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Was DeRoche letter illegal?

Council member says letter to citizens was on up and up

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA
Staff Writer

Council member Craig DeRoche lashes out saying he did not misuse campaign finance funds. "I'm livid. It is a lie," DeRoche said.

Despite an article published in another news publication,

DeRoche denies any wrongdoing. "I'm considering suing (this newspaper) and the reporter who wrote the story," DeRoche said.

DeRoche's ire ignited after accusations were presented stating he broke campaign finance laws by sending out a letter to absentee voters supporting some city council candidates and

denouncing others.

At the center of the controversy was a footnote at the bottom of the letter, supporting Victor Cassis, Ed Kramer and Kim Cappello, stating, "Paid for by DeRoche for Novi City Council."

The letter strongly opposed candidates Laura Lorenzo and David Landry citing past voting records

as the reason.

"I wrote the letter to inform the voters that Laura Lorenzo has voted against settling a lawsuit that could have cost tens of millions of dollars, against forcing a developer to pay \$19 million to improve Twelve Mile Road, against highspeed internet access, to expose Novi to a

\$400,000 liability for the benefit of Northville residents and against moving the Novi Expo Center and its traffic off Novi Road," DeRoche said.

Other news media were not the only ones questioning the use of funds. Novi residents also raised an eyebrow.

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Helping kids cope with cancer



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi High School seniors Matt Harsha-strong, left, and Sarah Holt, right, have put together backpacks filled with toys, pens, and books for kids like George Abro, 8, who have lost parents or loved ones to cancer.

Teens help kids affected by cancer

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA
Staff Writer

To the unknowing it is just a clear backpack filled with toys, gift certificates and other goodies.

To the creators, it is a colorful collection of joy generated to fill children's hearts with happiness at a time when they may have none.

Matt Harsha-Strong and Sarah Holt are behind the self-created

organization "Teens Aiding the Cancer Community."

"I came up with the idea in June," Harsha-Strong said. It was the combination of looking for something to do in the summer and Harsha-Strong's family history with cancer that resulted in the noble idea.

Hart, who has also had a long family history with cancer, heard about what her fellow classmate was doing while at The Sports

Club of Novi and knew she wanted to help.

The goal of the Novi High seniors is to deliver fun-filled backpacks to children whose family members have either died from or are currently battling cancer.

Each Ford Motor Company donated backpack is filled with items such as books, Barbies, videos, Legos, stuffed animals, race cars, colored pencils, movie rental coupons, restaurant gift

certificates and more.

Holt explained each pack has the same price value, but is separated for age and gender, and some of the packs for the older kids include hand-held video games.

All of the contents have come from donations by generous businesses, individuals and organizations.

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Arsenic levels debated in park

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA
Staff Writer

The mention of arsenic contaminated park land has left a bitter taste in the mouths of some Novi residents - making them question what is the truth.

During the Oct. 1 city council meeting, residents stood before members of council asking them not to give away the city's valuable park land in exchange for settling the Sandstone Vistas lawsuit.

When the public hearing portion of the meeting was over, Novi Mayor Richard Clark responded to many of the issues brought to council's attention, including the valuable park land.

"We have heard this is the best piece of park land we have in the city," Clark said.

He questioned the validity of the 75 net useable acres being valuable because it may be contaminated with arsenic.

It was stated at the meeting if contaminated, land would be removed by the city, meaning about one foot of soil would be taken off including trees and foliage.

The mayor questioned how valuable land in that condition would be and said during the council meeting he wasn't sure he would let his grandchildren play on the land even after the removal of the contaminated soil.

So is the land contaminated and is it dangerous?

According to a soil sampling

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Novi City Council will place Sandstone lawsuit settlement as an action item on agenda at the next city council meeting, Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Single-point interchange proposed for I-96, Beck

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA
Staff Writer

Members of the Novi City Council said slow down to the Michigan Department of Transportation last week.

The council stated it needed more time to learn about the type of interchange MDOT was proposing for the Interstate-96 and Beck Road connector.

During the Sept. 24 council meeting, David Wresinski, MDOT project planning manager, provided a video and explanation of the single-point urban interchange the department is proposing for the Beck and Wixom Roads interstate connectors.

"I want to be sold and not told," said council member Michelle Bononi. "I believe this is premature." Bononi was concerned after viewing what she thought was a 20/20 program about this type of interchange. She believed on the

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Michelle Bononi
Novi City Council member

gram, the intersection was portrayed as "one of the most visually confusing intersections in the U.S."

"It may take a little time to get used to," Wresinski said.

Council member Edward Kramer, who has driven this type of intersection in Arizona, said the first time he entered the intersection it seemed a bit confusing. After that he said it wasn't hard to drive.

"I think if technical experts tell us this is a good plan then we have to look at that," Kramer said. "More information is better, but not worth

stopping the project."

Council member Victor Cassis stated for the record he believed he needed more time and would possibly like to make it a matter of action involving the community.

Wresinski said the intersection is relatively new to Michigan, but also stated, "It is my belief there will be many more in the state of Michigan."

Approval has already been given for this design in Kent County at the M-6 and Kalamazoo Avenue link and in Livingston County at M-59 and U.S. 23.

"I think this is a solid plan and a win-win for MDOT and the city," Wresinski said.

Members from MDOT were at the meeting because they wanted the city to feel comfortable with their proposal.

"We're looking for approval in some form from the city," Wresinski

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Tricks for campers

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

With one balanced on his chin, juggler Josh Casey entertains at Friday's Novi Expo Center Camper and RV show. Casey went around the packed center and juggled pins, balls, and blocks.



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Officer spots joint in car

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Two men were arrested by Novi police after getting caught passing a joint while driving in the Eight Mile and Haggerty Roads area. An officer was stopped at a red light Oct. 3 at about 6:30 p.m. on southbound Haggerty north of Eight Mile Road in the right through lane when he observed two occupants in a blue van smoking what the officer believed to be a marijuana cigarette. According to the police report, the officer observed the driver take a hit then pass the suspected marijuana cigarette to the passenger and observed him take a hit. The van was stopped on Eight Mile Road east of Haggerty. The officer also noted the driver was not wearing a seatbelt. When approaching the vehicle, the officer detected an odor of burnt marijuana. He asked the occupants if they were smoking marijuana, and they said yes. The officer then asked for all of their pot and the driver gave him a roach which was warm to the touch. After searching the vehicle the officer found a baggie of what looked like marijuana and a marijuana cigarette. The men were placed under arrest and one at the station the baggie tested positive as pot, and the total weight of all marijuana found was 10 grams.

Police News

WALLED LAKE
NEEDING A HOME
Police officers walked in a home Oct. 2 in the 300 block of W. Walled Lake Drive to find a 17-year-old Walled Lake boy sleeping on the couch in the basement. A real estate agent discovered the youth on the couch and immediately called police. They were given the driver's license plate number and stopped him as he was pulling out of the Big Boy restaurant on Pontiac Trail. The car was swerving as it left the lot. Officers asked him if he had a lot to drink and he said, "my share." He said he has a lot to drink every day. He was willing to take sobriety tests and later became belligerent when he was taken to the station. Chemical tests, which he reluctantly agreed to, came back .22 and .21. He was held at the station and released.

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NO WAY TO GET HOME
Returning home to Illinois may be a challenge as a 42-year-old traveler woke-up and found his car was gone. On Sept. 30 at 8

MONEY DONATIONS

Area briefs

HALLOWEEN PARTY
Gienda's Garden Center, 40575 Grand River, Novi will celebrate its annual Halloween Party, Oct. 20, from 6-9 p.m., and Oct. 21, 2-5 p.m. This is a free event. Featured will be a moon-walk, straw maze, lots of games, and treats from our "witch". The Novi Fire Department will be there, as well. Donations for the department will be accepted (suggested amount of \$2 per child would be appreciated.)

SHOW AND TELL FOR WOMEN
"Show and Tell for Women" will be held Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. The purpose for this event is to fund the Safety Town program for 4-to-6-year-olds.

BREAST CANCER WALK
Novi Rotary will be participating with the American Cancer Society at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk at Belle Isle on Oct. 13. Anyone wishing to participate can meet the Rotary there at 8:30 a.m. or at the United Methodist Church where there will be one bus to take visitors to Detroit at 8 a.m.

NOVI MEADOWS TO HELP NYC VICTIMS
Students at Novi Meadows will hold a walk-a-thon/read-a-thon on Oct. 11 to raise money for victims.

Assessment have two chances to register before the Dec. 8 test date. The postmark registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 2. There is also a late registration postmark deadline on Nov. 15 (an additional fee is required for late registration.) Students can get information from their school counselor or register online at www.act.org. ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is \$24. A student's ACT scores are considered by colleges for admissions and course placement, along with several other important factors including high school GPA, college prep courses taken in high school, extracurricular activities, personal background, and other information.

SWOCC FORUM
SWOCC will broadcast a candidate forum on Channel 13 on Oct. 11 at 3 and 11 p.m.; Oct. 12 on 12, 11 at 3 and 11 p.m.; Oct. 13 at 6 and 10 p.m.; and Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

RIDE FOR RECOVERY
A benefit motorcycle ride for Kurt Page, 29, a cancer patient, Saturday, Oct. 13 (alternative rain date, Oct. 14), Al's Copper Mug, 1720 West Maple Road (Fifteen Mile) in Walled Lake, two miles

east of Haggerty. Check in. 10 a.m.-departure, 1 p.m. Destination - Spicer Orchard and Cider Mill, 5015 Hartland Road in Fenton. Donation: \$20 per motorcycle (passengers free). Please make checks payable to Ride for Recovery. For more information, call the "MUG" at (248) 366-0820. Donations can be sent to P.O. Box 42, Highland, MI 48357.

Park land for settlement ignites large debate

By VICTORIA SADLOCHA Staff Writer

Many issues regarding the proposed settlement with Sandstone Associates Limited Partnership were raised at the Oct. 1 Novi City Council meeting regarding the proposed settlement.

One of the first questions was "what is 'net usable acres'?" This applies to the proposal of conveying 75 net usable acres to Sandstone with an optional 20 net usable acres if the city does not receive and therefore forward insurance proceeds to the partnership within two years of the settlement date.

This question was brought up by many residents who stood behind the lectern.

"The 75 net usable acres will actually mean the effective transfer of probably 90 to 95 acres, once the wetlands and roadway area acreage is conveyed," said former Parks and Recreation commissioner, Robert E. Shaw, Jr.

City attorney, Gerald A. Fisher, explained the term "net usable" as including all the land in a particular parameter, but not including wetlands and buffers. "It will be approximately 87 acres because of the wetlands," said Richard Helwig, Novi city manager. Helwig explained the proposal is to provide Sandstone with 75 buildable acres. "The wetlands on the property would stay the property of the

"The 75 net usable acres will actually mean the effective transfer of probably 90 to 95 acres, once the wetlands and roadway area is conveyed."

