for every designer, collector or enthusiast who wants to know and experience Stickley and what it has to offer," said Danial.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Novi architectural firm involved in "School Pride"

Last Friday's episode of NBC's "School Pride" showcased the restoration of the Communication and Media Arts School in Detroit. Members of Fanning Howey, an architectural/engineering firm located in Novi, were among the hundreds of volunteers who helped renovate the aging building.

School Pride, a new reality show from NBC, tells the stories of communities coming together to renovate their aging and broken public schools. During the summer of 2010, the cast of School Pride traveled around the country, helping to restore schools in seven communities.

"We were excited to have a chance to give back to the community," said Tracy Petrella, an architect in Fanning Howey's Novi office. "It was thrilling to see the building transform before our very eyes. The passion shown by the staff, students, and community members is something I will never forget."

The renovations to Detroit's Communication and Media Arts School took place during the week of Aug. 2 and involved school administrators, teachers, students, and community members. Volunteers spent the week cleaning, painting, and replacing ceiling tiles, among many other tasks. Fanning Howey representatives helped design two new spaces: a Media Production Room complete with editing bays and green screens, and a College Career Counseling Center that will allow students to hear presentations from college representatives either in person or via video conference.

Fanning Howey participated as part of the Walbridge Joint Venture for Detroit Public Schools team, which is overseeing Detroit Public Schools' current Capital Improvement Program.

Novi businesses authorized to place additional signage

In an effort to assist the Novi business community and promote holiday season sales, the City of Novi is providing a one-time, additional business sign allowance from Nov. 26-Dec. 26. The Novi City Council passed a resolution giving businesses the opportunity to take advantage of "temporary promotional event" signage.

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Before any sign is placed, a registration form must be completed and returned to the City of Novi, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

For more information or to download the registration form, visit InvestNovi.org.

The registration may also be faxed to (248) 735-5600 to the attention of Jeannie Niland, jniland@cityofnovi.org, in Community Development.

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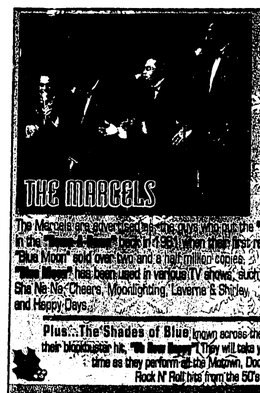

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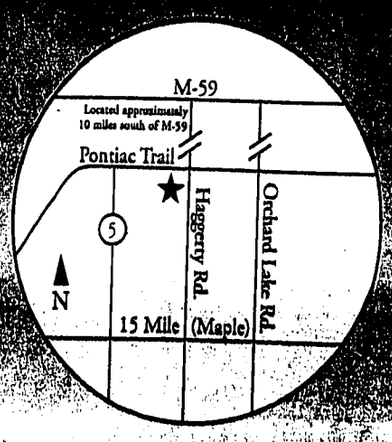

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