Former Parks and Rec. commissioner Robert Shaw, Jr. Helwig said. "They would still be there."

Shaw said the same terms apply regarding the "optional" 20 usable acres. "There are wetlands and a significant mature dense stand of hardwoods in this area, which I do not believe could be cut down for development under our ordinances. This would increase the acreage conveyed significantly, perhaps to 30 acres," Shaw said. Helwig said there are wetlands

reminding them the parks may be contaminated with arsenic.

"We have a legal, moral and ethical obligation once we know if it is contaminated to clean it up," Clark said.

Clark questioned how valuable land in that state would actually be? The mayor speculated that if the prior council had known the land was contaminated, it would not have purchased the property.

One of the factors of the proposed settlement includes the city picking-up the bill for clean-up of the property if it is determined arsenic exists.

Money from the city's judgment trust fund would go towards the clean-up.

Other factors of the proposed settlement include increasing from 100,000 square feet to 175,000 square feet the amount of area that partnership may commercialize by develop and if insurance proceeds are forthcoming, then the first \$9.5 million received would go to Sandstone. Anything more than the \$9.5 million would go to the city.

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Obituaries

ROSEMARY C. COLLINS
Rosemary C. (Conway) Collins died Oct. 1 at her daughter's home in Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Collins was originally from Uxbridge, Mass., and a former resident of Northville.

She is survived by daughters, Cheryl (Rich) Prudergast and Cheryl (Dave) O'Donnell; sons, William (Cathy), Kevin (Joan), Keith (Suzy), and Patrick; grandchildren, Sheila, Brian, Jessica, Megan, Chelsea, Eric, Max, William, and Rees; and a companion of nearly 20 years, Al Morrison.

Mrs. Collins was preceded in death by her husband, William B. and daughter, Sheila. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, Oct. 5 at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville.

Interment was held in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

DRAYTON J. CORT
Drayton J. Cort died Oct. 2 at the age of 90. He was born Feb. 10, 1911, in Southfield Township to Henry and Myrtle (Croft) Cort.

Mr. Cort grew up on a farm that is now part of the Plum Hollow Country Club, and was a graduate of Redford High School. In 1939, he moved to Salem Township and became a lifelong farmer in addition to serving 41 years as a State Farm insurance agent.

Mr. Cort is survived by two daughters, Nancy Mae (Robert Weinburger) Geiger of Salem Township and Suzanne Marie (Daniel) Hepler of Case, Mich.; son, Richard Leighton (Diana) of Salem Township; special caregiver, Doris Klein; sister-in-law, Leona Cort; nine grandchildren, Denise (Sean) Callaghan, David (Judy) Geiger, Sharon Gallentine, Linda (Rod) Ten Have, Roger Smith, Bryan, Kevin, Nathan, and Jared Cort; and 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Stella Mae (Borek) in December 1996, whom he married in October 1937. Services were held on Saturday, Oct. 6 at St. John's Lutheran Evangelical Church, with the Rev. Eugene Andrus officiating.

Arrangements were made by Phillips Funeral Home of South

field. Arrangements were made by Phillips Funeral Home of South Lyon.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Evangelical Church, 2945 E. Northfield Church Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

WAYNE L. HATFIELD
Wayne L. Hatfield, 80, of Novi, formerly of Livonia, died Sept. 28 at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. He was born July 15, 1921, to William and Mamie (McGinnis) Hatfield of Detroit.

Mr. Hatfield served in the U.S. Army during World War II with the engineers in Europe. For years he had his own accounting firm in Livonia. Mr. Hatfield was an avid and master Bridge player.

He is survived by four daughters, Laura Riley of Highland, Leisa Rose Crane of Essexville, Lanette Hatfield of Marietta, Ga., and Elizabeth Hatfield of Canton; and eight grandchildren. Private services were held for the family.

Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville.

JUDITH F. PHILLIPS
Judith F. Phillips, 55, of New Hudson, formerly of Novi, died Oct. 7 at her residence. She was born Nov. 27, 1945, to Lee and Betty (Arnold) Allen of Wadsworth, Ohio.

Mrs. Phillips was a resident of New Hudson for the last seven years. She was employed as a post closing manager at Republic Bank of Farmington Hills at the time of her death.

Mrs. Phillips also instructed an Al-Anon group at Brighton Township. According to the family, she loved spending time with her grandchildren, her interests included gardening, needlepoint, and crocheting.

She is survived by daughter, Karen (Gary) Brown of Tampa, Fla.; Sharon (Michael) Zaleski of Farmington Hills, Linda (Larry) Bruining of Grand Rapids, and Terri (Edward) MacDonough of Novi; one brother, two sisters, and nine grandchildren.

Services were conducted on Monday, Oct. 1 at Redford Baptist Church. Interment followed at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville.

Lyon. Pastor Brian Tweedle of Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Brighton will officiate.

Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Mogadore, Ohio.

Memorials to Brighton Hospital, Attn: Administrative Office, 12851 E. Grand River, Brighton, MI 48116 would be appreciated.

The following is a poem written by daughter, Lori Lynn Phillips: "Go Rest High". The time has come to take that ride,

To that peaceful mountain in the sky. Your work on earth here is finally done. It's time to go home now to your Father and His Son. Although I will miss you I know that you'll be an angel in Heaven to watch over me.

I pray that your journey is peaceful with no fear. But I know it will be for you're waiting over there. At the light they'll be standing to help see you through. You'll hear the angels singing as they're walking next to you. We'll now in silence the Lord now in your sight. To hold onto your hand through this beautiful flight. I take comfort in knowing that when I reach my fate, You'll be waiting with love for me at the gate.

AULCIE WILSON
Aulcie "Al" Wilson, 73, of Brighton died Sept. 28 at McPherson Hospital in Howell. He was born in Monterey, Tenn., to Roe and Tishie (Adkins) Wilson.

Mr. Wilson was owner of Total Balance Co. until his retirement in 1990. He was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Wilson is survived by his wife, Martha, four daughters, Karen (Gary) Brown of Tampa, Fla.; Sharon (Michael) Zaleski of Farmington Hills, Linda (Larry) Bruining of Grand Rapids, and Terri (Edward) MacDonough of Novi; one brother, two sisters, and nine grandchildren.

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Tom Morland, left, and Amanda Tuck of Wyndham Garden Hotels joined others last Thursday morning for the Novi Beautification Commission annual breakfast awards. Their hotel won an honorable mention for its landscaping.

Novi Beautification awards residents, businesses for efforts

Novi Beautification Commission set out to recognize citizens' efforts in landscaping and beautifying the city last week at their annual awards breakfast.

Businesses, public buildings and residential areas tallied up nine first place awards based on design, color, condition of plant material, maintenance of flower beds and overall maintenance of entrance. Points were also awarded for using the city plants and trees such as the red maple, Meyer's lilac, begonia and daylily.

Categories for awards included churches, schools, gas stations, individual business, public building, subdivision, shopping center, multiple residential and most improved.

Brightmoor Christian Church and School won first place in the school division. Calvin Ratz, Brightmoor pastor, was pleasantly surprised with the award.

"We wanted to make a good presentation to the city and we just did as our friends told us to do. It's a public corner and we wanted to be part of the community," Ratz said, adding the award really went to Jim Christmas of JD Christmas and Assoc. for his work on the half a million dollar landscaping project.

Matt Hoy, manager at Zax Car Wash said he was surprised as well.

"We plant every year. We just want to make it look nice," he said.

Gretchen Pugsley, Novi Beautification Commission member said the awards are meant to inspire.

"Novi is a community that many people pass through. It's most attractive for people to come here and live here. We encourage that. Our awards are given to businesses and areas on high traffic, artery roads," she said.

First place winners include Holy Family Church, Brightmoor Christian School, Mobil Gas Station on Grand River Avenue, Zax Car Wash - business, Chase Farms - subdivision and overall winner, Town Center - shopping center, Novi Library - public building, and Walton Woods - multiple residential. Most improved went to Novi Ridge and Century Supply.

Volunteer judges for the contest were Rio Annis, Jeanne Clark, Laurie Kapezick, Debbie Knight, Gloria Peterson, Dawn Reitz and Ethel Thomas.

Pugsley added the commission currently has four members and could always use more volunteers.

For more information on the awards and Novi Beautification Commission call (248) 347-0400.

Judges picked these subdivisions and businesses that took the effort to beautify the city. First place winners were picked from these nominees.

- Abbey Hills
- Addington Park
- Amberland Estates
- Art Van
- Autumn Park
- Beachwalk Apartments
- Briarwood
- Briarwood Condos
- Brightmoor School
- Charrington Green
- City of Novi
- Creek Crossing
- Crosswinds West
- Echo Valley
- Faith Community
- Fountain Park
- Gienda's Florist
- Goodyear
- Haverhill Farms
- Hotel Baromette
- Jameson Green
- Linder Co.
- Novi Motive
- Pavillion Court
- Providence Hospital
- River Oaks
- Roma Ridge
- Saddle Creek
- Shorebrook Townhomes
- Varsity Lincoln Mercury
- Wendy's
- Woods of Novi
- Wyndham Garden Hotel

Popular Lakes Hoe Down back for fall

By DIANE DEMPSEY DEEL Staff Writer

The hoe down at historic Stonerest was so popular in the spring that members of the Commerce Township Historical Society decided to host the event again.

The Fall Hoe Down will be held at 7:30-10:30 p.m. Oct. 13. People can stomp their feet to "The Delivery Boys" and to the "Glen Morning Star," who provided the music in the spring.

"They're just excellent," said Charlene Long, an organizer for the event. "You don't need to know how to do the dances because the caller is excellent at explaining the steps to everyone."

She said people left the hoe down in the spring wanting more.

"They said they had such a good time that they wanted to have it as a monthly program," Long said. "They said there isn't any place like this in the area. No one hosts dances like this anymore and I'm happy we're doing it."

However, members were not able to host the hoe down monthly but they thought it would be a great festivity for the fall season.

The historic building, which was once used as a school house, was filled to capacity at the spring gala.

"We were hoping for a big crowd last time but it passed our expectations," Long said.

Members would like to see

community spirit at the Fall Hoe Down.

"We hope for another excellent turnout," Long said. "You don't have to dance because there are chairs to sit in. There is also refreshments."

The historical group is hosting the event so everyone who attends can have a good time, she said. Members also want to show off the significant building and possibly attract new members to the group.

The historical group is a non-profit organization, which serves the Commerce Township and Walled Lake area.

The group is dedicated to the preservation of local history and they enjoy welcoming new members to help them preserve the past.

The cost for admission is more than the hoe down in the spring because the group barely covered the cost, Long said.

"We had to raise it some to cover the expenses," Long said. "This is not a program to make money. It just brings awareness to the historical society. It's not a fundraiser."

The group is gearing up to host their next program, which is also at Stonerest. Residents will get to meet new city planners in Commerce Township and Walled Lake Nov. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

For more information call (248) 624-2309.

Diane Dempsey Deel is a staff writer for the Lake Area Times. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 110 or dadeel@ht.honcom.net.

On Campus

Novi resident Shannon Ringveleski was named as a recipient of a scholarship at Harvard University for superior academic achievement during the freshman year. She is the daughter of Dennis and Carol Ringveleski.

The recipients for fall 2001 were selected from among 720 leading high school seniors from 13 states who participated in the competition, which included essay writing and group problem-solving activities.

Northville residents Monica L. Anderson, Emily G. Stevenson, and Lisa N. Tellish were awarded Western Michigan University scholarships as they entered the university this fall.

Organizations Calendar

- ACORDIA Community**
Organization Recognizing Diversity
What: A group of Northville residents concerned with fostering harmony and understanding diversity. Group members actively promoting equality for all people, regardless of race, creed, color, religion, gender, disability, socioeconomic situation or national origin.
Contact: Al Goshorn
Phone: (248) 339-1343
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**
Where: Faith Community United Presbyterian Church, 14400 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375
When: General meeting Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Complex meeting Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Women's meeting Sunday at 4 p.m.
Contact: Shirley
Phone: (734) 522-8917
- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS**
Phone: (248) 620-0977
- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN - NORTHVILLE/NOVI BRANCH**
What: Promotes equity for all women and girls, life-long education and positive societal change.
Contact: Barbara Wilson (248) 348-3999
- AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION - NOVI OAKS CHAPTER**
What: Bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow professionally.
Where: Wyndham Garden Hotel, 32100 Crescent Blvd., Novi.
When: Every third Monday of the month.
Contact: Betty Johnson
Phone: (248) 983-9553
- AMERICAN LEGION NORTHVILLE - POST 147**
Phone: (248) 339-1063
- AMERICAN LEGION NOVI - POST 19, AUXILIARY POST 19**
What: Service group open to all eligible veterans of all wars and conflicts as prescribed by the U.S. Congress. Auxiliary is open to all female members of eligible veterans' families.
Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi.
When: Every second Tuesday for business and every fourth Tuesday for social event at 8 p.m.
Contact: (248) 344-8236; Auxiliary: (734) 981-5125
- AMVETS**
What: Provide services and assist with obtaining benefits for veterans and their families of military service during and after World War II through present.
Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi.
When: First Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m.
Phone: (248) 349-2853
- BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL Greater Novi Chapter**
Where: Novi Union, 2111 Hungerty Road, Novi.
When: Every Wednesday from 7:30-9 a.m.
Contact: IHN regional office
Phone: (410) 323-3903
Wilson Chapter
Where: Ivan's restaurant, 29710 S. Wilson Road, Wyand, between Dwyer Trail and 194.
When: Every Friday from 7:30-9 a.m.
Contact: IHN regional office
Phone: (410) 323-3903
- CALLING CARD**
Contact: Sonja Lane
Phone: (248) 349-0928
- CIVIC CONCERN**
Contact: Marlene Kunz
Phone: (248) 344-1033
- CIVIL AIR PATROL - NORTHVILLE**
Phone: (734) 591-0360
- CIVIL AIR PATROL SIXTH GATE**
- COMPOSITE SQUADRON - NOVI**
Phone: (248) 349-2067
- COMMUNITY CLOTHES CLOSET**
What: Assists with emergency needs and helps low-income families with clothes and baby items.
When: Every Monday from 9 a.m. to noon and 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon.
Phone: (248) 349-8553
- DETROIT/OAKLAND CHAPTER - GENTLEMEN SONGSTERS CHORUS**
Contact: Fran Durkin
Phone: (248) 349-4613
- FRIENDS OF MAYBURY STATE PARK**
Phone: (248) 349-8390
- FRIENDS OF NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION**
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- HURON VALLEY GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL**
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- KIWANIS CLUB**
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- KIWANIS EARLY BIRDS**
Phone: (248) 347-3470
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
- LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTHWEST OAKLAND**
What: Promotes responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and action on selected governmental issues.
Phone: (248) 390-9474
- LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE - LODGE NO. 1190**
Phone: (248) 344-0920
- MARINE CORPS LEAGUE - NORTHWEST DETACHMENT NO. 162**
What: A service-oriented organization dedicated to the purpose of uniting all U.S. Marines, both discharged and on active duty. They also assist and help all newly veterans and their families.
Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., Novi.
When: Second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (734) 421-8298
- MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION**
Phone: (248) 476-0320
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- NORTHVILLE GARDEN CLUB**
Contact: Marjorie Faessler
Phone: (248) 349-7709
- NORTHVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**
Phone: (248) 348-1857
- NORTHVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
What: To discover, collect, observe and disseminate knowledge of history of the Northville Region. The group's local point is Mill Race Historical Village.
Contact: Pat Schumner
Phone: (248) 349-1845
- NORTHVILLE LIONS CLUB**
Phone: (248) 348-9075
- NORTHVILLE MOTHERS CLUB**
Phone: (248) 344-1955
- NORTHVILLE NEWCOMERS**
What: To help newcomers to the area, as well as current residents who would like to become more familiar with the community on a social and civic level. Newcomers hold fund raisers to aid the Northville community.
When: Once a month, September through May. Meeting dates vary. Social interest groups meet once or twice a month.
Contact: Sally Bettes
Phone: (248) 735-0192
- NORTHVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION**
Phone: (248) 349-0203
- NORTHVILLE RAINBOWS NO. 29**
Phone: (248) 349-1714
- NORTHVILLE ROTARY CLUB**
Phone: (248) 344-8440
- NORTHVILLE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER**
Contact: Sue Kovala
Phone: (248) 349-4140
- NORTHVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB**
Contact: Virginia Martin
Phone: (248) 349-3064
- NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSIS-**
- TANCE**
Contact: Mary Ellen King
Phone: (248) 344-1618
- NOVI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**
What: Serves the public through amateur radio service. It offers help during all emergencies and disasters. The club also provides parade control in Northville on July 4 and works with R.A.C.E.S. and the tornado alert system.
Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi.
When: First Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (248) 349-4064
- NOVI BAND**
Where: Novi High School or Novi Middle School, throughout school year.
When: Tuesday evenings, 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (248) 932-9244
- NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
What: The chamber of commerce is an organization which coordinates the talents and resources of business and professional men and women.
Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Suite 100, Novi.
When: Membership meeting: third Tuesday of every month at noon and board of directors meets at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday.
Phone: (248) 349-3743
- NOVI CHESS CLUB**
Phone: (248) 344-9633
- NOVI HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
What: Gives residents of the community a knowledge of their common heritage, fosters the collection and preservation of records and objects; and loans historical material to other historical societies or educational institutions have a curator. It is also the purpose of the society to establish a historical museum in Novi.
Contact: Kathy Match
Phone: (248) 349-6774
- NOVI JAYCEES**
What: Group of men and women ages 21-39 working on community projects, leadership and spiritual and management skills. The Jaycees sponsor fund raising projects for muscular dystrophy, St. Jude, March of Dimes and local charities affiliated with the Jaycees.
Where: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile, Novi.
When: First Thursday of every month at 8 p.m.
Phone: (248) 348-8684
- NOVI LIONS CLUB AND LIONESSES CLUB**
What: The Lions' objectives are to help the blind, sight-impaired and blind physically and mentally challenged children and to help find cures for preventable blindness. Lionses work with the Lions Club but also host their own projects and programs.
Where: Kim's Garden Restaurant, 26150 Novi Road, Novi.
When: Lions: every second and fourth Wednesday; Lioness: every third Tuesday. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.
Phone: (248) (248) 348-0531; Lioness: (248) 348-9098
- NOVI MINISTERS ASSOCIATION**
Phone: (248) 348-8847
- NOVI NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS**
What: To help newcomers to the area, as well as, current residents who would like to become more familiar with the community on a social and civic level. Newcomers hold fund raisers to aid the Novi community.
When: Once a month, September through May. Social interest groups meet once or twice a month.
Phone: (248) 349-2414
- NOVI REBEKAH'S LODGE 482**
What: A fraternal organization; the women's division of the Independent Order of Oddfellows.
When: Second and fourth Thursday of every month at 1 p.m.
Phone: (248) 349-2835
- NOVI ROTARY CLUB**
What: A service-oriented club composed of business and professional people within the communi-
- The Rotarians hold a variety of fund raising events every year.
Where: Novi United Methodist Church, 91621 W. Ten Mile, Novi.
When: Every Thursday at noon.
Phone: (248) 380-6500
- NOVI YOUTH ASSISTANCE**
What: Prevention program that relies on local citizens who volunteer their time and skills toward the goal of preventing juvenile delinquency. They are aided by a professional staff person in implementing programs such as Summer Teen Center, parenting classes, and Substance Abuse Prevention.
Where: Novi Community Education Office, 25345 Taft Road, Novi.
When: Committees meet every fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m.
Phone: (248) 347-0410
- ORDER OF ALAHAMBA**
Phone: (248) 349-2903
- PRESERVATION NOVI**
What: Non-profit corporation whose stated goal is to promote and encourage preservation of historic buildings in Novi, for example, restoration of the Fuerst Farm property.
Where: Annual meeting is in the second quarter and open to all interested residents.
Phone: (248) 349-6774
- SWOCC**
What: Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission serves Novi residents with community access television. Residents interested in registering for the TV or radio workshops can call for more information.
Contact: Caren Collins
Phone: (248) 473-7266
- UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CLUB**
Phone: (248) 348-9077
- VETERANS ALLIANCE OF NOVI**
What: VAN is a coalition of the following veterans groups: Novi Post 19, The American Legion; Perry Center Post 76, AMVETS; Northwest Detachment 162, Marine Corps League; and Novi Post 2165, Veterans of Foreign Wars.
Where: Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, Suite 100, Novi.
When: First and third Monday every month at 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (248) 349-2835
- VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS - NOVI POST 2165**
What: Service oriented organization dedicated to helping military veterans, their families and to all honorably discharged veterans of active foreign duty during a wartime as prescribed by the U.S. Congress.
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Novi Public Library
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PROJECT LOCATION

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the public hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 PM, on Wednesday, October 17, 2001.

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248-348-7787
Minister: Rev. Dr. E. Neil Hunt
Minister of Music: Patricia Kuhn

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Sunday School 9:30 am
Religious Education 549-2889
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225 S. Church St., Brighton
Rev. Suzanne Paul, Minister
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saulinfo@yahoo.com

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4525 10 Mile Rd.
Novi, MI 48374
Sunday 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:30 am
Rev. James S. Brown, Pastor
Parish Office 347-7778

ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
4525 10 Mile Rd.
Novi, MI 48374
Sunday 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:30 am
Rev. James S. Brown, Pastor
Parish Office 347-7778

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
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Sunday 10:30 am & 6:30 pm
Wed. Youth Meetings 7:30 pm
Boys Brigade 7 pm, Pioneer Club 7 pm
Sunday School 9:30 am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
24525 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi, MI 48375
Worship Services 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am
Holy Days 9 am, 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm
6:45 am, 8:00 am
Father: James S. Brown, Pastor
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Deacon: Carl M. Lamm, Pastor

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Worship Services 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am
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Rev. Anne Szymon
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Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday School 9:30 am & 11:00 am
The Service 10:00 am, 11:00 am

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Dr. James M. Maclean, Senior Pastor
4000 S. Winton Northville, MI 48164-2674
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Sunday School & Religious Education
Contemporary Services 8:30 am
Sunday Evening Services 7:00 pm
The Service 10:00 am, 11:00 am

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

A compromise for settlement is best

It seems we have been struck with a double-edged sword. The heavy weight of the Sandstone lawsuit on the city of Novi may be removed soon. But at what price? Members of city council introduced last week a plan to settle with Sandstone developers and lift the heavy burden many residents felt loomed overhead. However, the plan to give 75 net usable acres of North Novi Park to Sandstone to settle the lawsuit has other concerns cropping up. North Novi Park is the largest park land in the city and the only land that has - and is able to sustain - walking and biking trails. Some say it is the best piece of land in Novi.

North Park Wetlands are, of course, not included as a usable part and will remain the control of the city. The debate on 75 net usable acres is ongoing between the city and members of the parks and recreation commission. City officials say there is no other land to bargain with.

We agree that sticking taxpayers with the burden of paying for the lawsuit is not prudent. Novi taxpayers have a bill rendering them angry and that could double if the city chose to pursue the appeal and lost.

Settling the lawsuit is a wise idea and will protect taxpayers. However, we disagree that there is no other land to use to settle this.

North Novi Park is one of the last spaces in the city to go to get away from urban sprawl. It gives kids a place to see wildlife and walk in nature. It gives adults a chance to be a kid again.

There is another spot to use as a settlement in Novi. It is unfortunately eyed as park land as well. Napier and Nine Mile Roads are thoroughfares to this large acre parcel that hosts trees, and is within walking distance from other shopping areas.

Although in a perfect world we would keep both these large parcels to develop as recreational park land for the residents of Novi, we have been struck with a double-edged sword and there must be a compromise.

The compromise is this: settle the lawsuit but keep North Novi Park. Use the other land that can be used for development just as much as North Novi Park and let the residents of Novi keep their sanctuary.

GOVERNMENT

Per reader request, we have compiled a list so you can get in touch with your local and regional senators and representatives. Their accessibility allows you as readers to voice your concerns directly and allows them to better represent their districts.

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Local office:
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East Lansing, MI 48823
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senbullard@senate.state.mi.us

MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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LETTERS

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Letter to citizens inappropriate

I have been a resident of Novi all of my life. I have seen Novi go from a township to a city. I haven't always agreed with the changes that transpired, but I'm still a citizen of Novi and very proud of it.

In all of the years that I have lived here, I have never seen such politeness as the letter that was sent to some citizens of Novi from councilmember Craig DeRoche, attacking two people who are running for our city council.

Don't we have enough confusion in the world today without this person implying that Council members are hiding "dirty little secrets"?

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Lessons learned from Bollinger

University of Michigan President Lee Bollinger is headed off to New York to become president of Columbia University.

His departure is a real disappointment. Bollinger was extremely popular. A full-blown intellectual but personally warm and congenial, he taught an undergraduate course in the First Amendment, tirelessly defended the university's affirmative action admission policies and spurred the \$200 million Life Sciences Institute.

To me, a defining anecdote took place after Michigan defeated Penn State in 1997. As thousands of students milled around the president's house on South University, Bollinger spontaneously invited me to join the group.

"Tonight, this is your home, too," he told the group. A f e r w a r d , Bollinger told me the students had been polite and well behaved; "when you treat people with courtesy, you get courtesy back," he said.

After having been courted - and the potential spurned - by Harvard, Bollinger announced he wasn't a candidate for the presidency of another institution. But Columbia went after him big time and, evidently, Bollinger and his wife, Jean, realized they were "facing a life-changing life course type of decision" and decided to take the Columbia offer.

The University of Michigan is one of our prime assets. And when an extremely popular president decides to leave U-M after only four years in office, it's worth while reflecting on what can be learned from the episode.

Some are saying the Board of Regents had trouble getting its act together in time to make Bollinger a big salary offer to keep him in Ann Arbor. Frankly, I think the Bollingers decided they were going to New York, and that was that. No counter offer from the Regents would have made much difference.

That said, however, it's worth considering the situation faced by great public universities like U-M. During my time on the Board of Regents, two presidents - Bollinger and Harold Shapiro, who went to Princeton in 1988 - have left Michigan for the Ivy League. Certainly, the Harvard, Princeton and Columbia's of the world seek with prestige but they're not that much grander than the University of Michigan.

So what's going on? In part, I think, it's a compensation issue, both internally and externally. Bollinger is paid \$225,000 at Michigan, while football coach Lloyd Carr makes more than \$1 million. Does that disparity really reflect the comparative contribution of the two positions? George Rupp's salary as President of Columbia is reported to be \$500,000, and most Ivy League presidents are paid far more than most public university presidents. Is running an Ivy League school that much harder than heading a great public university?

I've been at the table when compensation packages with U-M presidents were being negotiated by the public university trustees. They are scared of paying their presidents what they're worth. They don't want to antagonize the state legislature - or the news media or the know-nothings in our communities - by paying their presidents big salaries in public funds.

But the old axiom - "You get what you pay for" - holds true for university presidents as in most everything else. Running a university as big, complicated and good as the University of Michigan is a very tough job. It calls for a president with remarkable skills and experience. And such qualifications are very much in demand around the country.

Earlier this year, the Regents discussed a solution to this problem: Create a private endowment fund to supplement public funds to bring presidential salaries up to (2004) \$837,000. I am sure many well-meaning alumni promptly said they'd donate the whole sum.

Having an endowment makes sense. But contributors should be anonymous. No university wants a few wealthy contributors, no matter how well intentioned, to own a piece of the president.

Beyond the specifics of presidential compensation, we all - legislators, media, Regents, know-nothings - need to realize that maintaining the U-M as a magnificent institution requires identifying, recruiting, paying and motivating the very best people in the country to lead it. If we don't, we're going to find the University of Michigan becoming just another way station on the career resumés of able and talented educational leaders.

Phil Power is the chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. He was a Regent of the U-M from 1987-1998. He welcomes your comments, please email to (734) 983-2047, ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppow@homecomm.net.

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Three incumbents are running to retain their positions and three additional candidates have chosen to run for a seat on our city council. Two of the current members have consistently shown efforts to be reasonable and courteous to the citizens, petitioners, staff and consultants. These two, Cassis and Kramer, have treated all with civility and professionalism. What incumbent Novi has sponsored in this election group, they still show respect to those who are speaking. They do not unilaterally try to bully their views onto others. They do not disregard their peers or speak rudely out-of-context or to the resident speaking up.

The other members of council understand their role, but the third incumbent, Laura Lorenzovoted for. The old incompetent city personnel have been replaced with knowledgeable Mr. DeRoche, as an American, has the right to his opinion as do I. I will always respect that as his right. However, we have enough fear in our nation and city without him trying to spread more with only his side of the story.

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Help the library expand

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Over a number of years of making good use of the library's facilities, I have been struck by the number of people who frequent its quarters. Since its beginning 25 years ago, however, it becomes obvious that expansion is needed. Additional square footage will allow for more computers, more meeting and study space. And 25 years, like anything else, the library has growing pains and feels the need to expand.

On Nov. 6 a vote in favor of the 1.2 mill proposal to expand the library will greatly help a most worthy cause.

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Having an endowment makes sense. But contributors should be anonymous. No university wants a few wealthy contributors, no matter how well intentioned, to own a piece of the president.

Beyond the specifics of presidential compensation, we all - legislators, media, Regents, know-nothings - need to realize that maintaining the U-M as a magnificent institution requires identifying, recruiting, paying and motivating the very best people in the country to lead it. If we don't, we're going to find the University of Michigan becoming just another way station on the career resumés of able and talented educational leaders.

Phil Power is the chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. He was a Regent of the U-M from 1987-1998. He welcomes your comments, please email to (734) 983-2047, ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppow@homecomm.net.

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Paper commended for library millage story

I would like to commend the Novi News for providing information to the public regarding the November millage proposal for a new library building.

I have been a Novi resident for more than 20 years and I have seen Novi grow from a smaller suburb to a bustling city. Obviously city services and public facilities need to continue to grow to accommodate the increased population.

I strongly urge all Novi voters to support the millage proposal for a new Novi Library which will be on the November ballot. Please continue to inform and support the proposal in the newspaper.

Novi News lets residents have their say

I currently enjoy the Novi News as much as I have since 1988 when it was delivered free at my door every Thursday. I think that it is extremely informative for our community which includes Weston, Walked Lake, Northville, etc. Yes, we do have notable and excellent officers in the Novi Police Department, as do Wixom. For someone to say that there are significant events that are not included must have missed a paper or two (or more).

Being a small town paper requires more input from the community on affairs that might not be

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LETTERS

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known by most of us. I have visited and met with the wonderful folks at the Novi News and from what I've seen, these are very hard-working and dedicated people who are understaffed and are doing double duty to get our newspaper.

Let it be known, the Opinion section is run in its entirety because it (Opinion) is the voice of the community and is only edited because of length, unsuitable language, or conflicting content.

I think that before one so harshly criticizes "the young editor," they should get all the facts. Instead of the negativity, perhaps more people should get involved in making it the paper that they want to read.

**Gwen Leapheart
Novi**

Resident finds letter "disturbing"

On Tuesday of last week, I received in the U. S. Mail a very disturbing and complicated letter allegedly written by Council member DeRoche.

However, the letter read like a piece of political garbage written by people running for office. This letter and envelope had - in bold, black letters - Craig DeRoche, Novi City Councilman, and at the bottom of the letter "Paid for by DeRoche for Novi City Council, 1020 W. Lake, Novi, MI 48377."

DeRoche is now in the middle of his 4-year term in office and has no reason to become politically involved in this election. In fact, Council member DeRoche is in direct violation of the State

Campaign Finance laws for using his campaign funds and his campaign committee for this mailing and may be disciplined by the Oakland County Elections Office.

Furthermore, Council member DeRoche may also be guilty of "Misconduct of Office" for violating the City Charter, Section 4.1 (b), Limitations of Council... it is not the intent of this provision to prevent frank discussion of the business of the city between the city manager and the council or any member of the council at any time but to prevent favoritism or preferential treatment of the administration of the city government as set forth in this Charter.

Under Section 5.4, Removals from office, Council member DeRoche could be removed from office under 121 for any act declared by this Charter to constitute misconduct in office. And he could be fined up to \$500 and imprisoned for up to 90 days under Section 15.11, Penalties for misconduct in office.

DeRoche's backing of this political garbage and misrepresentation in support of three infamous and questionable candidates for Novi City Council is even more disturbing because of what he did not include in his letter.

DeRoche failed to mention that two of the candidates have extensive and long-lasting ties to the Chamber of Commerce. In fact, DeRoche's wife worked for the Chamber of Commerce and for Blair Bowman of the Novi Expo Center. Is this the Chamber of Commerce indirectly supporting these more "developer-friendly" candidates?

One of these candidates has publicly stated on the record that he does not want to hinder development.

Also undisclosed is the fact that one of DeRoche's preferred candi-

dates has extensive commercial and industrial land holdings on Grand River Avenue - a hot spot on the development calendar.

Another of DeRoche's selected candidates for City Council has been reprimanded by the Michigan Bar Association for conflict of interest with his own clients. All three of DeRoche's "endorsed" candidates have dubious factors in their backgrounds.

But perhaps the most disturbing fact is that DeRoche would use his position as a Council member to push his personal favorites for election to council and to display his childish frustrations because some of the other council members did not vote his way. Council member DeRoche needs to step aside and take some time to start to grow up.

Dissenting opinions on city councils are a fact of life and the majority rules. Trying to get your friends elected for whatever reasons by this subversive method is totally unacceptable to this voter.

**Joseph G. Toth
Novi**

Settlement

not a good deal

Mayor Clark and the Novi City Council are portraying their proposal to settle the Sandstone lawsuit as a great deal for Novi. We give up 75 acres of North Novi Park; Sandstone drops the suit. However, it may not be as good a deal as it first appears. As users of the park, we would like to contest a few points:

1) "It's only 75 acres out of a 550 acre park"

The council isn't comparing apples to apples here. The 75 acres is actually 75 "net usable" acres. This doesn't include wetlands, buffer zones, and city easements. If the same "net usable" standard is applied to the rest of the park, the deal becomes 75 acres from about 130 useable acres. If the insurance companies don't come through, it becomes 95 acres from 135 acres.

A major portion of the park the residents of Novi voted to buy in 1993 and voted again to preserve in 1999, is on the block. Even using the 75 acre figure, the proposed settlement gives up over 10 percent of Novi's total parkland.

2) "Nothing's there anyway - it's not being used"

True, North Novi Park doesn't have baseball fields, concession stands, play structures, paved

paths, soccer fields, or vending machines. North Novi Park doesn't look like the Sports Park, Power Park, or any other park in Novi.

But there is an extensive natural trail system, created and maintained largely by the volunteer efforts of Novi residents and other users of the park. Approximately 1/3 of this trail system, already in use and costing the city very little to maintain, would be destroyed by the proposed residential development.

3) "We can buy more park land in the future"

Yes, there is some land available for park land in Novi. But what type of land are we going to buy? The hardwoods and rolling terrain in North Novi Park is simply not replaceable within Novi city limits. What is available is farmland - maybe good for a municipal golf course, but certainly not a replacement for what we already have.

4) "It's all contaminated by arsenic - we'd have to destroy it to save it, so why not develop it?"

This is a highly debatable point. The majority of the land is not contaminated - tests ordered by the city show arsenic levels are at or below Michigan's normal background level in most of the park. An environmental risk analysis of areas with high arsenic levels

needs to be done before we determine what sort of cleanup, if any, is required. We need more information before we make this decision.

5) "It's a free way to get out of the lawsuit"

It's not free - we already bought and paid for this land. Before transferring the land to Sandstone, the city would have to pay off the remainder of the bond used to purchase it in 1993. How much would this increase taxes? Again, we need more information.

North Novi Park is a priceless asset for Novi. The citizens of Novi voted once to buy it and once more to preserve it. Please don't let irreplaceable undeveloped greenspace be squandered to make more money for Sandstone.

Come and see North Novi Park for yourself. The Michigan Mountain Bike Association (MMBA) will be there Saturday, October 13, at 9:30 a.m. to do volunteer trail maintenance. Any member will be glad to take you into the park and show you exactly what you are being asked to give up.

**Brian Smith and
Brenda Topp
Novi**

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Think positive when going to polls

Since 1971 I have had the privilege of knowing countless people who care about Novi much as I do and who, working together, have nurtured an undeveloped rural spot on the map into full bloom as a successful suburban community of the 21st century. With a positive attitude and a can-do spirit, we have built a community that we are proud to call our hometown. As the November election nears, I encourage you to look for that positive and progressive attitude as you choose among the candidates for Novi City Council.

As someone who has served on numerous school board and court appointed committees, as a former city Council member myself, I appreciate the value of diversity in opinions on matters of public interest. We all benefit from a healthy, positive discussion of community issues. I look for candidates who are intelligent, thoughtful and who offer opinions that provoke me to think as well.

However, I cannot support one-

candidate who approach public policy decisions from the perspective of what is in their best personal interest rather than considering what is best for the community.

In this election, I am looking for candidates who have a track record of being positive and productive. For those candidates who have been privileged to hold public positions, I will be looking to see if they worked effectively with others to help move Novi forward. I cannot support anyone who is unable or unwilling to work with others to achieve common goals. Our community has come as far as it has because people have worked together to make it what it is. Our future depends on us, the voters.

As you look at the field of council candidates, I urge you to think, "positively Novi." Vote for candidates who have shown they work well with others, who represent the future of Novi, who have the courage to move forward and the skills to achieve the best that Novi can be.

**Kathleen M. Mutch
Novi**

Stop the swap; save the park

As a 12 year resident of Novi, I am strongly opposed to this Sandstone Land Swap. On paper, giving away 75 acres to save \$69 million may seem like a reasonable deal, but as residents, we must look beyond the paper to see the real facts:

1. "75 net usable acres" really means about 130 actual acres. This 130 or so actual acres is over 3/4 of the acreage available at North Novi Park for active and passive recreation. The remaining land is mostly wetlands.

2. After giving away this park land, according to DNR policy, the city will effectively be ineligible for any financial grant awards for 5 years. Your taxes may not be raised now to settle the Sandstone suit, but in order for the city to develop its remaining park land or acquire the replacement land promised by council, your taxes will have to be raised! Plus, you will still be paying on land that is no

longer yours to enjoy!

3. The city does not have a legal obligation to dig up and remove 1 foot of soil from 50 acres contaminated by arsenic. According to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, there is no requirement to remediate old orchards contaminated by arsenic from prior pesticide applications. In fact, it is highly likely that intermittent use on the land as is, such as biking and hiking, poses a fall hike at the site - signs have

been placed showing how much precious land we would lose in this one-sided swap. The loss is staggering. Think about the long-term consequences of this very short term solution.

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**Lynda Racey
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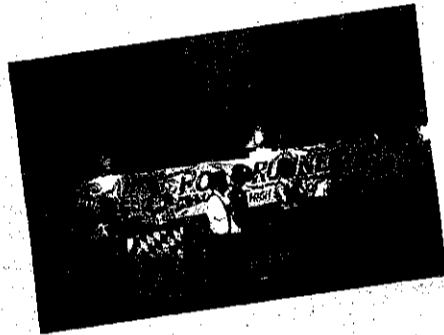
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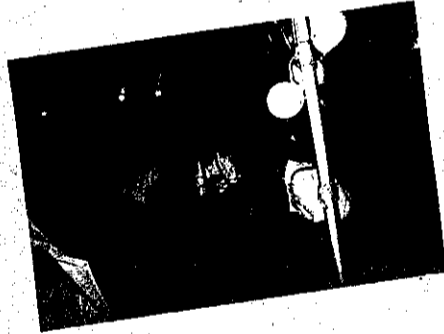
Downtown Novi hosted the third Annual Oktoberfest Celebration Sept. 28-29. Eight local restaurants and seven local sponsors hosted the event, which saw hundreds of Novi residents and business owners take part.



Both nights the German "Oompah band (featuring: Frankenmuth Schuhplattler) and celebrants enjoyed a variety of additional entertainment.



Oktoberfest traditions can be enjoyed at several participating Novi restaurants.



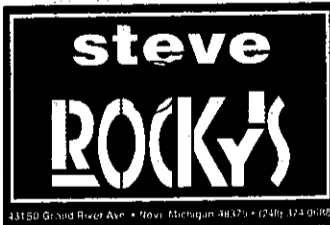
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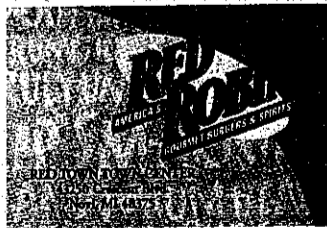


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Wildcats soccer notches two tough wins

Victory for Novi, close game against Brighton

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

Wildcats soccer

The Novi Wildcats soccer team notched two wins — both in the Kensington Valley Conference — when they took on the Bulldogs of Brighton and the South Lyon Lions.

The Wildcats took advantage of some of the best soccer of the year by its leaders on the field to dominate the Lions 5-0 after edging their KVC rival Brighton 1-0.

"My subs played 30 minutes of the second half," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said of the South Lyon contest. "Brandon Davis played his best soccer of the year in the first half and Yusuke Yoda also played his best game of the year."

The Wildcats (9-3, 8-1 KVC) struck fast in the first half as Davis scored the first two goals of the game on assists from Tyler Mohr and Josh Churella. Churella grabbed a goal of his own as he took the assist from Mike Crawford and buried it in the back of the net.

"We were leading at halftime 4-0," O'Leary said of Novi's last score of the half. Alan Holdorf took the assist from Brent Coles and placed his kick through the defense of the South Lyon goalkeeper.

Yoda capped the scoring for the 'Cats on an assist from Churella that found its way into the goal to put the final touches on a sealed win, 5-0.

"Vince Slovan and Alan Holdorf continued their excellent play," O'Leary said.

"A.J. Glubzinski made six saves in goal for his third shutout of the season."

The Wildcats will have returned to action when they hosted KVC rival Hartland Tuesday (after the Novi News went to print) before playing host

to the Redskins of Millford today at 6:30 p.m.

WILDCATS 1, BULLDOGS 0

The Wildcats walked away with the close victory after Holdorf scored the only goal of the game about five minutes into the second half.

"He was taken down in the penalty box and awarded a penalty kick," O'Leary said.

"The goalie made a great save on his penalty kick but Alan had the composure to fire in the rebound."

O'Leary said one of the biggest factors in the game was the defense the Novi squad brought to the field.

"Our defense played an outstanding game," he said. "Vince Slovan covered their best player, Brian Duby, and obviously kept him from scoring."

According to O'Leary, Mohr, Coles and Mike Allie played outstanding games on defense — as well as goalie Sean McClinchey.

"Sean McClinchey played fantastic in goal making 11 saves and coming out of goal to snag many others," O'Leary said. "Overall we played error free soccer for the whole game."

The win brought the Wildcats to one and a half games ahead of Brighton, who fell to 5-1-3 with the loss, in the KVC title chase.

Sam Eggleston is the sports reporter for the Novi News and the Lake Area Times. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@ht.homecomm.net.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's Tracy Stewart, left, takes a closer look at the field he plays soccer on in the Wildcats' game against Brighton.

Tankers to swim Pinckney

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

I know when I try to dunk my cats, Jake and Missy, into the tub for a bath they fuss and fight every step of the way — I thought all cats hated the water.

Don't tell that to the Novi Wildcats girls swim and dive team.

These 'Cats, a team comprised of 46 Novi athletes, seem to be quite at home in the water.

The Wildcats are a tough bunch, having won four dual meets thus far this season and I do not expect that trend to come to a halt any time soon.

The Wildcats are led by senior tankers Laurel Weiss, Christina Barlage, Lindsay Block, Sara Dzwonkowski, Bridget Daly, Blair Tyler, Alex Oliviera and Amanda Gee. The team is coached by Larry Teahan and Bill McCord with senior Betsy Lewis in the position of team manager. Not to mention, I think the team has one of the most faithful fan bases around.

I expect the Novi swimmers and divers to continue their top-notch swimming, especially in the Kensington Valley Conference. The 'Cats will have the task of visiting KVC rival Pinckney October 16 before traveling to Howell to take on the Highlanders a week later.

The 'Cats will follow the swimming of their seniors and rely on the support of their underclass teammates as well.

Novi is a fairly young team, with seniors and juniors making only a small fraction of the total number of participants, and will no doubt improve as time goes on. Representing the junior class for the Novi swim and dive team are Stephanie Witcehowski, Stephanie Wegryn, Meghan Graham, Tiffany Kelly, Amanda Smith and Lindsay Ochab.

The sophomore class, which boasts the most members of the team, participants include Jenifer

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GAME OF THE WEEK



Tuesday, at Pinckney



Photo by LESLEY DONNELLY

Senior golfers Matt Peurach, Pete Kobylarek and Derek Cole celebrate teamwork at the Links of Novi Monday. The senior team captains are hoping to bring Novi to the state tourney.

Three seniors can taste trip to state tournament

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

Though each of the three senior captains on the Novi golf squad has a different outlook on where they want to go in life and what role golf will play for them, they all have one thing in common.

They are chomping at the bit to get into the state golf tournament.

"I definitely feel we can get past the Regional this year," Matt Peurach said, echoing similar comments made by senior captains Pete Kobylarek and Derek Cole. "I think we can go to the state and finish in the top-ten if not the top-five."

Cole, Kobylarek and Peurach have been staple members of the Novi Wildcats golf team for a while. Kobylarek and Peurach have been on the squad for four years while Cole has lettered three years for the varsity team.

"They are a very solid group," Novi

golf coach Brad Huss said. "They always play consistent and the other members of the team look to them as examples."

And examples they are. Kobylarek, who was first-team All-KVC and All-Area last season, has a shot average of 39.3 on the year thus far while Cole is shooting 39 and Peurach is recording 37.7.

"I think we are the best team in the KVC," Kobylarek said. "We just haven't played that well. One of us will have a real nice day but we haven't played well at the same time."

According to the tri-captains, getting to the state golf tournament has been a goal for them since they were freshman — but it all comes down to one, single say.

"It all comes down to one day which is the Regional," Cole said. "If we all play up to our ability in the Regional (tomorrow) we should win the meet. If we get to the states and have good confidence we could win

"If we put together a few good days in a row, I can't imagine anyone being able to beat us."

Matt Peurach
Novi golf captain

that too. We have to get there first and the only thing standing in our way is just that one day."

Though Peurach, who was first-team All-Area, All-KVC, All-County and honorable mention All-State last season, and Cole, who was honorable mention All-KVC last year, would like to take golf to the next level and play in college, Kobylarek is a little more hesitant.

"I don't think I want to play college golf," he said. "It is a full-time, year-round commitment. The game

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Wildcat Blair Tyler heads for the finish line in the 100 butterfly to finish second place.

Wildcats top Lions in pool

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

The Novi Wildcats swim team felt the sting of a loss to cross-town rival Northville October 2nd — but it won't dampen the rest of the season.

The Wildcats fell to the Mustangs 109-77 after swimming to a Kensington Valley Conference victory over South Lyon 110-76 September 25th. The Wildcats, who are now 4-2 on the season, lost their first meet to the Brighton Bulldogs in a close KVC contest 98-

88 September 18th. "I think we have done very well as a team," sophomore swimmer Kristine Elrod said of her fellow Wildcats. "I think we have really swam to the best of our abilities and given everything we have. We

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Novi golf is on fire

BY SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

The Novi Wildcats golf team followed the lead of its scrappers once again as it matched a win, a loss and a third-place finish.

The Wildcats, who collected their best finish in school history in the Oakland County meet October 1 with third place, found themselves pumeling the Pinckney Pirates 154-172, September 25, in a Kensington Valley Conference before falling to the Howell Highlanders 153-159 September 27.

"We've been a little unlucky in our dual meets," Novi coach Fred Huss said. "We haven't scored above 159 all year, which is an average of 40 per man in scores. It is just the teams we have gone against had exceptional days."

The Wildcats found senior Matt Peurach shooting a 73 in the Oakland County meet to take a seventh-place individual finish while the girls followed the lead of

Eric Aytes notched a 79 to help lead the Novi squad to third-place. Jack Tyler and Derek Cole hit 80s in the tournament while Kobylarek rounded out the scoring with an 82 to give the Wildcats a meet total of 514.

"This is the kind of team you dream of," Huss said. "Golf is a little sport and your game can change from day to day unlike a lot of sports."

The Wildcats will have resumed action Tuesday in the Post-KVC meet (after the Novi News went to print) before hitting the links in the regional tournament tomorrow at the Lakes of Pinewood at 9 a.m.

"It comes down to one day like it does in some sports," Huss said. "I have high hopes for what happens Friday. When I look at it I think it is the highest regional in the state."

NOVI 154, PINCKNEY 172

The Novi Wildcats shot a nice meet total of 154, but it was not enough to take down Howell. The Wildcats followed the lead of



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's Pete Kobylarek lines up a putt at the Links of Novi. Aytes, who notched a 38 on the day, while Tyler collected a 39 and Cole hit 40 in the losing effort. Brandon Cigna and Peurach collected 42 in the contest while Kobylarek recorded a 43 to cap the scoring for the Wildcats.

NOVI 154, PINCKNEY 172
The Wildcats golf team pounded the Pirates of Pinckney September 27 as Cole took the lead in the contest to shoot 37, Tyler and Peurach collected 38s in the contest while Kobylarek came through for the Cats with a 41.

Go Novi swim team!

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Barry, Nitaisha Annuwalla, Lindsay Zeigen-Netter, Lauren Wilson, Brittany Brodtfehrer, Alex Carlin, Kristine Elrod, Allison Williams, Lindsay Wegryn, Erica Hartland, Erica Karasz, Kimberly Koch, Janine Waranowicz, Christina Thompson, Danielle Stevens, Jessica Longas, Katie McMichael, Ashley Skinner, Becky Roemer, Jill McNamara and Andrea Morabito.

The youngest members are, of course, the freshman class — but there is no reason to fret. These girls are qualified swimmers and will probably become a mainstay for the future swim and dive teams of Novi.

The freshmen include Danielle Bugbee, Megan BuWaldia, Amanda Tofoli, Emily Rice, Jennifer Mu, Jessica Condon, Rm ElFallen, Amy King, Laura Lynch, Janina Ramsey and Rachel Mobla.

This team will no doubt give the Pinckney Pirates a run for their money in the water and off the board and I think they will probably come away with a victory if they stick to their dedicated, hard-working style of swimming.

The Wildcats swim and dive team does not have the opportunity of showing their fans what they can do in their home waters as they will be on the road for the rest of their schedule. If given the opportunity, they don't miss what intense and consistent swimming these girls bring to the pool when they take on Pinckney October 16. The Cats will continue their schedule a week later when they visit Howell (October 23) and a match against the Ann Arbor Huron squad. The swim fins will be November 16 and 17.

Get out there and see what these girls can do.

JV SCORES

Novi JV boys soccer
Sophomore Steve Dalley scored one goal and assisted on another, as Novi's Junior Varsity boys soccer team defeated South Lyon, 2-1, in the rain last Thursday. The victory raised the Wildcats' record to 7-3-2 for the season. Freshman forward Neil Kocan scored the first goal for the Wildcats. Freshman Cal DePoter assisted Dalley's goal. Two days earlier, the Wildcat JV lost to archrival Brighton, 2-1. Novi JV scored its lone goal on a penalty kick by John Sierra.

Novi JV football
The Novi JV football team remained undefeated, thanks to a solid 47-6 victory over Pinckney in the rain and mud Thursday night at the Wildcat stadium. Novi JV is 7-0. The Wildcats beat Howell tonight at Novi.

Novi JV girls basketball
The Novi JV girls basketball team played its best game of the year last Thursday with a 48-45 victory over Milford High School. Kim Zarczynski played her best defensive game, boxing out and starting the last break. Lindsay Blaszak finished many of the fast breaks and led the team with 14 points. Two days earlier, the Wildcat JV girls lost a heart-breaker to Hartland, 48-47. The girls played a solid game and came up a basket short at the end.

BRIGHTON 98, NOVI 88
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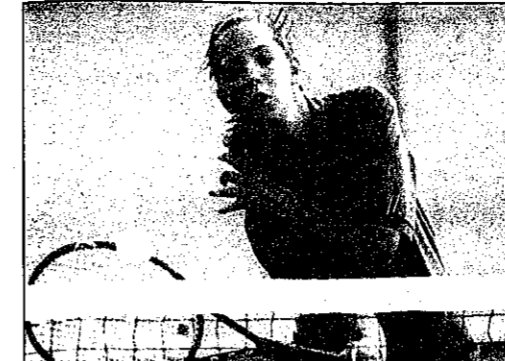


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Emily Holt returns the ball to her opponents in a doubles match at Novi High School.

Novi tennis keeps notching victories

BY SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

The Novi Wildcats girls tennis team continued their winning streak as they topped Howell, Pinckney and Milford in Kensington Valley Conference matches last week.

The Wildcats took to the winning streak as they topped the Howell Highlanders 8-0 October 3 after crushing the Milford Redskins 7-1 October 2, and edging the Pinckney Pirates 5-3 October 1.

"Howell's doubles teams are better this year than normal," Novi tennis coach Jim Hanson said. "They are not a powerhouse in the KVC, though, their doubles teams, on any given day, could rise up and beat you."

First doubles found Colene Brockman and Lauren Carosio, both sophomores, topping Lauren Wilkecker and Erin Shaw 6-3, 6-2 while the second doubles team of freshman Emily Holt and sophomore Laura Vaughn pounded Sam Munday and Chelsea Wanless 6-2, 6-0. The Wildcats notched wins in the doubles juniors Gail Frask and Megha Vidula crushed Stacy Bortels and Dorothy Boshman 6-1, 6-0 while fourth doubles seniors Justina Chiang and Holly Graziano pounded Stacy Neiroosik and Cassie Hinde 6-1, 6-1.

Singles found Ashley Glover notching another win as she blasted

NOVI 5, MILFORD 1
The Novi Wildcats would not be denied another KVC win when they took on the Redskins of Milford October 2. The Cats, who swept the doubles portion of the meet, felt the sting of a loss only in the first singles department as Glover fell 6-4, 6-0 to AnnMarie Jaskankicki-Roemer (topped senior Chiara Langabadi in three sets, 4-6, 6-0, 6-4 while Verneulen pounded senior Andrea Darin 6-1, 6-0. Fourth singles found Switzer beating Junior Brittany Miller 6-4, 6-1.

NOVI 6, PINCKNEY 3
The Novi Wildcats collected yet another win on their season when they topped the Pirates. The Novi neters notched wins as Graziano and freshman Lauren Thomas won 6-0, 7-5, third doubles Frask and Vidula won 6-1, 6-1. Second doubles Holt and Vaughn won 6-4, 6-0 and first doubles Brockman and Carosio won 6-2, 6-2.

Novi seniors want title

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in a high score. I try to think of it shot by shot and not get ahead myself. I just don't know where and I don't know what I am going to study. I should find out pretty soon."

For these seniors it will all come down to either getting into the state tournament or not — it will all come down to one day and the other teams across the state may have their hands full of the Wildcats reach their goal.

"I haven't seen too many other teams around the state," Feurach said. "If we put together a few good ways in a row, I can't imagine anyone being able to beat us."

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Pinckney sashes to victory over 'Cats

BY JON ZEMKE
HomeTown Newspapers

Not even the cold, wet, miserable weather or Novi's impressive 5-1 record could bury the Pinckney football team's playoff chances.

The Pirates (4-3, 3-3 Kensington Valley Conference) staged a stunning comeback in the second half of their homecoming game to upset visiting Novi (5-2, 4-2 KVC) Friday 15-9.

"We didn't score enough points," Novi coach Tom Kellogg said. "I think offenses are built to score points. We have to score points when we get the chances."

The Wildcats struck early with 4:41 left in the first half when Matt Kolich ripped the ball out of the hands of a Pinckney running back and ran it 40 yards back for the touchdown. Novi missed the extra point to take a 6-0 lead in the first quarter.

The second quarter was dominated by the Wildcats. Novi's offense held onto the ball for all 12 minutes, running 22 straight running plays up the gut and through the mud before kicking a field goal with seven seconds left to end the half up 9-0.

"We had a real nice second quarter," Kellogg said of the clock control. "Unfortunately, we only got three points out of the deal."

Novi rested from sitting on the sidelines for the entire second quarter. Pinckney's offense came out firing pistols and changing off the tackles. Pirate senior quarterback Pat



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi's Adam Haberman trots into the endzone with a Milford player in pursuit September 29.

The Wildcats, who collected 101 yards on 54 plays, followed the lead of Gorman on the ground. Gorman touched only 73 yards on 20 carries while Steve Tate added 25 with 14 hauls.

Adam Haberman and Fred Napier had two carries each for eight yards apiece and Tyson Franz went back while Steve Tate added 25 with 14 hauls. Gorman was 0-for-4 in passing and three two interceptions. The Wildcats will resume their hunt for the playoffs when they visit one of the tougher teams in the KVC - Howell.

"Our backs are against the wall right now," Kellogg said of the playoff situation that requires the Wildcat players to show up every Friday night, always a tough game for us. Right now we know where we stand and we have to come out fighting. There is no question about it."

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Moore breaks County CC record

BY SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

The Novi Wildcats girls and boys cross country teams continued to improve their excellence and impressiveness as they ran against Milford and in the Oakland County Cross Country meet.

The girls took a fifth-place finish in the Oakland meet and topped the

Rebskins as well behind the top-notch running of Niam Schmitt.

"I'm set to do a fifth-place finish in the Oakland County meet as Schmitt collected a 10-place finish in 20:31 with Bethany Kitle close behind in 24th with 21:09.

The Kono collected 43rd place in 21:43 while Fattie Famos was 49th in 21:58. Laine Williams was 66th in 22:21. Marjo Wokovic was 70th in 22:29 and Laura Brunner finished 95th in 22:53.

The Wildcats will have resumed action when they visit Pinckney Tuesday (after the Novi News went to print).

Wildcats earn swimming victory

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have a dedicated team that has been swimming especially good lately."

The Wildcats notched their win over the Links of South Lyon September 25 as Elrod and her teammates collected eight first-place finishes, including wins in the 200-medley relay, the 200 free, the 100 breast, the 500 free, the 200 free relay, the 400 free relay and in diving.

"I think Blair Tyler, Amanda Smith, Brittany Brodtfehrer, Tiffany Kelly and Amanda Gee are swimming tremendously right now," Elrod said. "I believe that everyone has been swimming exceptionally well so far this season."

The first-place finishes came to the Wildcats as Elrod, Tyler, Brodtfehrer and Smith notched a win in the 200-yard medley relay in a time of two minutes, five-point-six seconds, while the same crew collected a first-place finish in the 400 free relay in 4:57.5.

"Right now we have the 200 free relay going into the states," Elrod said of her team making state cut times. "Amanda Smith has made some individual cuts too. I think we have the opportunity to get the 400 relay in as well and some chances to get individuals into the states."

Novi collected a first-place finish from Kelly in the 200 free in 2:12.42 and in the 500 free in 5:42.00 as well as a second-place finish from Kelly, Amanda Toffoli, Andrea Morabito and Gee in the 200 free relay in 1:56.89. The Wildcats found Smith collecting a first-place finish in the 100 fly in 1:04.17 while Tyler notched a win in the 100 free in 0:55.26.

The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Tyler, Erica Hartland, Elrod and Smith notched a first-place victory with a time of 1:53.23.

Senior Laurel Weiss notched a

first in the diving competition, collecting 213.05 points to assist in the Novi win.

"Right now I think we are where we expected to be so far this season," Elrod said. "We are waiting for the KVC to see what happens between Novi, Howell and Brighton."

The Wildcats, who are currently 4-2 on the season after a loss to Northville and Brighton, notched second place finishes from Brodtfehrer in the 500 free in 6:28.4, from Elrod in the 500 free in 5:43.15, from Jill McNamara in the 100 backstroke in 1:10:05 and from Christina Barlage in the 100 breaststroke.

The Wildcats will have resumed action when they swim against Pinckney Tuesday (after the Novi News went to print) before taking on the KVC rivals in the Pinckney Pirates October 16 (see related story, page B-1).

"I heard Pinckney is a very good team and is getting better," Elrod said. "I think as a team we have the ability to win the meet if we all swim the way we are capable of swimming."

NORTHVILLE 109, NOVI 77
The Novi Wildcats swam to the best of their abilities against the Northville Mustangs but could not notch the win October 2.

The Cats notched two first-place finishes against the Mustangs as the team of Tyler, Elrod, Smith and Brodtfehrer took victory in the 400 free relay in 4:58.70 while Tyler collected the only individual win for the Wildcats in the 200 individual medley in 2:21.68.

The Novi tankers collected eight second-place finishes in the dual meet with Elrod in the 100 breast in 1:14.94, McNamara in the 100 back in 1:10.73, Brodtfehrer in the 500 free in 5:36.11, Tyler in the 100 fly in 1:03.85, Smith in the 100 free in 0:55.19 and sophomore Christina Thompson in diving col-

lected 192.85 points in the losing effort.

"The relay team of Rachel Mohio, Hartland, Gee and Barlage collected a second-place in the 200 medley relay in 2:07.85 while the 200 free relay team of Tyler, Elrod, Brodtfehrer and Smith took second in 1:47.44.

"I think our relays are doing really good," Elrod said. "We are swimming strong right now and I think we are just going to keep getting a little better each meet."

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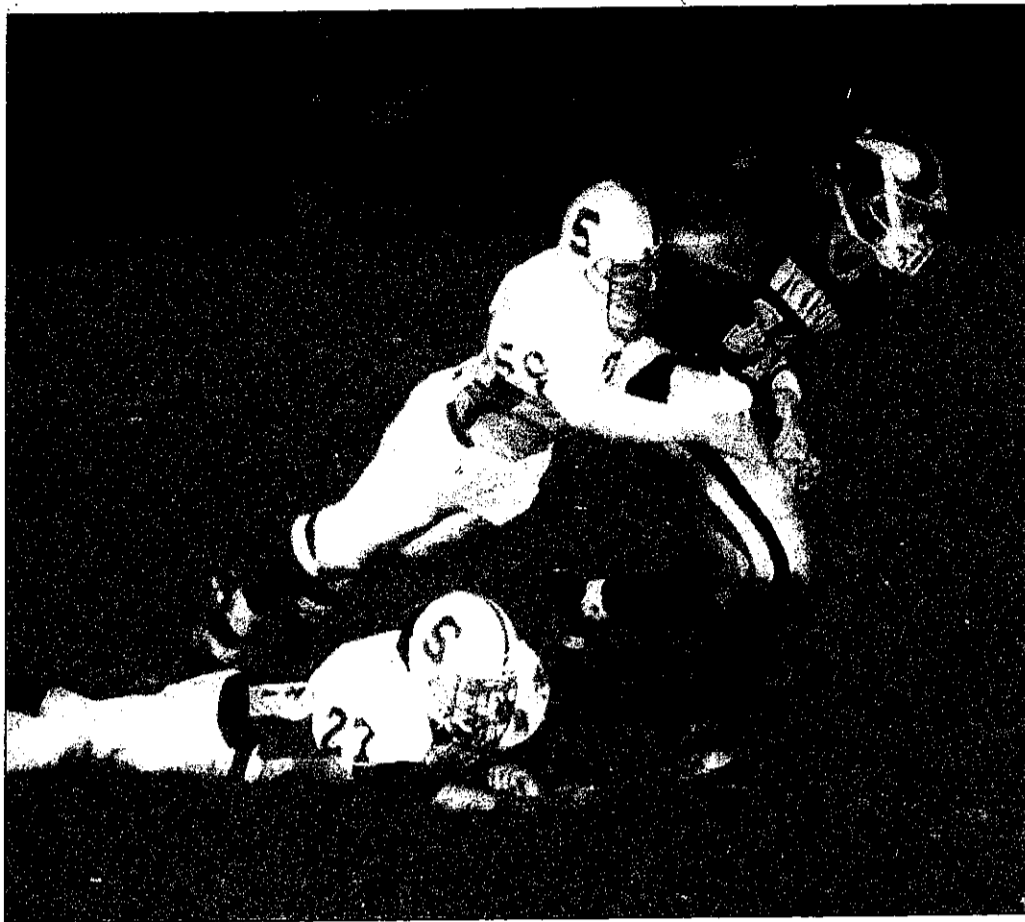


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Walled Lake Central's quarterback Ryan Trailer wiggles out of a slippery spot in Friday's Homecoming game against the Plymouth Salem Rocks. The Vikings notched a 23-21 win in the final seconds of the contest.

Ducat and defense come up with big stop to help hold off Salem, Hildebrant notches victory with 36-yard field goal in final seconds

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

The Walled Lake Central Vikings not only kept their playoff hopes afloat when they edged Plymouth Salem in a very close contest — they reassured themselves and their faithful fans they can win the close games as well as the blowouts.

The Vikings notched a 23-21 last-second win over the Plymouth Salem Rocks Friday for Central's Homecoming game on a 36-yard field goal by Mike Hildebrant.

"He is a very good kicker," Central

Central 23, Salem 21

coach Chuck Apap said of Hildebrant. "Salem called a time out I think to try to get Mike nervous but that doesn't work. Mike doesn't get nervous, he gets focused. Extremely focused."

The Vikings boater did indeed get focused, nailing the 36-yard attempt

with room to spare on a muddy, slick field with a light rain still assaulting the players and turf. The score, which put Central up 23-21, came with only six seconds left to tick off the clock and sealed the win.

"I felt bad for the Salem kids," Apap said. "I told them that as well. It was a game that I wished there wasn't just one winner. After Michael kicked the field goal, everyone was celebrating in Walled Lake Country."

Salem (1-6 overall) notched the first score of the game as Scott Hewitt scampered 78 yards to find the endzone with Drew Bingley tacking on the extra point afterwards to put the Rocks up 7-0, which was the score at the halftime horn.

"We went in at halftime and I told the offense my assistants wanted me to yell and kick garbage cans but I wasn't going to do that," Apap said. "Instead, I locked the door and left them in the room and told them that when they decided who their leaders were, they would take charge and then they would be ready to play football."

It took three times for the offense to try and emerge from the locker room before Apap thought his team was ready to play the game.

"I heard some yelling and thought that was all right," he said. "They wanted to come out once and I told them they were not ready and locked them in again. They tried to come out a little later and I locked them in again. The defense came out of their meeting and went in there and when they came out they were ready to play football."

And ready they were — the Vikings scored all four times they possessed the football in the second half with running back Scott Long finding the endzone from eight yards out with Hildebrant tacking on the point after.

The kick off resulted in Salem scoring in the third quarter on a four-yard run from Hewitt to go up 14-7 before Central's Mike Schultz tied the game up with a 35-yard jaunt over the goal line.

"This was a very exciting game," Apap said. "Salem gave a tremendous effort. They gave every ounce of effort a coach could ask for, just like we did. The difference in the game ended up being just two points. That is why football is such a tremendous sport."

Salem's final score came from a 12-yard touchdown strike to Beau Tomlinson from Hewitt to go up 21-14 before the Vikings notched another score on a Long rush from 34 yards away with the two-point conversion falling short.

"It is a decision you worry about as a coach," Apap said. "Because we went for the two-point conversion and didn't get it we were down by one point. I wasn't very worried though. I knew we would get the ball back."

And they did after Ducat and the defense held the Rocks on their next possession, forcing them to punt after a run up the middle was stopped by Brent Lange, who normally plays offensive line.

The offense was led by two backs — Schultz, who carried the ball 14 times for 111 yards, and Long notched 104 yards on 17 carries. Quarterback Ryan Trailer went 2-for-5 for 35 yards, including a 19-yard pass to Maxx Morris to help setup the first Central score before losing a 16-yard pass to Eric Vincent to set up the winning field goal. Mike Crowe, Ducat, L.J. Cotter and Casey White had top games on defense.

"Ducat is just hell on wheels," Apap said.

The Vikings will host the Canton Chiefs tomorrow with the game scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.

"Canton gave Harrison a tough game and we know they are going to be tough," Apap said. "We are looking forward to playing a good game that should be fun."

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Walled Lake football getting ready to scrap

I guess you could say I am pretty excited about this particular football match up.

Western playing Central for the city game is quite a contest considering the talent both on and off the field these two teams bring.

Western,

coached by

Mike

Zdebski,

just needs

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Apap.

Both of these coaches have the fairly distinct honor of being able to say they were the head coaches of a team that won the state championship as well as say they are currently the coaches of two pretty scrappy teams that will do everything from bulldoze you into the ground with their running game to picking you to pieces with their passing attack.

Being that I am pretty new — OK, really new — to the Lower Peninsula, I have not had the chance to see these two teams kick off on the gridiron, though I hear it is pretty intense.

As there is with any contest, a winner had to emerge from these two teams on each of those occasions and from what I hear, Western has the upper hand in the record book. However, Central is looking to turn all of that around after beating the Warriors for the first time last season to win the city championship. Is this year going to be a Central repeat or a Western win? By chance both these teams lose their next contest, which I doubt will happen, the city game will come down to both needing a win to get into the playoffs — sounds like a pretty intense scenario to me.

If all goes well, I think this is going to be one of the top games of the year — in fact I can assure you it is going to be a high emotion, top-of-the-line football game that you are not going to want to miss.

Oh yeah — I almost forgot. This particular match up is not until the 19th of October. I guess I am just getting a little excited and wanted to help gear you up for the anticipation of this game as well.

Hope you have a chance to get out and watch this one. The scheduled game time is October 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Walled Lake Western High School.

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Sam Eggleston



Submitted Photo

Walled Lake Western great Dick Watson stands in front of the trophy case at Western High School.

Watson to be honored

On Friday, Oct. 19, Walled Lake Western will dedicate its football field to Dick Watson in a pregame ceremony. Coach Watson has taught in the school district for 36 years and has been at WLW since its opening in 1969. Coach Watson has coached football for 35 years on varsity, junior varsity and freshmen teams. He has also coached wrestling for 35 years, 19 at a head coach. He has been athletic coordinator at the school for the last 15 years.

The 2000 state wrestling champion at 112 pounds Ryan Beech said, "Coach Watson is always there for us and puts our needs ahead of his. A very kind and generous person."

When asked what Mr. Watson's fondest moments are, "Coaching football when our kids weren't real successful, their spirit and the togetherness of the kids always sticks out in my mind. Winning two state championships in football in 1996 and 1999 and coaching three

state wrestling champs in Randy Hyde, Andy Fritz and Ryan Beech were also highlights."

Head football coach Mike Zdebski said, "Dick Watson's character, integrity, and commitment are the cornerstone points of Walled Lake Western athletics. Alumni, current students, faculty, and administrators admire his loyalty to Western High school since 1969. This is an honor well deserved to Dick Watson."

In attendance at the dedication will be superintendent Dr. Geisler, assistant superintendent Dr. Hamilton, district athletic director Dave Yarbrough, WLW Principal Lawrence Barlow, WLW head football coach Mike Zdebski, former WLW football coach and current WL Central football coach Chuck Apap, alumni and WLW Booster Club president Mark Shurmer, and athletes representing the football and wrestling programs as well as coach Watson's family.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Central's running back Scott Long tries to stiff-arm his way through a muddy situation and a Salem linebacker Friday.

Walled Lake Western basketball gets major win over Canton

By SAM EGGLESTON
Sports Reporter

It was a big accomplishment for the Walled Lake Western girls basketball team when they invited the Canton Chiefs into their gymnasium before sending them home with their first loss against the Warriors, in over 11 years.

The Warriors pulled out the 49-43 win over Canton behind the lead of stellar senior Kristen Burgess October 4 after taking a 48-40 overtime win away from the North Farmington Raiders October 2.

"I have been teaching at Western

for 11 years," Walled Lake coach Darrin Jennings said. "The girls basketball team has never beat Canton in those 11 years. It was a big game for us and we went at it with them and got the win."

Burgess led the way for the Warriors, pouring in 10-of-11 free throws as well as draining three 3-point field goals and a regular bucket for 21 points.

"This was kind of like a coming out party for Kristen," Jennings said of the guard. "I told her in the beginning of the season it would take her about half of the year before she got her legs under her. She has been

playing such good defense. She just played excellent Thursday night."

Western took an early lead against the Chiefs with a 13-8 first-quarter edge before climbing to a 21-18 halftime score. According to Jennings, the Warriors were just able to capitalize on Canton mistakes throughout the first half.

The Chiefs pulled within three points, 44-41, with less than two minutes remaining in the contest and the Western squad's determination and patience proved too much for the Canton cagers.

"We just drained out free throws," Jennings said. "We shot 13 free

throws in the fourth quarter and made 10 of them. It was the kind of situation where they got behind and started fouling."

"This was big," Jennings said of the win. "We talked about it after the game and the kids were just really, really excited about it. It was probably the biggest Western girls basketball win in 10 years."

The Warriors will have resumed action when they took on John Glenn Tuesday (after the Novi News/Lake Area Times went to print) before going against the speedy Farmington Hills Harrison cagers today at 7 p.m.

ally a free throw fest. In the entire game, 61 free throws were shot."

The Warriors hit 20-of-29 from the charity line while the Falcons went 14-of-32.

The Warriors led the game 22-21 at the half before the Falcons eventually tied the game in the fourth quarter to force the overtime.

The overtime period came down to the Warriors taking charge with an 11-3 outing of Farmington.

According to Jennings, it took some adjustments by the Western defense before the Warriors got a good grip on the game and the victory.